

Births

Kendall, Jake, Isabella Bloxham



Susan and Dave Sanderson of Mackinac Island are new triple-grandparents with the birth of triplets celebrated December 21, 2006, by their daughter and her husband, Neena and Chris Bloxham of Savannah, Georgia. The triplets' names are (from left) Kendall, Jake, and Isabella. Mr. Sanderson is general manager of Mission Point Resort.

Vincent Davis

Marion Bunker and Jay Davis of Mackinac Island announce the birth of a son, Vincent Scott Davis, born at 5:06 p.m. December 7, 2006, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He weighed 6 pounds, 3.5 ounces at birth and was 17.5 inches in length.

He joins a big brother at home, Nicholas Isaac Davis, 6.

Grandparents are Ike and Elaine Bunker of Mackinac Island and Tom and JoAnn Davis of Rochester, Illinois.

At right: Vincent Davis



Shannon Chambers



William and Erica Chambers of Mackinac Island and Gaithersburg, Maryland, announce the arrival of their first child, Shannon Grace Chambers. She was born December 15, 2006, at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland, weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 19-3/4 inches long.

Her grandparents are Larry and Donna Jones of Grand Ledge and James and the late Barbara Chambers of Mackinac Island.

At left: Shannon Chambers

Jazz Singer John Boutte Will Perform in Detroit

Jazz singer John Boutte, who has appeared for many years at Grand Hotel's Labor Day Jazz Festival, will be performing in the new Jazz Cafe at the Music Hall in Detroit from February 27 through March 2.

A seventh generation Creole from New Orleans, Mr. Boutte has recorded seven albums and was seen in August on the "Emeril Live" segment, "Rebuilding New Orleans One Meal at a Time," and the October PBS "Austin City Limits" program featuring the New Orleans Social Club, which raises money for hurricane Katrina relief. In addition to his Grand Hotel Jazz Festival appearances, which spanned almost 10 years, he performed at the hotel for several summers under Music Director Alex Graham.

He will play two sets each night at the Music

Hall. Tickets are available for \$22 from the box office, online at www.musichall.org.

Music Hall has played a key role in the redevelopment of downtown Detroit. During the Detroit Renaissance, the theater was one of the first venues to be restored to its original grandeur. The theater is on Madison Avenue and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a member of the league of Historic Theaters.

The Music Hall has strong Mackinac Island connections. Annex cottager Bob Raisch is executive producer for Music Hall and his daughter, Laura Raisch of Royal Oak, is on the board of trustees. Former Island House employee Vince Paul is the Music Hall president and artistic director.

Helga Doud Marks 100th Birthday

By Jeannette Doud

Saturday, December 9, the historic Community Hall on Market Street was decorated with white poinsettias, candles, and special balloons for the 100th birthday party honoring Helga Doud. Friends and family came from far and near for the festive celebration. The guest of honor was thrilled to have her daughter and son-in-law, Anna Mary and Gary Cusack, her grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in attendance. Her niece, Peggy Wickman Bogan, and two daughters attended from Chicago, Mike Doud and Kathy Sliva from St. Ignace, Annie Dennany Kanapilly from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and many other family members joined in extending best wishes to Helga on this momentous occasion.

Helga received special greetings from President George Bush, Congressman Bart Stupak, Governor Jennifer Granholm, and a resolution from the City of Mackinac Island. Chef Tim Leeper prepared a prime rib or whitefish dinner for more than 40 people, and the delicious birthday cake was made by Gwen Bagbey. Helga is an honored and much loved member of our community.

Helga Doud welcomed family and friends at an open house at her lovely home on Lakeshore Drive on the day of her 100th birthday, Wednesday, December 13. She was very happy to greet all her



Helga Doud at home on her 100th birthday.

guests from Mackinac and the surrounding communities with her gracious personality and warm smile. Helga was surrounded with baskets of roses in every color. The highlight of her day was being serenaded by all the elementary students from the Mackinac Island Public School, a special salute

from the mighty Huron, and a phone call from movie star Kevin Costner. Helga's granddaughter, Amy, and her husband, Jeff Jameson, are the caretakers for the Costner estate in Aspen, Colorado. Helga truly is an amazing lady with wonderful memories not soon to be forgotten.

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