

Worried Dog Helps Hessel Girl Save Life of Dog Struggling in Icy Waters

Sarah Landreville, Fox 'Heroes' to Koster Family

By Amy Polk

The frantic barks and tugs of Fox, the Airedale terrier Sarah Landreville was walking March 31, alerted her to another dog's peril. Today, Miss Landreville and Fox are considered heroes by the Koster family of Hessel for saving the life of their golden retriever, Honey.

Miss Landreville was walking Fox through Hessel when the dog started barking toward the open water. Miss Landreville said she heard howling sounds coming from that direction that sounded like a coyote or wolf. She tried to continue the walk, but Fox persistently barked at the marina and tugged Miss Landreville in that direction.

When they headed down to the water, Miss Landreville could barely see a pair of ears beyond the dock piers, and a closer look revealed Honey paddling to stay afloat in icy water. The retriever had escaped from her house, wan-

dered over to the finger piers, and apparently fell into a pocket of open water in the frozen lake. Unable to escape the hole in the ice, Honey swam around for possibly two hours before Fox and Miss Landreville discovered her.

Miss Landreville ran to the nearest business for help. Merthaugh Boatworks employees Ray Osborne of Pickford and Brian Hilgendorf of Sault Ste. Marie responded. Mr. Osborne got out on the ice, sliding on his belly toward the hole until he could get a grip of Honey. He pulled her onto the ice and wrapped her in his sweater until Mr. Hilgendorf could bring down a sled to carry her off the ice. Honey could not even walk, said her owner, Brad Koster, so she was placed in a bathtub of lukewarm water to help restore circulation to her limbs.

"Ray said she was pretty close to going under, with just her nose above water and her paws barely paddling above water by the time they got her," Mr. Koster said. "We are really grateful that Sarah and Fox saw Honey, because she wouldn't have made it."

"I think it's really wonderful how this area cares for its animals, stray and otherwise," Mr. Koster's wife, Shelley, said.

She was walking Fox while helping her older sister, Karen, watch the two dogs owned by Elizabeth Fels and Gail Legate.

"I love dogs," Miss Landreville said, adding that one of her possible aspirations is to be a dog breeder.

Needless to say, Mrs. Fels is proud of Fox, who has been living in Hessel for three years.

"I told Sarah that one of the most wonderful things is that she listened to the dog," Mrs. Fels said.



Sarah Landreville sits with Fox (left) and Honey, who nearly drowned March 31 after falling off a dock. Fox's barking and Miss Landreville's quick reaction saved Honey's life.

Naubinway Spring Fest To Be April 26

Naubinway Spring Fest will take place Saturday, April 26, in Naubinway.

An auction will be in the Naubinway Pavilion, beginning at noon with auctioneer Charlie Fosdick. Donations are now being accepted for the auction. Assistance is available in getting items to the auction. Proceeds will benefit the Fourth of July fireworks and other community events.

A fishing contest will take place at Spring Fest, with prizes awarded for the largest brook trout, rainbow trout, smelt, and sucker. There is no registration fee, but the fish must be registered to win a prize. Prizes are still being collected for the contest. The Two-Hearted River Chapter of Trout Unlimited will provide a fly tying and fly fishing demonstration.

For more information or to donate to the auction or fishing contest, contact Stephen King at (906) 477-6781 or Sally Schultz at (906) 477-6311. Items may also be dropped off at Beaudoin's Marathon during business hours.

Gordie Howe Will Pay Visit To St. Ignace

To Sign Autographs Sat.

Gordie Howe, former Detroit Red Wings legend and National Hockey League All-Star Hall of Fame player, will sign autographs at Kewadin Casino in St. Ignace Saturday, April 19, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. The session is free and open to the public. Mr. Howe will only sign the photographs commemorating his recent 80th birthday that will be supplied free of charge during the session.

Known as "The World's Greatest All-Around Hockey Player Ever," Mr. Howe established the all-time mark for goals (1,071), assists (1,518), points (2,589), games played (2,421), All Star appearances (29), most MVP's (7), most scoring titles (6), and most seasons in play (32). He was in the top five in scoring for 20 consecutive years in the National Hockey League. Mr. Howe, known to fans as "Mr. Hockey," entered the National Hockey League in 1946, and retired from the sport in 1980.

Beer Stolen in Griffin Burglary

A small amount of beer was stolen during a break-in at Griffin Beverage on Lemotte Street in St. Ignace during the early morning hours of Saturday, April 12. Someone broke a window to enter the building. The break-in was discovered Saturday about 8 a.m.

City police have two young adult suspects in mind, said Police Chief Tim Matelski Monday, and the investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information is asked to call the city police at 643-6077.

Hollowell To Head Cedarville Museums

By Amy Polk

Catherine Hollowell was hired at the end of March as curator for the Les Cheneaux Historical Association. She will coordinate activities and operations at the association's two museums in Cedarville, with the help of staff at each museum.

The new position is the result of the Historical Association's effort to better synthesize operations at the two museums and the association's collection of historical artifacts. Until now, the museums were operated with two separate curators and staffs. The association is planning more program coordination between the two museums, sharing resources and staff, and hopes to engage the surrounding community more in the museums and association activities.

"We want to make the experience for the museums visitor more enjoyable and meaningful," Mrs. Hollowell said. "We want people, both out-of-town visitors and the surrounding community, to come here and leave feeling they had a satisfying experience."

Mrs. Hollowell, who is completing a bachelor's degree in history with a minor in public administration, worked as an intern at the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum last summer. She is still working as an intern until her May 1 graduation, when she officially becomes an employee.

Mrs. Hollowell's roots run deep through the Straits of Mackinac region. Her Native American ancestors were spread between the Pointe Aux Chenes area in the west to the Les Cheneaux Islands in the east, and her great-grandmother on her mother's side was born on the Pine River. Her father, Harold Tolan, worked for the highway department and helped build Old St. Ignace Highway.

Her mother, Berniece Anderson Tolan, was born in Clark Township, the descendant of Scotch Presbyterian settlers and Native Americans. Mrs. Hollowell's grandfather, Jack Anderson, tended the fire on the steamer *Mary*, a vessel that made daily trips between the Les Cheneaux Islands and St. Ignace, carrying passengers, groceries, and supplies.

Mrs. Hollowell's family ancestry made her curious about history, and her ties to the area kept her coming back year after year, despite her family's move downstate.

"The day we got out of school, we used to come up here in the summers and stay in the old family home. We used to bring two carloads of stuff up here and filled the house with stuff for the summer," she added. "There are a lot of fond memories, a lot of family, and a lot of connections to this area. I always wanted to come here and live, so it was a natural for retirement."

Mrs. Hollowell and her husband, Richard, moved to Cedarville permanently in 2005 when their youngest son was graduated from college. They have six children, and with all of them grown and moved out, it was a good opportunity to finally move north.



Catherine Hollowell was named the Les Cheneaux Historical Association's curator, and will coordinate programs and operations in its two museums, the Les Cheneaux Historical and Maritime museums in Cedarville.

"We love the fact that our grandchildren will be able to come here, and that wouldn't have been possible without us moving here," she said.

Mrs. Hollowell retired from 25 years with the postal service, where she worked in labor relations and management, among other duties. She has been pursuing a history degree at Lake Superior State University (LSSU) in Sault Ste. Marie, which has allowed her to expand her historical perspective from beyond the Straits and Les Cheneaux Islands. She regards the Straits region as one of the most important places in Michigan's history because it was a major transportation route before highways and automobiles. She finds it interesting that for many years, before the highway her father helped build, the easiest and best way to get to Cedarville and Hessel was by boat.

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"Regardless of what historical thread brought you here, I think we want to preserve the rich maritime history of this area that goes back to the 1600s, and what binds it all together is just a love of the region, the land we stand on, and the water we depend on," she said.

She noted that even some Native Americans immigrated to the area by water, coming across northern Lake Huron from Georgian Bay, Ontario.

As part of the Historical Association's project to refresh and reorganize the museums, Mrs. Hollowell wants to organize some of the Historical Museum's Native American collection around a historic dugout canoe to the left of the museum entrance. She also hopes to have a space for temporary displays, and she is planning a Cedarville athletic traditions display on the heels of Cedarville High School's recent basketball success as the 2007 Class D State Champions, and 2008 Class D State Semi-Finalists.

"We have some great old pictures of Cedarville sports teams, and there's a wonderful history of sports in the community," she said.

One of the interesting things she learned is that teams used to load up in boats, dressed in their uniforms, to travel to Raber and St. Ignace for games, before the highway was built.

She learned from a series of letters between her parents, who were separated by World War II, of a local group of women who gathered to knit while their husbands and beaus were away serving in the war. She is eager to learn much more, and encourages people to share their own historical stories with the association.

Mrs. Hollowell will work on cataloguing historical materials, and she will be involved with the association's transition to computer data entry and organization. She hopes the transition will eventually pay off with more space to accept historic artifacts.

"We're hoping to get some new things here, as well as keeping the old displays," she said.

A committee of the Historical Association has been assigned to freshening the appearance of the historical museum, and patrons will notice a new coat of paint and some new signs throughout the building. Cynthia Smith, a Les Cheneaux Maritime Museum attendant, has selected and is coordinating the color scheme.

Most of the changes will be gradual, however, Mrs. Hollowell said, as she tries to ease into the duties held by longtime curator Annegret Goehring. Mrs. Goehring retired from the position in January, but will continue to assist during the Historical Museum's Wednesday Artist of the Week program, and she will be one of the featured artists in this year's series. She is coordinating the annual Festival of Arts during the Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show weekend, and remains on the Eastern Upper Peninsula Historical Consortium board.

"I'm really looking forward to Annegret's assistance in this transition, and I really value her input," Mrs. Hollowell said.

Another goal of Mrs. Hollowell's is to expand the museum's open season from its traditional three months to overlap the school year more. She hopes to attract more students and their parents to the museums, to pull in an important demographic she feels could be more involved with the Historical Association.

"That's the thing about history. It's a growing business," she added, so the Historical Association is also seeking ways to engage younger people in its facilities and activities.

Mrs. Hollowell was named last week by LSSU faculty as the 2007-2008 Outstanding History Graduate.

Portage Township

Ambulance Corps Gets Advanced Status; School Charter Plan Stalls

By Paul Gingras

In Portage Township, the ambulance corps has been upgraded to advanced life support status, and efforts to develop a charter school at Curtis Elementary have been stalled by the discovery that Tahquamenon Area School District, not the township, is the owner of the school building, the Portage Township Board of Trustees learned at its Tuesday, April 8, meeting in Curtis.

The advanced license it received from the state March 21 enables it to upgrade from basic life support to advanced life support status, for two years. To remain an advanced service, however, the township must recruit more licensed paramedics and emergency medical technicians (EMTs) with advanced licenses. In order of rank, the township has two paramedics, two advanced EMTs, seven EMTs with basic licenses, and two medical first responders (MFRs).

When paramedics are available for runs, the corps will be able to provide injections, intravenous medications, and other advanced care. Before the switch from basic life support to advanced care, the corps required back-up paramedics called Echo Units dispatched by Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. The cost has limited the developing ambulance corps, said Brad Kohvacka, captain of the Portage Township ambulance service.

Advanced life support services in rural areas are relatively rare. The nearest advanced services to Curtis are in Newberry, in Luce County, and Whitefish Township, in Chippewa County.

The township was notified March 27 that the Tahquamenon Area School District owns the elementary school building, and the district's building and grounds and policy committees are assessing the value of the property and determining a lease rate for Portage Township.

Ice Causes Brief Closures on Mackinac Bridge Over Weekend

Ice on the roadway and ice falling from the suspension cables closed the Mackinac Bridge for several brief intervals Friday, April 11, Saturday, April 12, and Sunday, April 13.

Freezing rain caused ice build-up on the steel grating Friday between 4:30 a.m. and 5:15 a.m., causing difficulty for empty semi trucks traveling north in high winds. One semi slid off the grating and into the oncoming traffic lane, although oncoming traffic stopped and no one was injured, reported Bob Sweeney, executive secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority. The steel grating is in use as road resurfacing is underway on the bridge.

The bridge was closed for 45

Bridge Reports Wide Load Crossing Times

During the current deck resurfacing project, the Mackinac Bridge will have temporary closures in one direction to allow wide load traffic to cross between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m.

Wide loads traveling north will

require the southbound lane to close for approximately 30 minutes. The closure then reverses for wide loads traveling south.

The closures, which began April 9, will run through June as crews resurface the east side of the bridge.

Curtis Elementary is scheduled to be closed in June and students there transferred to Newberry Elementary School in the fall. A group by the name Three Lakes Area Education Committee is seeking to turn the property into a charter school to keep children closer to home.

Charter schools are open to all and some provide specialized curriculums. Three Lakes seeks to focus on environmental science.

Portage Township offered Tahquamenon \$1 for the building, but the offer was declined, and the district replied that it must receive "fair value" for Curtis Elementary, Township Supervisor Donald Ferris reported.

To inform the community of developments regarding Curtis School, an information wall with school board letters, historical documents about Curtis Elementary, news articles, and letters to editors of area newspapers has been set up at Curtis Library, reported library director Linda Blanchard.

"We are trying to have it all at a glance at the library," she said.

To help the board in its negotiations with Tahquamenon, Donna O'Grady of Three Lakes Education Committee consulted with the clerk of the Manistique Township, which is negotiating to purchase an elementary school vacated to transfer students to the new Emerald Elementary School in Manistique. She learned that district is offering Manistique Township a reduced price on that school building.

"What is interesting about what is being offered there, [is] they are going to offer it to the general public for \$72,000. That is what they consider fair value, but they have offered to the township for \$17,500," she said.

"If Manistique is going to give their folks a break, it would be nice if Tahquamenon Area Schools gave us one," Pat O'Grady said.