

# New Clark Twp. Board Conducts First Meeting Wendy McCluskey Named Advocate of Year

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Rick Shaper and Diane Patrick gave a presentation to the Board about setting potential business district boundaries for a Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The two are members of a volunteer committee to explore the formation of a DDA in Hessel and Cedarville.

Tentative boundaries agreed upon by the board in Hessel are along M-134 between Pickford Avenue and Islandview Road and south to Hessel Point Road, as well

as the two blocks to the west of Pickford Avenue between Cedar Street and Lake Street, properties in Cedarville along M-134 between Beech Street and M-129 south to Hoedock Street, and along M-134 east to Bay Street and along M-129 between State Avenue and Islington Road.

The M-134 corridor connecting Hessel and Cedarville will also be in the DDA district.

A public hearing concerning the forming of a DDA and business district boundaries is scheduled for Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m. at

the Clark Township Community Center on M-134.

The board also approved spending \$600 to repair a Township-owned pick-up truck. The truck was taken to Huff's Repair in Cedarville for repairs to a front wheel bearing, when it was discovered the drive-shaft is also broken.

Original repairs were anticipated to cost under \$500, but increased when additional repairs were discovered. Normally, the supervisor has authority to spend up to \$500 without the rest of the board's approval.



Clark Township board members are (from left) Trustee Gary Wellnitz, Treasurer Katie Carpenter, Supervisor Gerald Hill, Clerk Mike Miller, and Trustee Mike Lofdahl. Mr. Wellnitz, Mr. Hill, and Mr. Miller are new members to the board elected November 4, replacing Dana Leach, Linda Hudson, and Cathy Nordquist, respectively.

## Highway Department Closes St. Ignace Rest Area, 5 Others

Six highway rest areas will be closed for winter, including the one on southbound I-75 at St. Ignace, which closed Monday, December 1.

Six of the 81 rest areas in the state highway system will be closed, including those that are challenging to clear of snow and ice in winter. Michigan Department of Transportation announced Wednesday, November 26. Five will be closed through April 6, 2009.

MDOT will close the following rest areas December 1: Hart, southbound US-31, Oceana County; Hebron, southbound I-75, Cheboygan County; Ludington, northbound US-31, Mason County;

St. Ignace, southbound I-75, Mackinac County; Topinabee, northbound I-75, Cheboygan, and Zeeland, eastbound I-196, Ottawa County, which will be closed until June 1, 2009.

## Genealogy Workshop To Be Wednesday

A genealogy workshop will be Wednesday, December 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Fort de Buade Museum in St. Ignace. The workshop is free and open to the public.



Parent volunteers were recognized November 8 by the Eastern Upper Peninsula Great Start Parent Coalition at the first parent appreciation day. Pictured are Parent Coalition Advocate of the Year nominees and winners (from left, back row) Kristie Chambers, Linda Forgrave, Tonya Adair, Chuck Forgrave, Tristen Harrison, Dayna Tremblay, Jill Kachur, Megan Belanger, Susan Jewell; (front) Carrie Novak, Chasidy Keyser, Heather Bird, and Wendy McCluskey. Not pictured are Melanie Greenfield and Rachael Mackenzie. (Photograph courtesy of Great Start Parent Coalition)

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Coalition. Mackinac County Parent Coalition is a branch of the Eastern Upper Peninsula Great Start Collaborative.

"She has been a good advocate for her children, other people's children, and educated the community about autism," said Heather Bird, the facilitator for the Mackinac County Great Start program.

The Great Start Parent Coalition is a network of parents throughout the EUP that focuses on improving awareness about the importance of early childhood in learning. The support group helps families with special needs children.

Jill Kachur was awarded the

Chippewa County Parent and Magen Belanger received Coalition Advocate of the year the top honor for Luce County.

## Sault Streets Opened to Snowmobiles

The streets have been opened to snowmobiles in Sault Ste. Marie this year.

The move was put in place by City Commission Monday, December 1, to welcome snowmobile enthusiasts to visit city lodging, restaurants, and entertainment. Groomed trails are connected to the city by a tunnel beneath I-75.

"After coming off the trails, visitors can drive directly to their motel or hit a local restaurant or pick up supplies at a store. With the opening of city streets, they can access virtually every location by snowmobile," said Linda Hoath, executive director of the Sault Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The new ordinance that allows

snowmobiling in town does outline some restrictions. Some of the city's busiest thoroughfares are off-limits, but secondary streets and alleys can be used to eliminate any need for those streets. Restricted streets include M-129, I-75, the I-75 Business Spur, and the hill on Easterday Avenue. Boundary streets surrounding War Memorial Hospital are also off-limits to sleds.

All snowmobilers younger than 18 must carry a state-issued safety training certificate. Any driver younger than 16 must be under the direct supervision of an adult. A curfew is also in place between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., when snowmobile operation is prohibited within the city limits.

## St. Ignace Concert Will Be Thursday

The St. Ignace Area Schools Holiday Concert originally scheduled for Monday, December 1, was postponed owing to bad weather, and is rescheduled for Thursday, December 4, at 6 p.m. at LaSalle High School.

## Community Calendar

**Calendar:** From page 4

Church, Engadine.

**Sault Ste. Marie**  
•Wednesday, December 3: **International Bridge Public Hearing**, 7 p.m., at the Ramada Plaza Hotel - Ojibway, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

•Thursday, December 4: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 10:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Lake Superior State University Cislur Center.

•Thursday, December 4: **Superior Poetry Cafe with poet Jim Zukowski**, 7 p.m., Bayliss Public Library.

•Thursday, December 4: **Chippewa-Mackinac Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired**

**School Personnel**, noon, Presbyterian Church.

•Thursday, December 4: **Sault Parent Group End of Year Party**, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Sault Tribe Elder Building.

•Saturday, December 6: **Craft Show**, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Soo Township Elementary School. Donation at the door of \$1 for ages 10 and older. Sponsored by EUPISD Parent Advisory Committee.

•Monday, December 8: **Representative Gary McDowell Office Hours**, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., third floor of Chippewa County Courthouse Annex meeting room.

•Monday, December 8: **Silent Hearts Support Group**, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Chippewa County Health

Department. This group is for parents who have lost a child to miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death.

•Tuesday, December 9: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Health Center Auditorium.

•Friday, December 12: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 8:15 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sault Ste. Marie High School.

•Friday, December 12: **Parent Coalition Steering Committee**, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Central United Methodist Church. Res-

ervations can be made by calling Chasidy Keyser at (906) 248-2950.

•Wednesday, December 31: **Caregivers Group**, 2 p.m., Avery Square Center second floor conference room.

**Cheboygan**  
•Tuesday, December 23: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, noon to 5:45 p.m., Knights of Columbus.

•Tuesday, December 30: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, noon to 5:45 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church.

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**BREVORT LAKE** - 2 BR, 1 bath home w/Brevort Lake views from enclosed front porch. 72' of frontage, fireplace in living room & 2.5 car garage. (08-408) **Reduced! \$149,000**

**ST IGNACE** - Sportsman's home/cabin. Cedar siding, furnished, remodeled. 4.5 acres maple hardwood. Adjoins Federal Forest & snowmobile trails. Home sold AS IS. (08-1102) **\$77,000**

**KINCHELOE** - 3 BR. Partially finished basement w/bar area, garage, fenced yard & deck. Close to town, golf course & snowmobile trails. (07-125) **Reduced! \$99,000**

**BRIMLEY** - 3 BR w/view of Lake Superior from front porch. 2+ car detached garage, storage building. Close to snowmobile trails. Being sold AS IS. (08-953) **Reduced! \$66,600**

**KINROSS** - 5 BR home w/tremendous opportunity for expansion of a second floor thus providing a spacious living area. Pretty setting w/rolling hills. (08-422) **Reduced! \$69,900**

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**ST IGNACE** - 5 acre beautiful wooded parcel located on Pine River. Seasonal access over Federal Forest. Includes rustic "wilderness" cabin. (07-196) **Reduced! \$33,000**

**DETOUR** - 10 acres close to Caribou Lake, year-round recreation area w/public boat launch. Easy access, 330' on black-top road, mix of trees. (08-346) **Reduced! \$18,500**

**CEDARVILLE** - Nicely wooded 119' on M-129 only 2 miles north of Cedarville. 1.3 acres being 446' in depth. (08-1094) **\$17,000**

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