

Angles among us

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KINGFIELD — Now everyone knows there are “angels among us,” but did we really know that there were three right here living in Kingfield?

It was back in December of 2007 that the “Blankets of Love” ministry was started by Doris and Dot Stone as part of the Kingdom Assignment through the Western Mountains Baptist Church of Kingfield.

Doris Stone said the whole idea came to her after traveling to Florida and seeing a woman apparently homeless lying on a bench. In the meantime, Dot Stone had read a story about the homeless in Maine, especially at the Mid Maine Homeless Shelter in Waterville.

Both Dot and Doris read a letter from the Western Maine Baptist Church thanking the women for their contribution of blankets that they donated to the shelter valued at \$200. In 2006 Doris said the shelter in Waterville served 450 adults, 150 children and served 12,000 meals to the homeless.

Joining the Stones in their effort to make bedrolls for the homeless is Carmen Boucher and her husband, Elie (who irons the quilt pieces for the women).

“We started out,” said Doris, “making quillows (a quilt with a pillow), delivering some 17 of these to the homeless shelter in Waterville along with lap quilts.”

“Now we are delivering to the United Way through Executive Director Lisa Park Laflin in Farmington,” said Doris. Laflin said that they have delivered the quilts to the Abused Women’s Advocacy Project and to the Homeless Coalition. Laflin praised the women in Kingfield for their efforts in making the quilts.

The first delivery was in September with 10 bedrolls, four youth quilts and a baby quilt to the United Way, said Doris.

In October, 10 bedrolls and five youth blankets were delivered and in December, one bedroll, three youth and one lap pad were delivered, Doris said.

Due to the donations from the local quilting group, “Stitchers in the Snow,” on Jan. 20 they were able to deliver 10 blanket bedrolls and two lap pads, said Doris. Also on Jan. 20, Rev. Connie Maginnis, from the Kingfield United Methodist Church, took four bedrolls to the Waterville Homeless Shelter.

“We are so lucky to have so many local people donating scraps of materials for our projects,” said Dot and Doris (both seniors who hold down fulltime jobs and sew into the night for the homeless).

If anyone has old bedspreads, blankets or pieces of material that they would like to donate, call Doris at 265-4551 or Dot at 265-2087 and they will pick them up. Also, if anyone is handy with a machine and would like to sew the quilts together they would appreciate that too. The bedrolls and lap pads can be sewen into small squares on a sewing machine or a single piece of material. The women have also made the lap pads for the elderly and shut-ins at the Kingfield Elderly Housing and for other housebound people in Kingfield.

All the “angels” agreed that people just don’t realize the need for “a warm blanket” right here among us in Maine.

FMH to host blood drive

FARMINGTON — A blood drive has been scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 25, at Franklin Memorial Hospital from 1 to 6 p.m.

The American Red Cross is offering blood donors the opportunity to “Warm A Heart, Warm Your Home.” All who come to donate blood can enter to win \$250 toward the cost of heating their home.

To make an appointment, call Carol Jackson at 779-2363 or the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

From December to March, all presenting blood donors across Maine will have the opportunity to enter to win the drawing. A winner will be drawn each month. Whether the fuel source is home heating oil, natural gas or electricity, the American Red Cross will contact the winner’s utility company and pay for an upcoming heating bill.

Potential donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh 110 pounds or more and be in good health. There is no upper age limit and most medications and medical conditions do not prohibit someone from donating blood through the Red Cross. A positive ID is required.



Carmen Boucher (at the sewing machine), Doris Stone and Dot Stone make “Blankets of Love” for the homeless as part of the Kingdom Assignment through the Western Mountains Baptist Church of Kingfield. (Laura Dunham photo)



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#509. Enjoy a great convenient location on School Street. This home offers living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath, porch & garage. Nicely landscaped lot. Priced to sell at \$65,000

#503. Ranch on beautiful open 1.68 acre lot. Living room, kitchen, 3BR, full bath. Lots of closets, woodshed, storage building, 2 story garage/storage. Good location to access all the area activities. \$94,500

#426. Very nice camp with frontage on Flagstaff Lake offers the opportunity to build a year round home on the lake frontage. Nicely wooded 1.5 acres of land with 400 feet of waterfront on Flagstaff Lake. Quiet, private waterfront facing the Bigelow Range. \$175,000

#497. Beautifully maintained and updated cottage on Arnold Pond. Open living area, 2BR, office, bath, large deck, laundry. Furnished, appliances, boat & motor. Fabulous views. \$279,500

#536. Very nice home with views of the Bigelow Mountains. 8 rooms, 3BRs with views from every room! Screened porch, decks and 2-car garage. Very pretty lot surrounded by open field. \$199,000

#130. Building lot on Porter Nadeau Road at the corner of A&D Road in Eustis. Half acre lot is soil tested for a 3 bedroom system. 150’ of Porter Nadeau Road frontage, 150’ on A&D Road. Electricity at the road. \$25,000

#151. 108 acres in Langtown at the end of the Kennebago Settlement Road in Coplin. General management timberland with Kennebago Mountain view. Great hunting area, near the Dead River, snowmobile trail access. Surveyed. Motivated Seller! \$165,000

#900. Beautiful elevated building lot, 2.2 acres, on sandy Stratton Brook. Building permit issued, septic for 2BR installed. Minutes from Sugarloaf, snowmobile trail access. \$52,500

#923. 5.2 acres on Flagstaff Lake. Surveyed, soil tested, electricity available. 260’ on the lake. Nice views, convenient to Stratton, Sugarloaf and Rangeley. \$135,000

#187. 2 acres on the Kennebago Settlement Road in Coplin Plantation. Electricity at the road. Excellent location to access fishing, hunting, snowmobiling & hiking activities. \$47,500.

RANGELEY REGION

422. Magalloway Plantation. 2006 cape on Sturtevant Pond. Lovely waterfront and views on 3.7 acres with 445’ of waterfront. 3BR, 4.5 BA, attached 2 car garage, great sunporch. \$649,000

#423. Magalloway Plantation. Traditional log camp and 3 guest camps on Sturtevant Pond. 5.3 acres with 627’ on the water. Lawn to the water, beach area, dock, raft. Enjoy the camps as a family or do some rentals! \$419,000

#508. Byron cape within walking distance to Coos Canyon and the Swift River. Snowmobile from your door. 3BR, lots of storage space, many updates. Sits back nicely from the road. \$110,500

#510. Nice chalet with direct access to snowmobile & ATV trails. Only minutes from Saddleback. Kitchen, living room, family room, 2 bedrooms, full bath, screened porch. Dallas Pkt. \$196,500

#804. Well established sporting goods store right on Main Street in Rangeley. Key location and well known for fly fishing supplies. Inventory separate. \$159,000.

#561. Nice year round cottage with two car garage in Oquossoc. Snowmobile from your door and walk to the marina. Finished room above garage. Woodstove, gas range, refrigerator, 2 bedrooms, full bath. \$129,000

#524. Great location with low taxes! 4BR, 2BA, 3+ garage, 2 fireplaces, bunkhouse. 1.6 acres with snowmobile trail accessibility. Owner financing potential. \$184,500

#530. Almost new cape on nice 2.5+ acre lot has snowmobile trail access. Open living area, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, full basement, laundry hookup. Walkout basement, bbhw heat. Lots of windows. Ready for new owner! Direct snowmobile trail access. \$189,900

#401. Outstanding property on Mooselookmeguntic Lake on the Bald Mountain Road. Charming log camp on 4.95 acres with over 400’ of frontage on the lake. Boathouse, permanent dock, great views, private. Breakwater, great frontage. Room for additional home. Camp has open living area with fireplace, 2BR, BA, loft & screened porch. \$2,800,000

#531. Very attractive chalet has direct snowmobile trail access and is close to the Rangeley Lake boat launch. Open living area with fireplace, 3 bedrooms, loft, full bath, walk-out basement, storage building. Priced to sell! \$197,000

#559. 2001 cape convenient to all Rangeley amenities. Attached 2 car garage with unfinished living space above. Living room, kitchen, dining room, 3 bedrooms, full bath, laundry. Nice 2.42 acres. Snowmobile trail access. \$229,000

#551. New construction in Oquossoc on Targett Road. Open living room/kitchen/dining, master BR & BA on the main floor, BR, BA & loft on the second floor. Full basement with garage, deck, cathedral ceilings, laundry room. Access to snowmobile trails. \$275,000

#305. Very nice cape with guest cottage. Deeded access to Rangeley Lake. Snowmobile trail access. Cape offers living room, kitchen, 2BR, BA, deck. Guest camp is seasonal. 2 car garage. \$200,000