

# DeTour Area

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Here it is, the middle of September and our weather has been almost luxurious. How lucky we are to live in an area surrounded by so much natural beauty. This writer has been spending a lot of time recently watching freighter passage and learning a bit more about the birds in the area. It offers so much pleasure and all you need to do is take a look around. It really puts things in perspective considering the blight brought on by Hurricane Katrina for so many who have lost so much in such a devastating and quick way; their families and pets too.

Everyone should attend the DeTour High Girl's basketball games. Forget the Detroit Shock; this is a real competitive sport, right here at home. Last Thursday's game against Pickford was truly exciting. Lizzie Lehman, with all the focus of a pro, took the game out of a tie in the last few seconds. Wow. The J.V. team isn't bad either. What a great way to spend an evening out. Great basketball, good food, and you get to cheer on these strong girls. Go Raiders!

The Third Annual Happy Apple Saturday is starting to look like a really fun day for those of all ages

# Gould City

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The Friends of the Engadine Library will meet Tuesday, September 20, at 7 p.m. to discuss the October Book Fair and afterschool library activities. Come and join them. You may have some wonderful ideas that they can use.

Congratulations to Tony and Kimberly (nee Abram) Kalmbach on the birth of their son, Luke Timothy, who arrived in this world Friday, September 9, at a healthy 8 pounds, 3.4 ounces. Mother and son are doing great and so, I should mention, are the grandmothers. This is a first grandchild for Tim and Dawn Abrams. The paternal grandparents are Daryl and Deb Kalmbach. He was happily welcomed into the family. We wish them all the luck with their new family.

The Original Michigan Fiddlers Jamboree will be Saturday, September 24, at the American Legion Hall in Newberry. There will be entertainment from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., when they break for dinner and return later to the hall for square dancing. These are not professional players, just a group of people who really enjoy playing instruments and love music. Any kind of a "non-electric" instrument is acceptable to play with the group. Anyone can join the back-up players while the main performers are playing. The main focus is, of course, on those who play the fiddle. Anyone who can play an instrument is welcome to join the fun. Food is served at the hall by the ladies from the Tahquamenon Logging Museum. The day runs from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m.

September is Hunting and Fishing Month at the Seney Wildlife Refuge. The Refuge offers a variety of programs and activities on hunting and fishing. Scout Activity Day is Saturday, October 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for lower elementary boys and girls. The Visitor Center and

# Local Sergeant Serving in Iraq

Air Force Staff Sergeant Nathan D. Geldner is deployed overseas as part of continuing U.S. military operations in Iraq. A graduate of LaSalle High School, Staff Sgt. Geldner is a civil engineer with seven years of military service. He is the stepson of Shelly Geldner of Bayshore Road in St. Ignace.

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in the area. The day will take place in downtown DeTour area. This year more people are looking forward to getting involved. There will be more focus on activities for kids to do as well. Events during the day are a 50/50 raffle, the DeTour Homemakers will be selling homemade "Elephant Ears," many vendors selling jams, soaps, gourmet foods, jewelry, and Tupperware. One event will be the second annual Apple Pie Contest at the Dockside Café. Bring your special recipe for Apple Pie in by 10 a.m. for judging at 1 p.m. Fire Chief Red Adams has offered to bring down the fire trucks for the kids to check out. There will be face painting, storytelling, and possibly street actors too. If you are interested in participating or have an idea to share that would be fun to add to Happy Apple Saturday, please contact me and I will direct you to the proper person.

Best wishes to Hal Burton during his recovery. Our thoughts and prayers go to him and his family.

Enjoy your week. Here is a thought for you: Don't cross the stream to look for water. (Swedish proverb)

Marshland Wildlife Drive will close Saturday, October 15. You can call the Refuge at (906) 586-9851 for details and schedules. Fall is a beautiful time to drive through with all the trees in color and a great time to take pictures. The feel in the cool morning air reminds us that the time is drawing close, when that nasty white stuff will start to fall again. Enjoy our beautiful scenery while you can.

Happy birthday to Tracy Polachek September 15.

Happy anniversary to Mike and Nancy Bigger September 17 and Chad and Tracy Germain September 21. Hope you all have a great day.

Stay safe and stay well. See you next week.

# Rexton-Garnet

Well, the gas prices sure scared us out of a vacation. We were all set to leave for Wyoming to visit my sister, when the rumors, some of which proved to be true, started flying, so after a little calculating, it was determined that a large portion of our budget would go toward the ever-climbing gas prices, so needless to say, we didn't go. The prices are working their way downward, which is helpful to those of us who commute every day more than 30 miles.

The weather continues to delight everyone and Labor Day truly turned out to be that. Windows got washed, canning was done from the bountiful gardens, lawns mowed, and some things put away for fall and the white stuff that follows. All in all, with a few hours of rain, the last few weeks have been as close to perfect weather wise as we can hope to get.

Getting into the vacation mode, or so I thought, put any tiny town news on the back burner. I know I've missed a lot, but the phone stayed fairly quiet. I do believe everyone thought I had left.

My friend and neighbor, Connie Paquin, who I understood had surgery and a tough recovery in late July, did call and let me know of the many family members and friends who passed through her door and said hello and visited with her mom, Shine. Among those were Dick and Diane Stebelton Jr. of Brooklyn, Dick and Rita Stebleton of Brimley, along with a niece, Ada Patch, and a nephew, Robert Bisard, with a friend, Bob, of Grand Rapids. They didn't all show up at once though, even though a large contingent showed up to celebrate Shine's 77th birthday a few days early with balloons, flowers, and a cake holding 77 candles. Among those were Lori and Samantha Bates of Lennon, Pam and Bob Beasinger of Flint, David, Ruthie, Camdon, Misty, and Raina Johnson, along with Shine's brother-in-law, Jack Jackson of Mt. Morris. Following close behind were Mary and Don Markgraff and Mary's dad, Floyd Ivester, of Maybee. Shine, after all the visiting,

managed to blow out 76 of those 77 candles and still have time to watch her granddaughter, Rose, play basketball for the Lady Eagles.

The lazy upward spiral of the campfires were evidence of the many folks who chose the Labor Day weekend as one of the last times to head north before hunting season. The many cabins and homes in the area were occupied by four-wheelers, dirt bikes, and anything that could travel on the back roads. The gas prices didn't seem to stop them.

Euchre will begin Wednesday, September 14, at 7 p.m. at Johnny B's on US-2. It's a welcome mid-week diversion. For more information, call Peggy Benoit.

The Rexton Mennonite Church will have its first of the fall season TGIW, Wednesday, September 14, which is great for the youngsters and oldsters alike.

Bill and Gwen Miller Black are here from Indiana and plan to stick around for the week.

My sisters-in-law, Evelyn Burgess, Martha Sheppard, Fran Berry, and Louella Snow, are taking their annual sisters week and headed for parts south of here for a little rest and relaxation. Their destination is the Great Smokey Mountains of Tennessee.

An elder meeting with the newly formed Land of Echos group will be Wednesday, September 28, in Naubinway at the pavilion. If you're an area elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Unit 2, you're invited to attend.

Evelyn Selby has some able-bodied help as she gets new siding on her home, thanks to Jim Worjowski and friend, Dennis, of Sanford. Jim's wife, who normally would come along to help and visit, is a bit under the weather and was unable to make the trip north this time.

Dave Livermore, Lester Livermore, Mike Sheppard, and Al Saunders will be participating in a golf fundraiser for the Woodburn Christian Children's Home in

Woodburn, Indiana, under the "can you help" direction of Lester Livermore. The area churches have pitched in with monetary donations and there are four children's bikes donated as well as monies from the sale of wood cut and piled by Lester Livermore and whoever had the time to give him a hand. With all of the focus on New Orleans, just a little bit has been shifted to the needs of the children's home in Indiana.

And while helping your neighbor has never gone out of style, it will be brought even closer to home as a benefit dinner for Allen Jones and family will be Saturday, September 24, beginning at 5 p.m. at the Rexton Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Allen, a diabetic, was seriously injured in a logging accident and has no health insurance.

So many folks are under the weather, battling serious health problems, or on the way to recovery. Among them are Sandy Garavaglia, Don Goudreau, Allen Jones, Lois Darknell, Bev Stephenson, Sam Fraleigh, and Deb DeWyse's mom

in Ohio. Get well wishes and a speedy recovery is wished to them all.

Birthday wishes, many belated, are sent to Belynda Cobe August 29, Steve Browning, Julia Wheaton, and Christina Fultz August 30, April Gouza August 31, Shauni Rutledge September 1, Shirley Konle September 3, Sandy Livermore September 4, Rose Paquin and David Derusha September 5, Gloria "Shine" Paquin September 6, Lacey Bigelow September 7, Shelby Flatt September 8, Anna Gouza September 9, Deb DeWyse September 10, my son-in-law, Charlie Fosdick, September 11, Ashley Paquin and my brother, Dave Beaudoin of Curtis, September 12, Kevin Gouza September 14, my daughter-in-law, Amanda Livermore, September 15, a resident good guy gardener, Bud Hart, September 16, and Debbie Formolo September 17. Whew, half a month gone already.

Way to go to the Engadine Eagles boys varsity football team, who are 3 and 0. See you at the game.

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