

Weekend Events Begin Christmas Season at St. Ignace



The St. Ignace Children's Chorus sings "Kris Kringle" and a different version of a holiday favorite, titled "Hark! Harold the Angel Sings," at the annual Christmas Musicale Saturday night, December 5, at the United Methodist Church. People attended from all congregations in the community to enjoy Christmas music performed by several choirs and individuals. The congregation's offering, which will all be donated to the St. Ignace Area Hope charity, totaled \$1,067. Performers at the musicale this year included Lina Cheeseman, Lydia Brown, Jenny Campbell, Maureen Brady, Gene Perry, Shannon Handyside, Billy Milford, Emma and Sandy Feleppa, Ken Guillard, Joe and Kristin Lenoir, Margaret Madagame, The I Got "VonTrapped" Family Singers, St. Ignace Children's Chorus, Immaculate Conception Church Choir, St. Ignace Youth Chamber Singers, LaSalle High School Jazz Band, and the Ecumenical Choir. The community celebration closed with a coffee and cookies reception in the church basement.



Santa Claus greets children after arriving at the annual tree lighting at the city marina Friday, December 4, aboard a St. Ignace fire truck.



Austin Graham takes in the Christmas Village display with his father, Clayton Graham, during the holiday open house at the Great Waters Center Friday, November 4. The building was open before and after the city's tree lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. and saw a flood of visitors enjoying the more-than-300-piece Christmas collection of St. Ignace resident Gladys Pope, along with art and handicrafts on display by local artisans.



Keith Massaway, who organizes the yearly Christmas Fun Fair along with Pat Rickley, leads the cake walk at the children's fair at Little Bear East Arena Saturday, December 5.

Below: Tracie (left) and Alexandria West are among those to pose for photographs with Santa and Mrs. Claus Saturday, December 5, at the Christmas Fun Fair at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace. The children's party was sponsored by tribal representatives Pat Rickley and Keith Massaway, St. Ignace Tribal Elders, and United Way.





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