

## DeTour

It was a busy, fine-arts filled weekend in DeTour Village. Judging from the number of people attending and participating, the Art Festival Saturday, June 27, was a great success. This invitational, non-judged show allowed some of our very best area artists to share their work with the public. The entertainment throughout the day was wonderful, and the food by the DeTour Athletic Boosters was delicious.

Another traditional event Sunday, June 28, was the DeTour Community Choir Spring Concert. Several months ago, EUP Fine Arts Council President Sandy Wytiaz said that, in her opinion, sponsorship of the choir is the project for which the Council should be most proud, and I believe she's right. The choir brings together residents from DeTour, Drummond Island, Cedarville, Hessel, Goetzville, and Raber, who enjoy singing harmony and want to share their talent. It brings wonderful music to the community at no cost. The free-will offering that's taken helps send area young people to fine arts camps. Choir members, directed by Jean Bloom and accompanied by Anna Aben, should also be very proud of their performance.

Plans are being finalized for Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, and it will be another busy weekend in DeTour Village. Beginning with

the geocache scavenger hunt from the Chamber of Commerce Pavilion at 10 a.m. Friday, July 3, the two-day celebration is full of events. There will be the annual 5K run/walk with registration beginning at 5 p.m. at the pavilion, with the run at 6 p.m. The DeTour School "Success Starts Here" whitefish fry will be at the school from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., the traditional Union Presbyterian Church ice-cream social at the church from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., and the annual DeTour Area Chamber of Commerce dance at the pavilion from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., featuring music by the Wise Guys band.

The Fourth of July will feature traditional hometown events. The line-up for the parade, with Linda and Red Adams as Grand Marshals, will begin at 11 a.m. on Sims Street, with the parade starting at noon. Activities at the pavilion include field games, a bounce house and bungee run, crafts, raffles, the famous Sacred Heart Church Knights of Columbus chicken barbecue, and a brief encore performance by the Wise Guys at 12:30 p.m. The horseshoe tournament will start at 2 p.m. and, new this year, the lawn mower races will begin at 4 p.m. The traditional fireworks will be at dusk.

The Friday, July 3, dance and the activities at the pavilion Saturday, July 4, are the major fundraisers for the DeTour Area Chamber of

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Commerce. If you could volunteer just a little time to help with the activities Friday, July 3, and Saturday, July 4, or in preparation, there is a sign-up sheet at the Timberdoodle. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

When the Sault Theatre project presents its upcoming performances of the musical "Oliver" Thursday, July 9, to Sunday, July 12, DeTour Village will be well represented. The play, directed by David Rhinard, stars Cameron Livingston in the title role of Oliver for the Thursday and Saturday performances. Cameron will sing in the chorus Friday and Sunday. Also representing the community in the cast are Ralph Shiplett and Chase Livingston and DeTour native Sean Fountain.

I received an e-mail from Sharon Sherlund this week announcing a 50-50 scavenger hunt/race to benefit the Les Cheneaux Snowmobile Club Sunday, July 12. The event will begin with team sign-up at the Albany Bar from noon to 2 p.m. Entry fee is \$10, and the event is open to everyone. For more information, call the Albany Bar at (906) 297-8321.

The DeTour Friends of the Library have a busy Authors Series this summer, owing to the efforts of Janet Schoop, chairperson for the program. The next author is Bernie Arbic Wednesday, July 1, speaking about "The Changing Face of Sault Ste Marie" and the photograph collection of Walter Materna, and Wednesday, July 15, Richard Hill on "Working On A Great Lakes Freighter." All programs begin at 6:30 p.m. at the DeTour School/ Public Library.

Have a safe, enjoyable weekend with all those family visitors who come home for the Fourth of July.

## St. Ignace

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Wow, St. Ignace's Antiques on the Bay car show is over, as well as our 34th Annual Car Show. What a great success the shows were. Lots of planning takes place from year to year by Ed Reavie of Nostalgia Productions and many others helping him.

The next event is our annual Fourth of July parade. The parade starts Saturday, July 4, at 1 p.m. The parade begins at the corner of Stockbridge and North State streets and travels south along State Street, ending on McCann Street. There will be fireworks Saturday evening, and there will also be fireworks each Saturday evening in St. Ignace throughout the summer months.

St. Ignace musicians in the LaSalle High School Saints of Steel drum band will be among performers in the "Biggest Little Town Parade in Michigan" in Curtis Sunday, July 5, at 12:30 p.m.

Locals on the Bay will be every Wednesday at 7 p.m., and Bayside Live every Thursday at 7 p.m. The free concerts take place on the marina.

Derek Rutledge joined the U.S. Army and is presently at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, for nine weeks of basic training. His address is: PVT Rutledge Derek B., Unit 31 Charlie Company, 741 Iowa Avenue, Fort Leonard Wood, MO 65473. Please write "Platoon 3" on back of envelope. Derek is the son of Renee Bruce and Mike McNeely of St. Ignace.

Chris Hagen and her daughter and son-in-law, Maren and Tom Harness of Kalamazoo, attended "Bark in the Park" for the first time with their pet, Scooter. Maren and Tom are spending a few days with Chris and having a

fun time.

Anna (nee Smith) and Robert Sansum were visitors for a few days in St. Ignace, Anna's hometown. While here, they attended the car show and visited friends and relatives.

Katie and John Taylor are proud to announce the birth of Dominic Riley, born Monday, May 18. Grandparents are Denise and Don Orr of Cheboygan. Great-grandparents are Paula McCrory and the late Vernon McCrory of St. Ignace. Dominic is Paula's first grandchild.

Belated birthday greetings to Sam LaVake and Darla Leonard June 30.

Belated anniversary greetings to Kim and Dave Latva June 28. Hope your day was special.

Amber Welch of El Paso, California, was home for a week to attend the funeral for her grandfather, Jack Fenlon.

Castle Rock is celebrating 80 years of ownership in the Eby family. Clarence and Helen Eby opened for business July 5, 1929. This is the fourth generation, reports Arlene Eby, and she says Fourth of July weekend the family will go back in time and charge grandpa's price, 10¢. "Climb for a Dime" was his motto.

Arlene Eby is entertaining family members this week. Her son and daughter-in-law, David and Theresa Eby, with their children, Adam, Kate, and Sara, of Ypsilanti, will be in St. Ignace through the Fourth of July. She says she will be busy cooking, but it will be fun.

Rosalie (nee Smith) and Don Picard are happy to have their daughter, Amber, and granddaughters, Kylee and Michaela Picard, moving to this area from

Muskegon.

They are enjoying activities around the area.

Happy birthday to Darren LaVake July 4, Destiny (nee Blair) Stenberg July 9, and Melvin Paquin July 10.

Henry Smith has been on Hog Island for a few days doing handyman work for Tom and Sandy Jacobs. They own a store and cabins on West US-2.

Jim Kosek of Chicago arrived in town last week for the summer. He tells me he loves the Upper Peninsula as it's not crowded, people are friendly, and he likes the slower pace after retiring from a career as a heavy equipment operator in a busy city. This will be his third summer in the Upper Peninsula. He also enjoys local history.

Don Howe reports a birthday gathering was held at the home of Alice and Don Howe Sunday, June 21. The occasion was to celebrate their three sons' birthdays, Tim, June 2, Bob, June 17, and Ron, June 25. Approximately 75 happy people gathered for an afternoon of games, including horseshoes. A great time was had by all.

Bill and Marian King enjoyed a visit from Heidi Erickson of St. Paul, Minnesota. Other recent visitors were Barry, Creighton, and Aidan King of Bloomington, Indiana. The grandsons, Creighton and Aidan, love to play with grandpa's trains. Bill, a World War II veteran, was interviewed for the Veterans History Project, which will be sent to the Library of Congress. Future summer visitors will be Cai and Perris King of Fresno, California, and Lorraine Adams Dulecki and Lorre Frank of Madison Heights. Gary and Carol Adams of Madera, California, will stop by in September, on their way to Marquette for Gary's 50th reunion from Northern Michigan University.

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Allison Brown, Instructor  
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