

News From Les Cheneaux

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and was ever after called 'Barefoot Dave.' He lived up to this title by going shoeless each summer until recent years. Seven years ago, he moved from Duck Bay on Marquette Island to the cabin near Flowers Creek, two miles east of Cedarville. He had an engaging manner of spinning yarns concerning his early days here, in which he dwelt upon his fishing, hunting, and trapping experiences, as well as the hard life of the lumberjack. He had his personal nicknames for many Les Cheneaux residents, young and old alike. Summer tourists as well as the young people of Cedarville spent many an hour visiting him at his cabin. A romantic fixture of Les Cheneaux has passed on. It is believed that he had fallen asleep while smoking in bed, awakened with the shack in flames, and managed to make the door before collapsing. He was found ten feet from the cabin ruins. His famous whiskers were sheared from his face by the flames. Officers investigated the circumstances and declared the death as an accident."

If anyone wishes to look through some of the old issues of some of these annual magazine issues of so long ago, I believe the Historical Museum has a complete set that can be seen.

Scott and Lisa Strait won the \$100 August 7 Lions Club raffle.

Margaret Dingman of Islands Inn reports the Cressy family's



This lanky hollyhock topped 11 feet, as measured by Katie Eberts (left), an employee of Pickle Point in Hessel, where the plant is growing. The hollyhock, its 10-foot neighbor to the right, and several surrounding the building were grown from seeds cultivated by Judy Hamel of Cedarville.

25th annual reunion in July again brought more than 100 family members to the Les Cheneaux area, many of whom stayed at her Cedarville motel. At least four generations of the Cressy family have come to the area over the years, and most are from the Detroit area, with some hailing from as far away as New Hampshire, Georgia. They are relatives of Bob Alexander, who runs Bumpa's Bar in Cedarville, where some of the reunion activities are held.

John Israel of Canton, grandson of Thornton and Laura Cressy, reports his grandparents established a camp on Wilderness Bay on Marquette Island. John's mother, Lois Israel, was one of six children born to Thornton and Laura Cressy. Her brothers and sisters are Ruth Clapper, Fredice Alexander, Georgia Cesulka, Marilyn Bledsoe, and Joseph Cressy.

The family continues to make an annual visit to the camp while they are here the week after July Fourth. During the week they have a variety of activities, including a big family baseball tournament at the Hessel Airport and a boat trip to Government Island.

John Israel's daughters, Marci Tuzinsky, Mandi McKnight, and Jeni Crossman all wrote a book on the family reunions called "Cedarville," and it includes pictures of the family's visits to the area.

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Engadine

The Sleeper Lakes fire, north of Newberry, is still in the news. The fire started Thursday, August 2, apparently by lightning. The last official report I received Monday, August 13, from Lori Underwood, who is a Department of Natural Resources land use specialist, said the fire size is at 18,483 acres with 50% containment. I was told by Ada Takacs of the DNR Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division, that so far, this is the third largest wildfire in Michigan, the second largest in the Upper Peninsula.

The Engadine Historical Society Museums are open every Tuesday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you have been to

the museums in the past, you will want to visit again to see newly added items.

The Newberry Eagles Club will hold a fish fry Friday, August 17, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the club on M-28 in Newberry.

The Hulbert American Legion Post 393 will have a fish fry at the post Friday, August 17, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Engadine VFW and Auxiliary 8382 will have a fish fry Friday, August 17, from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children younger than age 12, and children younger than age 5 are admitted free.

Stop by the Tahquamenon Area Library during public hours to

check out the "Poetry Tree" and to cast your vote for your favorite tree photograph. Sixteen photographs were submitted, making for a beautiful display. Winners will be announced in early September. Call (906) 293-5214 for more information regarding the contest.

Happy birthday to Jeff Feneley and Jesse Fosdick August 16, Allison Bednarski August 17, Alyssa Feneley and Mary Korenich August 19, Barb Lesatz, Mike Klobucher, and just added to our family, little Laney Puckett,

who will be six years old August 21, Roy Butkovich August 22, and Carol Lehtonen, Linda Buckholz, Drake DeWyse, and Stu Hobbs August 23.

Happy anniversary to LeRoy and Jane Stefanich and Pat and LaShawn Edwards August 18, our daughter and son-in-law, Meggan and Ray Morrison, August 21, Elmer and Diane Albright and Fred and Sarah Burton August 22, and Dwight and Brenda Frazier August 24.

Until next time, take care.

DeTour Area

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Vacationers are thrilled, as we are, with the beautiful weather we have been enjoying, although we are wishing for a few days of badly needed rain. We must heed the warnings of the high fire danger. We do not want to lose any more of our beautiful forests in the Upper Peninsula.

Coming up this weekend in DeTour is the performance of the play, "Good Help is Hard to Murder." The cast of area women and a parrot are prepared to give an evening of entertainment. The performances are scheduled for Friday, August 17, and Saturday, August 18, with a matinee Sunday, August 19.

During the rehearsal last week, a member of the cast, Dawn Hamelink, fell and severely injured her arm, but being the trooper Ms. Hamelink is, she announced "the show must go on" (in this case, she

will go on with her role in the play).

Plans for Happy Apple Day Saturday, September 15, are well under way. Plans this year are for a bigger event, involving more of the community. That particular weekend will be the performance of "Mark Twain," starring DeTour's own Roger Norton and other DeTour residents.

On the calendar for this coming weekend Friday, August 17, is a fish fry planned by the Bender-Johnson Raber AMVETS and the Auxiliary, of Goetzville. The dinner will be at the Raber Township Hall on M-48 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Cost of the meal is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5 to 10, and no cost for children 5 and younger.

Food for thought: How come some lemonade is flavored with artificial lemon, while furniture polish and dish soap are made with real lemon?

Cedar Cove Needs Help for Group

Cedar Cove Assisted Living facility in Cedarville is organizing a "friends" group to help staff and facility residents create and maintain community connections.

Volunteers are asked to spend at least one day a month at Cedar Cove, where they will primarily socialize with residents.

Anyone who wants to join the Friends of Cedar Cove should call Administrator LeRoy Pieri at (906) 484-1001, or stop by Cedar Cove at 266 Mary L. Street in Cedarville.

Cedar Cove Assisted Living is a nonprofit organization, and is coordinating the creation of a cookbook to raise money. Cedar Cove care giver Susie Martin is collecting recipes for the book from residents, staff, and their families.

Recipes can be dropped off at Cedar Cove, or contact Mrs. Martin.

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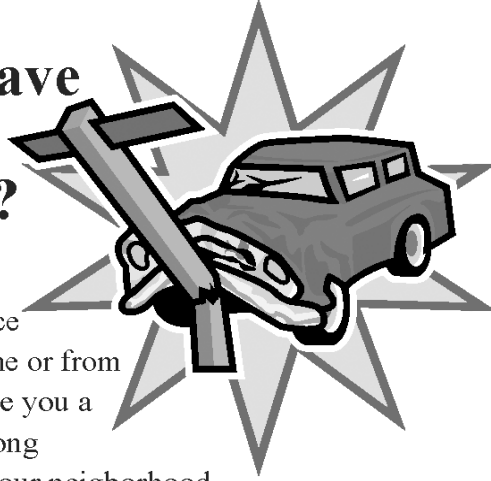
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Looking Back

Compiled by Ryan Schlehuber

115 Years Ago
The St. Ignace News
Saturday, August 13, 1892
The St. Ignace dancing school members gave a hop Thursday evening.

County Deputy-Sheriff Stuart took Louis Holte, a soldier at Fort Mackinac, to Marquette yesterday to serve a ninety-day sentence for assault and battery.

Our columns are so crowded with advertising this week that we found it necessary to crowd local news into as small a space as possible.

City Clerk Gennell has been instructed by the council to strictly enforce the collection of poll and dog tax. All interested should get to the front, and save trouble.

Fire Engines For Sale - The city of St. Ignace offers for sale, on reasonable terms, one Silsby steamer, and one Eaton & Prince steamer, both in first-class order. For further particulars, call on or address. A.J. Gennell, City Clerk.

Mr. Victor Matteson on Sunday last, killed a large lynx on Marquette Island.

The closing Karnival by the Basel Co., at Orth's opera house last Saturday night, was a much greater success in every way than the one given the evening previous.

90 Years Ago
The St. Ignace Enterprise
Thursday, August 16, 1917

Neil Sorenson, driver for the City Fuel & Supply Co., took an involuntary bath Saturday morning when Ed. Reavie's Ford car took a dive off Chambers' dock and landed in 13 feet of water, right side up. Fortunately for Neil, he managed to get out of the car at the same time it struck the water, else serious consequences might have ensued, as the top was up. He succeeded in getting out uninjured.

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