

Gould City

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We sure have been getting our share of snow lately, and that's to be expected in the Upper Peninsula.

The Fraternal Order of the Eagles reports people do not have to be a member to join them for a meal, or stop in to visit. Kitchen specials are offered every day, and Friday is Fish Fry night, except the first Friday of the month, which is reserved for the original Cajun Shrimp Boil. There will be a "Chili Cook Off" at the hall Saturday, January 19. The price is \$5 to enter your favorite recipe, and \$2 to taste and become a judge. Other events coming up are a rotisserie chicken meal Saturday, February 2, and a Wild Game Dinner Saturday,

February 16.

Congratulations to Jim and Barb France, who will celebrate their wedding anniversary January 27. Mr. France's birthday is February 8.

Volunteers who would like to help when the "Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial" comes to Manistique July 24 through July 28 are asked to contact Pam Weber, Wall Coordinator, at (906) 341-1109.

The Moving Wall is a half-size replica of the Washington, D.C., Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for more than 20 years. It will be an honor to have it in our community.

Rudyard

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Rudyard High School was the scene to showcase plenty of talent from Rudyard and the surrounding areas as "Yoopers Have Talent" was held Saturday, January 12. First place went to Jacob Zeeryp of Rudyard, second place to Joe Leach of Pickford, and third place to Raina Vert of Brimley.

Honorable mentions were Josh LaCoursiere of Rudyard, "The Devil Went Down to Georgia Band" (Melanie Case, Liz Jacobus, Mark Farney, Jess Sanner, Tyler Detloff, and Travis Johnson), and Marylyn Lawlor of Fibre. Nineteen acts entertained the audience, including John Welcher, Meta Welcher, Isiah Otten, Katy Danaher, Frank Blissett, April Vigliotti Band, Ashley

Traynor, Jay Lynn Soeltner, Sam Hruaia, Larry Flanders, Danielle Petingalo, Savannah Dugan, Kylie Coffey, Korisa Hakola, and the "Outshined" band (Caleb Peters, Jacob Zeeryp, Jacob Peters, and Jamie Brown). Trophies and cash prizes were awarded. Paul Van-Wagoner was the master of ceremonies and David Hoolsema was the sound man. Judges included David Erfourth, Kim Falbo, and Bill Goetz. The talent show was sponsored by the Rudyard Area Education Fund.

The all night senior party is one last night for high school seniors to celebrate before everyone goes their separate ways, and this year's graduating class at Rudyard High wants to make the evening extra special, so students are planning some fundraisers. During the Rudyard vs. Manistique basketball game Tuesday, February 12, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., the senior class will be offering a dinner of two slices of pizza, salad, dessert, and a beverage for \$5. A family can eat for \$15, and slices will be sold individually for \$2. Everyone in the community can come out and help support the seniors, and the varsity boys to a win.

Aquacising is a low impact exercise done in the water, and Deb McDonald is the instructor for the class at the Rudyard swimming pool. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for seniors, and no registration is required. The class meets every Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the pool.

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St. Ignace

By Miriam Blair

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Phillip Therrian, who is now a resident of Midland, is spending the winter months in Yuma, Arizona. His family grew up on Pointe LaBarbe Road and today his sister-in-law, Phylis Therrian, still resides at that same home.

Lindsey Blair, daughter of Michele and Todd Blair, will be 12 years old Wednesday, January 16. She will celebrate her birthday at home with a few classmates.

Evelyn Corp will celebrate her birthday Friday, January 18. Mrs. Corp is known by many folks in town, and many remember her role as Dr. Shaftoe's nurse for many years.

Little bundles of joy were delivered at home then, and I happened to be one of those babies.

Movie night at the St. Ignace library will feature "Arctic Tales" Thursday, January 17, at 6:30 p.m. It's free of charge, with refreshments included.

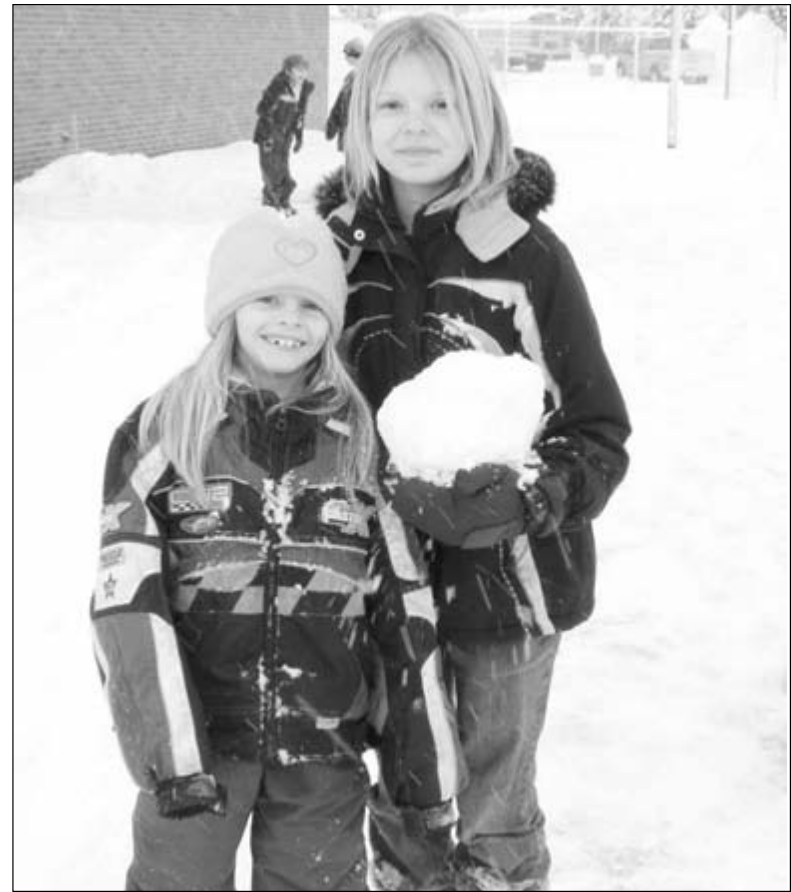
We welcome Lindean and George Shooter back home after they traveled to Ohio to spend time with relatives.

The Kiwanis Club has scheduled a Tailgate Dinner at LaSalle High Friday, February 8, to benefit the school band program. Food will be served from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Mary Pemble Swiderski tells us this weekend's Ice Follies will be an exciting show. Figure skating sisters Katie, 15, and Linda Raynard, 9, of Pickford, members



Jenny Campbell, daughter of Bill and Kathy Campbell and a third grade student at St. Ignace Elementary School, sang the national anthem before the Saints girls basketball games against Cheboygan Thursday, January 10. She also sang Friday, January 11, before the boys game. Miss Campbell is a member of the elementary choir.



Alyssa Start (left) and Paige Hettel of St. Ignace Area Schools pause at recess during a snowy day Monday, January 14.

of the Hiawatha Skating Club in Sault Ste. Marie, will be among skaters to show their talents this Sunday at our city ice arena. The Twin Bay Figure Skating Club of Traverse City and Lyndsay Schrader of the Northern Michigan University figure skating team will highlight the program. Tickets will be available at the

door. The show benefits child abuse prevention programs in the county.

Happiness is a long January bicycle ride around St. Ignace. Keep your snow shovels handy.

Many schools in the area, including St. Ignace Area Schools,

were closed Friday, January 11, following a heavy snowfall Thursday night.

School was delayed by two hours in St. Ignace and many surrounding areas Monday, January 14, as well, with snow continuing to fall over the weekend.

DeTour Area

There is nothing more beautiful than a fresh snowfall in the Eastern Upper Peninsula. The wintry scenery in the area is breathtaking. Now is the time for all winter sports enthusiasts to be outdoors doing their favorite things. Snowshoeing has become very popular, as well as cross-country skiing. Those who enjoy ice skating might have to wait a little longer for the ice to become safe to skate on. Winter enthusiasts also love to ride their snowmobiles. Soon we will be hearing the roar of the snowmobiles, a great sound in the winter. Whichever sport is your favorite, enjoy.

Coach Sarah Adams and Assistant Coach Josh Adams are proud of the DeTour High girls basketball team. Captains for the 2007-08 season are Morgan Fierek, Jessie McClellan, and Sabrina Tomlinson. Team members include Abby Stocking, Nicole Melcer, Kiah Barbeaux, and Sammi Burt. Plan to attend the next home game for the girls Saturday, January 19, with Vanderbilt.

Coach Craig Miller, Coach Rob Anderson, and Assistant Coach

Alex Fisher are kept busy with the DeTour Raiders boys basketball team. Team members are Scott Davis, Tyler Anderson, T.J. Geisler, Kaleb Barbeaux, Teryn Miller, Ian Burton, Andy Dyal, Mathias Kristensen, Nathan Klamerus, Josh Wilson, Darell Plont, Zach Melvin. Plan to attend the next home game with Pickford Friday, January 25. Go, Raiders!

The DeTour Village Council met December 10, 2007. The following are excerpts from that meeting.

The much sought-after "Carr property grant" has come through for the Village in the amount of \$495,000, through the efforts of Bill and Claire Schultz and Terry Nelson. They applied for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant to buy Lynn Carr's property along the Village waterfront on the DeTour Passage. The Department of Natural Resources administers trust fund grants for either development or public acquisition of lands for resource protection and public outdoor recreation. The fund comes from royalties on the sale and lease of state-owned mineral rights. The DeTour grant was also reported in *The St. Ignace News* January 3. DeTour Village Clerk Linda Fisher estimates it was the third applica-

tion for a grant to buy the property. DeTour received the \$495,000 acquisition grant buy 800 feet of property along the passage. The village wants to develop the property as a recreation area for kayaking, fishing, and other activities that will be enhanced by a boardwalk, dock, and picnic area.

The property will also be an endpoint on the North Huron Scenic Pathway, a non-motorized route that will link eight municipalities between the Mackinac Bridge in St. Ignace to DeTour Village.

The route will continue on Drummond Island, when hikers and bicyclers cross the DeTour Passage to the island.

Mrs. Schultz proposed the village enter into a purchase and sale agreement with the property's owner, Lynn Carr, to secure the property so that it doesn't get sold out from beneath the village. A motion was passed to move forward with the purchase and sale agreement.

A motion was approved to pass a resolution appointing Bruce Glupker, Rob Bloch, and Gary Dudeck as the Streetscape Committee. This group will work together with Michigan Department of Transportation, Department of Natural Resources, Eastern Upper

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Peninsula Transportation Authority, Cloverland Electric Cooperative, and Mike Pond of Michigan State University's Small Towns Design Initiative to obtain information about rules and regulations, future plans, and how to proceed with the project.

Mr. Glupker suggested a system is needed to deal with ordinance violations in the Village, particularly "run-down" properties with blight. The Village Council discussed the possibility of authorizing the Planning Commission to take a non-enforcement approach with property owners who are in violation. It will discuss the idea in future meetings.

Jeff Galarowic has passed all state exams to qualify him to be named Superintendent of the Water and Sewer department. Former superintendent Bob Trudo will stay on as backup for one more year, with his health insurance paid as compensation.

A Michigan Works student will be considered for next summer to do the grass cutting and trimming in the Village.

The above excerpts are as recorded by Linda Fisher, village clerk.

A thought: Children learn three ways: by example, by example, by example.

Engadine

By Julie Freeman

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Lifelong Newberry resident Joyce Hood passed away Sunday, January 13. Many of us may remember her from the Squires-Carmody store in Newberry, where she was employed for 26 years. She was a kind, dear lady who will be sadly missed.

Lifelong Engadine resident Art Krause passed away Thursday, January 10. Mr. Krause was a kind man, with a green thumb. He was

the only one I knew who could grow red onions as large as softballs. He will be missed by family and friends.

Alirene Lewis, eight-month old daughter of Ben and Sharon Lewis of Newberry, passed away of leukemia Wednesday, January 9, with her parents by her side. I was blessed to have known this little girl.

Please keep these families in

your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

There will be an all-you-can-eat fish fry Friday, January 18, starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Columbus Town Hall in McMillan, by the United Methodist Church of McMillan. Donation is \$8. There also will be a bake sale.

The Manistique Lakes Lions Club will have an all-you-can-eat pancake brunch Sunday, January 20, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the Community Building in Curtis. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Curtis Fish Coop auction will be Saturday, January 26, at the Curtis Community Building, with the dinner and auction beginning at 5 p.m. Enjoy all-you-can-eat chili and hot dogs. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children age 12 and younger. Donations of new or used items are needed for the auction. Drop off at Joan Weaver's residence or the Fish and Hunt Shop. If you need pickup or have questions, call Tammy at 586-6830, John at 586-3368, or Joan at 586-9736.

The annual Curtis Cruisers, the Curtis community in cooperation with the K of C Council 2950 of Utica, will be holding the annual snowmobile ride to support the

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