

Les Cheneaux

The weather is beautiful. There are lots of people around, fishing is good, kayaks and canoes are paddling throughout the islands, and everyone seems to be enjoying themselves. What more could one ask of a summer in the Les Cheneaux Islands?

Keith Kester won the \$100 Lions Club raffle July 24.

The historical museum is featuring a display of small quilts throughout August from a private quilting organization. This is an invitational juried exhibition, and the colors are beautiful. Also throughout the month of August, the Arts Council of Les Cheneaux

will have a free exhibition of artists' work in the Cedarville Inn.

As Merle Sackman and his wife, who reside on Parmerlee Road on Beavertail Point, were turning toward DeTour on M-134 one day last week, they were surprised and thrilled to see a large wolf only about 15 feet from their car. It was a dark color. Merle said that the sight of the wolf has made them a little hesitant to take a walk in the evening.

Merle went to school in Cedarville many years ago, when his parents owned a piece of property called "Sackman's Lodge." The property now belongs to the

Nature Conservancy. I recall that it was at a point of a bay at the very end of the school bus line, almost at the boundary of Mackinac County. Merle said he was so happy as a youngster, that he could attend the Cedarville School because of the friends he had here.

An anniversary of note occurred this summer on Big LaSalle Island, when the John Maescher family celebrated 100 years of coming to the Les Cheneaux Islands. The late John Maescher came as a guest of the Robert Heucks in 1907 when he was just 15 years of age. Later, John and his wife, Lucy, loved the area so much that they bought property and built their family cottage on Big LaSalle in the early 1920s, one of the cottages in the group now known locally as

By Helen Shoberg

484-2626 mink1@cedarville.net

"Cincinnati Row."

Mr. Maescher was also one of the founders of the Les Cheneaux Yacht Club, and he wrote the first constitution for the club in 1938. John and Lucy had two children, Jane Hassan Earls and the late Betty Hesser, plus 24 family members. This includes five generations of Maescher descendants who all continue to enjoy their summers in the Snows. It certainly says a lot for the area, when generations keep returning year after year.

Last Saturday evening, we were able to go out Middle Entrance by boat and watch the fireworks from Mackinaw City, Mackinac Island, and St. Ignace commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge. It



The Maescher Clan family reunion was celebrated by (from left) Joan Hesser, Grant Hesser, Stella Hassan, John Hassan, and Jane Earls. (Photograph by the Maescher family)

was a wonderfully warm evening with the water as smooth as glass, and what fun it was to sit out there and watch the fireworks display across the water so far away.

Everyone is happy to see that the Hessel Marketplace is once more open for business. It has been a favorite stopping place and landmark for so many years.



This photograph of a seagull perched on a post was taken by Janey Montgomery of Big LaSalle Island at Les Cheneaux.

DeTour Area

By Barbara Buschbacher

297-8075 bbann@sault.com

What can be more beautiful than the picture-perfect weather we have been having? Of course: the team of Budweiser Clydesdale horses that visited Cedarville last week. It was certainly a thrill to see them march down M-134.

This well-groomed team of horses was in northern Michigan to participate in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Mackinac Bridge. It was a treat for all to view these gorgeous animals, and also to see the Dalmatian dog sitting atop the wagon with the drivers.

For all avid fishermen, it is not too late to take part in the Annual Salmon Derby in DeTour. Registration is being held at North Country Sports. To date, there are 120 registrants. The derby ends Saturday, August 4, at 3 p.m.

In the evening, the Boy Scouts will serve a whitefish dinner. Awards will be presented after dinner. For more information, contact North Country Sports at (906) 297-6461.

Linda and Alex Fisher welcomed into their home Keike and Clause Beckmann with their daughter, Neeske. Neeske, an exchange student, lived with the Fishers while attending DeTour High School for one year.

The Beckmanns reside in Hildeshiem, a town in northern Germany. The family will be guests of the Fishers until Thursday, when they plan to tour the West Coast for three weeks.

While here, they enjoyed visiting the beach, as they are not close to big lakes where they live. They enjoyed a whitefish dinner. They plan to visit the Soo Locks and other places of interest. There will be a big family dinner at the Fishers before their departure this week. We wish them a safe journey.

Saturday, August 4, will be the second of the concerts at the marina. Music will be provided by our own popular band, The Mainstreet Band, led by Gary VanAlstine.

This concert is slated as a benefit concert and any donations received will be presented to the Eastern Upper Peninsula Fine Arts Council (EUPFAC) to be put toward funds for the newly acquired Cultural Center and Performance Hall, formerly Sacred Heart Catholic Church in DeTour.

Rehearsals are gearing up for the performance of "Good Help

is Hard to Murder." Performances are scheduled for Friday, August 17, and Saturday, August 18, with a matinee Sunday, August 19.

There will be a special performance Thursday, August 16, for Red Hat groups and the press. One of the characters in the play is Socrates the parrot.

Persons attending the play will have a chance to guess the identity behind the voice of the parrot, and will be eligible to win prizes donated by area artists and merchants. As of this writing, I have no clue as to whether the voice of Socrates is a man or a woman.

Food for thought: As people grow older, one of the things that makes them happy about putting on old clothes is the fact that they can.

Clark Township Board of Trustees July 19, 2007 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: 7:00 p.m.

Trustees Present: Leach, Nordquist, Hudson, Carpenter, Lofdahl.

Hudson amended the agenda to add New Business #8 to advertise the Land Use Public Forum in the *St. Ignace News*. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting June 21; Special Meetings June 28, July 17
2. Approval of General Fund Bills of \$31,365.47
3. Approval of Sewer Fund Bills of \$16,148.94

Lofdahl moved to approve the Consent Agenda with the stipulation that Linda investigate the sunscreen and bug spray and rectify the situation. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Leach, Hudson, Carpenter, Lofdahl. Motion Carried

Internet Service

Carpenter moved to go with CenturyTel for high speed 1.5 MG service for \$49.95 per month. Nordquist supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Leach, Hudson,

Lofdahl, Carpenter, Nordquist. Motion Carried.

Les Cheneaux Club Sewer Extension

Hudson moved to accept the agreement in lieu of a Special Assessment with the Les Cheneaux Club with the corrections as may be required by the Township attorney upon receipt of copies of the agreement and exhibits A & B. Carpenter Supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Lofdahl, Leach, Carpenter, Hudson. Motion Carried.

Recreation Park Funding

Carpenter moved to enter into agreement with Mackinac County with the noted changes for the Recreation Park. Leach supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Lofdahl, Hudson, Leach, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Sewer User Newsletter

Leach moved to accept the *St. Ignace News* quote for printing and purchase postage for the Clark Township Department of Public Works sewer newsletter for a total of \$428.22. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Lofdahl, Hudson, Carpenter, Leach. Motion Carried.

Downtown Development Authority Economic Development

Hudson moved that the Town Board proceed with a grant from the community

Foundation and if that is successful, to set up a meeting with Gourdie Fraser regarding a Downtown Development Authority. Leach supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Lofdahl, Hudson, carpenter, Leach.

Hillcrest Properties Request

Hudson moved to send Mr. VanderBoegh a letter stating that we do not have the resources to own and operate a water system at Hill Crest Properties. Lofdahl supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Water Circulators for Cedarville Bay

Leach moved to table electrical improvements at Cedarville Bay until we get specs from an electrical inspector, either Duke Masse or Fred Bryner. Lofdahl supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Leach, Lofdahl. Nays: Nordquist, Carpenter, Hudson. Motion Failed.

Carpenter moved that Cathy work with Duke Masse with getting specs, preparing the advertising for the bids, getting a deadline and that Cathy and one other board member open the bids and organize the work. Hudson supported. Roll

Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Lofdahl, Hudson, Carpenter, Leach. Motion Carried.

No Dumping

Lofdahl moved to purchase six no dumping signs for \$26.95 a piece plus shipping to be posted at the various affected areas. Carpenter supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Leach, Hudson, Lofdahl, Carpenter. Motion Carried.

Thank You Letter

Hudson moved that the Clark Township Board send a thank you letter to the Watershed Council for the hazardous waste clean-up. Carpenter supported. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Land Use Forum

Leach moved to place an ad in the *St. Ignace News* - 3 column by 6 inch - for \$157.50. Lofdahl supported. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Nordquist, Carpenter, Hudson, Lofdahl, Leach. Motion Carried.

Lofdahl moved to adjourn. Leach supported. Meeting adjourned.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The following bids are being sought by the Mackinac Island Public School:

3. Installation of Vent Covers around building as needed.

Inspection of premises may be scheduled for August 6-10, 2007,

with Dr. Schrock, Superintendent.

Bids will be accepted until 4 p.m., August 17, 2007.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The following bids are being sought by the Mackinac Island Public School:

1. Replacement of three outer doors, (and casings as needed).
2. Replacement of two interior doors.

Inspection of premises may be scheduled for August 6-10, 2007

with Dr. Schrock, Superintendent.

Bids will be accepted until 4 p.m., August 17, 2007.

NOTICE

2007/2008 Mackinac Island Public School Board of Education Meetings

The Regular Meetings for the Mackinac Island Board of Education for the 2007/2008 fiscal year will be held as follows,

BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.:

Thursday, August 23, 2007
Thursday, September 27, 2007

BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.:

Thursday, October 25, 2007
Thursday, November 29, 2007
Thursday, December 20, 2007
Thursday, January 24, 2008
Thursday, February 21, 2008
Thursday, March 20, 2008
Thursday, April 24, 2008

BEGINNING AT 7:30 P.M.:

Thursday, May 22, 2008
Thursday, June 19, 2008

Special Meetings can be set by Board motion, the Board President or any two Board Members. Special Board meetings must be posted. The public is encouraged to attend all meetings. All Meetings will be held at the Mackinac Island Public School unless otherwise posted.

Terry Andress, Secretary
Mackinac Island Board of Education

Busy?

Subscribe to
The St. Ignace News
Internet Edition
Only \$30/year

Go to

www.stignaceneews.com
for more info



Purchase online with credit card
or stop by the office.
The St. Ignace News
359 Reagon Street, St. Ignace
906-643-9150
www.stignaceneews.com

Print Edition

\$35 local five counties
\$39 seasonal
\$42 out of county