

St. Ignace

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Our spring weather is like a roller coaster. Smelt season opened April 1.

Warmer days will bring numerous fishermen out, waiting for the big catch.

Arnold Line's *Huron* was turned back from reaching Mackinac Island Friday, April 11, owing to heavy ice in the Straits. Ferry passengers were bundled up against strong winds and snowy sleet that morning, and did not reach their Island destination. Boat service was

canceled for the rest of the day, delaying delivery of the *Mackinac Island Town Crier* and other goods.

Jay Tremble, dockmaster at Arnold Line's St. Ignace Dock 1, said it was the first time in his 20 years working at Arnold Line that a boat was forced to turn around during a spring run because of ice. Reports from the Island say that ice was packed so tight in the harbor that day that sheets of ice were stacking up on top of each other.

The *Huron* made one trip

Saturday, April 12, but still had trouble getting in and out of the harbor. By Monday, April 14, the ferry was able to depart and reach its destination on both sides well enough to allow the company to expand from three round trips a day to five round trips a day.

Former residents of St. Ignace, Trica Polomski and her mother, Lorene Valentine of Traverse City, enjoyed a weekend visiting many relatives and friends here. Ms. Polomski was graduated from

LaSalle High School in 1989. Sorry to report that Helen Johnson is a patient at Mackinac Straits Hospital. We're all wishing our best to such a generous and pleasant lady who has been a resident of this city for many years.

Donna Louwers, of St. Ignace, is happy to announce she will be employed this summer as pastry chef at the famous Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. Ms. Louwers enjoys her daily boat ride.

Gene Perry, a St. Ignace guitarist, would like to announce Open Mic Night will be Friday, April 18, starting at 8 p.m. at the Rock Bottom Tavern in Moran. All musicians are welcome to participate.

Shirley Therrian joined me in enjoying a delicious dinner at the home of my daughter and her family, Dawn and Dustin Wilcox in Cedarville. Mrs. Wilcox celebrated another birthday.

Dee DeKeyser had a chance to travel to West Virginia, where she spent a week with her sister, Shirley Paquin. After Mrs. DeKeyser arrived home, tornados went through five of the states she had visited.

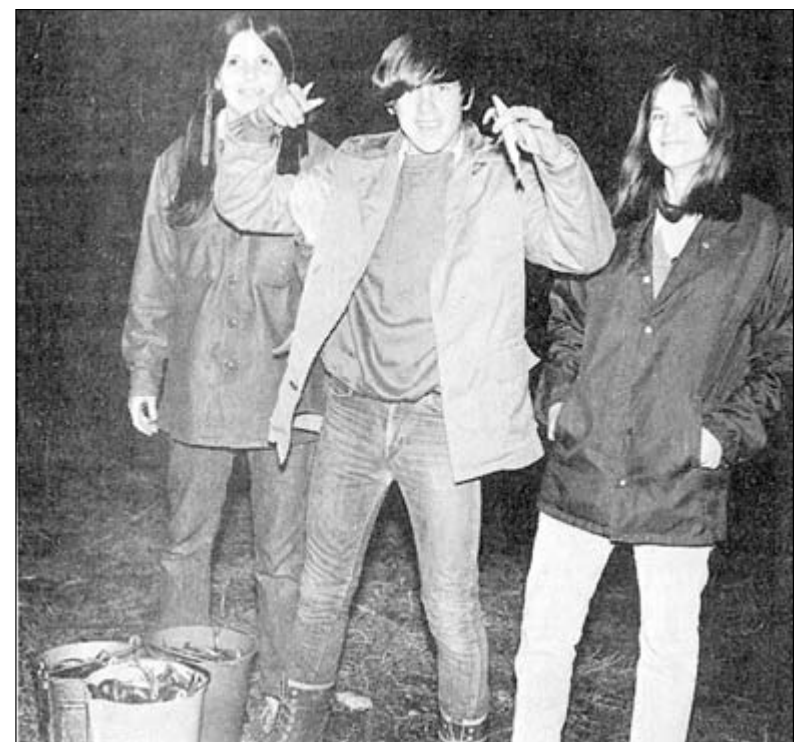
Frank Dumas will be retiring from the State Highway Depart-

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This picture of (from left) Terri Blair, Mark Therrian, and Bambi Huskey during carp season was published in *The Republican-News* in 1970.

ment as of May 1. Many in town will remember when the young man delivered the *Grit* newspaper in the 1970s.

Goldie Blair, of Lansing, would like to let friends in town know that she is doing well. Many folks remember her happy face at River Bend Resort as she and her husband, Ed, operated cabins, gas station, and grocery store. This was a favorite place for hunters and fish-

erman. We know summer is nearing, as Clydes Drive-in has opened for the season.

Happy birthday to Kim Welch April 18 and Ashley Kosek April 29.

A reminder of the silent auction at St. Ignace Library, which ends April 24 at 7 p.m.

Remember, April showers bring May flowers.

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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A call Wednesday from Jim Chambers informed me that Dr. Bill Chambers and George Wellington ordered the arrival of three new horses for the season. The horses were taken to the Mackinac Island Carriage Tours stables, where they will receive tender loving care. Jim was on his way to Ohio, where he has a friend who has supplies for carriages, and he will buy new horses. He also told me that veterinarian Dr. Al Sibinic of Charlevoix will return again for the season. His office is in the Chambers Riding Stable building.

The Mackinac Island community is very saddened to learn that Dr. Don Weersing will be leaving the Mackinac Island Medical Center Wednesday, April 23. Dr. Weersing has provided the Island with excellent medical care for the past six years. We wish him and his wife, Karen, the best of luck in their future endeavors.

Happy birthday to Tom Bunker and Cynthia Cawthorne April 11.

We send special birthday greetings to Lindsay George April 12. We look forward to seeing you and Fritz back on Mackinac.

Mike and Deb Carley and Brenda Bunker and Clay Fuller returned Friday, April 11, after a fun trip to Naples, Florida. Happy belated birthday to Mike April 13.

Special birthday greetings to Ruby Blosswick of St. Ignace April 14.

It's great to see Bill Porter out riding his bicycle after his recent illness. Happy belated birthday to Bill April 14.

Our good friend Pam Lach has been ill at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. We are pleased to report that Pam has returned to the Island and is doing much better.

Paul Fullerton and his crew at Great Lakes Air served the Island throughout the long winter months. Passengers arriving this year enjoyed the beautiful new terminal built by Larry Rickley Sr. and Larry Rickley Jr., employees of the Mackinac Island State Park. Both are ardent fishermen who had a great time ice fishing at the end of the boardwalk. They caught some beautiful lake trout.

Happy birthday to Smi Horn April 15 and to his wife, Mickey, April 18. Special wedding anniversary wishes to Smi and Mickey April 17.

Jody, Mark, Maggie, and Clara Chambers spent the weekend in Marquette visiting Richard, who is a senior at Northern Michigan University. Richard will be home soon for the summer, where he is employed at the Chippewa Hotel.

The Bynoe, Schoenborn, and McKay families attended a family wedding in Detroit over the weekend of April 4 and 5.

We send greetings to Stephanie Arbib in Hollywood, Florida. She is recuperating well from her recent surgery and making a very nice recovery. Island friends send

best wishes.

Happy birthday April 16 to two sisters, Dot Gillespie and Sue Chambers. Enjoy your day.

Lulubelle and Victor D'arce will celebrate their wedding anniversary April 16. Have a wonderful day.

Dr. Bill and Sue Chambers arrived home Tuesday from their annual Florida vacation. En route, they enjoyed a golf game with Janet and Jay Stingel.

Mimi Musser Cunningham arrived Thursday, April 3, at her cottage on Lakeshore Drive. She is busy preparing the shops at Grand Hotel for the season.

Happy birthday to Ron Dufina April 17. Have a great day.

Soon we shall see signs of spring on the side of the hill near the Jewel Club House, when the daffodils will be in full bloom. Also watch for the hundreds of wee violets in the swamp area, below the spring near the 7th hole.

Special get well wishes to Dale Gallagher, who is recuperating in St. Ignace from recent knee surgery, and to John St. Onge, who was recently released from Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. He is currently staying with his son, Nathan.

His address is as follows: John St. Onge, c/o Nathan St. Onge, 1584 Geraldton Place, Traverse City, MI 49686. John is doing very well and gets around in a wheelchair.

Rodney Myers is making a steady recovery from his recent accident at his home on Mackinac.

Duane Drost of Charlevoix and James Dunnigan of Grass Lake will both celebrate their birthdays April 18. Enjoy your day.

Mary K. McIntire, who has spent the winter in Aspen, Colorado, returned to her home on Lakeshore Drive this past week.

Katie Cederholm, who is employed with Mackinac State Historic Parks, enjoyed a wonderful trip to Jerusalem. While there, she met Heather Kalmbach and toured the area. The weather was bright and sunny.

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