

St. Ignace

Leaves are showing up and grass is turning a luscious green, along with perennial plants. What a beautiful sight.

"Snowbirds" are arriving home after spending winter in warmer areas.

May 10 was a day that many St. Ignace residents boarded a ferry to Mackinac Island, at no charge. Many folks rode bicycles and some just took a stroll to take in the sights.

My family tried a new experience, as we toured around the island on tandem bikes, snapping pictures. We couldn't have asked for nicer weather.

Ten-year-old students in St. Ignace Elementary's two fourth grade classrooms enjoyed a presentation last week by State Representative Gary McDowell, who visited them as Friday, May 16, to explain his job as a lawmaker.

The students are learning about governmental process, bills, and laws. Teachers Patrice Mackin and Jean Chargo report that the students greatly enjoyed Mr. McDowell's visit.

We extend sympathy to the family of the late Patsy Wyers, who died May 8. Her son, Art Benson, with Tammy Blair of Fife Lake, came

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Six St. Ignace elementary students (from left) Allison Smith, Jacob Fenlon, Libby Becker, Hunter Amacher, Hunter DeKeyser, and Halley Halberg, dressed in red, white, and blue before the musical Thursday, May 15.

home to attend the funeral. While in the area, they also visited Mackinac Island. Mrs. Wyers has four daughters, Eleanor Grondin, Penny Wyers, Teena Ballard, and Christine Cooley.

Wiz Ryerse of St. Ignace is reported to have changed ships. Mr. Ryerse is on the Carson Calloway of Great Lakes Fleet Company. The job is rewarding, but he misses his family.

We expect to see many people in town for the Yooper Motorcycle and ATV Show this weekend, May 24 and May 25. Mud trucks will run at Little Bear East Arena May 25.

Don and Dana Goudreau of Trout Lake, along with a few family members, enjoyed dinner in Epoufette.

Many snapshots were captured overlooking the bay.

Rae and Chuck Tamlyn own the Curio Fair on US-2. I learned the

tower was built in the early 1950's as the Mackinac Bridge was being built.

Goldie Blair would like to share her address with friends in the St. Ignace area. She may be reached at: Pines Healthcare Center, 707 Armstrong, Lansing, MI 48911.

Glen and Bonnie Flinn have returned home from Florida. Mrs. Flinn says they came home a little earlier than planned.

Brevort

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The lovely red fox pictured in the column today was a frequent visitor around the village a month or so ago. He was spotted by quite a few residents, Sally Conklin among them, and she was lucky enough to get this picture of the fox.



This fox has been a frequent visitor to the Brevort area lately. (Photograph by Sally Conklin)

The Hope Chest resale store will have a trailer at the old township hall Saturday, May 31, at 9 a.m. to collect donations to the Hope Chest. This collection of items for resale is in conjunction with the annual junk and metal pick-up at the hall.

Pat Luguzinski and Jackie Claramunt of Lathrup Village are spending a little time at their condominium here in the village. Pat was nice enough to bring the two new dachshunds down to meet Dave and I, two dogs named Lila and Libby, a black and tan and a red dapple. We can't wait until Chippy meets them sometime this summer.

Condo West had its association meeting this past weekend, and participation was good.

Joe and Sharon Chalmers have an indigo bunting at their feeder. The bird enjoys the songbird mix and black shiny sunflower seeds.

Sally Conklin, along with Terry and Priscilla Hoeft, spent Saturday four-wheeling through the country, north of Brevort. They picked up rubbish, and 213 returnable cans and bottles around our local attraction, Split Rock.

Frank and Mary Lou Hogan of Grosse Pointe and Bob and Wilma Growney of the Chicago area were at their condominiums this past weekend.

Jack Dyer was a weekend visitor at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Ann Dyer. Jack lives in Spring Lake.

Brian and Jeannie Rose drove to Marquette this past week for a food show.

Kathy Reid has a bluebird at her feeder. Her neighbor, Larry First, has a bluebird house in his yard.

Jackie Rippet is back in Brevort from Waterford. She and Denny spent much of the summer here. Denny volunteers at the fort in Mackinaw City.

Things are progressing at the Rogers' farm and garden project. The

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Engadine

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It's beginning to look more lively outdoors. It seemed like overnight the bare trees had tiny little leaves growing on them, and the grass already needs a second mowing. The smell in the air, from fresh-cut grass, is fresh and clean.

Children's Fishing Day will be Saturday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Seney National Wildlife Refuge. Bring the whole family, enjoy the refuge and fish for free, participate in games and activities, and join in for a fish dinner. A limited supply of bait and rods will be available.

The Curtis Community Arts Council announces a one-day dance workshop that will take place at the new Erickson Cultural Center in Curtis Friday, June 13. Separate classes for youth in grades kindergarten through two, three through five, six through eight, and nine through 12 will be taught by Marilyn Kahl of Marquette and her assistant. Mrs. Kahl has been teaching dance for 30 years. The workshop will focus on hip hop, jazz, beginning ballet, and baton. Each group will have two hours of instruction. The workshop will end with a demonstration for parents. The cost is \$20. For scheduling information, and to register for the class, call (906) 586-9974, and leave a message.

There will be bingo at Newton Township Hall in Gould City Thursday, May 22, and again Thursday, May 29. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., with bingo starting at 7 p.m. Players must be 18 years old.

The Newberry Elks Club will have men's stag night Thursday, May 22, and Thursday, May 29.

The Seney National Wildlife Refuge will hold two yellow rail tours this year. Tours will start at 9 p.m. at the visitor center and go until late in the night. The first tour will be Thursday, May 22. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. The phone number is (906) 586-9851, extension 16.

The West Mackinac Garden Club will meet for a tour of Strom's Sugarbush Thursday, May 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Engadine United Methodist Church for car pooling. For more information, call Carol at (906) 477-6163.

The Newberry Eagles Club will have a fish fry Friday, May 23, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the club on M-28 in Newberry.

The American Legion will have a fish fry Friday, May 23, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Engadine. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Tahquamenon Logging Museum in Newberry will have a lumberjack breakfast Saturday, May 24, in the cook shack at the museum. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Engadine VFW will have a

potluck dinner Wednesday, May 28, at 6 p.m. Installation of officers for 2008-2009 will follow at 7 p.m.

The Engadine United Methodist Church will serve its free community meal Thursday, May 29, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the church, at W13970 Park Avenue, near the school in Engadine. Please note the change of the day to Thursday from Wednesday this month. Everyone is welcome.

Happy birthday to Travis Weger, Sandy Frazier, Nicholas Albright, Steve Zimmerman, Ron Leveille, and my sister, Janice Pershinske, May 22, Tyler Butkovich May 23, D.C. Beckman and Don Butkovich May 24, Brian Adams, Gretchen Johnson, and Heather Bryant May 26, Charlie Fosdick V and Greg Moore May 27, Phylis Gouza and June Frazier May 28, and David Wachter, Kitty Mast, Joel VanHise, Neil McArthur, and Ruth Johnson May 29.

Happy anniversaries to Chuck and Susan Fosdick and Jonathan and Diane Miller May 23, and Howard and Cheryl Hood May 28.

Memorial Day is the last Monday in May, and a day to remember the U.S. men and women who lost their

lives serving their country. Please have a safe weekend. Until next time, take care.

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