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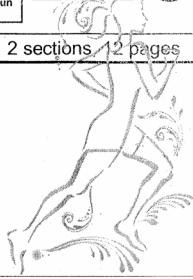
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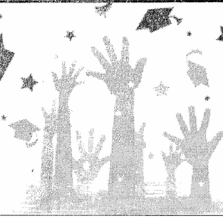
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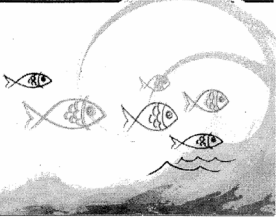
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News Briefs

Schoolcraft All Vets seeks volunteers for distribution

MANISTIQUE – Members of the community are invited to join the Schoolcraft All Vets in distributing American Flags to the final resting place of deceased Schoolcraft County veterans May 19, weather permitting. Volunteers will start at 9 a.m. at the VFW Hall, located on Maple Street.

Schoolcraft County cemeteries holding the remains of county veterans include Lakewick, Hiawatha Township, Inwood Township – Cooks, Inwood Township – Old Cooks, Advent, Thompson Township, Woods, Blaney Park, Old Germfask, Riverside at Germfask, and Seney.

The flags will fly over the veterans' graves until mid-September, when they are withdrawn.

Manistique man bound over on several felony charges

MANISTIQUE – A Manistique man is headed to a higher court for several felony charges.

Christopher Ryan Krummich, 22, of 6576W Krummich Road, waived his preliminary examination in 93rd District Court Monday and was bound over to 11th Judicial Circuit Court on three felony charges. He faces: one count of assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct involving sexual penetration, a felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison; one count of possession of child sexually abusive material, a felony by up to four years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$10,000; and one count of accosting, enticing or soliciting child for immoral purposes, a felony punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a fine of up to \$4,000.

Krummich is scheduled for a pretrial hearing June 7 at 10 a.m.

Area woman sentenced for embezzlement, larceny

MANISTIQUE – A Manistique woman has been sentenced after pleading no contest to two embezzlement-related charges.

Donna Ann Maxwell, 50, of 529 Cherry St., was sentenced May 10 in 11th Judicial Circuit Court to a 12-month delay of sentence for one count of embezzlement from a financial institution; and to a nine-month jail term for one count of larceny, \$200-\$1,000.

She was ordered to serve one day of the nine-month term immediately, with credit for one day served. The remainder of the jail term will be held in abeyance pending the successful completion of 12 months probation.

Maxwell was also ordered to pay \$811 in court fines and costs.

City budget approved, rate increases included

Focus for 2019 remains on maintaining fund balance, meeting CSO deadline

MANISTIQUE – The city's 2019 fiscal year budget has been approved. The budget, which includes an increase of both the water and sewer rates, was adopted Monday during the Manistique City Council meeting.

Manistique City Manager Sheila Aldrich detailed the budget, explaining each fund and its function. The city's budget, she noted, is comprised of 11 separate funds – General, Major Street, Local Street, Marina, Manistique Lakeshore Campground, Landfill, Downtown Development Authority, Ambulance, Recreation, Sewer, and Water.

"It's like running 10 or 12 businesses out of one building and they each have their own set of financials," Aldrich explained. "It's quite an intricate system ... it's not just like having one general account and it pays for different departments. It's hitting different funds and each one of them has their own budget."

The city's budget review included the last fiscal year (2017), the current fiscal year (2018) projections, and the next fiscal year (2019) estimates.

In the General Fund, Aldrich said tax revenue – the biggest source of income for the city – continues to remain flat. Additionally, the city's sales statutory and sales constitutional tax

City budget

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Quick facts

- Following a public presentation Monday, the Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners voted Thursday to pursue the cheapest of the new jail options.
- The option was the cheapest of five possible presented.
- The board will be pursuing a millage from residents.

County selects new jail option

Commissioners to pursue jail at former armory site

MANISTIQUE – The Schoolcraft County Board of Commissioners will attempt to construct the cheapest of five new jail options recently presented to them in a Schoolcraft County Jail study. The decision was made just three days after a public presentation of the study was held.

On May 7, the commissioners held a public presentation of the jail study – created by Bycec and Associates, an engineering and architecture firm out of Kalamazoo, Mich. – in which six options were explored.

In Option A, a new 20,976 square-foot jail would have been built in the current jail's location. The jail would have had a maximum capacity of 62 beds, and allow for additional expansion. The total project cost is approximately \$13.5 million.

In Options B and C the jail would have been located in the existing former armory building. Each option had a different configuration and price tag: Option B was 20,067 square feet, had a maximum capacity of 54 beds, and cost approximately \$9.2 million; Option C was 18,941 square feet, had a maximum capacity of 56 beds, and cost approximately \$7.1 million.

In Option D, the option selected by commissioners, the study assessed using the existing former armory building, located adjacent to Manistique's Central Park. The building is estimated to be 18,641 square feet, house a maximum of 56 beds, and will cost approximately \$7.1 million.

The use of masonry instead of steel modular materials, in addition to local labor, reduced the cost of Option D.

Since the jail, if approved by voters, will be constructed off-site, a small facility, including a garage, will need to be constructed at the courthouse. The study estimates this to cost approximately \$822,000.

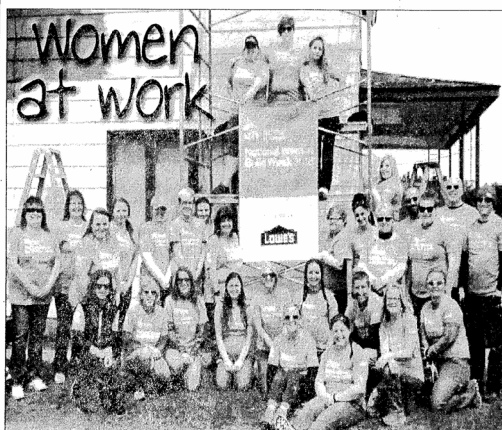
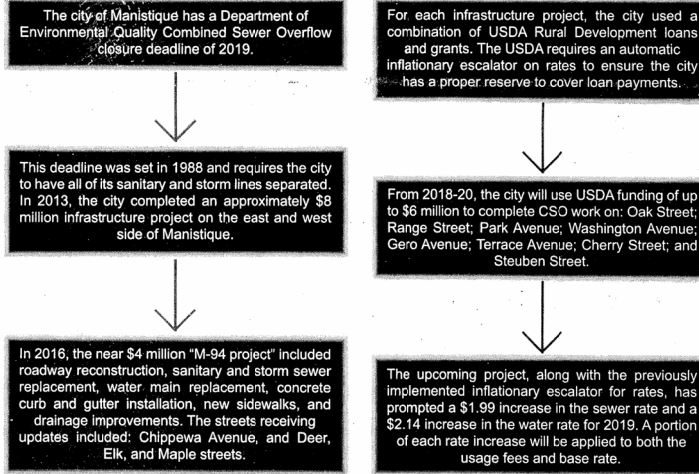
In the study, staffing and operational costs were calculated, including the addition of three new employees and other expenses associated with a larger jail. An operating budget of approximately \$1.2 million per year, compared with the 2018 (current) operating budget of approximately \$983,000, is anticipated.

The study also looked at the possibility

Jail option

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WHY RAISE THE RATES?



Most week, Habitat for Humanity – Hiawathaland, together with Lowes, held the annual Women Build event. For more information, see page A2. Front row seated: Nikki Hanner (Lowes's service manager) and Lisa Miller. Second row, kneeling: Barbara Pollis, Kristin Anderson, Corrina Lynts, Morgan Blake, Alyssa Swanon, Sierra Lopez, Mark Bycec (Lowes's store manager), Dawn Mole, and Erin Stratton. Back row standing: Vickie Segerstrom (homeowner), Ann MacGregor (HFHH office manager), Courtney LaLonde, Kelsey LaLonde, Kimberly Schlenvogt, Gavin Ackland, Andrea Gendron, Mary Doyen (manager, Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology art sciences), Teddi Kettell, Kristen Larche, Arielle Anderson, Kathy Thibeault, Chad Savola, Kayla Temple, Todd Forslund, and Adam Maynard. On the scaffolding: Addy Forsgrave, Kim Deiter, and Angie Armbrust. Volunteers not pictured: Jimmy Nelson, Vallyndia Mackie, Hannah Mackie, Linda Levin, and Andrea Wedegartner



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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,
On behalf of the U.P. Regional Blood Center, I would like to thank Manistique High School's Kristen Demers for hosting a blood drive in the month of April.

As a result of her effort we collected an outstanding 35 pints of blood. Each pint can save up to three lives.

The blood collected from the support of the high school gave us the potential to save 105 lives. These donations are used to support the patients needing the "gift of life" at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital.

Thank you for supporting your community hospitals.

Sallie Coron
coordinator of Blood Collections
U.P. Regional Blood Center

Dear Editor,
Ding-a-ling-a-ling! It sounds like my phone. And it looks like my phone.

But when I pick it up, I find it is a sales counter disguised as my phone and I am speaking with a sales clerk. If an uninvited business clerk came through the door and set up a counter in one of my rooms from which to sell their product of choice, it would be a trespass which few homeowners would allow.

The fact that this trespass comes via my telephone makes it no less a trespass! No business has a right

to use my home to set up shop for their own financial gain whether they walk in the door or enter via my phone. They are telemarketers, scammers, politicians, and even charities.

They invade my bedroom, kitchen, living and dining rooms, and, yes, even my bathroom. This is outrageous and a violation of my right to privacy in my own home. They interrupt meals, housework, lessons, prayers, private worship, family communications and events, naps, and recreation.

It is my right to choose the store in which to shop as well as the counter at which my item of interest is located. These trespassers, however, are taking away my choice and substituting their store and product.

It is also my right to schedule my shopping around the other activities in my day. But, again, these businesses take that right away from me also.

They come weekdays, weekends, early morning till late night. They outnumber the calls I get from family, friends, and businesses I choose to deal with. I pay for my phone. It is for my use but these businesses use it as their own equipment for their own gain.

"Do not call" lists are largely

ineffective; as are caller ID for still an interrupted to get to the phone to see that ID. And adding to the problem, these business stores are now using local exchange numbers to make their calls.

And while I can and do hang up, the uninvited sales interruption has already been accomplished.

So I propose a solution that speaks loud and clear - money!

I propose that the telephone companies set up a program somewhat like that used by psychics. Not to charge by the minute, but only a flat call fee of perhaps \$1-\$10 a call.

The home phone owner, upon receiving such a call could zap the pound or star key (whichever the program designates) to invoke this charge to the caller's phone as a partial payment of my telephone company's phone bill for their use of my equipment and time for their business' financial gain.

Only callers who habitually make 25 plus calls per day could be zapped. And any business that the homeowner has contacted in the current or previous billing periods would be exempted.

This invasion of privacy must stop! I can't wait to start zapping, can you?

Dorene E. Hatfield
Manistique

Flashback



in it 4(H) THE money

From the May 26, 1983 edition, the Schoolcraft County Chamber of Commerce received a \$1,000 check from the proceeds of a recent pasta sale put on with the help of the area 4-H TEAM clubs and the Manistique Women's Club. Dixie Klagstad, left front, accepted the check for the Chamber. It was handed over by Beth Lustilla, from 4-H. Also pictured are Roy Annelin and Cheri Zellar from 4-H and Donna Malloy, representing the Women's Club.

The Archives

This week in the Pioneer Tribune

50 years ago

May 16, 1968

Work on Manistique's new elementary school slowed to a near standstill Wednesday, with the delay being caused by a combination of lack of steel and the current building trades strike. Architect Bruce Smith, reporting to the board of education at their regular meeting Tuesday night, said that footings, sand fill and plumbing below grade are all completed, but that the next steps faced the twin delays stated above.

The first annual Girl Scout Recognition Night is scheduled for this Friday at 7 p.m. in the Augustana Hall of Zion Lutheran Church. Miss Lou Ann Lonsberg, a Northern Michigan University speech and drama major, will present the main portion of the program. Miss Lonsberg is a former girl scout and holds the highest scouting awards available to girls in scouting. Parents will also have an opportunity to view recent projects completed by the girls. The recognition night, being sponsored by the Manistique Girl Scout Council, will feature Mrs. David Kelly, council president, as mistress of ceremonies. Event co-chairmen are Mrs. Clarence Peterson and Mrs. Francis Malette.

A request that the city join the city recreation department in submitting a bid for the Wilfred Johnson property adjacent to the swimming area being developed at the quarry was presented to City Council

Monday night by Denton Nelson, representing the recreation board. Nelson explained that the property is part of a parcel coming up on foreclosure sale, and said his group thought it might be possible to acquire that portion separately. He suggested that the city pay one half the cost with the recreation board paying the other half out of its budget over a period of years. Asked if he felt the land was really needed, he said he felt it was vital in the plans to develop a recreation and swimming area at the quarry. He also said that that the profit from the 1960 Centennial celebration, originally earmarked for recreation but shifted to the armory fund, could also be utilized if it became apparent that the city could not obtain armory financing. Mayor Leo DeMars said he was reluctant to take property off the tax rolls, but agreed to meet to discuss the possibilities of submitting a joint bid.

Named as "Mother of the Year" at St. Francis de Sales Church on Mother's Day was Mrs. John (Angela) Barnes, 535 Delta Ave. Mrs. Barnes has seven children. Mrs. Edward (Mary) Toyra of Manistique; Mrs. William (Jennie) Zuehke, Arboza, Colo.; Mrs. Eilsworth (Anna) Larson, Manistique; Bob Barnes, Milwaukee; Carl Barnes, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. John (Irene Burley) of Green Bay and Mrs. James (Betty) Slining of Manistique.

35 years ago

May 19, 1983

The Indian housing project on River Road is fast becoming a reality. The air there is reverberating with the sound of heavy equipment as bulldozers, graders and other machines get the site ready for the first houses. "It's going pretty well," said George Nolan, housing director for the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians, which is building the project. "Probably this fall we may have some that are ready for occupation." All roads and driveways have been marked out and graded. Currently they have gravel surfaces. Seven footings have also been poured, Nolan said. The houses at the project will sit on concrete pads, without basements. The 38 units themselves will be a mix of styles. Some will be three-bedroom individual units, and there will also be duplexes for elderly people.

It will be a little easier to make a long-distance call and a bit harder to cheat on the telephone bill when General Telephone installs a new automatic

switching machine later this year. The Automatic Number Identification will eliminate the need for operators to take down a caller's number each time a call is made outside the basic GTE service area. People with private lines will now have their numbers recorded automatically by the ANI machine. This information will be relayed by the machine to Michigan Bell, which will calculate the long-distance bill. People with party lines will not get the service, and it is limited to the Manistique exchange.

Gary Kagaris and Deanna Swayer are the Elks' Teenagers of the Month for May. Gary is a senior at Manistique High School who plays trumpet in the honors, marching and jazz bands. His parents are Milton and Sonya Kagaris. Deanna is a senior at Big Bay de Noc High School who has been in the National Honor Society for three years and was in the Homecoming Court. Her parents are Lloyd and Donna Swayer of Cooks.

20 years ago

May 21, 1998

Negotiations between local officials and officials with the Beaver Island Boat Co. continue to move forward, according to the executive director of the Schoolcraft County Economic Development Corp. The EDC Board of Directors met Tuesday, May 19, and discussed the progress of a proposal that would establish ferry service between Manistique and Beaver Island. Executive Director James Anderson said he has worked with boat company officials and produced a revised punchlist of improvements that would be needed at the city marina. This list does not have a cost estimate, but Anderson said he anticipates the cost will be "significantly lower" than the \$1.685 million preliminary

estimate. Harry Hastings of Thompson won \$900 during his appearance on the Michigan lottery's weekly "Roac to Riches" television game show broadcast Saturday, May 16. He earned a trip to Detroit to film the show by scratching off an instant game ticket.

The GFWC of Manistique's annual change of leadership for 1998-99 took place at the Kewadin Inn May 12. New officers are Doris Carlson, parliamentarian; Donna Rogers, director; Irene Hinkson, director; Jean Scott, treasurer; June Stubbart, corresponding secretary; Carol Carlson, recording secretary; Lois Carlson, second vice president; Darlene Pruess, first vice president; and Debbie Frederickson, president.

10 years ago

May 22, 2008

Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital will be looking for a new chief executive officer, following the resignation this week of the current CEO Fred Makowski, who has filed the top administrative post at SMH since February 2005, announced Tuesday that he will be stepping down effective July 7.

The Manistique Downtown Development Authority is taking steps to curb vandalism to city facilities. At their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon, the DDA board agreed to buy a security camera system to monitor areas where city property is being destroyed. DDA Chairman Bill Hentschell said the

need for stronger security has been an ongoing topic of discussion. "We've been talking about it for several years, but we've been putting it off and now we need to do something. We've already had some vandalism this year at Five-Points Park," Hentschell said.

Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility's activities department held a prom for its residents last Thursday with Harry and Elaine Hastings crowned king and queen. Held each year, the event allows the residents to spend the afternoon elegantly dressed, dancing and listening to the musical entertainment in the company of family and friends.



Courtesy photo

A group of volunteers from Habitat for Humanity - Hiawathaland in Manistique, the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology in Escanaba, and Lowe's of Marquette came together recently to work on a home owned by Mark and Vickie Segerstrom, of Manistique. This was part of Habitat for Humanity's 11th Annual Women Build Week sponsored by Lowe's. This was also the kick off to HFHH's "Rock the Block" for the summer. The affiliate will be focused on helping as many families as possible in the 100-300 blocks of Chippewa Avenue with exterior repairs in 2018. Women Build encourages women (and men) to come together in service to their community while possibly gaining skills for home repairs that they haven't tried before. "We are very fortunate to have this event sponsored by Lowe's and to have so many hard-working employees travel from Marquette to Manistique to help our community. We also are very grateful for our partnership with the Paul Mitchell School of Cosmetology. They have participated with us in this event for the past four years," said Ann MacGregor, HFHH office manager. Residents who live in HFHH's service area and need assistance with exterior repairs, are asked to contact the office at 341-7437 or stop by the office at 401 Deer St in Manistique.

Know a volunteer? Nominate them for UP Service Awards

MARQUETTE - Every day, volunteers across the Upper Peninsula give their time, talent, voice, and resources to help make the U.P. a special place to live. Individuals, community groups, and businesses play key roles in addressing critical community issues such as hunger, homelessness, the environment and services for youth, veterans, and the elderly.

Grow and Lead invites residents to recognize these unsung heroes by nominating them for the 2018 U.P. Service Awards.

The deadline for nominations is June 1.

Although volunteers aren't in it for the glory, the U.P. Service Awards are one way to thank them for their commitment, while sharing their stories to inspire others to serve. Help shine the spotlight

on the important contributions of volunteers by nominating the outstanding volunteers in area communities for the U.P. Service Awards.

Nominations will be reviewed by community leaders from across the peninsula. Honorees will be announced in July and recognized

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BELIEVE

Courtesy photos
Award winners at the STC's Believers and Achievers Celebration were, at top: mBank, 'Community' Award; at far left: Kathy Jerde and Cindy King, owners of Bostique, 'Believe' Award; and at immediate left: Rebecca Peterson, 'Service' Award. Each award was created by local artist Laurie Schnurer.

Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce hosts 'Believers and Achievers'

MANISTIQUE — The Schoolcraft Tourism and Commerce's Believers and Achievers Celebration was held last week at the Indian Lake Golf and Country Club. Attended by 121 community members, the event incorporated the upcoming "Power of Words" mural project — using the theme in the presentations, décor, and awards.

Earlier in the day, a "word reveal" event was held at the Peoples Store in downtown Manistique. The word "discover" — also used in STC's tourism marketing — was selected as the focus of the Power of Words mural.

During the Believers and Achievers Celebration, attendees were treated to a video using clips from the reveal, and heard from Iron Mountain artist Jeff Gurchinoff, Power of Words project coordinator and Lake Effect Arts President Teresa Bratton.

"I really enjoyed the evening. What a great event and a great way to show appreciation to those spending time making our community better," said Bratton.

"Manistique is truly an amazing city people need to discover," stated Gurchinoff. "I'm looking forward to spending a good portion of my summer here."

The crowd also heard from Manistique Mayor Mike Perilloux, who highlighted the city's upcoming projects, including the Vietnam Moving Wall and Folkfest, both of which are being led by the Manistique Recreation Department.

"This was a fabulous evening and I very much appreciate

my wife and I being invited to participate," said Perilloux.

Schoolcraft County Commissioner Larry Mersnick presented as well and shared how pleased he was to see so many businesses in attendance and the hope it represented for the future.

"We need to be united moving forward, and that responsibility lies with each and every one of us," said Mersnick.

Alan Barr, STC's CEO and executive director, underlined the Power of Words, stating the intention of the evening was to focus on concepts like collaboration and appreciation.

"It's only because of the combined effort of many that we have been able to achieve so much in one year," he said. "Every volunteer, every member, and individual that has believed and contributed has helped to keep us moving forward. This evening is to say, 'thank you.'"

The inaugural Believers and Achievers awards were granted to two area businesses: mBank and Bostique. The Volunteer of the Year Award went to Rebecca Peterson.

In keeping with the Power of Words theme, each of the awards, created by local artist Laurie

Schnurer, focused on a word which exemplified their character.

The mBank award was based upon the word "community" and featured another regional legend: Paul Bunyan and Babe the Blue Ox. mBank team members were on hand to receive the award.

Bostique's award was centered on the word "believe," Cindy King and Kathy Jerde, Bostique owners and longtime entrepreneurs in Manistique's downtown, accepted the award.

Rebecca Peterson has served as volunteer coordinator for STC's Welcome Center since the doors reopened last May. "Service" was the theme of her award.

A buffet dinner was catered by Tori Henry, with coffee provided by the student-run coffee shop, The Grind.

The highlight of the evening were the "Mystery Gifts". Attendees purchased one of 41 wrapped gifts for \$25. The donated items in each gift were valued at \$25 to \$2,000, and featured everything from advertising packages, overnight accommodations, Green Bay Packer souvenirs, and locally crafted items, such as wine and wood cutting boards.

"The event was affirming to us that we are doing the things

that matter to our business community," said Barr. "It was important to us to show appreciation for our members, who have believed in our mission and purpose over the past year."

Jennifer Watson, board chair, closed out the evening.

"Thank you to our Events Committee, and to our Event Sponsors, for helping to make our first Believers and Achievers Celebration a huge success," she said. "We look forward to you joining us again next year."

Obituaries

Donald Gene Lenzi, Sr.

ORANGE PARK, Fla. — Donald Lenzi, Sr. of Orange Park, Fla., passed away Monday, April 30, 2018. He was born April 3, 1936, to Henry and Rose Lenzi in Samford, Maine. He grew up there and graduated in 1954.

Following high school he joined the United States Air Force serving 25 years including seven tours overseas. He retired July 1, 1979, as an E-9 Senior Master Sergeant. After his military retirement, he worked civil service, retiring again in 1994. He gave 40 years to his country.



Mr. Lenzi is survived by his children Laurie (David) Tenyson, Kathy (Jeff) Harvey, Donald (Lois Price) Lenzi, Jr.; sisters Lorraine Savage and Patsy Bruce; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Ellen; daughter, Donna May; brother, Bob Lenzi; and sister, Nancy Clark.

Per his request, a memorial service will be held June 8 in Harrisburg, Va., where he will be laid to rest next to his wife Ellen.

Terry R. Linderoth

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Terry Raymond Linderoth, 75, of Scottsdale, Ariz., died Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at his home.

He was born in Manistique on Oct. 24, 1942, the son of the late Terry and Angela Linderoth. He attended Manistique Area

Schools and graduated from Manistique High School in 1960.

Survivors include his daughter, Jennifer and grandson, Anthony.

In addition to his parents, Terry was preceded in death by his wife, Olive and his son Craig.

News Briefs

Garden Gallery planning May 24 Open House

GARDEN — The Garden Art Gallery will once again open its door to visitors with an open house from 5-8 p.m. May 24. The Open House is designed as a way to let the public know that the Gallery has re-opened for the season.

The Gallery will be offering a \$50 gift certificate and door prizes, along with free appetizers, drinks, and desserts. LeMire Inn and Coffee Exchange will be providing custom roasted coffee.

This celebration includes a spaghetti dinner fundraiser by Tri Star at beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the community hall. Proceeds raised will go toward the newly purchased stair chair lifts.

The meal will be provided by Nahma Inn. This is a free-will donation meal.

The Gallery show room will be open with a variety of items for sale and many of the 50-plus local artists present.

UP Regional Blood Center Blood Drive May 23

MANISTIQUE — A Blood Drive for the U.P. Regional Blood Center is set for May 23. The drive will take place in the conference room

at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital. It will run from 1-5:15 p.m. Schedule an appointment by calling 341-7578. Walk-ins are welcome.

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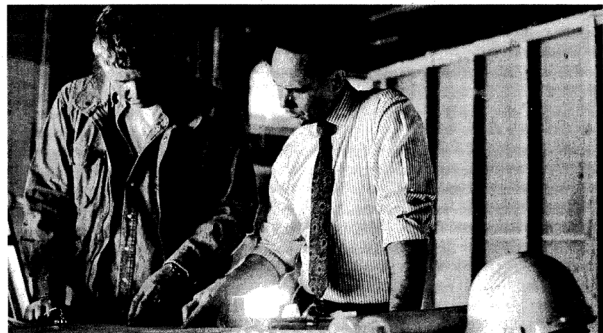
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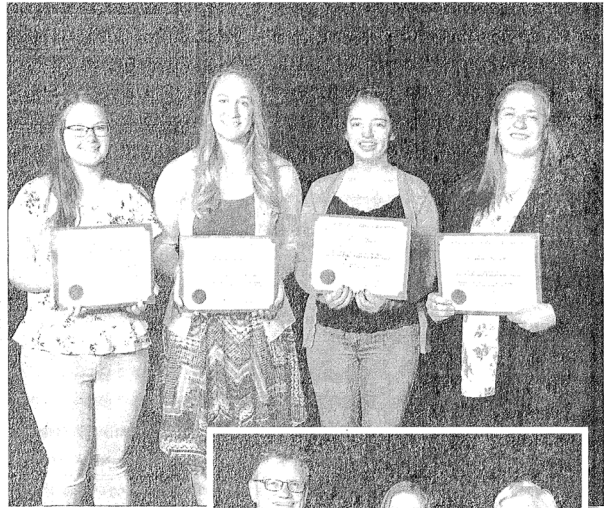
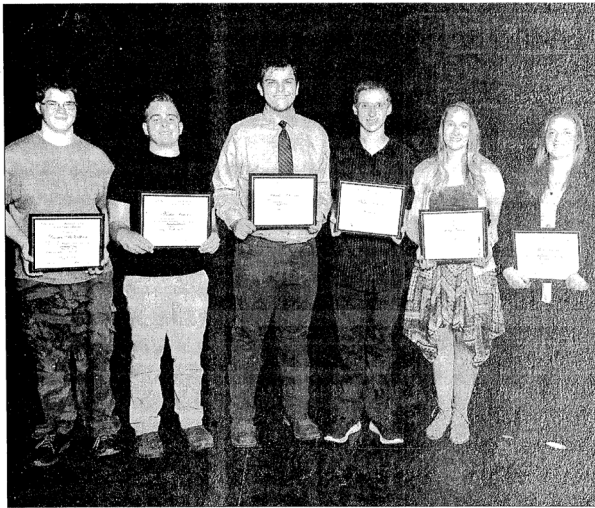
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At top left: ISD Students of the Year: Darren McCaffrey, Kyler Hoholik, Charles Schuetter, Keith Fischer, Emily Baker and Alexis Russell. At top right: ISD Technical Education Honor Society Members: Samantha Rethman, Emily Baker, Fiona Wing, and Alexis Russell. At bottom right: Hampton Achievement Award winner Alexis Russell with Jerry and Terry Hampton.

ISD students receive honors

MANISTIQUE – Alexis Russell earned Career and Technical Education's highest award – the Joseph Hampton Achievement Award, at the recent Intermediate School District's awards program. As part of the Hampton Award, Russell was presented with the \$1,000 Joseph Hampton/Ivan Ryan Scholarship and \$50 Educational Association Scholarship.

The Hampton award is presented annually to a student who has shown outstanding achievement in his/her Career and Technical Education program. It was established in honor of Joseph Hampton, the first Director of Career and Technical Education at the ISD. The Hampton/Ryan Scholarship also recognizes Ivan Ryan, who served many of his 28 years with the ISD as a director of CTE.

Russell is a Manistique High School senior, enrolled in the ISD health occupations program. She was inspired to pursue a health care career by her dad, who she said is kind and caring in his position at Manistique Public Safety, and by her health occupations work placement experience in the Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital respiratory therapy department.

Russell maintains a 4.03 GPA at Manistique High School, including several dual enrollment classes, where she has already earned 19 college credits. She is active in school sports, and several high school and community organizations.

Russell will be attending Northern Michigan University to pursue a nursing degree, specializing in ambulatory care.

Each CTE program sector selects an outstanding student to be the Student of the Year. Students were interviewed for top awards by the selection committee that included Trent Bellingar and Cathy

Knight. Darren McCaffrey – Construction Trades
Keith Fischer – Pre-Engineering
Emily Baker – Health Occupations, a.m. section
Alexis Russell – Health Occupations, p.m. section
Charles Schuetter – Welding
Kyler Hoholik – Automotive Technology
The ISD Technical Education Honor Society honored one returning member from last year, Emily Baker, and inducted three new members including Samantha Rethman, Fiona Wing, and Alexis Russell.

Bob Crumb, CEO of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital, awarded \$250 scholarships to students in the health occupations program who received part of their training through work-based learning at the hospital. Students receiving SMH scholarships were Fiona Wing and China Collison.

Kristin Demers presented the Lorraine Vaughn Memorial Scholarship to Regina Moloney from the health occupations program in appreciation of the

excellent care that parents received while at Hidden Estates. Moloney received health care work-based learning helping residents at Hidden Estates.

Other scholarships included:
\$500 Bay College – Nicole Syers, Brooke Dalgord, and China Collison
\$250 Rapid River Relic Riders – Madison McPhee
\$500 ISD Leadership – Emily Baker

\$500 ISD Science Technology Engineering and Math – Charles Schuetter

\$50 Michigan Education Association Alexis Russell

Scholarship support is appreciated by students who are continuing their education. Individuals, groups, and businesses interested in offering a scholarship that would be awarded next spring can call Trent Bellingar at (906) 786-9300, ext. 345.



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GFWC Manistique Women's Club recently held its 'High Tea'. Tea pots and cups decorated the tables and scones and other dainty sandwiches were served. Attendees were entertained by the Women's Club drama troop. New GFWC officers were installed, including Sherri Krause as president. Vonciel LeDuc auctioned chairs painted by some of the members as a spring fundraiser. The event also celebrated awards GFWC Manistique won at the state convention. Above, Shirley Lettgeb is shown installing new officers: second Vice President Becky Anderson, first Vice President Jan Hickey, and President Sherri Krause. At right: attendees included Elaine Webber, Robbi Boyd, and Linda Eimerman.

Fancy for tea

Courtesy photo



The sheriff's office dropped by the center recently to share some of the scans that are circulating.

Let's start with Publishers Clearing House. You will receive a check in the amount of \$2.5 million, requesting that you call the claims manager. Someone from Cooks recently received this scam and was smart enough to contact the local authorities.

The next one is from the IRS calling you. If the IRS needs to get in touch with a taxpayer, it sends a letter -- not an email, not a phone call, and definitely not a message over social media. Especially in cases of tax fraud. Never return a phone call from someone claiming to be the IRS.

Instead, call the IRS directly at (800) 829-1040, and businesses should call (800) 829-4933. If you receive an email, forward it to phishing@irs.gov.

If you think you are a victim of identity theft or tax fraud, you should report it to the treasury inspector general or tax administration. The IRS also has detailed instructions on what to do if you are a victim of tax fraud.

Taxpayers who receive a fraudulent tax refund should follow IRS guidelines for returning the money.

Another one that was brought to the attention of the sheriff's department came from someone in Manistique. They received a check for \$2,950 wanting the person to invest in a business opportunity. This individual scam came from the Franklin Fabric Co., Inc. out of Chicago. I can

sure there are others.

If you receive something that you are unsure of I would recommend that you contact the sheriff's office. They are always eager to assist.

We are starting to receive telephone calls asking for the Project Fresh coupons. You may get \$20 worth of free \$2 coupons allowing you to make purchases at any local farmers market that has a Project Fresh sign.

To qualify you must be 60 years or older and have a household income of \$22,311 per year for one person, and, for two, the amount is \$30,044. There is a simple form that has to be completed and you need to bring in your proof of income.

We are being told that we should be receiving the coupons within a week. I am pretty excited, as they are doubling our quantity for the first time, so we are needing your help in spreading the word that they are available.

For further information call 341-5923.

Keep in mind that the next Feeding America Food Truck will be in town May 30. They will be located at the drive past the new hospital on U.S. Highway 2.

If you are in need of a little help with groceries, drop by between 9 a.m. and noon. You need to bring a sturdy, non-returnable box, as they will swap it out for a filled

one.

For further information, give Margie or Loney Wilby a call at Good Neighbors. They can be reached at 341-3927.

Schoolcraft County Medical Care Facility is looking for the behind-the-car style hearing aids. If you have any to donate, give Elisabeth Wood a call at 341-8914.

The center is looking for donations of blue pads that go onto the bed, along with adult briefs. They can be dropped off Monday through Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The center received a large donation of paper products from Liz Owens and Debbie Baldwin. Marilyn Nofke dropped by the office and gave a donation of stamps. Barb Zentner gave a donation of handmade Indian dolls for our next raffle.

Jackie Bruce has been busy preparing our flowers for the summer. Her master gardener skills certainly show as I think we had the prettiest flowers in town the past two years. Thanks, Jackie.

Miscellaneous donations were received from: Rosalie Miller, Rudy Lawrence, Carol Leno Family, Theresa Klarich, Arliss Larson, Janet Shoobridge, Bob and Dot Plotz and Dan and Sue White.

Kay Hinkson gave a donation of water for our upcoming bus trip,

Senior Center

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along with office supplies. The Medical Loan Closet received items from Terry Desjardens, Maryann Lund, Ed Borowski, Theresa Klarich and Leon Geare. Pat Hazel gave handmade walker bags.

Potluck gifts were given by Rosalie Miller, Elizabeth Owens and Carol Anderson. Arletta and Harless Clemons, Bill Cones and Vera Cones prepared the newsletters for mailing.

Monetary donations have been received in memory of Bernice Nelson from Joanne Nelson, Jean Selling, and Charles and Lael Thelander.

A monetary donation was received from Mary Ann Kern in honor of John and Joanne Kleis.

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City budget

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have also been stagnating. "That isn't something that's new, it's been the last four or five years," she explained.

Revenues in the last fiscal year totaled approximately \$2,241,213, while the projected revenues in 2019 are \$2,235,468 million.

"We're really been fortunate to have staff that realizes that and they watch their budgets very carefully," she added.

"The city ended their 2017 fiscal year with a General Fund Balance of \$351,968.

"Some of that is in inventory, so some of it is not spendable income," Aldrich said. "We're right at that point where we're still 'comfortable'... I hate to see it go a lot lower than it is."

She added that the General Fund balance took a hit in 2016 when the city had to use \$100,000 to retain a Blight Elimination Grant.

Aldrich went on to detail the Major and Local Street funds, Marina, Landfill, DDA, Ambulance, and Recreation funds - all of which see little change from year to year.

In the Manistique Lakeshore Campground Fund, Aldrich said the city was a "little conservative" in their budget estimations, as they have yet to see a full year in operation.

"We're kind of basing it off of a... combination of what we have happening now and what we saw happen last year," she said.

The estimated revenues for the campground's 2019 fiscal year are \$249,455, with estimated expenses coming in at \$249,400.

Corey Barr, Manistique water/wastewater superintendent, detailed the budgets of the Water and Sewer funds, beginning with the Sewer Fund. He explained the fund is expected to see an increase in revenue, as the city will be receiving leachate (water that has percolated through a solid and leached out some of the constituents) revenue from both

Great American Disposals and U.P. Papers.

"That revenue could be somewhat permanent, but it also could go away tomorrow," Barr said. "We'll receive it in as we collect it and charge accordingly."

Anticipated revenues for the sewer fund in 2019 are \$1,478,896, with estimated expenses set at \$1,473,871.

Barr explained that the city has the cost of its upcoming 2018-20 Combined Sewer Overflow Project to consider. This project will be part of the city's efforts to eliminate the combined sewer system, which allows a high snowmelt or significant rainfall to cause diluted sewage overflows on the way to the wastewater treatment plant.

The city has completed approximately 65 percent of its CSO with past infrastructure projects, and the upcoming project will likely bring the city to 75 percent completion. The city has been approved for USDA - Rural Development funding, up to \$6 million to help correct the CSO. Areas that may be included in the project are located on the east side of town: Oak Street; Range Street; Park Avenue; Washington Avenue; Gero Avenue; Terrace Avenue; Cherry Street; and Steuberg Street.

Due to advanced deterioration of one section of pipe on Cherry Street, that replacement will take place this fall. The remainder of the project is set to begin on schedule next year.

"Because we have USDA current debt (from previous infrastructure projects), along with anticipated new debt, city council had to pass a resolution three years ago to have an automatic inflationary escalator on our rates," Barr explained.

In addition to the mandatory rate increases associated with the previous USDA debt, he said the principal and interest of the bonds from the upcoming USDA projects warrant a sewer rate increase of \$1.99 for a residential customer with average use (2,900 gallons).

"On the sewer side, there will be a loan in the amount of \$857,000 and a grant in the amount of \$2,280,000. So we have a 75 percent grant on the table; 25 percent loan," Barr said.

Councilperson Kim Shiner expressed concern about the rate increase set to raise just \$38,000 per year and suggested the city look into other methods to obtain the funds. Council members Paul Walker, Rick

Hollister, and Katly Rohde voted to approve the 2019 Sewer Fund budget and associated rate increase. Shiner cast the sole "no" vote.

Walker noted that if the council doesn't proceed with the infrastructure projects the city will be "spending a lot more in the future."

"Our current wastewater discharge permit is re-issued every five years," Barr explained. "It has a sequence of deadlines in it - that sequence of deadlines for us to complete our CSO closure is Dec. 30 of 2019. So we're currently in negotiations with MDEQ (Michigan Department of Environmental Quality) to come up with a new timetable, but a lot of that is dependent on this current project moving forward."

This current project has 13 known inlets, storm inlets, direct to the sanitary sewer, which contribute greatly to our overflows," he added. "In order to prevent the overflows, we have to eliminate these 13 inlets, and that's what this projects will do."

Barr also noted that there will be fines, some daily, levied by the MDEQ if the CSO is not progressed upon and/or completed.

Shiner noted that the council needs to start "thinking outside the box."

"If we continue increasing the rates, it affects people," she said.

In the Water Fund, Barr explained that there is no real additional revenue sources, beyond water connection charges and water sales, to assist the fund as the leachate sales do for the Sewer Fund.

"We're a state-certified lab, so we do quite a few outside lab services," he said. "We don't really generate a ton of revenue from that."

In total, the estimated 2019 revenues are \$1,633,082, while the 2019 expenses are expected to come in at

\$1,627,789. The proposed rate increase, factored into the budget, is \$2.14.

For the upcoming project, Barr explained the city will receive a \$727,000 loan and \$2.8 million grant from USDA.

"We'd love nothing more than if they'd (USDA) give us a 100 percent grant to do the work, but, unfortunately, by law, they can only give us 75 percent," Aldrich explained. "They don't, normally, even give that, so we've been very fortunate to get that."

"It is not easy to raise rates," she continued. "To have to pay for 25 percent of it instead of 100 percent of it - they've always told us at Rural Development that they're (other cities) all going to come knocking sooner or later when they're going to be forced to replace those lines, and the grant dollars are going to be gone. So there is some reward in doing it early and doing it right and getting the grant, but I know it doesn't seem like it."

Council members voted unanimously to approve the Water Fund budget, along with the associated rate increase.

The current water rates are \$9.78 per 1,000 gallons. Current sewer rates are \$10.50 per 1,000 gallons. The residential base rate for water is currently \$30.47; for sewer it is \$25.06.

The rate increases will be divided into portions and split between the usage fees and base rates for both the water and sewer. According to Barr, an average user may see .37 cents added per 1,000 gallons used and \$1.07 added to their base rate for water, and .38 cents added per 1,000 gallons used and .89 cents added to their base rate for sewer. This is slightly less than the 2,900-gallon average, which he said many residents will not reach.

News Brief

SCD encourages residential wildflower planting

MANISTIQUE - In celebration of spring and in commemoration of National Wildflower Week, the Schoolcraft Conservation District is encouraging residents to beautify their gardens and improve pollinator habitat by planting native perennials.

"This is a great time of year to experiment with some less-familiar native wildflowers," said Conservation District Manager Bruce Birr. "Everyone recognizes trilliums and black-eyed Susans, but there are also many lesser-known native flowers that grow on our lakeshores and in our woods, such as harebell, fringed gentian, or stary false Solomon's seal."

Birr also cautioned consumers to read the label when purchasing commercial wildflower seed mixes.

"Unfortunately, some of the seed mixes sold in stores contain non-native invasive plants such as forget-me-not, dare's rocket, and baby's breath," he said. "These are all harmful invasive species in Michigan, but many people are unaware of the problems they can cause. We recommend going with native plants which are hardy, well-suited to the U.P., and beneficial to native pollinators."

Birr added that the SCD can provide advice on appropriate wildflowers for properties. They can be reached at 341-8215.

Jail option

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of ceasing operation of the jail and constructing a building for the sole purpose of holding inmates until they are transported to other facilities.

Calculating employee, travel, vehicle, and vehicle maintenance costs, he said the annual cost of having a holding facility would be approximately \$970,000, or a 20-year cost of around \$31 million.

The study did address the possible use of the former Camp Manistique prison facility, which would cost approximately \$9.6 million.

During Thursday's regular board meeting, Commissioner Dan Hoholik made a motion to pursue the Option D renovation. His motion was seconded by Craig Reiter.

Hoholik noted that his decision to make the motion was driven by the following factors: it appears to be the most economical option for taxpayers; it would keep jobs local; it would keep tax dollars in the county; the dollars saved on renovating

rather than building new may help offset the additional operating costs over the next 10 years; the renovated building would be the same, as it utilizes the building's shell while installing all new systems; and there is space for future growth.

"My goal would also be to improve the appearance of the courthouse grounds, improve parking, and demolition of the old jail," Hoholik said following the meeting.

In addition to the \$7.1 million construction cost, Hoholik noted there would also be an additional \$822,000 needed to construct a holding area at the Schoolcraft County Courthouse, bringing the project total to approximately \$7.9 million.

A motion was also made and approved to request a proposal for an appraisal on the armory building. Commissioners will meet May 22 to discuss millage language and bonding.

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Michigan High School Athletic Association revises transfer regulation

EAST LANSING — The adoption of major changes to the Michigan High School Athletic Association transfer regulation was among notable actions taken by the Representative Council during its annual Spring Meeting, May 6-7, in Gaylord.

The Spring Meeting of the 19-member legislative body of the Association's more than 1,400 member schools is generally the busiest of its three sessions each year. The Council considered 29 committee proposals and dealt with a variety of eligibility rule, postseason tournament and operational issues.

The revised transfer regulation will go into effect for the 2019-20 school year, based on a student-athlete's sports participation during 2018-19. The new transfer rule will make transferring student-athletes ineligible for one year in any sport played during the previous year at the previous school — unless that student-athlete's situation fits one of the current 15 exceptions that allow for immediate eligibility. However, the revised transfer regulation also allows that transferring student-athletes immediate eligibility in any other MHSAA-sponsored sport not participated in during that previous year at the previous school.

The additions to the transfer rule received vast support from member schools in surveys leading up to the Council's vote.

"We are hopeful this 'sport-specific' transfer rule will be easier to understand, and therefore, more consistently enforced," MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts said. "This rule better addresses the changing landscape of transfers, hopefully dissuading those considering moving for athletic reasons while still allowing a full range of sports for those who do switch. It may seem like a punishment to some, but the new rule is actually more permissive for many transfer students, and we saw growing support for these changes from our schools since we began discussing this proposal a year ago."

A number of significant actions at the Spring Meeting will affect the junior high/middle school levels, as the Council continued growing its impact among those who represent the future of educational athletics.

The Council approved Junior High/Middle School Committee recommendations to increase the number of contests and days of competition in three sports, beginning in 2018-19. Softball teams will have 12 days of competition over 13 weeks, with doubleheaders counting as one of those 12 days. Basketball teams may play 12 games over 13 weeks with one game a day allowed, except that two games may be played on a day not followed by a school day up to four times a season; each of those doubleheader days will count as one of the 12 games. Soccer teams may play 12 games over 13 weeks with one game a day allowed, except that two games may be played on a day not followed by a school day up to two times a season; each of those doubleheader days also will count as one of the 12 games.

Another committee recommendation approved by the Council will allow a middle school student-athlete to compete in two non-school events during the school season in team sports except football — making the rule for team sports at the junior high/middle school level the same as the individual sport model currently enforced.

The Council also approved of continuing to develop and expand opportunities for the MHSAA to act as a "presenting sponsor" of already-existing junior high/middle school meets, invitationals and tournaments conducted by leagues, conferences and schools around Michigan. Staff

MHSAA

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The Emeralds will host the Michigan High School Athletic Association Regional meet Friday. Events are set to begin at 4 p.m. Those competing on the girls' team include (front row, from left): Ava Fleck, Joslyn Muth, Shelby Misniakiewicz, Katie Troyer, Bri Puckett, and Erica Carlson. Middle row: Emilee McDaniel, Tasha Howard, Sophia Ziembra, Brooke Chase, Ashley McDonald, Megan Espinoza, and Brittnay Bellville. Back row: Head Coach Dylan Jaskolski, Madilyn Bosanic, Delaney Zellar, Kayla Muth, Emma Swanson, Lilly Stoll and boys' Head Coach Ashlee Eisinger. Not pictured are: Emma Bryant, Emily King, Jena Osterhout and Chloe Rahn.



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Those competing on the boys' team include (front row, from left): Josiah Gilroy, Mitchell Green, Joe Barr, Alex Misniakiewicz, Schlyer Andersen, and Jerry Jack III. Back row: Caleb Howard, Tylor Green, Brendan Slater, Levi Lakosky, Christian Aldrich, Tony Williams, and Alex Haggerty. Back row: girls' Head Coach Dylan Jaskolski, Caleb Howard, Kyle Seelick, Logan Pawley, Patrick Zajda, Drew Robertson, and Head Coach Ashlee Eisinger. Not pictured are: Patrick McNamara and Matt Wood.

Times drop heading to regionals

NEWBERRY — On Tuesday, the Emeralds traveled to Newberry to compete in the Newberry Invitational. The boys took fourth place (out of 12), only missing third by four points. The girls, with a team score of 87, tied for second with Pickford.

"It was a great day to have a meet," said boys' Head Coach Ashlee Eisinger. "It was really helpful to get on the track one more time before regionals."

Schlyer Andersen had a great race in the 400, placing first overall, and having a personal best this season after running with just

four people in the slower heat," she continued. "Mitchell Green really stepped up for us running two 400s, after running a 400 for the first time today. Drew Robertson and Alex Misniakiewicz continue to place well in the distance races. Drew ran his fastest time of the year in the mile. Tylor Greene didn't score any team points in the meet, but set personal records in all four of his events. I am anxious to see what he can do in the future."

"The girls did well again," said Head Coach Dylan Jaskolski. "We had some great performances

from both our distance relays (best times of the year) and our 4x100 team ran their best time of the year. Ashley McDonald, Joslyn Muth, and Emilee McDaniel also set personal records in the 400, 800, and high jump, respectively. The girls are very much peaking at the right time. Coach Eisinger's training has paid dividends for both teams this year."

First place finishes: Schlyer Andersen, 400 dash, 54.41; girls

Emerald Track

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Bay de Noc to host The Relentless Tour

COOKS — The Relentless Tour with Anthony Janni will take place at Big Bay de Noc May 23 at 8:30 a.m. for grades 3-12. The public is also invited to attend. The tour is an Autism Alliance of Michigan initiative to eradicate bullying in Michigan. It is one of the most sought-after anti-bullying motivational programs.



Anthony Janni

At the age of four, Janni was diagnosed with Pervasive Development Disorder, a condition on the autism spectrum and he was bullied as a child. Doctors told his parent he would barely graduate from high school and would never go to college or become an athlete.

Despite bullies, adversity and personal challenges, he worked hard and earned his bachelor's degree from Michigan State University. He became the first athlete with autism to play Division I college basketball.

Through the Relentless Tour, he and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights seek to raise awareness of autism and the problem of bullying and has been invited to Big Bay de Noc to share his message.

In full 'swing'

MANISTIQUE — Trying to make up ground in a shortened season, the Manistique golf teams traveled to Newberry and Munising this week.

Being the only team to field a card, the girls shot a 236 at the Newberry Invitational Monday. Payton Hoholik led the squad with a low card 53. In addition to Hoholik, Jordyn Reque shot a 57, Abbi Popour 63, Sydnee MacPhail 63, and Emily Mattson 66.

St. Ignace and Newberry did not field enough players to turn in a score.

Scores of 44 by Curtis Byrns and 46 by Marc McKinney weren't enough as the boys came in third (187) behind Newberry (179) and St. Ignace (178).

Tuesday the girls lost to Munising 236 to 257. Reque turned in the low card (58) for Manistique. Other scores were Hoholik 59, McPhail 69, Mattson 71, and Popour 72.

The boys were four strokes off the pace, losing to the Mustangs 202-206. Byrns turned in the low card finishing with a 46. McKinney 50, Oas 51, and Brett Boyd 59 rounded out the scorers.

Manistique travels to Munising Friday and will participate in the MPCs in Negaunee May 24.

Bears compete at Munising night meet

MUNISING — Big Bay de Noc competed at the Munising Lions Invitational night meet May 11. Taking first place in the 1,600 meter run was the Bears' Brook Dalgord. She finished the 4x400 meter run in a time of 6:25. Dalgord also took fifth in the 800 run with a time of 2:59.18.

A second place finish was achieved by the Bears' Aayon Yonker in the 3,200 with a time of 14:08. Yonker also took third in the 300 low hurdles with a time of 58.28.

For the boys, Alex LaLonde took third in high jump at 5'9, and Kellen Thill took fourth in high jump at 5'3.

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was authorized to approach MHSAA sport committees and sport coaches association to explore possible junior high/middle school area or sectional competitions in cross country, track and field, wrestling, swimming and diving and potentially other sports.

"The Representative Council continued to consider ways to better serve the youngest student-athletes in our membership - the junior high/middle school participants who are the future of high school sports," Roberts said. "While these actions may not gain as much attention as changes at the high school level, they are just as important if not more critical to the status of educational athletics moving forward. Nurturing this youngest level must continue to be a focus in the years to come as we work to strengthen and provide more opportunities at all levels."

The Council approved a number of recommendations by respective sport committees that will alter the tournament setup beginning this fall.

In soccer, beginning with the 2019 season, the first round of District games will be required to be played the week before the current District week on that Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. District Semifinals and Finals will be scheduled for the following week - but Saturday games can be used only as a weather backup during the District round.

To better assist with scheduling and provide transportation relief, the Council approved a number of adjustments to the non-traditional draw policies for District and Regional tournaments, non-traditional draws do not require all contests be assigned as a designated host site, assisting primarily teams that might be located far from their tournament host but closer to their opponent(s).

For the 2018-19 MHSAA Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments, non-traditional draws will be mandated for Districts made up of (a) all Upper Peninsula teams, (b) a combination of Upper and Lower Peninsula teams, or (c) seven or eight-team District grouping in any location of the state. In Districts with circumstances (a) and (b), a traditional draw may be conducted if all participating teams agree to that format. At the Regional level, any that include more than one District located in the Upper Peninsula will require geographic neutral sites be used. The Council also authorized a work group to review all aspects of non-traditional draws and all affected sports and report at the Council's Fall meeting this Nov. 30.

Additionally, the Council approved a Classification Committee recommendation to move the "opt-up" deadline for fall sports from April 15 to May 1, while keeping the dates for winter (Aug. 15) and spring sports (Oct. 15) the same.

Here is a summary of other actions taken by the Representative Council at the Spring Meeting, which will take effect during the 2018-19 school year unless noted:

In baseball, the Council approved a committee recommendation altering tournament trophies to match the tournament format previously approved to begin with the 2019 season. Starting that spring, baseball teams will play what previously were Quarterfinals as the final game of a "Super Regional" tournament, and trophies awarded to those 16 winners will read "Super Regional Champion." Trophies awarded to losing teams in that round will read "Regional Champion" as they still will have won the Regional level of the tournament.

In basketball, the Council approved a committee recommendation to adopt the 28-foot coaching box for competition allowed under National Federation of State High School Associations rules. Previously, the MHSAA allowed for a 14-foot coaches box in front of the team's bench.

In competitive cheer, the Council approved four committee recommendations. The first allows junior high/middle school athletes to perform an inverted exit-cradle to back walkover out only. At the high school level, any catch that originates from shoulder level or below and transitions from a vertical body position to a horizontal body position now will require only two catchers, while four catchers are still required for any catch that exceeds shoulder level. The two other recommendations affect scoring:

"the first will allow at the high school level a mountain climber to an unbraced OLE to receive the OLE choreography bonus, while the second will allow for all levels (grades 7-12) four difficulty points to be awarded for a ground-up to an elevator."

In cross country and track and field, the Council approved a Committee recommendation to adopt a recommendation from the state coaches and officials associations to use a one-turn stagger for the 3,200-meter relay and open 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs. This stagger will begin to be used in 2020.

The Council also approved a Committee recommendation to alter the junior high/middle school meet order to closely align with the high school order; eight events will switch so that relays and similar sprints and distance runs are ordered in the same way.

In football, the Council approved a Football Committee recommendation that the MHSAA continue for the third year to experiment with a 40-second clock for use between plays. Teams taking part in the experiment will have 40 seconds from the end of the previous play to snap the ball to begin the next, unless there is an administrative stoppage (for penalty, measurement, etc.). MHSAA schools began experimenting with the 40-second clock during the 2016 season.

In soccer, the Council approved a Committee recommendation to allow at the high school level, as a part of the multi-team tournament rule, teams to play two full games on a non-school day and have those two count as one of the 18 regular-season contests. Teams still have the option to play 180 minutes under the current multi-team tournament rule. The only overtime allowed would be a shootout if part of a bracket tournament.

The Council also discussed a number of topics that will require action as quickly as its Nov. 30 meeting. The Council considered options for the Girls and Boys Basketball Tournaments for the 2019-20 season; one option follows the current format of playing tournaments with a one week offset and Finals at separate sites, and a second option would have the tournaments conducted simultaneously over three weeks with Semifinals at sites around the state and all eight championship games (four for girls, four for boys) at the same arena during the same weekend.

The possible scheduling by the MHSAA of regular-season games for 8-player football teams also was discussed and may be voted upon Nov. 30.

Make-up of the MHSAA's sport committees is an emerging topic, and the Council considered suggestions for making them more effective. The committee appointment procedure originally was adopted by the Council in 1987 and modified in 2007.

The Council also reviewed reports on membership, with 751 senior high schools and 752 junior high/middle schools in 2017-18 plus 42 elementary schools with sixth-grader participation; eligibility advancement applications, which totaled six for this school year, the use of Educational Transfer Forms, which fell eight percent this year; out-of-state practice requests, school violations, attendance at athletic director in-service workshops and Coaches Advancement Program sessions, officials' registrations, rules meetings attendance and officials reports submitted for the past three seasons. The Association's \$11.6 million budget for the 2018-19 school year also was approved.

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Emeralds compete in Munising annual night meet

MUNISING - It was a successful evening for the Emeralds last Thursday, competing in the annual Munising Lions Invitational night meet. The girls concluded the evening gathering 28 medals to take second (47.5) and the boys finished with 26, taking fourth.

"Not a bad day for the Emeralds," stated boys' Head Coach Ashley Feisinger. "We ended up taking home 26 medals, and competing in fourth out of nine teams with 43 points. Last year we only scored two fourth places in this meet, so I am very pleased with how well the boys did today."

Schlyer and Alex are really stepping up and have been scoring in all four of their events each meet - this is big for us," she continued. "Christian Aldrich and Tony Williams are becoming key factors in the success of our relays with both boys participating in the 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400. I am really looking forward to what the boys will do at regionals. We seem to be right where we need to be at this time of the year."

For the distance runners, Alex Misniakiewicz continues to excel in the 800 and 1,600 meter runs. He took first in both with times of 2:15 and 5:00, respectively. Misniakiewicz also took home a second place medal in the 3,200 meter run with a time of 11:56.

Schlyer Andersen took second in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:05.56 and pole vault with a vault of 8'.00. Also taking first were the 3,200 and 1,600 relay teams with times of 11:26.91

and 4:36.12, respectively. Second place finishes went to freshman Kayla Muth in the 400 dash with a time of 1:07.83 and the 200 dash with a time of 29.78. The 800 relay time finished in second also with a time of 2:06.66.

Final scores for the Emeralds were achieved by fifth place finishers Kyle Seeley with a throw of 109'4.00 in the discus and the 4x400 and 4x100 relay teams with time of 4:11 and 50:87, respectively.

For the girls, first place finishes were achieved by junior Ashley McDonald in the 400 meter dash, with a time of 1:05.56 and pole vault with a vault of 8'.00. Also taking first were the 3,200 and 1,600 relay teams with times of 11:26.91

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Final medals were won by Megan Espinoza in the 1,600 run with a time of 5:09.02, Emma Swanson in the 200 dash with a time of 31:15, Brittany Belleville in the long jump with a leap of 76.85, and Brianna Puckett in the pole vault with a vault of 5'6.00.

Emerald track

3,200 relay, 11:14.77; Ashley McDonald, 400 dash, 1:04.78; Girls 1,600 relay, 4:32.976; McDonald, pole vault, 8'00.00. Second place: Andersen, shot, 39'6.00; Kayla Muth, 800 run, 2:46.37. Third place: Alex Misniakiewicz, 1,600 run, 4:53; A. Misniakiewicz, 3,200 run, 10:47; Boys 3,200 relay (Roberson, Jack, Grec, Misniakiewicz), 9:14; Girls 800 relay, 1:59.96; K. Muth, 400 run, 1:08.15; K. Muth, 200 dash,

29.72. Fourth place: A. Misniakiewicz, 800 run, 2:12; Boys 800 relay (Aldrich, Green, Williams, Andersen), 1:43; Boys 1,600 relay (Williams, Green, Aldrich, Pawley), 4:02; Pawly, pole vault, 10'00.90; Girls 400 relay, 1:00.02; McDaniel, 400 dash, 1:09.46; Shelby Misniakiewicz, 3,200 run, 14:58.37; high jump, McDaniel, 4'6.00. Fifth place: Tony Williams, pole vault,

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9'00.00; Drew Robertson, 3,200 run, 11:33; 400 relay (Aldrich, Jack, Williams, Pawley), 51.06; Emma Swanson, 100 dash, 15.22; Swanson, 200 dash, 30.34. Sixth place: Robertson, 1,600 run, 5:11; Matt Wood, 110 hurdles, 21.59; Megan Espinoza, 1,600 run, 6:40.91. The Emeralds will host the Michigan High School Athletic Association Regional's on Friday. Events are set to begin at 4 p.m.

Fish Report

Ret. Sgt. John Walker

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Top Ten of 2018



Brooke Dalgaard
After graduation Brooke plans to attend Bay Community College to play basketball and pursue a degree in nursing. She participated in basketball, track, cross country, volleyball, student council, High School Bowl H.O.S.A., and science Olympics. A four-year honor student, Brooke is a member of the National Honor Society and two-time Academic Booster Club award recipient. She is the daughter of Loren and Vicki Dalgaard.



Jonah Gillespie
The son of Jetro and Janna Gillespie is a four year honor student who plans to attend Bay College to pursue a degree in fish biology. While in high school he participated in High School Bowl and robotics.



Kaitlin Halvorsen
Kaitlin is the daughter of John Halvorsen and G. Kay and Charlie Tarrow. A four-year honor student and National Honor Society member, Kaitlyn participated in basketball, golf, cheerleading and soccer earning two three-sport letter awards. She also participated in student council, robotics, science Olympics and was a class officer. Kaitlin plans to attend Bay College to obtain a degree in accounting.



Steve Knudson
The son of Craig and Cathy Knudson, Steve participated in basketball, football and track, and High School Bowl. He is a four-year honor student and a member of the National Honor Society. Steve's future plans are to attend Finlandia to pursue a degree in business.



Luke LaLonde
While in high school Luke was a four-year honor student who participated in basketball, football, soccer and golf. The son of Daniel and Michelle LaLonde plans to attend Bay College in the automotive program.



Liam McKeage
Liam is the son of Patrick and Juliann McKeage and Terri Muller. He participated in basketball, football, track, golf, student council, High School Bowl, Y.E.T.I., and was a class officer for two years. After graduation, Liam plans to attend Finlandia to pursue a degree in teaching.



Madison McPhee
The daughter of Brad McPhee and Kim McPhee, Madison plans to attend Ferris State University. While in high school she participated in basketball, track, golf, cross country, soccer earning four-sport letter awards. She also participated in student council, High School Bowl, H.O.S.A., science Olympics and was a class officer. Madison is a honor student, a member of the National Honor Society and a Academic Booster Club award recipient.



Alexia Mercier
Alexia is the daughter of Jason and Susan Mercier and Nicole Frankovich. A four year honor student and National Honor Society member, Alexia participated in basketball, golf, cheerleading, volleyball, student council, High School Bowl, H.O.S.A. and science Olympics. Her future plans are to attend Carroll University.



Nolan Raredon
The son of William Raredon and Traici and Mike Cousineau, Nolan participated in basketball, football, track, golf and soccer earning a four-sport letter award his senior year. The four-year honor student and National Honor Society member plans to attend Gogebic Community College.



Tyler Spencer
The son of Laura Spencer, Tyler is a honor roll student who plans to attend college in the fall.



MANISTIQUE

Top Ten of 2018



Issac Anderson
The son of Loyle and Amy Anderson, plans to attend Lake Superior State University to obtain a degree in computer science. While in high school Isaac participated in High School Bowl, robotics and Glee. He is a four-year honor student, a member of the National Honor Society and a three-time Academic Booster Club award recipient.



Emma Bryant
The daughter of Douglas Bryant and Evelyn Bryant, Emma plans to attend Michigan State University majoring in business. While in high school she participated in drama, student council, Y.E.T.I., band, track and hockey. Emma is a four-year honor student, a member of the National Honor Society and a two-time Academic Booster Club award recipient.



Keith Fischer
After graduation Keith plans to attend Lake Superior State University to obtain a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He participated in drama, student council and Y.E.T.I. A four-year honor student, Keith is also a member of the National Honor and a three-time Academic Booster Club award recipient. He is the son of Kenneth and Jennifer Fischer.



Madison Kraatz
Madison is the daughter of Mike and Amy Kraatz. She participated in basketball, volleyball, softball, she was student council treasurer, and participated in Y.E.T.I., T.A.T.U., S.A.D.D., band, Glee and Student Focus Group. Madison is a honor student, a Academic Award recipient, a National Society of High School Scholars member, and a member of the National Honor Society of the Intermediate School District.



Zach Machinski
During high school Zachary participated in basketball, golf and soccer. He also took part in Y.E.T.I., High School Bowl, student council and robotics. He is a honor student, a member of the National Honor Society and Academic Booster Club award recipient. After graduation Zachary plans to attend Lake Superior State University to study fisheries and wildlife management. He is the son of John and Kelly Machinski.



Tessa Powell
The daughter of Larry and Regina Powell, Tessa participated in drama, Y.E.T.I., T.A.T.U., Y.A.C. and S.A.D.D. Glee, pep band and community band. A four-year honor student, National Honor Society member and three-time Academic Booster Club award recipient, Tessa plans to attend Northern Michigan University to pursue a degree in law enforcement to become a police officer in Manistique.



Samantha Rethman
Samantha is the daughter of Edward and Lisa Rethman. A four-year honor student, National Honor Society member and three-time Academic Booster Club award recipient Samantha participated in softball, student council, Y.E.T.I., S.A.D.D. and H.O.S.A.. Her future plans are to attend Northern Michigan University to obtain a Bachelor's of Science degree in nursing.



Alexis Russell
A honor student, National Honor Society member and Academic Booster Club award recipient, Alexis is the daughter of Timothy and Erin Russell. While in high school she participated in basketball, softball, Y.E.T.I., T.A.T.U., S.A.D.D. H.O.S.A. and was elected class treasurer. After high school Alexis plans to attend Northern Michigan University to pursue a degree in nursing.



Renae Schuetter
Renae is the daughter of Darryl and Julie Schuetter. She is a four-year honor student, National Honor Society member and three-time Academic Booster Club award recipient who participated in student council, Y.E.T.I., T.A.T.U., and was a class officer. Renae also participated in basketball, volleyball and track earning an Individual Academic All-State Athlete award. After high school Alexis plans to attend Northern Michigan University.



Fiona Wing
The daughter of Paul and Jennifer Wing, Fiona is a four-year honor student who received three Academic Awards and is a member of the National Honor Society. Throughout high school she participated in soccer, drama, student council, Y.E.T.I. and was a class officer for two years. Fiona's future plans are to attend Concordia University to become a midwife.

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