

Mackinac County Election Results

May 5, 2009

School Elections

All results are unofficial

St. Ignace Area Public Schools

Two board seats:
Rick Litzner 65
Jane Weiss 58

Les Cheneaux Community Schools

One board seat:
Lisa Dunn 244
Vernon Malkowski 89

Mackinac Island Public Schools

Two board seats:
Leanne Brodeur 185
Jason St. Onge 162
Erin Bagbey-Beck 103

Operating millage renewal proposal for 18 mills for one year, 2009.

Yes No
271 61

Moran Township Schools

One board seat:
Janice O'Boyle 67

Partial Term:
Nicole Brown 70

Two year millage proposal for 1.75 mills for building and site sinking fund.

Yes No
66 19

Pickford Public Schools

One board seat:
Lorri Brown 142
Christy Thurmes 83

Operating millage renew for 18 mills assessed against non-homestead property for school operations.

Yes No
187 41

City Election

All results are unofficial

City of Mackinac Island

Mayor: Margaret Doud 210
Clerk: Karen Lennard 230
Treasurer: Richard Linn 248
Supervisor: Ronald Dufina 162
Assessor: Robert Benser 187

Two council seats:
Michael Hart 170
Frank Blowski Jr. 157
Sam Barnwell 146

Township Proposals

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Clark Township

Millage Proposal, Ambulance EMT Proposal, 0.75 mill for five years.

Yes No
266 60

Hudson Township

Millage Proposal, Road Improvement Proposition, 2 mills for six years.

Yes No
29 6

Portage Township

Improvement millage up to 1 mill for three years.

Yes No
173 157

MICHIGAN POLITICS

By George Weeks



Shuffling of History Repeats

Republican Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land, a low-key, can-do officeholder now as she was as 1990s Kent County clerk, is one of the Big Four statewide politicians in Lansing.

Like Democratic Lieutenant Governor John Cherry and Republican Attorney General Mike Cox, Land is in the mix of 2010 contenders to replace term-limited Democratic Governor Jennifer Granholm.

Land at this early stage has not been as visible on the campaign and publicity-hyping trail as Cherry and Cox. But she told me last week: "I'm in no doubt about that," and will go into campaign mode within "the next couple of months."

Land is in a bit of a bureaucratic tiff with Granholm on an issue that relates to the current budget crunch, and to the all-too-frequent shuffling of state departments by governors.

In her State of the State Message, Granholm proposed saving about \$2 million by elimination of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL). It had been created by Governor John Engler, drawing in part on some of the historical functions long and effectively handled under secretaries of state.

(Engler also split up the Department of Natural Resources to create the Department of Environmental Quality. Granholm, wisely, has talked of a re-joining. She has asked Cherry to make recommendations on government reorganization.)

Granholm suggested that organizations outside of government might pick up some of HAL's functions. Michigan State University is among prospects.

On February 11, Land wrote Granholm saying her department: "is a logical agency for all current HAL functions." On March 4, Granholm thanked Land for her "generous" offer and said, "We will certainly give it every consideration as plans are being developed."

But last week, Granholm's office told me: "Not all functions were

once housed in the Department of State. Rather than assigning new responsibilities to the Secretary of State, in a time of declining revenue, the administration believes that the Secretary of State should focus instead on the Department's core mission, not on assuming new services neither the state nor the Department can afford."

"Assuming new services?" The Bureau of History, including the state archives, was a part of the Department of State well before the Engler and Granholm administrations. Woe is a governor who rules that the state cannot afford to preserve its own archives.

Land has an impressive record on crafting the kind of partnerships that Granholm says should pick up HAL's pieces. Land's Organ Donation project is an example: More than 1.5 million people signed up in the last five years, thanks to such folks as the Lions Club of Michigan, and such hospitals as Alpena General, Marquette General, and Northern Michigan Regional in Petoskey.

A good move was made in the Legislature last week when Senator Jason Allen (R- Traverse City) unveiled a 25-bill, bipartisan package to eliminate HAL as a department and move its programs to State.

"As Michigan faces a staggering budget deficit, we must be good stewards of taxpayer dollars," said Allen. "But we also must be good stewards of our historical gems."

Allen, chairman of the Senate Commerce and Tourism Committee, correctly says cultural tourism is integral to Michigan's economy.

Pathetic turnout; good result "Disgraceful," is how the Reverend Jesse Jackson described projections that only 15% of voters would turn out last week for Detroit's special election for mayor. Disgraceful it was.

"People are just fed up with everybody," savvy Bob Berg, who, after being communications direc-

tor for Republican Governor Bill Milliken was press secretary to the late Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young and then to disgraced ex-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, said of last week's historically low dismal turnout.

Former state House Speaker Paul Hillegonds, who subsequently was president of Detroit Renaissance and now is vice president of corporate affairs at DTE Energy and still heavily involved in Detroit issues, was "saddened" by the low turnout.

But he's encouraged by the victory of Dave Bing, as well he should be.

It works

Michigan's \$10 million national television ad campaign promoting tourism is "off to a great start," according to President Steven Yencich of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association.

In a letter to legislators, he said that during the campaign's first four weeks, visitors to Travel Michigan's Web site, michigan.org, are up 16% and page views are up 30% compared to the same four weeks in 2008. Visitors from the states of Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky are up by more than 100%.

He said the classy Pure Michigan national advertising "is designed to bring more distant visitors to Michigan this summer and beyond. As such, these trips would tend to be both longer and more expensive than in-state and regional trips."

In helping Granholm get the program through the Legislature, Senator Allen argued that for every dollar Michigan spends on out-of-state advertising, \$2.82 is generated for state coffers.

But, of course, it remains to be seen how many visitors to the site become visitors to the state.

George Weeks retired in 2006 after 22 years as political columnist for The Detroit News. His weekly Michigan Politics column is syndicated by Superior Features.

Postal Cancellations Offered for McGulpin Relighting

The Mackinaw City Post Office will commemorate the May 30 relighting of McGulpin Point Lighthouse for the first time in more than 100 years by canceling all stamped envelopes with a postmark featuring a likeness of the lighthouse.

At the ceremony, Mackinaw City Postmaster Adriane Waldie and former village Postmaster Dennis Godzik will be on hand between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. under a white tent on

the lighthouse grounds. They will hand cancel all properly stamped envelopes. Emmet County, owner of the lighthouse, will also offer specially designed commemorative envelopes to the public for \$3 each, or two for \$5.

Anyone unable to attend the event will have 30 days to obtain the postmark by mail. To do so, people can affix stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place

them in a larger stamped envelope addressed to: Postmaster, 306 East Central Avenue, Mackinaw City MI 49701.

After applying the cancellation stamp, the Postal Service will return the envelopes through the mail. There is no charge for the postmark.

McGulpin Point Lighthouse is about two miles west of the village on Headlands Road.

Signs will designate parking areas for the ceremony.

Two Local Residents Recovered From Swine Flu

The two individuals who were determined to have confirmed and probable cases of HINI (swine flu) virus, respectively, in Chippewa County May 4 had fully recovered and returned to normal activities Thursday, May 7, the Chippewa County Health Department reported.

There are no active cases of the

virus in Chippewa County, and the risk of spread of the illness was likely minimized, the department reported, by voluntary quarantine of the two people and by using treatment procedures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control.

People are urged to telephone their physicians if they experience flu-like

symptoms, and if they must go to a doctor's office or emergency room, they are asked not to walk in without calling first, the department advises. Following these guidelines can help minimize the spread of the virus.

The following measures are also advised to prevent the spread of illness:

- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash immediately.
- Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth.
- If you get sick, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to avoid infecting them.

Questions can be addressed at the health department's hotline at (906) 253-3141.

Brimley Schools Honor Students at Awards Program

The Brimley Middle/High School recognized student achievements at its annual Honors Banquet and Awards Program Wednesday, May 6, at the Cisler Center at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie.

Sydney Wilson will be the Class of 2009 valedictorian. Kelly Graham and Samantha McLeod are salutatorians.

The following students received recognition:

EUP Secondary School Principal Award: Jeremy Daniels, Samantha McLeod.

VFW Award: Jenni-Lynne Feighner.

Lions Club Award: Coby MacMaster.

Principal's Award: Mercy Htoo. National Honor Society inductees: Jereme Daniels, Tyler Root, Ellen Routhier, Cassandra Wilcox.

Academic Achievement Awards – Highest grade point average this year:

7th Grade: Shane Beaune; 8th Grade: Jeremy Teeple; 9th Grade: Megan Parish; 10th Grade: Meagan Mongene; 11th Grade: Miranda Reattoir.

Honor Students – 3.0 GPA for three quarters and first semester with no grade less than a C:

7th Grade: Thomas Aikens, Shane Beaune, Brandy Dykes, Karly Jerman, Marianne Keim, Emily Lounds, Jonah Mills, Anthony Mongene, Michael Pomeroy, Jocelynn Preville, Johnathon Preville.

8th Grade: Jayson Aikens, Sarah Bryer, Sarah Donnelly, Sierra Hascall, Thomas Kovas, Taylor Mills, Alyssa Recla, Dorianne Shaffer, Jeremy Teeple, Lauren Wilcox.

9th Grade: Amie Baragwanath, Sydney Beaune, Kelsey Bland, Benjamin Bryer, Jorja Carrick,

Mercy Htoo, Wa Ner Lae, Alexis Mason, Christina McKerchie, Megan Parish, Lance Piche, Christian Reattoir, Robyn Waybrant, Taylor Wilson, Tyffanie Wilson.

10th Grade: Rebecca Carruthers, Nicole Chesebro, Brianna Hascall, Abigail Knepfer, Daraka McLeod, Meagan Mongene, Amanda Starr, Johnathon Wilson.

11th Grade: Megan Carrick, Nathan Chesebro, Jessica Graham, Coby MacMaster, Miranda Reattoir, Cody Rindy, Tyler Root, Ellen Routhier, Samantha Synett, Cassandra Wilcox, Ashley Wisner.

12th Grade: Ashtyn Cameron, Jereme Daniels, Kelly Graham, Whitney Gravelle, Katerina Keenan, Dina Matta, Samantha McLeod, Donghwi Park, Sarah Searcy, Jennalee Somes, Kyle Waters, Sydney Wilson.

Cook Recognized with Outstanding Contribution to Education Award

Bill Cook of Escanaba was the recipient of the 2008 Outstanding Contribution to Forest Industry Education Award, the Northeastern Loggers' Association announced Thursday, May 7.

Association Chair Melvin Lewis presented the award to Mr. Cook at the Annual Loggers' Banquet in Bangor, Maine, in a ceremony attended by more than 200 members of the Northeast's forest products industry.

"The Michigan forests and beyond are sprinkled with people who've asked Bill Cook a question – and have gotten an answer," Mr. Lewis said. "Bill is an agent for Michigan State University's forestry extension service, and he really seems to get around. Bill is a regular contributor to *Michigan Forests* magazine and *Great Lakes Timber Professional* magazine. He's also the Web master and resident expert for several educational Web sites, including the Michigan

Society of American Foresters, the Upper Peninsula Tree Identification Web site, and the Michigan Forests Forever Teacher's Guide Web site. Indeed, Bill is the Michigan forest community's go-to-guy for information on forestry and forest industry education. His broad and effective focus on the public, industry, and school age audiences makes Bill Cook a natural selection for our Outstanding Contribution to Forest Industry Education Award."

Mr. Cook's forestry columns also appear in *The St. Ignace News*.

The Northeastern Loggers' Association, headquartered in Old Forge, New York, is a trade group representing nearly 2,000 members of the Northeast's logging, sawmilling, and paper industry. The Loggers' Banquet is held each year immediately prior to the Northeastern Forest Products Equipment Exposition.

Ladies Auxiliary Raffles Four-wheeler

American Legion Post 393 Ladies Auxiliary in Hulbert is hosting a steak dinner Saturday, May 23, at 5 p.m. at the American Legion Post.

The auxiliary is also raffling a Yamaha four-wheeler. Tickets for dinner are \$10 and raffle tickets are \$5.

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