

Carl Faust Family Operated Spruce Lodge for 40 Years

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the family business early in life. At two years old, her first task was to empty the lodge wastebaskets.

The family ran the motel for 40 years, tapping the stream of tourists who traveled the highway each summer. Like any job, it had its ups and downs, Mrs. Buggell said.

She describes her father as a hardworking man who enjoyed the travelers passing along the road. He spent almost all of this time working, sparing just a little time for deer hunting, she said.

The Spruce Lodge began as seven cabins. Later, Mr. Faust added a four-unit motel. All were log-style buildings that fit into the woody landscape along the highway.

When it comes to woodwork, Mr. Faust is a perfectionist, and he proved his prowess when he helped rebuild Cheboygan's St. Thomas Lutheran Church in the early 1950s.

"He did a lot of work on that building," Mrs. Buggell said. He produced the altar rail, balcony rail, and ornamental woodwork near the organ grates. Mr. Faust also helped with bricklaying and stonework.

He began at St. Thomas in 1948 and remains a member of

the church today, said Pastor Harry "Budd" Wagner, who met Mr. Faust when he began preaching at St. Thomas in 1973.

"He has been a dear friend for almost 40 years, like a grandfather helping me learn and grow," he said.

The pastor describes Carl and Amalia Faust as "very conscientious and disciplined in their faith" which, for Mr. Faust, reaches back to a German Lutheran church in 1907.

Amalia Faust died in 2001, at age 95, leaving their daughter with memories of a family that pushed her to succeed.

As a child, Mrs. Buggell attended Mackinaw City Public Schools, which had two buildings, one for kindergarten through seventh grade students, and another for eighth through 12th grade.

Her father encouraged her to go to college, she said, an opportunity he never had. She attended Lake Superior State University for one year, which was then a wing of Michigan Technological University. Later, Mr. Faust supported her decision to go to Michigan State University, where she earned a degree in physical science and became a computer programmer.

Her father is as proud of this achievement as he is of his granddaughter, Susan Buggell, 29, who

serves in the U.S. Army, Mrs. Buggell said.

In recent years, Mr. Faust has been a regular visitor at the Mackinaw Senior Center, where he eats dinner several times a week. He often visits the Schneiders and reflects on the old days in Detroit.

"He talks a lot about the past," Mrs. Schneider said, especially his experiences in gymnastics.

"He was very athletic," she recalls. "Once, I saw him walk all the way across the yard on his

hands. Perhaps that's why he has remained so supple."

To this day, Mr. Faust strolls along US-23, helping keep his old stomping grounds clean.

"He is kind of a neatnik," Mrs. Schneider said, "always has been."

At his birthday party, Mr. Faust was very happy, she added, receiving a flood of cards. Each visitor also wrote down a favorite memory of him. His daughter will compile a book for him from the material.

Park Commission To Meet May 25

Mackinaw City Site for MISPC Gathering

The seven-member Mackinac Island State Park Commission will meet Friday, May 25, at 1:30 p.m. in the banquet room at Audie's Restaurant on Nicolet Street in Mackinaw City.

In July and September, commissioners will return to their regular meeting location in the boardroom of the 1860 Post Hospital building at Fort Mackinac. Both the Friday, July 20, and the Friday, September 21, meetings will be at

1:30 p.m. at the fort.

The commission was formed in 1895. Members are appointed by the governor to six-year terms. They are responsible for all aspects of managing 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.

Commission meetings are open to the public.

Community Calendar

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Cheneaux Elementary Music Concert, 7 p.m., Les Cheneaux Community Schools' Duncan Gymnasium, Cedarville. Public welcome.

•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.

•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.

•Tuesdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Hessel 12 and 12 Group Meetings**, 7 p.m., Hessel Tribal Center, next to casino on Three-Mile Road, Hessel.

•Wednesdays and Saturdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Les Cheneaux Group Meetings**, 8 p.m., Bethel Lutheran Church, 217 North M-129, Cedarville.

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

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

Pickford

•Wednesday, May 9: **Pickford Middle and High School Bands Concert**, 7 p.m., Pickford Public

Schools.

•Thursday, May 10: **Pickford Elementary School Music Concert**, 7 p.m., Pickford Public Schools.

•Saturday, May 19: **Pickford Alumni Banquet Honoring Classes of 1957 and 2007**, 7 p.m., Pickford Public Schools. Register by May 11, by calling Dianne Schmitigal, 297-3013 or Patty Stevenson, 647-9966.

•Through spring: **Pickford Wellspring Cellular Telephone Collection Fundraiser**, Drop off at Pickford High School, Old Mission Bank, Morrison-Toner Dentist office, Wilderness Treasures.

DeTour

•Friday, May 10, Saturday, May 11, Sunday, May 13: **Kids Cafe Presentation of "Dear Edwina Jr."** DeTour Area Schools. May 11 and May 12 shows at 7:30 p.m. May 13 show is dinner theater at 2 p.m. Reserve dinner theater tickets by May 4, by calling (906) 297-6390.

•Wednesday, May 16: **DeTour Area Schools Fine Arts Fair and Band Concerts**, 6:40 p.m. Middle School Band performance, 7:40 p.m. High School Band performance.

•Tuesday, May 29: **DeTour Elementary Music Program**, featuring K-5 Music Classes and 4th and 5th Grade Elementary Band, 6:30 p.m., DeTour Area Schools.

•Mondays: **Alcoholics Anonymous DeTour Passage Group Meetings**, 7 p.m., Wilderness Tabernacle Church, 777 North Caribou Lake Road.

Drummond Island

•Wednesday, May 23: **Drummond Elementary Music Program**, 6:30 p.m., Drummond Elementary School.

•Thursdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Drummond Island Group Meetings**, 8 p.m., St. Florence Catholic Church, Townline Road.

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

Kinross

•Sundays and Wednesdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Kinross Serenity Group Meetings**, 7 p.m., CCSS Building, 4900 Davis Court, Kincheloe.

Rudyard

•Mondays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Friends of Bill W. Group Meetings**, 7:30 p.m., St. James Lutheran Church.

•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.

Strongs

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

Brimley

•Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12: **Michigan Industrial and Technology Education Society Regional Student Competition**, Brimley High School. Open to the public Saturday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

•Tuesdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Lakeshore Group Meetings**, 7:30 p.m., Superior Township Hall, 7049 South M-221.

•Thursdays: **Alcoholics Anonymous Lakeshore Group Meetings**, 8 p.m., Superior Township Hall, 7049 South M-221. Open speaker the last Thursday of each month.

Sault Ste. Marie

•Wednesday, May 2: **American**



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