

Brevort

Signs of spring, despite the huge amounts of snow and low temperatures, are showing up. Kathy Reid was happy to see "Popcorn," the friendly raven in her and Bob's backyard, pecking away at the popped corn scattered about. Dave spotted fox tracks heading under our front porch. (Not exactly the kind of front porch visitors I'm looking for, though.)

Dave checked the other end of the porch at the same time the fox made its hurried exit. The next day Dave found tracks at the cellar door in back of the house.

There has been a snowshoe hare scrounging for bird seed from the feeders.

The last Trinity lunch will be served Friday, March 15, at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church in the village of Brevort.

Jerri Rose, Pega Kennedy, and others joined the folks at Zion Lutheran Church for games of cards, Monopoly, and others. A good time was had by all.

Saturday evening, March 8, Tom and Joyce Gustafson, Mike and Lara Gustafson, with their daughters, Kristi and Morgan, and John and Pega Kennedy all journeyed to St. Ignace to enjoy the Night of Jazz music program at LaSalle High School. Kristi is a

member of the steel drum band.

John Kennedy has started his rehabilitation at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace.

Kevin Berry is enjoying spring break at the home of his parents, Bob and Ellen Berry. Kevin is enrolled at Michigan Technological University in Houghton. Ellen is downstate this week baby-sitting their granddaughter, not a hard job. Ellen and Bob have enjoyed winter in Brevort, doing a lot of cross-country skiing.

Crystal Giordani of Petoskey was home visiting her parents, Betty and Gio, for a few days last week. Crystal works at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

Once a month an offering is collected at Trinity to be combined with proceeds from the Friday lunches, to offset the cost of sending "caring packages" filled with goodies to people in the military and students in college. Tuesday will be our first mail out.

Zach Movolson came in first in a roller blade event in Brighton last week. We're proud!

Les Jorgensen and his brother, Mike, were at the home of their parents, Barb and Owen Jorgensen, this past weekend, recording music on the grand pianos in Owen's music room.

By Lois Movolson

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There's a dastardly bug about the neighborhood, causing flu, colds, and all the other stuff that makes one sneeze, cough, and feel miserable.

Many of residents here had 12 degrees below zero Monday morning, March 10.

Kathy Reid and I have noticed a change at the feeders this winter. There are no goldfinches, but lots of chickadees.

Bill Movolson of Gladstone called on Dave, Dave Jr., and me last Saturday. He was on his way home from a business meeting in New York. Shortly after arriving home in Gladstone, he fell, and suffered a concussion and a fractured vertebrae. All this after that long road trip from the East Coast in bad weather. Get well quick, Bill.

Our friend, Bill Triner of Massillon, Ohio, said diesel fuel was \$4.08 a gallon there.

Happy birthday, some belated, to Brian Rose March 2, Joey Berry and Lynn Yoder March 6, Elva Nelson March 8, and Morgan Gustafson March 16.

Anne Anderson of Bemidji, Minnesota, called this Monday morning, hoping to find out when the sap might run. It's anyone's guess.

Enjoy the sun and blue sky.

By Kerry Fountain

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drive coordinator, said many residents came out and gave blood March 7 at the community center. The goal was 29 units of blood, and 42 units were donated, with eight first time donors; 24 of the donors were from Rudyard. This drive was sponsored by the Rudyard Lions Club with help from the National Honor Society, Rudyard First Presbyterian Church Youth Group, and college students.

I would like to wish everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. Keep all those e-mails and phone calls coming my way to let everyone know what is going on. Until next week, see you soon.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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McIntyre Riordan of Marietta, Georgia, was being oriented for her new job at the UPS center. The presentation showed the different ways UPS is delivered, including a section on deliveries on Mackinac Island, showing pictures of the Island with the horses and dray. This is wonderful publicity for Mackinac.

Friends, please continue to send cards to Pam Lach, who is still recuperating from pneumonia at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. We send best wishes to Pam.

Happy birthday March 23 to my good friend, Jackie Bradley. Have a wonderful day.

Kevin Leveille watched six otters jumping from the breakwall to the lighthouse. They're very entertaining.

We are very saddened to learn that our dear friend, Aunt Lou Riley, Dr. Rex Orr's sister, has suffered a serious stroke at her home in North Carolina. Aunt Lou came to visit her nieces, Sandra, Debra, and Marsha Orr, each summer.

She loved to play bridge, and bake pies and goodies for her many friends. A charming lady, we always had a fun visit with her and sharing a meal at the French Outpost. We're thinking and praying for Aunt Lou and her family.

Tuesday, March 4, Mackinac Island high school students enjoyed a day of skiing on the slopes at Boyne Mountain in Boyne Falls. Making it even more special, they were greeted by Carolyn May, who is employed in the office at the resort. Greetings to Carolyn from Island friends.

Christine McCready is at her home in Cheboygan, recovering from surgery Friday, March 7. She would love to hear from her many friends on Mackinac. Her address is: 520 Cleveland Avenue, Cheboygan, Michigan 49721.

Happy birthday March 23 to Jean LaBorde of Crivitz, Wisconsin, who is married to my niece, Nancy Chambers LaBorde. Have a great day.

March Red Cross Blood Drives Announced in Area

American Red Cross blood drives will be held at the following locations:

Sault Ste. Marie: Friday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. at Sault Ste. Marie High School; Wednesday, March 19, from noon to 5:45 p.m. at Faith Lutheran Church; Tuesday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Health Center.

Brimley: Thursday, March 20, from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Washkey Center.

Happy 90th birthday March 30 to Bill Terwilliger, former cottager of the East Bluff. He and his family spent many happy summers on Mackinac. Please remember him with a card at the following address: 187 River Road, Columbus, North Carolina 28722.

We received the sad news that Olive Archambault, 79, of Kincheloe, passed away Saturday, March 8, at War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie.

Olive was born on Mackinac Island. A complete obituary is printed in this issue.

Mike Iles has returned from his vacation in Ireland, and reopened the 7th Heaven Salon in The Gate House. We give Mike a warm welcome.

Terry Andress, who was injured in a snowmobile accident earlier in the winter, underwent more surgery on her arm Tuesday, March 4. Best wishes to Terry for a speedy recovery.

Congratulations to the Mackinac Island Lakers boys basketball team on winning the Northern Lights League Championship Saturday, March 8, in Manistque. This is the second year that they've won this award.

The Lakers girls basketball team was third overall in the tournament. This was the first year for girls basketball; the team had a very successful season.

We just had a nice visit from Captain Mike North of St. Ignace, who snowmobiled over the ice. He was delighted to visit his friend, Bushy, and many friends on the Island. We look forward to seeing him on the Star Line boats this spring.

Sunday morning, March 9, about 12:30 a.m., the tones went off on the scanners, alerting the Mackinac Island Police Department, Mackinac Island Fire Department, Mackinac Island Medical Center, and emergency medical technicians that there was a snowmobile accident on the ice by Sunset Rock. John St. Onge, who was found by Loren and Gabe Cowell, had been thrown off his snowmobile and was seriously

injured. He was transported to the Mackinac Island Medical Center, where he was stabilized and later transported to Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. Sunday morning, he was flown to Blodgett Hospital in Grand Rapids. John is now stable and is recovering from his injuries. Island friends send best wishes for a speedy recovery. The Mackinac Island police and fire departments, EMTs, and Mackinac Island Medical Center did an excellent job in response to the serious accident.

In talking to John Hulett of Grand Hotel, I learned the hotel officially opens Friday, May 2. Spring certainly is right around the corner.

Board of Review will be held at the City Hall Monday, March 17, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday, March 18, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The Mackinac Island Public School will be on spring break Monday, March 31, through Friday, April 4. School resumes Monday, April 7.

Arial Leeper was the winner of the poetry recitation contest at the Mackinac Island Public Library Friday, February 15. There were 11 finalists from different grades in the competition.

As the winner, she was eligible to attend the state competition Saturday, March 8, at the Michigan Library in Lansing. Michi Mullings came in second place on Mackinac Island.

The judges were Trish Martin, Dan Seeley, and Pam Finkel. Congratulations to Arial and Michi.

Skiing is still very good, and many folks enjoy a daily ski through the beautiful wooded trails. The winter scenery glistens under brilliant sunshine. In Hubbard's Annex, the colorful cottages make a great winter picture, especially with their rooftops and cedar hedges blanketed with clusters of freshly fallen snow.

The big project at the Mustang Lounge is coming along well.

Although the temperatures are cold, the sun is bright.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Rudyard

Jonathan Brown, a sophomore at Rudyard High School, won the People to People Award, and will be a student ambassador for our Rudyard community.

He will spend 20 days learning about Australia's culture, meet the President of Australia, travel through the jungle, will work on real Australian farms to see how techniques differ from ours, and go to the Great Barrier Reef.

His group of 40 high school students will climb the tallest steel bridge in Australia, learn how to surf, and go to the Sydney Opera House.

He will leave in June and receive high school and college

credit for the program. Student ambassadors represent their country while exploring the world. Jonathan needs to raise \$7,000 for the program. His family and friends will host a bake sale Wednesday, March 19, at Glen's market in Sault Ste. Marie, and also a spaghetti benefit dinner April 23 at the Kinross Recreation Center from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Jonathan is supported by his mother, Geri Burrows, and brothers and sisters James, Tina, Jamie, and Priscilla. Donations will also be accepted in care of Geri Burrows at 15 Windermere, Kincheloe Michigan 49788.

Chari Fischer, Rudyard's blood

Children's Reading Program Funding Threatened

The Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) book program that serves 130 children in Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace is threatened by proposed federal funding cuts, reports the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Head Start program, and local program coordinators are asking the public to

contact congressional representatives to ask for the funding to be reinstated in the proposed 2009 federal budget.

In Sault Ste. Marie and St. Ignace, the RIF Family of Readers program distributes books every year to children at two Head Start centers and a Head Start classroom

at the Tribal Child Care Center, said Mary Green, family services coordinator for the local program.

The program's goal is to give children access to books so they are motivated to read for enjoyment and will tend to perform better at school, Ms. Green said.

RIF has established an online information center for supporters to send letters and e-mails to Congress. Visit www.RIF.org for more information.

Police Search For \$2,600 of Items Stolen From Sugar Island Cabin

The Michigan State Police are investigating a breaking and entering at a cabin on Sugar Island. The burglary occurred Sunday, September 23, at a cabin on East Northshore Drive.

Items stolen were a Hoover Wind Tunnel vacuum cleaner, two maple end tables, a Sony 15-inch television and DVD player combination, an antique coffee grinder, a Direct TV

satellite receiver, two king size navy down-filled sleeping bags, a humpback oak trunk, and other miscellaneous items, valued at more than \$2,600.

Anyone with information about this crime or the stolen items may call Crime Stoppers at (800) 465-7867. Callers may remain anonymous and tips leading to an arrest could earn a \$1,000 reward.

NOTICE - BOARD OF REVIEW
City of Mackinac Island

Monday, March 17, 2008
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 18, 2008
9:00 a.m. - 12 Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

2nd Floor, City Hall,
Council Chambers

Board of Review will remain open thru Friday, March 21, 2008 for written petitions and will accept petitions in writing or faxed Petitions (906) 847-6430.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Sault Tribe Purchasing Department will be accepting **SEALED BIDS** for the purchase and delivery of Vinyl Double Hung Windows.

The Scope of Work includes the following:

- Description:** Vinyl Double Hung Tilt Windows (322 total)
- Specifications:** Delivery to the Sault Tribe Housing Authority located in Kinross, Michigan. No installation will be required.

Interested supplier must attend a mandatory site meeting to obtain a bid package, at this time all existing window openings shall be field measured for actual size. You must be present at the meeting to submit a bid proposal. The location is listed below with the following date and time.

All interested suppliers must meet at the Mid Jim store in St. Ignace at 1:00pm on March 17, 2008.

Sealed Bids will be due at 4:00 p.m., March 31, 2008. Faxed or Emailed bids will not be accepted.

NO BIDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE & TIME

Sealed Bids must be sent to: Sault Tribe Purchasing
Attn: Tamara Leask/Vinyl Window
2186 Shunk Road
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Any questions please contact Tamara Leask at (906) 635-7035.

Sault Tribe Housing Authority has the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
Mackinac County

Mackinac County has been awarded \$14,924.00 in Federal Funds to supplement emergency food & shelter programs in the county. A local board will determine how the funds will be distributed among food & shelter programs run by service organizations. Grants go to Government and private non-profit groups that have demonstrated the ability to deliver food or shelter. Public and private voluntary organizations interested in applying for funds should contact Don Wright at (906) 643-8595. The deadline for application is March 17, 2008. There will be a public Emergency Food & Shelter meeting at the John Fenlon Community Action Agency office at 368 Reagon Street, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781 at 11 a.m., Tuesday, March 18, 2008. The supplemental award was made by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high need areas.

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Mackinac County Sheriff's Department

The Mackinac County Sheriff is seeking bid proposals to replace the overhead main water line within the county jail. This project will involve removal and replacement of the existing ceiling and replacing galvanized pipe with copper pipe and connecting plumbing fixtures and ensure proper operation of the plumbing at the completion of the project.

This project will require that there be minimal disruption in the water supply.


Please return proposals by March 26, 2008 at 12:00 noon to:

Sheriff Scott Strait
Mackinac County Sheriff's Office
100 South Marley Street
Saint Ignace, Michigan 49781

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