

Births

Isaac Brindley

Micah and Lindsay (nee Lamb) Brindley of Sault Ste. Marie are the parents of a son, Isaac David Brindley, born June 26, 2007, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He weighed 6 pounds, 1 ounce at birth. Grandparents are Dennis and Ruth Ann Brindley of Sault Ste. Marie and Matthew and Alison Lamb of York, Pennsylvania. Great-grandparents are Irene Brindley of Ohio, Harlan and Ruth Lamb of Pickford, and John and Audrey McDonald of Pickford.

Colton Spote

Peter and Paulette (nee McDonald) Spote of Shreveport, Louisiana, are the parents of a son, Colton Forbes, born July 10, 2007. He weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces at birth. Grandparents are Douglas and Laurie Spote of Grand Rapids and Forbes McDonald of Dafer. Great-grandparents are John and Audrey McDonald of Pickford.

Owen McConkey

Paul and Yvonne (nee Izzard) McConkey of Pickford are the parents of a son, Owen Riley McConkey, born June 15, 2007, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces at birth and measured 19-1/2 inches long. He joins his sisters, Sophie, 7, and Hannah, 4, at home. Grandparents are Geraldine Izzard of Cedarville and Richard and Kathleen McConkey of Pickford. Great-grandmother is Bertha McConkey of Pickford.

New Michael Moore Film Gives Nod to Durms of St. Ignace



Filmmaker Michael Moore (left) poses with Joe and Sandy Durm of St. Ignace at Lulu's Restaurant in Bellaire Saturday, June 16, prior to the premiere of Mr. Moore's newest film, "Sicko," which the Durms attended.

By Paul Gingras

Film maker Michael Moore wears a "Java Joe's" restaurant hat in one scene of his new movie, "Sicko," highlighting his interest in the Straits of Mackinac and his friendship with Joe and Sandy Durm of St. Ignace.

Mr. Moore became friends with the Durms when celebrating his birthday in the area four years ago.

Celebrating his birthday in the Straits area, complete with Sunday breakfast at Java Joe's, has become a tradition for Mr. Moore, who is known for his politically charged documentaries such as "Roger and Me" and "Fahrenheit 9/11," which reference Michigan and focus on corporate and governmental irresponsibility.

Mr. Durm is impressed that Roger Moore thought to include the plug for the St. Ignace restaurant in "Sicko." There is a similar reference in the movie to the University of Michigan, where Mr. Moore went to school, Mr. Durm said. A former Mackinac County

Rukat Takes 11-pound Pike



Caitlin Rukat of Canton holds an 11-pound, 31-inch pike she caught on Brevort Lake Tuesday, July 3, while fishing with her uncle, Wes Harland of New Hudson, and her father, Kevin Rukat. She was accompanied by her brother, Justin, on a trip to visit their grandparents, Barb and Phil Rukat of Moran.

Agreement To Be Finalized When City Is Sole Owner of Artifacts

*Continued from page 1 including inventory for the buildings two gift shops (a storefront resale shop and a museum store), but not the museum collection.

The city would be responsible for the loan payments to First National Bank if the tribe stops its \$118,000 annual payments. In that event, said Mr. Brown, St. Ignace would likely call for a tax levy, but "I don't think we need to worry about that at all."

Tribal board member Keith Massaway assured Council that the tribe will honor its funding agreement.

"We've entered into a contract and we've never backed out of one yet," he said. "We just completed a 10-year agreement with the city to fund the construction and operation of the Little Bear East recreation facility. I don't think you have anything to worry about."

The next agreement will be with the Michilimackinac Historical Society, to make the local nonprofit organization the operator of the museum and its shops.

The Michilimackinac Historical Society promoted the efforts to keep Dr. Benson's collection in St. Ignace. Mrs. Benson had told the group that she and her husband wanted it to remain here, but she planned to sell it at auction if she could not find a way to do that.

The society intends to reopen the museum as soon as it can, however, the building will first need some interior work to meet certain fire safety codes, City Manager Eric Dodson told The St. Ignace

Bradford Earns Master's Degree

Christopher Bradford, grandson of Joan and the late Clyde "Bo" Bradford of Moran, recently was graduated from De Vry's Keller Graduate School of Management in Chicago, with a master's degree in Business Administration with

News. Electrical wiring will have to be upgraded and new fire exit doors will have to be installed, for example.

An environmental assessment of the property, which used to be the site of Wing's Garage, was conducted by Mackinac Environmental in St. Ignace and the property has been cleared.

Historical Society President Judy Engle said she intends to open the museum from noon to 8 p.m. each day throughout the summer.

She is continuing to establish an arts and culture center where people can learn about the area's history and family genealogy.

"I'm ready to open," said Ms. Engle excitedly.

The museum has been closed since spring, which is when a lease the historical society had with the Benson family expired.

Water Tank Repairs

With one more coat of paint and completion of the instrumentation system, the city will be able to fill the Evergreen Shores water tank with water, in about a week, Department of Public Works Director Les Therrian told The St. Ignace News. The empty tower cracked in a February blizzard and has been undergoing structural repairs.

Mr. Dodson told Council Monday that Pittsburgh Tank & Tower (PT&T), the company hired to install a 26-foot stem extension last summer, did not follow project plans and that workers also failed to tighten the bolts to the new sec-

Master's Degree

an accounting emphasis. Mr. Bradford has accepted a senior accountant position in Battle Creek with the U.S. Department of Defense - Defense Logistics Agency. He will be responsible for asset management, financial statement presentation and analysis, and other accounting functions.

Diehl Returns to City Police

St. Ignace City Police Officer Ryan Diehl returned to the department after a one-year hiatus, having participated in a United Nations police training program in Kosovo.

With his return, Officer Bruce Bigger plans to retire from the department in August.

Officer Diehl returned to work Thursday, June 21.

The department staff includes officers Diehl and Bigger, Police Chief Tim Matelski, and officers Mark Wilk, Tom Tarnutzer, and Allan Mitchell. Lori Strich is the department secretary and Nick Pavloski is the meter officer.

Artist of the Week

at the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum in Cedarville

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18 Noon to 3 p.m. Kate Otstot Bead-Making



WEDNESDAY, JULY 25 Noon to 3 p.m. Elda Nye and Jeri Griffin Basket-Making



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