

HGTV Will Feature Island Crafts in '08 Holiday Show

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Island landmarks, and cottages on tree ornaments sparked the interest of the production company, which Ms. Sortor said would interest viewers. Many people, she said, decorate trees with ornaments that remind them of special times and places they have visited.

"It brings back memories," Ms. Martin said of the scenes on the ornaments. "I have friends who collect one each year."

She began the hobby as a child by painting on rocks found along the shore.

Also interviewed for their handmade crafts were Caroline LaPine and Gwen Bagbey. Of particular interest, said Ms. Sortor, was a dinosaur designed to hold children's crayons and scissors.

Weight Is an Important Key in Overall Health

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of the coin. Remember, it's a lot easier and safer to lose a pound or two in a week, and keep it off, than trying to lose lots more rapidly, only to put it on again, and then some.

It is imperative to regard your weight as an important factor in your overall health. It becomes a risk factor beginning at an excess of 25 pounds, or more. Maintaining a healthy weight is certainly an important goal.

Dr. Silva is a professor of surgery at Wayne State University and a resident of Woodbluff on Mackinac Island.

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(formerly Mackinac Island)

sors. The pattern for the dinosaur was found in a craft magazine, said Mrs. Bagbey, who admitted she had never been interviewed before and was a little nervous when the camera was rolling.

"I do it to help my mom out," she said of the craft projects.

Also chosen for filming was the Island's floral shop on Market Street. Although closed for the season, Weber's Floral is decorated with lilac colors, and the Island's relationship with lilacs will be of interest to viewers, said Ms. Sortor.

The film shot on the Island will be shipped to the company's Colorado office, where staff will write and edit the show before it is delivered to HGTV and shown sometime next Christmas season.

"Everyone on the Island had been wonderful to us," said Ms. Sortor. "We've never been here in the off-season before. We absolutely love it. It's beautiful, and we're having a great time."

Island May See Enhanced 911 in 2008

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Crier. "We just need someone with expertise to examine it."

The city, he said, will communicate any concerns or questions it might have with Edison Sault.

As part of an agreement reached last year between the city and electric company, Edison Sault also will hire an advisor not connected to the company or its parent company, Wisconsin Energy Corporation of Milwaukee. The advisor will follow a 15-step process to insure the company buys only the most competitively priced power.

Enhanced 911 Service

Work on establishing enhanced 911 service on the Island is in progress, and Bryce Tracy, the county's emergency 911 coordinator said it could be a year away.

"I can't put a time line on it," he said, "but we're hoping within a year."

The city, AT&T, and Mr. Tracy are working on the project.

"We need to match the phone number to the owner," said Mr. Tracy, "and the physical loca-

tion."

AT&T is in the process of matching addresses with phone numbers. Then the company will verify phone numbers with owners, and confirm a physical location. Then it will match the information with the Island's address map, he said.

Those calling 911 on the Island are connected to the Michigan State Police central dispatch center in Negaunee. Callers need to provide their location. Under an enhanced 911 system, the location is automatically noted on the dispatcher's computer screen. Mr. Tracy said,

callers still are asked the location of the emergency under the enhanced system since the closest response team does not appear on the screen at the call center.

The enhanced 911 service already is being charged to Island residents on their telephone bills, so the rates are not expected to rise when the service is finally activated. Mackinac Island was the last municipality in Mackinac County to join the enhanced 911 program. Bois Blanc Island is exempted because of communications difficulties.

McCabe Family To Offer Books

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Paging through the volumes has given him insight into his father and brought back memories.

"There is a lot of my father here," he said. "There is a presence. I look behind me and I almost expect to see him in the next room. He always spoke of his beloved Mackinac Island."

The family is keeping all of Dr. McCabe's letters, while donating many of his books.

"We have a number of books," said Mr. McCabe, "that need to find new homes. It would be nice to have them appreciated by a new set of eyes."

Those interested in adding one of Dr. McCabe's books to their library may call Mrs. McCabe at (906) 847-3282 to set up a time to stop by the house.

"I hope people will get a book that will mean a lot to them," she said.

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