

# 50 To Swim Straits for Bridge Anniversary

Fifty swimmers will attempt to swim across the Straits of Mackinac this Labor Day to celebrate the Mackinac Bridge's 50th anniversary.

In a ceremonial swim led by world record-setting Great Lakes swimmer Jim Dreyer, solo swimmers and a three-person relay team will challenge the often turbulent four-mile Strait that connects Michigan and Huron, swimming along the east side of the famous bridge completed in 1957 to connect Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas.

The swimmers will enter the water at 6:15 a.m. September 3 at the foot of the Mackinac Bridge in St. Ignace, and hope to finish at the Old Mackinac Lighthouse in Mackinaw City. Swimmers will have until noon to complete the quest.

"Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and I first discussed the concept for this swim while we were running across the Mackinac Bridge in the annual Bridge Run and Walk last Labor Day," Mr. Dreyer said. "Since then, I have been organizing this event with the Michigan Department of Transportation, recruiting some fine athletes, and am pleased that the Mighty Mac 50th Anniversary Swim will become a reality."

The swim will run concurrently with the Bridge Walk, an annual event that draws 60,000 participants.

"This will truly be a historic, once-in-a-lifetime event that will be talked about for the next 50 years," Mr. Dreyer added. "Everyone who has ever crossed the Mackinac Bridge in a car has wondered what it would be like to try to swim the Straits if there were not a bridge. Few have ever seen a single person do it, let alone 50. This will be epic."

While the swim promises to be spectacular from an athletic and historical perspective, the swim also serves as a fundraiser for Mentor Michigan, a program of the Michigan Community Service Commission created by Governor Granholm and First Gentleman Daniel Mulhern, and supported by Jim Dreyer as a Governor's appointee to the Mentor Michigan Leadership Council.

Mentor Michigan is an umbrella organization for nearly 200 mentoring programs throughout the state, including Big Brothers Big Sisters, the cause Mr. Dreyer has supported since 1998 with his Great Lakes swims.

Mr. Dreyer believes the accomplishment of swimming

across the Straits of Mackinac will leave a lasting impression on this group of swimmers he refers to as Team Dire Straits.

"These swimmers will never look at the Straits of Mackinac the same way again ... and they will have a great story to tell everyone in the car whenever they drive across the Mackinac Bridge."

Mr. Dreyer knows about the Straits of Mackinac. He set the distance record for the Straits by swimming 40 miles with multiple crossings in 2006.

"The team is made up of triathletes, marathon swimmers, and fitness swimmers who are used to pushing themselves to be their best, and they have been working extremely hard to prepare for the unique challenge of swimming the Straits of Mackinac," Mr. Dreyer said. "Most admirably, while they have been working toward fulfilling a personal dream, they have also been working equally as hard to fulfill the dreams of children, by raising funds to support the mission of Mentor Michigan. I strongly encourage the public to go to my Web site (www.SwimJimSwim.org), read about these swimmers, and help them reach their fundraising goals by making online contributions on their behalf."



The Young Champions Cheer America Team of Cheboygan, Clark Township, and Indian River includes (back row, from left) Mollie Dunn, coach Mandi Layman, Ashley Lamoreaux, Cara Hakola, Kay Ostwald; (front row) Mikaela Verville, Brandi Bennett, Hattie Behm, and Daeshawna Nye. (Photograph courtesy of Robin Hakola)

## Tickets for Cinderella Musical at Les Cheneaux Are Now Available

Tickets are now on sale for Les Cheneaux Education Foundation's production of Rogers and Hammerstein's "Cinderella."

The musical show will be presented Thursday, August 2, through Saturday, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. A Sunday matinee at 3 p.m. will be presented August 5.

The production is being directed by Lisa Dunn, a Cedarville veteran actress and director. Les Cheneaux Community Schools music director Alan Jacobus is conducting the

music. The lead roles of Cinderella and the Prince are being played by Emily Couling of Rudyard and Enoch Jacobus of Cedarville.

Seats may be reserved by calling the Les Cheneaux Community Schools box office at (906) 484-2256, extension 410 and leaving a message.

Tickets for the production are \$14 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens 65 years and older, and \$10 for children 10 years of age and younger.

## July 20 Hamburger Bash in Pickford Is Museum Fundraiser

A hamburger bash to raise money for the Pickford Historical Museum will be Friday, July 20, from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Pickford Township Hall on Main Street in Pickford.

Admission will be by donation. Salads and desserts are needed, and anyone who wants to help with the dinner or make a side dish should call Pickford Historical Society President Stan Schmitgal at (906) 647-8851.

Proceeds will help pay for expenses and events at the Pickford community's historical museum, which has been open more than a year. The museum is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and is staffed by volunteers.

## Cheer Team To Host Bake Sale July 27

A group of Cheboygan, Clark Township, and Indian River children will compete in the National Young Champions Cheer America championship in Madison, Wisconsin, Saturday, August 4. The team will raise money to help offset the cost of the trip over the next two months, and will host a bake sale Friday, July 27, from 9 a.m. to noon at Cedarville Foods on M-134 in Cedarville.

The team is comprised of

Hattie Behm, Brandi Bennett, Mollie Dunn, and Ashley Lamoreaux, all of Indian River, Kay Ostwald and Mikaela Verville, both of Cheboygan, Cara Hakola of Cedarville, and Daeshawna Nye of Hessel. They practice at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace, coached by Mandi Layman of Indian River.

The team performs a competitive dance and pompom routine, as well as a group cheer, and competes at level three. They

placed first in the regional contest at Indian River, which allowed them to advance to state level competition in Grand Rapids June 2. There they earned enough points to qualify for national competition.

The girls plan to leave Michigan August 3. They are selling candy bars at Central Savings Bank in Cedarville. Candy can be purchased or donations made by calling Robin Hakola at (906) 484-6202, or any of cheerleaders.

## Brevort Fish Cribs Project Receives \$1,500



Kirk Lipnitz (left) of the Moran-based Brevort Township Community Foundation offers Louis Colegrove of the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club a \$1,500 check Friday, July 13, in Moran. The revenue was generated through a silent auction at the Brevort Lake Walleye Derby Saturday, June 2. It will be used for lake improvement projects. Pictured here are members of the committee that coordinated the event (from left) Mr. Lipnitz, Gary Reid, Theron King, Mr. Colegrove, and Jimmie Miller. Not pictured are volunteers Helen King, Julie Lipnitz, and Julie Worden.

The newly formed Brevort Township Community Foundation presented the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club with a \$1,500 check Friday, July 13, to be used for the club's cormorant control and fish crib projects.

The money was generated by a silent auction at the first Brevort Lake Walleye Derby Saturday, June 2.

The derby was coordinated by a committee of Moran business people and members of the sportsmen's club, including Kirk and Julie Lipnitz, Helen and Theron King, Gary Reid, Louie Colegrove, and Jimmie Miller.

The committee operated under the umbrella of the Brevort Township Community Foundation, a fledgling project begun by Kirk and Julie Lipnitz of

Moran. The next foundation-initiated project will be a winter fishing derby, Mr. Lipnitz said. No date has been set.

The foundation is planning to write grants, hold more fundraisers, and it will invest all proceeds in the township, he said. Initial investments will benefit the lake. Later, the foundation hopes to add to downtown development projects in Moran, including such ideas as gas lights to illuminate and decorate the area, sidewalks, and a park.

## Kelly Steiner Earns Accounting Degree From Western Mich.

Kelly Rae Steiner, a 2003 LaSalle High School graduate, was graduated from Western Michigan University's Haworth College of Business Saturday, June 30, with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

Attending the graduation in Kalamazoo were Miss Steiner's parents, Dean and Laurie Steiner, her brothers, Brendon and Lewis Steiner, grandparents Wes and



Kelly Steiner

Dorothy Pechta of Brevort Lake and Lloyd and Marian Steiner of St. Ignace, an aunt, Barb Nelson of Shelbyville, and a good friend, Matt Mulder of Kalamazoo.

Miss Steiner is employed by National City Bank in Kalamazoo.

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"Get a Clue at the Library" summer reading program at Engadine Library began July 11 and will continue through August 15. Sessions will take place each Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m. The free program is open to area children ages four years through those who finished sixth grade this year.

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