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Wednesday, September 13, St. Ignace City Manager Eric Dodson (left) and Mayor Paul Grondin (right) present pictures taken last spring of Mackinac Island Mayor Pro Tempore Smi Horn and Mayor Margaret Doud as they arrived in St. Ignace on the first ferry crossing of the season.

St. Ignace Officials Seek Tri-City Communication

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water rates on Mackinac Island and an ice arena in Mackinaw City.

Mr. Lawson said Mackinaw City officials are looking forward to meeting with Island representatives and that they already have been communicating this summer with St. Ignace over operational issues involving the marina, land use questions, and utility rates.

"We definitely have a lot of similarities," he said. "The most important thing is we're all partners here. We all rely on tourism. It's important for us to compete as a region.

We're all working together to compete against other tourist areas."

Mr. Lawson said tourists come to the Straits for the package of what all three communities have to offer.

"I think if we're working together, we can do it better," he said.

Mayor Grondin noted one connection between Mackinaw City and St. Ignace being the Mackinaw Trolley, which brings tourists across the Mackinac Bridge daily during the peak summer season to visit sites in St. Ignace.

"That's 3,000 to 4,000 more people visiting St. Ignace that would

not have crossed the bridge," he said. "All three communities have different things of offer that are good for people to experience. We all have our own identity."

Mayor Grondin said he wants to talk about business, the problems and issues the three communities face, community events, and he hopes "to foster the belief that we (the three cities) should be on the same page."

Of the three communities, Mr. Dodson said St. Ignace is the largest, although least noticed, which is something he would like to change.

"When people think of the Straits area, people kind of forget us over here," he said.

DLZ Gets Bus Station Project

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Lansing and Gaylord, was selected among seven bidders for the station, a joint project of the city and MDOT. The station project has an overall budget of \$1.3 million. R.S. Scott was selected to oversee the DLZ plans.

City Manager Eric Dodson said MDOT, which is funding the entire project, urged the city to select a bidder which had experience in federal transportation, which DLZ has and R.S. Scott does not.

DLZ is involved in the planning of a new state welcome center and museum near the Mackinac Bridge.

Council directed Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Director Deb Evashevski, Mr. Dodson, and the city's engineer, Brian Olsen, to open and review sealed bids for the Huron Boardwalk extension project, which are due at 2 p.m. Friday, September 29.

Mrs. Evashevski said the state has awarded a grant for \$137,500 that enables the city to develop another 1,155 feet of boardwalk out onto the old railroad dock, where the new lighthouse has been erected, and to construct a fishing pier on the south side of the dock.

Mayor Paul Grondin appointed Planning Commissioner Fred Strich to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) to comply with the state's new zoning enabling act that went into effect July 1, 2006. The new act requires a member of

a municipality's planning commission also be a member of the ZBA. He also appointed resident Steve Paquin to the ZBA as an alternate member, but asked him to regularly attend ZBA meetings as a member of the audience to keep with the issues.

Councilman Don Gustafson asked Mr. Dodson for an analysis of all city heating systems, including City Hall, and especially Little Bear East Conference Center and Ice Arena, to see if utility costs can be lowered this fall and winter.

Mr. Dodson said ice will be made at the ice arena October 2, with hockey season starting shortly after that.

Police Chief Tim Matelski said the weekend Truck Show was a great success and, in his opinion, it was the best-attended Truck Show yet.

"If it is like this next year, we'll have more work to do," he said. "We had some problems with parked car."

He noted that cars were parked along both sides of the city fire lane that runs along the old railroad grade parallel to State Street. It is used as an alternate traffic route for emergency vehicles during the truck show and auto show, when downtown State Street is closed.

Council will send a letter of appreciation to the executive board of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and Tribal Police Chief Fred Paquin for assistance during the Truck Show.

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Dept. Natural Resources Issues Hunting Season Preview

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look for pheasants. Late season hunters should concentrate their efforts in cattail and shrub wetlands near picked corn and bean fields.

Quail

Season: October 20 to November 14. Quail can be hunted only in Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. All other counties are

closed to quail hunting. The bag limit is five per day/10 in possession.

Outlook: Although patchy in distribution and abundance, quail can be found throughout southern Michigan. Expect to find an

improved quail population from last year due to mild winter conditions, lack of severe ice storms, and improved spring nesting conditions. It is projected that hunters could take an estimated 3,000 quail this fall.

Results Reported for League Bowling Action


Bluewater League
Mackinac Plumbing 7, Big Boy Restaurant 7, Quentin's Barbershop 5, News Crew 4, B.C. Pizza 3, U.P. State Credit Union 2, Gerry's Beauty Shop 0, Belonga & Sons Construction 0.

HTG/s: Quentin's Barbershop 679/1835; HIG/s: Shannon Goudreau 213/531.
Splits: Jan Green 5-7, Teri Kniss, Wendy Colegrove, Cheryl Brown 3-10.
National League (9-14-06)
Mackinac Sales 12, Mackinac Grille 10, Driftwood 9, Star Line 8, Miller Lite 7, Team Guard 5, The Tribe 3, Clyde's Drive-In 2.
HTG/s: Driftwood 763/2083; HIG: Ralph Colegrove 244; HIS: Howard Stone 625.
600s: Howard Stone 625.
Splits: Doug Born 3-6-7-10, 3-10, Satch Werkheiser 3-10, Chris Barker 2-7.



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