

# Youngsters and Their Families Enjoy Day of Fishing at Castle Rock Ponds

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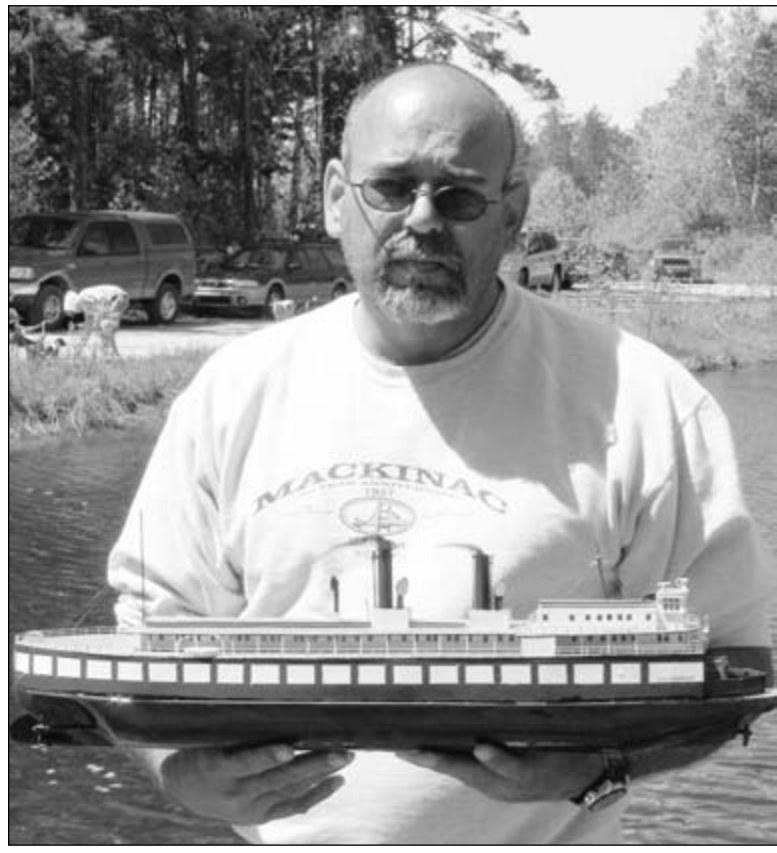
winning free fishing poles from the raffle each time they attended. They had won so many poles, in fact, that Mr. Moran began giving them as presents to his family members.

Fourteen-year-old Jordan Caldwell also had an excellent morning, catching a fish on his first cast. Jordan smiled as he proudly held up a wriggling bluegill, saying it was the first one of those he had ever caught. He also said it was the first time he had caught a fish on his first cast.

Junior anglers also had a chance to haul up 12- to 16-inch rainbow trout from a fishing tank later that morning. The fish were purchased by organizers of the event from the Cedar Brooke Fish Ponds and then added to the tank constructed by the St. Ignace Fire Department around 11 a.m.

Children eagerly surrounded the tank as trout were released in the tank. The fish swarmed around, exploring their sudden change in environment. The children delighted in watching as the fish swiftly approached the bait and latched onto their hooks.

Each trout that was caught was later released into the surrounding



**Brian Perrault of Fort Wayne, Indiana, poses with his remote controlled boat, Chief Wawatam. Mr. Perrault built the boat from scratch, and has been building model boats since he was a child.**

ponds for other anglers to catch. Several children posed with their quarry while parents snapped

photographs before releasing their fish.

The fishermen returned to the ponds after the rainbow trout experience. Many found fishing was as easy in the ponds as it was in the tank throughout the day.

Matt Casey of St. Ignace and his son, Logan, 8, stalked up and down the shores of the ponds, catching fish wherever they cast.

Logan, armed with his red and blue Superman fishing pole, caught a variety of fish from sun-



**Daniel Moran of St. Ignace helps untangle Lucas Gustafson's fishing line. Lucas is Nikolas Moran's friend, and attended the fishing day with the Moran family for the second year in a row.**

fish to miniature bullhead catfish. Mr. Casey said they would keep what they caught from the ponds and add them to their fish tank when they returned home. Proud as he was of his catches, Logan kept a respectable distance from the fish.

"He won't touch the worms and he won't touch the fish," Mr. Casey said.

"I touched the worms!" Logan protested.

Free hotdogs and orange drink were served in the afternoon to hungry participants. The hotdogs were donated by Pines Trading Post in memory of Tom Huskey of St. Ignace, a frequent customer.

As Al Colegrove, treasurer of the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club, belted out the names of raffle winners over a microphone, a small model boat cruised along the one of the ponds, evading fishing lines and surprising participants.

Brian Perrault of Fort Wayne, Indiana, drew attention to himself as he quietly sailed several of his homemade radio-controlled boats along the ponds. He hoisted one of his boats, a replica of the Chief Wawatam, out of the water and displayed it.

Mr. Perrault explained he had made model boats since he was a child. Three years ago, he began adding electronic parts to them and started sailing them in ponds in Fort Wayne. The boats often caused a stir with the local children, who would run up to him and begin asking questions, he said.

The result of his boats' voyage across Castle Rock Ponds were largely the same. One interested person even offered to buy his boats.

Smokey the Bear also made an appearance in the afternoon. Many children were eager to meet him, in between catching perch and the occasional box turtle.

Mr. Colegrove's voice echoed across the ponds the entire day, announcing the winners of fishing poles, tackle boxes, boat tickets, life vests, and other prizes.

About 210 people registered for the fishing day, short of the expected 300. Mr. Colegrove said the sportsmen's club was pleased with the turnout.

The event is sponsored by the Straits Area Sportsmen's Club, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, Hiawatha National Forest, Mackinaw Outfitters, Michigan Straits Chapter of the Safari Club International, and the 4-H Youth Program of Michigan State University Extension.

## Mackinaw City Project Underway

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Walk of Fame must purchase a paver stone for \$100. So far, \$20,000 worth of pavers have been purchased by union members and their families.

Mrs. McFarland expected the construction to begin sooner, but tough economic times stymied the project's progress. Many ironworkers have expressed interest in the project but did not have the money to spare for the pavers, Mrs. McFarland said.

The stones are inscribed with the names of ironworkers, their union number, and their profession. The bricks will be installed along North Huron Avenue, on both sides, between Nicolet and Ducharme streets.

A union in Des Moines, Iowa, purchased 10 bricks for deceased members, Mrs. McFarland said. A special insignia will be placed on each of their stones.

A monument will also be added to the Walk of Fame, although its exact form has yet to be decided.

The monument was originally envisioned as a stone slab, Mr. Lawson said, but it was later decided that an iron art piece would be more appropriate.

Money is being raised for the monument. Mr. Lawson hopes to raise enough funds through the coming winter to begin construction of the monument next year.

Union 401 of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, asked for a larger block to be designed upon hearing of the project, Mrs. McFarland said. The larger block will mark a particular area for each union, and the smaller paver stones will be placed around it.

"The ironworkers are taking this idea and running with it," Mrs. McFarland said. "It's fabulous."

The large blocks cost \$800, and 15 of the blocks have been purchased by unions.

Ironworkers will be notified when the first phase of the bricklaying has been completed and will be invited to an induction ceremony. Ironworkers will then be given a smaller keepsake brick inscribed exactly as the one added to the Walk

of Fame.

Workers unable to attend the ceremony may have their gift mailed to them.

Paver orders must be received before the end of the year to be added to the first construction phase, Mrs. McFarland said. Bricks will be added throughout the years as long as there is interest.

Besides honoring ironworkers, Mrs. McFarland wanted to give a voice to each ironworker's personal story. She notes that she has heard many interesting stories from ironworkers, although nobody would ever know the stories unless they personally spoke to one of them, she said.

Ironworkers who purchased bricks will be added to the Ironworkers Walk of Fame Web site. Each entry contains the workers' total number of projects, which projects they enjoyed the most, and their most memorable on-the-job story.

"We see letters from widows about what their husbands did. It's wonderful."

Mrs. McFarland was inspired to honor the ironworkers while she attended the Mackinac Bridge 50th Anniversary celebration in 2007. She proposed the project to the village council in January 2008.

She also believes that creating the Ironworkers Walk of Fame in Mackinaw City will generate tourism.

"I think over time it will make a difference and become its own entity," she said of the site.

## New Emergency Response Plan Suggested for Calls West of Brevort River

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Township board that the county 911 dispatch board contact St. Ignace and Hendricks simultaneously when a report is received west of the Brevort River. Hendricks could then arrive quickly, while St. Ignace would be on its way.

Mr. Dyer said it is essential that a change be made to protect lives. Time is critically important to aid those in accidents, he said, and asked the Moran Township board to make an effort on the hall's behalf to change the procedure.

Before a change in procedure can be made, the county 911 dispatch board must approve of the action.

The Moran Township board unanimously decided to send the request to the 911 board. Moran Township Clerk Kristine Vallier said the letter would ask, "all 911 calls in Moran Township north of the 3300 gridline and south of North 5400 gridline" to be directed to both the St. Ignace and Hendricks fire stations. The St. Ignace Fire Department would still retain primary respondent status,

and Hendricks would relinquish command upon St. Ignace's arrival.

Mr. Dyer said he was satisfied with the board's decision.

**Moran Township Continues Work on Noise Ordinance**

The township board continued its ongoing discussion of implementing a noise ordinance in Moran Township. The township does not have a noise ordinance and the board examined one used in Mackinaw City.

Mr. Durm stated he received several noise complaints, typically about businesses being too loud at

night. Mr. Durm also said he is affected, as he owns apartments near a bar. The rooms closest to the bar are nearly impossible to rent out because of the noise, he said. He stayed in one of the rooms and was unable to sleep.

The board expressed concern about the enforcement of such an ordinance. Members said they doubt police would be able to respond to such complaints.

It was also noted that the township does not possess appropriate equipment to measure sound levels, necessary to enforce an ordi-

nance. A suggestion made at an earlier meeting would be to ask the county sheriff to measure noise levels upon request.

Mr. Durm suggested one solution would be for residents to record the infractions as proof, and they could then pursue the complaint as a civil matter.

The board tabled the issue until its next meeting July 1, allowing time to study Mackinaw City's noise ordinance further. Trustee Mark Spencer noted a noise ordinance would require a public hearing before adoption.




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