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Happy Ads

Receive cash for your unwanted gold jewelry. For more information contact the Gold Mine at 906-643-7001.

No such thing as a free lunch? Yes, there is! Register for our weekly free lunch drawing at the Driftwood. Enter your name in the dining room, or the Sports Bar. We'll pick a lucky lunch winner out of the jar every week. This week's winner is **D.J. Goudreau**.

Kayley, Happy 23rd birthday November 10. Have a great day. Miss ya!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mallory, and Lydia

Susan, Wishing you a very happy birthday November 11. Hope your day is extra special!

Your Northern Friends

Lasagna dinner will be held at the Moose Lodge in St. Ignace Sunday, November 16 at 5:30 p.m. to benefit the Moose Lodge Christmas food baskets and the Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive. A silent auction and 50/50 will be held. Bring a new toy for a chance to win a special door prize. Open to the general public and all hunters.

Tight on cash this holiday season? Show your loved ones that you care with a happy ad!

Happy 18th Birthday
November 7th
Andy Tamlyn



Love You,
Dad, Mom
&
Your Family

In Memory
of our
Loving Mother

**Mary Jane
Henrichs**



Jan. 22, 1907 -
Nov. 10, 1995

**Paula
&
Marshall**

Mackinac Straits Hospital Auxiliary is selling Koeze nuts and chocolates until November 24. If you would like to place an order, please phone Shannon Doran at 906-643-0456. They make great Christmas gifts.

Free straw for doghouses now available at McFarlane's Country Corner in St. Ignace and the Cedar Pantry in Cedarville. Program funded by Friends of the Animals.

Live entertainment every Friday and Saturday night. Good food, good friends, and good times at Timmy Lee's Pub, West US-2, St. Ignace. Phone 906-643-8344.

Papa Jack, We hope you have a wonderful birthday November 7.

Love, Marley, Mason, and Tyler

Islander Bar pool tournament begins every Sunday, November 9, at 1 p.m.

St. Stanislaus Church Harvest Dinner, Saturday, November 15, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Raber Township Hall, Goetzville. \$8 adults, \$4 children. Turkey dinner, sauerkraut, and homemade pies.

Timmy Lee's Pub, We would like to thank you for sponsoring our team event at the Miller Lite Bowling Tournament. You're the best.

Timmy Lee's Ragpack, Custom cuts by Quentin. Phone 906-643-7888 or stop by Quentin's Barbershop.

There will be a fundraiser for the All-Night Grad Party going on at the US-2 Shell Station Saturday, November 8 and Sunday November 9. Funds will be used for the All-Night Grad Party. Please come and support the Class of 2009.

Good luck Saints against Cedarville Friday, November 7.

Disabled American Veterans Straits Chapter #93 would like to thank everyone who helped with or supported our fish fry for the Veterans Transportation Van. A special thank you to American Legion Post #290 for the wonderful food, Marlene Grendin for the beautiful cakes, St. Ignace High School, and to all who sent generous donations.

I would like to thank St. Ignace, Petoskey, and Cheboygan hospitals and staff for taking care of me these last 3 months. Allied EMS for transportation, you guys are great. Timmy and Diana Lee for having the benefit at their pub and all of the businesses who donated supplies and prizes for the benefit. To my friends who put it on, Judy and family, Alice, Ruby and Shirley and my family who helped; Pam, Debbie, Dennis, and Patrick, thank you so much. To Debbie, Pam, Ruby, Dennis and Patrick who have been with me through it all, it meant so very much to me. To Mike and Trish for their help, thank you so very much. I love all you guys. To the round table, my customers, boss, and fellow employees at the TSR, to Pastor Lane & the Baptist Church, to everyone who sent cards, money, flowers & phone calls, all of which lifted my spirits through this trying time. If I have forgotten anyone I apologize as the kindness of this community was so overwhelming. I thank you all from the bottom of my newly repaired heart.
Kay McKenzie and Family

In loving memory of
Vernon McCrory
Who passed away one year ago on
November 5th, 2007
He is gone but not forgotten
His memory lives on
Vernon you were a blessing
Who fulfilled our lives for so long
Now our eyes are filled with sorrow
For without you is how we face tomorrow
Laughter is how we remember you best
Full of life, sunshine and happiness
Our good times are now a memory
As you were laid to rest
Know that you are in our hearts
We love you and God Bless
**We miss you so much,
Paula
Denise, Shannon
Jason, Shelly, McKayla
and grandchildren**

We want to thank the many people for their help since Sharon's illness. This has been a very difficult time for her family and your help has been greatly appreciated. The prayers are #1. We have felt each and every one. They have been uplifting to us. The food just keeps on coming and after a day in Petoskey, it's been great to come home to a hot meal. The cards and flowers are unbelievable with many notes to read over and over again. The visits and support from Pastor Jeff, Gene Schrader and the many, many friends have been wonderful. We hope you know how very special you have all been. This is a very special community and love you all.
Sharon & Bob Smith

'Be Prepared,' Banker Advises Struggling Businesses

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Boutique Inn in Mackinaw City. He cites industry sources that rank Michigan 50th in percentage of hotel rooms occupied.

All see the biggest reason as a weakened Detroit auto industry. Southeastern Michigan was the source of much tourist traffic to the Straits area. While Detroit's problems were decades in the making, they now are worse than ever.

"Businesses are very stressed," Mr. North said. "They're trying to cut expenses any way they can. They are working harder than ever to balance the books. Their owners are grasping for things to get better."

He estimates that since September 11, 2001, the day of the terrorist attacks, the number of tourists traveling to the Straits of Mackinac has dropped by 30% to 40%, a "seven year down-

turn."

"We have to go out and attract people who have never been here before," said Mr. Bertchinger.

Local business success stories can still be found.

Margie Denoyer of Cedarville and friends opened the Wooden Door antique shop in June, staying open until September 30 after what she describes as a very good season. She intends to reopen in the spring, although at another location.

Robert Smith, also of Cedarville, started Boat House, another antique shop in Cedarville, and had what he calls a very good first season.

"We're optimistic," he said. "We drew people from Drummond Island and Mackinac Island. We did very well selling wicker."

In St. Ignace, Fred Paquin and his family got

a loan for \$250,000 from First National Bank to expand his newly purchased Gateway Lanes on Ferry Lane. A new bar in an addition, scheduled for completion by the end of the year, will accommodate 35 people. There will be a game room where the current bar is. Mr. Paquin and his family are optimistic for the business, so much so they've invested about \$425,000 in it.

"It costs you maybe \$50 to go to the movies with your family," he said, "but you can have a nice evening of bowling for maybe \$25 or \$30."

So what can business people do to get through the current economic challenges?

Mr. North boils it down to two words: Be prepared.

"If you foresee capital needs, get moving early. Don't wait until the last minute. And come to us prepared to be honest and forthright. Believe me, we've heard it all before."

Fort de Buade Gains \$25,155 This Year From Museum Sales

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and help operate the museum. A long-term contract between the city and the tribe requires the tribe continue the annual payments until the first week of June 2012, for a total commitment of \$710,388.

Of the \$118,398 yearly funding, the city uses \$84,000 to make an annual loan payment that was set up when the museum was purchased in May 2007 for about \$500,000.

After building maintenance costs, including roof work, about \$26,000 remains in the account, said Mr. Dodson.

Mr. Walker presented financial information to the committee from October 2007 to October 2008. The museum ended the period with a \$545 loss.

"That's not really too bad considering the economy, considering we had a free museum,

and it was our first season," Ms. Engle told *The St. Ignace News* Thursday, October 30.

Most organizations do not show a profit in the first year, she said, and the small loss experienced by the museum is a "good sign" that it will be successful in the future.

Part of the success is that \$25,155 (61% of gross income) came from museum sales, most of it from gift shop inventory acquired with the museum. Ms. Engle said there is quite a bit of gift inventory left.

Other income, since October 2007, included \$9,517 in donations from those visiting the museum, \$1,300 from fundraisers, and \$5,000 from tribal payments.

The historical society does not track the number of visitors, said Ms. Engle. Entrance is free and a donation is requested.

Ms. Engle will be offering a program this

winter that will include defining and researching the museum artifacts. The work is needed to improve the ability to receive state and federal grants. The goal of the program is to demonstrate the national historic significance of items in the museum.

Fort de Buade Committee members are City Councilmen Don Gustafson, Willie LaLonde, and Paul Fullerton. City Manager Eric Dodson also attends the meetings.

The Michilimackinac Historical Society board has 11 members, President Judi Engle, Vice President Jennifer McGraw, Treasurer Tom Pfeiffelmann, and Secretary Joan Oddy. Other board members include Cheryl Schlehner, Ollie Boynton, Prentiss M. Brown, Jr., the Reverend Norbert Landreville, Dave Walker, Nancy Dandona, and Keith Massaway.

DEQ: Watermilfoil Nourished by Runoff, Warm Temperatures

Bay: From page 13

since April and says water quality there meets acceptable phosphorus levels under Michigan Water Quality Standards.

The bay is typically inspected two times every five years, and has been inspected twice in the last six months owing to a wastewater spill. The spill was properly cleaned up and the waterways meet quality standards, Mr. Conroy said.

Mr. Conroy told *The St. Ignace News* low water levels, warm temperatures, and nourishment from organic material carried into the bay by runoff are the most likely causes for the watermilfoil's rapid growth, not excessive phosphorus levels in wastewater discharges.

Eurasian watermilfoil is an invasive weed that successfully competes for space on the bottom of the waterways, crowding out native plants. It grows almost to the surface. The plants also add nutrients to the bay when they die and decay, which in turn, encourages more growth.

Near the surface, the weeds get caught in boat propellers and can cause motor seizures and occasional damage. Boaters avoid the weed-clogged areas, and reduction in recreational boating hurts the Les Cheneaux economy.

To combat the growing weeds, this July the watershed council, Les Cheneaux Community Foundation, and Cedarville businessman Dan Carmichael collaborated to remove some of the weeds with a weed harvester purchased by Mr. Carmichael. The harvester cut the weeds at Cedarville Marine, which Mr. Carmichael owns, and boat slips for several of the local resorts.

"They trimmed all the slips in the marina and were very happy with it," Mr. Smith said.

But while mowing the weeds provides temporary relief for boaters, the plants grow back, and fragments clipped from the plants settle to the bottom and start new plants.

In 2007, Mr. Smith and the restoration committee also introduced weed-eating weevils into the water system to eat the watermilfoil. Mr. Smith said the weevils start at the growing tip of the weed and eat their way down to the root during the summer, then overwinter in the sediment along the shore.

Mr. Smith noted that the weevils don't get very far from shore, so the weeds further out in the bay are not affected by it.

"The weevils do a good job close to shore, but that's not where the boats are," he said.

Mr. Smith, who has a doctorate in microbiology from Central Michigan University, has been studying the Les Cheneaux waterway for seven years, supported by the Les Cheneaux Islands Association, Islands Wildlife, Community Foundation, and the Watershed Council.

He claims that while phosphorus levels are within state pollution guidelines, they are double what he says they should be. There is about four pounds of phosphates per 26 million gallons (0.019 milligrams per liter) of wastewater effluent in the discharge, he said.

"Even though we meet the state specs," he said, "our target is to get it down to two pounds."

The current phosphorus load is down considerably from 2.3 milligrams per liter, about 500 pounds per 26 million gallons, when the sewer expansion took place in 1990, Mr. Smith said. He noted that the weeds already existed in the waterways, but began to flourish after the expansion.

Grants awarded through the DEQ and Environmental Protection Agency can help clean up the waterways, Mr. Conroy said. They can fund impact studies, programs to deal with sedimentation issues, and help with establishing vegetation along the waterway to limit erosion and runoff of nutrients, like lawn fertilizers, into the water.

Clark Township Supervisor Linda Hudson

Mackinac County Elected Officials Will Get Pay Increase

By Karen Gould

Salaries will increase 3% next year for all elected county officials, except Prosecuting Attorney Fred Feleppa and Sheriff Scott Strait, who each will receive a 2% pay raise. County commissioners made the decision Thursday, October 23, with one commissioner absent and another voting against the motion.

Commissioners Larry Leveille, Carl Frazier, and Chair Dawn Nelson say the prosecutor and sheriff will get lower raises to bring the salaries more closely in line with those of their subordinates, Assistant Prosecutor Kayla Nixon and Undersheriff Darrell Sadler, who each were given a 3% increase in pay.

Commissioner Mike Patrick was absent from the meeting and Commissioner Calvin "Bucky" McPhee voted against the pay variation, saying the difference in job responsibilities merited the difference in pay. He favored a 3% increase for all elected officials.

Prosecutor Feleppa and Sheriff Strait attended the meeting.

Prosecutor Feleppa's salary will increase from \$76,213.42 to \$77,737.68. Mrs. Nixon's pay will move from \$43,260 to \$44,557.80 beginning in January.

Sheriff Strait's salary will increase from \$51,825.05 to \$52,861.55. Undersheriff Sadler's salary will rise from \$47,103.25 to \$48,516.47.

Three percent increases for other elected officials include Clerk Mary Kay Tamlyn from \$47,481.93 to \$48,906.38.

Salary for the treasurer will increase from

\$43,254.82 to \$44,552.46, and salary for the register of deeds will increase from \$44,929.31 to \$46,277.18.

Pay for county and county road boards will remain \$5,049 for the chairs and \$4,222 for commissioners. They also will receive \$60 a day for the first meeting attended and an additional \$50 for any second meeting held the same day.

Company To Inform Owners of Property Rights

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Council readopted its All-terrain Vehicle (ATV) Ordinance, which has been in place since January 6, 2006.

The city allows ATVs to be driven on the former Wisconsin Central Railroad right-of-way between South State Street and the city limits. The machines are allowed to travel on the shoulders of the city streets or, if no shoulder is available, on the edge of the street to access the railroad grade.

The ATVs can operate no faster than 20 miles per hour and from April 15 to November 30, from dawn to dusk.

American Transmission Company (ATC) of Waukesha, Wisconsin, met with Second Street property owners. Trees still will be removed that conflict with the power line, said Mr. Dodson, and the company has agreed to provide owners with information on their property rights along with easement agreements that are in place. Council asked City Attorney Prentiss Brown Jr. to monitor the process.

Council approved the following election

No changes in pay were made for the Canvassing Board, Planning Commission, Economic Development Corporation, Housing Commission, Jury Board, and Plat Board, members of which will each receive \$60 a day for meetings and 58.5¢ a mile.

Meal allowances are \$8 for breakfast and lunch and \$20 for dinner.

board members for the Tuesday, November 4, general election: Democrats Laurie Steiner, Judy Massey, Susan Shuler, and Kathryn Heady; Republicans Jean Sterk, William Paul, Bonnie Flinn, Darlene Belleville, Loretta Strich, and Barbara Schroeder. Ms. Steiner will chair the board.

The city council will meet Monday, November 17, at 7 p.m. for a budget work session. The regular council meeting will begin at 8 p.m. at city hall.

Family Fun Night Will Be Nov. 20 in St. Ignace

Family activities will take place during Family Fun Night Thursday, November 20, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the St. Ignace Sault Tribe Head Start office. It is open to all.

Each child who attends will receive a free book. For more information, contact Heather Bird at 643-0096.