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Antique Wooden Boat Show Is Saturday at Hessel

By Karen Gould

Three hours before the Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show and Festival of Arts opening cere-

monies at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 9, the Hessel community is busy with activity. Trailered boats are queued for launching, vendors and artists arrive with their goods, vol-

unteers are everywhere, and experienced attendees stand by to watch the organized effort that begins what planners consider the largest show of its kind in the country.

Boats also begin to arrive from the docks around the Les Cheneaux area, cutting through the channels and bays to arrive at the Hessel Marina. They are directed to their

show mooring sites by some of the 300 volunteers who have been planning the event since January.

"I love it just before the boat show opens," said event chair Barb Smith. "It's just the neatest thing."

Unfortunately, one of the registered boats will not be at the show, having sunk in heavy seas near

Pentwater on the trip north. The crew was rescued. *Pizzazz*, a 65-foot 1966 Chris Craft from Saugatuck and owned by Tim and Tami Pearl, sank in heavy seas in Lake Michigan Tuesday, July 22.

A complete list of events can be

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Election Results

Will Be Available Wednesday, August 6, at *The St. Ignace News* office and online at www.stignacene.com, free of charge, under the Public Notices tab.

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Pickford Community Celebrates Heritage



Gary Bower of Ceresco and his team drag thousands of pounds of weight in the horse-pull competition at Hay Days in Pickford Saturday, August 2. Mr. Bower and his team took second place in the contest, which included five area teams. *Hay Days* story, page 12.



From the Michigan National Guard Armory in Sault Ste. Marie, a 1437th Engineer Company truck leads a long line of participants in the Pickford Hay Days Parade Saturday, August 2.

Goehring Honored at Show

By Karen Gould

In 1975, two years before the Les Cheneaux Islands Antique Wooden Boat Show began, Annegret Goehring helped create the Festival of Arts. This year, the community is recognizing her contribution and dedication to the event

that helps draw hundreds of residents and visitors to the Les Cheneaux Islands each August by naming her the boat show's guest of honor. The Festival of Arts takes place with the boat show Saturday, August 9, in Hessel.

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City Sewer Project Moves Toward Fall Construction

Contract Bids Accepted; Cost Higher Than Projected

By Karen Gould

Improvements to the city's wastewater system moved closer to a fall construction start when St. Ignace City Council accepted two bids totaling \$3,376,212 Monday, August 4. The contracts for the two-phase project are \$106,000 higher than projected, however, so city crews now may take on some of the work.

The bids were reviewed and recommended by the city's project engineer, Wilcox Professional Services of Escanaba. The entire project is mandated by the Department of Environmental Quality and work has to be completed by November 2009.

Council also approved the sale of bonds, with principal not to exceed \$3,655,000. Miller Canfield is the bond attorney.

The first phase of the project includes replacing the force main on Cheeseman Road and replacing the North State Street lift station. Improvements to the treatment facility are included in the second phase, and will include automatic fine screening of the lagoon effluent, an ultraviolet disinfection system, and lagoon liner replacement for five of the six ponds.

Kamphuis Pipeline Co. of Grand Rapids was awarded work on the first phase of the project with a bid of \$1,288,212, which is approximately \$117,000 under the projected budget of \$1,405,000. The second phase work was awarded to De Vere Construction Company, Inc. of Alpena with a bid of \$2,088,000, about \$223,000 above the projected budget of \$1,865,000.

Councilman Paul Fullerton noted that poor on-site project management could lead to construction problems, a reference to the Evergreen Shores water tower, which

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Blaze Destroys Mackinac Ford Sales Garage

Krause Family Setting Up Temporary Office After Fire

An early morning fire destroyed the Mackinac Ford Sales garage on US-2 near St. Ignace Monday, August 4. No one was injured.

ing plans to set up a temporary building to use as a sales office.

The roof collapsed on two vehicles that were parked inside the building. The attached automobile showroom, said St. Ignace Fire Chief John "Bucky" Robinson, received heavy water and smoke damage.

Firefighters arrived on the scene about 2:30 a.m. and were able to retrieve vehicle keys from inside the building, and automobiles for sale at the business were moved to safety by the business' owners, said Chief Robinson. They were not damaged during the blaze.

Half of the garage roof collapsed, he said, and the remaining portion of the roof was "hanging by a thread" Monday.

The cause of the fire is unknown. A fire investigator was expected to be on the scene Monday.

The business is owned by brothers Paul and Joe Krause of St. Ignace, and employs eight people. They plan to rebuild and are mak-

Assisting the St. Ignace Fire Department were firefighters from Brevort and Mackinaw City. The St. Ignace City Police and Michigan State Police also responded.



Fire destroyed the garage at Mackinac Ford Sales on US-2 Monday, August 4.

Tribe Lays Off 2% of Workforce

Approximately 50 jobs, including 17 middle-management and supervisory positions in Upper Peninsula casinos, will be cut by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in early August. The tribe will not release the number of jobs to be lost at each casino, but the layoffs will affect all tribal and casino facilities in the Upper Peninsula and will affect 2% of the Tribe's 2,500 employees.

Employees were notified of the layoffs during the week of July 27, but no firm date for the layoffs had been established at that time, public relations director Michelle Bouschor told the St. Ignace News July 31.

The move is part of an effort to restructure business operations, maintain services, and remedy financial problems, the Tribe reported.

Workers who lose jobs will be

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Sports To Be Focus for St. Ignace Event

By Karen Gould

Recreational sports and related activities for the entire family will be the focus of the first St. Ignace Summer Daze. Events begin Thursday, August 7, and run through Saturday, August 9.

Three-on-three basketball, a dance workshop, baseball and softball tournaments, water games, track and field events, and a washer toss tournament will be staged at Little Bear East Arena and LaSalle High School.

Preregistering for events is encouraged and can be done at Little Bear East, although participants also can register at the events.

The festival is sponsored by the Recreation Department with assistance from the St. Ignace Special Events Committee. Planners already envision adding more events next year, including expanding age groups in each competition and adding a 10k race.

Participation fees will be used to cover the cost of purchasing medals

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Ironworkers To Gather at Mackinaw City This Weekend

Champion Climber Returns to Festival

By Paul Gingras

"All my life I've loved climbing. Trees. Houses. Anything. So when I heard about high-rise ironworking from the union, I had to get involved," said ironworker Wes Campeau, who describes his job as "living on the edge."

world record, he said.

A 26-year-old skilled tradesman and world-champion column climber, Mr. Campeau spends a lot of time working on metal beams far above the ground, and this week, he returns to Mackinaw City for the International Ironworkers Festival Friday, August 8, through Sunday, August 10, where he will attempt to beat his own record in Mackinaw City's column climb competition by reaching the top of a tall steel column in less than 4.5 seconds. The time is considered a

The task is extremely difficult. "One slip or missing one grab can be the difference between first and 10th place," he said.

In 2004, the first year he won the event in Mackinaw City, his time was 6.40 seconds. Second place was 6.49 seconds.

A festival favorite, the column climb is among many events related to the trade, and the setting is appropriate. Mackinaw City is known for celebrating ironworkers at the foot of the one of their greatest achievements, the Mackinac Bridge. Just

before the festival this year, the city will conduct a groundbreaking ceremony for a project dedicated to their vocation: the Ironworkers Walk of Fame, a streetscape of bricks to bear the individual names and projects of ironworkers.

"I love my job. It's risky, but I enjoy the risk. I think every ironworker does."

— Wes Campeau, champion climber

The groundbreaking will be Friday, August 8, at 4 p.m. on North Huron Avenue. For his part, the trade is its own reward, Mr. Campeau said.

"I love my job," he told *The St. Ignace News*. "It's risky, but I enjoy the risk. I think every ironworker does. To be able to do it, you have

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