

Gould City

Congratulations to four-year-old Megan Nalette, who has been chosen as a state finalist in the National American Miss (Michigan) Pageant to be held Thursday, July 27, through Saturday, July 29, in Troy.

The winner of the pageant will receive a \$1,000 cash award, the official crown and banner, a bouquet of roses, and air transportation to compete at Disney Land for the national pageant. Megan is the daughter of Richard Jr. and Kirstin Nalette and granddaughter of Richard Sr. and Charlene Nalette, all of Newberry.

The family is currently looking for sponsors to help defray the costs of attending the pageant. Anyone who wishes to help Megan out in her "Quest for the Crown" may send donations to the Nalette family at the following address: 203 West Harrie Street, Newberry, Michigan 49868.

Our great-granddaughter won this same honor of competing in this pageant some years ago. It is quite an honor to just be chosen to represent your home state. The donations will help with the expense. Businesses will have their name next to Megan's in the pageant program. You can also check the Internet at www.namiss.com.

The Portage Players will meet Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Curtis Park Center. Anyone interested in joining the discussion regarding summer plans and projects is invited to attend. For more information, call Ruthette at (906) 586-6384 or leave a message at (906) 586-9974.

The Curtis Garden Club will hold an organizational meeting Monday, May 8, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Curtis Park Center. Those interested in month-to-month gardening, community projects, plant swaps, and Master Gardener assistance are asked to attend.

For more information, call Donna O'Grady at (906) 586-6713.

The Portage Anglers Club will host the fourth annual "Walleye Jamboree" Friday, May 26, through Sunday, May 28, on Big and South Manistique Lakes. The heaviest walleye caught wins the grand prize of a Polar Kraft boat, trailer, and motor package. Other prizes will also be awarded.

Registration fee is \$40 and must be paid before Friday, May 19; after May 19 the fee will be \$50. All proceeds go toward purchasing fish for the lakes. For more information, call (906) 586-3454.

We're all aware of the "Adopt a Highway" program in Michigan. Did you know that there are some areas in our towns right here that have no sponsors? One area is US-2, west of Engadine. Do you have an organization that would like to sponsor part of a highway? Your group's name is put on a sign along the stretch you maintain. You save Michigan taxpayers, including yourself, money because volunteers in your sign's area pick up the litter from the highway. The state claims to save more than \$1 million a year because of the volunteer pickups.

Interested individuals may visit the MDOT Web site at www.michigan.gov/adoptahighway.com.

There are 14 varieties of cakes that can be entered into the Schoolcraft County Fair, which will be held Thursday, August 3, through Saturday, August 5. For more information, call (906) 341-3688.

The 12th Annual U.P. Antique Show and Sale will be Friday, May

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12, and Saturday, May 13, at the U.P. State Fairgrounds in Escanaba. Space is still available. Contact Linda at (906) 786-4936 for details.

There will be a hunter safety education class Monday, May 8, Tuesday, May 9, and Wednesday, May 10, at the Little Bear West Arena in Manistique from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Manistique Pistol & Gun Club on M-94. Attendance at all four sessions is mandatory. To register, or for more information, call (906) 586-3023 from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. or leave a message. This event is sponsored by the U.P. Whitetails.

Condolences to the family of Calvin "Pete" Levielle of Clarksville, Tennessee, who passed away Saturday, April 29. Pete was formerly from Gould City.

Happy birthday to Cheyenne Germain May 2 and Joel Everhart May 4.

Stay safe and stay well. See you next week.

OBITUARIES

Dagmar Nayback

Dagmar Signe Nayback, 82, of Rudyard passed away peacefully at her home Friday, April 28, 2006.

She was born in Fibre August 17, 1923, to John and Aini Lydia (nee Laitala) Uponen. A lifelong area resident, she grew up in Fibre and Sault Ste. Marie.

She married Wilford Nayback April 26, 1942, in St. Ignace. After he served in World War II, they bought a farm in Fibre, where they raised their family.

Mrs. Nayback was an active member of St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard, where she had served as Sunday school teacher and superintendent, youth leader, convention delegate, and vacation Bible school teacher. She was a member of the English-Wallis VFW Post 4905 Auxiliary, where she served as secretary and historian for many years. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge in St. Ignace.

Mrs. Nayback enjoyed crocheting, embroidery, oil painting, camping, flower gardening, vegetable gardening, and canning. She also liked to sing and to write poetry and song lyrics. She was an avid reader who completed crossword puzzles in ink since age 12.

She is survived by her children and their families, Lorena and Dale Quasius of Flushing, Gloria Nayback of Modesto, California, Susan Nayback of Rudyard, James and Marla Nayback of Sault Ste. Marie, and Martin Nayback and Sharon Maxwell of Rudyard; four grandsons, Tyson



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Nayback, Ethan Nayback, Christopher Bennett, and Barrett Bennett. She is survived by one brother, Reino Uponen of Fibre, and two sisters, Ruth Barends and Miriam Welcher, both of Rudyard.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilford, in 1999; three sisters, Elma Schminkey, Esther Cowman, and Gertrude Augustson; and four brothers, Sulo Uponen, Martin Uponen, Edwin Uponen, and Oiva Uponen.

Services were Tuesday, May 2, at 1 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church in Rudyard with the Reverend Kathryn King officiating. Her family received friends at the church from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be in North Rudyard Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. James Lutheran Church. Reamer Galer Funeral Home of Pickford is serving the family.

Rita Marchese

Rita M. Marchese was a longtime resident of the Upper Peninsula, a teacher who enjoyed art, music, the outdoors, and shopping.

She received her education from Bay De Noc Community College and Northern Michigan University. She earned a bachelor's degree in education and was hired by Consolidated Community Schools of Newberry, where she worked as an alternative education teacher for 15 years, until her retirement in 2005.

Mrs. Marchese was 50 when she passed away at her home Friday, April 28, 2006.

She was born in Wakefield to Leo and Marjorie Holbrook and lived in Mercer, Wisconsin, until 1963, when she moved to Newberry with her family.

Mrs. Marchese was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Michael.

She is survived by her husband,

Curt Brown of Newberry; two children and their families, Joshua Hardy and Jessica Marchese of Arnold, and Dylan Brown of Newberry; three siblings and their families, Norbert of Springstead, Wisconsin, Sharon and Chuck Hilgart of Park Falls, Wisconsin, and Michelle Rodriguez of Stinnett, Texas; her father and mother-in-law, Ron and Betty Brown of Newberry; three sisters-in-law and their families, Cherie and Dewey Wilder of Garnet, Charlotte Mikuska of St. Ignace, and Carolyn Brown of Lake Linden; and her brother-in-law, Clifford Brown of Little Lake.

Services will be held Wednesday, May 3, at 5 p.m. at the Beaulieu Funeral Home in Newberry. Pastor John Baker of Living Water Assembly of God will officiate. Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday, May 3, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Engadine Consolidated Schools



by James P. Wilcoxon
Superintendent

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Since 1984, National PTA (Parent Teacher Association) has encouraged all citizens to show their appreciation to teachers during the annual National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week. Each May, Teacher Appreciation Week offers the opportunity for citizens to reaffirm their commitment to parent-teacher partnership.

Engadine Schools is fortunate to have an excellent teaching staff consisting of eight elementary teachers and eight high school

teachers. On Tuesday, May 9, the Engadine Board of Education will show appreciation by cooking breakfast for the staff.

The fifth grade students will be going on their class trip to Mackinac Island Friday, May 12. All expenses for the trip will be covered by the monies made on the pop can drive. The fifth graders have been studying Michigan history and the trip to Mackinac Island is a great culminating activity.

The annual Athletic Banquet will be Saturday, May 6, starting at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium. It is a night for the Engadine athletes to be honored for their efforts and achievements during the 2005-2006 school year. The Engadine Sports Boosters will be honoring two past athletes by giving them the "Golden Eagle Award."

The monthly School Board Meeting is Monday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in Engadine.

- Calendar
- May 4, Foundation Dinner, 6:30 p.m.
- May 5, Boys and Girls Varsity Track at St. Ignace, 4 p.m.
- May 6, Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m.
- May 8, School Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 9, Boys and Girls Varsity Track at Cedarville

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