

Spiders Have Own Distinct Characteristics

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than a bone or tendon, per weight, but can also stretch, when wet, to more than three times its length before breaking. The silk produced by spiders is largely recycled material. Eighty to 90 percent of an old web shows up in a new web in a short period of time. Different types of spiders produce different types of webs, and they can be helpful in trying to identify the spider.

Spiders reproduce by eggs, which are deposited about a week after they're fertilized. There may be one or two eggs, 20 to 30 eggs, or as many as 100 eggs deposited, depending on the species of the spider. Most spiders wrap the eggs in silk and may attach the egg sac to the edge of a web.

Since all spiders are carni-

vores, they all must hunt. They're divided into two types of hunters, web hunters and active hunters. Web hunters, as their name suggests, catch their prey in a web. As the victim hits the web and gets stuck, the spider feels the vibration along the web and moves in and injects venom that subdues the prey and liquefies its insides. It may immediately kill its victim or may wrap it up in silk to save for a later snack. Active hunters may use camouflage and ambush prey or may pursue and capture their food using good eyesight and quick reflexes. Just like the web hunters, they use venom to paralyze and enzymes to break down the insides of their prey.

There are many species of spiders living in our area. From the large hairy wolf spiders to the active jumping spider,

they're quite commonly seen. They're fairly simple to study with a hand magnifying glass, a collecting jar, and a good field guide, like the one I mentioned at the beginning of this column, and they're very interesting.

P.S. Don't forget to get out in the woods to see the fall mushrooms and fungi. They're beautiful this year. Also, in response to last week's column, it was reported that the weasel, or one like it, was seen in the Arnold Line office, checking the place out. You see, you never know when you will see "wild life" around here.

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NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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Easterly Cottage. James and Claire are already in school at Grass Lake. Candi left with her horses Tuesday, September 6.

So nice to greet, over the weekend, Dr. and Mrs. Ed Wallon, longtime cottagers of Hubbard's Annex, who now make their home in Rochester Hills. They attended the Largo wedding at Little Stone Church.

Welcome home to his birthplace on Mackinac to Ronald (Cushion) Bazinaw, who is visiting family members. He now lives in Arizona.

The Paul Wandrie family gave a red hat to their good friend, Rosie Charnes, which she wore Saturday at the Jazz Festival at Grand Hotel, looking very sharp.

At the Lasting Impressions Gift Shop on Market Street, passersby stop to admire the O'Neil's dinner plate Dahlias, which are nine to 10 inches in diameter. Ron's secret is the Mackinac compost mixed with Island soil.

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Wellington of Sault Ste. Marie on the recent death of her sister, Beatrice McDonald of Pickford. Beatrice and her husband, Ron, were well known by Island residents. As customers, they were often greeted by them in the former A & P Store in St. Ignace.

Mike, Jennifer, and Owen James Powell of St. Ignace enjoyed the jazz concert on Windermere Point Sunday evening. Owen had fun eating at Windermere Dog House, especially his hot fudge sundae.

Brian Findley and family were happy to be back home on Mackinac, where he spent many of his growing up summers, along with his brothers and sisters. His parents, Lois and John, will be leaving their Smallpoint Cottage Thursday. They hope to soon be semi-retired. We shall miss them, especially at Ste. Anne's. Best wishes to them from Island friends.

John and Judy Lore and Bill and Cam Liebold enjoyed the Jazz Festival at the Grand.

Nick Haan of Haan's 1830 Inn spent Labor Day on the Island from his teaching duties in Illinois.

School on the Island opened

Tuesday, September 6, with a welcome-back picnic for all of the students, as well as friends and family.

Sheldon and Sue Smith of Washington, D.C. vacationed at Grand Hotel over the holiday. Sheldon is a former chairman of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission.

Rena and Vic Callewaert entertained at the Ice House at the Island House Hotel Monday evening, September 5, an annual tradition and a perfect summer night.

Welcome to Mackinac, Jean and Dr. Steve Humprey of Columbia, South Carolina, who are owners of Swan Cottage on Woods Golf Course.

There are still many large conventions coming to Grand Hotel during September, bringing good business to the Island.

Smi Horn and his daughter, Melinda Porter, walked the bridge Monday morning, September 5.

Happy birthday to Mary Callewaert Monday, September 5. Hope your day was special.

Mike and Linda Konicki of Cheboygan attended Vic Callewaert's party Monday evening.

Monday evening, September 5, at 6 p.m., a very impressive ceremony was held at the Veteran's Memorial in the city park to honor all the veterans by the American Legion Post 299 under the direction of Commander Paul Wandrie. Smi Horn was master of ceremonies and guest speaker was the Reverend Vincent Carroll, Captain, U.S. Navy Retired. Music was provided by the Mackinac Island singers. What a beautiful Labor Day evening and a very fitting way to end the summer season. It was very nice to see veteran Mary Thompson at the ceremony. She is recovering from a badly broken shoulder.

Dan and Virginia Riordan, Barbara and Brian Hellis, and Mary Lou Culliton walked the bridge Monday morning. They all agreed about the beauty of the day.

Enjoy the beautiful weather.

Jazz Festival Full of Variety

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at the end of the Grand Hotel porch, singing to a packed crowd during a special performance.

Attendees at the Jazz Festival also raised \$13,142,81 for disaster relief in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama. The money, which has been sent to

the Red Cross in Washington, D.C. for its Disaster Relief Fund, included a \$5,000 matching contribution by Grand Hotel. Mr. Graham's latest CD, "The Good Life," was also offered as an incentive to contributors. He said the hotel gave away 73 of them.

Summer Concert Series Ends

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concert series a success," said Foundation Executive Director Jennifer Blowski, who organized the series. "It was wonderful to be able to bring such a wide variety of musical per-

formances to the residents and visitors of Mackinac Island."

Previous concerts this year have been at Ste. Anne's Catholic Church, Windermere Point, and the Island Library. Trinity Episcopal Church first opened its doors in 1882.

Mark Chambers Wins Regatta

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fourth and fifth place went to Dave Nordstrom and David Rowe, both of Mackinac.

Awards were presented at Mackinac Island Yacht Club

following the race. Race sponsors Patti Ann and Steve Moskwa of Horn's Bar provided food and refreshments for skippers, crew, and family members.

Emergency Preparedness Meetings Set

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sonnel will answer questions.

The town hall meetings are part of September's National Preparedness Month, where all citizens are encouraged to prepare for emergencies at their homes, businesses, schools, and communities.

The official launch of National Preparedness Month, which included a public preparedness fair, took place in Washington D.C., on Thursday, September 1, bringing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the American Red Cross together with a coalition of national partners. The goal is to provide the people with an opportunity to learn more about ways they can prepare for an emergency.

To commemorate this event, the Michigan State Police

Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division is introducing its 2005 campaign, "Family and Community Emergency Safety" (FACES), that will include a Family Preparedness Guide and additional information for local communities, families, schools, and businesses.

Citizens can prepare an emergency supply kit, establish a family communication plan, and become better aware of threats that may impact their communities.

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