

St. Ignace

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Looking Back

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for Milwaukee, Wis., where they will be inducted to the armed services to meet the county's October draft call.

In the group will be Thorvid Strom of Gould City, Patrick H. Wood and Peter J. Alexander of St. Ignace.

According to Mrs. Lydia M. Conlogue, clerk of the local board of selective service, there will be no one sent this month for pre-induction examination.

A single coach replaces the Michigan Central mail train to Detroit. It leaves Mackinaw City at 8:45 a. m. and reaches Detroit at 4:25 p. m. The Beeline leaves Detroit at 8:05 a. m. and reaches Mackinaw City at 4 p. m. It runs daily including Sundays.

Hope for the sale of the last and mightiest ship of Michigan's Straits navy is slim, according to Dale Arnold of the U. P. I. news service, quoting highway officials.

The Vacationland, sparkling white and impressive, rests easily in its specially-made slip at Mackinaw City, still the property of the highway department nearly two years after it went out of service.

The other four ships of the Straits fleet are sold or optioned to be sold. The Cheboygan, a steel-hulled craft, is now a giant potato bin at Washington Island off the tip of Wisconsin between Green Bay and Lake Huron.

It sold for \$25,000. The smallest of the five, the Straits of Mackinac, went to one of two transit lines running ferries from Mackinac Island to St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. That sold for \$25,000 also.

The Petoskey and the Munising are berthed at St. Ignace and are on option to a transportation company awaiting government approval for operating a ferry service between Frankfort and Milwaukee. The ships will be bought, at a total of \$160,000, and used there if the operation is approved.

The Mackinac Island Chamber of Commerce information booth on Dock No 1 closed for the season on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Frank Cheeseman has been in charge of the booth this season.

Mackinac Island's post office was moved into its new building on Saturday and officially opened for business September 21 at 8:30 a. m.

First stamp sale from the new quarters was made to Alderman C. James Alford. Thus Market street, the original main street here, is again taking strides in that direction.

On Monday morning of this week, Blake J. Small, local real estate broker, received a long distance call from L. C. Stewart, general manager of the Central Greyhound Lines, to inform him that he is to be their agent for the sale of the Greyhound bus depot here and other land.

"Greyhound service will continue from its present location here," said Small, "at least until after the sale and other plans have been made.

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The massive wood-laminated structural beams are in place and workmen are installing the interlocking roof boards on the 6,600 square-foot museum building in the Father Marquette Memorial Park at St. Ignace.

Excavation work on the \$543,847 building began in June, and in addition to work on the museum structure, Omega Construction Company of Grandville, Michigan, has poured most of the cement floor and replaced a wood-chipped path from the memorial structure to the museum with a cement sidewalk. The sidewalk will continue past the museum to the planned 1,000 seat outdoor amphitheater.

The Biscayne Bay, a new 140-foot ice-breaking tug is expected to be commissioned at her future berth, the St. Ignace Coast Guard Station on December 8.

The 2,000 horsepower vessel, which will be used in the Straits of Mackinac area, was accepted for the Commandant of the Coast Guard at a Tacoma, Washington shipyard two weekends ago by Captain Joseph Wubbold, Group Sault Coast Guard Commander.

The old State Dock, by the Coast Guard Station is being readied for the arrival of the tug.

Representatives of Gourdie, Fraser and Associates, of Traverse City, consulting engineers for the City of St. Ignace's sewage treatment project presented its amended facility plan that recommends construction of a \$7.7 million facility to the public at a hearing Monday night, September 24, but surprisingly only three St. Ignace residents attended.

A one-year contract for the 1979 to 1980 school year as been ratified between St. Ignace Area School teachers and the St. Ignace Board of Education ending negotiations which began the first part of May.

Teachers will receive a 49 percent increase over last year's money sent on instructor's salaries. This complies with President Carter's guidelines of staying within a 7 percent wage increase in new monies.

Average teacher increases, including the increment, amounted to 9.9 percent. This is on an individual basis, with some getting more or less, said Jerry Gallagher, superintendent of St. Ignace Area Schools. The whole group percent of new monies is the 4.9, he said, which is what must fall into the President's guidelines. The amount wasn't more than 4.9 owing to the fact that there was a reduction in three teacher positions due to the lower enrollment.

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Contract negotiations between the board of education and the 20 teachers of the Pickford Public School system remain stalemated this week, with the teachers' rejection of the latest contract offer from the board.

Work on the Hill Island - Island Number Eight bridge has been postponed until Monday, October 1, . . . to allow time for the arrival of repair materials and so that work will begin early in the week.

Repair on the bridge has become necessary because of the failure of the eastern approach support beams over the circulation canal. The failure of this portion of the bridge - the remainder of the structure is considered to be in good condition - has caused the restriction of its use to vehicles weighing less than three tons.



To celebrate National Talk Like a Pirate Day, St. Ignace first grade students came to school in swash-buckling garb Friday, September 18. "Pirates" pictured (front, from left) are Maizey Brown, Benj North, Addison Cheeseman; (back) Justin Tracy, Jackson Ingalls, Avery Fitzgerald, and Matthew Valletta. The students compared and contrasted fact and fiction in pirate stories, read pirate books, worked on pirate-themed crafts, and heard a lecture on the history of piracy from middle school teacher Pat Chargo. The national observance was September 19.

Tuesday, September 22, was the official first day of autumn. The leaves are already changing color.

Our new hospital and Lambert Tribal Center is progressing well. The paving, sidewalks, light poles, and planting of the lawn is completed. Many benches have arrived for the outside area.

Hazel (nee Obeshaw) and Jerry Friday of Prattville, Alabama, arrived in town last week. While here they visited relatives and friends. Cookie Thomas was happy to see his niece, Hazel. They also

traveled to Rudyard, where sister, Minnie Piippo, resides. In their travels, the couple noticed many changes in the area just in a year's time.

Birthday wishes to Clara Boahbedason October 1.

Angela Litzner is happy to announce that her baby grandson, Elijah, was released from the Milwaukee Children's Hospital Friday, September 11, for the first time since he was born May 19, 2009. Elijah's parents are Giles and Janel Litzner.

Happy wedding anniversary to Fred and Rilla Halberg September 22.

Margaret Peacock was seen watering all the beautiful flowers in town. She tells me they're watered about once a week.

Tuesday, September 15, while biking on a gravel road in the city, I spotted a nice looking fox crossing the road.

Peg McCarry traveled to St. Ignace one day last week for a little shopping.

I had the opportunity to have lunch with Drew Foster, Carol Spidell, and Mary Edwards at Community Action. Mary was excited and asked me to stay and visit the "Take Five" program, where there were many projects going on, including puzzles, sewing, and painting. Angela Litzner of St. Ignace and Donna Dutcher of Hessel keep the folks busy.

Anyone may volunteer at any time, and if you have a new idea for them, contact the center.

Many colorful lap quilts have been stitched together. Some were sold during truck show weekend, while a few were donated to Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care.

One day last week, a pack of coyotes were reportedly seen in Moran Township by my nephew, Wesley Therrian. There were four in all.

Happy birthday to Christopher Stearns September 24, Tom Krause September 27, and Kathy McLeod September 28. Wishing all of you a good day.

Katherine Babcock's son, Lee Smith, and family were visitors at the pasty shop for a few days. Their son, Lee, has been here for a month helping out at the pasty shop.

Helen Thompson celebrated her birthday September 5. Her son and daughter-in-law, Tim and Kelly Stevens, made a special dinner of tacos, which Helen had served for Kelly's birthday.

I met up with Joan (nee Tarnutzer) and Tom Cardiff of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, so we enjoyed lunch with them.

Sunsets are earlier now, but still beautiful.

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