

# City Postpones Claiming Repaired Tower Phaeton To Be Among Competitors at Show

**Tower:** From page 1

The tower failed, Mr. Dixon said, when Pittsburgh workers didn't follow engineering blueprints. While there also were flaws in the design, he said, the modifications made by the welders created the major problem with the stability of the tank.

Mr. Dixon described the tower in four sections: 1) The cone-shaped base, called the bell; 2) A metal platform above the bell, which is called the condensate ceiling; 3) the stem; 4) the ball, which actually holds the water.

Rather than removing the stem section and inserting new steel, crews removed the condensate ceiling and lifted the bell onto a new foundation. The condensate was reinstalled about three inches lower than before. Changing that structural element weakened the tank, Mr. Dixon said.

He consulted with water tower expert Bob Wozniak, he told Council, and the men agreed that Pittsburgh Tank and Tower did not use enough stiffeners, and the distance between the stiffeners was not consistent. The stiffeners ranged from 4.5 feet apart to as far as 8 feet apart, when they should have been spaced at equal distances.

The tower, said Mr. Dixon, also was not properly bolted down. The anchor bolts should be tight onto the anchor plate. The city found the bolts lose, and Pittsburgh later tried to add rubber pads between the anchor bolts and plates.

"I don't know what their thinking was," Mr. Dixon said.

Now, after repairs, he said, the tank meets all requirements, standards, and specifications.

**Bus Station Update**  
A meeting between the city staff, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and design firm DLZ is set for Thursday, June 19. The group will discuss bus entry and exit avenues at the \$1.3 million bus station. Concern over traffic congestion as busses enter and exit the proposed US-2 and Church

## Red Hat Society To Meet Thursday

The Jewels of the Straits Red Hat Society will meet Thursday, June 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the Village Inn in St. Ignace. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 643-9676.



**When the Evergreen Shores water tower was raised 26 feet in 2007, Pittsburgh Tank and Tower veered from the engineering design, Bill Dixon, president of Dixon Engineering Inc. of Lake Odessa told St. Ignace City Council Monday, June 16. The on-site modifications, he said, affected the structural integrity of the tower. Internal stiffeners shown in this picture, taken March 12, 2007, should have been placed at equal distances, but were not. The tower cracked during a windstorm March 1, 2007.**

Street site will be reviewed, although only six daily runs come through St. Ignace, most at night or early morning.

By July 10, he said, contract documents will be submitted to the city. Bids are expected in August and construction is scheduled to begin in September.

### Liquor License Transfers

Council approved transferring an on-premise liquor license at Gateway Lanes from Quentin Goudreau to Wanda Paquin of B-Calm, LLC. Also approved was a liquor license transfer for serving and take-out from North Bay Inn of Erin Enterprises, Inc. to Jose's Cantina, LLC. Application was

made by Sandra Durm.

### Mayor Exchange Day

The city will participate with mayor exchange day. Mayor Paul Grondin will visit Rogers City July 8, and Rogers City mayor will visit St. Ignace July 10.

### City To Sell Truck

The City will seek a minimum bid of \$12,000 to sell a six-yard capacity truck being used for cemetery work. The truck, said Mr. Dodson, is too big for the work. The city also will seek a pickup truck to use in its place.

City Council next meets Monday, July 7, at 8 p.m. in Council Chambers in City Hall on State Street.

### Car Show: From page 1

agreed. As maintenance manager of Hostetler's Hudson Auto Museum in Indiana, he knows a lot about cars and the quality of car shows. In fact, St. Ignace will be the first place he and his father, Eldon, will show cars this year, he said.

A heavyweight in the competition for Best of Show, their yellow-and-cream 1929 Hudson Dual Cowl Phaeton convertible will be hard to beat.

"That car is magnificent," Mr. Reavie said.

In its time, the Hudson was as close to a chauffeured limousine as its wealthy owners could obtain, Mr. Hostetler explained.

"It is almost like two cars," he said. Among several opulent features, it has a windshield for both the front and back seats, allowing for a warmer ride than other convertibles of its time. The back

seats can also be covered, transforming it into a two-seater.

"The look and style of the '20s cars is so classic," Mr. Hostetler said.

The Hostetlers have been in the antique car business for years. Eldon Hostetler collected most of the cars in the Hostetler museum, and to ensure that they remained together, he donated them all to the town of Shipshewana, Indiana, which built the facility to house them. They range from 1909 to 1956 models.

Mr. Hostetler maintains the right to show his cars, and St. Ignace showgoers will benefit, free of charge, at the Antiques on the Bay show Friday, June 20, and Saturday, June 21.

The first of Nostalgia Production's 2008 events, the show averages about 120 antique car entries a year.

This is a show for automobile

purists, Mr. Reavie said. Each vehicle must appear as it did when it rolled off the assembly line, and six expert judges will ensure their authenticity.

For participants, registration is Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce. A second registration period is Saturday, from 8 a.m. until noon, at the Brewbaker trailer at the St. Ignace Marina.

To begin the weekend, drivers will converge for the annual Mackinac Bridge Rally at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the Welcome Center in Mackinaw City. They will cross the bridge, proceed to Best Western Harbour Point in St. Ignace, arriving about 5:15 p.m., and then take a turn past the Long Term Care facility at Mackinac Straits Hospital, where residents will be outside waiting to see the old cars.

They really like the procession, Mr. Reavie said. "Many remember those cars. It really jogs memories."

The cars will be displayed and judged at the marina Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. An awards ceremony will follow at St. Ignace Middle School from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Hagerty Insurance and Nostalgia Productions will give out several awards. Among them will be Best Convertible and Best of Show. Winner of the latter will receive a two-night stay at Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island.

## Brevort Pole Raising Will Be Sunday

To celebrate the Scandinavian tradition of a midsummer festival, the annual Midsummer Pole Raising Celebration will be hosted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Brevort Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m. A potluck meal will follow, and everyone is welcome to attend. Potluck participants should bring their own table service.

The pole raising is based on a tradition brought to the United States from the Aland Islands

between Sweden and Finland, where Trinity's founding members emigrated from. Like the Trinity Church pole, poles in the Aland Islands symbolize the Biblical story of creation. Participants will have the opportunity to tie leaves on the pole at 3 p.m., before the pole is raised. The pole celebration coincides with the longest day of the year.

The church is on US-2 about 20 miles west of St. Ignace.

## Sorenson Benefit Planned Friday

A bake sale benefit for Jerry Sorenson will be Friday, June 20, at 9 a.m. at Glen's Market in St. Ignace.

Donated baked goods are welcome, and can be dropped off at Glen's the morning of June 20.

## Member Appreciation Picnic

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