

# NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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Picturesque, beautiful, and breathtaking are the words best used to describe Mackinac following the biggest storm of the winter season, which was Saturday, February 4, and Sunday, February 5. Strong northwest winds brought a terrific snowstorm, blanketing the Island and making it into a winter wonderland. Visibility was zero, closing the airport. Sunday, late afternoon, the wind subsided and Great Lakes Air was able to resume service.

Snowmobiling around and up through the wooded area is

unimaginable. It is truly magnificent. Trees, fences, porches, and lampposts are covered in winter beauty. The pines, cedars, and shrubs are as though they're covered with white lace. Skiing is at its peak with the trails beautifully groomed. Going east, looking high above the ramparts at old Fort Mackinac, the laden evergreens are a background for the Indian Dormitory and East Bluff area. From the east, one sees the huge snow clouds in which the brilliant yellow beams of the setting sun are intermingled.

Come and enjoy a wonderful evening of music Tuesday, February 14, at 7 p.m. at Ste. Anne's Church, featuring John Kissane from Mission Point Resort. Refreshments will follow in Ste. Anne's Hall.

There will be a community

potluck Sunday, February 12, at 12:30 p.m. at the Community Hall. Please bring a dish to pass and come and enjoy visiting with friends.

Friday afternoon, February 3, at 4 p.m. decorated sleds, a bonfire, hot dogs, and s'mores kicked off the 2006 M.I.R.D. Winter Carnival. At 4:30 p.m., Brenda Bunker, Volunteer of the Year, was crowned Snow Queen and given a bouquet and a plaque presented by Mayor Margaret Doud.

The highlight of the crowning was the ride that Queen Brenda and Mayor Doud took in a specially-designed and constructed red cutter made by Johnny Ray Gallagher. Johnny Ray pulled the cutter behind his snowmobile as Queen Brenda toured Mackinac, waving to all her friends. A

special thanks to Johnny Ray for the wonderful cutter. Congratulations to Brenda on receiving the Volunteer of the Year award.

Returning to the Mackinac Island Public School, everyone got ready for the big volleyball and basketball games between the Mackinac Island Lakers and the Islanders from Beaver Island. The new gymnasium was filled with cheering fans and close games were enjoyed by everyone.

Owing to the big snowstorm of Sunday, February 5, flying was halted. The Beaver Island group was unable to leave until late in the afternoon, when two planes from the Island could make the trip. The group had a great time and they enjoyed being taken to the Mackinac Island Airport by snowmobile.

Saturday, February 4, at Turtle Park, hockey, snow golf, bowling, and many good refreshments thrilled all the participants. A sock hop was held for the young folks, and Mary McGuire entertained at the Village Inn in the evening. Sunday morning, February 5, a delicious brunch was served, which included bright red fresh strawberries, melon, and homemade sweet rolls. A silent auction was held, with items ranging from paintings by local artists to dinner for two at fine restaurants, and the voting on photographs for the next M.I.R.D. calendar. There was such a wide variety, it was hard to make a choice. The Seasons of Mackinac calendar depicts Mackinac in all its glory every month.

Those summer cottagers of the West Bluff who saw a perfect snowy day on Mackinac were Penny and John Barr, Lorna, Dr. Fran, Michael, Melissa, and Arianna Straus, and Bob and Lorraine O'Keefe of Woodbluff. The Paul Alexanders of the East Bluff hosted their second Super Bowl party. All of them enjoyed the winter carnival.

More wonderful news. Friday, February 3, Marlee and Dan Musser III became the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, Samuel Augustus Maverick Musser, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces. He was born at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Little Maverick is joined at home by two sisters, Amelia and Matilda, and big brother, Dan Musser IV. Congratulations to the happy family, who now make their winter home in Petoskey. Proud grandparents are Meg and Paul Brown of Ann Arbor and Mackinac and Dan and Amelia Musser of Mackinac.

Happy, happy news we have to report. At 7:32 p.m. Super Bowl Sunday, February 5, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Patty and Brian Schoenborn of Mackinac became the proud parents of a beautiful baby daughter, Lillian Rose. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Proud grandparents are Judy Bynoe and the late Bob Bynoe of Mackinac and Bonnie and Emmett Schoenborn of Grand Rapids. Very proud great-grandmother is Mrs. Bynoe from Detroit. Congratulations from all your friends on Mackinac. Judy and Jamie Bynoe and Ron and

Mary Dufina from Mackinac and Emmet and Bonnie Schoenborn visited the happy family in the hospital.

Happy birthday to Jack Parel of Augusta, Georgia, February 12. Enjoy your day.

Many enjoyed Super Bowl parties in Island homes, Cathy and Chris Szabo, Laurie and Reg Gough, Candy Smith, and a big potluck at the popular Mustang Lounge.

Annie Porter, daughter of Nancy and Armin, has always attended school in Petoskey. Her one desire was to spend a semester at the Mackinac Island Public School. Annie started second semester on the Island and is enjoying her time on Mackinac.

Guests of Jackie and Dennis Bradley over the weekend were their daughter, Doris, and family from Grand Rapids. They enjoyed attending the winter carnival.

Lisa Dziobak will celebrate her birthday February 12. I hope Brooke will help you blow your candles out. Hopefully, Andy is recovering well from his surgery.

The question often asked in the summer months is, "What do we do on Mackinac in the wintertime?" We have lots to do. Euchre Monday nights at the Mustang, bingo Tuesday night, Wednesday, cooking class with Tim Leeper, Thursday is game night at Ste. Anne's and craft night at the library, Friday evening is for fish fries at the Mustang Lounge and Village Inn, and Saturday night is teen night at Ste. Anne's. Trinity has movie night, too. There's something for everyone.

Happy birthday to Karlena Mosley February 13. Have a great day.

Special thanks to City Forman Cub Horn and Robert McGreevy and Bobby Joe Horn of the Mackinac Island State Park crew for keeping the roads in good shape.

Doris LaPine of Mackinaw City will celebrate her birthday February 14. We miss seeing you on Mackinac.

A special thanks to Donna Killips, who is the cook at the Mackinac Island Public School, who takes time out of her busy schedule to train the young girls to become cheerleaders. They do an excellent job and are a thrill to watch at the games.

David Bradley and Shaylee Mosley will celebrate their birthdays February 14. Enjoy your day.

Mark and Trudy Van Solkema of Caledonia spent several days on Mackinac enjoying the ski trails. They're regular winter visitors.

Lorraine and Bob O'Keefe, summer cottagers of Woodbluff, are very excited. They were on the Island for the winter carnival and told about their show dog boxer named "Keefer." They just returned from Sarasota and Tampa, Florida, where they attended the A.K.C. Eukanuba National Championship for dogs. Keefer, two years old, was invited to participate in the competition as he ranks 14th in the boxer breed. He was the youngest boxer entered. He is also invited to the Westminster

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