

Area Students Donate Money to Schools Affected by Hurricane Katrina



Above Photo: Students at St. Ignace Elementary School receive a check from The St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce for their efforts in an October fundraiser for a school in Louisiana. The money will be used to help Florida Avenue Elementary School, a school damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Pictured are (from left) Elizabeth Brown of the St. Ignace Business Association, Samantha Gugin, Spencer Crystal, Brady Kammers, Colton McDaniel, and teacher Laura Janeczek.



Gros Cap students assisted in a pumpkin contest to raise funds for a school in Louisiana, damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Pictured are (front row, from left) Tayler Schnicke, Heather Ryan, Steve Seccia, Thomas Pudenz, Ben Doran, James Cryderman, Gabe Boynton, and Noah Hart; (back row) Elizabeth Brown of the St. Ignace Business Association, Louis Radecki, Michaela Cope, Andrew Pudenz, Molly Sposito, and teacher Kari Marshall.

Thank You St. Ignace

I would like to say "Thank You" to my family and friends who helped me celebrate my retirement from the City after 29 years. I would especially like to thank the city staff and administrators who made my job that much easier, the City Council and Mayor Dodson for supporting me throughout my career and especially the Community for allowing me to serve you even though you may not have always agreed with me. I will not attempt to list everyone to whom I am especially grateful because of fear of missing you, however, I think you know who you are.

Thank you,
Gary L. Heckman

Students Pumpkin Contest Raises \$565

Autumn's student pumpkin contest collected \$565.95 and was given to area schools Tuesday, December 20, by the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce. In turn, Gros Cap School and St.

Ignace Area Schools will donate the money to Florida Avenue Elementary in Slidell, Louisiana, which was hit by Hurricane Katrina.

Floods destroyed supplies and equipment at the Louisiana school, and the students adopted it as a sister school and raised funds to help their fellow stu-

dents. They did so by decorating pumpkins donated by the Chamber and placing them next to donation jars at 17 area businesses. Each donated penny counted as one vote for the best decorated pumpkin.

Mary Cullen's kindergarten class at Gros Cap School won the contest.

Heidi Janz Earns Therapy Degree

Heidi Lindberg Janz of Hessel received a master's degree in occupational therapy from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo in August. She is on the staff at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, where her area of expertise includes hand therapy. She has also been certified in the treatment of lymphedema (chronic edema or swelling). She mainly serves outpatient and home health patients.

"We see patients who have suffered with chronic edema for years," Mrs. Janz said of the new lymphedema program at War Memorial. "We have been able to decrease girth and increase the function of the affected limb. It's been very rewarding."

Area Children, Live Animals Create a Living Nativity



Actors in the Cedarville Living Nativity, (from left) Mary Eberts, Jennifer Sherlund, Ali Eberts, and Holly Jaroche, pause between shows of the Nativity play. The children, along with many friends, family, and volunteers, performed the live enactment of the Biblical story of the birth of Jesus Christ the week preceding Christmas. Performances reminded passersby of the spiritual meaning of Christmas.

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Leslie Morris, Joe Bellant

Joe Bellant of St. Ignace and Leslie Morris of Ruidoso, New Mexico, have announced their engagement.

Mr. Bellant is the son of Fran

and the late Joyce Bellant of St. Ignace. He is a 1998 graduate of LaSalle High School and is now serving in the United States Air Force as a staff sergeant. He is serving a 12-month tour of duty in Korea.

Miss Morris is the daughter of Linda and Michael Morris of Ruidoso, New Mexico. She is a 1995 graduate of Ruidoso High School and is enrolled at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

The couple has yet to schedule a wedding date.



Leslie Morris and Joe Bellant