

Pickford

Bonnie Leach, of Pickford, entertained her sisters and cousins at a luncheon June 6. Those who attended were Beverly (Rye) Waybrant of St. Ignace, Avis (Rye) Davis from North Carolina, Emily Hamilton, and Linda Horton from Sault Ste. Marie, and Fern Schouten and Nancy Cornwell of Pickford. Ms. Leach reported that they reminisced, caught up to date on the latest news, and all had a fun time.

Another landmark is gone after approximately 104 years. The old John Rye farmhouse burned in the early hours June 14, on Townline in Pickford. Wava Leach and Margeen Wise reported that their grandfather, Albert Rye, built the homestead in approximately 1904. Mr. Rye lived there, as well as his daughter, Wava (nee Rye) Leach, who still lives next door. Mr. Rye had a sister, Sarah, and a brother, Oscar.

Wava sold the old Rye homestead to the Ewer family, who are the present owners. The Ewer family was uninjured.

The Community Garage sale was a great success. The old Touch of Mexico Building on the corner of 129 and Townline has been used for storage for years, and the Templeton brothers, Blake, Dean, and Scott, and sons held a fabulous yard sale to clean out the building.

Kip Cline of Weston Road in Pickford is a junior at Michigan Technological University studying ecology and environmental science. His was one of the Pickford garage sales listed on the map, where I had the opportunity to take a picture of him holding the copper ore that he has been working with this past year.

A group of 4-H members took

part in a car wash to raise money for the Pickford 4-H Club. Rob Rye hoped for a nice crowd of people to help serve that cause.



A group of 4-H members who worked at a car wash fundraiser Saturday, June 14, includes (back row, from left) Christy Papin, Kimmie Papin, Victoria Portice, Grace DeYoung, Bobby Rye, Bill DeYoung, Austin Beamish, Paula DeGreif, Alicia Portice; (front row) Cassie Beamish, and Steven Batho.

At right: Kip Cline, a Pickford High School graduate and junior at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, holds copper nuggets from the western Upper Peninsula.



At right: Blake Templeton stands in front of the old "Touch of Mexico" building on the corner of M-129 and Townline Road in Pickford during Pickford's Community Garage Sale Saturday, June 14.



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DeTour

There are several positive sides to the recent rainfalls: The flowers in bloom are more beautiful than ever, the grass and trees are a healthy green, and the rainbows have been spectacular, as well as the lightning. The downside to all this is mowing the grass more often, and more bug bites than usual.

Activities in the village continue. Sunday, June 22, the Community Choir will perform the "Kick Off the Summer" concert at Sacred Heart Church in DeTour at 3 p.m. The choir will also perform at Drummond Island Lutheran Church Tuesday, June 24, at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are not required for either performance. Donations are accepted, as the money is put toward scholarships for DeTour High music and art students for summer camp. The concerts are sponsored by the E.U.P. Fine Arts Council.

The DeTour Village Fine Arts Festival will be Saturday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Ontario Street. The day will be filled with music, art, and food. For more information, contact Nancy Mordecai at (906) 297-8082. Nancy has been chairperson each year since the first, three years ago.

Members of the Botanical Gardens will have a booth at the festival selling plants and more information concerning the annual gar-

den walk scheduled for Saturday, July 19. Garden membership forms will also be available.

The summer reading program for young children sponsored by Friends of the Library will be Tuesday mornings in July. The theme for this year's program is "Catch the Reading Bug."

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society has scheduled the ninth annual Evening Under the Stars to be Saturday, July 12. The evening includes cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a gourmet dinner, dessert, music, and a silent auction. The affair will be on the shore of Lake Huron, at Bayside Dining on Drummond Island.

The DeTour Passage Historical Museum opened Memorial Day weekend with a new look. Thanks to the work of several of the board members and others from the community, cabinets have been moved, new displays have been hung, and old displays have been rearranged. Those who spent time creating the new look, include Elna VanHouten, Ruth Ann Hudak, Judy Jones, Red Adams, George Leonard, Alan Gravel, and Jerry Warner. There is still much work to be done, such as labeling many of the pictures and other artifacts, and finishing some displays. Members are still awaiting completion of the restoration of the

bell and its cradle from the old DeTour School, to create a display of school memories.

Hosts at the museum this year are: Elna VanHouten, Sunday; Dorothy Pudelko, Monday; Bill Scott, Tuesday; Julie Rucker, Wednesday; Ruth Ann Hudak, Thursday; Norma Cross Landreville, Friday; Vesta Knuth, Saturday. Alternates include: Rosie Felser, Mary Rogers, George Leonard, Barb Boerger, Albert and Joanne Fountain, and Judy Jones. The museum is now open through Labor Day, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Contact any board member if you would like

to plan special visits. If you would like to offer your help in any way, call board secretary Judy Jones at (906) 297-3231.

A mention in last week's column regarding Sandy Wytiaz's role in "On Golden Pond" was inadvertently omitted. Sandy, not a newcomer to the stage, perfectly portrayed the character Ethel Thayer, and has been involved with other productions.

A thought: A good neighbor is one who lets his grass grow as high as yours.

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Engadine Consolidated Schools
by Stu Hobbs
Superintendent
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Engadine High School senior graduation was a positive event. Many seniors took it upon themselves to hug me and our board president after receiving their diplomas. It added a nice note of appreciation to the ceremony. Scholarships awarded to select seniors at graduation totaled close to \$45,000, with the largest scholarship going to John Troyer from St. Norbert's College for \$28,000. Congratulations to John and his family. Other scholarship recipients included Tristina Browning, Samantha Dunne, Cody Mischel, Michael Bennett, Jamie Maison, Shauni Rutledge, Carrie Sadler, Leann Gribbell, and Joel Vanhise. A report and photographs of the commencement ceremony was published in *The St. Ignace News* June 12.

State mandated year-end assessments for all ninth grade students were administered last week, with most students performing well on these new assessments. For those students who did not meet the minimum criteria, they will be required next fall to retake those test items failed. All students must show mastery in all core area classes (English/ Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies). Next year, freshmen and sophomores will be taking quarterly assessments instead of an end-of-year assessment. It makes no sense to wait until the end of the semester or school year to provide remedial assistance to students who do poorly on the various core area tests.

Last week most of our teachers (K-12) participated in a three-day training on improving student written language skills. This in-service focused on sentence/paragraph construction and theme development. Engadine, like most schools, has had relatively weak test scores on written language, and this in-service is an attempt to counter this trend.

We said goodbye to Lil Grabowsky and Nancy Fulton last week. They were recognized for their long-term professional commitment to meeting the needs of exceptional students. In their place, we recently hired Jessica Winsor for the elementary resource position, Julie Wileman for the secondary resource position, and Diane Selinger for the multiply-impaired classroom. All of these candidates are highly skilled and experienced in special education programming.

Engadine Schools is in the initial stages of a major building renovation and repair program. Work has begun on renovating a number of classrooms that include dropping the ceiling, rewiring, and updating the heater units. Most of these rooms have not been renovated since the 1967-68 school year. This week, our buildings will be re-keyed to improve security. All work is to be completed before school resumes September 2. I anticipate that the building will be closed for most of the summer, especially during August.

Have a great summer.

Great Start Interested in Parent Support

The Great Start Parent Coalition is interested in starting new parent support groups including a special needs group, and play groups in Sault Ste. Marie, Goetzville, Drummond

Island, DeTour, Paradise, and Strongs.

Those interested in forming a support group are asked to contact Chasidy Keyser by e-mail at chasidykeyser@yahoo.com.

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