



Lani Fettig took a turn with the Saints of Steel Band between band members Angela Cena (left) and Audrey Wyers.

Camp Quality Enjoys Time in St. Ignace

By David Latva
Youth with Camp Quality of Petoskey, under the direction of program director Lani Johnson Fettig of Moran, spent the afternoon and evening in the St. Ignace area Tuesday, August 15. More than 150 combined campers ages four to 18 and their companions enjoyed the week at camp. The nonprofit organization brings a camping experience to children living with cancer and their families. The campers enjoyed dinner at the LaSalle High School cafeteria and later a cruise on the Arnold Line Ferry Boat

under the Mackinac Bridge and around Mackinac Island. The meal was prepared by Donna Pope, Jean Huskey, and Angie Spencer and the entertainment was provided by Saints of Steel Band. Mayor Paul Grondin and City Manager Eric Dodson welcomed the group to St. Ignace. Camp Quality is located at Camp Daggett between Petoskey and Charlevoix. Mrs. Fettig has been involved with the program for eight years. Three area companions, Sue Dionne of St. Ignace, Jean Sommers of Cedarville, and Nelda Vaught of DeTour, volun-

teered to work one-on-one with a camper during the camp. Bill Freehan and Jim Northrup, members of the 1968 World Champions Detroit Tigers baseball team, spoke to the campers and later were part of the annual baseball game. "This was an outstanding day for everyone," said Mrs. Fettig. "The meal prepared by the ladies, the music by the Saints of Steel Band, and the cruise from Arnold Line was enjoyed by everyone. It was a great day in the Upper Peninsula."

LaSalle Harriers in Training



Holly Brown and her Saints cross-country team prepare for a sunrise run along the dunes west of St. Ignace Friday, August 25. Joining Coach Brown on the early morning stretch and run were Lee Kelso, Sara Tafelski, Stevie Gould, Ivy Thurston, Jake Weiss, Lewis Steiner, Shane Spring, Kaiden Shiemke, and Dan Olsen.

Munoscong Golf League Results

Seniors
Murray Bryant recorded 36 for low gross and Jim Christensen notched 13 for low putts in the Munoscong Seniors Golf League Thursday, August 24. Murray Greenhalge had the longest drive on number seven, Bob McLean had the longest putt on number four, Jack Sanderson was closest to the pin with tee shot on number nine, and Bob Mussong

won the door prize.
Ladies Day
Amanda Ross carded 44 for low gross and Kim Regetti 39 for low net to win the first flight of the Munoscong Ladies Day Golf League Wednesday, August 23. Irene Kent and Gloria Smith shared low gross honors with 53 and Ione Barber had 37 for low net in the second flight. Yvonne Newton had 58 for low gross and

Wanda Burkholder and Rosemary Pinnell shared low net with 40 in the third flight, and Judy Hamilton had 63 for low gross in the fourth flight. The trio of Phyllis Baxter, Amanda Ross, and Rosemary Pinnell shared low putts honors with 16, Yvonne Newton was closest to the pin on number 12, and Judy Hamilton had high reverse gross with 69.

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Teams	League	Overall
Pickford	1-0	1-0
North Dickinson	1-0	1-0
Mid-Peninsula	1-0	1-0
Bark-River Harris	1-0	1-0
Cedarville	0-0	1-0
Engadine	0-1	0-1
Brimley	0-1	0-1
North Central	0-1	0-1
Rapid River	0-1	0-1

STRAITS AREA CONFERENCE FOOTBALL STANDINGS

Teams	League	Overall
Cheboygan	0-0	1-0
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Houghton Lake is now being viewed as a horrible example of what can happen when too much weed growth is killed off too fast. Several years ago, the lake's weeds were getting so heavy that massive amounts of weed killer were used each year.

They've done such a thorough job that small panfish and others no longer have places to hide and grow into ones that a fisherman really wants to catch. Panfish catches are now so slim that many of the most enthusiastic anglers have given up on the lake entirely.

At the same time, a bumper crop of northern pike have now become a common catch for fishermen still trying to catch some of the panfish they hope remain. The vast majority of them are well under the legal length of 24 inches, although an occasional big one shows up.

Complaints to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) leave little hope the situation will be solved any time soon. Quite a number of other Michigan lakes have mostly undersized pike and they're listed in the current fishing guide.

DNR fisheries biologists generally agree that removing the size limit on pike would be a good idea, as anglers would be able to catch and keep their daily limits of them. It has

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worked out on other lakes, so why not on Houghton Lake, too?

Suggestions that this should be done, however, immediately run into an important snag. In order to save money, the DNR has now printed up a fishing guide covering a two-year period. Even though it might be a good idea to include big Houghton Lake in the new regulations, it can't be done until at least the 2008 fishing season.

The way things stand now, if a fisherman catches one of the undersized pike and kills it while trying to unhook it, the only course of legal action is to return the dead fish to the lake. What an utter waste!

Nobody is sure right now that there can be any solution to this problem. It's a sure bet, though, that the next time somebody suggests a total weed kill in Houghton Lake, or any other one, through chemical treatment the howls of protest are apt to be heard all over Michigan.

Left alone, the weeds will eventually agree to come back, giving the lake its natural balance, and making a lot of fishermen very happy. It can, and will, happen.

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