# Cub Scouts Go 'Boxcar' Racing

**Cub Scout Pack 127 held a Cubmobile Derby in January. The young scouts designed cars out of boxes and raced them in the St. Ignace Elementary School cafeteria. The race included pit stops where "drivers" had to tie knots, add pieces to their cars, and attempt other challenges. Pictured at the far back is boy Scout Corey Beaudoin. In the middle row (from left) are scouts Tyler Allen, Josh Lennington, Jon Christopher Massaway, Cameron Collier, Jared Fenlon, and Travis French; (front) Nik Moran, Andy Sheber, Jake Fenlon, Michael Lennington, and Riley Allen.** *(Photograph provided by Cubmaster Jana Beaudoin)*

# Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau Creates New Logo

The Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau has a new logo that highlights the Island's horse culture. Board members approved the new piece after searching for months for a design that communicated the Island's culture and history.

The logo was designed by Kristi Lewand Graham, who has been studying graphic design at the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit and now has her own business called Graham Design. She and her husband, Alex, have a house in Trillium Heights.

"My goal was to create something that is both contemporary and fresh, but also has a hint of nostalgia," said Mrs. Graham. "I was inspired by old travel posters and luggage stickers as well as the goals of the tourism bureau and their horses, history, and hospitality tag line."

"Kristi Lewand Graham is an incredibly talented artist that really understands Mackinac Island," said Mary McGuire Slevin, director of the Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau. "Her painterly style and vision is what makes her work truly special and why we chose her work to represent the Island,"

Mrs. Slevin said the Tourism Bureau had been looking for a new logo for quite sometime and when she learned Mrs. Graham was studying graphic design, she gave her a call. As it turned out, Mrs. Graham needed to complete a project for one of her classes and decided to take up the challenge.

"I think that the Island's great strength is its embrace of the past, but also how relevant that past is to today's tourist," said Mrs. Graham. "Mackinac's horse-drawn way of life is a great remedy to the hectic pace of most people's lives."

The tourism board decided on a dark blue for the logo's color.

"I really liked the color that we did settle on as it seemed classic and I thought we could use the color as our theme for not only the logo, but our stationary set and even paint the booth the same," said Mrs. Slevin.

**Mackinac Island Tourism Bureau's new logo, designed by Kristi Lewand Graham, highlights the Island's horse culture.**

# Support Group Meeting April 11

The Mackinac Straits Support Group meeting will be in St. Ignace Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. in the education room at Mackinac Straits Long Term Care Facility at 220 Burdette Street.

Call Ronda Schlehuber for more information at (906) 643-7489, or Janet Yoder at (800) 272-3900.

The Les Cheneaux Area Caregiver Support Group meeting will be Thursday, April 13, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville, on Hodeck Street.

The Caregiver Support Group of Chippewa County will meet in the second floor conference room at Avery Square Center.

The center is at 510 Ashmun Street in Sault Ste. Marie, Wednesday, April 26, at 2 p.m. Information can be obtained by calling (906) 632-3363.

# Long Term Care Residents, Staff 'Bowled' Over

**Residents from Mackinac Straits Long Term Care enjoyed a day of bowling at Cheboygan Bowling Center Thursday, March 9. The event was organized by Treasa Paquin, the hospital's recreation therapist. Pictured are (from left, in front) Jenna Eggebrecht, Lori Riordan, Betty Simmons, Treasa Paquin; (middle row) Nora Cobleigh, Edna St. Louis, Fern Carey, Helen Becker, Jeanette Pearce; (back row) Marian King, Goldie Blair, Sissy Payment, and June Cotton.** *(Photograph courtesy of Treasa Paquin)*

Do you ever get the feeling that you're an utter failure at what you do for a living? Maybe it happens to all of us occasionally, but I'm not sure of that when I stop to think about it.

Just because I've been writing about outdoor things for well over a half-century, some folks tend to think I know about nearly everything with fins, fur, and feathers. It would be great if I did, but I'll have to admit I don't know very much about a lot of things.

For one example, I must admit shamefacedly, that I've never seen a wild cougar here in Michigan. But seemingly, nearly every week, somebody in our state reports spotting a genuine mountain lion somewhere in the wilds. It doesn't seem to prove anything because nobody, thus far, has managed to find a dead one or a living one to remove all doubts.

As close as anyone has come was in the Upper Peninsula, when a big cat ran across a road and was hit by a car. Instead of doing the decent thing, though, the critter bounded off into the brush and vanished completely. Proof that this happened came when the driver had the vehicle inspected and hair was found underneath it. When the hair was scientifically inspected, there was no doubt the animal was a genuine cougar.

But did that settle anything? The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) admitted the hair came from a genuine cougar or mountain lion, which had probably wandered in, from Wisconsin or Minnesota or somewhere else, to the Upper Peninsula. As for being "wild," though, who was to say it wasn't a tame one that had escaped from somebody or purposely been turned loose?

As far as the DNR is concerned, there has been no proof that Michigan has a "breeding population" of cougars in the wild. But a video made in southeastern Michigan clearly shows two cougars together. One was mature and the other smaller, indicating that it could have been a female with her growing cub.

In another part of Michigan, a horse was killed and the marks on it indicated it had been done by a cougar. Claims that dogs had done it have been refuted, but that argument continues. People usually believe what they want to believe.

Since seeing is believing, I've kept careful records on the many places where I've never seen a cougar in Michigan. I have proof, in writing, that I've never seen a cougar anywhere in Benzie, Leelanau, Manistee, Mecosta, or Grand Traverse counties. After looking in Montmorency, Roscommon, and Missaukee counties, I can honestly say I never saw a cougar in any of them. I even went so far as to check things around Watervliet and Imlay City, then to Mackinac and Menominee areas in the U.P. Not a cougar!

While I will keep looking, I'm beginning to wonder if the big cats are out there but I just can't see them. Maybe I need new glasses. After all, one advertiser recently said most homes have two million dust mites in the carpets. I haven't been able to see any of those, either.

## NOTICE
### CLARK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE** Clark Township Zoning Board of Appeals on March 21, 2006, at the Clark Township Hall, 207 N. Blind Line Road at 7:00 p.m., Clark Township, Mackinac County, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Case #228 : Steve and Tami Autore requesting a variance for a pole barn that in combination with the existing buildings exceeds the maximum allowed square footage for accessory buildings.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
860 E. M-134

Tentative text, property description and zoning map may be examined at the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each weekday.

**CLARK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
### ROAD ABANDONMENT

All interested persons are hereby advised that the Mackinac County Road Commission has received a request for and is considering abandoning a portion of E. Martin Lake Road, Moran Township, Mackinac County as described below:

Easterly most 715 feet, Section 9, T40N, R4W

The Mackinac County Road Commission will hold a public hearing on April 4, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. at the Road Commission office located at 706 N. State Street, St. Ignace, Michigan. The hearing is being held for the purpose of listening to public comments regarding the proposed abandonment. A map of the proposed abandonment will be available for public inspection at the Road Commission office.

**MACKINAC COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION**
**Lester Livermore, Chairman**
**John Duncan, Vice Chairman**
**Paul Amacher, Member**

# League Bowling

**Youth League**

Little Miners 67, Super Saints 57, Lions 55, Patriots 51, Top Guns 49.5, Angels 36, The Demons 33.5, Never To Late 31.

HTG/s: Top Guns 411/800; GHG/s: Autumn Huskey 95/165; BHG/s: Nate Schlehuber 138/241; GHG/s w/hcp.: Whitney Matson 184/362; BHG w/hcp.: Nate Schlehuber 201; BHS w/hcp.: Jason Brown 373.

Duplicate: Giles Schlehuber 70, Sharman Colegrove 73.

**Teen League**

Team #4 94, Team #5 88, Team #3 80, Team #1 80, Team #6 69, Team #7 59, Team #2 30.

HTG/s: Team #5 399/1022; GHG/s: Meghann Colegrove 177/449; BHG/s: Chris Binger 256/636.

**Bluewater League**

Quentins Barbershop 43, News Crew 40, U.P. State Credit Union 36, Subway 34, McFarlanes Country Corner 30, Gerrys Beauty Shop, Belonga & Sons 25, Big Boy Restaurant 17.

HTG/s: News Crew 654/1864; HIG: Lois Hamel 234; HIS: Wendy Colegrove 616.

200s: Lois Hamel 234, 204, Wendy Colegrove 229, 217, Marj Soderlund 201.

500s: Lois Hamel 587, Shannon Goudreau 502.

600s: Wendy Colegrove 616.

Splits: Virginia Dennis, Deb Brandstrom, Wendy Colegrove, Jan Green (twice) 3-10, Jan Nye 3-9-10.

## NOTICE - BOARD OF REVIEW
### City of Mackinac Island

**Monday, March 20, 2006**
**1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2006**
**9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**2nd Floor, City Hall,**
**Council Chambers**

Board of Review will remain open thru Friday, March 24, 2006 for written petitions and will accept petitions in writing or faxed Petitions (906) 847-6430.

## NOTICE
### CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

**THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC HEARING OF THE** Clark Township Planning Commission on March 22, 2006, at the Clark Township Hall, 207 N. Blind Line Road at 7:00 p.m., Clark Township, Mackinac County, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Case #186: Richard & Donna Nye request a Special Land Use permit for a sales office for modular and mobile homes.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
SEC 29 T42N R1W
4567 W. M-134
Hessel, MI 49745

Tentative text, property description and zoning map may be examined at the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each weekday.

**CLARK TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
## TITLE VII INDIAN EDUCATION
### St. Ignace Area Schools

Date: Thursday, March 16, 2006
Place: St. Ignace Middle School Library
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Purpose: To provide input and to review grant application for 2006-2007 school year.

ANYONE INTERESTED IS URGED TO ATTEND.

## NOTICE
## CITY OF ST. IGNACE
## BOARD OF REVIEW

The Board of Review will meet in the Council Chambers of the St. Ignace Municipal Building, 396 N. State Street, on the following dates and times to hear appeals of assessments:

**Monday, March 20, 2006**
**9:00 a.m. to Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2006**
**3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

The tentative factors for the City of St. Ignace as determined by the Mackinac County Equalization Department as follows:

| 2006 | AG. | COMM. | IND. | RES. | T.C. | PERS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Tentative Factors | 1.00 | 1.10084 | 1.03456 | 1.06679 | None Classed | 1.00 |
| Tentative Ratios | 50.0 | 45.42 | 48.33 | 46.87 | None Classed | 50.00 |

**Eugene Elmer**
**St. Ignace City Assessor**