

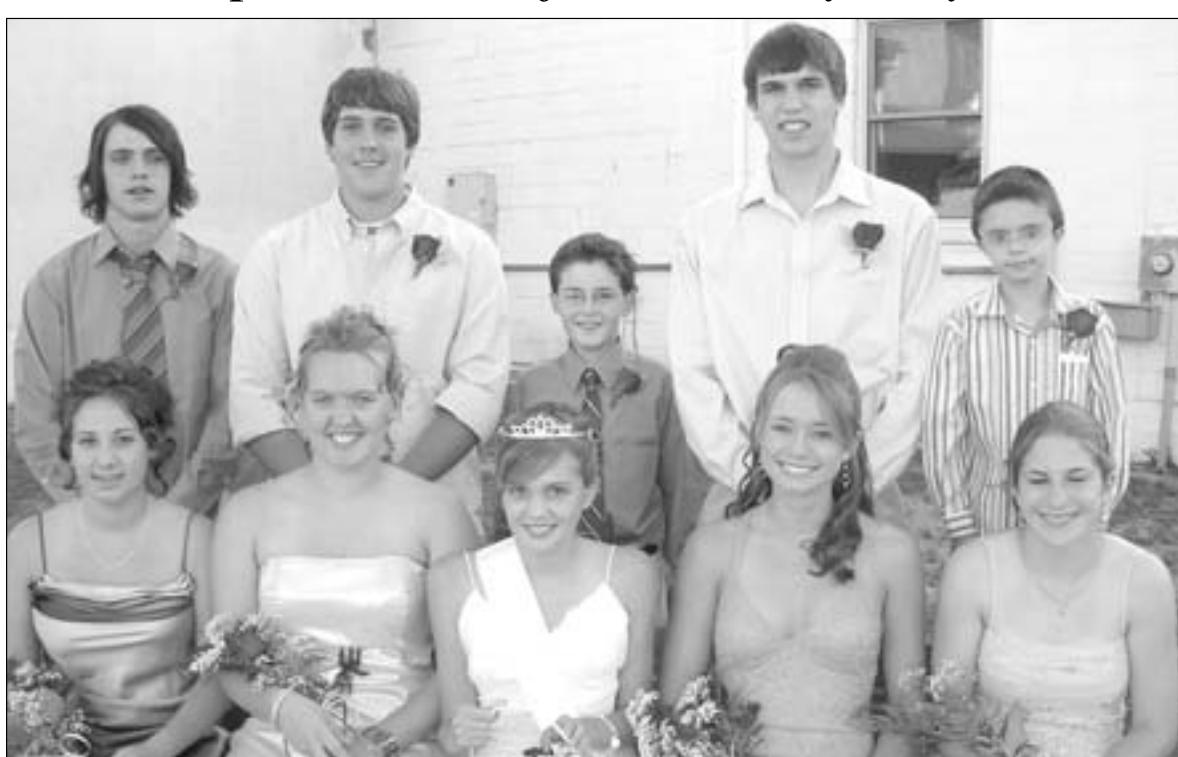
Most Offers Nixed at Mackinaw Crossings Sale

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 from Cheboygan. She said she had several interested investors, although she initially was hesitant to recommend the properties, based on limited financial information available for projected expenses of the condominium association, including snow removal costs and estimated advertising expenditures. The association would also manage the common areas of the mall.
 "I didn't have the comfort level to put my name at stake and say, 'Yes, this is a great investment,'" she said.
 Three other investors indicated they also needed more financial information before they would consider placing a bid on the 830-seat live performance Mackinaw Theater, said Mr. Higgenbotham. His company is working with those interested investors to get the additional information, including the theater's operating numbers.
 "I feel very confident we will sell it," he said. "It's just a matter of getting the information and getting it done."
 Prospective buyers were either

mailed or given a prospectus on the sale. The bound booklet contained information on the auction process, maps and a survey of the property, tenant and lease information, condominium declarations, and contracts for sale and purchase of the property.
 The units range in size from approximately 450 square feet to more than 2,600 square feet. Two owners who already have purchased their retail units include Teysen's Gallery and Teysen's Gift Shop, owned by Vicki and Greg Teysen of Mackinaw City, and Courtyard Cinema, owned by Leonard Dawson of Bellaire. Nine units are empty and the remaining spots have leases that range from \$16,800 annually to more than \$75,000 a year.
 One unit, which was slated to be sold, was removed from the sale and the owners, Mr. Shepler, Mr. Ryan, and Mr. Wehr, offered it free to the future condominium association to be used for their offices. The unit is the second floor of the depot restaurant.
 The owners did not address the

potential buyers, though Mr. Shepler could be seen standing in the theater's lighting balcony at the back of the theater watching the sale's progress.
 The auction, which began at 6 p.m., lasted three hours and, as the theater emptied and his team packed up, ready to head to Lansing for an auction the next day, Mr. Higgenbotham predicted that, by morning, they would be getting telephone calls from people wanting to make higher bids.
 He was wrong. The calls began coming in within an hour of the auction's end.
 "It's just the normal procedure," he said taking it in stride, an auctioneer since 1959.
 "Bidders go home and realize they should have offered more money," he said. "Instead of looking at it as an opportunity to buy a good investment, they look at it as a bargain, and then later they realize they should have bid more money."
 Typically, he said, by the next day, people will pay between 20 and 35 percent more for a property after they realize they made a mistake.

Youth Represent Pickford on Hay Days Court



The 2006 Hay Days Court includes (front row, from left) Chelsea Belonga, 2006 Queen Kaylynn Portice, 2006 Princess Olivia Smith, Cheyenne Cline, and Alicia Bjunes, with escorts (back row) Harlan Chartrand, Mickael Cantin, 2006 Hay Days Prince Adam Skinner, and escorts Pat Savoie and Jon Bjunes.

Permit Needed To Flip Wawatam Light Switch

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 stands at the base of the dock and serve as a reminder of the area's railroad and ferry history.
 As the city awaits the permit approval to make the lighthouse operational, a project to extend the existing boardwalk to the lighthouse is about to go out for bids. The project will include a fishing pier on the south side of the dock near the lighthouse and a railing around the light.
 A \$137,500 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant will be used to extend the Huron Boardwalk by more than 1,000 feet.
 Mr. Elmer said he hopes the entire project will be completed and open to the public later this year.
 Once operational, Wawatam Lighthouse will remain lit year-around and during winters, when an ice bridge is in place between St. Ignace and Mackinac Island, the Wawatam's light may aid snowmobilers coming into St. Ignace, said Mr. Elmer.



Standing on the end of the old Railroad Dock, the Wawatam Lighthouse awaits Coast Guard approval before the beacon can become operational. On the shore end of the old Railroad Dock rests the lift gate once used by the railroad ferry Chief Wawatam, the namesake of the lighthouse.
 On a clear night, the light will be visible from 13.2 miles away. Mackinac Island is approximately three miles to the east of the beacon.
 "I think it's going to be great for snowmobilers this winter," said Mr. Elmer. "What a beacon to home in on."

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 2nd Place - Travis Reich, 10; 3rd Place - Kylee Fitzpatrick, 11.
Garden Tractor Pull
 0-600-Pound Class: 1st - Mickayla Fegan of Brimley; 2nd - Jonathan Kamper of Pickford; 3rd - Logan Fegan of Brimley.
 601-800-Pound Turf Class: 1st - Caitlyn Hancock of Kinross; 2nd - Tyler Rye of Pickford.
 601-800-Pound Bar Class: 1st - Logan Fegan of Brimley with the only full pull of the day; 2nd - Mickayla Fegan of Brimley; 3rd - Tyler Rye of Pickford.
801-1,000-Pound "Heavyweight" Class: 1st - Mickayla Fegan of Brimley; 2nd - Logan Fegan of Brimley; 3rd - Travis Rye of Pickford.
Horse-Pulling Contest — A dozen horsepulling teams participated in the contest, which took place Saturday afternoon. Dave Esslin won the horsemanship award in the lightweight division, and Jason Storey won the horsemanship award in the heavyweight

contest.
 Lightweight Division Places (topped at 7,000 pounds): 1st - Dave Esslin of Goetzville; 2nd - Blake Landoski of Freeland; 3rd - Jim Cripe of Goetzville; 4th - Jim Rye of Pickford, 5th - Bob Hall of Pickford.
 Heavyweight Division (topped

at 7,500 pounds): 1st - Barney Osborn's team, driven by Dustin Esslin; 2nd - Jason Storey of Stalwart; 3rd - Bill Huffman of East Jordan, 4th - Ralph Bennett of DeTour, 5th - Joe Harrison of Goetzville; 6th - Cal Hall of Pickford, and 7th - Mark Landoski of Freeland.

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