

Births

Challenges to State Agencies Headed for Resolution

Cameron Cotton

Stephanie Becker and Shane Cotton announce the birth of their first child, Cameron Kurtis Cotton, born at Holy Cross Hospital in Taos, New Mexico, August 25, 2005. Cameron weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces, and was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Kevin and Jodie Becker and John Cotton and Tracy Orr, all of Angel Fire, New Mexico, and Ramona Johnson of Reno, Nevada. Great-grandparents are Norman and Ellen Becker and the late Michael and Edwardine Tamlyn, all of St.



Cameron Cotton Ignace, and Larry and Orlina Johnson of Richmond, California, and Mary Jo Uland of Ryan, Oklahoma.

Evalyn Ledy

Evalyn Joy Ledy was born to Amanda and Brad Ledy of Troy at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak at 2:58 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2005.



Evalyn Ledy Incorporated in Detroit. Evalyn, named after Mrs. Ledy's great aunt, is the couple's first child.

Zachary Schlehuber

Timothy and Kimberly Schlehuber of Gaylord announce the birth of a son, Zachary Michael, born August 20, 2005, at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

length at birth. Grandparents are Larry and Linda Schlehuber of St. Ignace and David and Janice Parsons of Mt. Pleasant. Great-grandmothers are Blanche Schlehuber of St. Ignace and Juna Herbison of Stanton.

Madison Thurmes

Jerry and Christy Thurmes of Pickford announce the birth of a daughter, Madison Marie, born September 6, 2005, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

She joins two sisters, Taylor and Tori, at home. Grandparents are Chuck and Mary Jane Bennin of Pickford and Bob and Judy Harting of Brainerd, Minnesota, and the late Anthony Thurmes.

Haleigh Mattson

Jim and Stefanie (nee Hodgins) Mattson, of St. Ignace, announce the birth of a daughter, Haleigh Marie Mattson. Haleigh was born August 26, 2005, at 11:41 a.m. at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce and measured 19 inches in length.

grandparents are Norma Mattson of Newberry and Kathleen Hodgins of Gladwin.

Girl Scouts To Register Tuesday

The St. Ignace Area Girl Scouts will host an ice cream social and open registration for adult volunteers and girls in kindergarten through 12th grade Tuesday, September 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Quality Inn in St. Ignace.

National Registration dues are \$10 per girl or adult, and due at the time of registration. Opportunity Fund applications are available for families needing financial assistance.

For more information, call Susan Horn, area manager, at 643-6245.

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canner of garden produce unless it is cukes.

We found another gift of tomatoes at the end of the sidewalk. It was from our gentleman farmer, Bob Jarzynka of Worth Road.

It was too nice an evening to stay at home. Mary Carney was unavailable, as were Jamaica Diamond and Lara Gustafson. Betty Giordoni had no news, and neither did Brenda Spencer. There is always next week.

Happy birthday September 1, Marilyn DuMond. Sharon and Kenny celebrated their anniversary September 3, Sharon and Joe Chalmers September 5, and Eric and Kelli Movalson September 7. Happy birthday to Joan Spencer September 7. Andy Movalson and Herb Kitzman share a birth date September 18. Paul Shepard and Ed Heenan celebrate on September 19.

Pray for victims of Katrina and send support to the charity of your choice.

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bipartisan boards whose members are appointed by the Governor for six year terms and operate somewhat independently under their overseeing agencies, Michigan Department of Transportation for the Bridge Authority and History, Arts and Libraries for the State Park Commission.

The Mackinac Island State Park Commission operates Mackinac State Historic Parks, which includes Fort Mackinac and roughly 80 percent of the landmass on Mackinac Island, Colonial Michilimackinac and adjacent sites in Mackinaw City, and Historic Mill Creek, a reconstructed Revolutionary War-era sawmill on the way to Cheboygan.

The fate of the Mackinac State Historic Parks budget and programs soon will be in the hands of a budget conference committee, yet to be formed. The final 2006 budget must be adopted by the end of September, before the state's new fiscal year, which begins October 1.

Since February, when Governor Granholm removed \$1.5 million from the 2006 fiscal year budget, park commissioners and staff have been lobbying to get the funding returned, while examining program cuts and fee increases to absorb some of the blow. In June, State Representative Fran Amos (R-Waterford) held a public meeting on Mackinac Island to discuss the matter.

"I am going to save it," she told The Saint Ignace News then.

The efforts may be paying off. "As of Tuesday morning, it appeared that the conference committee will fund us at \$1.5 million, the same number of dollars

as we had in FY05," said Mackinac Island State Park Commission Chairman Dennis Cawthorne as The St. Ignace News went to press.

The total 2005 budget for Mackinac State Historic Parks was \$5.7 million, which includes the \$1.5 million state appropriation. The rest is earned through park fees and admissions to the historic sites.

After the administration suggested the state appropriation be eliminated, the Senate, earlier this year, reinstated it in its budget package, but the House did not, so the two bodies must now hash it, and other differences, out in conference.

Three state representative and three state senators will make the final determination on the Mackinac Island State Park Commission appropriation, said Mr. Cawthorne.

Greg Bird of the state's budget office also said on Monday that the conference committee will be led by Tom George (R-Kalamazoo), who chaired the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) appropriation subcommittee in the Senate. Mrs. Amos chairs the same subcommittee in the House and also will be on the conference committee. The rest of the committee will be appointed by Speaker of the House Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) and Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema (R-Wyoming).

"Hopefully, the issue will be resolved fairly soon," said Mr. Bird.

The conference committee's recommendation for the state park appropriation and 2006 HAL budget will be voted on once more by the two legislative bodies. If the budget passes, it moves

Appraisal Fair Planned at Rudyard

The Rudyard Historical Society will hold an antique appraisal fair at the Rudyard Community Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, September 17. People may bring in as many as three items to be appraised by Jean LaFolle and other experts from the antique auction at Manistique. Appraisal cost

is \$3 per item. A silent auction of white elephant items and crafts will be held the same day. Refreshments will be served.

to the Governor's office for her approval. If the agreed upon budget fails, it is returned to the conference committee for additional work.

Earlier this year, when trying to make up the lost state appropriation, the Mackinac Island State Park Commission could come up with only \$202,500 in increased fees and earned revenue, leaving a shortfall of \$1,296,000. Park officials have been looking at cutting some historic interpretation and public education programs, and putting some preservation work on hold, if the appropriation is not restored. Michigan's oldest surviving structures are at Fort Mackinac.

The state has appropriated operating funds to the Mackinac Island State Park Commission since 1895, when the military reservation on Mackinac Island was deeded to the state by the

federal government. Mackinac Island became Michigan's first state park. Prior to that, Mackinac Island had been designated a national park, the nation's second, after Yellowstone National Park.

Mackinac Island State Park Commission members include Dennis Cawthorne of Mackinac Island and East Lansing, Karen Karam of Ray, Audrey Jaggi of Mackinaw City, Frank Kelley of Okemos, Richard Manoogian of Mackinac Island and Grosse Pointe Farms, Joan Porteous of Reed City, and Laurie Stupak of Menominee.

Mackinac Bridge Authority members include William Gnodtke of Charlevoix, Elsa Schaller of Petoskey, Angelo Lanni of Washington, Murray Wikol of Bloomfield Hills, Patrick Gleason of Davison, and Barbara Brown of St. Ignace.

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