

DeTour

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Our DeTour Area School students continue to perform well. Three local eighth grade students have placed first, second, and third in the annual "America and Me" essay contest. Congratulations to winners Rebecca Ross, Devin Livingston, and Rachel Hoffman. As the school's first-place winner, Rebecca Ross will now move on to the state level competition, where the top 10 winners will be selected in April. Good luck to Rebecca, and congratulations to all of the students.

If you happen to see any of the quiz bowl team members, be sure to wish them good luck in the competition finals Saturday, March 7.

Congratulations to seventh grader Nicole Bowman, winner of her grade level competition at the Regional Spelling Bee at Rudyard Tuesday, February 24. Nicole will now move on to the U.P. Finals Wednesday, March 18, at Iron Mountain.

DeTour students Rebecca Ross, Devin Livingston, and Rachel Hoffman won the top three places, respectively, in an essay contest on the theme "America and Me."

All three received award certificates for their achievement. Winners were announced Tuesday, February 17.

As the first place winner, Miss Ross' name will be engraved on a plaque for permanent display at the school. Her essay will now advance to the state level competition, from which the top 10 essays in Michigan will be selected.

Several thousand eighth grade students from nearly 500 Michigan schools are participating in the contest. This year's topic is "My Personal Michigan Hero."

The contest is sponsored by



The "America and Me" essay contest winners from DeTour Middle School are (from left) Devin Livingston, Rebecca Ross, and Rachel Hoffman. Miss Ross received first place, Mr. Livingston second, and Miss Hoffman third. (Photograph courtesy of Terry Tominac)

Farm Bureau Insurance.

Members of the DeTour junior varsity and varsity boys basketball team honored their parents Friday, February 27, between games. Most of the parents were present to represent their sons.

Ten members of the DeTour Area Red Hatters met at Ang-Gio's Restaurant in Cedarville Thursday, February 26, for lunch and socializing. The group discussed possible destinations for future lunches. It was decided to have a sign-up sheet for monthly hostesses, and to continue the practice of traveling out of the area during the warm weather months. Dawn Hamelink will plan the Thursday, March 26, meeting.

The activities are complete for Winterfest Saturday, March 7. Local businesses, organizations, and individuals have donated cash prizes, gift certificates, or ribbons for all of the events. A large variety of raffle items have also been donated. Winterfest is an opportunity for DeTour area residents and visitors

to come out for the day, have a good time, and display their talents. Whether you build a snow sculpture or a mini ice sculpture, decorate a sled, enter a cook-off or bake-off, take part in the poker run, or just enjoy lunch, the bonfire, sledding hill, games, and the craft show, we hope you will have a great time. You may want to consider entering the hot wings eating contest. (These are not the wings we sell, or the cook-off entries. These are made especially for the competition.) The Chamber sent home flyers with each of the students, but if you didn't see one, call Debbie Fountain at (906) 297-5024, and a flyer will be sent to you via your child's backpack. There also are schedules of the events available throughout the village.

We are now within days of the first day of spring, and after the great snow and the Winterfest, we will all welcome warm weather and sunshine. Until Saturday, March 7, think snow and winter fun.

Mackinaw City Village Council Approves Budget

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Mackinaw Old Time Trolley got approval to continue to operate in the village in 2009.

Council next meets Thursday, March 5, at 7 p.m. in the Mackinaw City Village Hall.

Salary Increases Adopted for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

Manager, \$68,062 to \$69,764.
Clerk, \$39,140 to \$40,314.
Treasurer, \$43,820 to \$45,134.
Police Chief, \$54,360 to \$55,990.

Superintendent of Public Works (DPW), \$49,850 to \$51,346.

DPW Maintenance, \$15.53 per hour to \$16 per hour.

Seasonal Maintenance (starting), \$8.10, no change.

Secretary, \$15.53 per hour to \$16 per hour.

Recreation Director/Harbor Master, \$43,404 to \$44,706.

Dockhands (starting), \$7.55 per hour, no change.

Cemetery Workers (starting), \$8.10 per hour, no change.

Fire Chief, \$9,075 to \$9,347.

Assistant Fire Chief, \$1,134 to \$1,168.

Fire Department Captain, \$658 to \$677.

Lieutenant (two), \$388 to \$399.
Ambulance Director/ Coordinator, \$10,030 to \$10,330.

Meeting Payments — No Changes

Village President: regular meeting \$90, special meetings, work ses-

sions \$75.

Village Trustees: regular meeting \$75, special meetings, work sessions \$50.

Planning Commission Chair: \$41 per meeting.

Planning Commission Members: \$31 per meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW Brevort Township, Mackinac County

The Board of Review will meet at The Community Center, 4020 N. Church St., Moran, MI 49760

Tuesday, March 10, 2009 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

TENTATIVE RATIOS AND EQUALIZATION FACTORS

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	55.68	0.89799
Commercial	46.23	1.08155
Industrial	N/C	N/C
Residential	55.66	0.89832
Developmental	N/C	N/C
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Protests by non-residents may be made by fax or mail prior to the close of the Board of Review.

**Richard A. Oliver,
Brevort Township Assessor**

Notice of Apprentice Application Carpentry and Millwright

Applications for Probationary Carpenter/Millwright Apprentices will be accepted Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout the year at 1219 1st Avenue South, Escanaba, Michigan 49829. Any applicant desiring to apply by mail, must include a self-addressed envelope to receive an application. Procurement for immediate vacancies shall be by April 4, 2009.

Applicants must:

- Be seventeen (17) years of age
- Have a sincere desire to become a Union Apprentice and be Physically able to perform the work
- Pass a U.B.C. qualifying test for Apprenticeship
- Be a High School Graduate or have a GED equivalent
- Be a resident of the Upper Peninsula, Northern Florence or Marinette Counties of Wisconsin for the last six (6) months

Former Applicants, Minorities and Females are encouraged to apply.

Equal Opportunity Sponsor

**Northern Michigan Joint
Apprenticeship & Training Committee**

Clark Township Minutes

**Clark Township Board of Trustees
February 19, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 6:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Hill, Lofdahl, Miller, Carpenter - Absent: Wellnitz

Carpenter amended the Consent Agenda to pull the Smith, Haughey, Rice and Roegge bill from the General Fund Bills. Miller amended the agenda to discuss an overdue ambulance bill as New Business #13 and New Business #14 about the purchase of a new tape recorder. Hill amended the agenda to discuss Road Commission bills.

Miller moved to approve the agenda as amended. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Miller moved to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Hill supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lofdahl, Miller, Hill, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Carpenter offered the Resolution to exempt Clark Township millages from potential TIFA. Lofdahl supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hill, Miller, Lofdahl, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Carpenter offered the Resolution to exempt the Township Allocated Millage from capture by a DDA. Miller supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lofdahl, Carpenter, Miller. Nays: Hill Motion Carried.

Hill offered the Poverty/Hardship Exemption resolution and amended it to remove pages 1, 2, and 3. Miller supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Carpenter, Lofdahl, Miller, Hill. Motion Carried.

Lofdahl moved to approve the Recreation Committee's request for \$9,885 for printing calendars for the 2010 calendar sale. Hill supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Carpenter, Hill, Lofdahl. Motion Carried.

Carpenter moved to amend the agenda to move #11 up to before #6. Lofdahl supported. All Ayes. Motion

Carried.

Lofdahl moved to approve the Ambulance Corps' request to publish for EMT coverage for .75 mills for 5 years to 2012-13 and include the ballot language. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Hill, Lofdahl, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Miller moved to spend \$75, plus shipping if need be, for a printer for the Deputy Supervisor's office. Lofdahl supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Carpenter, Hill, Lofdahl. Motion Carried.

Miller moved to spend \$5,886.06 to Bridgeway for these aerators that are there for repair.

Hill supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Lofdahl, Carpenter, Miller, Hill. Motion Carried.

Carpenter moved to reimburse Gerald Hill \$224 out of Fund 590 for travel expenses to a conference in Lansing. Lofdahl supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Hill, Carpenter, Lofdahl.

Motion Carried.

Carpenter moved not to pay the bill and that someone on the Board will call Smith, Haughey, Rice and Roegge regarding this. Hill supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Miller, Lofdahl, Hill, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Miller moved to submit the ambulance bill to this attorney for \$250 and see what happens

Lofdahl supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hill, Carpenter, Lofdahl, Miller. Motion Carried.

Carpenter moved to allow Miller to spend up to \$75 to purchase a new tape recorder. Lofdahl supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Hill, Miller, Carpenter, Lofdahl. Motion Carried.

Carpenter moved to table the Road Commission bills. Hill supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Lofdahl moved to adjourn. Miller supported. All Ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

NOTICE

Hendricks Township Board of Review

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review will be in session on the following days;

Monday	March 9	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 11	3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Taxpayers with any questions concerning their assessments are invited to appear before the board.

MARCH 2009 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE

PLEASE BE NOTIFIED that there will be public meetings of the Board of Review at the Moran Township Hall, located at W1362 US 2, St. Ignace. The first meeting will be Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of March. The meeting previously mentioned is intended for the Board of Review to review the assessment rolls and familiarize themselves with the changes that have occurred to better prepare them for taxpayer protests. The Board of Review will not address assessment appeals at this meeting.

Taxpayer protest will begin on Tuesday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on the 10th day of March (day session). The second meeting will be held on Thursday, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the 12th day of March (night session).

**Richard A. Oliver
Moran Township Assessor**

NOTICE Clark Township Zoning Board of Appeals

There will be a Public hearing of the Clark Township Zoning Board of Appeals March 24, 2009, at the Clark Township Hall, 207 E. Blindline Road, at 7:00 p.m., Clark Township, Mackinac County, Cedarville, MI 49719.

Case #261: Todd & Molly Snyder are requesting a variance for an accessory building that exceeds the allowable height & square footage on a vacant lot without a principal structure in Clark Twp.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
SEC 1 T41N R1W
Address: S. Park Ave.

Case #262: Steven & Kathy Fountain are requesting a variance for a second story that exceeds the allowable height in Clark Twp.
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
SEC 32 T42N R1E
Address: 926 S. Hill Island Rd.

Tentative text, property description and zoning map may be examined at the Township Clerk's Office during regular business hours 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each weekday.

CLARK TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE CLARK TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS 2009 PROPERTY VALUE BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

Location: 207 N. Blindline Road, Cedarville

**Monday, March 9
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. / 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, March 10
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2009 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Tentative Factor
101 - Agricultural	52.65%	0.9497
201 - Commercial	52.61%	0.9504
301 - Industrial	48.64%	1.0280
401 - Residential	55.79%	0.8962
Developmental NA	50.00%	1.0000
Timber Cutover NA	0.00%	1.0000
900 - Personal Property	50.00%	1.0000

Assessment notices were mailed out around February 12, 2009.

Note: If you cannot attend Board of Review, you may send an appeal in writing. Written appeals **MUST** be received no later than close of the BOR Tuesday, March 10 in order to be considered.

Faxed or email protests will not be accepted.

Please call the Assessor with any questions (906) 484-2672 Monday or Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Please submit written protests to Assessor by March 10, 2009. Americans with Disabilities (ADA): The Twp will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with disabilities at the BOR meetings - please contact the Hall with an advance (5) days notice.

Polly Cairns, CMAE3
Clark Twp Assessor
P.O. Box 367
Cedarville, MI 49719

NOTICE BOARD OF REVIEW City of Mackinac Island

Monday, March 23, 2009

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 24, 2009

9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**2nd Floor, City Hall,
Council Chambers**

Board of Review will remain open thru Friday, March 27, 2009 for written petitions, and will accept petitions in writing or petitions faxed to (906) 847-6430.

NOTICE

St. Ignace Township in Mackinac County Will Hold the Following Meetings:

**St. Ignace Township Hall,
N4298 Gorman Road, St. Ignace, MI 49781**

The March Board of Review Organizational Meeting:

This is to elect a Chairperson and review the assessment roll.
Tuesday, March 3, 2009 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Meetings held to allow property owners to review their assessment records:

Tuesday	March 10	9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	March 11	3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The following are the ratio factors in the respective classes:

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
Agriculture	101	50.00
Commercial	201	49.93
Industrial	301	49.20
Residential	401	49.11
Timber Cutover	501	N/A
Developmental	601	N/A
Personal Property	900	50.00

**Dale E. Nelson, Supervisor/Assessor
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