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## RINK RESURRECTION



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**NATHAN BORTH**, of Ironwood, puts together the Depot Park ice rink in preparation of another winter season Sunday. Borth said he and the crew of volunteers are re-using almost all the materials from previous years when building the rink.

## Hunters rescued in Bessemer Township

**BESSEMER TOWNSHIP** — Two hunters have received medical attention after their hunt went awry.

The Gogebic County Sheriff's Department received a report of two hunters being unable to move in a swamp at approximately 6:36 p.m. Saturday.

The father and son had become "stuck waist deep in a swamp and unable to move," while tracking a deer in Bessemer Township, according to a GCSO press release.

The pair were rescued from the cold water with assistance from the Gogebic County Search and Rescue, Bessemer Township Fire Department and Beacon Ambulance; according to the release.

The two were transported to Aspirus Ironwood Hospital for treatment.

—Richard Jenkins

## CRAFT SALE



P.J. Glisson/Daily Globe

**VENDORS AT the Friends of the Marenisco Public Library Christmas Craft and Bake Sale at the Marenisco Town Hall Saturday include, from left, Carol Bury and Linda DeWitt.**

## Friends of Marenisco Public Library offers crafts, bakery

**By P.J. GLISSON**  
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**MARENISCO** — The Marenisco Town Hall was loaded with cheer Saturday as shoppers enjoyed the annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale by Friends of the Marenisco Public Library.

Fourteen vendors and nearly 30 tables were avail-

able at the seventh year of the event, said Barbara Dunbar, Friends treasurer.

Tables packed to the brim featured wreaths, centerpieces, candles, soaps, cards, matted photos, jewelry, toiletries, agates, woodwork,

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## Lee DeWyze adds glam to seventh HIT Idol event

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**IRONWOOD** — Hundreds of people filled the Historic Ironwood Theatre Saturday as finalists of this year's HIT Idol competition entertained the crowd before and after learning who the six winners were.

Adding to the fun was the participation of Lee DeWyze, Season 9 winner of "American Idol," who performed with the contestants and also gave a concert of his own.

Winners of the 2017 event were as follows:

—Young Adult Category: Veronica Bolton and Kristine Mieloszyk, both of Ironwood;

—High School Category: Dustin King of Ewen-Trout Creek and Breyanna Schutte of Ashland; and

—Youth Category: Emily Dennis and Haley Mead, both of Hurley.

Twenty-nine total contestants had performed at the theatre on Friday night, which was Part 1 of the two-night event, and the winners gave an encore performance Saturday night's show.

The finalists also performed group numbers with six of the eight 2016 winners (two of the 2016 winners were unable to attend), and the six 2016 winners also entertained as a separate group.

Emcee Mark Silver ran Saturday evening's show, which was a colorful collection of youthful energy and melodic talent;



Larry Holcombe/Daily Globe

**THE HIT Idol banner hangs above the Historic Ironwood Theatre stage before Friday's performance where 29 contestants competed in three age categories. The winners were announced during Saturday's performance with American Idol Season 9 winner Lee DeWyze headlining the event.**

including the harmonic, opening performance of the song "Proud," by Peter John Vettese and Heather Small, which began with the group of youth walking down theatre aisles, clapping and singing as they then proceeded onstage to finish the number.

During his personal concert, which occurred after the intermission at Saturday's event, DeWyze played a number of his own songs, including some from

his latest album, "Oil and Water," which was released in 2016.

He also sang a cover of "Father and Son" by Cat Stevens, from whom DeWyze said he learned that songs can tell stories.

He showed great rapport with HIT Idol participants, whom he commended for their "amazing"

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## Community raises funds for Hurley trailhead

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**HURLEY** — Trail supporters gathered at the East Wing in Hurley for the Iron County Outdoor Recreation Enthusiast's trailhead fundraiser Sunday, within view of the planned trailhead's location.

"We had a really good turnout," said Mike Fauerbach, one of the organizers. "There were a lot of people from Ironwood, we had lots of people from Mercer."

The planned trailhead will be located between the motorized and non-motorized trails on the 500 feet of land between the Montreal River and Second Avenue in Hurley.

Even without the trailhead,

the section of non-motorized trail paved in October has already proved to be popular.

"The day it went in practically, people were out there using it," Fauerbach said.

Fauerbach — who was involved with the regional trail group before it merged with ICORE and now sits on the ICORE board of directors — estimated roughly 130 people ate dinner, and said, "A lot of people who didn't come to eat (also) contributed."

While the final numbers are still being calculated, Fauerbach said the group raised over \$2,500 Sunday. Along with raising funds for the construction of a trailhead, the money fulfills the local match requirement to

the Gogebic Range Health Foundation's grant that went toward purchasing the trailhead's land.

The planned trailhead would not only provide a parking lot for both motorized and non-motorized users, it would also serve as a starting point for the effort of extending Michigan's non-motorized trail into Iron County.

"People want to see this trail happen beyond just the trailhead. The trailhead — that's the next thing we've got to do, but that's not the end of this project," Fauerbach said.

Along with a buffet meal, the event featured a raffle of over 20 items, a 50/50 drawing and tickets were on sale for a bike that will be raffled off Nov. 30.

## Superior Range Shooters holds spaghetti feed

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**IRONWOOD** — Spaghetti was on the menu Sunday at the Breakwater Restaurant, as the restaurant played host the Superior Range Shooting Club's spaghetti feed.

The money raised from the fundraiser will go toward the general operating costs of the club's shooting range on Black River Road — such as insurance costs and the purchase of targets and other supplies — as well as any special projects the club decides to undertake.

"The paper targets, which are free to members) don't just drop down from the sky," club president Gary Kusz joked.



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**SUPERIOR RANGE Shooting Club president Gary Kusz, left, and vice president Phil Blank take dinner tickets at the Breakwater Restaurant in Ironwood Sunday during the club's spaghetti feed fundraiser.**

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## WEATHER

TODAY	Sunday	Precipitation
Partly cloudy —Details, page 2	High 37 Low 29	48 hours to 7 a.m. Sunday 0.24 in.
	Year ago today	Snowfall
	High 70 Low 33	48 hours to 7 a.m. Sunday 0.8 in.
	Today's records	Snow depth 4 in. Season total 16 in. Last year none
	High 72 (1975) Low 0 (1951)	

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# Fallen World War II Ironwood veteran recognized in Italy

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**IRONWOOD** — Richard J. Perzyk, of Detroit, died in World War II when his airplane went down over Italy in 1945. Perzyk's family, many still of the Detroit area, attended a ceremony Saturday in the Lombardy region of Zavattarello, Pavia, to honor those who went down in the plane.

Among the other service members remembered at the service was the mission's crew chief, John V. Rupnik, of Ironwood.

According to the "Report of failure to return" by the War Department Headquarters Army Air Forces in Washington, the Dakota C-47A of the 12th Air

Force, 64th Group Troop Carrier, 16th Squadron Troop Carrier departed from Rosignano Airdrome in Livorno at 8:30 p.m., local time on Feb. 22, 1945. Their mission was delivery of supplies to the Aliotta formation partisans.

The website [graciacienza.com](http://graciacienza.com), dedicated to keeping the history of local partisans from World War II alive, describes the partisans fighting behind German lines in Italy, Southern France, Yugoslavia and Greece were an important element in the Allied victories in the Mediterranean Theatre. The partisans were reliant on airdrops of supplies to keep the fight against the Germans going.

On Feb. 22, 1945, the Allied's plane

Rupnik and Perzyk were flying in made two airdrops to Italian partisans, when the left engine caught fire. Eye witness accounts report after the fire was seen, a loud hiss began followed by a loud pop before the plane began spiraling towards the ground, where it crashed onto the lower slope of a mountain.

All seven men aboard died. The aircrew consisted of:

- Robert Earnest Wallin, 1st Lt., flight leader, of Chicago
- Donald R. Faulk, 2nd Lt., co-pilot, Angels Camp, Calif.
- Poole C. Lloyd, 1st Lt., Navigator out of Richmond, Va.
- John V. Rupnik, crew chief, Ironwood

— Richard J. Perzyk, radio operator, Detroit

— Edward Driver J. Ford, kicker, Royal Army Service Corps

— David C. Saynor, kicker, Royal Army Service Corps

According to the minutes of the Command of the Third Garibaldi Aliotta Division, the plane was engulfed in a roaring fire as different war materials caught fire and exploded. It was impossible to approach the burning plane and the locals had to wait a few hours before they could approach the plane and recover the bodies.

The report said the bodies were placed in individual wooden coffins and buried in a cemented and limed common

grave for easy exhumation at a later time if the Allied governments or their families wished to rebury them.

On June 21, 2015, researchers found the remains of the plane and a bracelet that said, "Richard Perzyk." With the discovery of Perzyk's bracelet a two-year search for living relatives began so the bracelet could be returned. After two years, Therese Perzyk of Detroit was located.

Before Saturday's event Perzyk told the Daily Globe that she and 11 other family members were scheduled to attend the ceremony in Italy for the lost men. She said she heard nine family members of Rupnik who are living in Slovenia were to be there, too.

## Detroit

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front page, the Globe also reported Gov. George Romney visited National Guard troops at Camp Grayling that weekend.

"Strife at home and abroad are 'too far reaching to be answered by military strength alone,' (Romney) told the annual review of the Michigan National Guard this weekend.

"His words took on added meaning when the day after he spoke he ordered Guardsmen into Detroit to help quell racial disturbances there," the story reads.

The next day the Daily Globe cited a Detroit media report saying the local unit — as part of the same battalion as units from Iron Mountain and Iron River — had "joined other peace-keeping groups in the stricken area." It's likely Gogebic Range guardsmen were among those listening to Romney, as the Globe reported

the unit had been conducting maneuvers at Camp Grayling for the week prior to being sent to Detroit.

The Globe reported on the riots for the next several days, however, Ironwood's National Guard unit wouldn't be specifically mentioned again until Thursday July 27. By that time, calm had returned to much of the city but the Globe still carried reports of authorities trading fire with snipers for several more days.

"Members of the Ironwood National Guard unit still are in Detroit, where they have been aiding other guardsmen, federal troops and police in restoring peace to the riot-torn city," the Thursday story reads.

"Two A.F. Incis of the local unit notified relatives here yesterday that, as of yesterday noon, all members of the local battery had escaped injury," the story reads.

"Incis reported that the unit had been in Detroit since Monday morning and was engaged in assisting firemen and patrolling areas on the east side of the city.

"No information has been received yet on when the unit will return home. Before going to Detroit the unit had been at Camp Grayling since July 15 for its two weeks of summer training and had been scheduled to return home Saturday."

Globe readers got the most in-depth look to that point regarding the guard's activities while in Detroit in a Page 2 story in the Globe's Saturday July 29 edition.

"Ironwood's National Guard unit remains in Detroit today, conducting roving motor patrols in the heart of the city, it was reported by Capt. Ray Gedda, of Bessemer.

"Gedda said that the area unit was first alerted at 11 p.m. Sunday and was ordered to go to Detroit to join ... in an attempt to put a stop to the recent riots. The unit left Camp Grayling ... early Monday morning."

"According to Gedda, at 6 p.m. Monday the men from the unit were assigned to the Detroit Fire Department to serve as protection for firemen when the fire trucks moved into the riot area," the Globe read.

"The men were needed, as snipers targeted the firefighters to prevent them from putting out the fires.

"On Wednesday, the men of the battalion were relieved by



THE TUESDAY, July 27, 1967, edition of the Daily Globe includes front page headline "Calm Returns to Riot-Torn Detroit" and a photo of buildings burning on the west side of the nation's then-fifth largest city. Several members of the local National Guard based in Ironwood responded to the unrest.

Richard Jenkins/Daily Globe

### Other area agencies respond to Detroit

Ironwood's National Guard unit isn't the only Gogebic Range connection to the 1967 Detroit riot.

Several members of the Wakefield Michigan State Police Post were among those troopers sent to Detroit for a week. On Aug. 1, 1967, the Daily Globe also reported "Corporals Tony Sgaggio, Roy West and Paul Jones and Troopers Gordon Moyle, Raymond Catelan, Delmar Tervo, John Carey, Duane Rajala and Andrew Kopnik," had returned to the Gogebic Range.

In addition to that, three VISTA volunteers working locally — William Stevens, Carol Ann Crowe and Lorna Jean Pollock, with local coordinator Bruce Warren of Trout Creek — went to Detroit to help in the riot's aftermath.

"Stevens was assigned to work in Ironwood, while Miss Crowe and Miss Pollock both worked in the Ewen and Watersmeet area," the Globe reported on Aug. 2, saying the group was expected to be in Detroit for seven weeks before returning to the area and resuming their previous work.

other units of the division. The Ironwood guard unit then moved back into the Detroit Armory for a day of rest and rehabilitation.

"At Thursday midnight, the unit was alerted and moved to the Northeastern High School in Detroit."

The unit would remain in Detroit until Friday, Aug. 4.

In the Aug. 5 edition, 1st Lt. Gerald E. Kinnunen — the unit's public information officer — issued a statement on the unit's activity downtown. In response to criticism of the National Guard's conduct during the riot, Kinnunen defended the unit's performance.

"The National Guard troops arrived in Detroit some 18 hours before the regular army troops. Our men went out into the riot area as soon as they received orders to do so. It was the worst day which we experienced, the sniping and the amount of

fires being at their peak," he said.

He also provided insight into the mindset of the men as they were deployed.

"A bright red fire truck with a siren and spotlights is an extremely vulnerable target at night or day. One of the veterans in the battalion said: 'I would rather have been in Burma because there, one could fire offensively rather than wait to be fired upon.'

"Our men had orders to fire only if fired upon by snipers. Looters were not fired at. This order certainly put the guard troops in a defensive position. Several times a number of our men were pinned down by sniper fire and had to use cover and fire power for protection.

"During the last week of our federal duty in Detroit, we replaced a regular army unit which was approximately four

times our size. Our function was to provide roving patrols for 24 hours a day for surveillance and assistance for the re-establishment of law and order.

"The branch of service for our battalion is artillery. In Detroit, we functioned as infantry troops, using our small arms. I can, without prejudice, say that our men performed their duty honorably and would certainly be an asset to any combat unit. Each man in the battalion did an outstanding job in the performance of carrying out of his orders. The men were willing and ready to risk their own lives to guard the firemen and fire engines. Many went without sleep for as long as 24 hours. The Detroit Fire Department praised the Upper Peninsula men for their willingness to do a good job."

The coverage of the riot's aftermath — including the investigation into the cause of the

riots and the debate around the National Guard's conduct — would continue after the local unit arrived home.

All told, the riot would left 43 people dead — including 33 African Americans, one police officer, two firefighters and one national guard soldier — and 1,189 injured, according to the Detroit Free Press's anniversary coverage.

A combination of 17,000 members of the 82nd and 101st Airborne units, the Michigan National Guard, Michigan State Police and the Detroit Police Department were needed to end the riot, the worst of the 128 civil disorders that broke out nationwide in 1967.

Several attempts to reach out to locals deployed to Detroit were unsuccessful, with one telling the Globe he still had nightmares about the experience and didn't want to relive it.

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