

Les Cheneaux

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It seems that Cedarville and Hessel have had a lot of traffic during the past couple of weeks, which is always nice to see. The grocery stores and restaurants have been crowded in spite of the price of gasoline. Stormy weather has not seemed to keep them away.

Speaking of stormy weather, it seems that we have ducked (no pun intended) between showers all week long, with a climactic storm Sunday afternoon. It has only been a few times in almost 60 years up here that I have seen such a dark and threatening sky and there were reports of hail and wind farther north. We were on the water and it didn't take us long to find our way home. According to the weatherman, this week should be very pleasant with sunshine and tolerable temperatures.

For those who are looking for things to do, the unusual display of small quilts at the Les Cheneaux Historical Museum on Meridian is worth one's time. The quilts are all a part of the theme, "Out of This World," and the many individual quilters each had their own idea of that theme.

Don't forget the steak dinner at First Union Church Thursday, July 19.

Worth a trip around the block and a lovely sight to see is the border of red, double poppies on the property of the Islands Inn on M-134 across from Ace Hardware. The Dingmans, who own the property, truly have a green thumb and their flowers are always beautiful.

The following story from Bruce Patrick this week is about an incident with the late Rudy Pearson's tractor:

"This is a story about Rudy Pearson and my brother, John Patrick. Rudy got permission to cut big birch for veneer on Marquette Island. He did not buy the land, which was 80 acres, so he went over and took enough lumber to build a small one-room cabin on

this 80 acres. He got my brother to go in with him to cut the big birch for veneer. The veneer plant was at Sault Ste. Marie.

"So, when all was ready with the small shanty, they had to get Rudy's crawler tractor over there to haul these logs out to the mainland so they could be hauled to the plant at the Soo.

"I was working next door on J. S. Miller's new house, putting in cupboards and paneling inside the house. So I could see everything going on the ice getting to Marquette Island. Rudy and John tried, or tested, the ice every 35 feet all across the channel here. They tested every 35 feet. They found no less than 11 inches of ice in any hole they tested in. Now, wouldn't you know, between two holes, there was only about five inches of ice!

"They put maple poles under the tractor; one was under the blade frame and one under the hitch in rear. When the tractor went through between two holes, this maple frame caught the tractor from going through all the way.

"Rudy saw that it was gradually going down, so I ran out to look. He said, 'Go to my garage and get a big log chain, one that we can hook to the blade.' I got this heavy

chain in no time at all. I hitched it to the blade as the tractor was slowly going down.

"After a few minutes, Bob Hamel was called, for everyone knew he would know just what to do. He came in spite of the fact that he was laid up with a bad leg. He came at once, in spite of the objections of his wife. He could drive his car right up to the tractor. It had sunk slowly with the pole frame.

"Bob immediately told people what to do. We got a big hand winch from Viking Boat Yard, and anchored it to a hole in the ice ahead of where the tractor was going down slowly. We cranked the hand winch and dragged the tractor gradually to shore. It was a big job, but it had to come out.

"This system worked very well, but was huge job. When it got to shore and out on the bank, we built a pole form around it and made fires under this frame, which we had put tarps over, to keep it from freezing until it could be drained of water. All worked well with Bob Hamel's directions.

"Rudy and John got to get their logs out OK, but they hauled these logs across Hessel Bay on the way to Sault Ste. Marie. The ice was better in Hessel Bay."

Engadine

The Tahquamenon Valley Cruisers are looking for vendors, crafters, and organizations who would like to participate in the 14th Annual Tahquamenon Valley Cruisers Car Show in Newberry, Saturday, July 28. For more information, or to register for a booth, contact Vicki Fall at (906) 293-3816 or Sarah Price at (906) 869-7657.

The Luce County Community Resource and Recreation Center, at 103 West Helen Street in Newberry, offers a full slate of activities each

week, including reading and skits on Mondays, crafts on Tuesdays, active games on Wednesdays, movies on Thursdays, and learning to cook on Fridays. Saturday, July 28, will be a "Moose Festival and Car Show" with a community tie dye and peddle car races, games, and prizes. Tuesday, August 21, will be the end of summer party. The summer sounds like it will be so much fun for all area children. The Luce County Community Resource and Recreation Center is open to all the surrounding communities; everyone is welcome to stop by and see what they have to offer. Co-sponsors are the Children's Trust Fund and Great Start Great Parents. If you have any questions about recreation center programs, call (906) 293-3729.

The Engadine Historical Society Museums, Freeman-Hastings House and Fenske Log House, will be open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The museums are located on West Melville Street in Engadine.

Naubinway-Engadine Merchants Association will host the third annual art auction. This year's theme is

Gould City

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July has been a great month for festivities. It's nice to have time to enjoy the beautiful weather.

I've received news from the Feneley-McNeil-Nesbit American Legion Post 290 regarding its activities. The Post meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the VFW Hall in Engadine (except January, February, and March. During this time, regular meetings are held only as needed because of the weather.) Post 290 is in Zone 5, the Upper Peninsula, and the 11th District (Eastern U.P.). There are 115 members in the Post. The membership consists of eight members serving on active duty.

If you know friends who are veterans, or any veterans who would like to become members of the Engadine Post, let the Post Commander know and an application can be sent to them. Annual dues are \$35, payable with the completed application form. Contact Commander Marv Germain at (906) 477-6370, First Vice Commander Cliff McMichael at (906) 477-9429, or Second Vice Commander Roger Shoemaker at (906) 477-6606 to receive an application.

Post 290 has many programs that help the local community, including scholarships, sponsorship of a Boy Scout troop, and fish fries with area volunteer fire departments at which

both organizations split the proceeds. The Post has an "Adopt-a-Road" program, a Ladies Auxiliary, which meets separately, helps raise funds for other Posts, and participates in Fourth of July activities, Engadine Winterfest, Antique Showmobile Show, and supports the veterans home in Marquette, in addition to organizing monthly breakfast fundraisers and various raffles.

There will be a "Tri-County Volunteer Fire Departments" 30th Annual Fundraiser Saturday, July 21, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Highway 13 (15 miles south of M-28 or 20 miles north of US-2). There will be auctions, raffles, drawings, homemade pies, refreshments, crafts, wood carving, and music.

The Germfask Fire Department "Community Day" will be Saturday, July 28, at the roadside park. There will be games, juice, popcorn, and clowns.

The Engadine Heritage Day activities will take place start Sunday, July 22, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Mill Pond Park in Engadine. Activities will be an antique car and tractor display, music, museum tours, and quilt show with raffle, plus arts and crafts. There will be food, including barbecue beef, hot dogs, and chips, with a strawberry social to follow. To display arts and crafts in the

show, call (906) 477-6234. To enter cars and tractors, call (906) 477-6898.

Newton Township has posted the dates of monthly township board meetings for the balance of 2007. They are as follows: August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, and December 12. For 2008: January 9, February 13, March 12, April 9, May 14, and June 11. Meetings are in the Newton Township Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. They are open to the public.

Engadine Methodist Church will host a church picnic in a beach setting Wednesday, July 25, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Everyone is free to attend. This is the 15th free dinner offered to everyone in the community. The menu includes baked chicken, potato salad, and a 20-foot banana split, which will be served at 5:45 p.m. Children's water sports will be included. There also will be a fish pond full of prizes for the kids to fish in, a water slide, and giant bubbles.

Happy birthday to Jeff Keller July 23 and Carla Crawford July 24.

Happy wedding anniversary to Danny and Ginger Price July 24 and Kirt and Gretchen Grinnell July 25. Hope you all had a great day.

Stay safe and stay well. See you next week.

By Julie Freeman

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"Lighthouses." Help decorate the community with your personal lighthouse creation. Lighthouses will be displayed throughout the community all summer, and then auctioned off at the Naubinway "Fall Fest" in September. Lighthouses will be available at the following locations in Engadine: Danny's Auto Value, Tahquamenon Area Credit Union, and the Hiawatha Sportsman's Club. In Naubinway: Coldwell Banker Schmidt Realtors, Beaudoin's Marathon Station, and First National Bank.

Engadine Heritage Day will take place at the Garfield Township Hall and Engadine Mill Pond Park and Pavilion Sunday, July 22. A quilt show, barbecue beef sandwiches and hot dogs be available. The popular strawberry shortcake will also be served. The flag raising will be held at 1 p.m., which starts off the afternoon with music in the park, arts and crafts shows, and displays of antique cars and tractors. Museum tours will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Children's activities will be held on the Mill Pond Park grounds, including fly tying. The quilt raffle will be held at 5 p.m. in the pavilion.

Happy birthday to Terry Davis July 19, Loren Hins, Rich Ocko, Jeff Sleck, Jennifer Brooks, and Darlene Shoemaker July 20, Courtney Aldrich July 21, Mike Leveille July 22, Charles Haapala, Jeff Keller, and Dan Hood July 23, John Krenek July 24, Kayla Bigelow, Rita Vallier, Deb Bennett, and Carla Crawford July 25, and Michael Hartwig July 27.

Happy anniversary to John and Jeanne Krenek July 21, Danny and Ginger Price July 24, Kirk and Gretchen Grinnell July 25, and Richard and Jan Pershinske July 27. Until next time, take care.

Outdoors: Researchers Measure Impact of Walleye Tournaments



One of the walleye tournament fishing impact study sites selected in 2006 was at the Wal-Mart FLW Walleye League Wisconsin Division Super Tournament on Green Bay. The weigh-in was held at Great Lakes Marina Park in Menominee. The winner of the two-day tournament, July 29 and 30, caught 10 walleyes weighing 68 pounds, 15 ounces. (DNR photograph by Dave Fielder)

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attitudes portion of the study is to provide a complete look at the issue of tournament impacts," Mr. Fielder said, "so it is not just limited to the biological implications, if any."

In Michigan, project researchers gathered data from four walleye tournaments, including one in the Michigan waters of Green Bay out of Menominee, one in the Bays de Noc out of Escanaba, one in the Detroit River out of Trenton, and the last one, which will be July 11 to 14, again at the Bays de Noc.

Similar tournaments have been monitored in other participating states, including Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and North Dakota. Funding for the study comes from the participating states and FLW Outdoors.

"The power of this study is the large sample size, that is the geographic coverage and large number of tournaments being monitored to

determine the range of response," Mr. Fielder said.

As many as 24 walleye tournaments are expected to contribute data to the analysis.

Although not complete, results thus far indicate that survival of released tournament fish depends on a variety of factors, Mr. Fielder said, including how warm the water is and how rough the water was during the fishing day.

Other factors may include the distance traveled to get back to the weigh-in and the conditions in the boat's live well.

"Some tournaments experienced a very high survival of the angler-caught fish, while nearly all fish in other tournaments didn't survive," Mr. Fielder said. "In most tournaments, an intermediate loss of about 30% was common."

When the impact study is completed, each participating state will decide how best to apply the information to its own situation.

Some states may develop policies and regulations concerning live-release walleye tournaments, and others may use the information to develop educational materials for tournament organizers and contestants, said Lake Huron Basin Coordinator Tammy Newcomb, who, along with Mr. Fielder, initiated Michigan's participation in the project.

"Here in Michigan, our current understanding is that most anglers don't have a big problem with tournament fishing if they can be assured the fish aren't being killed," Ms. Newcomb said.

Some tournament sites, such as Saginaw Bay, which hosted a FLW Outdoors fishing event June 30 but was not part of the study, may continue to offer catch-and-keep tournaments because the water in the bay is usually too warm and shallow for good live release, she said.

"In each case," Ms. Newcomb added, "the goal will be to find ways to accommodate competitive fishing opportunities and yet ensure protective measures for the fish population."

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