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Funding Cut Means Less Road Service This Winter

Salt To Be Mixed With Sand on County Roads To Trim Costs

By Karen Gould

The Mackinac County Road Commission will adjust services in the county to meet escalating salt and steel costs and decreasing gas tax revenue. Depending on winter weather, residents should not

expect clear, dry roads this winter season and drivers should allot more time to reach destinations, said Dirk Heckman, the commission's new engineer and manager, whose first day on the job was September 2.

"That's not our choice," said Mr. Heckman, "that's due to our available resources. It's not something we're happy about."

No crew layoffs are planned, but one seasonal position will not be filled.

A \$400,000 decline in state gas tax revenue over the last four years and the continued decline in federal gas tax funds have caused the road commission to reduce services.

For 2008, the state estimates the county road commission will receive \$2,056,146 in gas taxes,

said Mr. Heckman, and it is predicting a 4% reduction in funding for 2009, about \$80,000 less than this year. The road commission will also received about \$450,000 in revenue from the federal gas tax. Those funds are earmarked for capital improvements and are estimated to be reduced by 10% next

year. After nine weeks on the job, Mr. Heckman is facing challenging times common to road commissions across the state. Drivers are using more gas-efficient vehicles, traveling fewer miles, and buying

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Veterans Day Is November 11

Events Will Honor Vets

Veterans Day Tuesday, November 11, marks the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, when World War I ended. Veterans of all wars are honored on that day. The following services are planned to observe Veterans Day in local communities:

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A Veterans Day assembly will take place Tuesday, November 11, at 11 a.m. in the middle school gymnasium to honor area veterans. Seventh grade students will serve as greeters and escort veterans to their seats. The U.S. Coast Guard will present the colors. Guest speaker will be Charlie Fowler. Veterans are invited to stay at the school for a light brunch following the program.

Mackinac Island

A Veterans Day service will be held at the Mackinac Island school Tuesday, November 11, at 2:30 p.m. Students will participate by singing songs.

Veterans and the public are welcome to attend.

Les Cheneaux

There will be a program Tuesday, November 11, at 10:10 a.m. in the high school gymnasium. The program will include a guest speaker and the school band. A few students will address the assembly.

All area veterans and the public are invited.

Pickford

American Legion Post 323 of Pickford and the Raber Am Vets will host a public assembly at the high school gymnasium Tuesday, November 11, at 10:45 a.m.

The assembly will include the presentation of the colors, a brief explanation of Veterans Day, and the announcement of the essay contest winners on the importance of veterans fighting for citizens' right to vote.

All area veterans and the public are invited.

Rudyard

A Veterans Day assembly will take place Tuesday, November 11, at 10 a.m., in the Rudyard High School gymnasium.

Veterans and their families are invited to attend.

Refreshments will be served.

Engadine

Students will recognize veterans Tuesday, November 11, at 1 p.m. in the gymnasium at Engadine Consolidated Schools.

The band will provide patriotic music, and high school and junior

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Dunn's Work Will Be School Memorial

By Jonathan Eppley

Randolph Dunn has been welding metals for more than 30 years. He can make every type of weld on just about any type of metal.

About 18 years ago, Mr. Dunn started welding scraps together, making small artistic sculptures. Today, he works on much larger projects at his Cedarville workshop and gallery, Dunn-Hill Iron Works Art Gallery. His projects are often functional as well as artistic.

"I worked my way up through little projects onto bigger ones," he said. "I've always had sort of the knack, or the creativity part, to be able to think of something, mentally design it, and then make it."

Making custom hand railings and chandeliers are two of Mr. Dunn's specialties.

About two weeks ago, Mr. Dunn completed his latest project, called "The Tree of Life," which was commissioned by an Ann Arbor area high school.

The Greenhills School class of 1987 decided to honor the memory of a former classmate by commissioning Mr. Dunn's sculpture and donating it to the school as a gift for their 20-year reunion.

"The Tree of Life" is an all-stainless steel sculpture with a six-foot, circular base and three 14-foot trunks standing up out of it. At the top, a series of small branches with leaves spread to a 12-foot diameter. Each leaf features one of 11 cut-out designs of something people remember about former classmate David Marsden, including hiking boots, a bicycle, a family, a movie reel, the Detroit Red Wings logo, the University of Michigan "M" logo, a hockey stick and puck, a cancer ribbon, a palm tree, down-



Randolph Dunn stands with his sculpture entitled "The Tree of Life." The sculpture memorializes Ann Arbor-area native David Marsden, who died in a bicycle accident in Virginia in 2005. The sculpture will also act as a bicycle rack to hold 12 bicycles.

hill skis, and quotation marks. Mr. Marsden enjoyed memorizing movie quotes.

The tree trunks represent life, the limbs represent family, and the leaves represent life's passions, said Mr. Dunn, who worked on the sculpture for two and a half months. The sculpture will double as a functional rack to hold up to 12 bicycles.

He became aware of the project through a friend, local glass-

blower Rick Shapero, who knows David Marsden's father, K. G. Marsden, a Paradise summer resident.

David Marsden, originally from the Ann Arbor area, died in August 2005 in a bicycle accident near his home in Vienna, Virginia.

The family knew Mr. Marsden was familiar with and enjoyed

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New Navy Combat Ship Tries Her Power at Straits

Designed for Speed of More Than 45 Knots

By Karen Gould

"Fast, Fearless, Focused" is the motto of the new U.S. Navy vessel that sailed into the Straits over the weekend, and anchored off shore of St. Ignace and Mackinac Island. The ship has been in the Great Lakes conducting trials since it was launched in September from Marinette, Wisconsin, the same shipyard that built the Coast Guard icebreaker *Mackinaw*.

The Navy boat will be commissioned the *USS Freedom (LCS 1)* later this week in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This is the first commissioning of a U.S. Navy warship in the Great Lakes since World War II.

A littoral combat ship, the 379-foot vessel is the first of its kind to be built for the Navy. She is built to operate in waters near shore, is outfitted with the latest

war fighting capabilities and technologies, and is designed to defeat fast surface craft, mines, and quiet diesel submarines.

The ship has two Rolls Royce gas turbines providing 96,550 horsepower, two 17,160 horsepower Fairbanks Morse Colt-Pielstick diesels, and four Rolls Royce Kamewa waterjets.

When armed, the gray hulled ship will carry missiles and machine guns and be able to launch decoys to confuse enemy radar. She can also carry two helicopters.

The combat ship arrived in the Straits Friday evening, October 31, and could be seen testing her high speed capabilities as she sailed under the Mackinac Bridge. The vessel is designed to be fast

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'Community Care' Event Offers Services To Needy

By Ellen Paquin

Borrowing the idea of "one-stop-shopping," social service agencies in Mackinac County will bring all of their services and information together for one day in one place, even providing free transportation and a hot meal, to better reach families who need their help.

Called Community Care Connection, the event will be Monday, November 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hope Chest resale store on Ferry Lane in St. Ignace. There, people will find information about housing, health care, job assistance, budgeting, nutrition, and immunizations. All services are

free, and participants will be offered free clothing from the Hope Chest, lunch, and a gift bag to take home. Organizers expect about 100 local residents to attend. No registration is necessary.

"The idea is to try to help the population who are in need, who are maybe close to being homeless, and who might not have transportation to all of these different agencies that provide services," said Ronda Schlehuber, the county's Housing First coordinator. "This time of year can be tough for people because they have higher costs for heating, for

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Shooting Claims Life of Young St. Ignace Man

Roach Jailed on 3 Charges

By Ryan Schlehuber

Tragedy struck St. Ignace just before midnight Tuesday, October 28, when 19-year-old Seth Tamlyn was fatally shot at an apartment on US-2 in Moran Township.

Twenty-one-year-old Roy Roach of St. Ignace, who was said to be a good friend of Mr. Tamlyn, allegedly shot Mr. Tamlyn shortly after Mr. Tamlyn arrived at another friend's apartment, where Mr. Roach was visiting, as well. Four people witnessed the incident.

Mr. Tamlyn suffered a gunshot wound to the back of his head from a .20-gauge shotgun. Only one shot was fired. He was pronounced dead at the scene. No one else was physically injured.

Police or Mackinac County Prosecuting Attorney Fred Feleppa would not comment on whether the shooting was accidental or intentional, or whether alcohol was a contributing factor in the incident.

Mr. Roach was arraigned

Wednesday afternoon, October 29, in Mackinac County's 92nd District Court on three charges: Second degree murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison; voluntary manslaughter, which carries a maximum of up to 15 years in prison, and felonious use of a firearm, which is an automatic two years in prison when a deadly weapon is used in a crime.

Mr. Feleppa said he is presenting two kinds of homicide, if the case goes to trial, to allow the jury to hear all theories of what may have transpired that night.

Information on who owned the gun is not being released at this time, as the case remains under investigation by Michigan State Police.

Mr. Roach, who worked as a seasonal dray driver for Mackinac Island Service Company for the past three years and is a 2005 LaSalle High School graduate, is being held at Mackinac County Jail on a \$1 million bond.

A preliminary examination is

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Voting Lines Form Early in St. Ignace

Election worker Judy Massey (left) checks the identification of Allen Foster, 18, who is voting in his first election Tuesday, November 4, at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace. Arriving to vote more than 30 minutes before the polls opened at 7 a.m., Paula McNamara was first in line, followed by David Litzner. They soon were joined by 25 more residents. Early voting has been busy in past years, although not quite this busy, said City Clerk Renee Vonderwerth. Pictured at center is voter Pattie Tafelski.

Unofficial election results will be posted on The St. Ignace News Web site (www.stignacene.com) sometime Wednesday morning and can be viewed free of charge by clicking on the Public Notices tab at the top of the page. Results also will be available at the News office Wednesday morning, and will be reported in next week's paper.

