

# August 5 Primary Election Results Reported for Mackinac County

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for four years, previously served as a trustee for four years.

Also experienced in serving in township government, Mr. Hill has 20 years of experience as supervisor, treasurer, and trustee. He is self-employed in bulldozing, contract trucking, and other work.

In Brevort Township, incumbent supervisor Republican Ed Serwach beat challenger Republican Darren Spring by 11 votes. No Democrat ran for the position.

The township has 548 registered voters, with 176 casting ballots in the primary.

In Newton Township, Democrat John McNeil failed to make the November ballot in his challenge of incumbent supervisor Democrat Bob Brotherton. Unofficial results gave Mr. Brotherton 54 votes, compared to 16 votes for Mr. McNeil.

Mr. Brotherton now will face Republican Rick Frisch in November. Mr. Frisch, who earned 42 votes, beat Republican Jim France, who received 4 votes.

A full slate of newcomers ran for two trustee seats in the township, including Marilyn McArthur, Donald McNeil, Rachel McNeil, George Tremblay, Kurt Doepke, Kirk Grinnell, and Nikki Tremblay.

Of those, Democrats Nikki Tremblay and Kirk Grinnell will face Republicans Rachel McNeil and George Tremblay in the general election November 4.

The township has 351 registered voters, and 126 of them participated in the primary.

In Portage Township, incumbent Republican Don Ferris beat challenger Harold Reeves by 35 votes. Mr. Ferris will face Democrat Donna O'Grady in the November election.

Incumbent Democrat treasurer Nancy Kister earned 58 votes, beating challenger Democrat Bradley Kohvakka, who received 35 votes. Mrs. Kister now will face Republican Nancy Seegert in November.

On the November ballot, three candidates will seek two trustee seats. Republicans Patrick Abram and Mark Devereaux earned more votes in the primary than Republicans Shirley Gehrett and Jeffrey Burton. Democrat Mike Soder also will vie for a trustee seat in November.

The township has 765 registered voters, and 229 voted in the August primary.

All township ballot proposals passed in the election.

Bois Blanc Township voters approved a 0.8968 renewal millage for their transfer station, by 27 votes in favor to 17 against. The millage is

Township	Office	Name	Party	Votes
<b>Bois Blanc Township</b>	Treasurer	*Cheryl Gahn	D	11
	Trustee	*Shelby Newhouse	D	16
	Supervisor	*Edward Serwach	R	66
<b>Brevort Township</b>	Supervisor	Darren Spring	R	55
	Clerk	*Susan Stelzer	R	102
	Treasurer	*Daniel Litzner	R	105
<b>Clark Township</b>	Supervisor	Linda Hudson	R	157
	Clerk	*Mike Miller	R	301
	Treasurer	*Katie Carpenter	R	354
<b>Garfield Township</b>	Supervisor	*Cleo Smith	R	98
	Clerk	*Linda Bennett	R	107
	Treasurer	*Debra Bennett	R	107
<b>Hendricks Township</b>	Supervisor	*Russell Nelson	R	19
	Clerk	*Barbara Price	R	22
	Treasurer	*Bernice Hood	D	13
<b>Hudson Township</b>	Supervisor	*Al Garavaglia	D	43
	Clerk	*Barbara Kerridge	D	43
	Treasurer	*Jacqueline Prout	D	40
<b>Marquette Township</b>	Supervisor	*John H. Kronmeyer	R	48
	Clerk	*Lori K. Reich	R	50
	Treasurer	*Jan H. Fehner	D	14
<b>Newton Township</b>	Supervisor	*Bob Brotherton	D	54
	Clerk	*Alice Zdebski	D	44
	Treasurer	*Marilyn McArthur	R	19
<b>Portage Township</b>	Supervisor	*Donald Ferris	R	71
	Clerk	*Marcia McDonald	R	79
	Treasurer	*Nancy Kister	D	58
<b>St. Ignace Township</b>	Supervisor	*Dale E. Nelson	R	19
	Clerk	*Donna B. Harju	R	20
	Treasurer	*Sheryl Schairer	R	18
<b>City of St. Ignace</b>	Precinct Delegate	*Walter H. North	R	109
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\* Candidates appearing on the November Ballot

estimated to generate \$23,700 in 2009. The island voters also approved a 2 mill increase for police protection to cover operating and capital expenses through 2011. The proposal passed by 4 votes. The millage is estimated to generate about \$52,000 a year.

Hendricks Township voters approved a 3 mill, four-year road millage renewal, which is estimated to raise more than \$23,000 a year. The proposal passed by 20 votes.

Moran Township voters renewed for their 0.25 recreational millage by 48 votes. The four-year millage is expected to generate more than \$20,000 annually.

Portage Township voters approved a 1 mill road operation millage by 78 votes. The millage

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## St. Ignace City Council Meeting Payments Reported

In July, payment to members of the St. Ignace City Council for attending meetings and events totaled \$1,920. Meeting salaries are set, while no rules constitute what events are eligible for payment.

Council members are paid \$70 for regular meetings, which are held on the first and third Monday of each month. They also receive \$60 for committee meetings and for gatherings when representing the city.

The mayor receives \$80 per council meeting and \$70 when representing the city at other events.

Council members attended the following meetings and events, and were paid the following amounts:

**Mayor Paul Grondin**  
\$520 — Council, July 7 and 21; Charter Review July 7; Recreation Committee July 9; Downtown Development Authority July 11; Planning Commission July 16; Transportation (Michigan State

University Extension) July 22.

No pay was requested for attendance at the Fourth of July Parade; mayor exchange with Rogers City July 8; mayor exchange with Rogers City July 10.

**Don Gustafson**  
\$280 — Council July 7 and 21; Charter Review July 7; Recreation Committee July 9.

**Willie LaLonde**  
\$210 — Council July 7 and 21; Charter Review July 7.

**Merv Wyse**  
\$140 — Council July 7; Charter Review July 7.

**Paul Fullerton**  
\$210 — Council July 7 and 21; Charter Review July 7.

**Susan Tamlyn-Massaway**  
\$280 — Council July 7 and 21; Charter Review July 7; Planning Commission July 16.

**Tom Della-Moretta**  
\$210 — Council July 7 and 21; Charter Review July 7.

## Beach Boys Tribute Concert Is August 20

Phil Dirt and the Dozers will present "Surf's Up: A Tribute to The Beach Boys" Wednesday, August 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Opera House in Cheboygan. Tickets are \$23 and can be purchased at the Opera House box office at (800) 357-9408.

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# Michigan Politics

By George Weeks



## Primary Votes Send Loud Messages

In downstate congressional races, a Democrat just had a huge primary scare and two Republicans face high profile challenges this fall.

Up North, eight-term Representative Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) has a spirited challenge but is heavily favored in a district that, on paper, is competitive. Nine-term Representative Dave Camp (R-Midland) and eight-term Representative Pete Hoekstra (R-Holland) again have easy sledding in solidly Re-

publican districts.

Six-term Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick narrowly won her primary three days before her scandal-plagued and now-tethered son, Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, spent a night in jail for violating terms of a bond, and then on Friday was charged by Attorney General Mike Cox with two felony assault/obstruction charges. She undoubtedly would have lost if she had not had two opponents who

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### If Unhappy With \$80 Bridge Card Minimum, Contact Our Lawmakers

To the Editor:

Last week, I received a e-mail from Senator Jason Allen, our state senator, asking me to evaluate tourism in Northern Michigan. I have no special rapport with the senator; I am just lucky enough to be listed on his e-mail burst.

That business is terrible in the E.U.P. is not news to most, but it got me thinking about the Mackinac Bridge and the commuter passes. At coffee in the morning, we have been debating this for a few weeks. At this round table of town elders, we have agreed that the arrogance of the administration and/or the Bridge Authority needs to be checked. People working in St. Ignace from the Lower Peninsula most certainly cannot afford the \$80 minimum cost of a commuter pass, and so must pay the whole fare to get to work. Couple this with the cost of gas and other costs, and it sorely taxes hard working people in this community. I have heard from a person who works at the casino from Mackinaw City and other people who live in town that they cannot afford \$80 for a pass and so must pay full price.

Now I have to add that the commuter passes and especially the "Yooper" lanes where we can skeddadle past waiting traffic fills me with glee every day I travel to Harbor Springs to work. Thanks for that. And yet the people who run the bridge act like they are going to go broke because a person from Arkansas might own a commuter card or tokens.

I think the powers that run the Mighty Mac forget that they are a section of the U.S. highway system paid for with federal taxes and that they are employees of we the people, and that we commuters do not work for the bridge.

Now I might be mistaken on this (the guys at coffee say that I generally am), but I have been told by ex-bridge employees that Michigan receives \$5 million a year from the feds designated for the bridge, and that our protectors in the state government squander these fund on downstate roads. I also remember news article mentioning that the bridge runs constantly in the black. So why do they feel that can impose unfair sanctions on the working class people here in the U.P.?

Why does the bridge administration feel they can also penalize downstaters who have cabins here or who routinely come here as tourists on a regular basis?

I advise any folks who are not happy with the \$80 minimum payment on their cards or about the time limit being considered on the cards to contact Senator Allen and Representative Gary McDowell, and because it is part of I-75, Congressman Bart Stupak, also.

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## Applauds Volunteer Effort in Clean-up

To the Editor:

Many individuals, groups, and businesses offered their time and efforts to clean up the land at tribal housing near St. Ignace July 21. Teenagers from the Zion Lutheran Evangelical Ministries of Ohio and St. Ignace, and other youngsters and adults from the St. Ignace Tribal Youth Council put in a hard day's work hauling three tons of garbage and many hazardous items out of our native woods. Zion Lutheran Church, Straits Area Watershed Council, and St. Ignace Tribal Youth Council will pay for the disposal of the garbage. Lynn's Auto Parts will take care of the 10 car batteries, and the 42 tires will be brought to Sault Ste. Marie to be recycled. Sue St. Onge of St. Ignace made determined efforts over the last two years in organizing and implementing the project. I think I speak for all of the natives who value our land on the reservation when I say, "Thank you to all those involved in the clean-up project. Your selfless efforts have given us a cleaner and safer environment to live in. Good job to all, in all your good deeds!"

I'm sure that I even speak for the lady who yelled out her front door to "get that garbage off" her curb. And even those residents who brought large items out of their houses, like it was recycled. Sue St. Onge of St. Ignace the Indian standing on top of the landfill with a single tear running down his cheek, who connects us all in this great circle of life and understanding; I know he thanks you, too.

Such generous acts are not always met with generous support. However discouraging it may seem sometimes, the real benefit to generosity is the feeling you get in knowing you have helped someone else in need. Take that feeling with you, and let it inspire you to do it again. Job well done, girls and boys, ladies and gentlemen.

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