Community Calendar

St. Ignace

•Tuesday, August 29: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, noon to 5:45 p.m., United Methodist Church, sponsored by Mackinac Straits Hospital Auxiliary.

•Wednesday, August 30: **Energy With Ease Home Energy Conservation Workshop,** 6 p.m., Community Action Agency Fenlon Center at 368 Reagon Street. Open to the public, free of charge. Register at CLM Community Action Agency at 643-8595.

•Friday, September 1, Saturday, September 2, Sunday, September 3: ***Pride of Baltimore II* Clipper Ship Visits St. Ignace.** Deck tours available for $5. Sunday evening reception with entertainment available for $50 per ticket. Monday Straits sail available for $100 per ticket. Tickets to events are available at Chamber of Commerce.

•Saturday, September 2, Sunday, September 3: **Arts Dockside.** Festival open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Free of charge.

•Saturday, September 2: **Used Book Sale,** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. Ignace Public Library.

•Sunday, September 3: **Lions Club Chicken Barbecue,** 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., corner of McCann and South State streets. Meal costs $7 and proceeds benefit local Lions Club scholarships.

•Sunday, September 3: **Pig Roast by Moose Lodge 999 of St. Ignace and Country Classic Band,** 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Moose Lodge 999 on Mackinac Trail.

•Monday, September 4: **Annual Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk.** Begins in St. Ignace at 7 a.m. Free of charge.

•Wednesdays: **County Veterans' Office Open** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Room 110, Court House Annex at 100 North Marley Street. More information is available from Rick Litzner at 643-9411.

•Wednesdays: **Women's Prayer Meeting**, 7 a.m., Hillside House Restaurant.

•Wednesdays: **N.A. Meetings**, 8 p.m., Catholic Church Rectory.

•Wednesdays: **Bingo**, 6 p.m. at VFW at 1110 State Street.

•Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays: **St. Ignace Food Pantry** open for donations from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

•Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings** Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at St. Ignatius Loyola Church at 120 Church Street, and Thursdays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Straits Area Group, at 389 McCann Street.

•Fridays: **Men's Prayer Meeting**, 7 a.m., Hillside House Restaurant.

•Fridays: **Fish Fry**, 5 p.m. at VFW at 1110 State Street.

Moran

•Tuesday, September 5: **Potluck Dinner at Ozark School,** 6 p.m., followed by historical tour. Open to the public. Free of charge.

Les Cheneaux

•Tuesday, August 29: **Maintain Your Brain: How To Live a Brain Healthy Lifestyle**, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library, Cedarville. Register in advance by calling Jean Whitman-Shelby at (800) 272-3900. No registration fee but donations will be accepted.

•Friday, September 1: **Les Cheneaux Islands Association Meeting**, 9 a.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library, Cedarville.

•Saturday, September 2: **Boot Island to Voight Bay Ensign Sailboat Race,** 11 a.m., starts at Boot Island and heads west to Voight Bay, Marquette Island, Cedarville.

•Saturday, September 2: **Art in the Park,** artist displays, demonstrations, Cedarville Waterfront Park.

•Saturday, September 2: **Les Cheneaux Chamber of Commerce Fall Flea Festival**, 8 p.m. to 4 p.m., Les Cheneaux Welcome Center, Cedarville. Variety of vendors. Deadline for vendors is Wednesday, August 23. Call Welcome Center to sign-up for a space, (888) 364-7526 or send fax to (906) 484-9941.

•Sunday, September 3: **Les Cheneaux Historical Association Raffle Drawings,** for 17-foot Penobscot Wood Canvas Canoe, 3 p.m. at Les Cheneaux Maritime Museum, Cedarville; for Cabin in the Woods quilt, 4 p.m. at Les Chenenaux Historical Museum, Cedarville. Tickets on sale now at local businesses.

•Monday, September 4: **Les Cheneaux Historical and Maritime Museums Open for Labor Day**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the museums in Cedarville.

•Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: **Senior Citizen Luncheons**, noon, Community Center, Cedarville. $2.50 donation for seniors. Non-seniors younger than 60 pay $6. Bingo games Mondays, following lunch. Meals delivered to homebound. Call Community Center, (906) 484-1061 for delivery or lunch reservations.

•Thursdays: **Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club Trap Shooting,** 11 a.m. until dusk; trap and clay shooting at the clubhouse east of Cedarville. The public is welcome.

•Saturdays: **Children's Story Hour/Crafts**, 10 a.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library, Cedarville.

•Sundays: **Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club Trap Shooting**, 11 a.m. until dusk; trap and clay shooting at the clubhouse east of Cedarville. The public is welcome.

•Throughout the summer: **Boating Skills Lessons,** offered by Les Cheneaux Islands Association and taught by Diane Patrick and John Griffin. Learn docking, leaving the dock, line handling techniques. To schedule a free session, call Mr. Griffin at (906) 484-2022 or Mrs. Patrick at (906) 484-2101.

Engadine

•Thursday, August 24, and Friday, August 25: **Off Road Vehicle Safety Training Courses**, 9 a.m., Engadine High School. Cost is $10. Register at Mackinac County Sheriff's Department, 643-1911.

Rudyard

•Wednesdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m. at Turner-Howson School Library. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Strongs

•Mondays: **Non-smoking Bingo Games** at Strongs Town Hall on M-28, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Goetzville, Raber, Stalwart

•Sundays: **Raber AmVets Auxiliary Bingo**, 6 p.m., Raber Township Hall, Goetzville.

DeTour

•Sunday, September 3: **Summer's End Concert - Michigan History in Song**, 3 p.m., DeTour Presbyterian Church.

Sault Ste. Marie

•Wednesday, August 23: **Energy With Ease Home Energy Conservation Workshop,** 6 p.m., Avery Center. Open to the public, free of charge. Register at CLM Community Action Agency at (906) 632-3363.

•Thursday, August 25: **Author Matthew Williams Speaks at Bayliss Public Library,** 7 p.m. Free of charge.

•Tuesday, August 29: **American Red Cross Blood Drive,** noon to 5:45 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church.

•Wednesday, August 30: **Business Owners Workshop,** 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Administration Complex at 523 Ashmun Street. To register, call (906) 635-6050.

•Wednesday, August 30: **Caregiver Support Group Meeting,** 2 p.m., Avery Square Center.

•Thursday, August 31: **American Red Cross Blood Drive,** 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., First Church of Christ.

To submit your group's information for consideration in this space, fax information including complete date, time, and location to (906) 643-9122 or call The St. Ignace News at (906) 643-9150. Please submit information at least two weeks prior to scheduled event.

U.P. To Receive $1.7 Million in Homeland Security Funds

The Mackinac County Emergency Services Department has requested about $45,000 in Homeland Security funding to buy new radio and pager equipment, and planners are hopeful that their request may be granted following the approval of more than $1.7 million in funding for the Upper Peninsula, said Miki Della-Moretta, the county emergency services coordinator. The announcement of the region's funding approval was made August 8.

While the county's emergency planners don't yet know how much Mackinac County will receive, "every fire department and volunteer emergency medical service crew in the county will probably get something," Mrs. Della-Moretta said. "Everyone doesn't have everything they need yet." It is unclear at this time when the funding will be made available, she said, noting that the funding for fiscal year 2006 was just released July 1, 2006.

A new approach was taken this year in the process by which counties request funding from the State of Michigan Emergency Management Homeland Security Division. Rather than counties making individual requests, as has been done in past years, the agency has grouped counties together into regions. Mackinac County is in Region 8, which encompasses all counties in the Upper Peninsula.

"It's new that they've gone to regionalization, and we've formed a regional board that meets regularly," Mrs. Della-Moretta explained. "We're lucky in that we've always worked well together in the U.P."

One goal proposed for the region has been to provide National Weather Service radio weather coverage throughout the U.P.

The regional advisory board consists of emergency services planners from each of the 15 U.P. counties, chaired by Tim McKee of Chippewa County.

City Council To Meet Tues., Sept. 5

St. Ignace City Council's next regular meeting, which was scheduled for Monday, September 4, has been rescheduled for Tuesday, September 5, owing to the regularly scheduled meeting falling on Labor Day.

The meeting will begin at 8 p.m. on Tuesday.

Public Meeting Calendar

Following is a schedule of open public meetings. This listing is for governmental and similar entities. Meetings of social and civic groups that are open to the public are listed in the Community Calendar.

Thursday, August 24

•Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, 2 p.m., Courthouse

Monday, August 28

•Mackinac Straits Hospital Board of Directors, 4 p.m., Airport Meeting Room

Wednesday, August 30

•Mackinac Island City Council, 5 p.m., Community Hall

•Hendricks Township Board, 7:30 p.m., Township Hall

Tuesday, September 5

•Brevort Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall

•St. Ignace City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall

Wednesday, September 6

•Hudson Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall

•County Planning Commission, 3 p.m., Airport Meeting Room

•Moran Township Board, 6 p.m., Township Hall

Thursday, September 7

•Mackinaw City Village Council, 7 p.m., Village Hall

Friday, September 8

•St. Ignace Downtown Development Authority, 8 a.m., City Hall

Monday, September 11

•Mackinac County Economic Development Corporation, 6 p.m., Airport Meeting Room

•Public Safety Meeting, 3:30 p.m., City Hall

•St. Ignace Area Schools Board of Education, 7:30 p.m., Middle School

Tuesday, September 12

•Clark Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m., Township Hall

•Pickford Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall

•Portage Township Board, 7:30 p.m., Township Hall

•Mackinac Island Planning Commission, 3 p.m., Community Hall

Wednesday, September 13

•Mackinac Island City Council, 5 p.m., Community Hall

•St. Ignace Recreation Advisory Committee, 7:30 p.m., Little Bear East Arena

•Bois Blanc Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall

•Newton Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall

Thursday, September 14

•Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, 2 p.m., County Courthouse Annex

•St. Ignace Township Board, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall

Monday, September 18

•St. Ignace City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall

•Moran Township School Board of Education, 6 p.m., Gros Cap School

•Les Cheneaux Community Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Cedarville High School

•Garfield Township Board, 6:30 p.m., Township Hall

Wednesday, September 20

•St. Ignace City Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall

•Mackinaw City Public Schools, 7 p.m., High School

Thursday, September 21

•Clark Township Board, 7 p.m., Township Hall

•Mackinaw City Village Council, 7 p.m., Village Hall

•Mackinac Island Public School Board of Education, 6 p.m., Mackinac Island School

Monday, September 25

•Mackinac Straits Hospital Board of Directors, 4 p.m., Airport Meeting Room

Wednesday, September 27

•Hendricks Township Board, 7:30 p.m., Township Hall

•Mackinac Island City Council, 5 p.m., Village Hall

Thursday, September 28

•Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, 2 p.m., County Courthouse Annex

Red Letter Days

Major Community Events in the Coming Year

August 2006

•St. Ignace Salmon Derby, August 25 - 27

•Fudge Festival, August 25 - 28, Mackinac Island

•17th Annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show, August 25, 26, Mackinaw City

•Chippewa County Fair, August 27 - September 4, Chippewa County Fairgrounds in Kinross

September 2006

•Arts & Crafts Dockside, September 2 - 3, St. Ignace

•Art in the Park, September 2, Cedarville Waterfront Park

•Labor Day Mackinac Bridge Walk, September 4

•Stalwart Fair, September 7 - 9, Stalwart Fairgrounds

•Mackinac Island Road Race, September 9

•On the Waterfront Toy Car Show & Swap Meet, September 16 - 17, St. Ignace

•Richard Crane Memorial Truck Show, September 16 - 17, St. Ignace

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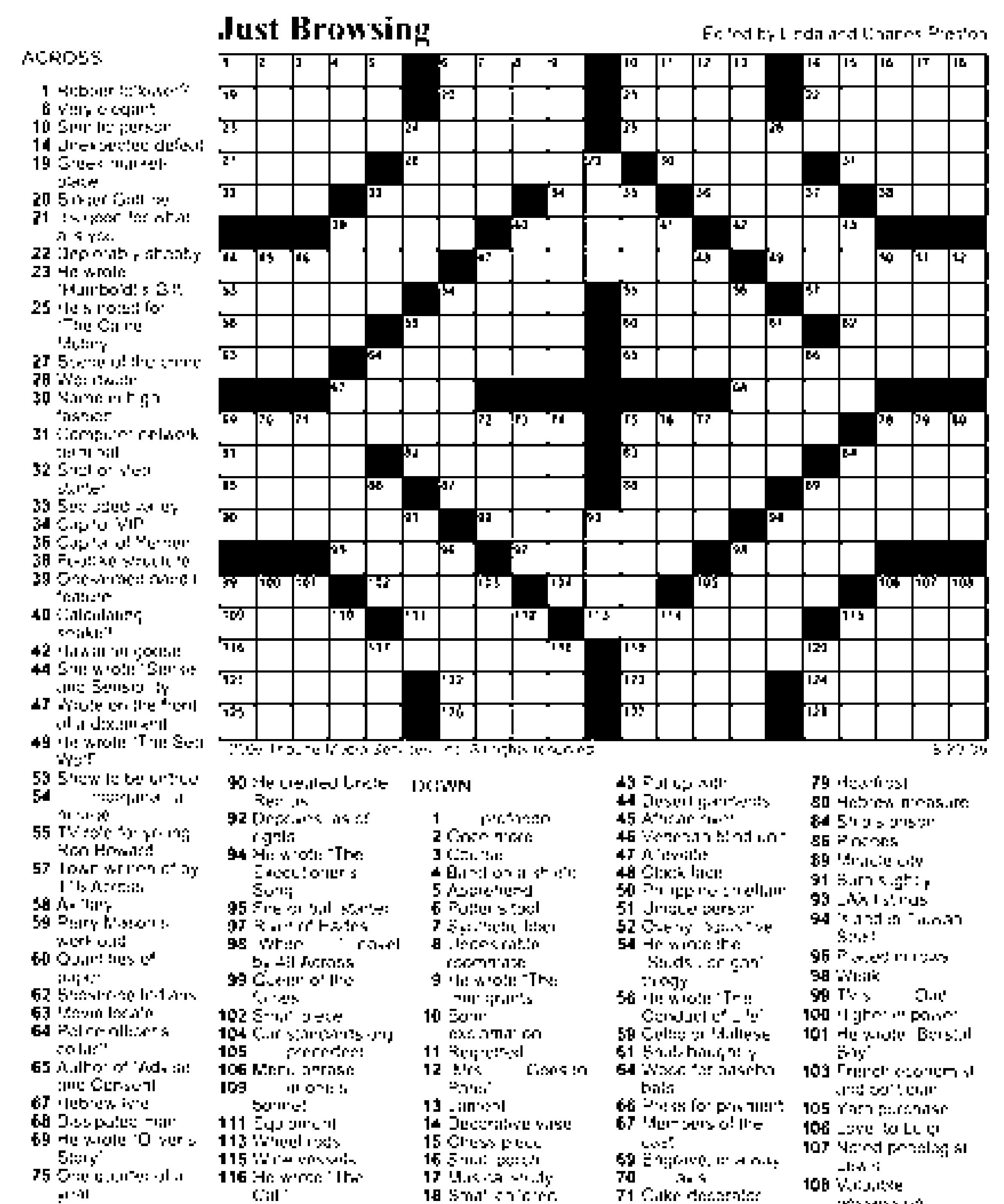

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