



Dora Hiser (back row, from left), Fran Gilmore, Ralph Oman, coordinator Ronda Schlehuber, Mary Lewis, Lenhart St. Andrew; (front) coordinator Angela Litzner, and Julia Bish enjoyed a field trip to Mackinac Island August 9 through the Take 5 program of Community Action Agency. (Photograph courtesy of Ronda Schlehuber)

Take 5 Offers Field Trips as Part of Respite Care Services

Crafts, music, field trips, and games are a regular part of the Take 5 program administered by Community Action Agency in St. Ignace, said coordinator Ronda Schlehuber. The program offers several hours of respite for caregivers of patients with Alzheimer's or memory loss.

"It helps people stay at home and out of a hospital setting longer," by providing relief for the family care-

givers, Mrs. Schlehuber said. The program is offered Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at the Community Action Agency's Fenlon Center on Reagon Street. Take 5 is coordinated by Mrs. Schlehuber and Angela Litzner and has eight participants regularly enrolled.

"We're living longer now and there is a real need for this service in our community," Mrs. Schlehuber

said. Bus transportation is provided for participants and lunch is served in conjunction with the regular senior citizen luncheons held on those days at the Fenlon Center.

The program is funded one year at a time through grants from Michigan Department of Community Health, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Mackinac Straits Hospital and Long Term Care, Community Action Agency, and Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP). Occasional fundraisers, such as bake sales, are held for the program. Families are charged participation fees on a sliding scale, based on taxable income.

Participants enjoyed a field trip to Mackinac Island August 9, with transportation donated by Arnold Transit Company. Mackinac Island Carriage Tours treated the group to carriage rides, and they enjoyed lunch and shopping while on the Island.

Families who would like to learn more about services provided through Take 5 or who would like to make a preliminary visit to the program may call Mrs. Schlehuber at 643-6746.

200 Help Cedar Cove Celebrate First Year



A group of friends (clockwise, from left) Nellie Halcin of DeTour, Freda O'Polka of Goetzville, Theora Bosely of Stalwart, Joyce Patrick of Stalwart, and Harold Crisp of Goetzville attend Cedar Cove Assisted Living community's first anniversary open house Thursday, August 31.

By Amy Polk

More than 200 people celebrated the first year of operation at Cedar Cove Assisted Living Facility at an open house Thursday, August 31. Occupancy has now grown to 15 residents and is approaching the building's capacity of 20.

Leroy Pieri, who was named administrator of Cedar Cove, replacing Shelli Arnold in the spring, said of the first year, "Things have been going well, and we have a lot of community support."

Cedar Cove employs 17 people, full time and part time, and Mr. Pieri said another three or four full-time employees will be added when the facility reaches capacity.

Cedar Cove is nonprofit and operates under the guidelines of Baruch Senior Ministries, which emphasize "promoting quality health care and lifestyle, personal dignity, and the value of every individual." It offers daily organized activities and hosts Cedarville's Independence Day craft show and checkers and bocce ball tournaments. Excursions have included a Stadtkapelle Wertigen Youth Band performance, the Fourth of July parade, picnics, the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum,



More than 200 people attended the first anniversary open house at Cedar Cove Assisted Living facility in Cedarville Thursday, August 31, where Elizabeth Burrows and Betty Struble (far right) played music during the event.

and pontoon boat rides through the Les Cheneaux Islands.

Most of the Cove occupants are single residents who need assistance with daily living, however, couples can live there, too, if one needs assistance but the other doesn't.

"One of the things we take pride in is the fact that some of the residents do return home after staying here," Mr. Pieri said. "Four of our residents returned to their own homes because they felt strong

enough to return to independent living within their homes."

Cedar Cove was built with private investments and financing, and opened June 17, 2005. It was built to fulfill a need for assisted living units in the Eastern Upper Peninsula, particularly for senior citizens, who comprise one of the largest age brackets in the area's population, according to the 2000 census.

The facility also provides recuperative care.

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Volunteers To Clean Up Forest Oct. 7

A Forest Clean-up Day is planned for the Hiawatha National Forest Saturday, October 7, at 9 a.m. Volunteers are asked to meet at the parking lot of Castle Rock in St. Ignace.

In 26 Clean-up Days over a 10-year period, more than 51 illegal dump sites have been eliminated and 1,000 tons of garbage has been removed from the St. Ignace District of the forest.

For questions or more information, call organizers Tom Briggs at 643-6185 or Kari Stanley of the U.S. Forest Service at 643-7900.

Park Commission To Meet Friday

The Mackinac Island State Park Commission meets Friday, September 22, at 1:30 p.m. at Fort Mackinac.

The commission oversees Mackinac State Historic Parks, which includes Fort Mackinac, Mackinac Island State Park, and several downtown museums on Mackinac Island, and Colonial Michilimackinac, Historic Mill Creek, and Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse in Mackinaw City.

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