

# Rudyard Library Receives Historical Documents

The Rudyard Public Library has received an exact replica of the Declaration of Independence, the Mayflower Compact, and the complete Gettysburg Address, which were donated by longtime residents Margi and Riley Gaylor. A new set of books about the items complements the display of American history.

The Gaylors bought the documents for the library because they wanted them and the history they contained to be shared with everyone, especially young people, to raise awareness of the Declaration of Independence and how it affects Americans' freedoms today. The Gaylors want students to be able to examine the documents close-up.

The Rudyard Friends of the Library bought a portfolio with plastic sleeves in which they could display the documents. Leonard "Cap" Tromblay donated two books, "Lives of the Signers" and "Wives of the Signers," which will be included in the portfolio. A third book, "The Declaration of Independence," was donated by teachers and staff. This collection can be loaned to anyone in the school district.

Library use continues to



Riley and Margi Gaylor (center, holding up portfolio) of Rudyard presented replicas of the Declaration of Independence, Mayflower Compact, and Gettysburg Address to the Rudyard Public Library, represented by (far left) Mary Kay Aho, president of the Rudyard Friends of the Library, and Donna Porterfield, assistant librarian. Leonard "Cap" Tromblay (right of the Gaylors, holding books) donated a set of books to complement the items. (Photograph courtesy of Rudyard Public Library)

increase steadily.

The Rudyard Lions Club has donated \$500 for the needs of the visually impaired.

Audio books are in high demand and a listening station will soon be added.

A recent inventory of library materials showed a large number

of missing books, which patrons can return through the outside drop box.

Library hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Summer hours will start Monday after school vacation starts. The school year ends

Wednesday, June 7. Hours and announcements will be posted at the library's Web site: <http://rudyardareaschools@eup.k12.mi.us>; click onto the library tab.

The Rudyard Public Library is at Rudyard Area Schools on Second Street, and can be contacted by calling (906) 478-4504.

## Birth

### Antonio Jimenez

Phillip and Kara Jimenez are the parents of a son, Antonio Felimon Jimenez, born April 21, 2006, at Covenant Medical Center in Saginaw. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and measured 19.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Jerry and Brenda Morningstar of St. Ignace, Jack and Betty Rutledge of Cedarville, and Phillip and Katie Jimenez of Saginaw.



Antonio Jimenez

## Mail Carriers Collect Food Donations

Mail carriers across the Eastern Upper Peninsula will collect food for a "Stamp Out Hunger" food drive Saturday, May 13.

Donations of non-perishable items may be boxed or bagged and left at mailboxes or taken to local U.S. Post Offices on that day, said mail carrier Preston Allers of St. Ignace.

This is the 15th year of the drive, coordinated by the National Association of Letter Carriers. Local food donations

will remain in their communities for distribution, Mr. Allers said.

## Tootsie Roll Drive Planned for May 5

The Monsignor Theodore G. Bateski Knights of Columbus Council 7100 will host its annual Tootsie Roll drive Friday, May 5, and Saturday, May 6, at Cedarville Foods in Cedarville from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds from the drive will be donated to programs to help mentally disabled people.

## Doctor A.D. McKinnon Throws Out First Pitch for Saints




At left: Dr. A.D. McKinnon threw the first pitch of the St. Ignace Saints home opener of their 2006 baseball season Monday, April 17. Pictured, at right, from left, Saints Head Coach Louie Grondin, Dr. A.D. McKinnon, and catcher and team captain Kyle O'Boyle.




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## Darcy Millon One of 30 Nurses To Attend Institute

Darcy Millon, a 1998 Cedarville High School graduate, was nominated by Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids and selected by the Michigan Center for Nursing and the Michigan Organization of Nurse Executives as one of 30 nurses to attend the



Darcy Millon

Spring 2006 Institute of Nursing Excellence April 23 through April 26 at the Yarrow Resort in Augusta.

The Institute of Nursing Excellence is a professional development program in which participants discuss professional excellence, teamwork, leadership, mentoring, and self-renewal.

Ms. Millon, the daughter of Sue and Adrian Millon of Cedarville, was graduated from Grand Valley State University in 2002 with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. She was a staff nurse at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie for two years and, since

2004, has been employed by Metro Health Hospital in Grand Rapids on the Telemetry Medical Surgical Unit for sick or surgical patients who require heart monitoring.

She is chairperson of the Unit-

Based Council, nursing unit representative to the hospital's Professional Nursing Council, and nursing staff representative to the Metro Health Nursing Leadership Council.



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**VOTE - Mike "Chico" Belonga**  
**UNIT 3 - TRIBAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tribal Members,  
As we approach this critical Tribal election the members of Unit 3 are fortunate that they have several qualified candidates seeking a seat on the Board of Directors.

In the following paragraphs I will lay out my qualifications, agenda and future plans that we can accomplish with a positive approach for Unit 3 membership.

I have been a life long resident of St. Ignace, the eldest of six children of George and Gladys Belonga. My daughter Lindsay attends Central Michigan University and son Aaron is a recent graduate of LaSalle High School.

Growing up on Lake Street in the mid 50s my brother Wayne and I delivered the Soo Evening News from Marquette Park to the Airport covering all of third ward. We saw and experienced first hand the sub-standard housing and living conditions that many Native American families had to endure, bringing with it a lack of self-esteem and an identify as a people. Although being 50% native we were told that we were "French".

Through the years many more life experiences drove home this attitude that we as a people were not first class citizens. After the Sault Tribe gained federal status they were able to provide services to members that were never dreamed possible back in the 50s and 60s. Having recently attended the Constitutional Convention (only board candidate) there was a strong discussion of cultural history and I feel it needs to be brought to the forefront. As a people we need to understand our past to be able to move into the future and plan 7 generations out.

In June 2000 I retired from my 30 year career in education from St. Ignace Area Schools, which included 7 years as administrator of the St. Ignace Township School. Also during that time I coached youth hockey for 20 years and did sports writing, radio and TV broadcasting of local high school sports.

In December 2000 my career in the Sault Tribe administration began as Native Employment Works Director. This program aided tribal membership seeking employment. With assistance of a dedicated staff we were able to achieve a 90% success rate.

January 2004 I took a position as Director of the Lambert Health Clinic. The Lambert Clinic has the second highest clinic visits of the 10 operated by our tribe. Our 30 member professional and support staff offers a wide range of medical assistance. Recently I was given the additional duties as Director of the Newberry Clinic.

I have been the tribal representative on the joint venture with Mackinac Straits Hospital as we move forward offering a new health clinic for tribal members. I also serve as vice-chair on the Moses Dialysis Board.

I feel this election is at a critical time in history as we need a proven positive director to help quell the negativism that permeates tribal politics. Membership issues must be first and foremost. I plan on addressing all issues by working full time with regular office hours in St. Ignace, Mackinac Island and Northern Michigan and by attending all tribal functions and meetings.

Please stop and take a moment before you vote to see through the hoopla of campaign promises, yard signs, and political flyers and realize that we need a director that has experience, education and qualifications and has proven positive leadership.

My candidacy brings with it working knowledge of tribal operations, management, budget and communications skills, educational background, ability to work with individuals of varied backgrounds. I am approachable, open minded and can work with membership on all issues.

Thank you for taking time to read this open letter and if you feel that together we can make a positive change tribal wide and Unit 3 in particular, then please give serious consideration that I am the most qualified candidate for Unit 3 membership.

Endorsed by Mike "Chico" Belonga. Paid for by the Committee to Elect Mike "Chico" Belonga Tribal B of D Unit 3. 906-643-8343

## Island Is Start of Bicycle Marathon

Mackinac Island will be the starting point for a 400-mile bicycle ride through Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois to raise funds to build a greenhouse and conservatory at an Illinois retirement community.

Kevin Heraty, who works at The British Home retirement community in Brookfield, and his fiancée, Dr. Ita Sih, will embark on the ride Sunday, May 7, and ride until Monday, May 15, to earn sponsorship money to create the gardening facility for residents of the home.

A local sponsor of the ride is Grand Hotel.