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Booher misses 1 vote, Franz 0 in 2014

By JUSTINE MCGUIRE
STAFF WRITER

LANSING — Michigan legislators missed a combined total of 2,719 votes during the 2013-14 legislative session, but Manistee County's representative and senator missed a bare minimum, according Michigan Votes.

In contrast, there were 21,162 missed votes in the 2001-02 legislative session, the year Michigan Votes began.

"The days of some legislators no longer showing up for work are long past," said Jack McHugh, editor for Michigan Votes. "Legislators' habits changed almost immediately when MichiganVotes.org began making this information easily accessible."

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Police urge responsible driving on New Year's Eve

By SEAN BRADLEY
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MANISTEE — The City of Manistee police department will have extra officers on patrol throughout the day on New Years Eve.

"We're encouraging everybody to get a designated driver or public transportation (if they need it)," said Steve Schmeling, Manistee City Police department sergeant.

Schmeling said in past years, there have been few issues regarding ticketing for drunk driving on New Year's Eve.

"There's been good cooperation between the law enforcement, bar owners and clubs as well as Manistee County Transportation," he said. "Since having (the cooperation), call volume is lowered due to people using that transportation."

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Big M Ski Council hosting ski/hike Saturday evening

By KEN GRABOWSKI
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MANISTEE — The weather doesn't exactly look like what is typically found in late December and early January in Manistee County, but that doesn't mean there aren't fun things to do in the outdoors.

One group that is well aware of that fact is the Big M Cross Country Ski Council who will be hosting a Moonlight Hike (or Ski if the weather changes) and a bonfire at the Big M Lodge at 7 p.m. on Saturday evening. The Big M Cross Country Ski area is located off Udell Hills Road in Manistee

"It is kind of a different event this year because of the weather," said Loren Bach of the cross country ski council. "We actually planned the event in November when we had all that snow and I thought for sure it would be a ski night this year. We will run it whether there is snow or no snow and would like people to turn out for it."

Bach and the rest of the organizers had good reason to believe there would be snow this year. The Manistee

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News Advocate File Photo

Participants take a rest following a hike on the Big M in January. Organizers have set up a hike for Saturday.

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