

# Board Sets New School Calendar

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the same wages as last year, plus mandated step increases, but have not received additional pay raises.

When the board approved the last three-month calendar in October, the SEA filed an unfair labor practice complaint against the school board to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission. The case is still waiting to be heard, Mr. Springsteen said.

SEA president and teacher Lynwood Leightner said the union disputes board action to approve or disapprove any part of the teachers contract before negotiations are complete.

In August, SEA and the board agreed to create a calendar on a month-to-month basis until the contract is settled. By October, however, when the school board felt a timely agreement would not be reached, it created its first three-month calendar, so people "would have something to plan for," Mr. Springsteen told *The St. Ignace News*. In coming weeks, for example, parents need to plan for spring break, which has been set for April 2 through April 6.

Tentative three-month calendars, however, could lead parents to make plans that could be affected if the calendar is changed by negotiations, Mr. Leightner contends.

At the regular school board meeting Monday, November 14, the union formally requested that the board vote on the contract package only when it has been completed.

In June, the board and SEA tentatively agreed on a 2006/2007 calendar that included 177 work days, which would make the school year five days shorter than it has been in the past. That calendar is no longer being followed.

There are several reasons for going with a shorter school year.

"One could argue that the school would save money on busing," for example, Mr. Springsteen said. Without coming to an agreement regarding how much teachers would be paid, the board chose not to follow the shorter calendar agreed upon last June. The three-month calendar extensions have been made with the district's traditional 182-day school year in mind, Mr. Springsteen said.

# Lutheran Church Soup Lunch Set for Feb. 13 To Aid Garen Family

The February soup luncheon at Zion Lutheran Church in St. Ignace will be Tuesday, February 13, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Several varieties of soup and homemade bread and desserts will be offered at this church fundraiser.

A bake sale and silent auction will be held during the luncheon, and proceeds will be donated to Alicia Garen and her family. Miss

Garen is a St. Ignace girl who is battling myelodysplastic syndrome and is recovering from a recent bone marrow transplant. All money raised through the bake sale and auction will be matched by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

To obtain additional information or to make a donation, call the church at 643-7870.

# Help Available Thurs. for Research

Family history researcher Judy Engle will be available to help people with genealogy research Thursday, February 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Fort de Buade Museum in St. Ignace. Ms. Engle

is encouraging anyone with an interest in family history or conducting a genealogy project to meet at the museum for assistance. The session is free of charge and open to everyone.

# Arctic Blast Hits EUP This Week

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St. Ignace area can expect flurries and light snow with minor accumulations. Windchills will continue to hover around zero during the day and drop to as low as 20 degrees below zero at night, he said.

Although temperatures are expected to remain well below average through the coming weekend, they are far from the coldest readings for the area. Sault Ste. Marie bottomed out with its coldest recorded temperature of 37 degrees below zero February 10, 1899, and the city again hit that mark February 8, 1934. Tracking of Mackinac Island temperatures is relatively new, with no data available on its coldest numbers, said Mr. Cellitti.

Temperatures will be slow to warm up and may rebound to 20 degrees by Sunday, February 11, forecasted Mr. Cellitti.

U.S. Coast Guard Station St. Ignace reported Lake Huron water temperature at 32 degrees Monday, February 5.

Arnold Line's 51-year-old steel-hulled passenger boat the *Huron* made her last trip from the Island Saturday afternoon, February 3, leaving her Island dock at 4:30 p.m. She now sits frozen in the ice at the company's dock one in St. Ignace.

"It's stuck," said Nona Pacey of Arnold Line.

Jim Bentgen, also from Arnold Line, said Saturday's passenger service continued, although the boat was rerouted to a northern passage due to thick ice. The *Huron's* normal 35 minute trip to Mackinac Island takes the boat from St. Ignace through Round Island Passage past Grand Hotel to its Island dock.

"We could not get through," he said. "There was about a mile of really thick ice."

The boat was routed around the northern side of the Island, taking passengers past British Landing, Arch Rock, and finally by Mission Point Resort on the Island's southeast side before the *Huron* headed into the Arnold Line passenger dock at the Island. The northern trip adds about 20 minutes to the journey, said Mr. Bentgen.

The Arnold Line's freight boat the *Corsair* made her last run to and from the Island Friday, February 2, as the ice prevented the boat from making any further crossings.

Shepler's freight boat the *Sacre Bleu* made her last trip to Mackinac Island Monday, January 29, when thickening ice made the passage difficult.

While areas of open water remain, the ice bridge between St. Ignace and Mackinac Island has not formed. Travel on and off the Island is available from the Mackinac County Airport.

# Community Calendar

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**Activities**, 11 a.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library, Cedarville.

•Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays: **Senior Citizen Lunches**, 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.

•Tuesdays and Wednesdays: **Homework Helpers**, 3:15 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library, Cedarville.

•Tuesdays: **Knitting Group Meetings**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Les Cheneaux Community Library meeting room (behind fireplace), Cedarville.

•Thursdays and 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.

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

**DeTour Village**  
•Wednesday, February 14: **DeTour Friends of the Library Silent Auction**, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m., DeTour Public Library at DeTour Area Schools.

**Pickford**  
•Tuesday, February 13: **Pickford Area Historical Society Meeting**, 7 p.m., Historical Society Museum.

•Tuesday, February 20: **Milk Production Informational Meeting**, 11 a.m., Sundown Lounge on M-129, sponsored by MSU Extension. Free of charge and open to the public.

•Wednesday, February 21, through Sunday, February 25: **Walleye Jamboree** on Munuscong Bay. Call Wilderness Treasures at (906) 647-4002 for schedule, registration, and information.

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

•Saturday, February 10: **Benefit Dinner for Dennis Bender**, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., Raber Township Hall

**Rudyard**  
•Thursday, February 8: **The Bait Shop Boys Performing** at Rudyard Historical Society Meeting, 7 p.m., Rudyard Community Center. Free of charge and open to the public.

•Thursday, February 15: **Informational Meeting for Students and Parents** about pro-

posed trip to Rome, Italy, 7 p.m., Rudyard High School chorus room. Contact coordinator Celeste Spencer for more information at (906) 643-7065.

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

•Tuesdays and Thursdays: **Red Cross Swimming Lessons**, 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Register by calling (906) 478-7605.

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

**Sault Ste. Marie**  
•Thursday, February 8: **Motivational Speaker Craig MacFarlane to speak at Sault Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting**, LSSU Cislser Center. More information and registration are available at (906) 632-3301.

•Monday, February 12: **State Representative Gary McDowell's Office Hour**, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., Chippewa County Courthouse Annex Meeting Room, Third Floor, 300 Court Street.

•Wednesdays: **Pre-School Story Time**, 10 a.m., for children ages three to five, Bayliss Public Library.

•Thursdays: **Pre-School Story Time**, 1 p.m., for children ages three to five, Bayliss Public Library.

**Mackinaw City**  
•Wednesday, February 14: **Annual Book and Bake Sale**, 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mackinaw Area Public Library. Prices are 10¢ per softcover book, and 25¢ per hardcover book.

•Friday, February 16: **Project Close Up Sloppy Joe Supper**, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., Mackinaw City School multipurpose room. Tickets cost \$3 per person. Proceeds benefit the Project Close Up Washington, D.C. field trip.

•Saturday, March 3, and Sunday, March 4: **Mackinaw Mush Sled Dog Race** has been rescheduled to these dates. Call (231) 436-7334 for more information.

**Cheboygan**  
•Sunday, February 18: **12th Annual Travel Adventure Film Series: Rails Across Russia, St. Petersburg to the Pacific**, 2 p.m. Cheboygan Opera House.

To submit your group's information for consideration in this space, fax information including complete date, time, and location to (906) 643-9122 or call *The St. Ignace News* at (906) 643-9150. Please submit information at least two weeks prior to scheduled event.

# Animal Aid Plans Bake Sale Feb. 14

The Mackinac Animal Aid Association will host a Valentine's Day bake sale Wednesday, February 14, at Glen's Market in St. Ignace to raise money for

Mackinac County Animal Shelter operations.

The sale will start at 10 a.m. and continue until all the baked goods are sold.

# Mackinaw Library To Host Book Sale

The Mackinaw Area Public Library in Mackinaw City will hold its Annual Book and Bake Sale Wednesday, February 14.

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Avenue will sell new and used books for 10¢ per paperback and 25¢ per hardcover book from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Bake sale treats will also be available.

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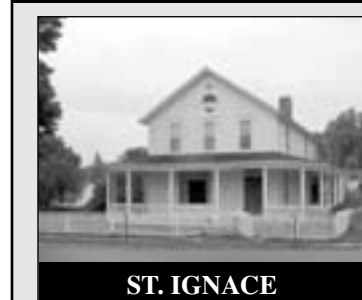
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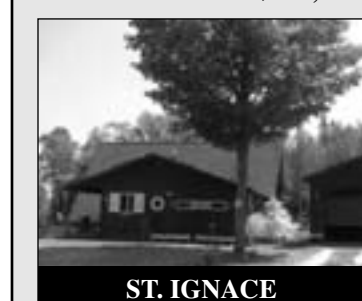
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