

Congratulations!

Best wishes to Jeri, Jodi, Mike, Joe, Dan, Heather, Arlo, Max, Jeremy, Austin, Andy, Mike, Devon, Tom, and LuAnne, Lincolnville's graduating C-R seniors. You're great!

Calendars

There's still time to send in your birthday calendar information if you do it right away.

The big story

The biggest talk around town this weekend wasn't school budget or shoreland changes but BEAR. Apparently there's not much to eat in the woods right now; the wild strawberries are late, and other bear food is in scarce supply, so when a curious young black bear stumbled on Erwin Heal's Youngtown Road bird feeders Friday evening, it must have been some pleased with itself. Erwin and Evelyn watched while the bear went down the half-inch brass water pipe like it was nothing, and then sat down to eat the contents of the feeder. The bear was in no hurry, and in

fact there was time to alert next-door-neighbor Mike Marden, who arrived shortly with his whole family. But when the bear emptied the feeder and reached for the second one, Erwin had had enough. He yelled at the bear, then turned the hose on him. After a pass at the hummingbird feeder, the "nervy son-of-a-gun" wandered off. Ten minutes later it was up on the Mardens' deck.

The tale continues Saturday morning when Alice Berry, who lives a short distance away as the crow flies (or bear ambles) through the woods on Route 173, opened her curtains to see a bear sitting on the ground eating seeds from her bent-over bird feeder. Late that afternoon, the Watts family was driving past Peg Miller's on Route 52 near the Northport line when they were stopped by — what else? a bear carrying off Peg's bird feeder. It was frightened enough to drop the feeder in the road and take off. Jackie described the animal for her grandson as a "teenager" of a bear. So is this all one bear? Does anyone have any other sightings to report?