

# Public Meeting To Review Inland Consent Decree Wed.

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will host a public meeting in Sault Ste. Marie Wednesday, October 17, to discuss the recent agreement of hunting, fishing, and gathering rights with five Michigan Indian tribes concerning the Treaty of 1836. The meeting will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Sault Ste. Marie High School Theater at 904 Marquette Avenue.

The meeting is one in a series of nine being held to gather public

opinion in October and November.

At the meetings, DNR staff will discuss the agreement and its impact on natural resources. DNR staff also will highlight methods and harvest limits for hunting and fishing contained in the agreement for tribal members, as well as gathering activities on public lands. Time will be allowed for questions from the public.

The area of Michigan impacted by this treaty is roughly the east-

ern half of the Upper Peninsula and the northwest one-third of the Lower Peninsula.

Members of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians will vote by mail on whether to accept the agreement.

The agreement will be reviewed by the United States Federal Court, Eastern District, in Kalamazoo Monday, October 22.

Other meetings include:

- Traverse City, Thursday, October 18, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Garfield Township Hall, 3843 Veterans Drive.

- Alpena, Wednesday, October 24. The meeting will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Thunder Bay Recreation Center located at 701 Woodward Ave. in Alpena.

- Gaylord, Thursday, October 25, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Northland Sportsmen's Club located at 1542 Alba Road.

A meeting was held in Escanaba October 16.

More information on the Treaty of 1836 and the proposed inland consent decree is available on the DNR's Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

# Michigan Politics

By  
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## Efforts To Stem Lunacy of Candidates' Boycott

Woe be to those 2008 Democratic contenders who boycott Michigan's January 15 presidential primary. Those who don't contend in January should suffer in November.

"I will make a big deal of that fact," ex-Governor Mitt Romney of Massachusetts said Saturday when I asked how much of an issue he would make of the snub if he is the GOP nominee. "The fact is, this is a critical state. In my opinion...if I'm the nominee, this becomes ground zero for a successful presidential campaign."

The Michigan-born contender, son of the late Governor George Romney, said: "Michigan is a purple state. It was blue the last two elections, so I will call it a purple state. Pretty close. And it's a state I believe I can win. And the Democrats walking away from Michigan, I think, is just one more reason why Michiganders will support my candidacy.

"Recognize that Michigan is personal for me. ...Michigan is not a state I would walk away from, politically or otherwise."

The candidates are walking away from Michigan because it, like Florida, ignores the early-states voting authorized by the Democratic National Committee: Iowa January 14, Nevada January 19, New Hampshire January 22, and South Carolina January 29.

Conventional wisdom, underscored by President George W. Bush's campaigns in 2000 and 2004, is that Republicans can win the White House without winning Michigan. Not so for Democrats.

"Democrats cannot win the nomination without Michigan," pollster Ed Sarpolus of Lansing-based EPIC/MRA said of the "very stupid" snub.

All the 2008 Democratic contenders, bowing to the stranglehold that Iowa and New Hampshire have had on the nomination process, refuse to campaign in Michigan - with four of them taking the extreme step of removing their names from our January 15 primary.

I agree with Republican State Chairman Saul Anuzis that the boycott is "a monumental political blunder," and with Democratic Senator Carl Levin that Michigan could win in a convention floor fight about its violation of national party rules banning most states from holding 2008 contests before February 5.

Fortunately, as this week began, there was prospect of a sensible solution, thanks to prodding by Levin and Democratic State Chairman Mark Brewer.

Levin, in a Friday visit with the *Detroit Free Press* editorial board, outlined steps that could be taken if the January 15 primary ends up being merely a "beauty contest" for the four candidates who decided to stay in the race.

Levin, who for three election cycles has pressed to break the two-state monopoly, said the Michigan Democratic Party could after January 15 hold a caucus to determine how the state's delegates are allocated among all candidates.

"I want to keep the option open of Michigan moving its caucus after seeing what New Hampshire does," Levin said. "My priority is to end the hammerlock that New Hampshire has on this process."

As of this writing, leaders of both parties in Lansing were considering legislation to put names of the four boycotters back on the ballot - Senator Barack Obama of Illinois, Senator Joe Biden of Delaware, ex-Senator John Edwards of North Carolina, and Governor Bill Richardson of New Mexico.

Looking at their potential constituencies in Michigan, it's particularly hard to figure why Edwards would stiff a state where he could get substantial labor support. And why Obama would ignore potential in state where blacks are 14.1% of the population (1.1% in New Hampshire and 2.3% in Iowa).

Governor Jennifer Granholm has been consulting with Brewer, House Speaker Andy Dillon, and others on options for getting names of all Democratic contenders before Michigan voters. It also appeared likely that she would endorse New York Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, who wisely opted to keep her name on the Michigan ballot.

Clinton already has the gung-ho active support of ex-Governor Jim Blanchard, who mobilized a recent Oakland County fundraiser that netted her more than \$400,000.

While presidential candidates, under national party rules that pander to the small state Iowa/New Hampshire power center, are not supposed to campaign in big ole nasty Michigan, they can have fundraisers here. Non-campaign campaigning, says Blanchard.

Regardless of how this sorts out, Democrats undoubtedly will rally to their nominee in November. But one voter, Nancy Kenny of Lake Leelanau, called it a "pretty insulting" snub that could be "hurtful" to the ticket in November.

Meanwhile, Republican contenders have been frequent fliers to Michigan. They attended last month's GOP conference on Mackinac Island, and last week's debate in Dearborn.

After the debate, Romney campaigned in Royal Oak, Traverse City, and Grand Rapids.

In Traverse City, Romney announced the endorsement of local state Senate Majority Whip Jason Allen, saying Allen "understands the importance of having a strong and vibrant economy."

An echo from Allen: "Governor Romney understands the importance of having a strong economy."

Also in Traverse City, Romney met with ex-Governor Bill Milliken, who served as lieutenant governor with George Romney and became governor in 1969 when Romney joined the Nixon cabinet as secretary of housing and urban development.

The Mitt Romney pitch these days is well to the right of the George Romney pitch of the 1960s, and even further to the right of Milliken's moderate politics. Milliken, who is a past fan of Arizona Senator John McCain, has not endorsed in the 2008 Republican field.

He said of the meeting with Romney: "We had a very good, friendly, and open exchange. We recalled many stories about his father. I was glad to have seen him."

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## Free GED Preparation Class Underway

Free preparation classes and testing for earning a GED (General Educational Development) certificate are available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays in St. Ignace. Classes are offered from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau office by Consolidated Community School

Services (CCSS). They are ongoing and will continue until May.

The GED class is available to anyone age 18 or older whose class has been graduated.

Registration is available by calling CCSS at (906) 630-3031 or Jay Caldwell at Michigan Works! at 643-8158.

## Tree Removal, Water Safety Are Topics for Hudson Twp. Board

Removal of diseased trees at Garnet Park, the completion of this year's paving project on H-40, and a favorable report about well water at Hudson Township Hall are topics currently occupying the Hudson Township Board of Trustees, township supervisor Al Garavaglia told *The St. Ignace News* October 11. The board met Wednesday, October 4.

About 25 trees with beech disease are to be removed from the park, which the township leases from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and some have already been taken down. The work is being done by township trustee Dave Livermore.

"It's not a pressing issue at this point, because the problem trees that were near the campsites have already been removed," Mr. Garavaglia said. The tree removal was approved by the DNR, and work is ongoing.

The board is satisfied with repaving and sub-structure work done on a section of H-

40/Hiawatha Trail in the township by the county road commission, Mr. Garavaglia reported, and this year's portion is finished. Six miles of H-40 remains to be repaved. The road had not been resurfaced in 45 years, he said.

"Next, we'll shift our priorities to Borgstrom Road," he said, after all of H-40 is completed in Hudson Township.

Well water at the township hall has been chlorinated to remove bacteria, and subsequent testing has shown the water is safe, the board learned.

The fire department has purchased six new radios to replace outdated equipment. The township board, through the assistance of Fire Chief Denny Vowell and Assistant Chief Will Cobe, is seeking grant funding to pay for the radios and other wildfire support equipment it would like to buy.

The board of trustees meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Hudson Township Hall.

## Free Transportation to Polls Offered

Straits Taxi of St. Ignace will offer free transportation to the polls to registered voters from the City of St. Ignace and Moran Township on election day,

Tuesday, November 6.

Riders are asked to call the dispatch line at 643-6909 to make prior arrangements for transportation.

## Post-Mastectomy Consultation Available

A consultant in fitting post-mastectomy clothing and products will now be available at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace on the first and third Fridays of each month, announced VitalCare Home Health. Kim Smith, a certified post-mastectomy fitter and product specialist for Vital Care,

will be available for private consultations from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the medical building. Her next visit will be October 19.

There is no charge for the service.

Appointments are preferred, but not required, and can be made at (800) 342-7711, extension 2383.

## LIFT Will Meet Wednesday at Hessel

The Lucas Izzard Foundation for Teens (LIFT) will meet Wednesday, October 17, at 7 p.m. at the Tribal Center in Hessel. The public is welcome to attend.

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## Body Found in Straits Identified as Missing Pilot Karen Dodds

A body found in the Straits of Mackinac has been identified by forensic pathologists as that of pilot Karen Dodds, 52, of Washington, D.C.

The body was recovered by the United States Coast Guard St. Ignace Station Monday, October 8, and identified through dental records Monday, October 15, at the Forensic Pathology Department at Spectrum Health-Blodgett Campus in Grand Rapids.

Ms. Dodds and her companion, Henry Brooks Stauffer, 56, also of Washington, D.C., departed Mackinac Island August 24 in a private plane headed for Bad Axe. The plane never reached its destination.

Neither the plane nor the body of Mr. Stauffer has been found,

## City Council Members Paid \$1,570

Total pay to members of the St. Ignace City Council for attending meetings and events during September was \$1,570.

Council members are paid \$70 for regular meetings and \$60 for committee meetings or gathering at which the person is representing the city.

The mayor receives \$80 per council meeting and \$70 for any other event at which the mayor is representing the city.

There are no rules to govern what events are eligible. Council meetings are held twice monthly. Members attended the following events and received the following pay:

**Mayor Paul Grondin**

**\$370** - Council, Recreation Advisory Committee, September 12; Negotiations Committee, September 13; Downtown Development Authority, September 14. Meetings/events attended but received no pay: Labor Day bridge walk, September 3; United Way Chili Cook-off judging, September 11;

Tennis Courts Committee, September 25.

**Don Gustafson**

**\$260** - Council, September 4 and September 17; Recreation Advisory Committee, September 12; Negotiations Committee, September 13.

**Willie LaLonde**

**\$260** - Council, September 4 and September 17; Negotiations Committee, September 13; Real Estate Committee, September 17.

**Merv Wyse**

**\$200** - Council, September 4 and September 17; Real Estate Committee, September 17.

**Tom Della-Moretta**

**\$200** - Council, September 4 and September 17; Real Estate Committee, September 17.

**Susan Tamlyn-Massaway**

**\$140** - Council, September 4 and September 17.

Meetings attended but received no pay: Tennis Court Committee, September 25.

**Paul Fullerton**

**\$140** - Council, September 4 and September 17.

## St. Ignace Tournament To Be Oct. 26

The annual Battle at the Bridge Midget AA hockey tournament will be held at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace Friday, October 26, featuring eight teams. Games begin at 4 p.m.

St. Ignace's Firehawks will compete with teams from Southfield, Flint, Cadillac, Escanaba, Marquette, and two teams from Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario.

## St. Ignace News Policies

### Letters:

All responsible letters will be considered for publication and may be edited. They must be signed and a telephone number must be included for verification. Personal thank-you notes, personal attacks against other people, form letters, and letters promoting political candidates are not accepted, although letters for or against ballot proposals are welcome.

### Obituaries:

The St. Ignace News maintains a policy of not charging for obituaries and we do often add information or rewrite them for clarity and reader interest. Obituaries that the family wants published exactly as submitted can be placed in the newspaper for \$75. Photographs are welcome at no charge.

### Weddings:

Weddings with photographs are published without charge within 45 days of the ceremony. After 45 days, a photograph can be included for \$35.00.

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