

Brevort

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It's good to have Trinity's Hurricane Katrina volunteers home again after a stint of helping the survivors of the hurricane in any way they could. We hear of the devastation, the slowness of governmental help, and the appreciation of the churches and the people they sponsor, people like Sharon and Kenny Smith, Tom and Joyce Gustafson, Pega Kennedy, Dottie Glashaw, Pastor Tari and Kurt Stage-Harvey, and the many others who traveled to New Orleans to make a difference such as by gutting homes and just listening to the people.

My substitute columnist, Dave Jr., has taken a full-time job at the local Radio Shack/Marine Center in St. Ignace starting this week. There he will be assisting customers in electronic and marine supplies. We wish him well.

Jim and Jeri Rose were called to Saginaw unexpectedly Saturday evening, as Jim's father has become quite ill and is on a ventilator in a Saginaw hospital. Mr. Rose had just celebrated his 90th birthday last week and has been in very good health. Please remember the Rose family in your prayers this week.

Lara Gustafson, along with Morgan and Kristi, visited with Larry and Sharon Lasley and Claris Snyder on Sunday. Larry and Sharon recently returned from

Gulf Shores, Alabama, after a month-long stay.

Mike and Lara Gustafson entertained dinner guests at their home in the village. Guests were Pega and John Kennedy, Karl and Lynn Yoder, Jeff and Pat Cranson, and Sharon and Kenny Smith.

Pega and John Kennedy attended the home show in Cheboygan. Pega was the lucky winner of a mirror. They will open the Wildwood Pastie Shop April 28. Where has the time gone?

Kurt and Micki Knowles reported a small black and white cat was around their home during the early hours on Monday. It sounded like wild animals, as their cats heard it crying and sent up the alarm of yowling. If anyone is missing a small cat, there's one roaming Brevort.

Pat Letutzki attended the bridal shower of her granddaughter in Midland last week.

Susie Nesberg has been traveling the Miller Truck Trail north of Brevort and says the pussy willows are out in full force. Ahh, spring.

Kathy Reid has a nice new fuel-efficient Ford Focus.

Barb Merchant and her friend, Jim, of Indian River, Mike and Helena Shepard and family, and Melissa Foster and Patti Truman, all of St. Ignace, were Sunday guests of Jack and Thora Shepard

and Lee Foster of Brevort. Barb Merchant and Tucker Shepard were birthday celebrants. Tucker's birthday was April 5. Lee says they did the "egg thing," which I take to mean coloring Easter eggs or maybe an Easter egg hunt, after which cake and ice cream were served. Later I met Barb, Jim, Lee, and Jack walking on Church Road.

Denny and Jackie Rippet were returned from a month's respite in Florida. Denny was eager to get home, as they didn't make a stop in Waterford to check out their condominium there. Their last stop in Florida was in St. Augustine to visit friends, then on to the reclaim depot in Scottsboro, Alabama. They spent a night in Kentucky, where there were tornadoes north of the area and south of them. They were lucky. It's good to have them home.

It's nice to have both restaurants open in Brevort. We enjoyed lunch at Jeannie's Reach on Saturday and then breakfast at the White Tail Resort on Sunday. Dot Glashaw joined us there and we chatted with Roger and Sandy Cece as well as Doug Peterson. Doug just had to recall the time he called to tell me how to spell "Bemidji." It was just good kidding around. Doug will have stories to tell after his planned trip to Alaska later this summer.

It's always interesting to see

what Mary Carney is reading while she enjoys breakfast. Sunday it was "A Million Little Pieces," which makes one wonder, is it fact or fiction? Pega Kennedy and her husband, John, were also out for breakfast. After reading last week's column, Doug remarked that I had better be careful or young Dave could have my job. Dave Jr. loves to write and has quite a few short stories and memoirs stashed away.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Ellis "Babe" Gustafson. Babe's family was an old Brevort family. His father was Carl F. Gustafson and his mother was Ingrid Blom Gustafson. Ingrid was Dave Movalson's great-aunt. Babe's father was Ruby Movalson's cousin. Babe's local cousins would be Tom Gustafson, Sharon Smith, Ernie Gustafson, Pega Kennedy, Nancy Smith, Phyllis Massey, Richard Gustafson, and Charlie Lamoreaux, and these are only the local relatives. The families of those early Brevort settlers are many and widespread.

Dot Glashaw is busy getting her house and yard in order before she goes to work Monday, May 1.

The seed order goes in today. Just a few beans, green and yellow, and perhaps some cucumbers. Now to find some little spots to plant them.



Time for Spring Planting

Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologists deposited approximately 30,000 splake "fingerlings" into Lake Huron Tuesday, March 21, as part of the agency's annual fish planting program. The young fish were larger than usual, around six inches or longer. John Koster and Audrey Koster watch the fish as they fall into the lake from a dock at Mertaugh Boat Works in Hessel. (Photograph courtesy of Brad Koster)

Engadine

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It's that time of year for cleaning and raking yards. Some of us burn the dead grass, but before lighting that match, please remember the spring wildfire season is here and authorities caution us to be careful. Please contact your local Department of Natural Resources office for burning information and permits before you do any burning.

The Upper Peninsula Blood Center will hold a blood drive Thursday, April 13, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at the Whitefish Township Community Center in Paradise. Please call Pat Rowley at (906) 492-3353 for an appointment.

The Diabetic Support Group will meet Thursday, April 13, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Huron Conference Room at Helen Newberry Joy Hospital in Newberry. Lunch will be provided.

The LINK Youth Board will meet Thursday, April 13, from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the LINK.

The Newberry Eagles Club will host a fish fry Friday, April 14, from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Club in Newberry. Enjoy all-you-can-eat fish or choose from the Friday menu.

The Artists and Artisans Night is planned for Monday, May 8, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Manistiquie School and Public Library.

To reserve a table, call (906) 341-4316 by Monday, April 17.

Chicago-based artist Lee Murdock will be the featured performer for a free concert of folk songs of the Great Lakes Region entitled, "Music That Speaks to the Sailing Spirit in All of Us." The concert will be Monday, April 17, at 7 p.m. in the Manistique High School Auditorium. This concert is made possible by a grant from the Schoolcraft County Community Foundation. For more information, call Kathy McDonough at (906) 341-4300.

The Lake Superior Community Partnership presents the "Prime Time" 2006 Senior Expo Wednesday, April 19, at the Lakeview Arena in Marquette. Eighty vendors will be on hand presenting seminars and workshops, providing free screenings plus cooking demonstrations and bingo. The event will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with host Carl Pellonpaa.

The Tahquamenon Area Sportsmens Club will hold its 50th annual "Kid's Tackle Party" Saturday, April 22, at the Newberry High School. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Prizes, entertainment, and lunch will be provided for children 6 through 14 years of age. Adults must purchase a meal ticket and all

children must be accompanied by an adult.

Happy birthday to Mike Butkovich April 13, Geoff VanHise, Ron Weger, and Ruth Brown April 14, Brent Wachter, Brian Wachter, and Duncan MacArthur April 15, Carolee Selby Frazier and Ed Mantei April 17, Robbie Robinson, Marissa Stansbury, and Merle Edwards April 18, and Kevin Frazier, Richard Buckholz, and Bea Tobias April 19.

Happy anniversary to Ken and Mary Germain April 16.

Easter time is for bright colors. Why not make this fun, edible craft with your child, or to give as a gift. You will need shredded wheat (or similar cereal), cooking chocolate, and a bag of mini candy eggs. Combine crushed shredded wheat with melted chocolate and shape into nest shapes (a small bowl works well to shape your nest). When cooled, place a few mini eggs into your chocolate nest.

Did you know that the first Easter baskets were made to look like a bird's nest? And the traditional act of painting eggs is called Pysanka? In the United States Easter is celebrated with a large Easter egg hunt by children on the White House lawn.

Happy Easter. Until next time, take care.

'Taming of the Shrew' Set for Opera House

"The Taming of the Shrew," one of the most popular plays by William Shakespeare, will be shown at The Opera House in Cheboygan at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 22.

The comical play is being performed by the National Players Classical Touring Company, which is in its 57th annual tour presentation of "The Taming of the Shrew."

Tickets are \$21, \$18 for members of The Opera House, and \$10 for students through high school. Reserved seating is available.

The box office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and at 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the evening of the play.

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