

All Contested County Seats Retained by Incumbents – Massey, Doty, Frankovich, Hill

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Clerk Cathy Nordquist predicted 300 absentee ballots would be received, and by election day, poll workers there were processing 436 absentee ballots.

Mackinac Island Clerk Karen Lennard and Moran Township Clerk Kris Vallier had similar experiences. On the Island, 220 absentee ballots were returned, representing 50% of all registered voters there. In Moran Township, 190 absentee ballots were counted, which is more than three times those received in previous elections.

Statewide turnout, which has not been certified, may set a record with about 5.1 million voters, or 68% of the state electorate.

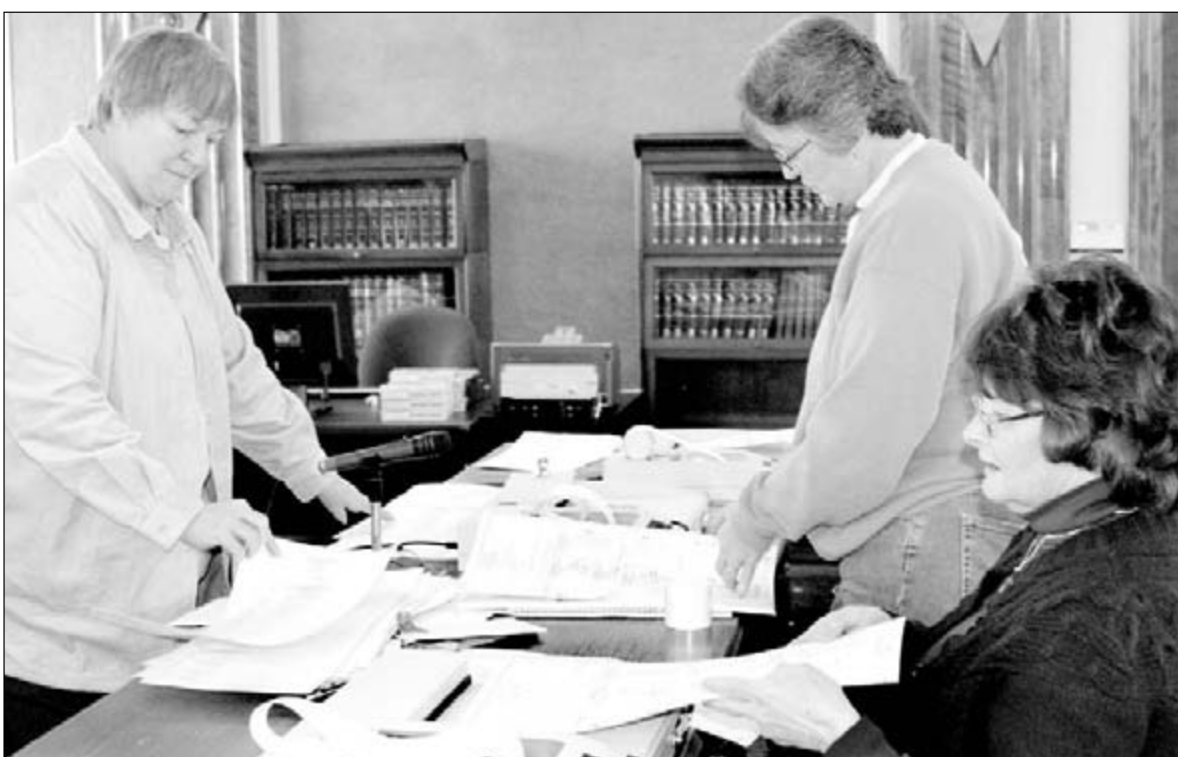
Lagging behind all local municipalities in the county was the City of St. Ignace, with a 55.6% voter turnout.

"I don't know why it would be so low in the city," said St. Ignace Clerk Renee Vonderwerth. "I'm just as surprised as anyone else. We planned for a big turnout. There just really isn't any explanation for it."

County Clerk Mary Kay Tamlyn said this may be average for city voters. In 2004, 1,197 city residents cast ballots at Little Bear East Arena and this year 1,180 ballots were submitted.

"Compared to the last [presidential] election, it's basically the same," she said. "I don't know why voter turnout was lower compared to other precincts countywide."

For this election, Mackinac County had 9,567 registered voters, compared to the August primary when 9,481 were registered to vote. In the 2004 presidential election, 9,422 county residents were regis-



Concentrating on the accuracy test of voting equipment are (from left) Moran Township Clerk Kris Vallier, Hudson Township Clerk Barb Kerridge, and Moran Deputy Clerk Kathy Stephan. They joined other clerks in the county, meeting at the Court House Wednesday, October 29. Each municipality ran 72 test ballots through its voting machine to ensure ballots were being read correctly in preparation for the November 4 general election.

tered voters.

Other municipalities in the county had the following turnouts: Bois Blanc Township, 91.7%; Mackinac Island, 66.8%; Clark Township, 72.8%; Portage Township, 77.8%; Newton Township, 73.2%; Brevort Township, 58%; Garfield Township, 68.9%; Hendricks Township, 72.3%; Hudson Township, 67.7%; Marquette Township, 78.5%; Moran Township, 70.4%; Newton Township, 73.2%; St. Ignace Township, 65.6%.

Mackinac County

Contested county seats were retained by incumbents, including County Commissioner Mike Patrick, who outpaced challenger Jim Farero by 531 votes. Mr. Patrick said he was pleased with the results and looks forward to contin-

ue working with department heads.

"I do enjoy this job," he said.

Appointed incumbent treasurer Nora Massey won by a similar margin, earning 651 more votes than challenger Rob Winkelman.

"That was one grueling marathon," said Mr. Winkelman. "Obviously I would have liked to have won. I was just glad the finish line was reached."

Rather than attend community events, said Mr. Winkelman, who has no plans for future campaigns, a better strategy for him would have been to knock on more doors.

Ms. Massey said county residents can expect her to be involved with the day-to-day responsibilities and duties of the office.

"The public can expect my office will operate in a friendly, efficient, and organized manner,"

she said, with the office open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., including the lunch hour.

An open seat on the Road Commission will be filled by Tom Doty of Cedarville, who outdistanced Richard Oliver of Germfask by a 681-vote margin.

"My main goal is to get people back to work and keep people working," said Mr. Doty.

Keeping people employed will help the local economy, he said, and he would like the focus of projects geared toward maintenance of existing roads.

"Major projects are good, but at the same time we need to concentrate on maintaining the roads we have to keep them in good shape," he said. "There's kind of a fine balance there."

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Frankovich earned 1,114 more votes than challenger Bambi Robinson.

A 513-vote spread separated incumbent county surveyor Jeffrey Davis from challenger Neil Hill Sr.

In other county seats, incumbents were unchallenged.

Townships

Clark Township Supervisor Linda Hudson, who was defeated by Gerald Hill in the August primary, ran as a write-in candidate. She earned 366 votes, falling short of the 792 cast for Mr. Hill, who said he is looking forward to taking a seat on the board.

Early projects garnering Mr. Hill's attention are reviewing the budget, making committee appointments, addressing the phosphorus situation in Cedarville Bay, and continuing the work of the Master Plan, he said.

Falling eight votes shy, Newton Township incumbent Clerk Alice Zdebski was unseated by Jolynn Brawley in a 116-vote to 124-vote contest.

By a slightly larger margin, Portage Township incumbent

supervisor Donald Ferris lost his seat to Donna O'Grady by 85 votes. Trustee Mark Devereaux also lost his seat on the board and will be replaced by newcomer Mike Soder. Incumbent Patrick Abram will return as a trustee.

Township Proposals

Two school operating millages were approved in Bois Blanc Township. Both renewals included increases. The first five-year proposal is an increase of 0.5 mill for a total of 4.0377 mills, which is estimated to generate \$93,523 in the first year. The second is an increase of 0.1371 mill for a total of 1 mill, which will raise \$23,162 in the first of five years.

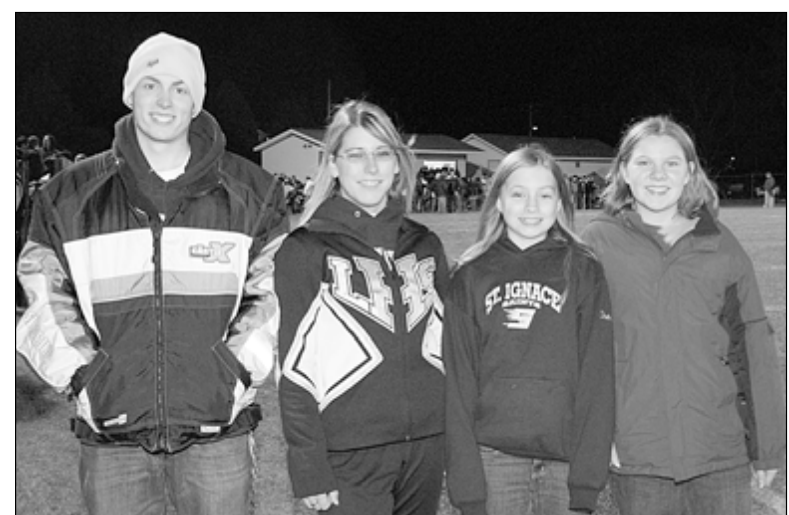
In Portage Township, a one-million capital improvement proposal for fire and ambulance equipment failed by 54 votes, 305 to 251. If it had passed, the three-year millage would have raised about \$72,477 the first year.

Judicial Contests

On the judicial side, incumbent 92nd District Judge Beth Gibson

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Christmas Toy Drive Underway



A can drive by five youths of St. Ignace raised \$120 for the Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive in late October. Volunteers are (from left) Cody Augustson, Meghann Colegrove, Sharman Colegrove, Morgan Rae, and (not pictured) Whitney Matson. The toy drive is now accepting donations, and its next fundraiser will be a lasagna dinner at the St. Ignace Moose Lodge Sunday, November 16, at 5:30 p.m.

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Cash canisters are placed at McGregor Shell, Autore Shell, Truck Stop station, the Holiday, Pines Trading Post, Timmy Lee's Pub, the Hope Chest, Bentley's B-n-L Cafe, and the Big Boy restaurant in St. Ignace.

Boxes to collect new, unwrapped toys, electronics, and clothing will be placed Saturday, November 15, at the following locations: The St. Ignace News office, all locations of First National Bank, Glen's Market, the Gold Mine, True Value, and U.P.

State Credit Union.

All donations benefit needy children and families in Mackinac County.

Last year, gifts were distributed to 53 families plus 100 individual children in the area in time for Christmas.

Donations may also be mailed to: Mackinac County Children's Toy Drive in care of Wendy Colegrove, 152 Bertrand Street, St. Ignace Michigan 49781 or The St. Ignace News, P.O. Box 277, St. Ignace.

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St. Ignace Home for the Holidays Christmas Parade will begin at 6 p.m. Friday, December 5, across from City Hall on South State Street, ending at the marina. The parade will include Santa and Mrs. Claus, who will arrive on a firetruck.

The annual lighting of the city's

Christmas tree will follow at the marina.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be available for photographs at the Pavillion Mall following the tree lighting.

The St. Ignace Children's Youth Choir will perform at the Pavillion Mall after the tree lighting ceremony.

The Colonial House will be open for touring from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday night. Many downtown businesses will be open for holiday shopping Friday night.

The Home for Holidays events are sponsored by St. Ignace Chamber of Commerce and its Business Association members.

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Worth Road, Brevort - Nice 10 acre parcel located 1/2 mile from the Village of Brevort, 80% wooded with hardwoods and has a 100 ft. pipeline easement, great home or campsite, close to trails. #259095 \$39,900

N4555 Schoolhouse Road, Brevort - 10 acres of great hardwoods on the trail system and abutting state land, new home has the drywall in, finish to your liking, a mile to lakes and town. Well & septic in. #259190 \$98,500

E1654 Gamble Road, St. Ignace Area - Awesome! near Federal land, trails with direct access to everything. A 900 sq. ft. 2 BR perfect ranch on Gamble Creek, flowing well, deer area, extra lots available. #251748 \$89,900

N4408 Schoolhouse Road, Brevort - Recently renovated 2 BR, 900 est & a block to the main trails, walk to Lake Michigan & town, room for expansion and outbuildings to store all the toys. #251835 \$79,900

4370 West US-2, Brevort - Build your recreation compound or throw in a commercial venture, this newer 2 BR cabin and 4-car polebarn is right on #2 in town. Deep parcel with woods in back & commercial frontage. Approval to add 4 additional cabins. Great trails! #248901 \$119,900

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Koski Road, Moran - 80 acres, abuts thousands of acres of Federal Land, mix of trees, great camp or homestead site, 25 minutes to Big Mac Bridge, between Trout Lake, East Lake and Moran. #257442 \$145,000

Mackinac Trail, St. Ignace - 18 acres, wooded, pole line, mostly low, abuts Federal land and I-75. #229398 \$29,000

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