

St. Ignace Community Rallies To Help Those in Need at Christmas

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organizations this winter. Even paying utility bills has been a struggle.

"I'm overwhelmed by the stuff they have," he said.

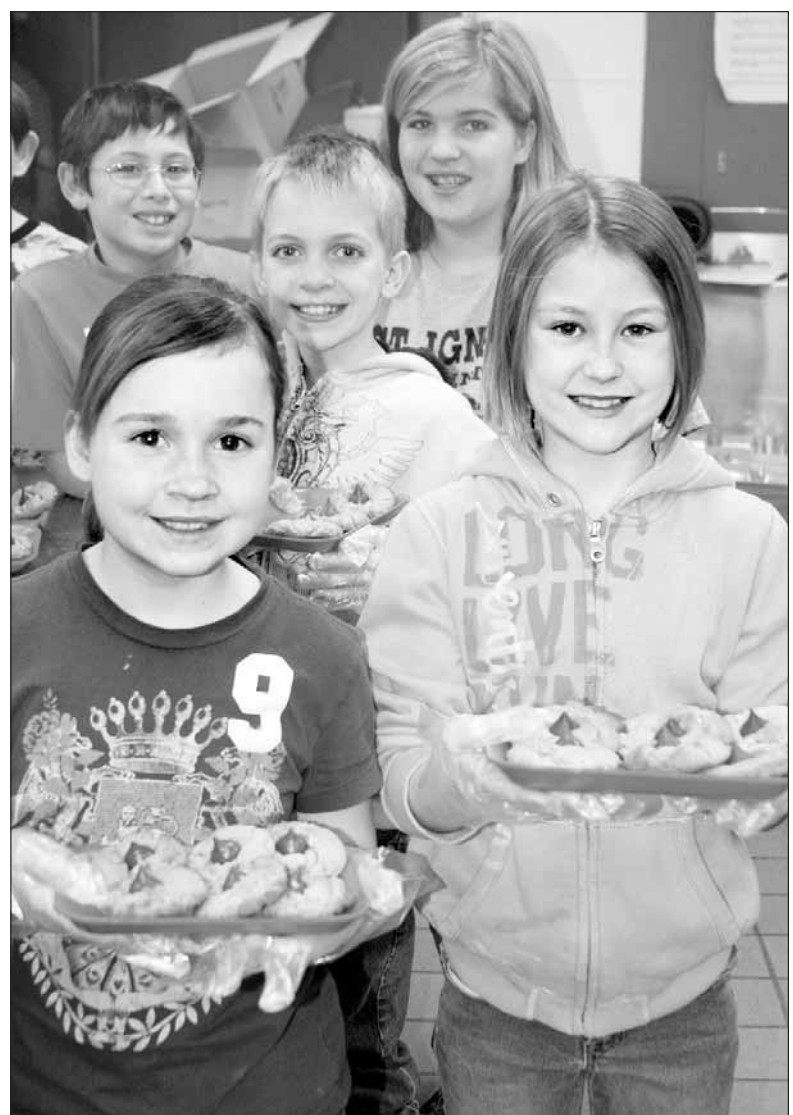
On the south side of town at Glen's Market, members of St. Ignace Moose Lodge 999 were joined by crew from the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter *Biscayne Bay*, Glen's employees, and other volunteers, who packed boxes with food, enough to feed a family on Christmas Day, including breakfast.

"It hits your soul," said Patrice Mackin, a volunteer and fourth grade teacher at St. Ignace Elementary School, who was packing food boxes. "This is my Christmas today."

Working with Ms. Mackin was her former sixth grade student, Cally Klimczak, who now is attending Central Michigan University. Miss Klimczak came to help pack the boxes with her boyfriend, Jason Fisher, who is stationed aboard the *Biscayne Bay*. She recalled that it was fun making cookies for the boxes with her classmates when she was a student in Ms. Mackin's sixth grade class. Each year, the students, with the aid of school cooks, make cookies for the boxes.

As an adult participating in the project Saturday, Ms. Klimczak said she appreciated the number of people who were at Glen's to volunteer their time.

"I was really happy with the number of people who showed up," she said. "It's nice that people volunteer to do this."



These "Santa's Elves" are students in Patrice Mackin's fourth grade class at St. Ignace Elementary. Each year the class prepares cookies for the Moose Lodge 999 Christmas basket program. Freshly baked Thursday, December 18, the cookies are ready to be packaged. The Moose will add the treats to holiday food baskets Saturday, December 20, and distribute them to families in need. Pictured are (from left, front row) Alysse Bentley, Sheridan Bigger; (back) Jared Mountain, Lucas Hammand, and Lauren Yoder.



Ulysses Sistruck (left) and Jessie Huskey pick out gifts for their children from items collected during the Mackinac County toy drive. The two St. Ignace fathers each have three children. They were assisted in their efforts by volunteer toy drive co-director Wendy Colegrove Saturday, December 20, at Community Action Agency.

Lawmakers Share Perspectives on Auto Industry Loans

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conditions being placed on the backs of workers," she said. "The same workers that have already made historic concessions. It is very unfortunate that as part of the good news, of this important bridge loan, this proposal unfairly singles out workers."

"I look forward to working with President-elect Obama in the new year, and my colleagues in the Senate and House, to make this a better package that is fair to all parties involved, including middle-class workers."

Congressman Bart Stupak observed that reaching the targets will be appropriately left up to the companies and their workers.

"When the Senate failed last week to reach an agreement on short-term loans for the domestic automakers, it left a lot of uncertainty for dealers, suppliers, and the millions of workers in auto-related jobs

across the country," Congressman Stupak said. "President Bush's announcement that the administration will tap into the Wall Street bailout funds to help the auto industry was welcome news....Although the White House plan includes targets for concessions by workers, I was pleased to see that the administration has appropriately left it to the auto companies, United Auto Workers, and other stakeholders to work out the details."

"Today's announcement is a significant step toward restoring our domestic auto industry and the American middle class, but much work remains," he continued. "The American auto manufacturers produce some of the best vehicles in the world. They have suffered disproportionately from the recession and this loan will allow them the opportunity to reorganize and retool. This is the first step on the road to long-

term sustainability for our domestic auto industry."

Rudyard Pool Sets Holiday Hours

The Rudyard Swimming Pool will be open for public swimming during the upcoming holiday break as follows: Sunday, December 21, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Monday, December 22, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, December 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday, December 24

through December 27, Closed; Sunday, December 28, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Monday, December 29, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.; Tuesday, December 30, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday through Saturday, December 31 through January 3, Closed; Sunday, January 4, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Nightlinger Named to Dean's List

Jared Nightlinger of Hessel was named to the dean's list for the August through October sessions at the University of Northwestern Ohio in Lima, Ohio. He is studying in the automotive high per-

formance program. Mr. Nightlinger is the son of Wendy Pratt and Kendall Nightlinger, both of Hessel, and was graduated from Cedarville High School.

Donations Benefit Hospital Patients

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LaSalle High School, volunteered her time to cut out hundreds of the multi-colored lights.

The auxiliary, which has 47 members, also raises money by selling art, geraniums, books, uniforms for staff, and cosmetics.

In recent years, the auxiliary has donated more than \$7,000 for such items as specially equipped wheelchairs, a wheelchair washer, chairs, and a \$1,065 pediatric scale for the hospital.

"When the facility has a request," Mrs. Barthelemy said, "then we go out and meet those needs. There's no limit."

The auxiliary also has re-served money for decorations at the new long term care facility at the hospital being built near the Mackinac County Airport. Paintings and lamps the auxiliary will donate will focus on using welcoming colors like blues and browns to help create a homey atmosphere, she said.

To donate a light in honor or in memory of someone, send a note to Mackinac Straits Hospital Auxiliary, Lights of Love, 220 Burdette Street, St. Ignace, MI 49781. Donations also can be brought to outpatient registration at the hospital. Mrs. Barthelemy can be reached at 643-0467.

Door Damaged in Pavilion Break-in

Police are investigating a breaking and entering at the Pickford Township Park pavilion which happened over Thanksgiving weekend. The door to the maintenance room was forced open, damaging it, and

beer cans were left on the ice rink. Anyone with information may call Crime Stoppers at (800) 465-7867. Callers may remain anonymous and tips leading to an arrest could earn a \$1,000 reward.

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