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## Les Cheneaux

### Frog Fest Spotlights Ecology Saturday

By Erich T. Doerr

The Les Cheneaux Islands' popular, free Frog Fest returns in 2021 to bring the community scientific exhibits, live local animals, and games. It will be Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Cedarville's Snows Heritage Park.

The Les Cheneaux Watershed Council is organizing the event. Clark Township and the Les Cheneaux Islands Chamber of Commerce are also sponsoring Frog Fest.

"People smile right from the minute they walk to the exhibits, and they smile again when they leave," said Val Wolters, Frog Fest

co-chair alongside Mary Baker. "This is a social event with purpose."

The goal of Frog Fest, Mrs. Wolters said, is to remind everyone of the natural wonders of the Les Cheneaux Islands while also raising awareness that each of us can do something to make a positive difference on the environment. Last year's event was canceled by the pandemic and she added it is great to have a social community gathering like this again.

Frog Fest will talk place inside a large tent. Many of the park's other

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### Divers Exploring Straits of Mackinac

#### Sea Cadets Return on *Pride of Michigan*

By Kaley Fech

Tanks of air, wetsuits, and fins line the benches on the stern of the *Pride of Michigan* as 10 U.S. Naval Sea Cadets get ready to dive into the waters of Lake Michigan west of the Mackinac Bridge. The cadets and a crew of adult volunteers cruised into the St. Ignace Marina Monday evening, June 28, visiting the area to conduct underwater research, looking for signs of long-ago human habitation under the water.

Captain Luke Clyburn, president of the Noble Odyssey Foundation, works with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, training them in scientific diving. The Sea Cadets program was created by Congress with the purpose of developing a maritime interest in young people. Cadets can begin in the program as young as 11 and can continue with it until

they are 18 years old. Many cadets who go through the program go on to attend Maritime, Naval, and Coast Guard academies. Others continue to follow their interest on the water by pursuing careers aboard freighters or in sectors of the maritime industry.

"We've got the greatest canvas in the world," Captain Clyburn said. "We bring in kids from all over the United States. We're not just going out and playing Navy games, but getting involved in real research projects to keep the kids interested."

The cadets work with scientists and other professionals in conducting underwater data collection and geological and archeological exploration. Over the years, Captain Clyburn and the cadets have made a number of films on riverbeds and river channels in the Great Lakes as

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## Moran Township

### Public Gives Input On Marijuana Sales

By Kaley Fech

The Moran Township Planning Commission held a public hearing Wednesday, June 30, to gather information from the community on whether the township should allow recreational marijuana establishments.

Joni Moore, president of Ottawa Innovations and Higher Love, a U.P. based marijuana business, talked at the beginning of the public hearing. She had previously approached the township, as well as

the City of St. Ignace, to propose a business in this area. There are currently three Higher Love stores, in Marquette, Munising, and Crystal Falls, and another is scheduled to open in the Houghton area later this summer.

Many people who spoke during the public hearing had questions for Ms. Moore about a marijuana retail business. She explained that each person who comes into the business must present an identification to the check-in desk, as customers must be at least 21. Their identification is entered into the Marijuana Enforcement Tracking Regulatory Compliance system, which is a statewide monitoring system. Then, they are invited into another room where the marijuana products are kept.

Others were interested to know who could visit the store, such as people from out of state. The answer is yes, so long as they are 21, anyone is able to make purchases from the store, regardless of what state they are from. There are laws prohibiting the transfer of products over state lines, but if they are visiting Michigan, they can make pur-

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### Communities Celebrate 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Festive Parades, Colorful Fireworks Shows, Fun and Games Delight Crowds



CEDARVILLE: After Cedarville's Independence Day parade Saturday morning, July 3, children's games were played in the afternoon on the open lawn neighboring the Les Cheneaux Community Library. Gunnar Veth, who came from Minnesota to visit his grandparents for the holiday, takes a turn at a test of strength game, succeeding in ringing the bell. Earlier in the day Gunnar took part in the parade by skating down the route in an inflatable costume of a popular video game and cartoon character before he and his friends went swimming after the games.



ST. IGNACE: Sirens wail as children wave to trucks from the St. Ignace Fire Department during the Fourth of July parade Sunday afternoon. The department used a banner to promote its upcoming open house Saturday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new fire hall on Chambers Street.



CURTIS: A float from Race-Driven leads a pack of entries down the parade route in Curtis Sunday, July 4. Spectators lined the street, and a chicken barbecue, craft show, and concerts were all part of the holiday fun.

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# Sea Cadets Aboard *Pride of Michigan* Moor at St. Ignace for Research at Straits



Volunteer Brian Denison guides Sea Cadet Nolan Reynolds as he leaps into the water Tuesday, June 29.



Sea Cadet Nolan Reynolds sits in the engine room aboard the *Pride of Michigan* Monday evening, June 28, after arriving at the St. Ignace Marina earlier that day. The cadets are in charge of running the ship.

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a way to share their findings and knowledge with the public.

"There's a lot of history in the Great Lakes people don't know about," he said. "If you look at all of the Great Lakes, I really think that the Straits probably have more history here than any other part, and that's the reason we're here."

Captain Clyburn and the Sea Cadets first docked in St. Ignace in 1978 and have been back to the area many times since. They have done a variety of research underwater in the Straits area over the years. This time, they were looking at and documenting snags that have been identified under the water, looking for evidence of past culture.

Captain Clyburn has been looking at the copper industry from thousands of years ago, a topic he says no one fully understands yet. Thousands of tons of copper were taken off Isle Royale and the Keweenaw Peninsula, and he has been looking for anything that would have come from that era. It is something nobody's ever looked for, he said, and it's like looking for a needle in a haystack. He has also been working with the University of Wisconsin, which has been doing research on how people traveled, where they went, and where ancient ports would have been.

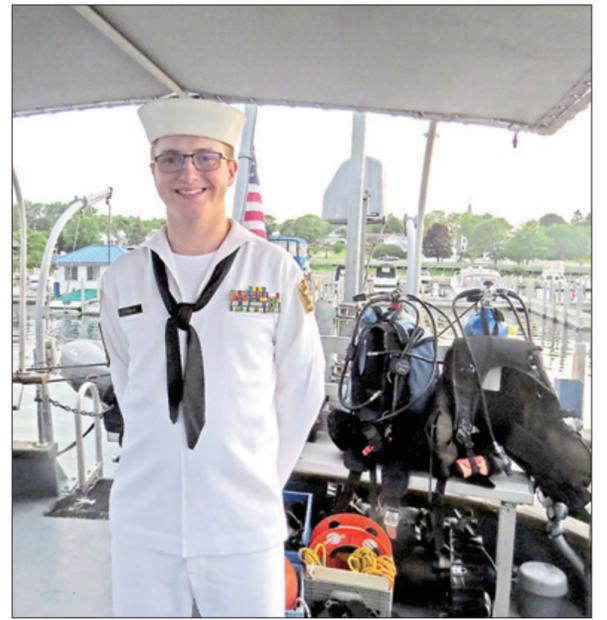
"There's just a lot of history here," he said. "That's really neat."

Aboard the *Pride of Michigan*, the cadets are in charge of running the ship. The experience is one that is meant to give them direction. Captain Clyburn described running a ship as similar to running a small city. Additionally, all of the cadets have to learn what to do in the event of an emergency. When they are out on the lake, they can't just call 9-1-1, so they all need to be prepared.

Mike Sabo, a former U.S. Naval Sea Cadet and a former U.S. Coast Guardsman stationed in St. Ignace, visited with Captain Clyburn after they reached the marina Monday



Captain Luke Clyburn stands at the helm of the *Pride of Michigan*. He is president of the Noble Odyssey Foundation, which involves U.S. Naval Sea Cadets in scientific research projects.



Lead Petty Officer Kyle Kahn is the senior sea cadet aboard the *Pride of Michigan*. He serves as the middleman between the captain and the rest of the sea cadets. He will attend the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City.

evening. As someone who went through the program, he knows firsthand what the cadets are experiencing. Once he finished, he had to decide what he wanted to do next, and his love for the water and his experience as a cadet led him to join the Coast Guard. After he got out of the Coast Guard, he continued working in the maritime industry, now working as the parts manager for Walstrom Marine.

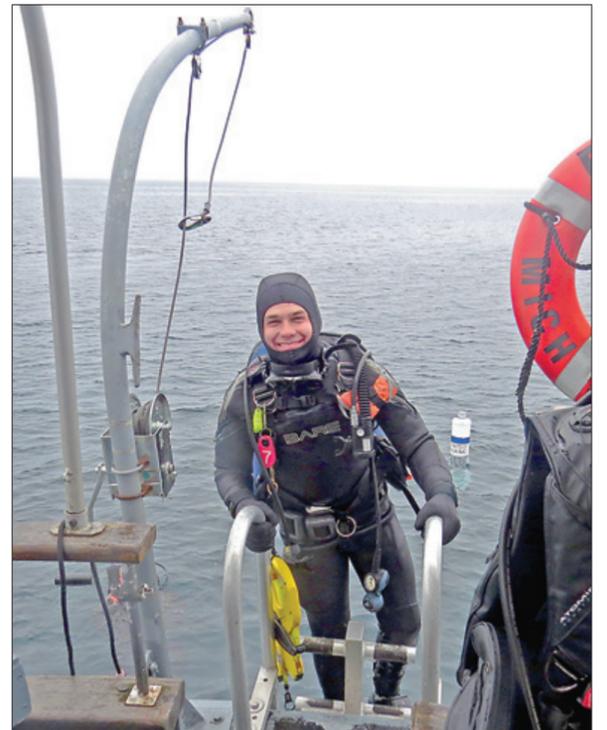
"It gives a lot of young people direction," he said. "It's a really good way for youth to learn something. It's kind of like a cross between going to college and joining a family."

The crew also included adult volunteers. Some of the volunteers are

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U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Carson Gibbons (from left), Matthew Eblen, and Jason Biolchini are suited up and waiting for their turn to scuba dive Tuesday, June 29.



Sea Cadet Nolan Reynolds smiles as he climbs up the steps after scuba diving on the wreck of the *Sandusky* in the Straits of Mackinac Tuesday, June 29.

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# Cedarville Celebrates Independence Day July 3 With Parade, Smiles



Cedarville's Independence Day parade Saturday, July 3, attracted spectators from across the Midwest. This large group from Massillon, Ohio including (from left) David and Jane Schultz, Jeff and Kathy Day, Vince and Betty Matechek, Trisha Merchant, and her friend Myron Smith all attended the parade showing their patriotic pride. The group all came up north to spend the holiday at the Days' 101-year-old local cabin. This was Mr. Smith's first year at the parade, while the others have been here many times.



The Lyons family from Coryell Island makes it a yearly tradition to attend Cedarville's Independence Day celebration. Marcus and Tarah Lyons are pictured with their daughter Amara, 4, and son Lorenzo, 2, before having some fun at the children's games that followed the Saturday, July 3, parade.



The star spangled banner waved Saturday, July 3, in Cedarville as Elizabeth "Margie" Denoyer (left) and Sue Drenth of the Les Cheneaux Beautification Committee passed out thousands of small American flags for free in advance of the community's Independence Day parade Saturday, July 3. It is a tradition, with the group giving out about 2,000 flags this year. The beautification committee is currently seeking volunteers to help weed and maintain public flowerbeds in the Les Cheneaux area, and those interested can call Paula Myers at (906) 484-2646 for more information on how they can help.



Bohn Marine of Cedarville won first prize in the judged competition for the best float at the Les Cheneaux Islands community's Saturday, July 3, Independence Day parade with entry. The patriotic red, white, and blue entry was built up upon a classic turquoise and white Lake 'N Sea fiberglass boat. The boat dates to the late 1950s and featuring styling similar to the cars of the period. The children riding aboard threw candy to those watching in the crowd.



Many local families came out together to watch the Cedarville Independence Day parade Saturday, July 3. Ice Cream Shoppe owner Jill McLeod (right) took up a position in front of her store with (from left) her daughter Morgan McLeod, sister Julie Smith, and father Dan Izzard. The family has been enjoying Cedarville's holiday celebrations for years and appreciated both the weather and the fireworks this year. The Ice Cream Shoppe building previously housed Mr. Izzard's barbershop before his retirement.



Val Wolters was one of the many local participants in this year's Cedarville Independence Day parade Saturday morning, July 3. She marched in the procession dressed as the Statue of Liberty. Here she passes the Les Cheneaux Community Library.

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## Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce Announces Fourth of July Parade Results

The Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce judges have announced the winners for the judged competition at this year's Cedarville Independence Day parade Saturday, July 3. The parade was well attended and featured a new route, coming down South Meridian Street and east through downtown on East Hodeck Street as part of a focus on downtown. The winners

are as follows:

- First Place:** Bohn Marine
- Second Place:** Islands Insurance Center
- Third Place:** Tim Reynolds Builders and the Kentucky Bourbon Tasters Up North Auxiliary
- Best Family Float:** The Eggert and Zadigan families of Hill Island celebrating their 75th year in the area

- Most Patriotic:** The joint float entered by Blue Water Salon and Les Cheneaux Dock N' Dredge
- Best Business Float:** Breezeswept Docks
- Most Creative:** Hakola Porta John Service, who threw rolls of toilet paper to the crowd instead of candy
- People's Choice Award:** Snows Bar and Grill

## Public Asked To Provide Input on Non-Emergency Medical Transportation Needs

Surveys show that non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) has been identified as one of the top needs in the Upper Peninsula. Finding rides to non-emergency health care or healthy food options can be a challenge, especially for those who are older, who live alone, or who have disabilities. It is especially hard

in the Upper Peninsula, which has a lower standard of living, limited areas with health care, and long distances to travel for specialized services.

To improve services, the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress is collaborating with the three Regional Planning Agencies

(Eastern, Central, and Western) to conduct a study and gap analysis. Local units of government, health care providers, and transit providers can use the study, which is currently being developed, to better target limited state and federal funds for supporting medical transportation. This study will also be used to generate ideas for building and growing a sustainable system.

To gather public input, a survey has been developed and will be conducted during July and August. There are multiple ways to participate. The NEMT survey is available online and can be completed in a matter of minutes. People can request a hard copy of the survey by calling (906) 635-1581, extension 5275, or emailing [staff@eup-planning.org](mailto:staff@eup-planning.org). The public can fill out a survey on the spot or pick up a hard copy to send back in the mail at the following Farmers Markets: Saturday, July 10, in DeTour Village; Sunday, July 11, in Hessel; Wednesday, July 14, in Sault Ste. Marie; Thursday, July 29, in Bay Mills; Saturday, July 31, in Engadine, and the St. Ignace Flea Market Saturday, July 17. Eastern Upper Peninsula Regional Planning staff will have a table of information set up at each venue.

The NEMT survey will be available from July 1 through August 31. Additionally, EUP Regional Planning and Development will host two virtual input sessions to gather public input Monday, July 26, and Tuesday, July 27, via Zoom or by telephone from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. For survey link, virtual meeting login information, or more information in general, visit [www.eup-planning.org](http://www.eup-planning.org) or email Ellen Benoit at [ellen@eup-planning.org](mailto:ellen@eup-planning.org).

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# U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Look for Signs of Early Human Settlements on Lake Floor



Sea Cadet Owen Tottingham watches from the stern as the *Pride of Michigan* makes its way back toward the St. Ignace Marina after a day of scuba diving west of the Mackinac Bridge Tuesday, June 29.



U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, aboard the *Pride of Michigan*, returned to the Straits area to conduct underwater research, docking at the St. Ignace Marina. The cadets, Austin Tottingham (from left), Carson Gibbons, William Schaefer, Jason Biolchini, Owen Tottingham, Kyle Kahn, Bryce Kowalski, and Matthew Eblen, are in charge of operating the ship.

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parents of current or past cadets and some are people who are committed to the work the Noble Odyssey Foundation does.

"They've given up their jobs for the week and made sacrifices to be here because they enjoy it and they enjoy working with the cadets," Captain Clyburn said. "This program wouldn't exist if it weren't for good people helping out."

Some cadets start with the program as young as 11 years old. Kyle Kahn, the senior cadet on the *Pride of Michigan*, was one of

them. He's been with the program for seven years, working his way up. He said he has always had an interest in the lakes and being on the water, and he first heard about the program from his aunt and uncle. Through the program, he said he has learned how to be a leader, figuring out what works, and it has helped him grow. He is headed to the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City.

"The program has been a huge help for me," he said. "It's given me a direction for a career. It's opened up new opportunities for me. Before I joined the program, I

really didn't know where I wanted to go or what I wanted to do."

On the Great Lakes, there is always more research to be done.

"It's the wanting to know more, what's under the water," Mr. Sabo said. "We know more about outer space than we do about what's on the bottom of our Great Lakes."

## Ecology and Animals Highlight Frog Fest

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features will be available alongside the event, including a playground and a nature trail. Some of the day's games and demonstrations will take place on its ball fields. Its pavilion will be available for picnics. Snacks will also be offered in exchange for donations.

All of the exhibits on display at Frog Fest are refreshed or changed each year, with Mrs. Wolters pointing out that a lot of hard work goes into the new ones. She added this year's festival marks the reactivation of many local organizations after many activities were paused last year.

The most popular exhibit with people of all ages at Frog Fest each year is the one featuring frogs plus several other small local amphibians and reptiles. Mike and Kim Gay catch the live animals and then release them right after the festival back into the wild at the exact location of their capture. Mrs. Wolters noted that frogs are vitally important to the area since they are an indicator of the wellness of the waters, so hearing frogs is a good sign it is healthy and the reason why they are the focus of the event.

This year's exhibits will cover a wide variety of topics. Lake Superior State University's exhibits are always popular, featuring advanced equipment and hands-on activities, and this year its Center for Freshwater Research and Education will again be present to show off live specimens and a hydroponic table.

Watershed council volunteer Scott Myers will give a presentation on bats and his local research regarding them, including their role controlling area insect populations. Another exhibit from Three Shores Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area and Michigan Sea Grant will focus on battling invasive water plant species in the area. The Les Cheneaux Community Schools, MiSTEM network, and the Eastern Upper Peninsula Intermediate School District will give visitors a live look at their water quality experiments.

The Little Traverse Conservancy and the U.S. Forest Service will have presentations highlighting area trails, nature preserves, and recreational activities. Clark Township will also highlight its upcoming projects, including a potential artesian well at the Cedarville Harbor House. The Hessel School House will also be represented to discuss its programs.

Games will be a wide variety of games for children. The festival's younger visitors can each get a card with room for 12 stickers. Each child will get a sticker for each game they play. Those who fill their cards can turn them in to claim a free ice cream at one of several participating Cedarville or Hessel parlors. The watershed council and the Friends of the Les

Cheneaux Community Library will both offer craft projects.

Those who would like to volunteer to assist at Frog Fest can do so by emailing Mrs. Wolters at Frogfest4eup@gmail.com. She said they are taking any help they can get, even if it is just for an hour or two. Student volunteers are welcome.

The watershed council will sell shirts, hats, and visors as a fundraiser for its projects. All of the

items feature Frog Fest's logo, designed by Mrs. Wolters' daughter Amy Wolters, featuring a frog with a map of the Les Cheneaux Islands on its back.

The watershed council's annual general membership meeting will take place Thursday, July 8, at 6 p.m. inside the Les Cheneaux Community Center in Cedarville. The free event is open to the public and refreshments will be served.

## No New Covid-19 Cases Seen In Mackinac County This Week

As of Friday, July 2, Mackinac County has reported 458 confirmed cases of Covid-19, 256 probable cases, and three deaths. Numbers were the same last week. Chippewa County has had 1,097 confirmed cases, 1,418 probable cases, and 28 deaths. Luce County has had 226 confirmed cases, 255 probable cases, and four deaths. Alger County has had 323 confirmed cases, 196 probable cases, and three deaths. Schoolcraft County has had 354 confirmed cases, 84 probable cases, and four deaths. Emmet County has had 1,918 confirmed cases, 461 probable cases, and 42 deaths. Cheboygan County has had 1,588 confirmed cases, 343 probable cases, and 45 deaths. Chippewa and Cheboygan counties have reported new cases since last week.

### Test Results

Between June 28 and July 1, 84 Covid-19 tests were conducted in Mackinac County. Of those, none were positive. During the same time period, 920 tests were conducted in Chippewa County. Of those, three were positive.

### State of Michigan

The state announced 101 new Covid-19 cases and zero new deaths Friday afternoon, July 2, bringing the number of total posi-

tive cases in the state to 894,957 and 19,754 deaths.

Up to date information about the coronavirus in Michigan is available on the state's website for Covid-19, Michigan.gov/coronavirus. The website is updated Tuesday and Friday.

### Covid-19 Vaccines

Vaccines are free and are currently available in Luce, Mackinac, Alger, and Schoolcraft counties for any residents who are age 12 or older.

Visit <https://www.lmasdh.org> to sign up for a vaccine at an LMAS office. For those unable to sign up online, there are telephone options. LMAS Schoolcraft office can be reached at (906) 341-6951, the Mackinac County office can be reached at (906) 643-1100, Luce County residents can call (906) 293-5107, and the Alger County office can be reached at (906) 387-2297.

Several other area entities are also vaccinating people 12 and older. To reach Mackinac Straits Health System call (906) 328-2195. Hometown Pharmacy in Newberry can be reached at (906) 293-9900. The number for Munising Memorial Hospital is (906) 387-4111. Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital can be reached at (906) 341-3775.



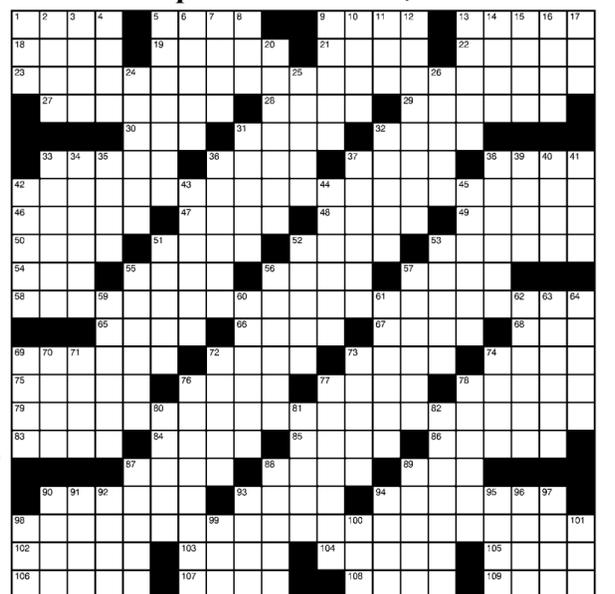
Sea Cadet Austin Tottingham and volunteer Brian Denison work at the stern of the ship as it gets ready to head back to the marina.

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# Joe Larson Earns Outstanding Deputy Award for Keeping Intoxicated Drivers Off the Roads

**By Jack Whitten**  
Mackinac County Sheriff's Office Deputy Joe Larson earned the distinction of being named an Outstanding Deputy by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Friday, June 25. Deputy Larson handled half of the 20 Operating Under the Influence of Liquor (OUIL) and Operating Under the Influence of Drugs (OUID) arrests made by the sheriff's office in 2020.

Deputy Larson first became interested in law enforcement when he worked a security job for DTE. In that capacity, he helped police solve assault and stolen property crimes.

"You can either help society or you can sit back and do nothing," he said, and he knew he wanted to do the former.

His seven-year career in law enforcement began on Mackinac Island.

He's spent six years at the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office. He received internal awards for his work on an armed robbery in 2015, when he helped recover stolen narcotics, and on an 18-hour standoff in a St. Ignace parking lot in 2019, which ended peacefully.

Deputy Larson said he appreciates the strong relationship between the local community and the Sheriff's Office. People aren't

afraid to call the office to report a potentially intoxicated or distracted driver, for example, which helps deputies do their jobs and keep the community safe.

Whether he's responding to a complaint about a potentially intoxicated driver or investigating a suspicious driver while on patrol, Deputy Larson takes an "aggressive" approach to DUI enforcement, Sheriff Ed Wilk said. The issue has personal significance to Deputy Larson, because a drunk driver killed his great-uncle. And Deputy Larson is committed to stopping intoxicated drivers before they can hurt people in the community.

"All you have to do is talk to somebody who has lost somebody from a drunk driver to light the fire under you," he said.

One of his memorable OUID arrests of 2020 came while he was patrolling a two-lane secondary road. An oncoming car drove into his lane and nearly crashed into his car head-on. Deputy Larson avoided the collision, pursued the vehicle, and stopped it. The driver was under the influence of methamphetamine, amphetamine, and other intoxicants.

By assignment, Deputy Larson spends about half his time patrolling secondary roads, he said. That might put him in a better po-

sition to respond to more DUI cases than a deputy assigned elsewhere. But he and the other deputies in Mackinac County cannot specialize to the extent that deputies at larger offices can, Sheriff Wilk said, which makes his large number of DUI arrests particularly impressive.

"We're a small agency, but even the small ones can be effective," Sheriff Wilk said. "These are 10 intoxicated drivers who were taken off the road."

Even so, Deputy Larson said he was surprised when he heard he had won the award.

Sheriff Wilk said the award reflects positively on the entire office.

Deputy Larson has earned other recognition. He was accepted to the Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) program after a competitive admissions process, and will be a member of the program's next class. The curriculum will teach Deputy Larson methods to identify and evaluate drugged drivers, among other things. The program includes classroom and hands-on instruction in Michigan and Florida, and will result in a DRE certificate.

Deputy Larson hopes to become the Office's DRE. The number of OUID cases is rising, he said, and without advanced training, it's dif-

ficult for officers to recognize what drugs are in a person's system.

"We don't have a DRE in this county," he said, "and I would like to be there for the other officers to help them. Sometimes you can't tell if somebody is under the influence, and this training really helps with that, especially in very serious cases where somebody's life was taken. I think I can be a helper in that area."

Part of his duties as secondary road patrol officer will include holding classes, Sheriff Wilk said. Topics can include intoxicated drivers. Deputy Larson will begin holding these classes once he gets trained to teach them. His training was delayed by the pandemic.

Deputy Larson said he opposes Public Act 393, which requires people arrested for certain misdemeanors, including drunk driving, to be released at the conclusion of the investigation. Under this act, drunk drivers might even be released when they're still drunk.

"I think they should be in custody until they're sober, so they don't get into another car and do the same thing again," he said.



Deputy Joe Larson (left) and Sheriff Ed Wilk at the Mothers Against Drunk Driving awards ceremony Friday, June 25. (Photograph courtesy of Mackinac County Sheriff's Office)

## FNB Women in Banking Hold Donation Drive

**By Kaley Fech**  
The Women in Banking Committee at First National Bank of St. Ignace is collecting beauty products and personal hygiene items for local women and girls in need.

"We figured there is a need for women in the area, especially after the pandemic," said committee member Kharizma Labinski. "Last year we did a diaper drive for the health department, and that was wildly successful. They don't need any more diapers yet, so we decided we should do something else."

The committee is collecting health and beauty care products and hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, lotion, and face moisturizer. Donations can be dropped off at any First National

Bank of St. Ignace branch. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Monetary donations are helpful because they can be used to purchase items not collected through the drive.

The committee has not yet decided where they will send the donations but are considering local women's resource centers, food and emergency pantries, and the health department. They are open to suggestions of good resource centers or facilities that might be in need of these items.

"We want to make sure it gets into the right hands," Ms. Labinski said. "We would really like it to go to people who are truly in need."

The committee also would like to donate some of the items collected to area middle and high

schools.

"If there is a girl who comes in who may need help with something, they will have those resources available," she said. "That way, they can feel confident every day."

The Women in Banking Committee at First National Bank of St. Ignace celebrates women in the industry, as it is one typically dominated by men. Philanthropy is something that is important to them, which is why they come up with different ways to help local women and girls each year.

"We feel like our needs are met, so why not come together to help other people who may just need a little help," Ms. Labinski said. "We all need help sometimes."

The drive will continue through August.

## National Forest Rescinds Order Restricting Fire Use

The Hiawatha National Forest has rescinded the order that restricted building and using a fire or campfire except those in Forest Service provided and maintained fire rings and prohibited the use of charcoal grills Wednesday, June 30.

These fire restrictions are being

lifted due to recent rain events and higher humidity.

Visitors should continue to be diligent about campfire safety.

Keep fires small and avoid using flammable liquids like gasoline to start fires. When finished with the fire, cool the coals. Al-

lowing the fire to burn down to white ash and stirring the coals can release trapped heat that will keep the campfire hot. Drown, stir, feel, and repeat the process until the fire is dead out and cold to the touch. Popping, crackling, and hissing indicate the fire is still hot, so continue to add water and stir until the coals are cold to the touch. Remember to fully extinguish a campfire before going to bed or leaving the site. Unattended campfires risk wildfires. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

## Baar Is New St. Ignace Executive Secretary

St. Ignace city government has a new executive secretary, as Stephanie Baar has recently filled the role. She replaces Helen Thibault, who retired.

Ms. Baar was graduated from the University of Michigan with a major in political science and minor in economics. She is interested in city government and the mechanics that make cities run.

She is from a small town, Greenville, and was drawn to the Upper Peninsula in part because of its natural features.

"I have been wanting to move to the U.P. because I just think it's the most beautiful place on earth," Ms. Baar said.

Ms. Baar will also serve as deputy treasurer.



New St. Ignace Executive Secretary Stephanie Baar at City Hall with City Manager Darcy Long.

## Evergreen Living Drive-through Parade Is July 21

Evergreen Living Center will host a drive-through parade Wednesday, July 21, at 6 p.m. to cheer residents of the facility.

"People are welcome to decorate their cars, walk their dogs, ride their bikes, anything that

might make our residents smile," said Lani Fettig, recreational therapist at Evergreen Living Center. "It has been a long year and a half, and we wanted to give the residents something to brighten their day."

Those participating in the parade will line up on the hill heading up to the living center at 6 p.m. before driving through the Evergreen parking lot. Residents will be sitting outside to view the parade.

## St. Ignace Library To Host Programs Saturday, Tuesday

The St. Ignace Public Library will host an outdoor concert this Saturday, July 10, at 2 p.m. Musician, singer, and songwriter Tony Graham will play on the patio, celebrating the release of his new album, "UnEarth Your Imagination," featuring new and classic tunes.

The library will also host a live drawing demonstration with Marvel comic illustrator Jerry De

Caire Tuesday, July 13, at 3 p.m. Men, Wolverine, Conan, Punisher, Marvel characters illustrated by Mr. De Caire include Thor, X-

Phantom.

### Erickson Center for the Arts

## Yoga Classes To Be Held in Curtis

Erickson Center for the Arts will host yoga classes taught by Jeni Vincent Wednesday, July 7, Monday, July 12, and Wednesday, July 14, from 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Each class costs \$10. The classes will be held in the Erickson Center Park, or

indoors in the case of inclement weather. Meet in the Upper Level Lobby of the ECA building by 8:45 a.m. to sign in.

People of all ages and skill levels are welcome to participate.

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# Charlie and Marilyn Vallier Inducted Into Snowmobile Hall of Fame

By Erich T. Doerr

The International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River, Wisconsin will soon have some local representation as Charlie and Marilyn Vallier of Engadine will be inducted in September to honor their contributions to the field. The pair is being honored as snowmobiling "Explorers and Adventurers" for their efforts to promote snowmobiling, including honoring its history at Naubinway's Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum.

"It's kind of different to be honored for your hobby that you enjoy doing," Mr. Vallier told *The St. Ignace News*. "It's nice to be recognized for all the hard work."

The snowmobile museum first opened in 2007 and has been a popular Eastern Upper Peninsula attraction ever since. Mr. Vallier pointed out that while he and Mrs. Vallier helped organize the effort to get the museum opened, it took many people to bring the project to fruition. He finds their hall of fame recognition to be a credit to all of the museum's board members for its success. The annual Top of the Lake Snowmobile Show and Ride has also been a winter staple of the community for 29 consecutive years.

The hall of fame recognizes all aspects of the snowmobiling world. The Valliers are being recognized both for their work in Naubinway and their work at other snowmobile shows. The pair is very committed to the snowmobile museum and promotes it regularly.

The Valliers were first informed of their induction one month ago with the hall of fame announcing it formally Friday, June 25. There are eight inductees in the Class of 2021. The ceremony will be Saturday, September 18, which is the same day as the museum's traditional swap meet. The museum board members will organize and run the meet this year so the Valliers can attend the ceremony.

The Valliers never thought their snowmobiling efforts would get them into the hall of fame. Mr. Vallier said they did all of this in pursuit of their interest, on their own. He

knew about the Hall of Fame from its efforts honoring snowmobile racers but was unaware its scope had expanded to include snowmobiling culture.

Mr. Vallier's love of snowmobiling began in his youth when his father, Lawrence Vallier, bought a used Hus-Ski 444 snowmobile for him and his seven siblings to share. The machine got plenty of use in the years that followed. Today Mr. Vallier says Hus-Skis are still his favorite brand of sled, and he even still has the surviving parts from that first sled, and that enthusiasm remains strong in the Vallier family as a whole. Mr. Vallier recently took a Hus-Ski to his daughter and her three children who live on Cape Cod for them to enjoy. He regularly displays Hus-Ski sleds at snowmobile shows and takes people along on rides with them.

In the 1970s the Vallier family moved in the snowmobile business when they took over a Viking snowmobile dealership in 1971. Lawrence Vallier Viking Sales and Service operated in Engadine out of the family's garage with customers having a lot of choice in their sleds, as Viking was one of the first brands to offer color options. Its sleds came in several metal flake hues. After Viking folded in 1976 the dealer carried on by switching to Scorpion sleds. The dealer closed down for good in 1982 after Scorpion also went out of business and Lawrence Vallier retired to make regular trips to Florida.

After high school Mr. Vallier served in the United States Army, meeting Mrs. Vallier while in the service. She was introduced to the sport of snowmobiling through him and quickly took to the hobby; they even posed with a Viking sled from the family dealership for some of their wedding pictures. The pair rode together for years and Mrs. Vallier still enjoys her involvement in the hobby today, but no longer rides.

After Mr. Vallier left the Army he started collecting sleds as a hobby, comparing it to the other outdoor recreation activities popular locally. He enjoyed buying sleds, fixing them up, and then usually selling



Marilyn and Charlie Vallier of Engadine will be inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River, Wisconsin Saturday, September 18, in recognition of their many contributions to the hobby throughout the years including the helping start Naubinway's annual snowmobile show and working with others to get the Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum open. Mr. Vallier has been involved in snowmobiling since childhood while Mrs. Vallier got into it after they met. Today the pair still helps to operate the museum, raises funds for it, and displays some of the more than 200 snowmobiles in Mr. Vallier's collection inside it. (Photograph provided by Sarah Anderson)

them to other people. He purchased and kept oddball snowmobiles when he found them, and some are now displayed in the museum. His personal collection today includes more than 200 snowmobiles.

"I just liked tinkering with them," Mr. Vallier said. "It was something to do in the winter time."

Mr. Vallier joined the Antique Snowmobile Club of America in the 1980s and later became its Upper Michigan director. In the 1980s the Valliers often planned their summer vacations around the location of the club's seasonal meeting.

The Vallier family is far from the only one with a passion for snowmobiling in the Eastern Upper Peninsula and efforts to show off the sport grew with time. In 1992 the Valliers, Tom King, and a team of like-minded individuals worked together

to organize Naubinway's first classic snowmobile show. The show was one of the first of its kind in the area and proved to be a fast hit. Mr. King passed away in March this year.

The success of the show and ride made it one of Naubinway's most popular events and led to discussions of a year around snowmobile museum in town. Mr. Vallier said starting a museum was always a dream of his and in 2007 the group brought it to fruition. The Top of the Lake Snowmobile Museum opened on July 4, 2007 in a rented building on Central Street that was previously a laundromat.

The museum quickly outgrew its first home leading it to move into a purpose-built new structure on US-2 in October 2013. Today it is regarded as one of North America's best snowmobile museums, display-



ing sleds, clothing, signage, and various pieces of snowmobile memorabilia. The Valliers support the museum by selling off a variety of snowmobile related items, including children's wooden rockers shaped like classic sleds.

The Valliers have also organized several events to promote local snowmobiling including "The Ride Your Sled to School Day" where about 30 students ride their snowmobiles to and from school. A trail ride, led by Mr. Vallier, caps off the day.

Today the Valliers dedicate much of their time to working at the museum. The building houses 185 sleds with the collection regularly rotating models on display. The most recent rare additions including a Diplomat, one of only 25 ever made, and a Gorski, a racing sled from the East Coast. The museum also recently put a racing Yamaha on display along with a classic Chaparral that has been used in vintage snowmobile racing. Mr. Vallier plans to continue

collecting and riding snowmobiles.

The Valliers are being inducted alongside some familiar faces including Jim Langley and the late Clark Dahlin, who are also going in as "Explorers and Adventurers" in recognition of their transcontinental ride from British Columbia to Maine in 1966 on a pair of Polaris sleds. Mr. Langley and Mr. Dahlin rode their sleds across the Mackinac Bridge on the way, becoming the first to cross it on snowmobiles, and Mr. Langley recreated his feat in December 2017 to lead the Snowmobile the Mighty Mac Parade on the exact same Polaris Colt he rode 51 years earlier. The other inductees this year are journalists Henry and Peggy Hartman of Pennsylvania and snowmobile club promoters Dave and Joann Smith of Wisconsin.

The Valliers join Don and Diane Reed of Curtis in the Hall of Fame. The Reeds were inducted in 2019 to recognize their efforts promoting snowmobiling in the Seney area.

## New Permitting System Could Help Control Les Cheneaux Cormorant Population

By Lucas Day

Optimism surrounding effective cormorant management in the Les Cheneaux Islands has fluctuated as much as the birds' population in the region in recent years. Now, fishery managers are looking forward to new control methods, and cormorant populations could be under control in the near future.

In the early 2000s, cormorant population booms in Les Cheneaux all but destroyed the area's perch fishery.

"We estimate that in the year 2000, for example, that the sport fishery harvested just 693 yellow perch for the whole season," said Dave Fielder, a fisheries research biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "Not very long before that, the fishery would get that much in just an afternoon during the summer or maybe even the winter."

Conservationists responded accordingly, and in 2004 cormorant management began in the Les Cheneaux Islands and cormorant nests fell from a high of 5,500 nests in 2003, to fewer than 500 in 2012. Over the next three years, nests on the island never fell below 500, but also never eclipsed 1,000. Mr. Fielder said there was interest to seeing if nest levels would still pop up to 700 or 800 following a year where they were managed to around 250.

But before this theory could be tested, a 2016 lawsuit blocked management, and even with limited management implemented in 2018, there were more than 1,400 nests on the islands every year from 2017 through 2020. As a result, a perch fishery that had somewhat re-

bounded declined once again. In 2020, area fishermen harvested about 40,000 yellow perch, compared to around 2 million taken by cormorants.

Despite the new hurdles, managers are optimistic looking forward thanks to a new approach to cormorant control, the consumptive index approach.

"I think we're in a much better spot than we were, say, a year ago," Mr. Fielder said.

Consumptive index approach is a strategy where managers apply for permits to remove cormorants based on the number of cormorants that can co-exist with a healthy fishery.

Randy Claramunt, Lake Huron Basin coordinator for the DNR, explains consumptive index approach with the example of a 200-acre lake. Hypothetically, he said that consumptive index approach may show that the lake can maintain a healthy fishery and feed a nest of two cormorants, but any more than that would decimate the fishery. That means if there were six nests con-

taining 12 cormorants, 10 would need to be removed to maintain the balance.

We want to "allow [cormorants] to have a fair share, but not too much," Mr. Claramunt said.

"Our goal has never been to completely eliminate cormorants from the Les Cheneaux Islands, or anywhere, for that matter," Mr. Fielder said, "but to have them exist at a population level that doesn't mean that we can't have fisheries. I think that's a pretty basic, reasonable, expectation, that we're not going to have one wildlife population so great that there's no fish for people."

In 2019, about 3,000 permits were issued to remove cormorants in Michigan. That number doubled in 2020 to around 6,000 in the first-year consumptive index approach was used. In 2021, around 10,000 permits were issued for cormorants. Not only does the new system help fisheries while keeping a balance of cormorants, it proves the need for management, which gets managers around the 2016 lawsuit.

"The lawsuit really no longer applies to this new permit system," Mr. Claramunt said.

In addition to culling birds, which is done with firearms, managers oil nests to keep colony sizes in check. Eggs in oiled nests will not develop.

"Using food-grade corn oil on cormorant eggs or any bird eggs renders them non-viable but still intact, so the adult does not lay more eggs or re-nest somewhere else, producing chicks," explains Tony Aderman, a district supervisor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Aderman said that nests are counted using planes, and people on the ground at sites. It can be especially difficult to count nests that are located high off the ground in trees.

Despite the strides in cormorant management, there will be detractors on both sides of the issue. On one hand, many fishermen would like to see all cormorants removed. Mr. Claramunt disagrees, saying that

there is a place for cormorants in the ecosystem, and that it is up to managers to keep populations in check.

"You can't just say we're going to leave them alone or we're going to kill them all. You have got to do something that's more responsible," he said.

People against cormorant management raise a few questions. One is if cormorants really have a large impact on fisheries or if there are other factors at play. This question has been answered, as common scapegoats like zebra mussels and round gobies would hurt fish reproduction, but this is not the issue in Les Cheneaux.

"We have lots of yellow perch reproduction. We have young perch coming into the system, the problem is they don't survive very long, they disappear before they can really join the fishery," Mr. Fielder said.

"All those environmental changes, those are real things that

do affect fish populations, but they are almost always affecting reproduction and recruitment, and we can see that's not the problem," he continued. "We have a mortality problem where fish aren't living long enough."

Others question if nature should simply be allowed to run its course, however, Mr. Fielder points out that cormorants likely benefit from man-made changes. The cormorant population is believed to be higher than ever before.

Managers are optimistic, as the fishery in Les Cheneaux could see improvement within the next few years.

"I'm excited for it to come to re-actualization," Mr. Claramunt said. "That doesn't mean that [cormorants are] the only challenge that we have to managing a healthy fishery population for the Les Cheneaux Islands, but as everyone knows, it's a critical piece."

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# Les Cheneaux Library Plans Busy Summer With Events for All Ages

By Jack Whitten

Les Cheneaux Community Library's schedule of free summer events and programs includes a series of six outdoor concerts and many fun and educational experiences for children. The concert series began July 1 and most events take place in July and August.

The Preschool Pop In happens every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m., and provides social and educational activities for preschool-aged children and their parents and caregivers. At Story and Craft Time, held every Saturday at 10:30 a.m., parents and their children enjoy books and art projects.

The library's summer reading program has an animal theme this summer, and is named "Tails and Tales." It encourages children to read throughout the summer.

Twenty-two children have already completed the first stage of the program, a scavenger hunt through the library. At the end of the scavenger hunt, the child receives a stuffed animal that becomes his or her "reading buddy" for the summer, library manager Jane French said. Each participant promises to read to his or her reading buddy every day by signing a certificate.

Throughout the summer, reading program participants can return to the library to borrow new reading material and participate in other reading program activities. The library just purchased some children's and young adult books. Ms. French said, including graphic novel versions of "The Babysitter's Club" and the "How to Catch" series.

Participation in the reading program is about three times higher than most years, she said, and youngsters can still join. "Because of how slow things have been the last year, I think kids and parents want to get out and do things," Ms. French said.

Local musician Marty Feldhake began the Music on the Porch concert series July 1 at 6:30 p.m.

At all concerts, the artists will perform from the library porch, and the audience will listen from the lawn in front of the library. Listeners are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. The performances include sing-alongs and "toe-tapping music," Ms. French said.

Troy Graham will perform Thursday, July 8, at 6:30 p.m. The Raisin Pickers will perform Sunday, July 25, at 3 p.m. The B-Side Growlers will perform their first Music on the Porch concert July 29 at 6:30. The acoustic trio plays blues, jazz, and country. Mark Palms and Friends will play Thursday, August 12, at 6:30 p.m. The Blue Water Ramblers will perform Thursday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.

The concerts will be held inside the library during bad weather.

Maker Space Mornings take place every Thursday from 10:30 to noon. The last session will be August 12. Participants can enjoy the library's two 3D printers, tablets, virtual reality headset, Ozobot, and other hi-tech items, as well as art materials.

The Friends of Les Cheneaux Community Library Book Sale will take place Tuesday, July 6, through Thursday, July 8. Admission is free for everyone July 7 and 8. The book sale is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 7 and 8.

Thursday, July 15, at 3 p.m., Dynamic School Assemblies will present Animal Tales, an event featuring live animals and stories about animals. Like previous summers, the event's theme is related to the reading program's theme.

Friday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m., Michigan Science Center will present Make and Take: Slime Station. Kids will learn about the states of matter through play with slime.

"They always have amazing science programs that interact with kids," Ms. French said. "We're always hoping that it will snag a young scientist."

Saturday, August 7, at 1 p.m. author P.E. VanderMey will visit the library to sign copies of her new young-adult book, "Postcards from the Bible." The book contains 20 Bible stories and information about them.

Friday, August 13, at 10 a.m., registration for the Les Cheneaux Car Show on the Bay will be held on the library porch.

Everyone inside the library, even those vaccinated against the novel coronavirus, must wear a mask and distance themselves from others. The library is maintaining these strict public-health policies because children can't receive the coronavirus vaccination yet, leaving them at risk, Ms. French said.

Masks will be required in the building until Saturday, July 31, although that date is subject to change. She thinks the library's programs and events will be well attended this summer.

"People want to come and do things," Ms. French said.

## Marijuana Shop Proposal Gets Consideration in Moran Twp.

Marijuana: from page 1

chases while they are here.

People were also curious as to where the products sold in the store would come from. Ms. Moore said they have a grow facility in the U.P. and about 50% of their product is produced themselves and the rest comes from licensed manufacturers throughout the state.

Some community members were in favor of having a retail establishment in Moran Township. They said legalizing marijuana is something Michigan voters approved in 2018, and it's something that's already here and already being used. There are stores in Sault Ste. Marie, Traverse City, Cheboygan, and Mackinaw City, and they said if Moran Township doesn't allow it, somewhere else close by will, and Moran Township will lose out on the revenue.

If Moran Township were to allow marijuana retail establishments, it would be able to create fees for licensing. Additionally, taxes would come to the township. Last year, each community with a retail store received \$28,000 from taxes. This year, Ms. Moore said they expect it to be even higher as more and more businesses pop up.

A Higher Love store would also create between 10 and 15 jobs, Ms. Moore said. They would hire local people to work in the store and would have the business's managers come into the area to train everyone. She anticipates the store would be a busy one, as it would be

located along US-2, a major highway with a great deal of tourist traffic.

Some residents were opposed to allowing marijuana retail stores in Moran Township. Some did not like the proposed location for the Higher Love store on US-2 near the Burger King restaurant, an area where the speed limit increases to 65 miles per hour, and they felt it could be dangerous to add the store there, especially if it is a busy store with a lot of traffic.

Resident Chuck Cullip said he and his wife believe a marijuana establishment is not a good fit for the township. Some suggested maybe the City of St. Ignace would be a better fit. Some also said the township doesn't necessarily need the added revenue.

Julie Hill, who owns property in Moran Township, said it is important to remember the big picture and that it would be about more than just the one business proposal, as an ordinance would cover all of Moran Township.

The public hearing was an opportunity for the planning commission to gather public sentiment on the topic. They did not make any decisions on the topic following the meeting. They will take all of the comments made at the hearing and discuss them at the next planning commission meeting Wednesday, July 28, at 6 p.m. The planning commission will then make a recommendation to the township board.

## Pocketknife Unearthed at Colonial Michilimackinac

A pocketknife was discovered at the archaeology dig site at Colonial Michilimackinac Sunday, July 4.

"We had a fun find July 4, a pocketknife, also known as a clasp knife," said Dr. Lynn Evans, curator of archaeology for Mackinac State Historic Parks. "It was found near a post in the central root cellar...I don't know yet if it is French or British, or exactly how old it is."

The current excavation site is House E of the Southeast Rowhouse at Colonial Michilimackinac. Numerous exciting finds have been made at the site in recent years, including a Compagnie des Indes lead seal dating between 1717 and 1769, a brass sleeve button with an intaglio bust on it, a potential structural post dating to the original 1715 fort, an engraved "Jesuit" trade ring, a brass serpentine sideplate for a British trade



Remains of a pocketknife were discovered recently at the archaeology dig site at Colonial Michilimackinac in House E of the Southeast Rowhouse at Colonial Michilimackinac. (Mackinac State Historic Parks photograph)

gun, complete remnants from a creamware plate, and many other items.

The archaeological dig at Michilimackinac began in 1959, making it one of the longest-run

ning archaeology programs in North America.

House E was first occupied by Charles Henri Desjardins de Ruppallay de Gonneville, and later by an as-yet-unidentified English

trader.

Archaeologists are working on site every day at Colonial Michilimackinac, weather permitting, through the summer.

## St. Ignace Fire Department To Hold Open House July 10

St. Ignace Fire Department will welcome the public to its new Fire Hall on Chambers Street in an open house Saturday, July 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At the open house, Fire Chief Gary Sorenson will retire and be replaced by firefighter Nick Montie.

The retirement and promotion ceremony will take place at 11:30 a.m., Deputy Chief Steven Paquin said.

Chief Sorenson served the St. Ignace Fire Department for 46.5 years, including seven as chief. Firefighters will show visitors around the new hall and the fire engines.

Hot dogs, chips, and ice cream will be served.

The Fire Department began using the new facility February 13. The Fire Department waited to hold the open house until it was safe to, in terms of pandemic measures, to invite large groups of people inside, Chief Sorenson said.

The new hall is about four times larger than the old one and has a

much bigger parking lot. It has plenty of storage space for supplies and trucks. It's a drive-through hall, meaning the trucks don't have to back in to enter. The hall includes a large meeting room, a large workshop, and bathrooms.

Some landscaping work at the hall remains.

Other recipients of the association's highest achievement award were James "Chip" Falahee, senior vice president, legal and legislative affairs, Bronson Healthcare, Kalamazoo, and the late Bill Jackson, former senior vice president and chief financial officer at the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Health Foundation Board of Directors and a member of the Legislative Policy Panel, Small or Rural Hospital Council, Health Information Technology Strategy Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and other advisory groups.

## War Memorial Hospital President Earns Meritorious Service Award

David Jahn, president and CEO of War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, is one of three health care administrators selected to receive the Michigan Health and Hospital Association's 2021 Meritorious Service Award.

Mr. Jahn began his health care career four decades ago, serving as president and CEO of Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital and as vice president of marketing for FinCor, a medical liability insurance company. He became president and CEO of War Memorial Hospital in 2005.

He was first elected to the Michigan Health and Hospital Association Board of Trustees in 1987 and served several terms over the years. Mr. Jahn was a member of the Executive Committee from 2000 through 2003 and chaired the board in 2001-2002. He has also been a three-term member of the association's

Health Foundation Board of Directors and a member of the Legislative Policy Panel, Small or Rural Hospital Council, Health Information Technology Strategy Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, and other advisory groups.

Mr. Jahn has been vice chair of the Michigan Center for Rural Health, president of the Upper Peninsula Hospital Council, and a member of the Upper Peninsula Health Care Network Board of Directors. He has been an integral part of his local community, having served as chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Rotary Club and

as a board member of the Sault Ste. Marie Chamber of Commerce and the United Way of the Eastern Upper Peninsula. He has also served as a board member for Central Savings Bank and for the Lake Superior State University Foundation.

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Isabelle Walsh (left) and Mila Smith and their float "Strawberry Moon," which took first place in the float category in the Naubinway Kiddie Parade celebrating Independence Day.



More than 70 youngsters, along with their family members, took part in the Naubinway Kiddie Parade Saturday, July 3.



One of the smallest participants among the 70 entries in the Naubinway Kiddie Parade was little Hazel Morrison, who will be two years old next week.

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**Political Vendor Asked To Leave State Property**

A political float in support of Donald Trump caused a ruckus during and after the Fourth of July parade in St. Ignace Sunday when it misrepresented its float to the St. Ignace Area Chamber of Commerce and later sold merchandise on state property.

The float, apparently from Cheboygan, was a registered parade participant with the chamber of commerce, but was misrepresented as a patriotic display for the American flag and the Statue of Liberty. When Chamber Director Nikki St. Andrew discovered the group was promoting Trump messaging, including 2020 presidential election results, she said she first asked the group not to participate in the parade but later agreed to a compromise to let the float in, provided it remove Trump branding and messaging.

Nevertheless, the float appeared as the last entry in the parade and carried the Trump messaging.

The City of St. Ignace did not receive any advance notice of the political group or its intentions before the parade. After the parade

ended about 2:30, the float was set up to sell merchandise in front of the Family Fare grocery store on US-2, but at 4 p.m. a complaint was made to the St. Ignace Police Department, which asked the organizers to leave the property because it was on Michigan Department of Transportation right of way without permission and was not on grocery store property. The group left without incident.

St. Ignace Police Sergeant Allen Mitchell responded to the call Sunday. He said the use of the right of way appeared accidental as a result of confusion over its ownership. By the time the police arrived just after the complaint, the group was already starting to wind down its sale.

Temporary vendor sales at city events require a special vendor license issued by the city. Mr. Mitchell confirmed the political group did not have one.

After leaving the grocery store, the group remained in town overnight. There were no formal demonstrations, although the

group could be heard in town using a loudspeaker to state its views during daylight hours.

The organizers of the float were not local residents and gave a Cheboygan phone number to the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Mitchell said they told him they were invited to the parade by a local Republican party group.

At the chamber of commerce, Austin Kimberling, board president, said he supports and is pleased with Ms. St. Andrew's work toward organizing the parade. The chamber took over organizing this year's parade late in the process, and did not have a formal policy for what kind of entries are allowed. One will likely be developed for future parades with stricter guidelines. Rules focused on keeping national-level politics out of St. Ignace processions, while still allowing local candidates and causes to participate, are under consideration. In addition to the large float, some smaller floats entered by St. Ignace businesses also displayed Mr. Trump's flags.

**Johnston Retires From County Clerk Post**



Lori Johnston (center) retired as the Mackinac County Clerk Wednesday, June 30, after 33 years as a county employee. A party to celebrate the occasion was held inside the Mackinac County Courthouse Wednesday, June 30, and both Mackinac County Board of Commissioners Chair Jim Hill (right) and Michigan House of Representatives Legislative Aide Denise Pallarito, representing State Representative John Damoose, reading special proclamations celebrating her service. Ms. Johnston was thanked for her dedication to her position, her high standard of work, and her lasting impact on the county. All members of the county board signed their proclamation while Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist, Mr. Damoose, and State Senator Wayne Schmidt signed the state one.

**No One Injured in Hessel Fire Monday Night**

No injuries were reported during a Hessel house fire in the 2000 block of St. Ignace Road Monday night, July 5, to which three fire departments responded. St. Ignace Fire Department Incident Commander Steven Paquin said the homeowner was outside the house when his department arrived. The

cause of the fire was still under investigation Tuesday, July 6.

The St. Ignace Fire Department was dispatched to the fire at 8:40 p.m. and requested mutual aid in the form of water supply and manpower from Clark and Brevort townships at 8:48 p.m.

Firefighters used 15,000 gallons

of water from three attack lines to extinguish the fire, but the home was completely destroyed, Mr. Paquin said.

Clark and Brevort township fire departments left about 10:30 p.m. and St. Ignace went home about 11:20 p.m.

**Cheboygan Venue Reopens After Pandemic Hiatus**

**String Quartet Will Perform at Opera House**

The Cheboygan Opera House will open Saturday, July 10, after being dark for more than a year. The first performance will be presented by the world-renowned American String Quartet. The concert will begin at 7 p.m.

"We are very lucky to have them come to Cheboygan," said Bruce Gauthier. "It's our good fortune that Cheboygan happened to

be geographically convenient between two other tour stops."

American String Quartet was founded by four students studying together at the Julliard School in 1974. At that time, they won the prestigious Coleman Prize, Naumburg Award, and began a residency with Aspen Music Festival. Since then, they have performed nationally and internationally, gar-

nering high praise and top reviews.

The group will perform quartets by Beethoven and Ravel. Tickets for the concert are available through the opera house website, www.theoperahouse.org, or during office hours Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. For additional information, call (231) 627-5432.

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Caregivers may experience many ups and downs throughout the caregiving journey. Care consultants keep in touch with the caregiver regularly, offering support.

For more information or to enroll in Care Consultation, call 2-1-1 from anywhere in the U.P., or visit the Upper Peninsula Caregiver Resource Center at www.upcap.org and click on "Programs."

**Youth Comedy Club Begins Saturday**

The Stage & s, a new improvisational comedy club put on by Mackinac County 4-H, will meet every Saturday from July 10 through August 28 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Coast Guard Park in St. Ignace. The club is open to youth

ages 13 and older. No experience is required. Youth should come prepared to move, be a little silly, and ready to laugh. Participants will learn how to create their own character and play a variety of improv games.



Mackinac County Chief Deputy Clerk Kerry Fitzpatrick serves a slice of cake during Clerk Lori Johnston's Wednesday, June 30, retirement party. Mrs. Fitzpatrick said Ms. Johnston is her best friend and was a great coworker she will miss. A special day calls for a special cake and local resident Rosemary Brown made this one for the party, with half being white cake and the other half Ghirardelli-chocolate flavored.



Many local officials turned out for the retirement party of Clerk Lori Johnston (left) Wednesday, June 30, including (from left) Mackinac County Commissioner Mike Patrick and Clark Township Clerk Susie Rutledge. Mr. Patrick said Ms. Johnston had a great working relationship with the board and a deep knowledge of area history. Mrs. Rutledge said she is sorry to see her go, as she was wonderful to work with, while also looking forward to working with the new clerk, Hillary Vowell.

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# St. Ignace Gets Patriotic, Celebrates Independence Day With Downtown Parade



Sporting festive outfits, Ally (from left), Julia, Ava, and Jacob Armstrong, of Gaylord, celebrate the Fourth of July by attending the parade in downtown St. Ignace Sunday afternoon.



Decked out in red, white, and blue, Lailah (from left), Tenley, and Jordyn Becker are all smiles as they watch the parade floats pass by on State Street in downtown St. Ignace Sunday, July 4.



Johnny and Jada McDonald, Kathleen Bunker, and Luci Wallace are excited as they wait for the St. Ignace Fourth of July parade to begin Sunday afternoon.



Members of Straits Pride, an LGBTQ+ advocacy group, walk in the St. Ignace Fourth of July parade, tossing candy and handing out rainbow flags to spectators.



Jessica (from left), Garrett, Aurora, and Dustin Shinaver, of Eaton Rapids, come to the Straits area every year for the Fourth of July. They relax on the curb in downtown St. Ignace, waiting for the parade to begin.

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# Crowds Gather in Curtis To Celebrate Fourth of July



(From Left) Richard, Carey, Emily, and Kevin Mathewson get ready for the parade in Curtis.



(From Left) Jim Zdebski, Sue Tokar, and Alice Zdebski of the Curtis Area Ducks Unlimited held an auction for three weapons at the craft fair. Winners will be drawn at the organization's banquet August 7 in Engadine.



(From left) Betty Calkins, Ian Cortle, and Amanda Calkins at their seats along the Curtis parade route.



The Saline Fiddlers march in the Curtis Independence Day parade.

**By Jack Whitten**  
 Curtis celebrated Independence Day Sunday, July 4, with a craft fair, barbecue chicken lunch, parade, concert, and fireworks. A wide variety of vendors participated in the craft fair, which was held on the lawn of the Erickson Performing Arts Center. Some sold handmade goods or their own photographs, like Anderson's Crafts and Night Flight Images. Nonprofit organizations also participated, including the Curtis Women's Club, which held a bake sale and auctioned off member-made quilts and needlework to benefit local businesses, and the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited, which auctioned a crossbow, rifle, and pistol.

Several beverage stands and food trucks made an appearance, but most hungry customers chose the Robert M. Petrie Memorial Chicken Barbecue, held across the street from the craft fair. Spectators began selecting their parade-watching spots as early as 9 a.m., and shady areas with good views of the street were all claimed well before the parade began at 12:30 p.m. Most spectators sat on lawn chairs or on the grass, but some watched from their cars, golf carts, four-wheelers, or open garages. Many said they were particularly looking forward to seeing the Shriners, a popular annual parade entry of men in miniature race cars

zipping along the street and greeting people in the crowd. Stores along the parade route enjoyed plenty of business, as did the vendors who sold food and drink from roadside stands. The parade started with police cars, fire trucks, and a float for Grand Marshal Gary and Jenifer Schupbach and their family. Everyone stood and applauded. The rest of the floats followed after a brief pause. The Shriners delighted the crowd with their synchronized driving performance. The sounds of Monique's Quality Entertainment, the Gratitude Steel Drum Band, the Saline Fiddlers, and the Superior Pipes and Drums filled the air. Floats representing businesses honked their horns loudly and tossed candy to spectators.

After the parade, the music groups that marched gave short performances at the Erickson Center Pavilion.

The fireworks show followed at dusk.

## Two Majestic Symbols of Unity



A bald eagle, the nation's majestic emblem of great strength and long life since 1782, soars over the Straits in the early sunlight of Monday, July 5, while in the misty distance, the mighty Mackinac Bridge stretches between Michigan's two peninsulas. (Photograph by Greg Teysen)

## This Week in St. Ignace

<p><b>Music by the Bay</b></p> <p>Thursday, July 8 - Derrell  <b>Syria Project</b>          LIVE MUSIC</p> <p>Friday, July 9 - Catholic Girls  <b>Gone Bad</b>          1940 - PRESENT</p> <p>Saturday, July 10 - Indigo Moon          ACOUSTIC FOLK &amp; CELTIC</p> <p>Sunday, July 11 - Free Time          LIVE MUSIC</p> <p>Monday, July 12 - Charlie Reager          ACOUSTIC VARIETY, CD ORIGINALS</p> <p>Tuesday, July 13 - February Sky          LIVE MUSIC</p> <p>Wednesday, July 14 - Jimmy Bishop          LIVE MUSIC</p> <p>*Entertainers Subject to Change</p> <p>All concerts at 7 pm          in American Legion Park</p>	<p>Thursday, July 8</p> <p><b>Farmers Market at the Marina</b></p> <p>4 to 7 pm</p> <p>Friday, July 9</p> <p><b>Friday Night at the Museum</b></p> <p>Museum of Ojibwa Culture</p> <p>7 to 9 pm</p> <p>Saturday, July 10</p> <p><b>Fireworks Over Moran Bay!</b></p> <p>Downtown St. Ignace at dusk</p> <p>Sunday, July 11</p> <p><b>MOVIES by the Bay</b></p> <p>TROLLS WORLD TOUR</p> <p>FREE Admission - American Legion Park - at Dusk</p>
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<p><b>Mia</b></p>	<p><b>Henry</b></p> <p>First National Bank          MACKINAC ISLAND BRANCH</p>

## St. Ignace To Host All-star Basketball Game July 10

**By David Latva**  
 St. Ignace will host the 35th Annual Upper Peninsula High School All-Star Basketball game Saturday, July 10, at LaSalle High School. The day will begin with a free throw and three-point shooting contests and slam dunk event prior to the girls all-star classic that will tip-off at 10 a.m. The boys game will follow. Area athletes to participate in the game at Hallie Marshall and Emmalee Hart of St. Ignace, Elysia Causley and Cassidy Barr of Cedarville, Chesney Molina of Rudyard, Lily Anderson and Jordyn Haller of Sault Ste. Marie on the girl's side. Local boys to play are Caleb Kohlmann of Cedarville and Logan Depew of Newberry. Athletes from throughout the Upper Peninsula are invited to attend. Admission to the daylong event is \$5 per person. Proceeds go to the Upper Peninsula Sports Hall of Fame Scholarship Fund.

OBITUARIES

Janice Wyers

Janice Margaret Wyers, 91, of St. Ignace, passed away Saturday, July 3, 2021, at Ball Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie.

She was born March 10, 1930, in Eugene, Oregon, to James and Kathleen (nee Watson) Melton. The family lived in Wicopee, a small railroad town, accessible only by rail. She moved to her mother's hometown of Sault Ste. Marie at the age of two, after the death of her father. Her mother's remarriage to Oliver Cummings brought them to St. Ignace. Although he was her stepfather, Mr. Cummings was always "Pa."

She was graduated from Ursuline Academy in 1948. She married David Asa Wyers April 5, 1949. They were married for 37 years. He preceded her in death in 1986. Mrs. Wyers worked at St. Ignatius Catholic Center for many years, retiring when her husband became ill. After his death, she worked for Chuck and Rae Tamlyn at Curio Fair, not retiring until she was in her 80s.

Mrs. Wyers enjoyed golf and bowling. Her faith was a huge part of her life. In her later years, she enjoyed crossword puzzles, knitting, and watching nightly "Jeopardy" shows with her daughters. She also very much enjoyed her weekly poker games with the girls, Georgiana Savard, Bev Fraser, and Joyce Halitsky. Although deathly afraid of birds, she nonetheless enjoyed watching the feeders in her backyard that her boys kept filled - while she was safely inside. She was extremely bright, family members said, and had a quick wit with a "Gary Larson - Far Side" type sense of humor.

She is survived by seven children and their families, Kathleen and David Savard, Marjorie and Dennis



Janice Wyers

Miller, Sara and Edward Fisher, David and Patricia Wyers, Richard and Cherri Wyers, Tom and Francie Wyers, and James and Melissa Wyers; grandchildren, Brian and Brendan Savard, Denny Miller, Kaydee and Ted Fisher, Erin, Michael, Callie, Melissa, Matthew, Olivia, Joey, Hanna and Nick Wyers; and great-grandchildren, Asa, Ezra, Cubby, Clark, Charlotte, and Easton.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a granddaughter, Stephanie Savard, and a sister, Kathleen Louise Melton.

Services will be held Thursday, July 8, at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in St. Ignace. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m., with Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m.

Burial will be in St. Ignatius Cemetery in St. Ignace.

Memorials may be directed to Ball Hospice House, Hospice of the EUP, 308 W 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

Galer Dodson Funeral Home and Cremation in St. Ignace assisted the family with arrangements.

Frederick W. Lee

Frederick Lee, 79, of Mauldin, South Carolina, was interred in Arlington National Cemetery Friday, July 2.

Mr. Lee died last year, Tuesday, February 11, 2020, surrounded by his family.

He was born in Sault Ste. Marie to Henry and Sylvia Lee. The family lived in St. Ignace at one time.

Mr. Lee served his country and retired from the U.S. Army as a lieutenant colonel, earning a Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, Defense Meritorious Service Award, Army Meritorious Service Award, three Army Commendation medals, and three Republic of South Vietnam Awards. He earned his undergraduate degree from Michigan State University and graduate degree from Cornell University.

Mr. Lee was a member of Woodruff Road Christian Church.

In addition to his wife, Mary, Mr. Lee is survived by four children and their families, Joann and John Lee Elburn, Kim and Fredrick W. Lee, II, Emma and Tony Richard, William Jeremy and Melanie Lee; four step-children and their families, Kimberly and Bruce Kerr, Brian Norris and June Taylor, San-



Frederick Lee

dra and Matthew Miller, Robert and Emily Norris; 17 grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and four sisters and their families, Susan Duffiney, Jean and Mike Smith, Judith O'Brien, and Mary and Tom Burris.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Bliss Ann Lee; and two brothers-in-law, Tom O'Brien and Jim Duffiney.

A memorial service was held Saturday, February 22, 2020, at the Woodruff Road Christian Church.

Nancy Reno

Nancy Jane (nee Knoy) Reno, 82, of Hessel, passed away peacefully Saturday, June 26, 2021, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

She was born in Detroit May 19, 1939, to Clarence Gerald and Ruth Marie (nee Sullivan) Knoy.

She attended Cedarville High School and was graduated in the Class of 1958. She met her husband, Floyd Edwin Reno, when they both worked on Mackinac Island. The two married on May 31, 1958, at the Hessel Baptist Church. They made their home in Sault Ste. Marie.

Mrs. Reno worked for many years as a cook at Soo Township School where she was known for her made-from-scratch rolls and sticky buns. Later, she took her skills to Sault Area High School.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Sault Ste. Marie, as well as the North Hills Baptist Church in Hessel.

Mrs. Reno was a woman of many talents and interests, family members said. She loved to bake and cook. She was a sports fan and enjoyed hockey, basketball, and football. With her husband, she attended most local high school sporting events. She also had a love of music, played the piano, and played accordion with the Pickford Pickers. She sang in the church choir for years. She and her husband loved working on projects together. She was an enthusiastic and joyful person. The students at Sault High knew her as the fun lunch lady in the commons area. She will be missed by many.

Mrs. Reno is survived by her husband of 63 years; sons and their families, Archie and Kathy Reno of Hessel, and Floyd Reno of Hessel; a daughter and her family, Ruth and Boe Gerou; a sister, Vera Harrison of Rudyard, and a brother, John "Bill" Knoy of Huntsville, Texas. She is survived



Nancy Reno

by grandchildren and their families, Elizabeth and Kara Reno, Marcelle Mantilla, Gerald and Beth Burrell, Alexander Reno, Samantha and Jeremiah Wertz, and Kacie and Ben Cartwright; great-grandchildren, Mitchell, Trenton, Natalie, Analicia, Dilynne, Adeline, Sullivan, Scarlett, Jairyd, Elijah, Isabella, and Liam; sisters-in-law and their families, Elaine and Lloyd Avery of Kansas, Janet and Barry LeDuc of Cheboygan, and Teresa and Ray Whitmore of Iowa; a brother-in-law, Jim Crawford of Cheboygan, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; parents-in-law, Archie Reno, Luella Reno Walters, and Leonard Walters; brothers-in-law, Gene Harrison and Roger Walters; and sisters-in-law and their families, Henrietta Crawford, Lois and LeRoy Ormsbee, and Reta and Fulford Lapeer.

Services were held Friday, July 2, at Galer Funeral Homes and Cremation in Pickford. Visitation was from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a service at 1 p.m., followed by burial at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Epilepsy Foundation at www.epilepsy.com.

Linda Gallier

Linda Lou Gallier, 81, of Naubinway, died Saturday afternoon, June 26, 2021 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey.

She was born February 24, 1940, in Bowling Green, Ohio, to Clarence and Beatrice (nee Scheider) Rossow. She was a 1957 graduate of Westwood High School in Reedolph, Ohio.

On November 9, 1957, she married Randy Gallier in Deshler, Ohio, and they made Weston, Ohio their home.

Mrs. Gallier worked as a telephone operator, was employed at The Pancake House, and later worked as an admitting clerk at Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green for 34 years until her retirement. She found great joy as a "farmer's wife" on the family farm in Weston for 45 years, family members said, growing and harvesting tomatoes for Heinz Corporation.

A resident of the Hiawatha Sportsmans Club in Naubinway since 2002, Mrs. Gallier was a member of the Naubinway Christian Fellowship Church and enjoyed planning parties, quilting and sewing groups, shopping with the girls, her grandchildren's activities, crossword puzzles and word searches, and viewing pictures of her great-grandchildren on social media. She had a special love for all the cocker spaniels that they had throughout her life, especially Mickey.



Linda Gallier

Survivors include her husband, Randy, of Naubinway; children and their families, Scott and Rhonda Gallier of Lake Zurich, Illinois, and Deb and Kelly Tussing of Curtice, Ohio; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; siblings and their families, James and Cindy Rossow and May Ann Clements, all of Bowling Green.

The Naubinway Christian Fellowship Church and the community were important to her during her care.

A memorial service will celebrate her life Saturday, July 24, at 11 a.m. at the Naubinway Christian Fellowship Church with Pastor Tim Millier officiating.

Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry is assisting the family with arrangements.

Nathaniel 'Tanny' Armstrong

Nathaniel "Tanny" Raymond Armstrong, 87, of Barbeau, died Thursday, July 1, 2021, at EUP Hospice House in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was born August 15, 1933, to Whitford Dyer Armstrong and Verna Elizabeth (nee Smith) Armstrong at the home of his mother's sister, Cora and Bill Stirling, on Hursley Street in Sault Ste. Marie. He was delivered there, family members said, to save money.

He grew up in the Barbeau area and was graduated from Pickford High School with the Class of 1950, where he was named "Class Optimist." He served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany from 1955 to 1957. Upon discharge, he returned to Barbeau to work on the family farm while also working nights helping to construct the Poe Lock in Sault Ste. Marie. In the early 1970s, he and his brother Don constructed their first drainable pond. Over the years they went on to build many more ponds, ranging in size from one to 230 acres, where they raised millions of fingerling walleye, which were then transplanted into the waters of northern Michigan and the Eastern Upper Peninsula. Walleye production continues to grow and change today under the management of Mr. Armstrong's nephew, Forbes, and his grandniece, Andrea. The farm is also a first stop to many Mackinac Island horses each fall where they graze the pastureland before being moved to their winter home.

Mr. Armstrong and Raeona Atkins grew up just down the road from each other in the small town of Barbeau. He was a bachelor until almost age 70, when, after a 20-year courtship, he married Ms. Atkins on April 27, 2003.

He was a member of the Donaldson Presbyterian Church. He was a quiet and generous man, serving as an elder and singing in the choir, while also leading the youth group and teaching Sunday School for 40 years. He enjoyed Wednesday morning coffee fellowship with the men of the community. Mr. Armstrong was a Mason and a member of the Farm Bureau.

He looked forward to his annual fall trips to South Dakota and Wyoming with friends and family, where they hunted pheasant and elk. He especially enjoyed music and was a talented guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and banjo player. As one of the early members of the Pickford Pickers, he spent many Saturday afternoons singing and playing music for people in the community.

Mr. Armstrong is survived by his wife; his stepchildren and their families, Kristin and Mark Taylor, Daniel Ball and Christie Orschell,



Tanny Armstrong

Jennifer and Mike Kennedy, Jan and John Fehner, and Jeffrey Huyck and Patricia Voice; grandchildren and their families, Erik and Krystal Taylor, Amy and Rob Shields, Adam and Alyson Taylor, Alexander Kennedy, Craig Fireck, Chad and Amy Fireck, Paige Fehner, and Alex Poppema, and Xia-Tian Huyck; great grandchildren, Kylee, Benjamin, Ayden, and Kamdyn. He is also survived by his sister and her family, Audrey and John McDonald; and was affectionately known as "Uncle Tanny" to Forbes McDonald and Karen Stelmazek, Mark McDonald and Dinny Falkenburg, Alison and Matthew Lamb, Carol Ramaswamy, Laura and Michael Borsa, David Borsa, and Phillip Borsa; grand-nieces and grand-nephews and their families, Andrea McDonald and Rich Crane, Paulette Spote, Julie and Eric Rye, Lindsay and Micah) Brindley, Meredith and Gene Korn, Matthew and Erin Lamb, Ravi and Maru Ramaswamy, Rachel Ramaswamy, Rebecca Ramaswamy; and great-grand-nieces and great-grand-nephews, Colten, Regan, Avery, Jack, Isaac, Hannah, Christian, Samuel, Lucy, William, Adriana, Harlan, Montgomery, and Amalia.

Mr. Armstrong was preceded in death by his brother, Don Armstrong; a sister, Jean Borsa; a brother-in-law, Rocco Borsa; a nephew, Steve Borsa, and a niece, Lydia McDonald.

Katie Clark, Kim Smith, and staff of the EUP Hospice House cared for him.

Services will be held Wednesday, July 14, at Galer Funeral Homes and Cremation in Pickford. Friends and family will gather from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 1 p.m.

Inurnment will be in Donaldson Cemetery in Bruce Township.

Memorials may be directed to EUP Hospice House, 308 W. 12th Avenue, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 and/or Donaldson Presbyterian Church, 13036 S. M 129, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783.

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Hon. M. Chambers, Mayor.  
Dear Sir: - A citizen's association of St. Ignace, organized for the purpose of forwarding the renting of houses to tourists for the season, and for procuring summer boarders for families, able and willing to accommodate them, would be of great service to St. Ignace. Houses now vacant could be placed in the hands of the association at a net rent, the association to have the surplus to apply to defraying necessary expenditures incidental to the success of the undertaking. They might be empowered to make necessary repairs, and houses of non-residents they might have in their care and keep for their owners. These houses might be painted, and necessary improvements provided. An office near the steamboat landing would be serviceable with an agent to answer all inquiries in person or by correspondence. Folders containing a plat of the city, and a plan showing its relation to Mackinac Island, Les Cheneaux, Petoskey, Brevoort Lake, and other attractive points in the vicinity, with a list of houses to rent, furnished or unfurnished, and rates by the month or for the season, also name boarding houses, rates per week, location, and number to be accommodated. Place these folders at the office of the quarters - say Chicago, Detroit, and Cleveland. A short sketch of St. Ignace might be added. I submit these few suggestions because the success hitherto attained by individual effort leads me to believe that by this means St. Ignace may be made known to a large number of summer tourists who may become permanent visitors, and thus advertise the merits of one of the finest natural resorts and sanitoriums.

With Sincere Respect,  
I am Very Truly Yours,  
Horatio Crane.  
Mayor Chambers, desiring to test the sentiment of the people in regard to Mr. Crane's suggestion, a public meeting will be held at the City Hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Every man interested in the welfare of our city should be present.

Abraham Smolk, the venerable and highly respected father of Mrs. Franks, died at the Mission House, Mackinac Island, at 8:15 o'clock Tuesday evening, July 7th, aged 100 years, 5 months, and 12 days. From the Cheboygan News we clip the following sketch of the old gentleman's life:  
"He was born at Johnstown, N.Y., on January 25th, 1791, and was therefore considerably over one hundred years old at the time of his death. He lived on his father's farm until 15 years of age, when he went to Auburn, N.Y., and learned the

trade of architect and builder. At the age of 23 he was married to Mary Tuttle, sister to Allen and Bradley Tuttle, of Auburn, when he became closely identified with the building up of the village of Auburn, of which he was elected chief officer at the age of 25 and served two terms as such. He was the first chief of the fire department of the village. In 1833, he removed to Detroit, succeeding Lewis Cass in ownership of the old Cass homestead, which was recently destroyed on Learned street. Mr. Smolk was contractor in building the first 30 miles of the Michigan Central railroad, and later constructed 50 miles of the Detroit and Howell plank road. He lived in that city until 1877 when he moved to Mackinac Island to spend his remaining days with his daughter, Mrs. Franks, of the Mission House, but during that time he made frequent visits to Cheboygan. Mrs. Franks and Chas. A. Smolk, of this city, are the only living children. There are also living three grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Mrs. Smolk became a communicant of the Presbyterian church in 1870 and has continued to be a consistent and zealous member. In all his long and eventful life, he never used either ardent spirits or tobacco in any form."

Ringling Bros. circus gave two first-class performances here on Wednesday last, afternoon and evening. The street parade in the forenoon was also very fine. There is nothing snide about this great show.

For a year or two past the lovers of horseflesh in the upper peninsula have been trying to arrange a trotting circuit taking in the larger cities from Ashland to the Soo. The Driving Park Association of the Soo is making a great start this year and will offer \$5,500 in purses for races which will occur on July 28, 29, 30, and 31. This is the largest amount "hung up" by any association in the state outside of Detroit. The dates for the races follow close on to the close of the Detroit, Minneapolis, Milwaukee, West Superior, and other large meetings and the secretary is assured that there will be a large number of entries for all the events. A new grandstand and stables for 100 horses are being erected and everything placed in readiness for the greatest meeting ever held in the upper peninsula. On the success of this meeting will depend in a large measure the formation of a U.P. circuit.

John Prophet and a force of men are cutting out driveways through H. Crain's third ward lands to enable resorters to go over the ground and select lots for summer cottages. Mr. Crain means business and citizens generally are giving him every encouragement. The day is not far distant when this city will be the leading summer resort of Michigan.

# Looking Back

The new M. L. Co.'s barn at Carp River, just completed and ready for the painters, is a big one. It is 132 feet long, 40 feet wide, with 20-foot posts. Supt. Reddcliffe says it is the finest structure of the kind in Northern Michigan, if not in the state. J. Greenlees & Bro., of this city, have the contract to do the painting and will commence soon.

It is important that the Quartermaster of the W. M. Fenton Post, No. 258, G. A. R., should know at once how many propose to attend the National Encampment to be held in Detroit commencing Monday, August 3. The fare from St. Ignace will be \$4 (it is now expected) by D. & C. line of steamers, for the round trip. If you can or will go, please write to, or personally inform, A. J. Gennell, St. Ignace, Mich.

The engineer of the water works hereby cautions the firemen against shutting and opening the hydrants quickly when under direct pressure. During the fire at the railway dock, the pumps were brought to a sudden halt several times by stopping the flow and of course pressure rose instantly causing a sudden stop. This is dangerous, as the pressure goes up with two or three strokes. The water should run freely or no steady pressure can be maintained. It is when using direct pressure that the want of telephone communication is most felt. With the gravity pressure, no damage can result, only an overflow of the standpipe.

Brush fires have raged for several days this week in the vicinity of Allenville and Moran. On Thursday it was feared both these villages would be wiped out. An engine was sent up from this city and did good service, preventing the destruction of any buildings, but many of them were badly scorched. The roofs of the station house and Peter Orth's barn were both on fire and their destruction was prevented with great difficulty. Station agent Fell wrote last evening: "Fire is raging all around us. We are still in danger and everybody is near exhausted through fatigue from fighting fire. A shower of rain would help us out."

Net proceeds of the R. C. ice cream festival on circus day, a little over \$70.

Angus Rankin and wife have adopted a bright faced little baby boy, 14 months old.

The firemen return thanks for the liberal patronage given their ball in Marley's hall on the evening of the 4th. Proceeds, \$40.

Adolph Highstone and Miss Mamie McLean, of Corrinne, were married in this city last Sunday evening at the residence of the brother of the groom, S. Highstone.

Geo. Lozon, with his yacht *G. A. Boyer*, is ready for charters at the Island. The boat carries 50 people and is cushioned and otherwise fitted up in comfortable style for passengers.

We hear with regret that P. Mulcrae lost 1,000 cords of wood by brush fires this week.

The First National Bank safe has not been open since Thursday, the time lock being out of order. An expert is on the way from Cincinnati to open it.

A soldier from the Fort fell from a horse on Truckey street last Sunday afternoon and was quite badly injured. He was taken to the Russell house, where Dr. Campbell attended him.

Several coats were stolen from the Fountain House Wednesday night by circus men. Proprietor La Fountain left for Petoskey on Thursday to look for the thieves and stolen property.

Spend your vacation on the Great Lakes. A trip to Mackinac Island only costs about \$13 from Detroit or \$18 from Cleveland for the round trip, including meals and berths via the Detroit & Cleveland Steam Navigation Co.

A brush fire in the first ward Thursday tried hard to reach the school building but was prevented by a force of men attaching several hundred feet of hose to a hydrant and throwing water on it. Without our water works system, great damage would have been done.

Diver John Dodd will leave for Muskegon the first of the week to work for the government, replacing a crib at the outer end of the north pier at that place. The job will probably last 60 days, during which time Mrs. Dodd and baby will visit relatives at Meaford, Ontario.

At the Carp on Monday last, a Port Huron gentleman caught a speckled trout 21 inches long, weighing three pounds and ten ounces. This is said to be the largest trout ever caught in that vicinity. It is a common thing, however, for sportsmen to land trout weighing 1-1/2 to 2 pounds at this favorite fishing ground.

Situation Wanted - A competent man desires a situation. Have had large experience in brewery and hide house work. Competent to take position in an office; good at figures and excellent penman. Undeniable references. Address, S.Y.N., care Box G., St. Ignace, Mich.

From Portage: Our neighbors in district No. 2 have no church nowadays, so they have taken to fishing.

One enterprising farmer is exporting potato bugs.

Fred Brown narrowly escaped drowning while boating on Whitefish Lake. Fred was all right, but something was the matter with the boat.

The Methodists cleared \$30 serving ice cream etc. on the 4th.

The work of cutting and storing 35 acres of hay commences at the Carp River on Monday.

Stealing hoses, nozzles, and wrenches is becoming too frequent to last long, without someone being caught at it.

The Merchandise dock took fire in two places Sunday. Agent Fitch noticed both in time to prevent any serious damage.

Dr. Veldhuis celebrated the Fourth breaking in a new \$135 bicycle. The machine was boss for a time, but the Dr. has mastered it.

The fire dept. would appreciate it if parents would warn their children to keep out of the way of the firemen when they are going to, coming from, or working at a fire.

95 YEARS AGO  
The St. Ignace Enterprise  
Thursday, July 8, 1926

The Fourth of July passed off quietly in St. Ignace. No celebration was planned, it being decided to preserve the strength of the citizens for the big community picnic and homecoming in August. Saturday was like all other Saturdays during the summer season, the only difference being in the large number of cars coming across the straits and visitors from the country districts. It was a big day, however, for the merchants and eating houses. Sunday the only local excitement was a ball game at Athletic Park between two scrub teams which attracted but a small crowd, the majority favoring an outing to the various resorts and in the beautiful drives in which this section abounds. Monday was also quiet. A large number went to the Island and the Soo to join in the celebrations at these cities while others in drives and social intercourse.

All in all, it was a sane and safe Fourth.

Men who have honorable discharges to prove that they served in the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps between the dates of April 6, 1917 and November 12, 1918, again will be permitted to become American citizens through the "short cut" process.

A law setting up the "short cut" process was passed by congress in 1924 and was in effect for one year, after which it automatically suspended the privilege. However, congress again made it operative for the period of one year beginning May 25.

During the state-wide brake test conducted by the Michigan Department of Public Safety and the Detroit Automobile Club, that ended Saturday morning, it is estimated that more than 120,000 motorists' brakes were tested and 24,000 sets of lights were also investigated.

According to L. J. VanSchoick, safety director of the Detroit Automobile Club, the state troopers and municipal officers in charge of the 52 stations on the main trunk lines found that more than 25 percent of the brakes tested were efficient and 34 percent of the lighting equipment investigated were out of adjustment.

This is the first time in the history of safety work that a state-wide brake test has been held, according to Mr. VanSchoick, who says that this test convinced Commissioner of Safety Alan G. Straight and himself that drastic means were needed to stop drivers from using poor lights and bad brakes.

Many amusing incidents occurred during the week, he says. In one case a motorist refused to stop at the officer's signal and a state policeman chased him for two miles and when he had brought the car to a stop it was found that the driver had 24 cases of liquor on board. In many cases the troopers found that the drivers of cars on the highways were operating without a license.

In nearly every case, Mr. VanSchoick says, the motorists were exceedingly glad to have their brakes tested and the week's program will be repeated this fall, it is said.

Plans already are under way for the entertainment of the National Retail Hardware Dealers association at their annual convention on Mackinac Island next June. President George McCabe of Petoskey announced that the delegates would visit Petoskey and other northern cities. A boat trip to the St. Marys river to Sault Ste. Marie and several automobile trips will be included in the program.

More than 600 delegates are expected to attend the annual meeting, coming from all parts of the United States. Michigan won the honor in competition with 13 other states.

The new ferry boat *Algoming*, built at Collingwood, is now in commission between the two Soos, replacing the steamer *Algomah* which had done service for 30 years. The new ferry will carry 25 autos and 300 passengers and be operated on half-hour service.

Death came to the relief of Jacob Sheber Saturday night, after an illness extending over the past several years. The funeral took place from the Catholic church at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning. Rev. Father John Holland officiating. The interment was in St. Ignace cemetery. The deceased was 70 years of age.

and nearly 40 years of his life had been spent in this city. He came here with the late Joseph Smith and for a time was employed in the mill of the Mackinac Lumber Co. He was a genial companion and was well liked by all acquaintances.

The deceased is survived by a widow, two sons, and a daughter, who have the sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

The magnitude of the business being done by the state ferry boats may be realized but by increase over last year. Commodore May states that the first five days of July showed an increase of over 1,000 cars for the corresponding days last year, and the season has hardly begun.

From Brevort: The majority of our Brevort folks celebrated Sunday with picnics at MilleCoquin Lake and Newberry and on Monday a number took in the celebrations at the Soo, MilleCoquin Lake, and Mackinac Island.

The only exciting event our town had on the Fourth was one smashed car and a dead horse to testify of the reckless drivers who celebrated. The horse, owned by Tom Weldon of St. Ignace, was so severely injured by the autoists that it was humane to relieve it of its misery.

(Delayed) Embury-Martin Lumber Co. are busily engaged in rafting their logs, having a crew of about 40 men and numerous teams engaged in the work. The steamer *Lotus* will tow the boom to Cheboygan. They have been somewhat handicapped the past few days by rough weather.

A large crowd was in attendance at the box social held in the church parlors last Thursday evening, St. Ignace, Moran, Allenville, Trout Lake, Martin's Camp, and Hall's Camp being represented. Through the efforts of Mr. J. L. Herold, who officiated as auctioneer, fabulous prices were obtained for the beautifully and gaily decorated boxes brought by the ladies. Lunches were served to those not so fortunate as to obtain a box and over \$60 net was added to the funds of the Luther League as a result of this venture...

Auctioneer Herald maintained that the privilege of eating lunch with a young lady was worth much more than the price paid for the box.

From Scott's Point: Angus McDonald is having a new coat of paint put on his home in Gould City.

Harry Salter's mill is about to close. They have completed the lath timber of lumber.

Mr. T. R. Brawley has completed the job of hauling his logs from Cassidy's corner to Gould City.

Bert Staley, the cook on the Lansing Shoals Light Ship, was unable to return to the light ship on account of a relapse of the flu. Mr. Rogers of Manistique is taking his place.

From Trout Lake. Nine Michigan State Telephone line men arrived Tuesday and will board with Mrs. George DuCAP while repairing lines in this vicinity.

(Delayed) The severe frosts the middle of the week killed parts of the gardens and strawberries in this vicinity, although it is reported that the blueberries are not hurt.

Miss Martha Geska, who has been teaching the Spur 459 school, returned to her home in Superior, Wisconsin, the last of the week. She was accompanied by Masters Edward and Russel Cushway.

From Engadine: A big celebration was held at Lake MilleCoquin Monday. The day started out cloudy with threatening rains but soon after noon the weather man gave us a change and the people began to assemble in great numbers. Dancing, with good music by the Moran orchestra furnished diversion for all that could get in the hall. At the same time a large crowd watched Moran and Engadine on the base ball diamond. They played 11 innings and the score remained at 2-2. A large number of people came from all the surrounding towns to enjoy the day with us. A dance was the order of the evening at the Edwards and Hancock hall.

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**Think Outside, No Box Needed: ADVICE FOR GROWING YOUR BUSINESS**



By Jim Plouffe

**Having A Goal Is Not Enough**

The definition of a goal, if you are not talking about sports, is: the object of a person's ambition or effort; an aim or desired result, the destination of a journey.

Even if it is on the subconscious level, we all start in life with goals to succeed. Ask any teenager, or any adult, if they have a plan to fail. You won't find anyone with a goal to fail. Yet, we all know people who haven't succeed and appear to have given up on their dreams.

We live in an era of unlimited access to knowledge and opportunity. But is there anything that guarantees success? Or maybe the question should be turned around to the negative. Is there anything that guarantees failure? In order to answer both of those questions, you have to define what success is for you and what failure would be for you.

In the big picture of relationships, wealth, and even health, most of the time, we get a second chance. The truth is that we get plenty of chances to improve, change, and make new choices. When we increase our knowledge and skills, our opportuni-

ties increase. Of course, we can also choose to ignore all the options to improve that come our way.

I have had an idea for a business, a completely unproven concept, for about 15 years. I have a file filled with the things required and needed to get that business up and running. But, that is all the action I have ever taken. It is not a brilliant idea. It is simply taking several other ideas that have worked individually and combining them into one business. I have never decided, however, that I would give all of my attention and focus to turning this idea into reality. It is just a file in my filing cabinet, an idea, a vision without substance.

The other day I saw an ad from someone in Texas who was looking for franchisees. They must have had the very same idea as I had except for the fact that they had acted and focused on turning the concept into reality. I have no idea how long they have been working on turning this idea, this dream, into reality. The amount of time and effort they have invested in bring this idea into existence doesn't matter because they

had a vision. What matters is that they had an idea, they came up with a plan to turn the concept into reality, and they acted on the plan. Now they have to turn that idea into a working concept that will hopefully generate a return on their investment of time and money. Ideas without action and implementation are worthless.

Developing an idea, a dream, into reality takes the commitment of time, energy, effort, and money. Nothing succeeds without a commitment to doing whatever it takes (legally) to make it succeed. Everyone deep down knows that they can't succeed without a commitment to succeed. Everyone knows that no one succeeds by accident. Yet, suppose you asked 100 people what their plan was to succeed in their relationships, in their finances, and in taking care of their health. In that case, I'll bet you would be surprised how many of the 100 didn't have an answer. But you shouldn't be worried about the responses of the 100. What would your answers be if someone asked you what your plan for success in your life is? Do you have an answer? Do

you have a plan that you have implemented? Do you know the next step to achieve the next goal that matters to you for your health, wealth, and relationship? If not, when would be a good time to create a goal and implement the actions required to achieve that goal? Remember, the definition of a goal is: the object of a person's ambition or effort; an aim or desired result, the destination of a journey. But, as you can see from my goal and idea of creating a business that has been sitting in a file for more than 15 years, having an idea and a goal is not enough. The only people who succeed in turning dreams and ideas into reality are the ones who focus and act on them, like the people in Texas did with my idea. They have a result. I have a file. There is a big difference.

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**Mackinaw City Athletes Honored at Annual Award Ceremony**



The Comets Jack Staffan Award was presented to Carissa Sroka and Keanu Jones. (Photographs courtesy of Heather Huffman)

**By David Latva**  
Mackinaw City athletes were recognized at the 74th annual athletic awards ceremony Tuesday, June 22.

The top three awards are presented to seniors. The Jack Staffan Award was given to Carrissa Sroka and Keanu Jones; the Senior Athletic Award was given to Caroline Somers and Kal O'Brien, and the Scholar Athlete Award was given to Caroline Somers and Evan Cronk.

**Volleyball**  
Coached by Rachel Grookers the Northern Lakes Conference (NLC) champions received the MIVCA All-State Academic Award.

Madison Smith received the hardest hitter award, first team all-region and first team all-conference, and second team all-area. Marlie Postula received the most aces with 60, standout server at 99%, most assists 503, first team all-conference, and all-area, second team all-region honors. Larissa Huffman received second team all-conference and an all-region honorable mention. Raeann Hingston received all-region and area-area honorable mentions. Carissa Sroka received an all-region honorable mention. And Ella House and Jenna Wiertalla received all-academic honors.

**Cross Country**  
Coached by Will Bennett, the team finished second in the Northern Lakes Conference. Most Valuable Performers went to Myrna Thompson and Carrie Somers. Lars Huffman with the school course record holder in 17.40. Biggest Strides went to Myran Thompson.

Girls: Caroline Somers received first team all-conference honors and was a state qualifier. Larissa Huffman received first team all-conference honors. Gabi Bell and Jillian

Lidy received second team all-conference honors.

Boys: Lars Huffman received first team all-conference honors and was a state qualifier. Cooper Whipkey received second team all-conference honors.

**Girls Basketball**  
Coached by Jake Huffman, the Comets girls basketball team won the Northern Lakes Conference and District championships. The team also received academic all-state honors with a 3.607 grade point average.

Madison Smith received defensive player of the year, first team all-conference, all-state honorable mention and was top rebounder with 162. Marlie Postula received offensive player of the year, second team all-conference honors, an all-state honorable mention, was a top free-throw shooter at 70%, and was a top field-goal shooter at 52%. Larissa Huffman received first team all-conference honors, an all-state honorable mention, assists leader honors with 114, and most steals with 89. Raeann Hingston received second team all-conference honors and was a defensive player of the year. Gabi Bell received second team all-conference honors, was a top three-point shooter at 28%, and was named most improved player. Gracie Beauchamp and Julia Sullivan each received sixth man awards. Carrie Somers and Carrissa Sroka each received coaches awards. Jersey Beauchamp received a team player award.

The junior varsity team coached by Elijah May won the NLC title with a 6-0 record.

**Boys Basketball**  
Coached by John Martin, the Comets won the district championship and received an academic



The Comets Senior Athlete Award winners went to Caroline Somers and Kal O'Brien.

all-state honorable mention with a 3.083 grade point average.

This was the first time in school history that the girls and boys won district titles in the same year.

Kal O'Brien received the Division 4 Associated Press, Division 4 BCAM best, all-state first team, first team all-conference, all-area first team honors. He also received offensive, rebounder, and steal awards.

Lars Huffman received first team all-conference honors, all-area second team honors, a top defender award, and an assist leader distinction. Keanu Jones received second team all-conference honors and a coaches award. Cooper Whipkey received three-point shooter honors.

**Baseball**  
Coached by Elijah May, the Comets were led by Sean Postula who received first team all-district and all-conference honors, as well as the offensive player of the year award with 0.481 batting average, 38 hits, and 44 RBIs, and received defensive player honors as catcher. Kal O'Brien received the ace award with a 6-0 record, four saves, 1.81 earn run average, and 67 strikeouts. He also received first team all-conference and first team all-district honors. Lars Huffman received first team all-conference and first team all-district honors. The True Grit Award went to Trystan Swanson. The Coaches Award went to Travin Barkley who also received second team all-conference honors. Nick Vieau received second team all-conference honors.

**Softball**  
Coached by Emma Cook, the

Comets were led by Raeann Hingston who had a 480 batting average, 37 hits, and 42 RBIs, and also received first team all-conference honors. Gabi Bell received the True Grit Award, academic all-conference honors, and second team all-conference honors. Madison Smith received the Ace Award with 87 innings pitched and 154 strikeouts, as well as first team all-conference honors. Larissa Huffman received the Defensive Award and second team all-conference honors. Marlie Postula received first team all-conference honors. Gracie Beauchamp received the Coaches Award and second team all-conference honors. Ella Poumade was named Most Improved Player. Caroline Somers and Jenna Wiertalla received academic all-conference honors.

**Golf**  
Coached by Logan Paquet, the Golfer of the Year was awarded to Kal O'Brien. Most Consistent golfer went to Evan Cronk. Most Improved was Noah Valot. And Hardest Worker was Warren Knack.

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Village of Mackinaw City  
Appointment of Village Clerk

Notice to the Electors of the Village of Mackinaw City:

Take notice that Village Ordinance No. 230 which provides for the appointment of the village clerk was adopted pursuant to 1895 PA 3 as amended on July 1, 2021 and will take effect 45 days after the date of adoption unless a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the registered electors of the village is filed with the village clerk within the 45-day period in which case the ordinance will take effect upon the approval of an election held on the question.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
Village of Mackinaw City  
Appointment of Village Treasurer

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Take notice that Village Ordinance No. 229 which provides for the appointment of the village treasurer was adopted pursuant to 1895 PA 3 as amended on July 1, 2021 and will take effect 45 days after the date of adoption unless a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the registered electors of the village is filed with the village clerk within the 45-day period in which case the ordinance will take effect upon the approval of an election held on the question.

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION**  
Village of Mackinaw City

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a regularly scheduled meeting held on July 01, 2021 the Village of Mackinaw City Council adopted the following amendments to the Compiled Code of the Village of Mackinaw City.

**ORDINANCE NO. 229**  
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF MACKINAW VILLAGE TREASURER.

**ORDINANCE NO. 230**  
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF THE VILLAGE OF MACKINAW VILLAGE CLERK.

This ordinance shall take effect 45 days after the date of its adoption, unless a petition signed by not less than ten percent of the registered electors of the village is filed with the village clerk or village office within such 45 days. If a petition is filed within such period of time, this ordinance shall then take effect only upon its approval at the next general village or special village election held on the question of whether the ordinance shall be approved. Notice of the delayed effect of this ordinance and the right of petition under this section shall be published separately at the same time and in the same manner as the ordinance or a notice of the ordinance is published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

A copy of each complete ordinance amendment can be viewed at the Mackinaw City Village Hall, 102 S. Huron Avenue, Mackinaw City, Michigan, 49701 or via the Village Website at www.mackinawcity.org

Lana Jaggi, Clerk

**Outdoors This Week**  
In the Eastern U.P.

By Stephen King

Happy July. Here in the EUP, summer seems to come and go in the blink of an eye, so this is definitely the time to get off that couch and get outdoors this week in the EUP.

The fish are biting. Tom, over at Wilderness Treasures, in Pickford always has the latest information on what is biting on Munuscong Bay, around Cedarville and Hessel, and the rest of the eastern portion of the EUP. This week, Tom noted that Munuscong Bay is still producing a lot of nice walleyes, but most of them have now moved out into deeper water, what they call "the channel." Even so, you can still pick up walleyes and perch in shallow water. Fish the weed beds with bobbers and such.

Around Cedarville, they are still doing well with pike and bass. The DNR Fishing Report noted that they are now picking up some cisco there. But Tom says that that is not quite accurate. They did pick up a few, but that is pretty much over now.

He did say that they are now catching herring off of Drummond Island. There are reports of good catches of lake trout in the channel off of DeTour and good catches of lakera off of Hessel.

At K&V Grocery, in Moran (home of the happiest minnows in all of Moran), they have a new worm seller. When I called her last week, she said that she had just started work, and was from Florida, and had no specific information about what they were catching on Brevort Lake. This week, she says, they are catching a lot of fish and she has been selling a lot of bait. There is a lot of discussion about catching perch.

Around Naubinway, people doing well in Millecoquins Lake for walleye and bass. The best times are in the evening, and with walleyes, even at night.

On Lake Michigan, I have been seeing a good number of boats fishing right here in Naubinway Bay. They usually do pretty well for pike and musky. Fish the humps and weed beds.

My cousin who is a commercial fisherman said that if he were a "hook and line" fisherman, he would try offshore, from about Little Hog Island Park and then east to Epoufette. The Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has planted walleyes in that area for many years, and the walleyes are growing up. There are lots of them out there. The small bays and shallows are usually full of bass. Try trolling offshore, for trout: lakera, steelhead, and even the occasional brown.

Mick, at Mick's Bait Shop, in Cur-

tis, reported that the panfish are still biting pretty good on South Lake. The walleyes are out and about on both Big and South lakes.

A customer in my store told me he has been doing pretty well for pike and muskies at South Lake. Personally, I have done the best for the big toothy critters just north of the island.

Let's return to one of my favorite topics: canoes.

When you are in a canoe, you are pretty quiet. Just a bit of a splash every now and then from the paddle. When you get good at this, there is very little sound. It is almost totally silent. So when you are out on the water, a lot of animals just tend to ignore you, and you can have some pretty neat experiences with them.

My favorite "close encounter" was with an eagle. It was about this time of year. I was just paddling along, going down the Millecoquins River. Beautiful day. As I am going along, I come upon a huge old pine tree that was leaning across the river. I was watching the water, and the tree, which was low enough that I had to duck to get under it. Then, just as I popped up from going under it, I feel a huge rush of air, and something slaps me on the head. As you can expect, this surprised me. I nearly fell out of the canoe.

As I looked up, I saw a huge eagle taking flight. Apparently, it had been sitting on the tree. As I cleared the tree, it decided to clear out. As it took flight, a wing had slapped me in the head.

For Native Americans, eagles are very sacred. Getting an eagle feather is a huge honor. Just as my heartbeat started to come back to normal, I looked on the water right next to my canoe, and there was an eagle feather floating right next to my boat. It was a spiritual moment. The eagle had given me an eagle feather.

That was the coolest thing that I had happen as far as animal close encounters. But there have been others. Just about every time I went down the river, I would see critters. And one of my favorites - fawns. This time of year, fawns are still pretty little. Being so young, they don't have a whole lot of fear about humans, especially humans in a canoe, in their river.

Quite a few times, I have had a fawn stick her head out and watch me, almost close enough to touch with a paddle, while Mama Deer throws a fit, just a few yards back in the bush.

I've had encounters with beavers, bobcats, and bears. But those are stories for another week.

It is summer. It is warm. There are no excuses. So get outdoors this week in the EUP. And take a youngster along.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 21-8655-DE

Estate of CHARLES EUGENE GOUDREAU, SR., deceased. Date of birth: May 7, 1931.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles Eugene Goudreau, Sr., died February 14, 2021.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Douglas T. Goudreau, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 100 S. Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 1, 2021

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF MACKINAC

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Decedent's Estate FILE NO. 21-8654-DE

Estate of RONALD D. SWISHER (deceased). Date of birth: June 1, 1947.

TO ALL CREDITORS: NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald D. Swisher, died May 28, 2021.

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# Mackinac Island Grapples With Employee Housing

**By Stephanie Fortino**  
As more single-family homes continue to be converted to employee housing, concern is growing over the future of Mackinac Island's residential neighborhoods. Employee housing is already prevalent in Harrisonville, formerly a residential neighborhood exclusively, and business owners are also purchasing homes elsewhere, including in the residential area on the east end of town known as the Mission.

Converting a single-family home to employee housing requires the review and approval of a special land use permit from the Mackinac Island Planning Commission, which is stepping up enforcement on unauthorized employee housing, following complaints to the building department from members of the public. Tuesday, June 8, the Planning Commission held a public hearing about a special land use permit for a home on Mission Street that was converted to employee housing near Mission Point and has housed employees without permission this season. The property is owned and operated by Tony Brodeur and his investment partners, who are now seeking the required special land use permit and want to renovate the home's basement level.

Engineer Richard Fosgitt explained the project at the June 8 hearing, which will include finishing out the basement of the home to create added living space. The home is a one-story structure with a walk-out basement. If the basement is finished, the floor would accommodate two more bedrooms, with full bathrooms and kitchen facilities both in the basement and on the first floor.

The house, if the renovation is approved, could house between five and 10 employees, but Mr. Brodeur said he would consider reducing the occupancy in the house to eight people to ease the concerns of neighbors. If the special land use permit is granted, more people can live in employee housing than would be allowed in a lower density single-family home.

The house is in a R-3 high-density residential zone that allows single-family and multiple-family homes and, with a special land use permit, boardinghouses (employee housing). There are stipulations for a special land use permit, including installing a landscape buffer on all boundaries of the property to dampen noise and provide a visual barrier. A landscape buffer can be installed, Mr. Fosgitt said. The permit also requires adequate on-site bicycle parking, which is also possible, according to Mr. Fosgitt.

Mr. Brodeur said the home will be used for upper level management, such as the general manager and his wife, the kitchen manager, and other managers at his restaurants, the Mustang Lounge and Broken Spoke.

"I have heard a lot of arguments against more employee housing," he said to the audience at the meeting, "but we wouldn't be looking for other places to put employees if there wasn't a need."

City attorney Tom Evashevski outlined how the Planning Commission should evaluate the request.

"We do allow boardinghouses, employee housing, in an R-3 district," he said. "That issue is not really before the Planning Commission at this time. It's just

the nature of the type of use specific to this project. It would have to have some negative impact on the surrounding area to reject it. We can't decide that we don't want any more employee housing in R-3. As I say, that has already been decided. It's just the details and the unique impact that this establishment would pose to the surrounding area."

Mr. Brodeur contends that employees are living on the same street in single-family homes that have already been converted to employee housing without the city's knowledge.

"We're opening up a can of worms here," said Planning Commissioner Jim Pettit, "if we don't know, and people are doing it illegally. As far as I know, there are no boardinghouses approved in that area."

City zoning administrator Dennis Dombroski said there are three apartments that function as family dwellings, and there is another boardinghouse in the general area.

Commissioner Mary Dufina noted that neighbors in the area seem to be confused about what was being sought, and she clarified that the property is not being rezoned, as many members of the public feared and argued against.

"It's not a variance from the rules because it is something that is allowed," Mrs. Dufina said.

Mr. Evashevski clarified that special land use permits are issued for uses that are allowed, but must adhere to additional regulations, like the landscape buffer and on-site bicycle parking. The special land use permit is not something "exceptional to the rule," said Commissioner Trish Martin.

Several letters against the em-

ployee housing were received from neighbors in the area, including the Faulk family, Candy Smith, Marta and Peter Olson, and Mary Jane Barnwell and Mark Bearss. Brian Bailey, who also lives in the area, voiced his opposition to the project, too.

Mr. Bearss also spoke extensively against the project, saying the special land use approval would "create a precedent" and encourage more boardinghouses there. He also argued that the "transitory nature of the employment" of the people who would live in the boardinghouse would decrease neighboring property values.

Mrs. Olson echoed similar comments: "I have no concern with Tony," she said, "and I've met his employees there. It's not a personal thing. It's a precedent thing."

Mr. Brodeur and his business partners may come to some agreement with the neighbors to develop some limits on the property, potentially including capping the number of people that can live in the home below the density allowed in the city's zoning ordinance.

The hearing ended more than an hour after it began. The Planning Commission decided not to take any action on the permit application, giving Mr. Brodeur some time to work with his neighbors on conditions. The application will be considered at the commission's next meeting, scheduled for 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 13. The meeting will be open to those wishing to attend in person and will be simultaneously streamed on Zoom. Login information is posted on the city's website, [www.cityormi.org](http://www.cityormi.org), in advance of meetings.



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# New Great Lakes Recovery Facility Gets Financial Support

Great Lakes Recovery Centers received financial support from the Mackinac Island Community Foundation for its new men's residential treatment facility in Sault Ste. Marie, Rebuilding HOPE, which serves the entire U.P., including Mackinac Island, and northern lower Michigan. The foundation awarded \$10,000 to the project, which will see a former church renovated into a new treatment home.

For nearly 40 years, Great Lakes Recovery Centers (GLRC) has provided substance abuse and mental health treatment for children, adolescents, adults, and families. Services are offered at 18 locations, including four residential substance abuse treatment centers where clients receive on-site treatment and 24-hour supervision.

During 2020, GLRC helped

nearly 3,000 people, and the effects of Covid-19 has made its services more vital than ever. The pandemic continues to impact mental health. Those who already struggle with substance use are finding it harder to manage stress and well-being.

Addiction not only affects the person with a substance abuse problem, but also affects their partners, families, friends, employers, and communities. GLRC seeks to provide treatment, hope, and support to improve situations for folks struggling, which also helps the larger community.

Among other resources, GLRC operates two residential treatment centers in Sault Ste. Marie: Women's New Hope House and Men's New Hope House. The facilities offer non-medical detox services, residential treatment, and housing for those who are recov-

ering from a substance abuse problem.

The men's home, on Spruce Street downtown, is crowded and often necessitates four men to a room. Since the building cannot be enlarged, GLRC is expanding its transitional and recovery housing by renovating an old church. Having stable housing is essential to the success of those in recovery, as the greatest risk of relapse is within the first few months after completing a treatment program.

The building offers increased capacity and the ability for GLRC to offer additional services. The former rectory has already been updated and includes five bedrooms with shared bathrooms and kitchen. The facility, Gary's House, has been at full capacity since it opened in July 2020. Construction on the church renovations began in March.

When the men's facility is relocated to the renovated church, the old building will be turned into recovery housing for women.

The entire project, including the relocation of the women's facility, is expected to cost \$1.5 million. So far, GLRC has raised \$829,000 for the project, and more money continues to be raised.

The Mackinac Island Community Foundation contributed \$10,000 to the project during its spring grant cycle, which was announced Monday, May 10. The St. Ignace Community Foundation also awarded a grant of \$5,000.

The facility serves the entire U.P. and northern lower Michigan. Included are people from Mackinac Island who struggle with substance abuse and need help getting sober.

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## Les Cheneaux

It was beautiful to see the picture of the yellow warbler with the lilacs. It was in the Nature Notes column written by Patricia Martin in last week's *Mackinac Island Town Crier*. It is always a privilege to read Patricia's columns.

Congratulations to Drew Bailey, who broke the Cedarville High School record for throwing the discus! He and his friends and family are really happy for him. We're proud of you, Drew. May your college years bring you much success. What a busy time we are having.

# St. Ignace Walk To End Alzheimer's Disease Is Planned for September

The St. Ignace Walk to End Alzheimer's has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 29. The event is going to take place at the Mackinac Straits Health System hospital and is being staged in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association.

Last year's walk was held virtually but this year's event will return to an in-person format. The charity walk this fall hopes to attract participants from across the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The money raised by the walk will be used to fund free care and support programs to help affected EUP residents and critical research into treatments for both Alzheimer's and dementia. Organization efforts for the walk are already underway.

"Alzheimer's is not taking a hiatus during Covid-19 and neither are we," Alzheimer's Association Michigan Chapter President and CEO Jennifer Lepard said. "We must continue the Walk to End Alzheimer's, and we are working with all participants to ensure they have a powerful and moving experience that is felt when we are together. Many of our constituents are at higher risk when it comes to Covid-19 and we know that our volunteers and participants appreciate our commitment to keeping all

involved healthy and safe."

The walk aims to bring together participants from throughout the EUP to support a common cause. In addition to the in-person event the online participation option will also be offered this year for those who prefer it. Those who want to register for the walk, and receive updates about similar events this year, can do so online at [alz.org/walk](http://alz.org/walk).

"Due to the challenges of Covid-19, our community has certainly been strained over the last 16 months," Recreational Therapist and Dementia Practitioner Lani Fetting said, serving as the St. Ignace Walk to End Alzheimer's Coordinator this year. "It is important, however, that we don't forget how the lives of those with Alzheimer's are still being affected every day, even more so with the Coronavirus. This virus has changed how people are able to receive their care, how they are able to spend time with loved ones, and how they are able to get education and support about the

# St. Ignace Library To Host Craft Club Wednesdays

St. Ignace Public Library is holding five Craft Club meetings on Wednesdays at 2 p.m. throughout the summer. Library Director Alicia McKowen leads the club, and teaches a different craft at each session.

a basket. The class is free and supplies are provided, but registration is required by calling Hessel School House at (906) 484-1333 or registering online ([HesselSchoolHouse.org](http://HesselSchoolHouse.org)) as soon as possible. This sounds like a lot of fun.

The Les Cheneaux Loins Club fundraiser will be Saturday, September 11, at the Community Center. Watch for further details. This is a fundraiser. This will be a great time to have fun and see your friends and help out to raise some cash.

We send sympathy to the family of Nancy Reno from Hessel. She was a kind person, always ready to help others.

The traffic along M-134 has really been busy, as everyone wants to enjoy the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

It is good to see Christopher Vagts has returned to Cedarville and that he is feeling much improved. Good job to his mother and to him.

There are more than six million Americans currently living with Alzheimer's disease including 190,000 in Michigan alone. It is one of the leading causes of death in the United States. Michigan has more than 463,000 caregivers working to help those with Alzheimer's and other dementias.

Participants made their own baskets out of cups and twine at the second meeting of the summer June 30.

The club meetings are the first in-person activities held at the library since the onset of the pandemic,

challenges. We are so thankful for the support that the Alzheimer's Association provides to these individuals and their families."

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Mrs. McKowen said. The first two meetings were lightly attended, but she hopes attendance will grow as the summer goes on.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 7. The craft will be rainbow acrylic canvas art.

# Mackinaw City Announces 3rd Quarter Honor Roll

12th Grade: Elena Alexander, \*Evan Cronk, \*Jillian Lidy, Kal O'Brien, Rose Siebigthero, \*Caroline Somers, and \*Jenna Wier-talla.

11th Grade: Gabi Bell, \*Ella House.

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8th Grade: Sean Postula.

7th Grade: Tyler Hingston, \*Ben Strittmatter.

6th Grade: \*Tyler Allaire, Rian Esper, Wesley House, and Giada Lieghio.

\*Denotes all A's.

# New Banners in Downtown St. Ignace Honor Service of Local Veterans

By Erich T. Doerr

The City of St. Ignace's new History of Hometown Heroes banner program honoring local veterans saw 27 of its 36 banners raised skyward to hang from downtown light poles Tuesday, June 29. The last nine banners will be installed soon.

All of the Hometown Heroes banners are being hung up on State Street light poles. Each pole will have one banner. On Tuesday morning the first banner was hung at 10 a.m. with more going up through the early afternoon. Museum of Ojibwa Culture Director Shirley Sorrels, who helped bring the project to fruition, said she was eager to see the response to the banners from veterans and their families.

A grant from the Michigan Humanities Council funded much of the cost of the project with another grant from the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians covering additional costs. All 36 veterans featured in the first group of banners are local Native Americans, although an expansion of the program to include more individuals in the future is already in development. Ms. Sorrels said there is already a lot of interest

in honoring more veterans, and one family has inquired about honoring nine of its members.

Future banners could be added to the Huron Boardwalk and other areas downtown. Doubling up on the State Street poles is another option. Ms. Sorrels, History of Hometown Heroes Founder Abby Baker, and a St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority committee are looking at the logistics of expanding the program. Mrs. Baker said that it has been enjoyable to work with St. Ignace and the museum team on the development of this project.

"This is really exciting both to get these up and honor Native American veterans in the City of St. Ignace," Mrs. Baker told *The St. Ignace News*. "Within this group of 36 there are many Vietnam War veterans who perhaps didn't get recognition like this at the time of their service."

The current plan is for the first batch of banners to stay up for about two years. If the program is expanded, additional banners could be sold in the fall with the goal of having them up by Memorial Day in May 2022. If more banners are added then the existing banners



Many of St. Ignace's History of Hometown Heroes are now hanging on light poles downtown. Here Hometown Heroes' Marcus Golladay of Sault Ste. Marie works on this banner honoring local Operation Enduring Freedom veteran Nicole Turley of the United States Air Force alongside State Street Tuesday morning, June 29.

would stay up for an extra year alongside them. The banners are designed to last three to five years and each one will be presented to the featured veteran or their family after it is taken down.

"This is such an exciting project," Ms. Sorrels said, adding that this and the museum's popular exhibit on Native Americans overcoming the struggles of boarding schools are two of her proudest achievements as director. "This is an honoring project for Native American veterans and we look forward to opening it up more for all St. Ignace veterans."

The first two banners honored Vietnam War veteran Tony Grondin and Operation Enduring Freedom veteran Laura Rickley-Blosser and



Museum of Ojibwa Culture Director Shirley Sorrels (left) and History of Hometown Heroes Founder Abby Baker were among those who worked together to bring the program to the city and are pictured here with a banner honoring Air Force veteran Andrew Mullins Tuesday morning, June 29.

were hung together in April near the Ojibwa Culture Museum. These two banners were a test for the later ones and eventually taken down. Both of them have since been redone and rehung with a larger size to match the rest of the banners.

The Hometown Heroes project includes a digital element with QR codes planned that will be scannable with a smartphone or other device to get more information on each featured veteran. These codes will be in-

stalled on the light poles by the end of the month. Mrs. Baker said they are finalizing the biography information for the veterans right now.

St. Ignace is one of three Eastern Upper Peninsula communities to be included in the History of Hometown Heroes program, following Sault Ste. Marie and Rudyard. The St. Ignace program is unique in that Native American veterans may be pictured wearing either their military uniform or traditional regalia.

## Bridge Authority To Meet on Mackinac Island

The Mackinac Bridge Authority will hear an update on the Labor Day Bridge Walk at a meeting on Mackinac Island Friday, July 9, as planning continues for the annual event that will resume this year. The authority will also get a report on the bridge deck study that was

recently finished.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and will be held in Community Hall at 7358 Market Street. The meeting will also be live-streamed online at:

<https://Livestream.com/MDOT/MBAMeeting07092021> or YouTube

at:

[https://youtu.be/\\_fYSdbtWSws](https://youtu.be/_fYSdbtWSws).

The full agenda will be posted on the authority's website, [www.mackinacbridge.org](http://www.mackinacbridge.org). Information about the bridge walk Monday, September 6, is posted at [www.mackinacbridge.org/walk](http://www.mackinacbridge.org/walk).

## Mackinaw City Hosts July 4 Strawberry Social



A team of volunteers from the Mackinaw Women's Club's set up shop in a tent at the Mackinaw City Municipal Marina Sunday, July 4, for its annual Strawberry Social fundraiser. Here (from left) are Angie Morthland, Gerry Glenn, Marialana Nygard, Joan Astrom, Angie Ross, and Bridget Parker. There were no marina games this year, but the social still sold more than 250 strawberry shortcakes. (Photograph provided by Angie Morthland)

## Fireworks Over Bay Delight St. Ignace



The City of St. Ignace's Independence Day celebration Sunday, July 4, was capped off with fireworks above Moran Bay in the evening. Here several go off illuminating the night sky and smoke rising from their launch site below. St. Ignace will host weekly fireworks shows on Saturdays at dusk throughout the rest of the summer and on the weeks of some select special events in the fall.

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