

# Five Valedictorians for Rudyard's '07 Class *New Cable Company Takes Over in L.C. Area*

Jonathan Norton, Briana Kangas, Maria Meehan, Sara English, and Charles Rye have been named valedictorians at Rudyard High School for the Class of 2007. Each student has maintained a perfect 4.0 or better grade point average (GPA).

Jonathan Norton, son of Bob and Wendi Norton, has achieved a 4.0537 GPA in high school. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, Youth Advisory Council, Scholastic Achievement Council, and the High School Band. He has been a Student Council representative. He participated in hockey, junior varsity basketball, varsity baseball, and golf.

Mr. Norton plans to study pre-medicine at Lyman Briggs School of Natural Science at Michigan State University. He has two brothers, Brian, 20, and Tanner, 5.

Briana Kangas, daughter of Bryan and Marcy Kangas, has earned a 4.0267 GPA in high school. She has been involved in drama, chorale, chorus, band, quiz bowl, solo and ensemble festivals, and National Honor Society.

Miss Kangas plans to attend Northern Michigan University and earn a bachelor's degree in hospitality management. She has one brother, Christopher.

Maria Meehan, daughter of Patrick and Suesan Meehan, has earned a 4.0148 GPA. She has participated in National Honor Society, chorale, solo and ensemble, drama, hospice, Relay for Life, and various church activities. She is the presi-

dent of Student Council and was junior class president. She received the Michigan Merit Award, Residential Life Scholarship, and the Principal's Award.

Miss Meehan plans to attend Ferris State University, where she has been accepted in the Honors Program. She intends to study Applied Biology/Pre-Med and Nuclear Medicine. She has two older brothers, John and Joseph.

Sara English, daughter of Ken and Cynthia English, has earned a 4.0138 GPA during high school. She participated in cross country, track, drama, chorale, solo and ensemble (vocal), and National Honor Society. She is also a member of the Rudyard Christian Reformed Church, where she is a children's worship leader, Young People officer, nursery attendant, vacation Bible school leader, and is active in fundraising for Rudyard Christian School.



Briana Kangas



Charles Rye

Miss English plans to earn a degree in business at either Davenport or Ferris State University. She is the fourth child of six in her family.

Charles Rye, son of Kennedy and Jacqueline Rye, earned a 4.0063 GPA during high school. He has been active in Rudyard High School Fine Arts, Quiz Bowl Team, National Honor Society, Drama Club, and has been a Student Council representative.

Mr. Rye plans to attend Western Michigan University. He has one sister, Jesse.

Graduation will be Sunday, June 3, at 2 p.m. at Rudyard High School.



Jon Norton



Maria Meehan



Sara English

**By Amy Polk**  
Cedarville and Hessel will receive new cable television service beginning the week of June 4 and, and those two communities, plus Pickford, are expected to receive high speed cable Internet service soon. Pickford already has the cable service. The services are being provided by Sunrise Communications of Onaway, which purchased the assets of Northwoods Cable Company, also of Onaway, last fall and has spent the past five months refurbishing the system.

Sunrise managers say the acquisition should end years of troubled service in those areas, exacerbated the past four years by Northwoods' bankruptcy proceedings.

"It's a fresh start and Sunrise has invested in an upgraded and improved new system that is aimed to provide quality cable and Internet services to our customers," said Bob Goodenow, manager of Sunrise Communications.

"In some cases, it was a total rebuild of the system," he said, "for instance we replaced an entire section of cable in front of the Hessel Ridge Golf Course." Other physical improvements include upgrading amplifiers and converting the original one-way cable system to a two-way system that allows the back and forth transfer of information.

Sunrise will offer residential Internet service from 512 kilobytes

per second to one megabyte per second and business service up to three megabytes per second.

Earlier this month, Clark Township signed a franchise agreement to allow Sunrise to take over the Northwoods service area in the township. Sunrise also took over a portion of Charter Communication's cable service area in Pickford.

In April, Mr. Goodenow told the Clark Township Board of Trustees his company will offer up to 39 television channels, plus a community channel for announcements, news, and school events. He plans to work with local schools to teach students interest-

ed in broadcasting how to record and broadcast events. Basic cable will cost about \$42, he told the board. Discounted rates will be available for customers who order both cable and Internet services he told *The St. Ignace News* last week.

## Peterson Earns Finlandia Honors

Laura Peterson of St. Ignace was named to the spring honors list at Finlandia University, by earning a 3.58 grade point average. She is a 2004 graduate of LaSalle High School.

## Preston Allers, Family Visit Cousins in Claudy, Ireland



Preston Allers of St. Ignace (from left) traveled to Ireland with his mother, Pamela Blum, and sister, Penny Shires of Ashville, Ohio, both formerly of St. Ignace. The photograph was taken at Bushmills Distillery in the north of Ireland. After visiting cousins in the small town of Claudy, the three drove south through most of the country, with a stop at Blarney to kiss the famous Blarney Stone before heading home. (Blum family photograph)

## Mackinac City's Class of 2007 Is Led by McFarland, Closs

Spencer McFarland is valedictorian and Chase Closs is salutatorian for the Class of 2007 at Mackinaw City High School.

Spencer McFarland, the son of Dave and Marilyn McFarland, has earned a 3.72 grade point average (GPA) during high school.

He has been involved in Straits Area Youth Advisory Council, band, hockey, cross country,

Straits Area Resort Ministry Youth Group, Straits Area Concert Band, and National Honor Society.

He is a volunteer performer for the Fort Michilimackinac Historical Reenactment, and a Sunday school teacher at Church of the Straits. He was a national finalist in the Rube Goldberg Engineering Competition, was

awarded Second Team All Conference for Cross Country, and is a Class D MHSAA Scholar-Athlete recipient.

Mr. McFarland plans to attend the United States Coast Guard Academy and study engineering.

Chase Closs, the son of Lynn and Debby Closs, has achieved a 3.659 GPA during high school. He has participated in basketball,

baseball, cross country, Straits Area Resort Ministry Program, Student Council, National Honor Society, Fire Up, the Vesper Cruise, and is an altar server at St. Anthony's Parish. He received All-Conference, All-Region, All-Area, All-State, and All-Academic honors in basketball.

Mr. Closs plans to attend Albion College to study pre-medicine.

Graduation will be Saturday, June 2, at 7 p.m. in the gymnasium at Mackinaw City High School.



Spencer McFarland



Chase Closs

## 1st Brevort Lake Walleye Derby To Be Held June 2

The first Brevort Lake Walleye Derby will take place from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 2. The event will help promote Moran businesses and support the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club's efforts to replenish the fish population in Brevort Lake, said event coordinator Kirk Lipnitz.

"The fish are back and the fishing is good again in Brevort Lake," said Mr. Lipnitz.

Some proceeds will go toward the Sportsmen's Club, which has made efforts to restore Brevort Lake's walleye population.

The Sportsmen's Club has created and placed more than 20 cribs for fish spawning and has been involved with controlling the cormorant population, which anglers say affects the fish population in Brevort Lake.

So far, 25 teams have registered for the derby, and more may regis-

ter on the day of the event. Mr. Lipnitz is encouraging teams to register as soon as possible to avoid any delays in starting the derby.

Those interested can register at King's Fish Market and Bradford's Gas and Grocery on M-123, and also at True Value hardware, both in Moran and in St. Ignace.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 1. Registration is \$100 per two-person team.

Participants can launch at the Dukes Road boat launch and any other access points, however, they must remember to register before the event begins. A flare gun will signal the start of the tournament.

There will be two registration tables, one at the Dukes Road boat launch and one just across the canal near the boat launch. Both registration areas will be marked with signs.

The one-day event includes cash prizes for the top four, two-person teams. One team can win a 2007 Arctic Cat four-wheeler if a specially tagged fish is caught.

First place winners will receive \$1,200, while second place will receive \$750, third place \$500, and fourth place \$250.

A silent auction, fish fry, and pig roast will take place between True Value and King's Fish Market in Moran on the day of the derby. The silent auction, which includes golf packages, fishing charter trips, and airplane rides, will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the Brevort Township Community Foundation.

### NOTICE Clark Township ~ Vacancy ~ Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board seeks letters of interest from Clark Township residents for 2 alternate positions. Applicant cannot be a licensed contractor.

Please deliver or send your letter of intent to be received by Friday, June 15, 2007 at 2 P.M. to: Clark Township Clerk, PO Box 367, Cedarville, MI 49719

For more information call 484-2672 Or email: clerk@cedarville.net

### HIAWATHA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH MEETING DATES 2007-2008

The Hiawatha Community Mental Health Authority normally meets on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 6:30 p.m. The following dates and locations have been established:

June 18, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Mackinac
July 16, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft
August 20, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Chippewa
September 17, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Mackinac
October 15, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft
November 26, 2007**	6:30 p.m.	Chippewa **4TH Monday
December 17, 2007	6:30 p.m.	Mackinac
January 21, 2008	6:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft
February 18, 2008	6:30 p.m.	Chippewa
March 17, 2008	6:30 p.m.	Mackinac
April 21, 2008	6:30 p.m.	Schoolcraft
May 28, 2008**	6:30 p.m.	Chippewa **4TH Wednesday

Meeting places are:  
Mackinac County: HBH Office  
114 Elliot Street  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
Chippewa County: HBH Office  
3865 S. Mackinac Trail  
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783  
Schoolcraft County: HBH Office  
125 N. Lake Street  
Manistique, MI 49854

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Moran Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Moran Township Hall  
W1362 US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan  
Monday, June 18, 2007  
10:00 A.M.

NOTICE is hereby given that on Monday, June 18, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. at the Moran Township Hall, W1362 West US-2, St. Ignace, Michigan, the Moran Township Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a Public Hearing for the following:

James and Nicole Brown wish to build an addition to their home in the Primary Inland Growth District (PIG). This district requires a minimum rear-yard setback of 30 feet. The Browns are requesting a variance to reduce the rear-yard setback to 10 feet.

Notice is hereby given to adjacent and interested property owners in this area. Public comment may be in writing to the Moran township clerk or by personal appearance at the meeting.

This notice is posted in accordance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act) MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans with disabilities Act (ADA).

Kristine Vallier, Moran Township Clerk  
W1362 US-2  
St. Ignace, MI 49781  
Phone (906) 643-8027 - Fax (906) 643-7208

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that there will be a public hearing regarding the proposed 2007-2008 budget at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the St. Ignace Area Schools.

**Date of Meeting:** June 11, 2007  
**Place of Meeting:** St. Ignace Middle School Library  
**Hour of Meeting:** 7:30 p.m.

**Telephone Number of the Superintendent's Office:** 906-643-8145

**Board of Education meeting minutes are located at:**  
Central Office  
W429 Portage St.,  
St. Ignace

**A copy of the proposed 2007-2008 budget including the proposed property tax millage rate is available for public inspection during normal business hours at:**  
Central Office  
W429 Portage St.,  
St. Ignace

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**  
1. Public discussion on the proposed 2007-2008 budget.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing.**

**Sheri Oja  
Secretary, Board of Education of  
St. Ignace Area Schools**

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