

New Banners Planned for Mackinaw City's Central Avenue

By John S. DeMott

The Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau is eyeing new programs for 2009, and Bill Bertchinger, its chairman, is facing that year with optimism.

"We're going to advertise just like we always do," he said.

For example, concept drawings for new street banners to depict Mackinaw City's history going back to the 17th century and up to the 21st were shown to the Village Council Thursday, December 18, by Greg Hokans, development and marketing director at Mackinac State Historic Parks.

When made final, the banners will hang on lampposts on Central Avenue and echo the Visitors Bureau-directed advertising theme of "Making History, Living History."

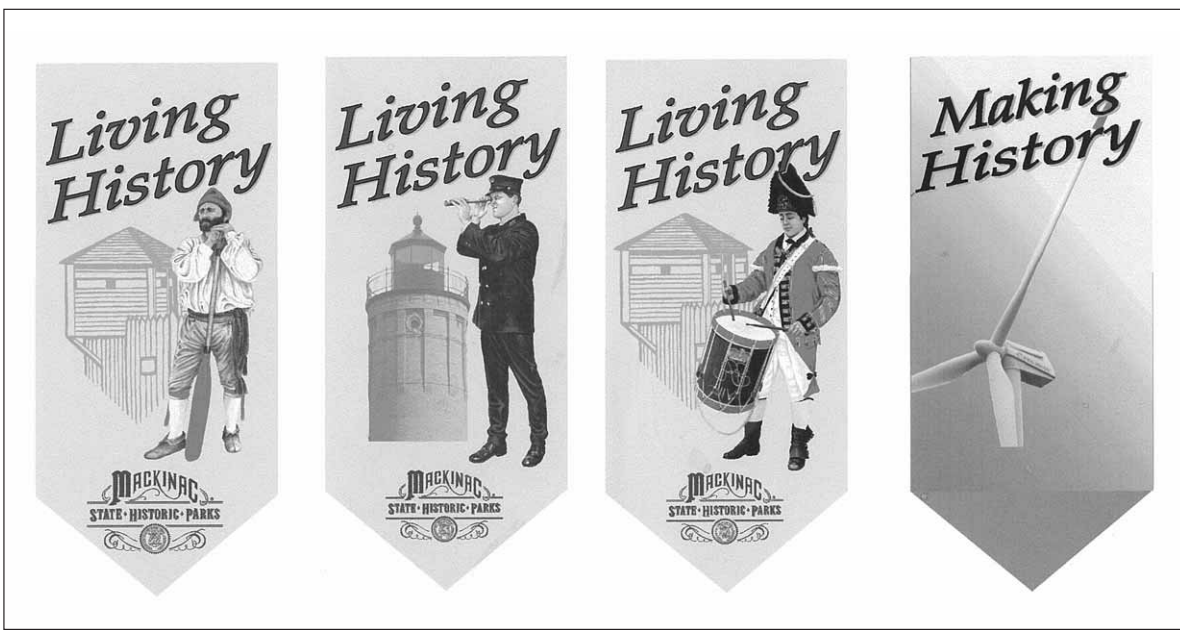
Similar drawings have been on display at Michilimackinac State Park, which will observe its centennial as a state park next year. But they've been redesigned to better fit the Central Avenue environment.

The idea, said Mr. Hokans, is to freshen them and bring them out into the broader community. The idea also is to create entirely new banners to represent the 20th and 21st centuries, the "making history" part of the village theme.

The Visitors Bureau also displayed banners commemorating the 50th anniversaries of the Mackinac Bridge in 2007 and, in 2008, the first bridge walk.

For 2009, it decided to again stress the "Making History, Living History" theme with the new banners.

In other activities for next year, the bureau plans its customary events for Memorial Day weekend, a Mackinac Bridge run for up to 700 people (who pay



These concepts for banners for lampposts on Central Avenue in Mackinaw City are being considered by the Village Council. Developed for the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau, they depict the village's lure to tourists - "living history, making history" over several centuries, and would be in place by the 2009 vacation season.

\$45 apiece), a party for the runners at Conkling Heritage Park, a fireworks display, and an arts and

crafts show. New this year will be a fine arts show, where some 50

Star Line, Cedarbrook Get Variances in Mackinaw City

Two zoning variances were approved by the Mackinaw City Village Council Thursday, December 18. In one, Cedarbrook Village was granted a variance from a green space requirement to build a 30-foot ramp from street level to its second floor so elderly residents would have easier entrance and exit. In the second variance, Star Line was granted permission to add 288 square feet of additional space to secure unattended luggage at its dock on Huron Street.

Cedarbrook, formerly a Ramada Inn, has been in negotiations for months to get the variance and has appeared before the Planning Commission. Its spokes-

men have said it would be impossible to meet the village's new 25% greenspace requirement, although it claims there will actually be more greenspace after the ramp is built. Village President Ron Wallin noted, "You can understand what the village and the Planning Commission want to do in getting more landscape area, but reality crashes up against that occasionally."

The Star Line storage building enlargement is at the behest of U.S. Department of Homeland Security, which told Star Line Ferry that its luggage storage space does not meet department specifications for storage of unat-

tended bags. Michigan artists will exhibit their work in the park, accompanied by live jazz music.

C. Doud Blackwell Earns Nomination

Curran Doud Blackwell, a senior at Greenfield School in Wilson, North Carolina, has received a congressional nomination to both the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Long Island. He is also a soccer team recruit at both academies.

He is the son of Kelly and Rusty Blackwell of Wilson and Pat and Sarah Doud of Traverse City, formerly of St. Ignace, and the grandson of Mike and the late Sandy Doud of St. Ignace.

Mr. Blackwell served as a Senate page as well as a governor's page in North Carolina during his high school years. He will be graduated from Greenfield School in May 2009.

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Looking Back

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90 YEARS AGO The St. Ignace News Thursday, December 26, 1918

St. Ignace is fortunate in the fact the while telephone rates are to be advanced all over the state, there will be no increase here. However, there will be no two-party lines hereafter, all residence phones being on four-party lines.

Mackinac county has a number of her boys in Russia and the parents and friends naturally feel anxious concerning their welfare, especially in view of the conflicting reports that are continually sent out.

H.L. Harris, judge of probate, will go down in history as being the only man who ever refused a raise in salary. Judge Harris has refused the raise in salary tendered him in the shape of a clerk hire at the annual meeting of the board of supervisors, claiming the action is not legal. The judge thinks a judge of probate ought to command as big a salary as a janitor, any old time - *Newberry News*

Big game hunting in Michigan, which annually claims many lives, presented a list of 10 fatalities for the season just closed, as compared with a list of 15 to 16 fatalities a year ago and a normal list of more than that number; the 1918 season's reliable reports contain the names of but 10 victims.

All regulations of restaurants, hotels, clubs, dining cars, and other public eating places were removed at midnight last evening, according to word received from Washington.

The *Enterprise* last week published a paragraph to the effect that Wallace Seward was reported among the missing in France. The family had not heard from him for several months and the report was generally credited.

Tuesday, Ernest Seward, brother of Wallace, received a letter from the Marine under date of November 26, in which he said he was o.k.

At a meeting of Mackinac Island's Historical Society held Dec. 16, E.J. Lachance was appointed historian.

50 YEARS AGO The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise Thursday, December 25, 1958

One of the world's greatest artists of stage and screen, Muriel Smith, sang in St. Ignace at the LaSalle high school last Thursday evening. Also featured were the Moral Rearmament International Chorus of 40 voices from 15 countries, famed for songs in thirty languages and appearances in 35 countries.

The LaSalle Saints dropped into a second place tie with Alcona in the Straits-Huron Conference when Alpena Catholic checked a determined fourth-quarter rally to top the Saints 48-45 on Friday evening in Alpena.

Tax statements totaling \$105,526.18 were sent out this past week by Mrs. Helen Clark, city treasurer. The winter tax spread is allocated as follows;

County, \$41,040.24; school \$46,897.27; and special building and site tax for schools, \$17,588.67. State school aid checks totaling \$44,962.50 have been distributed among 11 Mackinac county school districts through the office of the county treasurer.

The checks represented only 75 per cent of the school aid approved for Mackinac county. This was the first school money received since late October. The largest check was for \$12,750. It went to the St. Ignace city school district and will make it possible for teachers of the city to receive their salary for the month of December.

LaRocque Drugs independent basketball team rolled to a 117-61 victory over the Quinlans of Newberry here at LaSalle gym last week. Merle McLeod, manager of the Druggists, said the 117 points was the largest score posted in the gym by a high school or independent basketball team.

Ralph McCarry was elected master of the St. Ignace Lodge No. 369, F.A.M., at its regular meeting held Wednesday evening Dec. 17, at the Masonic Temple. Retiring Master is Edward Hudson.

Ice fishing has been exceptionally good in Les Cheneaux and the fishermen are going home with very good catches and they are still getting them at Government Bay, while Muskie Bay is still very slow.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson of Lill's Snack Bar in Cedarville left for Ypsilanti, where they will spend the Christmas week with their daughter, Doris, and family.

Mike Polk and Ted Formanuk, both summer residents of Les Cheneaux, were here for a couple of days last week inspecting their cottages on Lakeside Road.

Harold Pagel, owner of the Superette in Cedarville, left last week to spend the winter in Jensen Beach, Florida. Diane Church will assume management of the Superette for the winter.

Ruth Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Chicago and Mackinac Island, was chosen Auto Queen. Ruth, the new Miss Portage Park, is a pert miss of 16 who is a junior at Schurz high school.

35 YEARS AGO The Republican-News & St. Ignace Enterprise Thursday, December 27, 1973

Prentiss M. Brown Sr., former U.S. Senator and Congressman, died of a heart attack at his home [St. Ignace] Wednesday, December 19, at 7:30 a.m. He was 84. He was born in St. Ignace June 18, 1889. Funeral services for Senator Prentiss M. Brown were conducted from the United Methodist Church here Saturday, December 22, with Dale Emerson Lantz, Pastor, and Rt. Rev. Msgr. Bernard A. Karol, St. Ignatius Loyola parish, officiating.

It was his untiring efforts and driving force that brought this to

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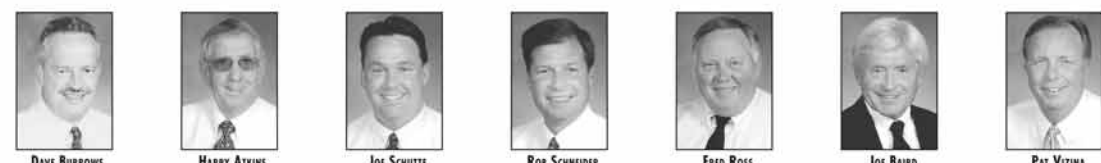


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