

MDA: EAB Detection Trees Program's Third, Final Stage Commences

The third and final phase of the 2005 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) statewide detection tree program has begun.

Earlier this year, about 12,000 detection trees were selected at varying densities in nearly every township in the Upper and Lower Peninsulas to serve as an early detection system for potential EAB infestations outside of the 20 quarantined counties in southeast Michigan.

The detection trees were established to attract and capture adult beetles present in a specific area.

According to the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA), the trees do not lure the bug from long distances nor create new infestations.

The project was based on recommendations from the EAB National Science Advisory Panel and implemented by MDA and the Department Natural Resources, in cooperation with local conservation district foresters and Michigan Technological University.

"This detection program is an important tool for alerting us to

potential beetle infestations outside of the known EAB area," said MDA Director Mitch Irwin. "Crews are returning to each of these areas, cutting down the trees, and peeling the bark looking for signs of EAB. If infestations are found, we will implement an effective and timely response strategy."

Director Irwin added that it is possible that additional pockets of infestations may be found outside of the known infested areas in south-

east Michigan and the 27 quarantined outliers across the state during the removal and examination of the detection trees. The detection tree removal process should be completed by early December.

"As we continue our EAB response efforts it's imperative that Michigan residents, tourists, and businesses adhere to the state's quarantine," said Patricia Lockwood, EAB policy director for Governor Jennifer Granholm. "It's only with

continued support and compliance that we will be able to halt the further spread and subsequent devastation to the state's natural resources and economic growth."

Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees and was unknown on the North American continent until its discovery in Michigan in 2002.

The insect has already devastated an estimated 15 million ash trees in southeast Michigan and continues to

destroy trees in Michigan. Additionally, other localized areas in various counties and communities have been infested due mainly to the movement of firewood, including Brimley's state park last month, the first known EAB case in the Upper Peninsula.

For more information about the EAB detection tree project or Michigan's response efforts, go online to MDA's Web site at www.michigan.gov/eab.

What A Sight: Scouts Enjoy Seney



Seney Wildlife Refuge hosted Scout Day Saturday, October 1. Scouts Cody Barowski (from left), James Lindberg, and River Brown survey a pond with a telescope at Scout Day at the Refuge. The boys belong to Pack 140 in Cedarville.

Clark Township Forms Compensation Advisory Committee

By Amy Polk

Clark Township Clerk Cathy Nordquist and Trustee Tammy Cruickshank will identify citizens to serve on a seven-member compensation advisory committee to review how elected officials are compensated, and make recommendations to the township board. The two elected officials were appointed to the task Thursday, October 20, at the board's regular meeting.

Four months ago, trustees made room in the 2005-2006 general fund budget to increase the salaries of the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer by 20 percent. They are now paid \$19,500 and the budget allows an increase of \$3,900, to \$23,400. The increases have not been paid, but they remain in the budget that was adopted in July.

Salaries for the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer must be set by board resolution, according to Michigan Townships Association, and fringe

benefits must be determined in a township ordinance, also adopted by the board.

In August, trustees agreed to provide health insurance to all township employees and to pay 80 percent of the premium for employees who participate.

The township's new assessor, Sherry Burd, an independent contractor, pays all of her own premium. The three elected officials, Supervisor Linda Hudson, Clerk Cathy Nordquist, and Treasurer Katie VanEenenaam-Carpenter, are considered township employees as they work in Clark Township Hall from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., although there is no township statute that requires them to do so.

The compensation advisory committee will be asked to interview officials to determine their job and time requirements, level of skill and management responsibilities, and fiscal responsibilities. They will also

be asked to compare Clark Township salaries to salaries in communities similar in size and taxable value to Clark Township. They will

also consider communities that offer comparable services to Clark Township, and those with similar budget considerations.

Sheriff Scott Strait Named to LSSU Alumni Fellows Class

Mackinac County Sheriff Scott Strait has been named among eight people chosen as the inaugural class of Alumni Fellows at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) in Sault Ste. Marie.

The Alumni Fellows program invites exceptional alumni to campus to share their expertise with the campus community.

The university will honor Alumni Fellows each year during the Great Lake State Weekend, celebrated this year October 21 to 23.

The honor will be a lifetime designation.

Mr. Strait, of Cedarville, is a 1984 graduate of the university.

Other honorees are Ken Cooper, D.D.S., of Sault Ste. Marie, Beverly Wolfe of War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, Douglas deBest of Covert Township, James Knight of Hummelston, Pennsylvania, Tim Hall of Malcom School of Sault Ste. Marie, Jan Bednarz of Indianapolis, and Scott Lindemann of Holland, Michigan.

Clark Township Board Meeting Minutes

Clark Township Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting
October 20, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:04 p.m.

Trustees Present: Cruickshank, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Nordquist.
Hudson amended the agenda to add #12B to approve the special assessment tax roll for 2005. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda:
Approve Minutes: September 15 minutes.

Pay Bills: General Fund: \$16,450.64, Sewer Fund: \$23,526.02

Nordquist motioned to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Carpenter supported.

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to adopt Design #1 as the Recreation Park Special Design Concept for Clark Township. Leach supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Leach, Hudson, Nordquist, Cruickshank, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to allow the Recreation Committee to go ahead with contacting Capital Consultants to get the Bid Packet ready to go out regarding rock and stump removal for the recreation park and to put it in the paper. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to advertise for interest for a citizen's committee regarding hi-speed internet in Clark Township. Hudson supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to act as the applicant and fiscal agent for a grant proposal for the library for Tribal 2% money. Cruickshank supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Carpenter, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to table the off road vehicle resolution until the next regular board meeting. Leach supported.

Hudson motioned to have Paul Routhier of C-6 Business Solutions come on Monday and Tuesday, October 24 and 25 and make the corrections for the computer network specified in his proposal. Cruickshank supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Hudson, Leach, Cruickshank, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to support the idea of providing information to property owners. Cruickshank supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to talk to Edison Sault to see if they can provide the street lights for Cedar Rd., Nye Rd. and from Nye Rd. to M-134 at no charge and the township will pay for the electricity. If there is a charge and they do not have sufficient poles, we'll come back to the board with that information and make our decision at that time. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to lower the ballast

on the street light opposite of Nathan Harrison's house, keep the other one reserved for someone else that might require one or replacement for the next one that burns out and then budget to change the rest. Cruickshank supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to accept the Mathew's Excavating bid for snow plowing. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carpenter, Cruickshank, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist.

Hudson motioned that the Town Board take the initiative and appeal a lot split issue to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Carpenter, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist.

Nordquist motioned to amend the policy for mileage from 35 cents per mile to 42 cents per mile. Leach supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Carpenter, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist.

Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to spend up to \$3,000 to bring these experts together for a work session to correct all the sewer issues. Leach supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Leach, Hudson, Nordquist, Cruickshank, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Nordquist motioned to give Hudson the authority to contact everyone and make an appointment for a new member to the Sewer Board. Cruickshank supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Carpenter motioned to accept the sewer special assessment roll as presented. Cruickshank supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Carpenter, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Hudson motioned to enact a policy that requires all persons who apply for a land use or zoning permits, that by their application, they grant permission for the Zoning Board, Planning Commission and building and zoning

inspector to have access to that property and that also they must provide directions and descriptions to the locations. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carpenter, Cruickshank, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Leach motioned to give Hudson permission to advertise for Planning Commissioner candidates in the St. Ignace News. Cruickshank supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Nordquist motioned to advertise in the St. Ignace News for an open house from 4-7 on November 2, not to exceed \$50. Cruickshank supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Cruickshank, Carpenter, Hudson, Leach, Nordquist. Motion carried.

Nordquist motioned to adjourn. Cruickshank supported. Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

BIDS WANTED Snow Removal

Bids sought for snow removal at the St. Ignace Welcome Center located at the north end of the Mackinac Bridge. Additional info and bid sheets can be obtained at the Welcome Center or the Newberry Transportation Service Center (1-866-740-6368). Sealed bids accepted at the Newberry TSC, 14113 M-28, Newberry, MI 49868 until 3:00 p.m., November 14, 2005.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Mackinac County Sheriff's Department

The Mackinac County Sheriff's Office is seeking bids to re-key and replace various lock sets throughout the building.

Bid specifications can be obtained at the Mackinac County Sheriff's Office at 100 South Marley Street, St. Ignace, Michigan during regular business hours.

Bids must be returned than November 11th, 2005.

ELECTION NOTICE City General Election

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a

CITY GENERAL ELECTION
will be held in the
City of St. Ignace,
County of Mackinac, Michigan,
on
Tuesday, November 8, 2005

For the purpose of electing candidates
for the following City Officers:

(1) Mayor
(3) Councilmembers

Voting precincts will be located at
the **LITTLE BEAR EAST COMMUNITY CENTER.**

**THE POLLS OF SAID ELECTION WILL BE OPEN
at 7:00 a.m. UNTIL 8 p.m. on said day of election.**

Renée D. Vonderwerth, CMC
Clerk, City of St. Ignace

NOTICE NEWTON TOWNSHIP OFF-ROAD VEHICLE ORDINANCE – SUMMARY

Notice is hereby given that at the regular meeting of the Newton Township Board held on October 12, 2005, it was moved and supported that the Newton Township Ordinance #05-10-01 be accepted for the regulation and establishment of access routes for the operation of off-road vehicles and to provide penalties for non-compliance.

A Summary is as follows:

Definitions

1. "Public highway" or "public roadway" – that portion of a county road that is improved, maintained and used by the public for vehicular travel, including shoulders.
2. "Operate" – ride in or on.
3. "ORV" – a motor driven off-road recreational vehicle capable of cross-country travel without the benefit of a road or trail.

Access Routes

ORVs shall be operated for access as follows:

1. Within the outer five feet, at the right side, of all seasonal roads.
2. Within the outer five feet, at the right side, of all non-seasonal roads.
3. On the un-paved portion of paved roads, except to avoid hazards.

Restrictions

While operating an ORV on Mackinac County public roadways within Newton Township, as allowed above, the operator must:

1. Be 16 years of age, or
2. Be at least 12 years of age and both of the following conditions exist:
 - a. Operator is under visual supervision of a parent or guardian, **and**
 - b. Operator possesses a valid ORV safety certificate.
3. Drive in a single file manner.
4. Drive at a speed not to exceed 25 miles per hour.
5. Yield to all motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
6. Not operate within any Township or County owned parks.
7. Not operate in any area closed by governmental authority.
8. Not operate between 1/2 hour prior to sunrise and 1/2 hour after sunset without an operational headlight and an operational tail light.
9. Not operate in violation of any applicable State Law.

Penalty

Any person who violates this ordinance is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of no more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for 93 days, or both, and full restitution of any damages caused as a result thereof.

Revocation

The Newton Township Board may rescind ORV operation on the public roadways. The Mackinac County Board of Road Commissioners may petition the Newton Township Board to amend this ordinance.

Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective thirty days after its publication in The St. Ignace News. A true copy of this ordinance may be obtained from the township clerk at: N6129 Milakokia Lake Rd., Gould City, MI 49838.

Introduced: October 12, 2005
Adopted: October 12, 2005
Published: November 3, 2005

Alice Zdebski, Clerk
Newton Township