

St. Ignace

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The last couple of weeks, I explored again areas such as Brevort Lake, Gulliver, Gwinn, and Little Lake. The ghost town of Fayette was also an exciting attraction to me, since I hadn't been there in 15 years. With rising gas prices, you may also consider visiting such nearby places this summer.

The Upper Peninsula was listed as Number 41 out of the 50 best vacation spots, according to travel experts and family.com editors. We are fortunate in what we take for granted, and forget that people want to vacation where we live.

A graduation party was held Saturday, May 24, at the home of Kim and Mike Welch, in honor of their son, Ian, who was graduated from LaSalle High School Friday, May 23. Many relatives and friends gathered for the occasion.

A good time was held at the Lori Strich residence Monday, May 19. The fryer was busy, as perch was enjoyed from the winter catch. Many of Lori's friends gathered. Gladys Kranitz brought a dessert. Everyone is looking forward to the next get together.

Bill Demmon of Gwinn, Alice and Allen Demmon, and Beverly Haines of Lansing recently visited their mother, Teresa Downey, in St. Ignace.

Kids Fishing Day will be Saturday, June 7, at Castle Rock Ponds.

The St. Ignace downtown community yard sale will be Saturday, June 14.

Birthday greetings to Michelle Friend June 8, Jeff Tamlyn June 9, and Jack Fenlon June 11. Belated birthday wishes to Aaron Welch,



The long-standing Big Boy statue on US-2 in St. Ignace is taken down for good Wednesday, May 28. He has stood atop his pedestal overlooking the area since 1975. Workers from Body Shop 23 of Cheboygan will repaint the statue and return it in about three weeks, when it will be included in the restaurant's landscaping scheme, said owner Steve Mesnard. (Photograph by Kristin Denike)

who turned 8 years old June 2. Lucy Sevard marked her 90th birthday May 25. Charlie Stenson

had a birthday May 28. Until next week, enjoy the warmth of the season.

Green Returns Home From Iraqi Mission

Marine Corps Lance Corporal Michael Green, 20, of St. Ignace, returned home Sunday, May 25, from a seven-month deployment in Fallujah, Iraq.

He was deployed October 15, returning to the United States April 24. While in Fallujah, he was a machine gunner on top of a Highly Mobile Multi Wheeled Vehicle, known as a Humvee, and he also completed missions in a heavily armored vehicle called Mine Resistant and Ambush Protection Vehicles, also called MARPs.

The 2006 LaSalle High School graduate will return to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina Monday, June 16, to continue training.

He is working to be promoted to corporal. He is enrolled in the Marines until May 2010.

Mr. Green is the son of Ann Smith of St. Ignace and the late Jerry Green of Mackinac Island.



Michael Green (left), pictured with his brother, Ryan Green, returned to the United States April 24, after completing a seven-month tour of duty in Iraq with the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Green returned home to St. Ignace Sunday, May 25, and is expected to report to Camp Lejeune Monday, June 16.

Engadine

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Hello, everyone. The warmth from the sun sure feels great, but the ticks and mosquitoes are thicker than ever. It's a little hard enjoy-

ing the outdoors with the bugs so thick. I remember a time, when I was younger, my grandparents went fishing with us, and my

grandpa grabbed the spray from my grandma's purse and told her it was the worse bug spray he had ever used, as it seemed to attract the mosquitoes. My grandma said she didn't bring bug spray, then laughed because he had used her hair spray instead.

The Newberry Eagles Club will have a fish fry Friday, June 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the club on M-28 in Newberry.

The Portage Township clean-up day will be Saturday, June 7, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sandtown Road dump site. Proof of residence

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Rudyard

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The graduating Class of 2008 had a wonderful day for commencement. The sun was shining and not a cloud in the sky as the Rudyard High class was graduated at 2 p.m. Sunday.

With all of the graduation parties this weekend, the class also had time for an overnight class party Sunday night, following graduation.

A Rudyard Historical Society meeting took place May 8, with Henry Jarvie as speaker. Mr. Jarvie had graduated from Rudyard in 1955, and he had lots of wonderful old stories to tell about his family and his early memories of Rudyard. After he told his stories, people asked questions. Audience members then had the chance to add some stories. Cap Tromblay shared a joke, and Mr. Jarvie led a sing-a-long of old-time songs like

"Don't Fence Me In." About 45 people attended the meeting, which was enjoyed by all.

Dorothy Johnson is compiling a questionnaire to submit to each of the candidates of Kinross Township in the August primary.

DeTour

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The weather last weekend, other than Sunday, was cold and rainy. Inside the E.U.P. Fine Arts Cultural Center, the atmosphere was warm, owing to the enthusiasm of a receptive audience attending the performance of "On Golden Pond."

The outstanding performance of Norman Thayer, by Ralph Shiplett, was nothing less than professional. It's hard to believe this was the first time in an acting role for Ralph; he was a natural. Heather VanDaele, a new resident of DeTour, played the role of Chelsea. She has been active in plays and musicals for many years, acting, singing, directing, set building, and more recently, playing trumpet in pit orchestras. Heather will be producer of the summer play, "Kitchen Witches."

Dan Harris portrayed the role of the postman. A resident of Sault Ste. Marie, he has been involved in theater for many years and has appeared in many productions in DeTour and the area.

Tyler Davis, an eighth grade student at DeTour Middle School, played Billy Ray. He was involved behind the scenes of "Willy Wonka and The Chocolate Factory," and this is his first stage role. It was a job well done.

Dave Rhinard, director, played the role of Bill Ray (the father). Dave has a long history of being involved with stage, acting, and directing. Dave majored in theater at Michigan State University, and holds degree in fine arts. He taught English and drama in Eaton Rapids for 25 years. Plans for next

year's production are already in the making.

Others involved in the production of "On Golden Pond" are assistant director and stage manager Annalee Buschbacher; assistant stage manager Rene Norton; producer and costumes, Susie Rhin-

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