



St. Ignace Youth Soccer Season Kicks Off

Chris "Iffer" Marshall coaches his team during a youth soccer game at LaSalle High School Thursday, July 26. It was the second day of city youth soccer in St. Ignace. The program was extended another two weeks this summer, owing to growing interest among children and parents. Soccer is played every Tuesday and Thursday. Pictured are players (from left) Chelsey Coleman, Ben Coveyou, Jarrett Soblaskey, Chase Tallaire, Coach Marshall, and Reid Marshall, who play on the Locker Room Kickers team.

Cedarville Jr. Trojan Football Starts August 6

Cedarville Junior Trojans football conditioning will start Monday, August 6, at the Cedarville track on State Avenue, at 6 p.m. Junior football is for students in fifth through eighth grades, who attend school at Les Cheneaux or DeTour school districts.

The three days of mandatory conditioning will take place before athletes are allowed to practice football. Anyone who cannot be at practice must notify a coach beforehand.

Players must submit a physical examination card, football form, copy of birth certificate, \$35 foot-

ball fee (checks can be written to Cedarville Junior Trojans), and an equipment responsibility form. Information can be obtained from Joanne Baker at (906) 484-3190, Melanie Haske at (906) 484-3364, Rick Eberts at (906) 484-4126, or Paul Griffin at (906) 484-2902.

Rudyard Historical Society To Hear Bergsma Family Stories

Lorna (nee Bergsma) Lombard, a 1954 graduate of Rudyard High School, will be the featured speaker Thursday, August 9, at the Rudyard Historical Society meeting at 7 p.m. at the Rudyard Community Center.

A graduate of Michigan State University, Mrs. Lombard recently retired from a teaching career

with Traverse City Area Schools.

She will describe her memories of growing up in Rudyard and will share information about the history of the Bergsma family.

The evening will include a bake sale and refreshments. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Sault Arts Fest To Open Aug. 7

The Sault Summer Arts Festival will open at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 7, on the grounds of the Tendercare of Michigan Headquarters, at 209 West Portage in Sault Ste. Marie.

Now in its 35th year, the festival features almost 70 exhibitors.

On display will be paintings, jewelry, wearable art, wooden kitchen implements, towel racks, birdhouses, furniture, blown and stained glass, pressed flowers, weaving, pottery, folk art, metal work, fur and leather items, portraits, books, and photographs. Bayliss Library will feature activities for children.

Entertainment begins at noon when the McKinney Washtub Two takes the stage. Performers to follow will through the afternoon will include Greg Jacobs, Annis George, Susan Askwith and Dave Stanaway, Frank Blisset, the Superior Poetry Cafe poets, Joe Menard, Jack Curry, and Lorne Hartwich, and Rolland Mayer, Stephanie Sabatine, Roy Nason, John Price, and Terry Bennet.

Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary Events Coverage

Soldier Sculpture Draws Attention in Parade



A group of veterans sits among sand bags, riding with Tom Moran's sculpture of a soldier's head in the bridge's 50th anniversary parade in Mackinaw City. Mr. Moran designed the piece in honor of American soldiers.

By Karen Gould

Cars slowed and people stopped walking to stare at Tom Moran's sculpture of a soldier's head he unveiled in Mackinaw City Saturday, July 28, for the 50th anniversary bridge parade.

Three hours before the parade was to begin, as he maneuvered into the staging area on the State Dock, a family already was posing with the iron sculpture for a photograph.

Constructed of plate steel up to 1.5 inches thick, the sculpture, he said, was challenging, especially the curved helmet, which he made in pieces. His depiction is of a soldier from World War II through the Vietnam War.

"I tried to make it as generic as I could," he said. "I was looking to compliment as many servicemen as possible."

The sculpture he makes each year is a hobby, he said, not a commercial endeavor. After the parade

season, he donates it to a local nonprofit organization to be auctioned as a fundraiser. Last year's sculpture, a 90-inch round atlas, sold for \$20,000.

"I like to do patriotic things," he said.

This year's design, which weighs 5,000 pounds, was to portray a proud and strong soldier, although to his surprise, the features of the sculpture change depending on lighting.

"The only statement I meant to show," he said, "was that I am proud to be an American. I'm proud of our soldiers."

The soldier's head is 11.5 feet tall and equally as wide. Once lifted onto the truck, it towers over the parade crowd at 14.5 feet.

Mr. Moran employs 50 people at his company, which specializes in exhaust systems for turbine engines used at power plants, on jet planes, or at steel mills.

While the sculpture is his proj-

ect, he is helped by employee Tom Crawford, a cutting machine operator, and artist Jill Allen.

"I'm not an artist," he said. "I never even had an art class in high school."

About 90% of the work he does himself. The soldier took 900 hours to complete.

While he tried to get various military units to ride on the truck, all had schedule conflicts. He finally located a group of veterans who were happy to participate in the parade.

"It definitely looks better with people," he said.

He has kept one of his sculptures, a head of George Washington, which he keeps in a field by his house. Every so often a group will ask to borrow it for an event. As soon as the head is taken, he gets calls asking where it is and if it will be back.

"When people enjoy it," he said, "it makes it all worthwhile."

New Token Commemorates Bridge Engineer



Peter Jacobson, grandson of Dr. David Steinman, is presented with Mackinac Bridge photographs and commemorative tokens honoring his grandfather. An image of Dr. Steinman is on the new commuter token, and the reverse side marks the 50th anniversary of the bridge. Dr. Steinman was the designer and engineer of the bridge. He died three years after the bridge was built. He had earned honorary doctorate degrees from 18 universities before he designed the Mackinac Bridge, and was a designing or consulting engineer for construction of approximately 400 bridges on five continents. Dr. Steinman was also an author and a poet. The presentation was made at Bridge View Park in St. Ignace Thursday, July 27. Pictured are (from left) Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) member Patrick "Shorty" Gleason, Mr. Jacobson, and MBA board members Bob Struck, Chair Bill Gnodtke, Murray D. Wikol, Vice-Chair Barbara Brown, and Bob Sweeney, MBA executive secretary. (Photograph courtesy of Michigan Department of Transportation)

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