

# Engadine

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I hope everyone enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend, and the many graduation parties that were held, and will be ongoing for the next few weekends around the area. Please be sure to drive safely, and while traveling, turn your headlights on.

The Upper Peninsula Single District 10 Lions Club is collecting used computer ink cartridges, with the exception of Epson, to help raise money for the 2007 Curtis Independence Day parade.

Cartridges may be placed in designated boxes at the Fish and Hunt Shop, Curtis Elementary School, Manistique Lakes Clinic, State Savings Bank in Curtis, Naubinway, and Manistique, Jack's Supervalu in Manistique, Newberry High School, and First National Bank of St. Ignace Newberry branch office. For more information, call Rich Owen at (906) 586-6194.

The Newberry United Methodist Church will have a fish fry Friday, June 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church at 110 West Harrie Street. Takeouts will be available.

The suggested donation is \$7. The U.P. Regional Blood Center, a service of Marquette General Hospital, will hold a blood drive Wednesday, June 6, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital. For an appointment, call Ruth Duke at (906) 293-5062.

The 58th Annual Mackinac Island Lilac Festival, celebrating Mackinac's lilac collection, will take place Friday, June 8, through Sunday, June 17.

Engadine Historical Society's annual meeting will be Thursday, June 14, at 7 p.m. at the Freeman-Hasting House Museum. Election of three trustees for three-year terms will be decided.

The annual Engadine Heritage Day will be held at Garfield Township Hall and the Mill Pond Park and Pavilion in Engadine Sunday, July 22.

The annual Curtis Community Arts Council wine and cheese tasting and auction fundraiser will be Saturday, July 28, at Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn in Curtis. For more information, contact Kelly Chamberlin at (906) 586-6000.

The Freeman-Hastings House and Fenskey Log House Museums are now open every Tuesday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to visit. The museums are located on West Melville Street in Engadine.

Happy birthday to Hal Funke May 31, Tom Frazier, Justin Germain, Amber Feneley, Steve Sullivan, and Andrew Reed June 1, Jeremiah Clark June 2, Derek Clark June 3, Nicole Benoit, Stephanie Kerbersky, Paul Kleeman Sr., and Vu Stefanich June 5, Gary Moore June 6, and Mary Beth Dennis, Randy Baker, and Lauren King June 7.

Happy anniversary to Bob and Candy Aldrich June 5.

If you have news or event information, please e-mail me at: engadinenews@sbcglobal.net, call (906) 477-6959, or send regular mail to me at: Julie Freeman, P.O. Box 45, Engadine, MI 49827. All information in my column is from local people. If you know someone who is the head of a local event, please pass the word on that news can be shared in this space.

# DeTour X Atlantic Salmon Derby Will Be Saturday

Hoping to capitalize on a growing Atlantic salmon fishery, DeTour Village will host its second annual DeTour X Atlantic Salmon Derby Saturday, June 2, with a shotgun start at 6 a.m. The derby will end at 4 p.m. Eighty-five percent of registration fees will be paid out in prizes, and remaining funds will be donated to the DeTour community fish cleaning station.

The entry fee is \$50 per boat. Contestants must drop off coolers or fish boxes containing Atlantic salmon between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. at the DeTour Village marina. Coolers will be sealed until the public weigh-in at 5 p.m., also at the marina. Contestants and the public can watch the weigh in and participate in a barbecue and beverages that will be offered for a donation.

"This should be another fun event this year," said coordinator Gary Dudeck. "We hope to increase the number of participants by running the event one week earlier than last year for better fishing and to avoid overlap with other local derbies."

A growing Atlantic salmon fishery based in the St. Marys River was started by fisheries students at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. By planting the salmon for a number of years, Mr. Dudeck said, students are creating another fishing opportunity for anglers who visit the Eastern Upper Peninsula.

"We want to make sure people are aware of it, and let them know it's a real up-and-coming fishery here," Mr. Dudeck said. "That's the reason we started this derby last year, and it was pretty successful."

The first-time derby in 2006 attracted 23 boats, and paid out approximately \$1,000 in prize money. Entry fees and food donations raised approximately \$350 that was donated to the fish cleaning station, which provides a place for people to clean and freeze catches from northern Lake Huron and the St. Marys River.

Similar to last year, the top three Atlantic salmon will win the first, second, and third place prizes, and the largest combined weight caught on one boat will win a prize.

Derby information is available at the following sponsoring businesses: Marinelock LLC, River Bend Resort, and North Country Sports, all in DeTour Village. Entry forms and rules are at North Country Sports.

# Straits Communities Now Offer Travel Packages

By Karen Gould

To help lure people to the Straits area, local agencies are offering travel packages that offer one-ticket convenience and price discounts. The St. Ignace Visitors Bureau, the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau, and Mackinac Island Carriage Tours each offer packages that include discounts ranging from 13% to 20%. Two packages offer online ordering.

Local attractions are just beginning to tap the potential of packaging, said Phil Porter, director of Mackinac State Historic Parks. By purchasing a package online before coming to the area, the visitor has made the decision to travel here.

Measuring the success of the new packages may be difficult, with high gas prices and high statewide unemployment steering some potential visitors toward shorter vacations closer to home. Approximately 70% of tourism dollars spent in Michigan come from state residents, but the state has the highest unemployment in the country, at 7.1%, up from 6.8% one year ago.

"We're competing as much for their hour as their dollar," Mr. Porter said. "What we want to do is put packages together that have value and convenience that will attract people to the Straits of Mackinac."

He said Mackinac State Historic Parks is willing to partici-

pate in package discounts to draw new faces to the area, stimulate attendance, and increase market share. His park facilities include Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island and Colonial Michilimackinac, Historic Mill Creek, and Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse in Mackinaw City.

One such package is billed as "The Mackinac Island Experience Package." The day trip to Mackinac Island includes online ordering and a nearly 20% savings. It is administered by Mackinac Island Carriage Tours and includes ferry travel to the Island, a carriage tour, and admissions to Fort Mackinac and Grand Hotel. The price is \$59 for adults, \$55 for teens, and \$28 for children over five.

The Family Value Package offered by the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau includes day trips from St. Ignace and requires a minimum two-day stay at a participating St. Ignace area hotel.

"Our market is with so many families who are looking for an affordable vacation, and we put this package together just for them," said Lynne Piippo, executive director of the St. Ignace Visitors Bureau. "We have great attractions around here."

For \$149.50 for two adults and two children, a family can climb Castle Rock, visit Totem Village and the Wildlife Zoo, Deer Ranch, the soon-to-open Weird Michigan Wax Museum, the Mystery Spot, the Museum of Ojibwa Culture,

and the Fort De Buade Museum, all in St. Ignace. The ticket also includes ferry tickets to Mackinac Island and the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum in Paradise.

"We want to encourage people to go to the dunes and see the natural beauty of the area, including the great forests and nature of the Upper Peninsula," she said. "Because we've added the Great Lakes Shipwreck Museum, they will see three of the five Great Lakes on this trip alone."

The bureau also is developing a couple's package that will be available this fall, said Mrs. Piippo.

A new combination ticket offered by the Mackinaw Area Visitors Bureau in Mackinaw City allows vacationers to see six area attractions over three days, for one price.

The Mackinaw Infinity Package offers unlimited visits to four Mackinaw City attractions, including Colonial Michilimackinac, Historic Mill Creek, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and Thunder Falls Family Water Park. Also included in the package is admission to Fort Mackinac on Mackinac Island and ferry transportation on either Arnold Transit, Star Line, or Shepler's boats.

Visitors must book at least two nights' lodging at a participating Mackinaw City hotel. Unlimited admission to the six attractions is valid for three days.

Package prices are \$79.95 for adults, \$69.95 for teens, and \$54.95 for children older than four.

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Rob and Melissa Berry of California are visiting with Rob's parents, Bob and Ellen Berry, of the village. Their son, Kevin Berry from Wisconsin, and Leah Berry, who was just graduated from Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo, completed the group for the weekend.

quiet Memorial Day weekend at home. They have their garden planted, and Janice says the pear and apple trees are loaded with blossoms this year. Lawrence O'Boyle spent a night with Ben Idalski and took in the movie, "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End." The boys gave the movie four thumbs up.

Shirley Mitchinson and family and Dr. Greg and Dawn Mitchinson and family spent time at their cottage on Worth Road this past week.

Jim Rose wasn't planning on too much this holiday; no marching with the flag, and he didn't even fire off the gun in the backyard.

Ernie and Paula Gustafson are enjoying a few days at their cottage on the Gustafson camp property. They've launched their pontoon on Big Brevoort Lake and have been

doing some serious fishing.

Happy belated birthday to Kelli Movolson May 25. Happy birthday to Eric Movolson May 30 and Tyler Barthelemy June 2.

Happy 30th anniversary to Mark and Brenda Spencer.

# Baker Commands U.S.S. Warrior

Lieutenant Commander Vince W. Baker took over command of the USS Warrior in a Change of Command Ceremony February 14, 2007, at Naval Station Ingleside in Ingleside, Texas.

LTC Baker was graduated from Mackinaw City High School in 1982. His first assignment was aboard the USS Moinester FF 1097 in Norfolk, Virginia. He has also served on the USS Vella Gulf CG 72, USS Antietam CG 54, and USS The Sullivans DDG 68.

Among other degrees he has received, he earned a Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in 2005.

LTC Baker resides with his wife, Brenda, and their children, Daniel and Elizabeth, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

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# Cullen Styes Bags His First Turkey



Cullen Styes, 12, of St. Ignace and Traverse City (right) bagged his first turkey May 7. He and family friend Jeremiah Warren each bagged a 15-pound turkey while hunting in Benzie County. (Styes family photograph)

# Notice to Patients

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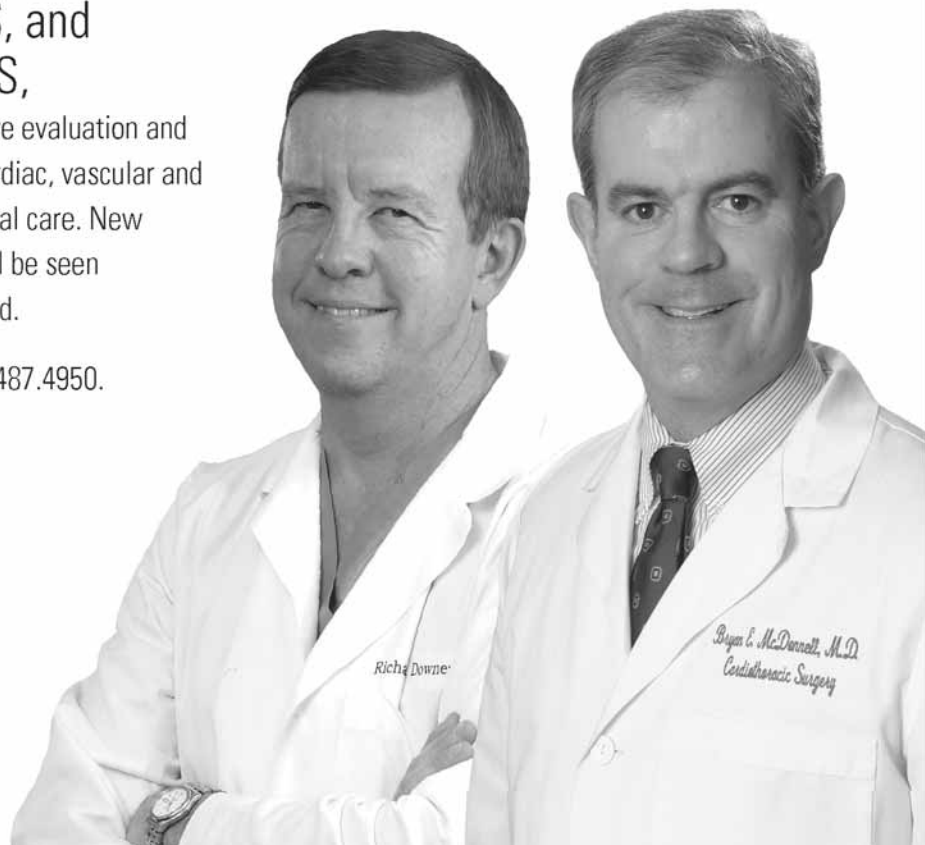
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