

# DeTour

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The second week of the month seems to be the time for meetings in DeTour Village.

The EUP Fine Arts Council met Wednesday morning for a holiday brunch at the home of president Sandy Wytiaz, followed by a brief business meeting. At the meeting the tentative schedule for the 2009 theater season of the group was decided. The 2009 season will begin with the May 28 to May 31 production of "Steel Magnolias," the summer play; August 20 through August 23 will be the musical "Chicago," if production rights can be obtained from the national touring company, and the holiday presentation will be "Amahl and the Night Visitors" December 10 to December 13. David Rhinard has agreed to direct all three productions, and Dawn Hamelink will be producing the summer play. Persons interested in producing the spring and holiday plays may contact Mr. Rhinard.

The DeTour Area Chamber of Commerce met Wednesday evening, December 10. Business included discussion regarding the upcoming January membership drive. It was decided there would not be an increase in dues for the organization this year. Plans are also underway for the 2009 Winterfest. February 28 was decided as the date. The group also moved to reestablish the monetary prizes for the snow sculpture contest. There will be business and individual categories. Debbie Fountain has agreed to be the general chairperson for the event.

The DeTour Reef Light Preservation Society met Thursday afternoon, December 11, at DeTour School, followed by a holiday party at the Wytiaz home. During the evening, outgoing president Russ Norris was presented a gavel, in appreciation of his service by new president David Bardsley.

Ten members of the DeTour Red Hat group met Thursday afternoon, December 11, at the home of outgoing leader Dawn Hamelink, for a dessert luncheon, games, and social time. Highlight of the afternoon was a contest to determine how well the ladies knew each other. Contest answers generated some interesting conversation and questions. The group will meet again for lunch, arranged by the new leader Claire Schultz, on the fourth Thursday in January.

Members of the DeTour Homemakers met Wednesday,



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December 10, to package and distribute their fruit baskets for those who may be alone this holiday season. This year, treats made by the girls from Girl Scout Troop 5226 were included with the baskets. Homemaker Cathy Woodward has a special reason to be proud of this project, since she is one of three generations involved. Her daughter, Bridget Heuer, is a troop leader, and her granddaughter, Alora Barbeaux, is a member of the troop.

Claire Schultz has been asked to chair the 2009 DeTour Village town hall meeting. The event will be Tuesday, January 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the DeTour School. Watch your mail for more information about the meeting, which is an excellent time to learn about activities and future plans of the village, service organizations, and schools.

The food pantry at DeTour Christian Chapel in the Woods will distribute holiday baskets by appointment Friday, December 19. Anyone who needs a little help putting a holiday dinner on the table this year may call (906) 297-3491 for an appointment. As you're out shopping, if you can spare some money for some extra items, the pantry can certainly use the help. The DeTour schools have provided their support in many ways this year. There was a discount on tickets for those donating canned goods at last Friday's basketball game. The

theme of the holiday concert was focused on sharing, and individual classes and groups at the school have also conducted food drives during the past month. It's great to see our young people so involved in helping others.

Most of our area churches are planning special services on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. The Wilderness Tabernacle Church service with the singing of carols and Communion is at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve. Union Presbyterian Church will have its traditional candlelight Christmas Eve Communion service at 8 p.m., and the DeTour Christian Chapel in the Woods will have a Christmas Eve children's participation and Communion at 6:30 p.m. Mass will be Christmas Eve at 4 p.m. at DeTour Sacred Heart Church, 6 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church in Goetzville, and at 11 a.m. Christmas Day at St. Florence Church on Drummond Island.

To those who will be traveling to spend the holidays with loved ones during the next week, have a safe trip.

# Engadine-Gould City

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Hello, everyone. There is one more week until Christmas. I'm doing a lot of baking this year. Since we're baking cookies for Santa, who enjoys them so much, I thought I also would package some for gift giving this year.

Congratulations to my nephew, Bill Rushford of Curtis, on the awesome buck he got Thursday, November 27. The rack had 15 points, but one is just more than an inch long and isn't thick enough to be included in the scoring, under Boone and Crockett rules; the inside spread was 21 inches. To get this buck, Bill had to shoot right through the Plexiglas in the window of his blind.

There will be a benefit dinner for Daniel Miller Saturday, December 20, at 4 p.m. at Garfield Township Hall in Engadine. Dan was diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is currently undergoing treatments

at Mayo Clinic. All donations will go to cover his expenses. Prayers go out to Dan and his family.

Newton Township will have its annual Christmas party Sunday, December 21. Doors will open at 4:30 p.m., with a potluck meal at 5 p.m.; bring a dish to pass. Then jolly old St. Nicholas, Santa himself, will be there at 6:30 p.m. Family gift donations from local business owners and attending residents are greatly appreciated. Gift donations may be dropped off at Newton Township Hall in Gould City at 4 p.m., prior to the party, or at McNeil's bar in Gould City.

The Manistique Lakes Lions Club will have an all-you-can-eat pancake brunch and bake sale Sunday, December 21, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the community building in Curtis. Children may have breakfast with Santa. Children ages 10 and younger

will receive a free breakfast, plus free gifts from Santa. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Happy birthday to Kevin Frazier December 18, Morgan MacArthur December 19, Gen Wachter, Chuck Butkovich, Drew French, and Karoline Haapala December 20, Cheryl Franklin and Kirk Miller December 21, Mitchell Vallier and Ethel Toms December 22, Jane Oven, Matt Freed, Charlie Fosdick III, and my brother, Russell Rushford, December 24, and Ashley Lowery December 25.

Happy anniversary to Todd and Gloria Berger December 18, Leon and Andrea Everhart December 19, and to a wonderful couple, to Betty and Ron Clark of Gould City, who will be celebrating 61 years together December 23. Now that's worth celebrating! Until next time, take care.

# Rudyard Pool Renovation Project Hosts Fundraiser

A children's Christmas party will be Saturday, December 20, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Rudyard High School gymnasium. For an entry fee of a donation to the Rudyard swimming pool renovation project, students in pre-school through eighth grade will enjoy activities including cookie decorating, crafts, board games, swimming (for independent swimmers, bring swimming gear), open gym, sledding, holiday videos, and video games.

Supervision will be provided by adults, certified lifeguards, and Santa.

Registration will be at the entrance to high school cafeteria/gym. Participants can choose to bring snacks, or a pizza slice or hot-dog with a drink can be purchased for \$1.50 and additional pizza or hot dogs will cost 50¢ each. Children will need to be picked up by 8 p.m.


Faced with the possible closure of the Rudyard swimming pool, the Rudyard Pool Renovation

Committee has formed to help save this asset. The committee is hosting this event as part of its efforts to raise a minimum of \$50,000 to partner with Rudyard Area Schools and Consolidated Community School Services to complete mandatory pool repairs to keep this facility available.

Anyone wishing more information about the Christmas party can contact either Jamie Curtis at 478-4551 or Alicia Lawlor at 478-6440.

# Chippewa-Mackinac School Personnel Meet December 4

The Chippewa-Mackinac Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel hosted a membership meeting Thursday, December 4, at noon at the Presbyterian Church in Sault Ste. Marie. The Christmas music program will also be presented and Santa will distribute gifts.



**We will be CLOSED Wed. & Thurs. December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> Happy Holidays!**

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