

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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not only selling items, but entertaining the crowd. Mike's elves were Smi Horn, Tony Spata, and Bruce LaPine. There were some fabulous items ranging from a handmade table by Dr. Don Weersing, a wonderful snowmobile sled made by Larry Belonga, a snowmobile caboose constructed by Cub Horn and Stan Gugin, a handmade chest made by Joe Gugin and Jason St. Onge, a handsome love seat donated by Bruce St. Louis, commuter tickets from Arnold, Star Line, and Shepler's, gift baskets from Grand Hotel, a catered dinner by Chef Don Kromer from Mission Point Resort, Detroit Lions tickets, Detroit Red Wings tickets, a 27-inch television donated by Gamble Roofing, and so many other items donated by so many people.

The kitchen served a banquet every day. In charge was Sue Chambers, assisted by Deb and Mona Carley, Dan Seeley, Donna Killips, Irene Rickley, Debbie De Le Vegne Bowerman, Jewel Geyer, and those wonderful girls from Sault Ste. Marie who served the food, Deb, Lisa, and Laney. The Mackinac Island Fire Department, including Dennis Bradley, Mike Bradley, Jason St. Onge, and Larry Rickley Jr., were in charge of dishwashing Sunday. Also helping in the dish department were Dick Bolander and Bud Bowerman. The menu consisted of roast pork Saturday and prime rib Sunday with a salad bar. The late afternoon snacks were nachos, pizza, and hot dogs. A special thanks to Doud Mercantile for all their donations. Thanks to Kelly Bean for organizing the salads for Sunday. Sue has some very special recipes, so the food was excellent. People came for three days to enjoy the food.

The silent auction, under the direction of Betty BeDour and assisted by Tracy Mardock, Loretta Spata, and Kris Clark, was a lot of fun. The bidding

was very spirited.

The sundae booth was staffed by members of the Mackinac Island Bible Church and Pastor Ken and Lori Straight. Wonderful malts and sundaes were served. The raffle, Frosty, was won by Amelia Roe.

The rummage sale was held in the fire hall under the direction of Pam Lach. She was assisted by Anne St. Onge, Rick Linn and Lizzie, Sam Barnwell, Kelly Bean, Brian Schoenborn, and Jackie Bradley. Everyone had a great time buying a new wardrobe for the holidays.

The raffle table was under the direction of our dedicated worker, Sylvia Perault, who sold more than \$7,500 worth of raffle tickets before the bazaar started. She does an excellent job. Her helpers were Patty Satterlee, Franny Bazinaw, and Kitty Horn. Winning the Christmas raffle was Ron Dufina, who took home \$1,500, and Marvin May, Rosie Charnes, Stephanie Arbib, and Joan Slater, who each received \$500. The kitchen raffle, 55 gallons of gas, was won by Tim Leeper. The SkiDoo snowmobile was won by Justin Clark of Plainwell. He worked on the Island last summer. Mike Gamble, Jr. won \$500 and Jennifer Glashaw of St. Ignace won \$100. The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Leo Krzeminski. He won \$1,262.50.

Gwen Bagbey helped to set up and decorate the hall, and the medical center crew, police, fire, and DPW hauled items. Thanks to everyone who helped clean the hall, especially the crew from Mission Point Resort, and to two special friends of the bazaar, Mike Young and Jay Stingel. Thank you to all our friends in St. Ignace, who donated, attended, or purchased items. It was truly a great event. It grossed \$50,000, which will be divided five ways: St. Anne's, Trinity Episcopal Church, Mackinac Island Bible Church, Little Stone Church, and the Mackinac Island Medical Center. It was a true combination of the



At the White Elephant booth are Jackie Bradley, Patti LaPine, and Lois Lenaghan.

Mackinac and Christmas spirit.

Congratulations to Brenda Bunker, who was named Mackinac Island Volunteer of the Year during the bazaar on Sunday.

Guests seen doing their Christmas shopping at the bazaar were Captain Paul Allers, Peter Marabell and Fran Barger, Kate Koboski and daughters from Petoskey, Ollie and Patty Boynton, Wes and Mary Maurer, Larry and Chad Belonga, and Bruce and Cheryl St. Louis, all of St. Ignace, the Ken Gilberts, Carl Hartman, Paula Starkweather, Barb Kovlack, Jan Webster, Bonnie Flotz, Joan Barch, Jan Sager,

Mary Jane and Will Barnwell, Joe Stakoe, Rod Horn, Angie Bunker, Mary and Justin Barber, Gloria and Bob Tweady from Farmington, Paula McNamara, Rod and Nancy Nelson, Diane and Dale Peterson from Hessel, Joanne Detwiller from Pointe Nipigon, Velma LaPine, Bernadine Bazinaw and friend, Fay Grove from Sault Ste. Marie, Tom Pfeiffelmann and Linda Bennett from St. Ignace, Peter and Marta Olson and daughters, and Reinette Murray. I'm sure that I forgot some folks, but I know everyone had a great time.

Now Christmas has come. Let's beat on the drums and call all the neighbors together and when they appear, let us make them cheer as we keep out the wind and the weather.

Tuesday, December 13, a very lovely lady, Helga Doud, will be celebrating her 99th birthday. Helga first came to the Island from her home in Hibbing, Minnesota, to visit her sister and husband, Olga and Eric Wickman, founders of the Greyhound Bus Company, who owned a cottage on the East Bluff. It was on Mackinac that Helga met her late husband, Francis Doud. Helga lives in her comfortable home on Lakeshore Drive, where she enjoys a panoramic view of the Straits of Mackinac. She enjoys life, still knits, and is an avid fan of the Detroit Red Wings hockey team. Helga's daughter and son-in-law, Anna Mary and Gary Cusack, live in Petoskey. They have five daughters. Her late son, Stephen, had two sons, Franc and Andrew. Helga has seven grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. Happy birthday, Helga. I hope your day is very special.

Just peaceful was the night when the prince of light, his reign of peace upon the earth began.

Another lovely lady, Mrs. Ethel Ryba, of Fraser celebrated her 99th birthday November 17. Happy birthday from Island friends and may you continue to enjoy the best of health and happiness.

Beside the doorway, a wreath is hung of cedar and cones with a tinsel bow and clusters of miniature bells.

Saturday, December 10, Dennis Brodeur will host an appreciation and 85th birthday party. He wants to thank his host of friends and families, who have chosen his famous Mustang Lounge over the years as their stopping-off spot to entertain and enjoy the true spirit of Mackinac. Dennis's birthday is December 8, but all his family will be here Saturday, December 10, to help him celebrate. Stop by and wish Dennis special birthday greetings from 5 p.m. to midnight at the Community Hall.

Let's have an old-fashioned Christmas. What a delight it will be.

Happy birthday to Lou Clark December 9. Have a great day.

One of Mackinac Island's nurses, Karen Weersing, has been called by Health and Human Services to assist in hurricane relief efforts. She is stationed in Pascagoula, Mississippi. She is caring for about 1,200 homeless families on a ship for at least two weeks. We send greetings to Karen on this special mission.

We have some happy news to report. Bruce LaPine, dedicated head of maintenance at

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Season's Greetings

Our headline reads:
"Happy Christmas to all!"
Hope you fulfill your
heart's desire.

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