

Mackinac Island

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What is more enchanting on a midsummer night than a leisurely walk on the boardwalk? To the right, high atop the hill, stands the beautiful Grand Hotel, so stately and proud. To the west is the Mackinac Bridge, with the glorious sunset casting its radiant rays on the Straits of Mackinac. In the distance, one sees the lights of an approaching freighter, soon to pass through Round Island Passage, where the light from the historic lighthouse flashes throughout the entire year. Let us not forget the illumination of lights from St. Ignace and Mackinaw City. It is especially great on a cold winter night.

It's a pleasure to once again see Mary Runkel back on Mackinac,

enjoying her condominium in Leslie Court.

While walking along Market Street last week, I admired an attractive little Jack Russell terrier, only to learn from the owner that he was the Canadian champion for the last two years.

The beautiful yellow lilies in full bloom in the front of Ste. Anne's Church were a gift from Amelia Musser. They do so much to add to the charm of the historic church. Many thanks to Amelia for this wonderful gift.

Nancy and Jean LaBorde of Crivitz, Wisconsin, returned to their home Saturday, August 19, following a sailboat trip to DeTour and several islands in the area. Jean was with Mark and Robert

Chambers on the *Windermere*. They had a wonderful time.

Jody Chambers and her daughters, Emma, Maggie, Olivia, and Clara, visited her father, Dick Johnson, Monday, August 21, in Clark Lake. They dropped Emma off in Lansing Tuesday, August 22, where she will attend Lansing Community College. The family returned to their home on Mackinac Wednesday, August 23.

Robert Chambers will celebrate his 16th birthday September 1. Have a great day.

Monday evening, August 21, the annual Mackinac Island Community Foundation summer gathering was held at the Community Hall. Friends met friends, and everyone had a great time. Wes Maurer, chairman of the board, welcomed the group and thanked all the people for their generosity.

Jim and Lorna Kolatski will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary September 1. Congratulations from Island friends.

Jack Ryerse of St. Ignace attended the Mackinac Island Community Foundation reception Monday afternoon. It was great to see him. He enjoyed seeing so



Lorabeth Fitzgerald (second from left) celebrated her 80th birthday with friends Friday, August 18, at her East Bluff cottage, among them (from left) Emily Fullerton, Valerie Porter, and Susan Lenfestey.

many of his friends.

Warmest wishes to Marilyn Wilkins of St. Ignace, as she continues to recover from major surgery. Best wishes to Marilyn from Island friends.

The flower baskets hanging from the lampposts throughout town are just beautiful. We thank everyone for their contributions to the Mackinac Island Flower Basket Fund, especially the generous donation from First National Bank. The hanging baskets are a wonderful addition to Mackinac and are enjoyed by everyone on the Island.

The Jim Horn family from Eden Prairie, Minnesota, are visiting family and friends on Mackinac. Nice to see you back on the Island.

Best wishes to Roberta and Jim Droskie of St. Ignace, longtime friends.

Saturday afternoon, August 19, Carrie Lewand became the bride of Matthew Monroe in an impressive outdoor ceremony held on the lawn of the Lewand cottage on the East Bluff. It was a beautiful setting, with the Straits of Mackinac and the Old Round Island Lighthouse in the background. Family and friends joined the happy couple in a reception filled with wonderful food and great music. Congratulations to Matt and Carrie from Island friends.

We received word of the death of Captain Gary McGhee of the Michigan State Police Wednesday, August 16. He was stationed on Mackinac during the summer of

1974 and was part of the team that saved Alec Gillespie's life after a swimming accident. Captain McGhee had a very special place for Mackinac in his heart, and came to visit on many occasions. In 1997, he retired as Eighth District Commander. His funeral was Monday, August 21, at the Kresge Auditorium at the Interlochen Center for the Arts campus. Deepest sympathy to the family from Island friends.

Thursday, August 24, was a perfect summer day on Mackinac. The big medical center golf tournament was in progress. We're happy and pleased to show our beautiful Island with our out-of-town friends.

The Bruce Goodwin family is visiting their favorite Island and enjoying their West Bluff cottage with its magnificent view of the Straits of Mackinac. Bruce spent all of his growing-up years here, where the family came each summer. He is the son of the late Hope and MacDonald Goodwin and the grandson of the Delos Blogetts. Bruce's cousin, John Croghan and family, will arrive on the Island next week.

Happy first birthday August 22 to Aidan Ogle, son of Heather and Clyde. I'm sure that Aidan's big brother, Colton, helped him blow out the birthday candles.

Happy anniversary to Carrie and Dennis Bradley Jr. August 28.

Mary Kate McGreevy celebrated her birthday August 26. She would love to hear from her Island

friends. Her address is: Manistee Medical Facility, Room 110, 1505 East Parkdale, Manistee, MI 49660. Mary Kate's daughter, Mary Lou Kleven, celebrated her birthday August 28. Best wishes from Island friends.

Our good neighbor and friend, Rob Bynoe, had an emergency appendectomy Tuesday, August 22. He is a patient at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. Best wishes from Island friends.

Father Rey Garcia and the parishioners of Ste. Anne's are happy and pleased to be able to share our historic church for the wonderful concerts that have been held there during the summer months. It has been rewarding. The acoustics at Ste. Anne's are very fine. Tuesday evening, August 22, Adam Fellegi, world renowned classical pianist, performed at Ste. Anne's. It was enjoyed by everyone attending.

Happy birthday to Miriam Welcher August 28. Island friends send best wishes.

Friday, August 25, Shirley Porcaro of Sault Ste. Marie came to Mackinac with a group of lady friends to help her celebrate her birthday. Her husband, Joe, diligently cares for the beautiful hanging baskets which adorn the lampposts of our city. He is assisted by Dick Bolander. The Porcaros' son is Jay, owner of Weber's Floral.

The Mike Corrigan family of Detroit enjoyed the past weekend at their cottage on Mahoney Avenue.

Jackie Bolander celebrated her birthday Sunday, August 27. She and her husband, Dick, left Saturday, August 26, for a seven-day cruise to the Norwegian Fjords. The Bolanders are a nice addition to our year-around community.

The Mackinac Island Medical Center, over the past several days, has been extremely busy with many emergencies. The medical center is very vital to Mackinac Island. The dedicated staff are on call 24 hours a day. Special thanks to the EMT's, Mackinac Island Fire Department, and the Mackinac Island Police Department. We appreciate their dedication.

Colleges and universities are opening for the 2006-07 season. Emma Chambers will be attending Lansing Community College, Roxanne and Jason Pettit, Jill and Sam Kamphuis will attend Grand Valley State University, Josh Carley and Eric Cowell at Saginaw Valley State University, Lake Sweet at Albion College, Blisse Beardsley at the University of Michigan, Richard Chambers at Northern Michigan University, and Tyler Finkel at Michigan State University. Good luck and best wishes to all the students for a great and successful year in school.

Monday, September 11, the MV *Nicolet* of the Star Line will leave for New York under the command of Captain Mike North. The

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