

# Several Area School Districts Report Kindergarten Enrollment Fluctuations

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Each school has two sections of kindergarten. At Turner-Howson, Jamie Curtis and Jane Berkompas educate the youngsters. Teachers at R.J. Wallis are Sandy Holloway and Paula Pancheri.

**Pickford Public Schools**  
Pickford Public Schools also runs all-day kindergarten classes, said Superintendent Keith Krahnke. Registration numbers have dropped this year, with 24 new kinder-

garten students registered, compared to last year's count of 38.

Owing to fluctuations in student numbers, which several administrators called "bubbles" in the system, elementary principal Dan Barry said that he is not concerned that the drop in numbers will hurt the district. The school will continue funding its programs, he said, and "all K-8 numbers are way up." The district is "solid," he added.

Susan Maloney educates the kindergarten students in Pickford, and there are no major changes in the curriculum this year, said Mr. Barry, but the school is stepping up its focus on student physical health.

"We're working on our wellness policy," Mr. Barry said. Governor Jennifer Granholm has pushed to improve Michigan students' health, and Pickford schools has responded by emphasizing consistent exercise. The district also will improve the nutritional content of afternoon snacks for kindergarten students.

**DeTour Area Schools**  
Stacy Zuver and Amy Moser teach kindergarten at DeTour Area Schools, Ms. Zuver in DeTour Village and

Ms. Moser on Drummond. Both schools run all-day kindergarten programs.

This year, DeTour has registered six kindergarten stu-

dents, compared to last year's count of 10. Drummond Island has received five kindergarten students. Last year, the school had seven.

## Firefighters Train Together on Propane Blaze Session

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association's lead instructor. "They learn how the fire reacts. We had some firefighters dancing at the Manistique session because as they approached the tank, the fire slipped underneath them and started burning their feet. It can be real tricky."

The Michigan Propane Gas Association holds the training session throughout the state

annually, however, this was the first time many of this area's fire departments have participated in it, said Mr. Robinson.

Participating fire departments included St. Ignace, Clark Township, Newton Township, Hendricks Township, Brevort Township, Mackinaw City, Cheboygan, Kinross, Rudyard, Garfield Township, Tuscarora Township, Indian River, Topinabee, and Carp Lake.

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Museum, Cedarville; for Cabin in the Woods quilt, 4 p.m. at Les Cheneaux Historical Museum, Cedarville. Tickets on sale now at local businesses.

•Monday, September 4: **Les Cheneaux Historical and Maritime Museums Open for Labor Day**, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the museums in Cedarville.

•Monday, October 9: **Great Lakes School of Wooden Boatbuilding Curriculum Planning Meeting**, 7 p.m., Les Cheneaux Community Schools commons, Cedarville. Public encouraged to attend.

•Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: **Senior Citizen Luncheons**, noon, Community Center, Cedarville. \$2.50 donation for seniors. Non-seniors younger than 60 pay \$6. Bingo games Mondays, following lunch. Meals delivered to homebound. Call Community Center, (906) 484-1061

for delivery or lunch reservations.

•Thursdays: **Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club Trap Shooting**, 11 a.m. until dusk; trap and clay shooting at the clubhouse east of Cedarville. The public is welcome.

•Saturdays: **Children's Story Hour/Crafts**, 10 a.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library, Cedarville.

•Sundays: **Les Cheneaux Sportsman's Club Trap Shooting**, 11 a.m. until dusk; trap and clay shooting at the clubhouse east of Cedarville. The public is welcome.

•Throughout the summer: **Boating Skills Lessons**, offered by Les Cheneaux Islands Association and taught by Diane Patrick and

John Griffin. Learn docking, leaving the dock, line handling techniques. To schedule a free session, call Mr. Griffin at (906) 484-2022 or Mrs. Patrick at (906) 484-2101.

**Rudyard**  
•Friday, September 8: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, noon to 5:45 p.m., Rudyard Township Hall Community Center.

•Wednesdays: **Preschool Story Time**, 10 a.m. at Turner-Howson School Library. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

**Strong's**  
•Mondays: **Non-smoking Bingo Games** at Strong's Town Hall on M-28, 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

have to come back," he said.

Sheriff Strait said he has begun the hiring process.

The new video equipment will include monitors stationed in the front office and will help reduce the need for even more staffing. Without the monitors, he said, the county would need two or three more officers.

The monitor project will cost \$18,000, with half coming from a Risk Management grant and a Homeland Security grant.

# Community Calendar

**Goetzville, Raber, Stalwart**  
•Sundays: **Raber AmVets Auxiliary Bingo**, 6 p.m., Raber Township Hall, Goetzville.

•Thursday, September 7 to Saturday, September 9: **Stalwart Fair**, starts at 2 p.m. Thursday, through Saturday evening. Stalwart Fairgrounds on M-48.

**DeTour**  
•Sunday, September 3: **Summer's End Concert - Michigan History in Song**, 3 p.m., DeTour Presbyterian Church.

**Curtis**  
•Saturday, September 2: **Art on the Lake**, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., shore of South Manistique Lake. Free of charge.

**Sault Ste. Marie**  
•Wednesday, August 30: **Business Owners Workshop**, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Administration Complex at 523 Ashmun Street. To register, call (906) 635-6050.

•Wednesday, August 30: **Caregiver Support Group Meeting**, 2 p.m., Avery Square Center.

•Thursday, August 31: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., First Church of Christ.

•Friday, September 29: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, Tribal Health Center.

**Mackinaw City**  
•Wednesday, September 20: **American Red Cross Blood Drive**, noon to 5:45 p.m., Cedarbrook Village.

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