

Les Cheneaux

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The Queen Anne's lace along the highways and in the fields is taller and more abundant than I can ever remember. That, along with yellow tansy and the wild daisies that were so prevalent earlier this year, has made my frequent drives to St. Ignace very pleasant.

The rain of last Wednesday was certainly welcome after the unusual heat that we experienced for several days. We complain about the cold during the winter months, but forget the unpleasantness of temperatures nearing 100 degrees. I never thought that I would ever long for air conditioning, but for a few days last week, that was the case. At least we are not in Chicago or some of the other cities that reached 112 degrees. Can you imagine?

At my home, it was nice to see Johnette Shoberg once again. Johnette is the wife of Con's nephew, Wayne Shoberg, and they now live in Arizona. Wayne is the son of the late Tigner and Frances Shoberg, who were residents of Pickford. Johnette returned for her Pickford 50th high school reunion and to enjoy Hay Days in Pickford.

The Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show weekend is coming up and the schedule of events should keep everyone happy, including cocktails, a pork barbecue, musical entertainment, and a street dance on Friday evening. A pancake breakfast, the Festival of

Arts, more music, and the Antique Wooden Boat Show on Saturday are planned.

The summer is once again going so fast. One can already see the evenings growing shorter, so everyone should get out and enjoy what is left. Of course, September and October are my very favorite months, with cooler weather and less frenzied activity. It's a time to settle in and reminisce about all the enjoyable visits and activities that took place during the summer months.

Bruce Patrick's story this week was brought about by the story of the Mackinac/Manitolin Island race that was written in *The St. Ignace News* last week. The mention of Gore Bay sparked this memory. I remember writing about this incident a few years ago when I heard it from Bob Hossack. However, that was a long time ago and, told in Bruce's words, it is a little different and an amusing story:

"Years back, in fact maybe 100 years ago, my grandfather had left a town on the north shore of Lake Ontario. He had been evicted from Canada for working on Sunday. I do not know the name of this town. So he went overland to Georgian Bay and there he and his wife and three children stayed for the winter. His children were Maud, 8, Ross, 7, and Joe, 6. William (my grandfa-

ther) worked in a lumber camp all winter and come spring, he obtained a 21-foot sailboat.

"During the late fall, a barge being towed ran into a reef near Gore Bay. It had a deck load of barrels of whiskey. The salvage tug that went out to try and pull the barge off could not remove it, so they took the barrels of whiskey off and ran them in to Gore Bay. There they put them into a wharf which was built on piling. When the ice froze up, the residents of the town went on the ice, under the dock, and bored holes with augurs up, hitting the bottoms of the whiskey barrels. They drained every barrel by boring many holes. Come spring when the ice went out, there was no whiskey left!

"My grandmother said you never saw so many parties all that winter. The residents had a grand and glorious time all winter!

"The next spring, William A. Patrick came by sailboat to the Les Cheneaux Islands, where he became a lumberman, making cedar ties by broadax."

It must have been "party time" in Gore Bay all during that winter. The above story reminds me of the wreck of the gasoline tanker in the Straits, which we wrote about a few weeks ago. Necessity is the mother of invention, or is it ingenuity?

Gould City

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Great things are happening at the United Methodist Church in Engadine. Bible School, called "Club Can Do," is taking over the church Monday, August 21, through Friday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Registration will be Monday, August 21, from 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. All children ages 4 through 11 are invited to attend. The lessons will show how the Can-Do Kids can make a difference in the world around them. The kids will enjoy songs, games, and crafts.

Friday, August 25, the last day of camp, they will visit the GarLyn Zoological Park in Naubinway. For more information, call (906) 477-6766.

The Engadine/Naubinway area has started a "West Mackinac Garden Club" and will occasionally be sponsoring tours of the surrounding gardens. Their last tour was Saturday, August 5, and we hope that they have a fall tour so that those who missed the other tour can attend one.

Five of the members of this Club have completed the Michigan State University Extension Master Gardener program, and they have information about the program if anyone is interested. The group recently enjoyed creating garden hose wreaths, which will be available at the Engadine Methodist Church at

W13970 Park Avenue in Engadine. Those who are interested in joining the group may contact the Club presidents, Caroll Harper at (906) 477-6163 or Karen McKay at (906) 477-6368.

Our area will be taken over by Robin Hood and his Merry Men next week. The Missoula Children's Theatre will be holding auditions at the auditorium in Newberry Monday, August 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. All students entering first through eighth grade are encouraged to audition. No advance preparation is necessary.

The team arrives in town with set, lights, costumes, props, and make-up, everything it takes to put on a play, except the cast. The team holds an open audition and casts 50 to 60 local students to perform. The show is rehearsed throughout the week and two public performances are presented on Saturday. This event is brought to you by the Newberry Schools Volunteer Organization (NSVO). Makes me wish I was back in school so I could be in the cast.

This theatre group has been active for more than 30 years, traveling from Montana to Japan. They have 42 teams of four actor/directors. The shows are all original adaptations of classic children's stories and fairy tales. The actor/directors will conduct rehearsals throughout the week of August 14 to 18 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. each day. Robin Hood will be presented Saturday, August 19, at the Bystrom Auditorium.

The last Wednesday of every month the Engadine Methodist Church is serving a free meal at the church from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The entire community is invited. There will be good food, fellowship, and entertainment. Everyone is welcome. This is part of a program at the church, where they are focusing on families and the community. See you there.

The Curtis Community Art Council has been holding "Music in

the Park" on Wednesday evenings. They've had some great groups entertain at this event. The final Music in the Park performance will take place at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 23, with the group "Driver," a rock and roll group from Manistique. The performances are free, but donations to the Curtis Community Council will be accepted.

The Engadine Area Farmer's Market opened for the season Saturday, August 5, and will continue through October. They will have their wares on display from 9 a.m. to noon through October at the Millpond Park Pavilion in Engadine, behind the Garfield Township Hall. Local growers will be selling fresh vegetables, fruits, organic meats, eggs, decorative items, and fresh flowers. They also have available pre-packaged natural foods and seasonal items.

Newton Township may finally realize a long-awaited desire to lease Scots Point Park, located at the end of the South Gould City Road and Lake Michigan. The beach and lakeshore has long been used and enjoyed by the natives of Newton Township and travelers. It is a beautiful area.

Arrangements are in the process of being made with the Department of Natural Resources to help this become a reality, and the residents are hoping their dream will finally come true.

The McMillan United Methodist Church is holding an all-you-can-eat fish fry and bake sale Friday, August 11, starting at 4:30 p.m. The menu includes fish, potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls, dessert, and beverage. The activities will be held at the Township Hall in McMillan.

Happy birthday to the number one resident of this house, our granddaughter, Danielle, who turns 19 August 10. Happy birthday also to Shane Baker August 12 and LeAnn Gribbell August 15.

Stay safe and stay well. See you next week.

Les Cheneaux Historical Association

ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, August 14, 7:30 p.m.
at the Historical Museum, Cedarville
~ Special Program To Follow ~



Maritime Museum



Historical Museum

Ballots Available at Historical Museum

Cedarville Program Will Focus on Maintaining Brain Health

The public is invited to attend a presentation about maintaining a healthy brain lifestyle Tuesday, August 29, from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville.

Jean Whitman-Shelby, program coordinator of the Alzheimer's Association Upper Peninsula Region, will share information on how the brain works and changes with age, how the heart and brain are connected, and how social connec-

tions and emotional health affect the brain.

This workshop is part of a national campaign to change the way Americans think about brain health. Participants will hear how to live "a brain healthy lifestyle."

There is no registration fee but donations will be accepted. Participants must register in advance, as seating is limited. Call Ms. Whitman-Shelby at (800) 272-3900 to register.

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