

## 1940s Gas Station Draws Attention at Car Show



Chris Case stands next to three restored antiques that drew attention at the St. Ignace Car Show Saturday, June 28. Not only did Mr. Case restore a 1946 Chevrolet pickup, he also restored an original Tokheim gas pump and an oil dispenser common to the era.

### Case Drives '46 Pickup From Munising

By Paul Gingras

Dressed in an authentic Texaco gas station uniform, Chris Case drew the attention he desired at the St. Ignace Car Show Saturday, June 28. Not only did he restore a 1946 Chevrolet pickup to gleaming perfection, earning him a Nostalgia Productions top 40 award, he also restored an antique gas pump and "lubester," an oil-dispensing device, creating a gas station display.

"People think this is so cool," he said.

Mr. Case stood next to his fire-engine red gas pump, lubester, and the dark-green truck that matched his Texaco uniform all day, fielding questions. He turned on the pump's calculator, set at 21¢ a gallon – the price of gas when the pickup rolled off the assembly line in 1946 – and cal-

culated \$4.19 worth of gas, the price displayed for one gallon at the Shell station across the street. The calculator showed he would have received 18.6 gallons for the price people now pay for one gallon.

An original Tokheim device, the pump he restored was commonly used by Texaco and other gas distributors in an earlier era.

"Everybody used these things," he said.

Mr. Case gathers his gas pumps from antique dealers, and finds some rusting away in farm yards.

"One guy said, 'You can have the pump if you dig out the tank,'" he noted.

He did. To get the pump, Mr. Case dug out the 1,000-pound gas tank beneath it.

At earlier car shows, he dressed up in 1940s clothing and

displayed his antiques. Now, his garb has evolved to a gas attendant uniform.

Someone gave him a Texaco hat, completing the uniform.

Mr. Case's restored lubester also drew attention. The mobile oil-dispenser included two pumps, one for heavy-weight oil, one for lighter-weight oil.

In the 1940s, rather than the fully fledged gas stations of today, often, there was just a pump on a curb, and distributors would wheel lubesters out and dispense "summer or winter oil."

A Munising resident, he works at for the National Park Service at Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, where he explains geology and ecology to park visitors. At the car shows, he's known for explaining outdated gas station technology.

As for his truck, it's fun to look at, but uncomfortable to ride in.

"It about paralyzes you to drive over here," he said, noting that '40s pickups were built for farm work, not highway cruising.

He bought the vehicle in 2002, and restored it over five years.

## Hester Leads Christian Fellowship Church

### Lyle Kelley Retires

Reverend Scout Hester took leadership of the Les Cheneaux Christian Fellowship Church in Cedarville May 16, as Reverend Lyle Kelley stepped down from the position. He is the third pastor the church has had since it was founded by James Cousineau, who moved to Escanaba to start another church.

Reverend Kelley and his wife, Theresa, led the fellowship for eight years after they succeeded Pastor Cousineau.

Reverend Hester has served in the ministry for more than 16 years, starting in Sandusky, where he was a pastor for Reverend Bill Anderson Ministries. He and his family returned to the Upper Peninsula in 2000, when he accepted a teaching position in Brimley. He and his wife, Davine, were both born and grew up in Cedarville, so they felt blessed to return to the community they consider home, they said. They have two children, Joshua and Hope, who both attend Les Cheneaux Community Schools.

The Kelleys plan to spend more time hunting, camping, fishing, and traveling, but will remain active in the Les

### Engadine Library Hosts 'Summer Reading Bug'

A summer reading program called "Catch the Reading Bug" will begin Wednesday, July 9, from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Engadine Library. The reading program will meet every Wednesday through August 13. The program is open to children age 3 through those entering eighth grade.

### Museum To Offer Hamburger Bash

The Pickford Area Historical Museum will host a hamburger bash Saturday, July 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Pickford Town Hall. Proceeds will benefit the museum.



Reverend Scout Hester and his wife, Davine, are the new leaders of Les Cheneaux Christian Fellowship Church in Cedarville.

Cheneaux Christian Fellowship two sons, and Brittney, who Church. They have two daughters, Monica, who lives in Church services are Sunday at Pickford with her husband and 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## Nominations Sought for Rudyard Township Business of the Year

Nominations are now being accepted for the Business of the Year award at Rudyard.

To nominate a business, contact Stephen Davis, 11298 West Welch Road, Rudyard, Michigan 49780; telephone (906) 478-7879

Nominations will be accepted until Wednesday, July 16. Those nominating are asked to provide their name and phone number and give a brief description of the way this business has positively affected their organization.

Past award recipients are the Rudyard Diner, Shute Oil, Whiskey River, and Great Lakes Excavating.

This year's award will be presented Saturday, July 26 at the Rudyard

## Wind Energy Meeting Planned; Clark Twp. Officials To Attend August 19

A wind energy workshop will be offered in St. Ignace, Tuesday, August 19, at Little Bear East Arena and Conference Center.

The Wind Energy Siting and Policy Issues workshop will be offered by Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) as part of its Citizen Planner series. Attendance will earn Citizen Planner and Master Citizen Planner certificate holders continuing education credits.

The general public and other municipal leaders may attend. Workshop topics include the current status of wind power and what it means to people, zoning issues that apply to wind power systems, the potential impact of wind power facilities, and sample zoning policies regarding wind generation. Wind power resources will also be available for participants.

The workshop fee is \$55 per person, and \$45 for Master Citizen Planners or groups of four or more from the same organization or municipality.

Register for the event by Tuesday, August 12, by calling Michelle Walk, Mackinac County MSUE director, at 643-7307.

Clark Township will send representatives to the workshop. The board of trustees briefly discussed the workshop at its June 19 meeting, and expects planning com-

missioners to attend, as well.

Mackinac County Commissioner Mike Patrick, who was at the meeting, encouraged elected officials and the public to attend the workshop and consider the idea of wind power.

"It's an alternative. It's clean, and it's free," Mr. Patrick said.

At least two of the trustees plan to attend.

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## Three Earn Albion College Honors

Katie Spencer of St. Ignace, Lake Sweet of Mackinac Island, and Erin Worden of Drummond Island were named to the dean's list for the spring 2008 semester at Albion College. Students must achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better to qualify.

## Story Hour Offered at Rudyard Library

Rudyard Public Library will host a children's summer-time story hour on Thursdays from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the library.



## MEET THE SPECIALIST

### Naomi A. Overton, MD, FACC Cardiology / Electrophysiology

Join us in welcoming Naomi A. Overton, MD, FACC, to the Northern Michigan Regional Hospital medical staff.

Dr. Overton received fellowship training at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, specializing in Electrophysiology – the study of heart electrical activity and pathways – and has been named a fellow of the American College of Cardiology.

She specializes in all heart rhythm disturbances, radiofrequency ablations of arrhythmias, and aesthetic device surgery including pacemakers and implantable cardiac defibrillators.

Dr. Overton is proud to join the specialists of Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, where your health is her specialty.

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