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Sports

Michigan Tech spring football sessions close in thrilling fashion at annual spring intrasquad game.

Local & Region

Survey shows teachers want more parent contacts.

Obituaries

Violet Alderman, Betty Gregorich, Victoria Talley, Gary Bertolli, Ida M. Stevens, Arvif H. Raasio, Leo J. Chopp, Elsie Irene Lappi.

WEATHER

Tonight, mostly cloudy. Low 26. Tuesday, mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain showers. High 42. For details, see page 2A.

LOTTERY

Here are the winning numbers selected Sunday in the Michigan State Lottery:

Midday Daily 3: 6-5-0; Midday Daily 4: 9-7-5-1; Daily 3: 4-1-7; Daily 4: 2-3-1-4; Roll Down: 7-8-23-24-30; Keno: 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13, 19, 25, 26, 31, 33, 41, 44, 46, 51, 53, 61, 64, 74, 75, 79.

Here are the winning numbers selected Saturday in the Michigan State Lottery:

Midday Daily 3: 8-5-7; Midday Daily 4: 0-0-6-5; Daily 3: 4-7-1; Daily 4: 2-3-0-5; Roll Down: 1-4-24-29-32; WinFall: 6-8-15-34-36-43; Keno: 5, 11, 12, 14, 19, 22, 26, 29, 35, 36, 37, 42, 53, 58, 59, 64, 66, 71, 72, 75, 77, 79.

THE NATION

Dog has nose for fat wad of cash

CLEVELAND, Tenn. (AP) — When Darlene Hall first saw the mess on her front porch, she wanted to kill her puppy.

Now she's calling him her "money dog."

The stuffing that Cha-Cha, an Australian shepherd/blue heeler mix, had yanked from a recently purchased old brown vinyl ottoman turned out to be, in fact, shredded money.

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Smoke from the burning Gundlach Champion building, above, casts a shadow over the Houghton waterfront Saturday morning. The smoke, visible from miles away, drew many onlookers to the Portage Lake Shipping Canal to see firefighters battle the fire. At left, firefighters atop the City of Houghton Volunteer Fire Department's ladder truck spray a jet of water into the flames that engulfed the Gundlach Champion building. Four departments worked for nine hours to extinguish the blaze, which gutted the 100-year-old building.



By GARRETT NEESE
Gazette Writer

HOUGHTON — The Michigan State Police fire marshal of the agency's Negaunee Township post was expected in Houghton today to determine the cause of a Saturday morning fire that gutted an historic waterfront building.

Houghton Fire Department Chief Jim Lightfoot said the fire marshal would likely be on the scene through-

out day, investigating what caused the blaze.

"During a fire of this magnitude, a lot of evidence gets destroyed or buried, so it'll take him a while," he said.

Fire crews arrived at the Herman Gundlach Inc. building, located at 58 Huron St., at about 6:30 a.m. Saturday. The alarm was sounded by a patrolling Houghton County Sheriff's deputy who observed smoke pouring

from the building while driving across the Portage Lake Lift Bridge, said Gundlach Champion president Dan LeVeque.

Lightfoot said the fire restarted from 4:50 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday.

Although Gundlach Inc. still owned the building, the company had moved its contracting operations to the nearby Upper Peninsula Power

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'You can replace bricks and mortar ... You can't replace history.'

Old Gundlach structure total loss

Face-to-face with wolves

Dairy farmers say packs not afraid of humans

Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on increasing timberwolf numbers in the Upper Peninsula.

By PAUL PETERSON
For the Gazette

BARAGA — Timberwolves are said to be shy animals that would rather run than confront humans face-to-face.

But that wasn't the case at the Bud and Kerrie Keranen

dairy farm outside of Elo in southern Houghton County two years ago.

"It got to the point where they were coming right into the yard and around our calf stalls," Keranen commented. "We would holler at them and they would barely move. They were unafraid of humans."

When the pack attacked, and killed, an 8-year-old cow in a back field of the Keranen farm, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources was called to live-trap and relocate the animals.

"They (DNR) trapped nine

wolves off my land," recalled Keranen, who operates a 500-cow operation on 1,500 acres of land. "I have to commend them for acting quickly to remove those wolves."

The DNR depredation program eventually reimbursed Keranen for the loss of the animal. Another cow was killed by wolves in the Pelkie area in 2003. That case is pending.

In response to the increasing number of U.P. wolves, the DNR is in the process of hiring a wolf coordinator, ac-

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Super looks back

C-L-K's Tiberg: 'Just time' to retire

By GARRETT NEESE
Gazette Writer

CALUMET — Retirement, for many, is a time to slow down and catch one's breath after a lifetime spent in the workplace.

Just don't expect Ray Tiberg, who announced his retirement as superintendent of the C-L-K School District Thursday at the end of the current school year, to follow that pattern.

In describing his immediate



TIBERG

"I've had a very successful career at C-L-K and worked with a lot of great people. It was just time for me to do something else."

plans, Tiberg drew on another one of his favorite pastimes: long-distance running.

"I'm always on the go, whether I'm running or at school," he said.

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Caution urged on ATV trails

Deep ruts, trespassing concern biz owners

By BRAD SALMEN
Gazette Writer

CALUMET — While the vast majority of the hundreds of miles of trails that snake through the Copper Country are used by snowmobilers, all-terrain vehicle use is beginning to increase.

Jim Aho, owner of Everts Motor Sales, said he expects sales and rentals of ATVs to pick up this year with increased selection at his Hancock store. He hopes ATV riders will contribute to the summer tourism economy much like snowmobilers in the winter.

"As I travel through Wisconsin and Minnesota, I see groups of riders going to all the restaurants just like snowmobilers," he said. "It could be a real draw for the tourism industry."

But with increased ATV use comes a new set of trail concerns. Snowmobilers ride atop a base of snow, and typically don't come in actual contact with the ground beneath.

But ATV's, such as four-wheelers and dirt bikes, can chew up the terrain, especially early in the season when the ground is soft

and wet.

Just ask Marc Norton, owner of Copper Island Printing in Calumet. Part of the trail system runs just yards behind his shop, and the effects of ATV use is beginning to show.

"Everyone gets the itch to go out for a roll in the mud in the spring," he said. "But the damage it causes with the ruts and mud holes can be absolutely nasty."

He walked about 100 yards down the trail, where the ruts

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Marc Norton, owner of Copper Island Printing in Calumet, stands beside the snowmobile trail behind his shop on Pine Street. Heavy ATV riding through the spring mud has caused two-foot ruts and mud holes and caused riders to chew up terrain surrounding the trail.