

Instruction for Young Boaters

Tom Sherlund (far right), marine deputy for Mackinac County Sheriff's Department, instructs youth during the boater safety class in Cedarville Thursday, August 3, at the Clark Township Fire and Ambulance Hall in Cedarville. The class was the final boater safety course of the season, and Mr. Sherlund instructed 50 students in courses he led in July and August. The Les Cheneaux Islands Association promoted the state-endorsed course. Several adults joined the class. The course teaches boating operation, handling, safety, and rules.



Input Sought in Seney National Wildlife Conservation Plan

Public input is being sought for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for Seney National Wildlife Refuge in Schoolcraft County. An open house at the Refuge Visitor Center in Seney will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, August 15.

The CCP will set wildlife, habitat, and public use priorities and guide management decisions on the

Refuge for the next 15 years. The open house will give those who are interested an opportunity to participate in the planning process.

All aspects of the Refuge will be addressed in the CCP, which includes important fish and wildlife habitats, public use and facilities, and current management activities.

By law, six wildlife-dependent recreational uses receive a priority

on National Wildlife Refuges: fishing, hunting, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, and interpretation.

Those interested are invited to attend the open house and speak with refuge staff or submit comments.

"We want to hear the public's idea on management of the Seney Refuge," said Tracy Casselman,

refuge manager. "I hope everyone who is interested will attend and share their perspective. It's an opportunity to identify areas of improvement, issues, or express support of ongoing management."

The Refuge was established in 1935 by Executive Order under the Migratory Bird Conservation Act for the protection and production of migratory birds and other wildlife. The Refuge encompasses 95,212 acres. The Seney Wilderness Area covers 25,150 acres, which makes up 26 percent of the Refuge. More than 200 species of birds, 26 species of fish, 45 species of mammals, and 420 plant species have been recorded on the Refuge.

Comments can also be mailed to Tracy Casselman at Seney National Wildlife Refuge at 1674 Refuge Entrance Road, Seney, Michigan 49883.

Law Will Expand Lead Testing for Children

A new law requires all children enrolled in the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) supplemental food program to be tested for lead exposure, increasing the number of children in Michigan who will receive such health screening. Governor Jennifer M. Granholm signed Public Act 286 of 2006 (Senate Bill 1198) July 19. More than half of the state's 227,000 WIC participants are children.

Exposure to lead poses a serious health risk, particularly to children. Although lead-based paints and gasoline have not been commonly used for many years, expo-

sure can occur in older homes where lead-based paint remains, in dust from home remodeling projects, or from contaminated soil and air.

Lead accumulates in the body, and if left untreated, can cause brain, kidney, and liver damage, anemia, mental retardation, behavioral problems, and developmental delays. An estimated 20,000 children younger than age six are affected by lead poisoning in Michigan.

In 2004, the state set a goal of lead screening 80 percent of children served by the state's

Medicaid program by 2007. Through efforts at the Department of Community Health and private health insurers, the number of children being screened is increasing. Governor Granholm said the new legislation will help the state meet its goal, since almost 85 percent of Medicaid-eligible children are also enrolled in WIC's supplemental food program.

In 2003, Governor Granholm established the Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Task Force, asking it to identify strategies that will lead to the reduction of lead poisoning.

Saints Girls Basketball Practices Announced

Coaches Dorene and Doug Ingalls have announced the first week of practice schedule for the St. Ignace Saints girl's basketball varsity and junior varsity teams.

On Monday, August 14, the

team will practice from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, August 15, they will practice from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., with team pictures taken before the morning practice.

Wednesday, August 16, the Saints will practice from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Thursday, August 17, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday, August 18, from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Dan's Place Horseshoe League Results

Women's AA: Cathy and Kasey 60, Joe's Bar and Grill 52, Frank and Jim's 49, Jute and Missy 48, and Quality Inn of St. Ignace 45.

Women's A: Northern Floor Covering 48, Chippewa Animal Clinic 28, and Lil Chuck's Lawn Service 12.

Women's B: Cozy Inn 46, Jack Pine Bar and Grill 36, and McDowell Hay Company 18.

Women's C: Demawating Development 60, The Bird 45, Deanna and Carol 44, Angie and Jeneille 42, Shute Oil 40, ReMax Eagle Property 33, Peacock Painting 22, and Satisfied Frog 9.

Men's AA: Ron and Riggy 72, B and B Gutters 60, Rudyard Auto Value 56, Ed's Floor Covering 48, Jack Pine Bar and Grill 46, and Bill and Glen 40.

Men's A: Chippewa Animal Clinic 59, Louie's Well Drilling 54, Whiskey River 48, Moose's Small Engine 40, Varsity Grill 26, Happy Hookers 20, and Hakola Logging 19.

Men's B: Joe's Lawn Service 72, Fountain Marine 67, Tremblay Builders 62, Shawn and Larry 61, Aggregates of America 58, Langstaff Pump Service 47, Lil Chuck's Lawn Care 37, and Days Inn of St. Ignace 15.

Men's C: Dan's Taxidermy 67, Joe and Rob 64, Germaine Caulking and Coating 56, Ken Mayer Trucking 53, J.M.W. Brochure Dist. Inc. 51, Cushman Fab. 37, Rich's Drywall 35, Paul and Don and Hetch and Chris 32, and Wendrick's Truss 22.

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Munoscong Golf Club League Results

Ladies Day

Amanda Ross carded 47 for low gross and low putts with 14 and Dorothy McDowell recorded 39 for low net in the first flight during the Munoscong Ladies Day Golf League Wednesday, August 2.

Sonja Clegg tallied 53 for low gross and Gloria Smith 38 for low net in the second flight. Gloria Christensen notched 63 for low gross and Evalyn Jacobsen 46 for low net in the third flight.

Seniors

Dave Kaiser registered 34 for low gross and Ed DeWitt and Bob Bonnell shared low putts with 14 during the Munoscong Seniors Golf League Thursday, August 3.

John Wilkie had the longest drive on number 14, Dick Carr longest putt on number 10, and Eugene Ross was closest to the

pin with tee shot on number 16.

Mixed Doubles

The foursome of Connie and Janet Bouffard and Mike and Penny Poluk took first place after carding a score of 33 with 10 putts during the Munoscong Mixed Doubles Golf League Friday, August 4.

The team of Roger and Paulette Belair and Ed and Joyce DeWitt recorded 34 with 11 putts, while the group of Dave Erfourth and Sonja Clegg and Brian Lander and Joyce Alley registered the most four's (four) during the nine holes.

Denny Smith was closest to the pin with second shot on number five, Mike Poluk had longest putt on number three, Stu Murry was closest to the pin with third shot on number seven, and Ed DeWitt was closest to the pin with tee shot on number nine.

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