

Les Cheneaux

I'm still in Nanuet, New York. The weather has been much the same as it has been in Michigan, I believe. Cool weather and lots of rain.

Graduation is the big event in Cedarville this coming weekend and I shall be back in Cedarville to attend the graduation at the Les Cheneaux Schools. Lauren Izzard, our youngest grandchild, will be receiving her high school diploma on that day. Graduation parties are being planned all over the Les Cheneaux community during the next week and we certainly wish all of the graduating seniors a happy and worthwhile future. "Happy" and "worthwhile" doesn't necessarily mean making lots of money. There are other ways of achieving a satisfying and meaningful existence. The necessary ingredient is to enjoy what you are doing with your

life.

Even though I am far away in New York, I brought along another story of Bruce Patrick's. This one is about the dredging of a channel by Bob Hamel for Dr. Zeit of Duck Bay. One may recall from a previous story that Dr. Zeit had a boat named *Wander*. The story follows:

"The *Wander* was tied up to the big crib that Dad (Bruce K. Patrick) built, but after a few years the water level of Lake Huron went down about three feet. The *Wander* could not get to this dock, so Bob Hamel was contacted to come in with his big tugboat to dredge a channel out from the crib to the entrance to Duck Bay. Bob put a cable on to the crib and stretched it out to Wisner's Point.

"He hooked the tug to the far end and started the tug motor. When he put the tug in gear, the big propeller

fanned a huge channel, so as the tug was pulled back a few feet at a time, the channel was dug. They dug a deep channel all the way back to the crib. Great, but this channel had to be dug each year! The soft mud in Duck Bay would fill in during the year, so it had to be fanned out each year.

"You see, the water levels of the Great Lakes changes from year to year. In the year 1924, Lake Huron was way down. So low that my father, Bruce K., who was a dock builder, had many docks to extend out so that people could use their boat wells. By 1928, water levels in Lake Huron had raised more than four feet. Then by 1932 it was down again by three feet. I think the tug boat was the *Alie Bee* that Bob used at this time."

From the above story by Bruce, one can see that the rising and lowering water levels that we have experienced during the past 20 years or so is not unusual. One just has to "go with the flow," so to speak, and deal with whatever Mother Nature dishes out. I wonder what it will be this year.

Next week this column will be written from Cedarville. It's fun and exciting to get away, but it's also always nice to return home.

Elizabeth Reno Named Soccer Most Improved

Elizabeth Reno, graduate of Cedarville High School, was named Most Improved Player on the Finlandia Lions Soccer Team for the 2005-2006 season.



Retired school and athletic team bus driver Dan Izzard (left) was acknowledged with gifts on behalf of the school and athletic program, from Dave Duncan, athletic director.

Dan Izzard Retires as School and Athletic Team Bus Driver

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Most Dedicated Player Award while earning All-U.P., All-EUPC, and All-Area honors.

BCAM Basketball Honors: Coach Tom Wilson in girls basketball and Dave Duncan in boys basketball each received Regional and State Coach of the Year honors in their respective sports by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

The Lady Trojans basketball squad was ranked ninth as an All-State Academic team, with a grade point average of 3.578.

The Cedarville boys basketball team was ranked number 10 with a 68.5 free throw percentage. Jason Duncan earned a number four ranking at 84.6 percent. Jordan Sweeney earned a number 10 ranking with an 81.5 percentage and the junior guard was named to the Fifth Team All-State by BCAM.

Girls Track: Coach Tom Wilson awarded Most Valuable Performer

to Kristen Duman and Most Improved Performer to Emily Winberg.

Boys Track: Coach Ryan Wilson presented Most Valuable Performer to Justin Baker and Most Improved Performer to Jake Wellnitz.

Girls Golf: Coach Sonja Duncan presented Most Valuable Golfer to Jessie Duncan, Most Improved Golfer to Kara Griffin, and the Clarence "Ham" Matson Memorial Award to Lindsay McLeod and Lauren Izzard.

Boys Golf: Coach Dave Duncan presented Most Valuable Golfer to Jordan Duncan, Most Improved Golfer to Michael Pollard, and the Clarence "Ham" Matson Memorial Award to Chad Schlosser.

Many of the golfers are competing in dual sports with track during the spring season.

Seniors Honored: The seniors who won varsity letters were honored including Nick Perkins, Alex Smith, Gary Kott, Lauren Izzard, Marcie Mason, Leah Brant, Casey Long, Jill Haske, Diana Paquin, Donielle Landreville, Marcella Reno, Matt Manley, Nathan Smith, John Abbott, Michael Thompson, Aaron Bright, Ryan Duman, Cory Wellnitz, and Chad Schlosser.

Retirement Party for Dan Izzard Is June 4 at School

A retirement party for Les Cheneaux Community Schools bus driver Dan Izzard will be Sunday, June 4, at the Les Cheneaux Community Schools cafeteria in Cedarville.

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Engadine

Hello, everyone. Memorial Day is just around the corner. This holiday seems to be the symbol of the start of the summer season. Typically, this three-day weekend is time for family outings and picnics. Memorial Day is the last Monday in May; it's a time to remember the U.S. men and women who lost their lives serving their country. Previously known as Decoration Day, it was established in 1868 to remember those who died in the Civil War. Memorial Day was declared a federal holiday in 1971. We now know it as a day to remember and honor all U.S. men and women killed or missing in action in all wars, and to remember our loved ones who have passed away. In remembrance, flowers and flags are placed on graves.

The LINK youth board will meet Thursday, May 25, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the LINK on West Helen Street in Newberry.

The West Mackinac Garden Club will meet Thursday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Engadine United Methodist Church. The topic will be selecting and caring for garden tools. Tom Harper, blade smith, will provide complimentary sharpening of one garden tool. For more information, call (906) 477-6163.

The Newberry Eagles Club will have a fish fry Friday, May 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the club on M-28 in Newberry.

The Tahquamenon River Logging Museum will open for the summer Saturday, May 27. An old-fashioned lumberjack breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to noon at the Logging Museum one mile north of downtown Newberry on

M-123. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A family in Newberry has lost their home in a fire and is in need of help. Items they could use are men's and women's clothing, beds, blankets, pillows, and more. For sizes and more information, call the LINK at (906) 293-1530. Donations can be dropped off at the LINK.

The annual meeting of the Engadine Historical Society will be Thursday, June 8, at 7 p.m. at the Freeman Hasting House Museum on West Melville Street in Engadine.

Happy birthday to Steve Lane May 25, Gretchen Johnson and Heather Bryant May 26, Phyllis Gouza, Wade Smith, Theron King, and Charlie Fosdick May 27, June Frazier May 28, Kitty Mast, Joel VanHise, Neil McArthur, and Ruth

Johnson May 29, Hal Funke May 31, and Justin Germain June 1.

Happy anniversaries to David and Cris Paquin May 26.

My mom, Edna Rushford, had a wonderful visit from her brother and sister-in-law, Pat and Patsy Zenker. They drove from Texas to spend a couple of weeks with her. It has been about five years since they've been here, and all family members enjoyed seeing them again.

Please have a safe and responsible Memorial Day weekend. Don't drink and drive. Plan to get to your destination early. If you're running late, don't drive fast to get there on time, just stop along the way and call ahead to let someone know you're on your way. Your friends and family would rather have you arrive late, than never.

Until next time, take care.

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