

Brevort

Monday evening, December 15, Trinity Lutheran Church held a farewell dinner in honor of Pastor Tari Stage-Harvey, her husband, Kurt, and their children, Hannah, Sophie, and Elijah, as they prepare to move further north, to Juneau, Alaska, to serve the Shepard of the Valley Lutheran Church. Forty parishioners, along with friends, enjoyed a wonderful dinner of Swiss venison. Sharon Smith prepared a list from A to Z of all things related to Pastor Tari and her family, which brought more than a few laughs. Then Sharon and Pega had a box full of little mementos of the congregation, such as a fishing pole with a fish, representing the interests of Dick Bentley, a sailboat and mid-summer pole for Dave Movalson, and a garage sale sign for Tracy, my mother, Ella Atwell, and myself. It was a good thing. The fellowship hall was decorated with pine boughs and candles, with tiny Christmas tree lights strung across the ceiling. So festive an event, although a bit sad. Trinity Lutheran Church is part of a two-

point parish with Zion Lutheran of St. Ignace, sharing the pastor, church secretary, office manager, and other aspects of operating two parishes. Kenny Smith did get out of Bogotá, Columbia, Thursday, December 18, only to be grounded in Newark, New Jersey, because of Detroit being snowed in, as was Pellston Airport, so Sharon doesn't know when he will arrive. Soon, we hope. Brevorters attending the Christmas program at the elementary school in St. Ignace Thursday, December 18, were Sharon Smith, Pega Kennedy, and Mike and Lara Gustafson. Kristi and Morgan Gustafson and Allison Smith were part of the program. Jim Dyer and Dot Glashaw attended the senior citizen dinner in Engadine Wednesday, December 17. It was at the Engadine school, with the high school students preparing the meal, and there was a program with the school band. Dot sat with Darlene Shoemaker, Esther Bigelow, and Mary Ellen Stephenson, all of the Rexton area. Jim won

the table prize, being the eldest person there. Age has its advantages, sometimes. Pega and John Kennedy joined the many members of the family of their daughter-in-law, Chrissy Becker, for a sleigh ride around the Mackinaw City area. Everyone brought food, which was shared at Cedarbrook Village, formerly the Ramada Inn in Mackinaw City. A good time was had by all. The Nesbergs and staff of the White Tail restaurant enjoyed four days off last week. Susie and Russ did make it to town together, and then spent time decorating their home on Cut River Road for the holidays. There have been snowmobilers out and about, and all indications point to a good winter for all of our local businesses. Kyle O'Boyle is home from Northern Michigan University for the holidays, as is his sister, Katelynn O'Boyle, from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. Kathy Reid is done working at the Bay View Restaurant in Epoufette for the season, unless they get swamped with snowmobilers. She and Bob have lots of birds, chickadees, gold finches, snow buntings, ladder-backed woodpeckers, blue jays, and the "corn pops," as the ravens are called. They love the popcorn Bob throws out for them. Jim and Jerri Rose are enjoying their new picture window that Russ Nesberg installed. It's a nicer view, and a lot warmer. Dave and I shopped in Sault Ste. Marie Thursday, December 18, as did Thora Shepard and Anita Dumas. Shepard's Forest Products entertained their jobbers at a dinner by the White Tail restaurant Saturday, December 13. Lee Foster is employed at the Lutsen Resort in Lutsen, Minnesota,

this winter. The resort is a historical landmark, having been a wayside for travelers stranded or in difficulty during the rough winters years ago. Happy birthday to Marilyn Jean Berry, Bill Borland, and Donna LaLonde December 17, Jennie and Jessie Humphrey December 19, Jamie Rogers December 24, Mary Ann First December 28, and Michael Shepard December 31. Happy belated anniversary to Jim and Jerri Rose December 10. Anniversary wishes to Michael and Helena Shepard December 21 and Jack and Thora Shepard December 24. Enjoy the blessings of this holiday season and love one another.



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Engadine & Gould City



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This week finds our little town of Engadine saddened by the passing of Larry McEvers, who died Wednesday, December 17. His obituary is printed in this issue of the newspaper. Please keep his wife, Flora, children, and many friends in your prayers. An evening of music and dancing is planned with Eddie Young, from the Grand Ole Opry, who will be playing with the Mudhole Band Friday, December 26, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the Gould City Eagles. The Gould City Eagles is open to the public. I would love to hear from the snowbirds, as would friends and family who are stuck here in the cold snow. Let everyone know what you're up to while away from the winter weather. Pictures are

always welcome. My e-mail address is listed above. Happy birthday to Ashley Lowery December 25, Donald Ault and Jolene Mantei December 27, Leah Gribbell and Angie McArthur December 28, Tim Mast Sr., Richard Ozanich, Dawn Inetetz, and Amy Zdebski December 29, and Dani Rutledge and James Everhart December 31. Happy anniversary to Tom and Jo Prater December 26, Dave and Linda Livermore December 28, Richard and Cheryl Ozanich December 29, and Mike and Lisa Butkovich December 31. Here's wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy time with your children while they're on Christmas break. Until next time, take care.

Rexton-Garnet

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Mother Nature seems to be throwing all sorts of weather at us, just to see what we can handle. We in the Upper Peninsula are hardy souls. Pastor Tim Miller and his family will be traveling over the holidays. They will leave following church services Sunday, December 21, and will return Monday, December 29. My husband, Dave, and I traveled to Green Bay, Wisconsin, to return with our son, Dave, who was able to join us for Christmas. He will return to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, before the year is over. The holiday concerts at Engadine schools last week were a pleasure to listen to. From the smallest singers to the junior high and senior bands, what a great show. The youngsters did themselves proud, along with band director Jeremiah Clark. The 20/20 Youth Christmas

variety show was held at the Rexton Mennonite Church Sunday, December 21. The show was a testimony to the youth in the area who participate in many activities, and do it in the highest caliber. The O'Neil house in Gilchrest, which hasn't seen any lights in the windows for quite some time, was all lit up during hunting season. Staying in the house were Harriet O'Neil, with her daughters and grandchildren, while in the log cabin in the back were brothers Keith and Gary O'Neil and the other gentlemen members of the clan. Former Naubinway resident Nina Weaver, who will have achieved centurion status, was celebrated recently at a party in Indiana, where she resides. A speedy recovery is wished to Ron Pongracz, who recently underwent heart surgery. His daughter, Danielle, and family, made the trip north from South Carolina to spend some time with Ron during his recovery. Other folks in the area who are in need of get well prayers are Connie Paquin, Ray Derusha,

Shannon Browning, Mary Germain, and Harry Fisher. Belated birthday wishes to Brandon Moesch, Bob Edwards, and Sam Caverly, who reached his milestone 50th birthday, December 8, to the youngest of our children, Andy, December 11, our neighbors Rob Aldrich and Cheryl Hood December 13, Pauly Kleeman and Jim Kerridge December 15, Brad Maison December 18, Alan Browning December 19, Cheryl Franklin December 21. Happy birthday to our grandchildren's Engadine papa, Charlie Fosdick Sr., December 24 and Lance Kerridge December 28. Anniversary wishes to Dewey and Cherie Wilder, who celebrated December 11, Bill and Karen Massey December 22, Ron and Cindy Pongracz and Sonny and Bev Stephenson December 23, Tom and Jo Prater December 26, and to my husband, Dave, who I have shared 45 years with, December 28. I wish *The St. Ignace News* readers near and far a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Nominations Open for Michigan Barn of the Year Competition

The Michigan Barn Preservation Network is seeking nominations of restored Michigan heritage barns for its 2009 Barn of the Year competition. Nominations are open through January 15, and winners will be announced at the 2009 annual conference March 13 and March 14 at Michigan State University. Nominations may be made in any of four categories: continued family/private agricultural use, family/private adaptive use, nonprofit agricultural or adaptive use, and commercial agricultural or adaptive use. Nominated barns must have been built before 1959 and must retain their overall appearance and interior and exterior barn characteristics. Nominees and winners have included working barns for animals and equipment and barns used for business, historical, and home purposes. Judging will be by people well-versed in preservation architecture and barn restoration, but the empha-

sis will not be on textbook perfection. Judges will be looking for how well the historical integrity of the barn was respected in preserving it for its current use. They will look at the integrity of the structure, its setting, the preservation of original materials, thoughtful changes that maintain original design, careful repair/reuse of original materials, and soundness for current use. Winners receive a plaque, recognition by the network at the annual conference, and media coverage. Send nominations and photos to Barn of the Year Committee, 3225 Edgewood Drive, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Late nominations will not qualify for this year's competition but will be kept for the following year's competition if the applicant so desires. To get a previously nominated barn considered for an award this year, contact Kathy Holtz at (734) 971-9315. The nomination form is available online at www.mibarn.net. Click on the "About" tab and then "Recognition Programs." For more information, contact Kathy Holtz at the above number.

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