

Les Cheneaux

Our high school's graduation has taken place; celebrations with open houses for graduating students have kept everyone busy during the past couple of weeks, with more to come next weekend.

Many summer jobs have also begun for these young people. With the cost of college tuition, one can hardly afford to be without a summer job to help defray the cost. As a whole, the year has gone by so quickly, as they all do. We should make every day count.

Lilacs are blooming all over the Eastern Upper Peninsula. It is such a pleasure to drive through Cedarville, Hessel, and St. Ignace to see, and smell, these lovely spring blossoms. I have wished for years for a nice, big lilac bush, but never seem to get around to planting one. Enjoying everyone else's lilacs is always a pleasure.

It has been so nice for me to have our son, Richard, home for a week. There are always so many jobs for him to complete that it is surprising that he returns as often as he does. The week's weather has been beautiful, in spite of the predictions of rain and cool weather. Getting out in a boat and a kayak to enjoy the fresh air and water, and seeing a few old friends, are some of his greatest pleasures while here.

John Duncan won the Lions Club \$100 lottery May 29.



A group of Les Cheneaux Community Schools students enjoy their tour of the state capitol building in Lansing Wednesday, May 16. Pictured are (back row, from left) Isabel Brumleve, Ashley Sherlund, Serena Currie (peeking over top); Cynthia Barowski, Molly Fagan (partially blocked); Tanner Reppenhagen, Dylan Mathews, Brett Masuga, Cody Barowski; (front row) Monica Krackowski, Shannon Sayles, Maddie Kohlmann, and Marcus Malkowski. They hold informational booklets about the state capitol that they received on arrival. The students participated in an educational rally there, and met with legislators to learn more about school funding. (Photograph by Janet Haske, Les Cheneaux Community Schools)

Tai Chi classes began Monday at the school. This is a form of exercise that has intrigued me. From what I have seen and heard, anyone can do it, and we shall see. More will be reported on this class next week.

The story this week from Bruce Patrick is about a man named Johnson Duncan and his team of horses:

"Johnson was very kind to his horses. He hauled for anyone who needed hauling done. He worked for my father, Bruce K. Patrick, who was a dock builder. My father cut cedar logs to build cribs to build boat houses on. He also had a pile driver to drive piling with. My dad also cut firewood for just about everyone along the waterway, for their cook stoves and fireplaces. He needed a team of horses to haul this material.

Les Cheneaux fifth grade student Cara Hakola meets State Representative Darwin Booher, who stopped to chat with students at an educational rally at the state capitol Wednesday, May 16. (Photograph by Janet Haske, Les Cheneaux Community Schools)



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June has arrived, which means warmer weather, beautiful flowers being planted, happy babies in strollers, and more tourists enjoying our town.

I received a phone call from Ohio this week: Ann Marie Pudenz, along with her husband, Jerry, and three children would like to say hello to all of their St. Ignace friends, whom they left behind after a move one year ago. They are doing well, she said, and she wants to share their new address, which is 416 South Main Street, Lewisburg Ohio 45338.

Sorry to hear Marion Fenlon has been experiencing leg problems. She has been going to physical therapy at Mackinac Straits Hospital. I enjoyed giving her a ride there one day.

Hanna Lupan is home again after her winter stay in North Carolina. She has been helping at the Hope Chest. Ms. Lupan plans on a trip to Houghton in two weeks. Later on, she and Sis Tatrow will be traveling to Alaska by auto, plane, cruise ship, bus, and train. Sounds like fun.

Pat Smith and Peg Sutton traveled to Rogers City last week, where Mrs. Sutton gave a presentation about her leader dog, Amber, as a contribution to the Lions Club.

Mrs. Sutton says her husband, Don, recently had a two-week stay in the hospital at Petoskey, but is doing well now. While there, Amber was helpful in finding the elevator or anything else Mrs. Sutton requested.

Henry Smith is recovering as well as he can following a traffic accident on US-2 January 15. He needed stitches in his face and suf-

fered a compound break to his leg. After a three-hour surgery, doctors were able to place a pin in his lower leg. Mr. Smith still needs a walker, and reports that his friends are a big help.

A graduation party took place Saturday, May 26, at the home of Roxanne and John Smith in honor of three high school graduates, their son, Jake, and his cousins, Sam Fitzpatrick, son of Terri Lynn and Bill Fitzpatrick of St. Ignace, and Josh Stascak, son of Tammy and Roger Stascak of Green Bay, Wisconsin. All three graduates are grandsons of Sharon and Terr Smith of St. Ignace. Everyone enjoyed the gathering.

Betty and Wayne Bell visited relatives in St. Ignace over the past week. Betty is the oldest daughter of the late Roma and Vern Blair.

Wes Therrian of Whitewater, Wisconsin, has enjoyed a week's camping on his property on Cheeseman Road. While here, he cleared brush and did some carpentry work. He and his wife, Debbie plan to retire here in the future. They have one son, Josh, who is in college. Mr. Therrian grew up on this property until 1961, when he and his family made a move to Wisconsin because of employment. He is the oldest grandson of the late Edna and Millard Smith. While here, the family enjoyed visiting with relatives.

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The smell of lilacs are filling the air— what a sweet smell, and how quickly they will disappear.

Over Memorial Day weekend the cottages, cabins, and mobile homes seemed to have four wheelers, dirt bikes, and grills at each of them.

The weather cooperated, for the most part.

Commencement ceremonies are set for Engadine High School Friday, June 8.

Graduation open houses are in full swing. We managed to stop by Lewie Mullins' in St. Ignace, then high tailed it to reach Engadine in time for Grayson Hood's, and Sunday we said hello to all the

Youth Firearms Training June 9

Chippewa County Shooting Association will host a Youth Day and firearms training Saturday, June 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the organization's trap range on Ridge Road near Sault Ste. Marie. Registration will be from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.

The all-day event will include firearms safety instruction and the opportunity for young people to safely handle and shoot different types of hunting and target guns.

Children ages 11 through 18 can attend the event for \$5 each, which includes lunch at noon and a T-shirt. The event is limited to 50 young people. Registration may be made by calling (906) 635-9700, where callers can leave their name, phone number, and a short message if no one answers.

Among the activities offered, participants can watch a demonstration on loading and shooting a black powder rifle; learn about the different types of rifles, pistols, and shotguns; shoot .22 caliber rifles at targets; shoot rifles, pistols, and shotguns like those used 100 years ago; shoot bows and arrows at life size animal targets, and shoot a shotgun at clay targets on the trap range.

A parent or guardian should accompany the child to the range to complete registration.

Guns and safety equipment will be provided, and participants should not bring guns to the range.

friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Nicole Benoit.

So nice to see Brad and Jackie Butkovich and their son, Owen, who traveled back to see Brad's folks, Art and Peggy, for the weekend.

Open houses this weekend will include the Derusha cousins, Elicia and David.

Joining the rest of the family for a birthday celebration for their mother, Evelyn Burgess, were Leon and Brenda Derusha and their grandson, Vaughn, from Brimley, along with Jerry and Susan Derusha and girls, and Yvonne Maison and kids, as well as John and Louella Snow, Dave and Linda Livermore, Gary Burgess, Steve Livermore,


and grill master Dale Burgess.

Condolences to Nadine Garavaglia on the loss of her sister, Vivian.

The Hudson Township board meeting will be Thursday, June 7, at 7 p.m. at the town hall.

Birthday wishes to Phyllis Gouza and Bob Quinn and Carolyn Paquin Orth, who celebrated May 28, my sister-in-law, Evelyn Burgess, May 31, our niece, Samantha Maison, June 3, soon-to-be graduate Nicole Benoit June 5, Gary Moore June 6, and on June 10, Shelly Nowak, Bobby Wheaton, and Bob Nowak.

Anniversary wishes to our former neighbors, Bob and Candy Aldrich, June 5.



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