

## Les Cheneaux

I'm once more back at the computer, tapping out the Les Cheneaux news for this week. After more extensive back surgery, recovery is going very well and I feel blessed to be able to get around.

During my absence, we missed two lucky Lions Club raffle winners. The first winners were Glenn and Sue Rye, who won \$100 on the April 18 drawing. The second was Shelley Koster, winner of the \$500 prize April 25. Congratulations to all.

Waiting for me at home was an e-mail from Patrick Fitzgerald, a former Les Cheneaux resident who now resides in Iowa City, Iowa. Pat was catching up on *The St. Ignace News* reading when he came across a story that was in this column about the deer and wild turkeys that were in the backyard of our daughter and son-in-law in Sault Ste. Marie. Pat's home in Iowa City backs up to some timber, and the family has had as many as nine deer and 13 turkeys in their yard at the same time. An

interesting sight for them one day was when a deer stomped his front paw at a raccoon that was sneaking too close to where the deer were feeding. Pat and his wife are in the process of moving from Iowa City to Allen, Texas, near Dallas.

Now another story from Bruce Patrick's memories unfolds:

"This is about Muscolunge Point, which protrudes out into Musky Bay. There is a channel through this point, but it was really not complete. There was land at low water on both sides. A man by the name of Polish Pete came to Pleasant Point, put coffee dams on both sides, pumped the water out, and dug dirt out on each side to make the channel deep enough for a rowboat to go through.

"This Polish man had a house built by Barney Neal. It was about 12 feet by 14 feet, one room. It was built six feet off the ground, thus he could have a box stove under it, on the ground. He made a fire in this old iron box stove. There was a steel radiator over the stove for heat to pass into the upper room

where he lived. There was a workshop above, the same height, for which Barney Neal did woodwork. In fact, he built a very nice lapstrake rowboat that took him years to build, for he worked only once in a while, over several years, to complete this boat. The man dug on the channel from time to time, and gradually got that done. So a rowboat channel was finished, making a point on the island.

"Now while all this was going on, a three story hotel was built on this point. It was named the New Muscolunge Hotel. It was three stories. It had a crib dock for the Arnold steamers to land at. It ran one summer and during the first fall, after the tourist season was over, it burned down. My father told me about it. The concrete walkway that was around it is still intact, from the huge cottage around and down to the boat-house."

The above is only a part of the story. Next week we'll find out what else was happening on that point.

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## Engadine

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It's May! Just a few more weeks and school will be out for summer vacation. Speaking of school, All Children Exercising Simultaneously (ACES) took place Wednesday, May 3, at Engadine School. Project ACES takes place on the first Wednesday in May as part of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, along with National Physical Education Week. Since 1989, millions of children from all over the world exercise together to promote proper health and fitness habits.

The Luce West Mackinac Genealogical Society will meet at the Newberry High School Library Thursday, May 4, at 1:30 p.m.

The LINK youth board will meet Thursday, May 4, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the LINK on West Helen Street in Newberry.

The Newberry Eagles Club will have an all-you-can-eat fish fry, Friday, May 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the club on M-28 in Newberry. If you don't care for fish, you can choose from their Friday menu or their special for the night, frog legs.

The Hulbert American Legion Post 393 will have its annual pig roast, Saturday, May 6. The all-you-can-eat roast pork and beef dinner, along with homemade desserts, vegetables, and beverages, will be served from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

It's clean-up day for Garfield Township residents Saturday, May 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., or until the dumpsters are full. Spring cleanup will be for Garfield

Township residents only, and it's on a first-come, first-served basis. One pickup load per household is allowed. To save money, they will have only one location this year, which will be at the Garfield Township Hall parking lot in Engadine. Naubinway residents will have to use this drop-off location, too. No disposal is allowed unless a township official is at the location. For more information on what items are accepted in the dumpster, or other questions, call the Garfield Township Hall at (906) 477-6481.

Curtis will host an annual Walleye Jamboree Memorial Day weekend, Friday, May 26, through Sunday, May 28. Fish the South and Big Manistique Lakes for the largest walleye, and win the grand prize. All proceeds go toward fish planting. For entry fee and more information, call (906) 586-3454.

Happy birthday to Joel Everhart May 4, Tim Wyse and Terry Sadler May 5, John Ketcher II and Kristopher Kerbersky May 6, Karen Hins and Pat Plue May 7, Rose Butkovich May 8, and

Nathan Butkovich and our wonderful son-in-law, Ray Morrison, May 10.

Happy anniversary to Ron and Jackie Weger May 8.

I received this note and would like to pass it on to you from Carol Norman, a nurse practitioner:

"Often times we take for granted the things we have in the United States, for example, a pair of shoes."

Carol's son is serving in Iraq and is working with a group of Marines who are in the process of collecting shoes for children living in that country.

Carol added, "He told me they were also collecting toys, but they need shoes most of all." She is on a mission to collect shoes for the "barefoot kids" in Iraq. If you have a spare pair of shoes, in good condition, that your child has outgrown, or you would like to give a new pair, please drop them off at the clinic in Naubinway and Carol will forward them to Iraq. Your gift of a pair of shoes will be greatly appreciated.

Until next time, take care.

## DeTour Area

Welcome to month of May. We are fast approaching summer, but not according to the temperatures. Now that we are driving at slower speeds to conserve gasoline, we can take time to enjoy the beautiful spring flowers that are blooming in yards and also in the Botanical Gardens in DeTour along M-134. The yellow daffodils against all the green foliage really stand out. It won't be long until the buds in the trees open.

Kudos to director Dave Rhinard and the cast of "Annie, Jr." What an excellent performance and job extremely well done by all. What talent our young people have; thanks to Dave Rhinard for bringing out that talent.

The cast included Annie, played by Emily Bosley; the orphans, by Molly and Hannah Stocking; Pepper, by Alexis Scott; Duffy, by Chelsea Socking; Kate, by Lauren Goetz; Tessie, by Mikayla Scott; and July, by Amanda Hunter.

Additional orphans were played

by Mary Firack, Hannah Reed, Moriah Reed, Laci Smith, Kaalin Goetz, Amber Mandrell, Millie Reed, Brett Warner, Mattie Warner, and Morgan Harsin.

Miss Hannigan was played by Danielle Leazier; Lieutenant Ward by Bundles McCloskey; policeman by Ellis Tarr; dogcatcher by Louis Howe and Kyle Kostoff; Sandy (the dog) by Tyler Soule; man in brownstone window by Dave Rhinard.

Servants were played by Amber Mandrell, Millie Reed, Brett Warner, Mattie Warner, Gina Plont, and Paula Bosley.

The usherette was played by Mary Firack; radio announcer by Devin Livingston; Rooster Hannigan by Tim Burke; Lily St. Regis by Megan Harsin; President Franklin D. Roosevelt and sound effects man by Andy Dyal; Bert Healy by Devin Livingston; newspaper boy by Cameron Livingston; apple seller by Scott Bosley; Grace Farrell by Christina Stocking; Drake by Chase Livingston; Cecille by Hannah

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Reed; Annette by Laci Smith; Mrs. Greer by Julie Reed; Mrs. Pugh by Gay Egan; Oliver Warbucks by Josh Bosley.

The vocal coach was Jean Bloom. Sound was done by Sarah Reed. Julie Reed was stage manager, and Dave Rhinard was set designer.

The Community Choir is rehearsing for the June concerts. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour at 6:30 p.m. It is never too late to join and be a part of this choir.

This Thursday, May 4, at 6 p.m. the DeTour Union Presbyterian Church will hold its annual birthday banquet in the Fellowship Hall of the church. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children younger than 12. There will be entertainment following dinner.

A quote from comedian Rodney Dangerfield: "I haven't talked to my wife in years. I didn't want to interrupt her."

## Wolf Delisting Meetings Set for Mid-May

A May 16 meeting at Marquette and a May 17 meeting at Grayling will be part of a series of public comment meetings in several states to discuss the federal proposal to remove Midwestern gray wolves from the list of endangered and threatened species.

Both Michigan meetings will begin at 6 p.m., with a public information session until 7:15 p.m. and a public hearing from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. In Grayling, the meeting will be at the Evergreen Room of the Holiday Inn. In Marquette, it will be at the Michigan Room of the Don H. Bortum University Center at Northern Michigan University.

The public may submit written or oral comments at the hearings.

Those who are unable to attend may submit comments in writing to: WGL Wolf Delisting, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Whipple Federal Building, 1 Federal Drive, Fort Snelling, Minnesota, 55111-

4056. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to WGLwolfdelist@fws.gov. Please add WGL Wolf Delisting RIN 1018-AU54 in the subject line of the message, and include name and return address in the message. Comments may be submitted by fax to (612) 713-5292, with the same subject line as above.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed delisting the

gray wolf in the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota, and parts of North and South Dakota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio. Wolves in this Western Great Lakes Distinct Population Segment have exceeded recovery goals for several years, the agency reported.

Other public comment meetings are also scheduled in May in Duluth, Minnesota, and Wausau, Wisconsin.

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## Prosecuter Graham Sets Office Hours

Citizen with questions or concerns may meet with Mackinac County Prosecuting Attorney Clayton Graham from 9 a.m. to noon as he hosts office hours at the Clark Township Hall Monday, May 8, and at the Garfield Township Hall in Engadine Friday, May 12.

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