



Lily Freel (right) pauses from her coloring while she greets people coming into the classroom at Les Cheneaux Preschool in Cedarville Thursday morning, March 16.

Les Cheneaux Preschool To Host Enrollment Open House

Les Cheneaux Preschool Cooperative will host an open house and registration Tuesday, April 11, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the preschool classroom at Les Cheneaux Elementary School in Cedarville. It will be the first time preschool applications will be available.

Les Cheneaux Preschool is a board-operated cooperative that offers two-day and three-day sessions for children ages 3 to 5. The two-day session is recommended for younger children and is offered Tuesday and Thursday, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. The three-day session is recommended for children who plan to enter kindergarten the following year and is offered Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, with an extended school day Wednesday, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Students in the three-day session work more with letters and numbers and have lunch in the school cafeteria.

The school year is September through May. Sue Rye teaches the school and Myla Haske assists her.

The curriculum includes classroom work and field trips. Parents work with the preschool board to raise money for the school to offset the price of tuition, and the school's biggest fundraiser is its annual holiday bazaar in November. Parents serve as classroom aides on a rotating basis, so there is at least one other adult besides teachers in the classroom every day.

Applicants must pay a \$15, non-refundable enrollment fee.

Information and applications can be obtained by calling Kristi Goodell at (906) 647-8330.

Returning students will be given the first opportunity to enroll. The school can take 20 students, Mrs. Goodell said, and she expects to have 13 spots available by registration night.

Preschool is open to children who will be three years old by January 1, 2007.

City Moves Forward on Purchase of Bus Station Property

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ations, preventing anything from "sneaking up on us," said Councilman Gustafson.

In other action, Mr. Dodson informed Council that the city received \$275,000 from the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) to purchase property on the corner of Church Street and I-75 Business Loop for the soon-to-be-constructed bus station. Mr. Dodson was expecting to close the deal with First National Bank of St. Ignace Tuesday morning, March 21.

The city will own the property, while MDOT will build and own the facility at no cost to the city. After 20 years, ownership of the bus station will be transferred to the City of St. Ignace.

The city and MDOT will now seek a design engineer for the project.

"The state believes it can break ground by next spring," said Mr. Dodson. "It all depends how fast the state will work on this, though."

Mr. Therrian believes DPW has resolved the odor problem for residents on Huron, Superior, and Michigan streets in St. Ignace Township with the construction of an odor control building, which contains a 55-gallon drum and vacuum system that sucks in and treats odorous air from a range of 500 yards. That area

covers almost all of the three streets.

Mr. Therrian said another "hut" may have to be constructed if complaints arise in neighboring areas. The building was installed Thursday, March 16, at a cost of approximately \$2,000, which the township paid for.

Mr. Therrian said the cause of the odor may have been from untreated water flowing through the system.

Mr. Dodson reported that earlier Monday afternoon, DPW workers had repaired a water main break on North State Street, near the Mackinac County Airport.

Mr. Therrian said the break had caused water to leak into a nearby creek for at least two weeks, with the leak being hard to pinpoint, at first. Repairs were completed later that night, he said.

Mr. Elmer happily reported that he has secured all of the \$50,000 needed to erect the miniature lighthouse at the Railroad Dock this year. He said he is now working on raising funds to add a second electrical circuit along the dock to accommodate the lighthouse and electrical needs of the Downtown Development Authority projects at the dock, which include extending the boardwalk and installing a fishing platform. Extra lighting and electrical outlets for boats may also be

installed. Council renewed a mutual aid agreement with the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fire Association, subject to Mr. Dodson's satisfaction with insurance coverage for the city. Mr. Dodson, per request by City Attorney Prentiss "Moie" Brown, will confirm that the city is properly covered by insurance when going to a fire within city limits and any area covered in the mutual aid agreement.

The agreement includes all of Mackinac County, Luce County, Chippewa County, parts of Schoolcraft County and Emmet County, Mackinaw City, and Carp Lake.

Mayor Paul Grondin appointed Calvin "Bucky" McPhee to the city's Zoning Board of Appeals, Jon Olsen to the Golf Course committee, City Clerk Renee Vonderwerth to the Planning Commission, and Councilman LaLonde to the Streets Closing and Special Events committee. He also re-appointed Fred Strich and Art Underwood to the Planning Commission.

He also reappointed Cathie Sposito, Heather Aukeman, Gene Elmer, and Don Schairer to the Downtown Development Authority and dissolved the city's tree committee and library building and funding committee.

Michigan Politics

By George Weeks



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office had no comment on how he views the Manistee band's casino, other than to say he's "consistently opposed" gambling. But when he testified in 1993 to add the Manistee band to those tribes that already had recognition - and casinos - he surely knew there was a casino around the Little River's bend.

Gun Lake's opponents say enough is enough.

I'd say fair is fair.

Sunshine on Iraq

Last week was Sunshine Week, touted by the American Society of Newspaper Editors and others to spotlight the right of the governed to know what those who govern are doing at all levels, whether local, state or federal.

Also last week, Hoekstra, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, was able to commend the Bush Administration for agreeing to do something he had been

urging it to do, release millions of pages of documents, recordings, and other material captured in Iraq.

He said: "This is a bold decision in favor of openness that will go a long way towards improving our understanding of prewar Iraq. By placing these documents online and allowing the public the opportunity to review them, we can cut years off the time it will take to gain knowledge from this potential treasure trove of information. This decision effectively places a collar on the bureaucracy and unleashes the power of the people and the Internet to help speed this process."

Nicely put - a collar on the bureaucracy. A good idea at all levels of government.

George Weeks recently retired after 22 years as political columnist for The Detroit News. His weekly Michigan Politics column is syndicated by Superior Features.

Warning Given of Poor Ice

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allows volunteers to reach victims by pushing the sled over stable ice to the hole where the person went through. If the ice becomes too unstable to support the sled, the sled will float on water like a boat. The victim will be lifted

onto the sled and carried off the ice as volunteers on stable ice or land tow the sled back to safer ground.

In the event Clark Township volunteers cannot perform the rescue, a United States Coast Guard helicopter will probably be dispatched.

Hessel 12th Anniversary

April 22, 2006
1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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It's Raining CASH at KEWADIN!

Monday, April 24, 2006

Spring is Here! Play, Win, and pick a Balloon!



There will be RANDOM DRAWS from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

UP TO \$50,000 IN CASH PRIZES between all 5 sites.

Upcoming Events

Sault

Slam'n Surf'n Blowout!
Rapids Lounge
April 21-22, 2006

Manistique

Western Weekend -
April 28th & 29th
Cash Prizes

All Sites

Mother's Day
This is for you Mom!
May 1-14, 2006
Random Draws Each Day
Ladies, Win Cash each day of the drawings!

Tournaments

St. Ignace

\$15,000 Video Poker April 7-9
\$17,000 Keno April 21-23
WORLD POKER TOUR 2007
January to November 2006.

Manistique

\$8,000 Blackjack Blowout
March 24 - 26

Christmas

\$8,000 Spin To Win -
March 31 - Apr. 2

Sault

\$35,000 Craps May 5-7
\$17,000 Keno May 19-21

Entertainment



LITTLE TEXAS & KEVIN SHARP
SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH



LeAnn Rimes
April 29th

www.styxworld.com



STYX
THURSDAY, APRIL 6TH

Promotions cannot be changed without prior approval by the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Gaming Commission. Promotions can be cancelled at Management's discretion.

Weekly Events

Sault Ste. Marie

Party Pub Sunday
Hockey Haven - Wed. & Thurs.
Karaoke for Cash - Monday
Senior Day - Thursday
Ladies Night - Tuesday

St. Ignace

Party Pub Sunday
Hockey Haven - Tuesday
Open Karaoke - Thursday
Senior Day - Thursday
Ladies Night - Tuesday

Manistique

Party Pub Sunday
Open Karaoke - Friday & Saturday
Ladies Night - Tuesday
Christmas
Seniors Day - Wednesday
Ladies Night - Thursday

Hessel

Seniors Day - Thursday
Ladies Night - Tuesday
Multiplier Madness - Wednesday, beginning April 5th
Lakefront Inn, St. Ignace
Double Tokens Package
\$69.95 Sunday - Thursday
includes \$30 in Kewadin Gold tokens per person per one night stay!
Offer ends March 30, 2006
Pizza Package
\$69.95 Sunday-Thursday
\$79.95 Friday & Saturday
Offer ends April 30, 2006