

Weddings

Piippo, Svendsen



Cassandra and Michael Svendsen (Photograph by Paul Retherford Photography)

Cassandra Ann Piippo and Michael James Svendsen were united in marriage Saturday, August 15, 2009, at Zion Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Ignace. The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father, Gerald Piippo. The bride's grandfather, the Reverend Gene C. Harrison, performed the traditional Christian ceremony. Music was provided by pianist Elaine Sprague.

The bride is the daughter of Gerald and Lynne Piippo of St. Ignace. The groom is the son of James and Kathryn Svendsen of Elk River, Minnesota.

The bride wore a lace, beaded, floor length, ivory, sleeveless gown with a chapel lace train by Spanish designer Pronovias. She wore a veil of ivory tulle and adorned her hair with a white plumeria and crystal beads. She carried a ribbon-tied bouquet of white roses, hydrangea, stephanotis, chrysanthemums, and blue delphinium.

Lacy Delgreco of Canton served as the matron of honor for her sister. She wore a knee-length, taffeta, cobalt blue gown and carried a similar bouquet to the bride's.

The groom and his attendants, with his father and the father of the bride, wore black suits with cobalt blue accessories. Best man was Josh VanAble of Farmington, Minnesota. The bride's and groom's brothers, Jesse Piippo and Andrew Svendsen, served as ushers.

A dinner began the reception at Little Bear East Arena, where nearly 200 friends and family dined and celebrated with the newlyweds. Dinner was followed by cake, dancing, and viewing the St. Ignace fireworks outside. Guests came from Switzerland, Pennsylvania, Texas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, Illinois, and Michigan.

The couple will make their home in Hugo, Minnesota.

Robinson, Amacher

Beth Ann Robinson and Paul "Ray" Amacher of Moran were united in marriage Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at St. Ignace with Father Pawel Mecwel officiating. Music was provided by MariAn Huhn and James Evers.

The bride is the daughter of John "Bucky" and Theresa Robinson of St. Ignace, and was given in marriage by her parents.

The groom is the son of Paul and Cheryl Amacher of Moran and Donna Robach of St. Ignace

The bride wore a white gown made by her aunt, Frances Leavitt.

Denise Maxson was the maid of honor, while John Visnaw served as best man.

The reception took place at the Driftwood Restaurant and Sports Bar. The cake was made by Merv Wyse.

The bride is a 1996 graduate of



Paul and Beth Amacher

LaSalle High School and is employed at Kewadin Shores Casino and Hotel.

The groom attended LaSalle High School and is employed at Driftwood Restaurant.

The couple resides in Moran with their two children, Shawn, 5, and Paige, 20 months. They plan to take a wedding trip in the spring.

McLeod, Eifler

Shelly McLeod of St. Ignace and LeRoy Eifler II of Battle Creek were united in marriage Saturday, August 1, 2009, at the United Methodist Church in St. Ignace with the Reverend Steven Ashafe and Pastor Ian Niecko officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Donald and Kathy McLeod of St. Ignace, and was given in marriage by her father.

The groom is the son of Dena Browne of Battle Creek.

The bride wore an ivory and platinum gown edged with flowers. She carried a bouquet of white calla lilies.

Jessica Garrison of Brighton was maid of honor, and was accompanied by bridesmaids Jenna Caponey of Livonia, Lisa Arther of Muskegon, and Sara McDuff of Battle Creek. The bridesmaids wore watermelon-colored, A-line dresses and carried an assortment of white and pink flowers.

Zachary Young served as best man and was accompanied by groomsmen Eric Allman and Trae Allman, both of Battle Creek, and Donnie McLeod of St. Ignace.

Music for the ceremony was provided by Tess Miller and Dawn Akers.

A reception was held on an Arnold Line ferry.

The bride is the granddaughter of Ray and Marvel Walker of St. Ignace



LeRoy and Shelly Eifler

and Charles Kingsbury of St. Ignace. She is employed at Phoenix School District Number 1 in Phoenix, Arizona.

The groom is employed by LandStar. He is the grandson of Ruby Eifler of Battle Creek.

The couple resides in Glendale, Arizona.

Mackinac County Receives \$50,000 MDOT Grant for Bus Study

By Michael Ayala

The state will pick up the tab for a study to determine if a busing program is needed in Mackinac County, commissioners learned Thursday, September 10. County commissioners expressed cautious optimism about the idea, saying a county-wide bus system could be highly beneficial for residents, but it will ultimately be up to the study to determine if such a plan is feasible.

A \$10,000 match payment was initially required from the county to

get the study, and the state has now agreed to pay that portion of the bill after county commissioners asked the state highway department for a grant.

Chair Dawn Nelson said during the meeting a county bus service would enable people to get to and from work, purchase groceries, and provide relief from high gas pump prices. The study has not been scheduled yet, and may take a considerable amount of time, commissioner Calvin "Bucky" McPhee said.

The county-wide study will encompass each township and will involve interviewing residents and township supervisors to see if they would use a bus service if one is available.

The idea of county-wide bus transportation was raised to the county board by Julie Waldron of the Mackinac Transportation Committee of the Department of Human Services in November 2008.

County Cafeteria Benefits Plan Updated

County employees who opt not to take insurance benefits may receive \$2,500 in lieu of coverage, but a new amendment to the insurance plan now stipulates that those who do so must have proof of insurance first. County commissioners unanimously approved this change, following a suggestion of the county auditors to review the benefits plan, which had remained unchanged since 1998.

The proof-of-insurance stipulation brings the county employee plan in line with Internal Revenue Service standards.

County Funding Report Scrutinized

Treasurer Nora Massey presented her quarterly report of the county's funding types and amounts to the commission. Much of the county's money is invested in First National Bank, with nearly \$2 mil-

lion invested in certificates of deposit.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation can insure \$250,000 per depositor at each bank. Commissioners worried about the remaining uninsured money in the First National Bank account. Mrs. Massey said she spoke with Jim North, President of First National Bank at St. Ignace, and was able to work out a plan to collateralize the uninsured money.

Government securities will be purchased in the amount of the leftover certificates of deposit, ensuring the money will be safe if the bank were to fail, Mrs. Massey said.

Accounts with other banks contain uninsured certificates of deposit, according to the report. Mrs. Massey will seek to collateralize them, as well. Collateralizing accounts can be expensive for banks, she said, so it may be difficult to convince others to follow First National's example.

Annual Albany Trail Ride Begins in DeTour Saturday

The third annual Albany Trail Ride to benefit children attending Camp Quality will be Saturday, September 19, at the Albany Restaurant in DeTour. Owner of the restaurant Karen Bennett said 38

people have registered for the 20-mile horseback ride along Lake Huron, up two from last year.

Riders will leave the restaurant at 10 a.m., riding 10 miles east into the woods to have a cookout and camp-

fire and then 10 miles back.

Riders are coming from all over the state, including the Flint, Clair, Sault Ste. Marie, and Manistee areas. Riders pay \$50 to participate in the ride as well as collect pledges from individuals and businesses to raise funds for the camp. Last year the ride raised \$7,900 for the Boyne City camp that benefits young cancer patients. Mrs. Bennett hopes to exceed that amount.

"I hope everybody enjoys themselves," she said. "It's going to be hard to tell how much money will be raised with the way the economy is."

Those who would like to be notified for next year's Albany Trail Ride may contact Karen Bennett at (906) 297-8321. Riders must bring their own horses to participate.

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