

St. Ignace, Pickford Honor Roll

St. Ignace Third Quarter

8th Grade: Cierra Barker*, Heather Beaudoin*, Martina Beaudoin, Abigail Chambers, Devin Chargo, Cole Christiansen*, Tyler Coveyou, Carissa Cowell, Immanuel Davis, Nicole Elmlad*, Angela Fischer, Curtis Gustin, Raleigh Harrington*, Rebecca Idalski, Carl Ingalls*, Zachary Lane*, Bryanna Litzner, Caleb Litzner, Brooke Mattila, Landon Oliver, William Pechta, Aaron Salvador, Grant Simmons*, Rachel Therrian, Grace Wheeler*, Andrea Williams, Lauren Winkelman.

9th Grade: Chelsea Cowell, Christina Cowell, Stephanie Damron, Amara Ellis, John Evashevski*, Evan Everson*, Kara Fitzpatrick, Shea Fitzpatrick, Kaitlyn Garries, Stacy Goldthorpe, Kevin Guillard*, Melissa Malfroid, Kali Marshall, Kimberly Massaway, Chelsea Montgomery, Gerrit Mortensen, Kristen Olsen*, Samantha Radecki, Holly Smith, Chelsea Swope, Christina Therrian.

10th Grade: Eric Brown, Miska Cardin, Angela Cena, Dane Christiansen, Kayla Gustin, Alan Honeycutt, Arielle Kammers, Sun Mi Ko, Nickole Lanczak, Tyler Mapes, Hollee Massey, Tyler Oja, Dana Perry, Shelby Peters, Alyssa Rickley*, Marcie Rickley, Joseph Schlehuber, Patric Schlehuber, Kyle Smock, Lewis Steiner*, Sara Tafelski, Emilee Therrian, Molly Therrian*, Ivy Thurston*, Jaelyn Wheeldon, Michael Wilk*.

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*Denotes all A's

Pickford Third Marking Period

6th grade: Jessica Arman, Daniel Babinsky, Koryn Beacom, Austin Bruning, Phillip Coullard, Victoria Casick, Emily Gregg, Amanda Hunter, Chelsea Kronmeyer, Elijah Leach, Cayla Massey, Danielle Petingalo, Allison Rader, Allison Reid, Victoria Roberts, Olivia Smith, and Jesse Strieter.

7th grade: Tyler Allen, Abbie Andrzejak, Jessica Barnes, Christopher Barton, Stacey Beard, Amanda Brancecum, Andrew Brooks, Joshua Christiansen, Kristen Cline, Amber Colosky, Janae Cottelit, Samantha Cruickshank, Denny Curtis, James DeGreif, Calvin Fleury, Chase Ford, Kristi Gough, Angela King, Kaitlyn Klier, Desirae Lamoreaux, Jordan LaVigne, Isaac Leach, Alicia Manfrin, Patyon Mastaw, Laycee Nettleton, Dylan Parr, Dustin Rye, Robert Rye, Miranda Schwab, Kyle Silvas, Kelsea Spencer, Dennis Wondergem, and Leah Stoner.

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Prisoner Walks Off, Still Missing

A prisoner who walked away from a work detail Thursday, May 10, in the area of the Kincheloe Golf Course is still missing, police said Monday, May 14.

The prisoner, Todd Joseph Sweet, 33, is a white male with brown hair, hazel eyes, weighing

230 pounds. He is 5 feet, 8 inches tall.

Mr. Sweet had lived in the Muskegon area prior to his arrest.

Michigan State Police are asking anyone with information to call local law enforcement, Michigan State Police post, or the Department of Corrections.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Critic of Fort de Buade Purchase Appreciates Chance To Be Heard

To the Editor:

I have been a vocal critic of the City of St. Ignace purchasing Fort de Buade with Sault Tribe 2% money for some time now. In recent days, I have expressed my objections through various forums, including *The St. Ignace News*, to which I have submitted several letters to the editor.

I appreciate your willingness to publish all of those letters, as it gave me the opportunity to express publicly a point of view contrary to that of a large portion of the St. Ignace business community. Your objectivity and balanced reporting in the face of a highly charged local issue is a tribute to your profession.

Thank you.

Charles Adams Jr.
Laughlin, Nevada

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The quotation under the flag of *The St. Ignace News* on Page 1 is from the 10 triads written by Dr. Fred Newton Scott, creator and teacher of the first continuous course in journalism in the United States at the University of Michigan in 1890. The 10 triads are chiseled on the parapet of the Detroit News Building at 615 Lafayette Boulevard, Detroit. They were headed "Ideals of the Press" or "The Newspaper in a Free Society," and serve as a reminder of what a free press means to us.

Round Them up!

Toddlers Register for Kindergarten for Annual Round-up Day

Sasha Ledy (left) plays with her children, Angus Blackwood, 4, and Hossack Sweeney, 2, in the kindergarten room at Les Cheneaux Elementary School in Cedarville Thursday, April 19. Angus was at the school to register for kindergarten, and was among 19 students who participated in the school's kindergarten round-up. Students met elementary school teachers and staff, and participated in a host of programs designed to prepare them for their upcoming first day of school.



Michigan Politics

By George Weeks



Launch of Pure Michigan Gives Tourism Needed Boost

In recent decades, the level of state government's commitment and effectiveness in promoting tourism has been as changeable as Michigan's weather.

There was welcome improvement last week as the state's Travel Michigan agency launched an \$11.3 million radio-TV ad campaign that compellingly touts Michigan's natural, recreational, and historical attractions.

Among northern Michigan television images are Lake Superior's Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, aerial shots along Lake Michigan of the Bay Harbor Golf Course south of Petoskey, and Mackinac Island, including Grand Hotel with its majestic porch overlooking the straits linking lakes Michigan and Huron.

(Ads are narrated by "Home Improvement" star Tim Allen, who grew up in Birmingham. See them online at www.michigan.org/travel; click the link "see our ads.")

The new campaign is an expansion of last year's \$7.5 million "Pure Michigan" ad campaign that included a Big Snow Country ad featuring Gogebic County's Powderhorn, Blackjack's, and Indianhead ski resorts.

Michigan's initial pitch was limited to the Chicago, Indianapolis, and Cleveland markets. Now the reach includes Cincinnati, Milwaukee, and Ontario.

As with the Big Snow Country campaign in which Upper Peninsula tourism interests contributed to the cost, Vice President George Zimmerman of Travel Michigan said the latest campaign has northern Michigan partners, including those in Traverse City, Grayling, and Sault Ste. Marie.

A coalition of such business groups - called Tourism Improving

Michigan's Economy - wants the state to boost its annual promotional spending to \$30 million. Even at that, Michigan would lag behind many other states, including the \$49 million spent by neighboring Illinois.

Michigan's spending, according to Zimmerman, is 17th among states in tourism promotion - a substantial improvement from the 31st ranking of not long ago.

The coalition argues that for every dollar spent on promotion, more than \$3 is generated in revenue for the state. Grand Hotel President Dan Musser correctly says aggressive promotion makes good sense "at a time the state needs jobs and revenue."

But with more powerful interests competing for dwindling dollars, it will be hard for the industry to get what it needs because Michigan has a horrendous budget crisis and has been agonizingly slow in resolving it.

Whitbeck Whittles, Wisely

Eight months into the current fiscal year, leaders of the executive and legislative branches have yet to figure out how to deal with the projected deficit. But one pooh bah in the judicial branch acted decisively Friday to trim about \$1 million.

Chief Judge Bill Whitbeck of the Michigan Court of Appeals announced shutdown of the court for eight days. It amounts to payless paydays for court employees, or, as the bureaucrats say, "required unpaid days off" around Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day, as well as August 10 and 13.

This will save about \$60,000 a day, and should not be a problem for the public.

The furlough idea could work for some other agencies, as it did during budget crunch days early in the

reign of Governor John Engler as administered by Engler-appointed State Employer Bill Whitbeck (appointed by Engler as appeals judge in 1997).

Since Whitbeck was named by the Michigan Supreme Court as its chief judge in 2001, the Michigan Court of Appeals has reduced by one-third the time it takes to deal with the 8,000 cases or so it gets a year.

One smart thing the appeals court has done under Whitbeck is hold sessions in courtrooms around the state, including Petoskey, Gaylord, and - last week - Marquette and Traverse City.

On the northern swing last week were Judges Bill Schuette of Midland (a former congressman, state senator, and Michigan ag director who once ran for the U.S. Senate and could well run for governor next

time around), Peter O'Connell of Macomb County, and Alton Davis of Grayling, appointed by Governor Jennifer Granholm in 2005 to replace Judge Richard Griffin of Traverse City when Griffin became a federal appeals judge.

In response to the budget crunch, Michigan Supreme Court Justice Cliff Taylor had a well-timed good idea: All appellate judges should turn in their state-supplied cars. They did.

Taylor also had a bad idea: reduce the number of appeals judges. Strikes me that the 28-member Michigan Court of Appeals is one of the more functional elements of Michigan's judicial branch.

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