

Fort de Buade Works To Save Artifacts From Pests

By Mark Tower

Fort de Buade history museum is getting some upgraded flooring in its main display section and protection for its artifacts and storage cases from wood-boring insect larva. The Michilimackinac Historical Society is spending \$3,950 on the project, which was approved by the St. Ignace Fort de Buade Committee September 30.

Judi Engle, museum director and president of the Michilimackinac Historical Society, told the committee she found evidence of what she called "woodworms" in several display cases around the museum. She also said the floors under the museums main displays need repainting and re-carpeting to help reduce bacteria and fungus there.

Mrs. Engle said she has cleaned the cases and incorporated acid-free paper in the displays.

Local residents and businesses volunteered time and materials to partially cover the cost of repainting the floor and replacing the carpet, she noted.

The \$3,950 from the City of St. Ignace is part of tribal money allocated to the city from 2% of slot machine proceeds. The Fort de Buade committee also approved funding of up to \$7,700 to complete any maintenance projects that the city is responsible for under its contract with the historical society.

In the contract with the historical society, the city agrees to cover any major repairs and the historical society agrees to pay up to \$500 each financial quarter for regular maintenance and minor repairs.

The museum, which officially closed to visitors September 30, will not stay open during the winter months, although Mrs. Engle said she would like to hold genealogy workshops and crafting events at the activity center if funding can be made available.

If she cannot get a grant for that, the museum will re-open next spring.



New carpet, donated by Superior Floor Covering, was installed in the entry hall to the Fort de Buade museum in downtown St. Ignace. The new carpet, along with other improvements, is a step to make the museum cleaner and more bacteria-free, a change museum director Judi Engle will help preserve the many artifacts housed inside.

At right: A fresh coat of paint covers the floor in the main display area of the Fort de Buade museum in downtown St. Ignace. The repainting, done with help from community volunteers, is a part of museum director Judi Engle's plan to clean aged and dirty areas of the museum that could pose a threat to the many artifacts housed there.



Bayliss Public Library Collects Canned Goods for Fines

Bayliss Public Library in Sault Ste. Marie will be collecting non-perishable food items to reduce library fines Tuesday, December 1, through Saturday, December 12. One food item equals one dollar.

Food donations cannot be used as payment for lost items or for collection fees on long overdue accounts. Items will be donated by the library to the food pantry at the First United Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie.

Community Singspiration Is Dec. 6

The Rudyard Bible Church is hosting a Community Singspiration Sunday, December 6, at 6 p.m. at the church. The event is open to the public and a cookie reception will follow.

County Jail Will Get New Carpet

The Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, meeting Thursday, November 12, accepted a bid from Superior Floor Covering of St. Ignace for 123 square yards of carpeting to be installed in the sheriff's office. Superior was the lowest of two bids at \$2,680, while the other bid from Everson's Home Furnishings of St. Ignace and Newberry was \$4,158.

Christmas Bazaar

Sunday, Dec. 6th

Noon - 4 p.m.

Engadine High School Gym

Arts • Crafts • Jewelry • Books
Christmas Wreaths
Something for Everyone!

Craft Tables Still Available!
Call Natasha at 906-477-6130

SANTA Arrives at 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

Sponsored by Top of the Lakes Association

Girl Scouts
will be collecting
non-perishable food,
paper and personal
hygiene products
for local pantry

Annual Christmas Bazaar

November 28th

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

At The Les Cheneaux Community School

Holiday Extravaganza!

Music Department Concert
Elementary through High School Performers

Monday, December 7th

Prelude 6:15 p.m. • Concert 6:30 p.m.

LaSalle High School Gymnasium, St. Ignace

Prelude:

Community Steel Band

Featuring:

6th Grade, Junior High & High School Concert Bands
Youth & Children's Chorus

St. Ignace Jazz & Steel Bands

MAC Percussion Groups

Admission: Students \$1⁰⁰ • Adults \$2⁰⁰ • Family \$5⁰⁰

Holiday Discs Will Be Available!

This disc is a combination of Tempered Steel (Adult Steel Drum Band),
Saints of Steel (High School Steel Drum Band),
Squirts of Steel (Junior High Steel Drum Band)

Includes 12 Tracks of a variety of holiday tunes and is the first
of a multi-volume collection of holiday tunes!

New Weather Equipment Coming to Island Airport

A new weather reporting system will be installed next summer at the Mackinac Island Airport, one of a number of improvements planned for the facility that include pavement and crack repair, repainting line markings, and additional tree removal from the east and west runway approaches.

The weather system, installed in 1991 and now obsolete, allows pilots to access the current weather from the ground and air. Transmitted data includes visibility, cloud height, temperature, wind direction, and wind velocity. Access is available by two-way radio, a computer terminal at the airport which is also visible from the outside when the building is locked, and by telephone (847-3778).

The system is important to pilots, especially because of the

varying weather conditions in the Straits of Mackinac, said airport manager Dennis Bradley. The Island can be blanketed in fog, even while skies are clear elsewhere in the area.

"It's a pretty important system," said Mr. Bradley. "It was a good day when they put it in."

The projects are funded with a \$268,685 grant approved by the Michigan Aeronautics Commission Wednesday, November 18, and are part of the airport's 10 year strategic plan, said Phil Porter, director of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, which operates the airport.

Between 25 and 30 trees will be removed this winter by a park crew, he noted.

A \$4 million runway rehabilitation project is a separate project and awaits additional funding.

Davenport Descendants Visit Home on Mackinac Island

Eleven direct descendants and their families of Ambrose and Susan Davenport of Mackinac Island visited the Davenport home Monday, October 12, on the Island. The Davenport house was one of the older two-story log cabins built in Michigan. It was built in 1805.

While on the Island, they visited Mayor Margaret Doud, who told them some of the history of the Island. The group enjoyed their time on the Island, participant Karen Frazier reported, since this was the first time some of them met.

Family members making the trip were Wayne "Teto" and Janet King of Romulus, Richard and Betty Wachtu, and Sharon Arnold, all of Cheboygan,

Winnfred and Bob Wertz of Sault Ste. Marie, Ed Beckman, Vivian and Chuck Wilson, and Karen Frazier, all of Naubinway, Mary Jo and Beau Firlick of Boyne City, Roger and Shirley Saffer of Manistique, and Beth (nee Wachter) Albrecht of Carp Lake.

Some of the group are related to the McGulpins. The group visited that house as well, but were unable to see the inside. Other families the group is related to on Mackinac Island include Duffina, Metty, Chambers, Belonga, King, and Allard.

A family history of the Davenports is being compiled. Anyone related can share stories and pictures by contacting Mrs. Frazier at (906) 477-6294.

Christmas Fun Fair

Saturday, December 5th

Little Bear East
Noon to 3 p.m.

Visit From
Santa!

Free
Games

Free
Cakewalk

Free
Food

~ All Children Welcome ~

Sponsored by Keith Massaway, Pat Rickley, St. Ignace Tribal Elders,
United Way, and the Soup and Fry Bread Benefit



FEASIBILITY AND BENEFITS OF RECYCLING IN THE EASTERN U.P.

Please join us for an informative community presentation on the feasibility and benefits of recycling in the Eastern U.P., sponsored by the EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission and provided by the Mackinac County MSU - Extension Office with funding from USDA Rural Development.

Two Locations!!

St. Ignace
Tuesday, December 8
7:00 p.m.
Little Bear East
275 Marquette St.

Cedarville
Wednesday, December 9
7:00 p.m.
Clark Township Hall
207 N. Blindline Rd.

For more information please contact
EUP Regional Planning at
(906) 635-1581 or e-mail to eupregion@att.net



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Hey Kids!
Send your letter to Santa

He's excited to hear from you.

Drop off or mail your letters to City of St. Ignace,
396 N. State Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781

Make sure you include a self-addressed stamped
envelope so he can write back to you.

All letters must be received by December 16
because Santa will be busy filling his sleigh