



Members of the Brevort Township Fire Department pose in front of their newest tanker Thursday, May 24. They recently purchased the truck from the Keavy Fire Department in Kentucky for \$25,000. Pictured here (from left) are Fire Chief Mark Peterson, and department members Brian Peterson, Billy Orr, Ron Peterka, Steve Bird, and Mark Peterson Jr.

Fire Crew in Brevort Township Secures New Tanker Truck

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"It's used, but it's new to us," Mr. Serwach said.

The vehicle's purpose is to transport water. It has a 1,600 gallon tank, and a 2,100 gallon rubberized, canvas drop-tank. As the township's main truck fights fires, the tanker will be used to re-supply it and is

capable of processing 350 gallons per minute.

Purchasing the tanker took place quickly, Mr. Serwach noted. The search team discovered the vehicle Sunday, May 13, and Chief Peterson, Mr. Peterson, Don Lugerling, and Mr. Peterka traveled to Kentucky the following morning

to look it over. They purchased the truck and returned to Michigan.

The name of its former owner and a Confederate flag decoration were removed from the truck.

The vehicle has an interesting history, Mr. Peterson said. According to the Keavy fire department, the vehicle was on standby where the charred remains of the space shuttle Columbia landed on the earth, after disintegrating 40

miles above Hemphill, Texas, in 2003.

The tanker was also transported to the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., where it served as a standby vehicle following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

The vehicle can carry potable water in its stainless steel tank. In Kentucky, it was once used to supply drinking water to a hospital during an emergency.

Blessing of the Fleet Will Be June 16

The Blessing of the Fleet will be Saturday, June 16, at 5 p.m. at the Wawatam Lighthouse in St. Ignace. Clergy will bless a parade of vessels as they cruise by the Wawatam Lighthouse. There will also be a Native American Blessing and Ceremonial Offering for the waters. A barbecue with

live entertainment will follow at the marina.

Boat registration is \$25 and includes two barbecue tickets. Tickets for the barbecue are \$8, or two for \$15.

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 643-8717.

St. Ignace Library Events Announced

The Friends of the Library will meet Monday, June 4, at 7 p.m. at the St. Ignace Public Library.

The library will host several events during June. The library will have a book sale Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Saturday, June 9, a children's crafts workshop will take place at 1 p.m. to make Father's Day gifts. There is no charge.

Thursday, June 21, will be

movie night at the library. "Cars," rated G, will be shown free of charge with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library.

A Duct Tape Craft Workshop will be Saturday, June 23, at 1:30 p.m., sponsored by the library and MSU Extension. The workshop is free of charge, but participants must register at the library. For more information, call 643-8318.

Nine Graduated From Gros Cap

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Christiansen said.

Guest speakers included former Gros Cap students and LaSalle High School seniors Alexandria Spósito and Kelsey Cryderman. Both received the Robert Buchholz Memorial Scholarship. Both Miss Spósito and Miss Cryderman plan to attend Ferris State University.

Miss Cryderman complimented the eight-grade class for completing "chapter one" of their education. She also promoted a strong work ethic, strong study habits, and reminded them that a touch of anxiety regarding entrance to high

school is natural.

People define themselves during their high school years, she noted, and during the next four years, while under peer pressure, she reminded them to "never forget the person you'd like to be."

She also advised them to have fun "because [high school] goes by fast."

Miss Spósito echoed some of these sentiments and encouraged the graduates to take advantage of as many extracurricular activities as possible. High school offers a range of opportunities, and getting involved keeps students busy in positive ways, she explained.



Student Cole Christiansen and his father, Steve, pose at Gros Cap's commencement.

Naubinway Marina Needs Dredging

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flaw that has not been addressed since the marina was constructed in the 1960s.

Now, the board is at a standstill regarding the marina and will seek input from Harbormaster Larry Wyse, who recently returned to Naubinway for the summer, Mrs. Bennett said.

Mr. Wyse could not be reached for comment at press time.

The state has received a grant application from Garfield Township, but is unable to act on it, owing to state budget problems, said Paul Peterson, harbor program manager for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"Our 2007 budget has not been approved yet," he explained.

The application sent by Garfield Township describes more than \$1 million in improvements, addressing matters beyond re-dredging. The changes were recommended by a state-sponsored study in 2006, conducted by United Design Associates (UDA), which revealed

that drifting sand and sediment would return and cause problems.

The Garfield Township application has been added to approximately \$11 million sought statewide for potential boater access projects that will be assessed in "a couple of months," Mr. Peterson said.

To create a long term solution to the drifting sand problem in Naubinway, the marina needs a rocky barrier stretching north from the west side, Mr. Peterson said. To the south side of the marina, a metal-sided barrier attached to the main walkway should also be reinforced with a rocky layer. The walkway provides access to the finger piers where boats are docked. The design firm also recommends reinforcement of the main walkway with a low, rocky mound, which would extend beyond the metal siding.

Both rocky barriers would extend outward into the basin and draw inward, closing in and creating a "throat" to produce a protected basin, he said.

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Birth

Corvin Davis

A son, Corvin John Davis, was born to Shelley and Tyler Davis of Royal Oak May 10, 2007, at William Beaumont Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds, 12 ounces, and measured 21.5 inches in length. Grandparents are Mary Sue and David Kunze of St. Ignace and Kathy and Ron Davis of Massillon, Ohio.

At right: Corvin Davis

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