

## State Police Offer Reminders for Winter Travelers

To promote safety on the roadways during the winter season, the Michigan State Police offer the following reminders for travelers:

- Keep tires at the car manufacturer's recommended pressure, and routinely check tire pressure during cold weather.
- Keep windshield solvent at full strength, and make sure the reservoir is full. Also, keep new wiper blades on front and rear wipers.
- A freshly washed car is more visible to other drivers. Remove ice and snow from all lights, windows, and the license plate before driving.
- Periodically check all lights and replace when necessary.
- Prepare a winter driving survival kit. The kit should include items such as an extra winter coat, pants, hat, boots, gloves; a flashlight with batteries; candle and candle holder; a dry container filled with matches; jumper cables; tow strap; first aid kit; shovel; salt or kitty litter; road flares; and a spare tire and jack.

especially during the winter months," said Sergeant James Flegel of the Michigan State Police Precision Driving Unit.

"The most important fact to remember is the handling capability of your car is drastically reduced in winter weather, so it is best to use a slower speed to compensate for poor handling," he said.

In addition, troopers remind motorists to be aware of several factors when stopping and turning in winter weather. They advise motorists to remember to do all braking before a turn is made and to take the proper line of travel through the turn. Doing so will reduce the potential for a skid to occur.

If the car begins to skid, correct the problem by letting off the throttle, staying off the brakes, and use a quick, hand-over-hand steering technique to turn the front tires in the desired direction.

To check road conditions before traveling, police encourage travelers to visit the Winter Travel Advisory Web site at [www.michigan.gov/roadconditions](http://www.michigan.gov/roadconditions).

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## Steven Lesatz

Steven Lesatz, 41, of Sault Ste. Marie, died Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

He was born May 27, 1964, in Manistique.

Mr. Lesatz was a coach of seventh grade boys basketball in Sault Ste. Marie and had previously coached AAU girls basketball and fourth and fifth grade girls basketball at Lincoln Elementary.

He is survived by his wife, Susan (nee Allor) Lesatz, and two sons, Clayton and Gregory Lesatz, all of Sault Ste. Marie, his parents, Leon and Joann (nee Domanski) Lesatz of Gould City, three brothers and their families, Dan Lesatz and Tammy Patrikus of L'Anse, Todd and Tina Lesatz of Gould City, and Jeff and Patti Lesatz of Grand Rapids, his wife's parents, Robert and Roberta Allor of Gould City, and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation was Friday, December



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23, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday, December 24, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home in Sault Ste. Marie. Services followed at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Woodlawn Cemetery in Curtis in the spring.

## Richard Schaedel

Richard Schaedel, an 85-year-old resident of St. Ignace, formerly of Austin, Texas, passed away early Friday, December 9, 2005, at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care Facility in St. Ignace.

Professor Schaedel was a noted archaeologist and anthropologist who concentrated his studies in South America. He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin and a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Yale in 1952, where he studied under Wendell Bennett, a noted Latin American student of Andean history.

He was born on August 17, 1920, in Newark, New Jersey, to Joseph and Anna Louise (nee Haug) Schaedel and was a veteran of World War II.

He began teaching at the University of Texas in 1964, where he was a professor of anthropology, and retired in 1997 with the lifelong honor of Emeritus Professor.

While living and working in northern Peru in the late 1940s, Dr. Schaedel founded the Instituto de Antropología at the Universidad de Trujillo, which in 1971 named him Honorary Professor and in 1987 Doctor Honoris Causa. He

also worked in Chile, Haiti, Mexico, Venezuela, and Berlin. His interests varied from community development to Andean stone sculpture to Moche ethnography, according to an obituary published by the University of Texas.

In addition to English, Mr. Schaedel spoke German, French, Spanish, Russian, and Mochik, a South American language.

Dr. Schaedel has lived in St. Ignace since July of 2005, owing to health problems.

Surviving are his wife, Eva, of Texas and Slovakia; three sons and their families, Leoncio and Maria Elena of Connecticut, Richard Edward of Berkeley, California, and Mark and Roberta of St. Ignace; two daughters and their families, Dahlia Hall of Stewart, Florida, and Delia AnnaMaria Schaedel of Hawaii and Austin; a sister, Paula Meuller of New Jersey; nine grandchildren, and one great grandson.

Cremation has taken place and a gathering will be held Thursday, December 29, at 5 p.m. at the home of Mark and Roberta Schaedel, 620 South State Street, St. Ignace.

His ashes will be interred in South America.

## Pauline Apostle

Pauline V. Apostle, 95, died Tuesday, December 20, 2005, at the King's Daughters Home in Midland.

Known as "Nanny" to her family, she was born June 23, 1910, in Goetzville to Roman and Anna (nee Belinski) Stec.

She married Peter Apostle June 16, 1934, in Sault Ste. Marie. The couple moved to Midland in 1940,

where they owned P&J Sandwich Shop and Gene's All Sports.

Mrs. Apostle was an avid golfer and a life member of the Currie Women's Golf Association. She earned many league awards. She was a member of American Legion, the Midland Elks, the Daughters of Isabella at St. Brigid, and served as a Pink Lady at the Midland Hospital gift shop.

Mrs. Apostle is survived by three children and their families, Patricia and Richard Rathack of Midland, Ronald and Linda Apostle of Owosso, and Sharyn and Douglas Bean of Midland; grandchildren and their families, Matthew and Theresa, with children Jessica, Zachary, Maria, and Angella, Peter and Carolyn, with children Elizabeth, Bridget, Peter, and John, Christopher and Stephanie, with children Nicholas and R.J., Peter Stevenson, Jill and Tom Stevenson, Carrie and Tyler Snyder, with children Mackenzie, Grant, and Carson, and Robert and Lisa Bean, with children Carter and Chloe. She is survived by two sisters, Bernice Sharp of Midland and Josephine Warner of Royal Oak.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Peter, four sisters, Martha, Stella, Jane, and Mary, and two brothers, Edward and Raymond.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday, December 22, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Brigid Church in Midland, with the Reverend Father George Serour as celebrant. Visitation was at the church Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Interment will be at Midland City Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the King's Daughters Home. Wilson Miller Funeral Home of Midland assisted the family.

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## Rose Dahlstrom

Rose Dahlstrom, a 90-year-old resident of Allenville, died early Christmas morning, December 25, 2005, at Mackinac Straits Hospital.

She and her twin sister, Ruth, were born in Allenville February 25, 1915, to Adam L. and Anna Louise (nee Soblaski) Litzner.

She married Raymond Dahlstrom in 1940 at Sister Bay, Wisconsin, and the couple lived in Chicago and Glencoe, Illinois, for many years before moving back to Allenville in 1979. Mr. Dahlstrom died in 1985.

Mrs. Dahlstrom was a member of Zion Lutheran Church in Allenville.

She is survived by a daughter and her family, Sharon and Bob Behrens of Arlington Heights, Illinois; five brothers and their families, Walter and Gert Litzner of St. Ignace, Eddie of Moran, Albert and Marjie of Bay City, George and Trish of Moran, and Art and Ruby of San Antonio, Texas; two sisters, LaVerne Shimkovitz and Ruth Johnson, both of Allenville.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, the infant Helen and Margaret Jackson in 1986.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date at Zion Lutheran Church in Allenville.

## Michigan State Medical Society Urges Precautions Against Fire

Holiday lights, trees, candles, and lamps can become fire hazards when not used properly, according to the Michigan State Medical Society.

The incidence and severity of fires increases during the holidays.

Christmas trees are a major cause of holiday fires, primarily because they dry out. Dry Christmas trees account for 400 fires annually, resulting in 10 deaths, 80 injuries, and more than \$15 million in property damage, according to the U.S. Fire

Administration (USFA).

A well-watered tree is hard to ignite, even when exposed to an open flame, USFA reports.

Safety experts warn against placing Christmas trees next to candles, heating vents, or fireplaces.

Electrical fires can be another hazard. Faulty lights and overloaded outlets can be dangerous. Holiday lights should be inspected for frayed wires, excessive wear, or gaps in insulation. Wires should not be warm to the touch, and lights should be turned off when leaving home. The USFA recommends avoiding overloading electrical sockets.

Fires from candles increase four-fold during the holidays. Always make sure that candles and Menorahs are on sturdy surfaces out of the reach of children. They should not be placed near decorations, and candles should never be placed on Christmas trees.

Small children should never be left alone in the presence of oil lamps, even when the lamps are not lit, the agency reports. The oil used for these lamps is often clear and toddlers may confuse it with water.

"Please take time right now to make sure your home is equipped with the appropriate number of smoke detectors and that they have fresh batteries," said Dr. Alan Mindlin, president of Michigan State Medical Society. "So often, fires occur during the night. A smoke detector is your family's 24-hour-a-day sentinel."

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