

Looking Back

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115 Years Ago

The St. Ignace News

Saturday, September 19, 1891

It is rumored that the Martel Furnace will start this winter.

A saw mill at Garden river near the Soo burned down on Sunday last.

The steamer *Gazelle* has tied up for the present. Not enough patronage.

The court house grounds are being decorated with an elegant chain fence.

A large amount of job work being done for Naubinway parties this week.

Ronald Rankin arrived home from Les Cheneaux Friday with his boats.

Fort Mackinac base ball club will go to Cheboygan on Monday next on the ferry *Gazelle*, where they expect to "play ball."

The wrecked steamer *Pontiac* passed through the straits Sunday in tow of the wrecking tugs *Sea Gull* and *Tom Dowling*. She will be taken to Cleveland for repairs.

The mill recently destroyed by fire at Gould City will be rebuilt.

90 Years Ago

The St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, September 21, 1916

There is no American in whose integrity of opinion, strong sense, and good judgment the people of the United States have more confidence than Thomas A. Edison.

Advertisement - Men, let us show you the new Gordon Mackinaws, made up as nice as any overcoat. Some nifty patterns at Winkelman's. \$6.50 to \$15.

Arrangements are being made to run an excursion from this city by boat to Cedarville for those desiring to take in the Pickford fair. From Cedarville the trip will be made by autos and carriages. The base ball game is attracting much attention and many will want to witness the series. The date of the excursion will likely be Tuesday, October 2.

Les Cheneaux column - Cedar Inn closed last Friday, after a successful season.

A new cottage is being built on Hills Island for a Mr. Smith of Vernon, Ohio.

The Islington Hotel expects to

remain open until about the 28th and The Lakeside will close about the same time.

The Lakeside Hotel expects to make some extensive improvements for next season. A large boat house is planned to stand just south of the steamboat dock which will accommodate three small and one large launch and have a dancing pavilion above it, so arranged that it can be opened and made an out-of-door dancing hall in pleasant weather and closed in when desired. A new roof for the hotel is also planned.

50 Years Ago

The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, September 20, 1956

Cost of the north approach to the Mackinac Bridge will be \$789,526, according to low bids announced by the state highway department last week.

Vehicles are using the Mackinac Bridge already, but driven by authorized personnel. Light trucks and cars move material on the 800 feet of decking on the south end of the bridge.

Bids for the construction of a new \$146,955 grade school at Curtis were approved at a meet-

ing of the Portage township board of education last week. The new school will have six classrooms and a multi-purpose room designed by G. Arntzen, Escanaba architect.

35 Years Ago

The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise

Thursday, September 23, 1971

New bleachers have been installed at the football field this year. All people attending the home games are urged to watch the games from the bleachers. Any people wishing to view the games from parked cars will be charged the same admission prices as they would pay at the gate. The new bleachers are capable of seating 500 additional fans.

Before proceeding with regular Council business, the St. Ignace City Council was presented with a copy of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 142, which was adopted by the Senate on August 27 and by the House of Representatives on September 2. This resolution will be a part of the presentation being prepared by the Marquette Monument Committee of the Michilimackinac Historical

Society for the Department of Interior in Washington at the end of October. Hopefully, this will lead to an official designation of St. Ignace as a national monument site.

The EUP Sportsmen's Club in joint meeting on Sunday, September 19 at Munising, joined forces with the Northern Michigan Sportsmen's Association and voted unanimously to seek resolution through their respective county boards to have prosecuting attorneys in each county start an injunction against the Department of Natural Resources to stop the killing of antlerless deer.

Advertisement - Kabaret Lounge, Evergreen Shores; Dancing Friday and Saturday to Larry Winneroski and his band. Clem and Rich - Your Hosts.

The 1971-72 LaSalle High School golf team includes Ron Bomia, Craig Therrian, Phil Ruegg, Ben Brown, and Mark Eby. They are coached by J.R. MacDonald.

15 Years Ago

The St. Ignace News

Thursday, September 19, 1991

Crowds carried lawn chairs

and cameras to a usually quiet dune near Naubinway last week to watch the daily progress in the uncovering of an archaeological treasure from the pre-Civil War era. Graduate students from Greenville, North Carolina, along with their professor, Gordon Watts, spent a week excavating the shipwreck of what may be the *Forester*, which operated on the Great Lakes from 1826 to 1846.

Mary Kay Tamlyn, chief deputy to former County Clerk Mary Tamlyn, was appointed County Clerk Thursday, September 12, after her predecessor accepted the position of acting administrator of Mackinac Straits Hospital and its Long Term Care Unit.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The St. Ignace News is seeking original prints or reprints of old photographs depicting areas in the Eastern Upper Peninsula to be scanned into its archives and for the Looking Back column. Photographs to be loaned or donated to the Michilimackinac Historical Society can also be dropped off at The St. Ignace News.

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Drug Court Team Attends Conference

Local Staff Travels To Tulsa To Seek Training

The 92nd District Court drug court team attended a national training session in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 14 to August 18 to learn more about drug court development and management.

The team received a grant from the National Drug Court Institute to pay for the training, which was offered by the Institute.

With a goal of developing a drug court in Mackinac and Luce counties, the team will next begin to search for federal and state funds to implement the program. The drug court will provide intensive monitoring and treatment for drug offenders.



Members of the drug court team who attended the Tulsa training session are (back row, from left) Gary Matheny of Luce Mackinac Alger Schoolcraft (LMAS) Health Department, Daryl Boerigter, drug court coordinator, attorney Stuart Spencer, Assistant Prosecutor Fred Feleppa, Michigan State Police trooper Fred Strich; (front) facilitator Karen Barnes, probation officer Deb Luepnitz, clerk Mary Ann Mullins, court administrator Jeanine Blakely, and Judge Beth Gibson. (Photograph courtesy of Judge Beth Gibson)

Mackinac Associates Plan Golf Outing

The third annual Mackinac Associates golf fundraiser is Friday, October 6, at Pine Valley Golf Club at Ray, in Macomb County.

Mackinac Island State Park Commissioner Karen Karam, who owns the golf club, organizes the event, which benefits Mackinac Associates.

Check-in is 11 a.m., the shotgun start is 1 p.m., and dinner is 6 p.m.

The cost is \$125 a person, which is tax deductible. Dinner-only tickets are \$35 each. Hole sponsorships are \$200 and banner sponsorships are \$1,000.

To register or sponsor, call Pine Valley Golf Club at (586) 752-5300.

Mackinac Associates supports preservation and education programs at Mackinac State Historic Parks.

Legion Districts To Meet Oct. 14

The 11th and 12th districts of the state American Legion, which comprises the Upper Peninsula Association of American Legion Posts, will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the Little Lake American Legion Post 349 in Little Lake Saturday, October 14.

The following is a schedule for the event: 9 a.m. service officers school; 10:30 a.m. 11th, 12th districts hold separate meetings; noon lunch served by the Ladies Auxiliary; 1 p.m. U.P. Association meets and fall conference report.

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