

St. Ignace

By Miriam Blair

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Jane Chambers (left) of the St. Ignace Truck Stop Restaurant, accepts a plaque from Megan LaRocque for first place in the Soups On contest, sponsored by the LaSalle High School yearbook staff.

The formation of ice in the Straits led to the first snowmobilers crossing from Mackinac Island to St. Ignace Thursday, February 21. Jason St. Onge, Cub Horn, and his son, Brett Horn, made the crossing.

Howard Alkire enjoys volunteering at the St. Ignace Hope Chest resale store. He says he is anxious for spring to arrive, so he will be able to get his daily walks in.

Flora Smith is a resident at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care unit. Owing to an upper respiratory virus at the facility, visitors are not allowed there until further notice.

Several people attended a baby

shower for Natalie Forsteyk, hosted by Amber Welch and Kim Welch at the home of Marian Fenlon Saturday, February 23. The cake was made by Rosemary Brown.

Businesses in town were busy last weekend with an influx of visitors for the annual Pond Hockey tournaments on Moran Bay. The next event planned on the bay is the 14th Annual Ice Chip Golf Scramble Saturday, March 1. Teams can register at the Chamber of Commerce office or the Mackinac Grille restaurant.

St. Ignace schools were closed Friday, February 22, for a winter break.



While most of the activity was happening in the parking lot at Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry dock for the annual Frozen Yooper Softball Challenge, five-year-old Jayde Fraser enjoyed some solo ice skating on Moran Bay Saturday, February 16. She is the daughter of Angela and Billy Fraser of St. Ignace. (Photograph courtesy of St. Ignace Visitors Bureau)

Gros Cap School took a winter break Friday, February 22, through Monday, February 25. School resumed at Gros Cap Tuesday, February 26. Students are extra busy this time of year working on their science projects. The Science Fair will be Thursday, March 13, from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. The public is invited.

The St. Ignace Library offers children's story time every Thursday at 3 p.m., free of charge.

Mary Edwards is spending the winter with her granddaughter, Shannon Lemmon. Friends may keep in contact with Mary at the following address: 3026 South Norman Court, Denver, Colorado 80224.

By Jeannette Doud

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Mackinac Island

Sunday, February 24, was a perfect winter day on Mackinac, with the brilliant sun shining down on the beautiful snow cover. The sky was a bright blue. Snowmobiling and skiing are at their peak, with many folks enjoying the popular sports. We took advantage of the day to tour and see the lovely homes in Woodbluff and Stonecliffe Manor. Many are high atop the cliff, with a magnificent view of the Straits of Mackinac. It was truly a breathtaking sight.

We're seeing shipping through the Round Island Passage, as the U.S. Coast Guard's *Mackinaw* and *Mobile Bay* guided the tug and barge, *Michigan* and *Great Lakes*, and the Canadian freighter, *Yan-kanuck*, through the ice. It's very interesting listening to the captains talking on the scanner radios. Beyond Lansing Shoals, ice was very heavy. Many other Canadian ships continue to haul salt to Chicago and Milwaukee.

In last week's column, I wished Ike and Elaine Bunker a happy

Rexton-Garnet

The mailboxes in the neighborhood look like tiny igloos, with only the door able to open, and the fire numbers have all but been obscured with snowdrifts clear up the post.

What a winter! On a lighter note, the drive in and out of town along US-2 in the early morning, as well as when the sun is on its way down, offers a breathtaking picture and makes one delight in these surroundings.

We are truly blessed, albeit cold and snowy, to live in such a great place.

The playoffs continue for girls and boys basketball. Next week will determine whether players hang up their shoes for the season, or move forward with an eye on the prize.

The Maison family, as well as Ray and Ruth Derusha, will be enjoying time in warm, sunny Arizona, visiting the Larry De-

well attended. Dan Seeley and his kitchen crew did an excellent job. Proceeds are added to the Mark Gallagher Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation. Jennifer Bloswick, director of the Mackinac Island Community Foundation, reported more than \$1,500 was raised for this worthy cause. Mark was a very talented young man, who was attending Northern Michigan University in Marquette when he became ill. Mark will always be remembered in the hearts of everyone on Mackinac.

Happy birthday March 8 to Bob Andress, Dale Gallagher, and Nancy LaFrier. Have a great day. Jody, Mark, and Clara Chambers spent the weekend in Marquette visiting their son, Richard, who is a senior at Northern Michigan University. Richard and Mark enjoyed downhill skiing Saturday. It was a very busy time in the city, with many winter events taking place.

Gabe Cowell will celebrate his birthday March 9. Enjoy your day.

By Linda Livermore

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rusha family and other family members in the area.

The Naubinway Elders group meeting will take place at the Cut River Inn Wednesday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m.

Birthday wishes to Helen King, Chris Nygard, and Nikki Clark February 19, to my sister, Lana Thompson, February 20, Anyssa Belonga and Billy Cobe February 21, Tom King, Cleo Smith, and

Rob Becker February 22, Charlene Cook February 23, Derick Derusha February 24, Derek Becker, Brenda Browning, and Rob Cook February 25, Dave Paquin and Jerry Derusha February 26, Smokey Rutledge February 28, Nicki Formolo Cobe and Brandi Bazen March 1, and Connor Becker March 2.

Anniversary wishes to Russ and Sally Schultz February 24.

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DeTour Area

By Barbara Buschbacher

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The month of February will soon be history, and March 1 is fast approaching. Can this mean spring is not too far away? Looking out at the shoreline, with the tall ice mountains, it appears winter and its beautiful scenery will be with us for a while.

In DeTour, the annual winter-fest, now referred to as the ELF (Everyone Loves Fun) Festival, will be Saturday, March 1.

All activities and registrations for the rallies, games, ice sculptures, and cook-off contests will start at 10 a.m. at the Village Inn.

There have been many changes and additions to this year's festival. There will be activities for the children and a sled decorating contest late in the afternoon.

This year, with all the snow piled high, making an ice sculpture should be an easy task. What a great time we will have. See you at the ELF Festival.

Auditions for the spring production of "On Golden Pond" will be Tuesday, March 4, and Wed-

nesday, March 5, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Kids Café Room at the DeTour School.

This production will be directed by Dave Rhinard and sponsored by the E.U.P. Fine Arts Council.

If you are interested and would like to review the script before auditions, contact Mr. Rhinard at 297-5608.

The ever-popular story "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" will be performed as a school musical production Friday, March 14, Saturday, March 15, and Sunday, March 16.

These musical productions have been a wonderful theater introduction for the students.

The turnout of young actors has been enjoyed by all. Mark your calendar and plan to attend any one of the three performances.

There are at least 21 new book titles in the library, available for all.

A thought: Don't miss the colors of the rainbow while looking for the pot of gold.



DeTour banner carriers for the 42nd Annual Eastern Upper Peninsula Winter Games in Pickford Saturday, February 23, are (from left) Emily Bosley and Julie Reed.

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