

News From Mackinac Island

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January 2007. He also addressed 200 high school students at his alma mater concerning issues of faith and motivation.

Sam and Barb Kovalak have arrived for the summer after celebrating the first birthday of their twin grandchildren in Rockford.

Eric Sawatzki and family from Okemos spent the weekend on Mackinac visiting Aunt Jill Sawatzki, who proudly showed off her two nieces, Haley and Ashlynn.

Adele Lypsinmaa, a longtime employee of the Mustang Lounge, returned to Hancock Sunday, May 20, to be with her mother, who is ill. Best wishes from Island friends.

Peggy Bynoe and Heather May provided beautiful music at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses Sunday, May 20, at St. Anne's.

A note received from the Paul Michalke reports that his uncle, Vernon Michalke, is recovering well after his recent illness. Vernon, who was born on Mackinac, would love to hear from his Island friends. His address is: 37134 Charter Oaks Blvd., Clinton Township, MI 48036. Paul, Jo-An, and their son, Frank, live in Sterling, where Frank is on the track team. Happy birthday to Paul June 10.

Grand Hotel's Jockey Club opened for the season Thursday, May 17. Customers there are greeted by longtime waiters Headley, Steadley, Clive, and Randolph. Outside, there is a handsome new flagpole, which is illuminated at night. It's a great addition to the Jockey Club.

Jessie Doud has opened her famous Chuckwagon Restaurant for the season. Jessie spends the winter in Grand Rapids, where she enjoys her one-year-old grandson, Anthony Stephen.

The grounds of Mission Point Resort are beautiful with tulips of every color in full bloom, a very impressive sight.

Ann and Bill Taylor of Delta, Ohio, longtime guests of the Windermere, spent the weekend on

Fundraiser Pig Roast Scheduled for Family at Moose Lodge

A pig roast fundraiser will be held at the Moose Lodge on Mackinac Trail in St. Ignace Sunday, June 3, at 4 p.m. for the J.R. and Anne Marie Fulgenzi family, who suffered a total loss of home and personal items in a fire in St. Ignace Friday, May 18.

Musical entertainment at the pig roast will be provided by Mackinaw. Donations will be accepted.

Two pets were lost in the fire. The couple's oldest son, Kyle, 15, was treated for smoke inhalation at the scene and has recovered. No other injuries were reported.

The family has four children: Kameron, 9, Keegan, 10, Kayla, 13, and Kyle, and is staying at the Pines Motel in St. Ignace.

The cause of the fire was determined to be accidental. Because of what the family describes as a clerical error, their insurance policy will not assist them, said Dennis Goodwin, a family member. Because of their experience, he said, "we're really encouraging everyone to check their insurance policies, and make sure they're covered."

A donation fund for the family's needs has been set up by First National Bank of St. Ignace, and donations can be made to any branch of First National Bank.



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Mackinac celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to the Taylors from Island friends. We look forward to your next visit in October, when Ann always does her Christmas shopping. Ann and Bill, who are avid snowmobilers, even drove over to Mackinac when we had an ice bridge. They attend the snowmobile convention in Sault Ste. Marie every winter.

Fort Mackinac is open to the public. Folks stopping off at the Avenue of Flags will see a special treat, as a variety of blooming tulips, in a blaze of color, border each side of the walkway.

The winter shutters have been removed from the historic McNally Cottage on Main Street, and family members have come and opened the popular bed and breakfast for the season. For many years, the late Miss Catherine McNally welcomed guests to her charming house. McNally Cottage has a lovely view of the harbor and Main Street.

A phone call received today from Chris LaTocha, D.D.S., of Mackinaw City, gave us an update on his treatment for cancer. He has been enrolled in a clinical trial experimental drug for chemotherapy at the University of Chicago. He is very excited with how well he has done in the program, and he told us the doctor said the drug worked beyond expectations. He was one of 50 people in the United States to receive the drug. While taking the treatment, he was able to maintain his dental practice. He will receive a stem cell transplant Wednesday, May 30, at the University of Chicago. While he's in Chicago, visiting dentists will cover Straits Area Dental. Dr. LaTocha said he appreciates Dr. Fran and Lorna Straus and Dr. Chris Straus for all of their care. Island friends and patients send best wishes to Dr. LaTocha for a speedy recovery.

Following his retirement from the Mackinac Island State Park, Glen and Deanna St. Onge made their home in Remus. When they left the Island, they took along an Island lilac bush. Last week, while visiting their son, Jason, they brought lilacs from their Mackinac bush to Margaret and me. They were beautiful, and the fragrance permeated the air. We appreciate Deanna and Glen for remembering us.

The Brian Dunnigan family of Grass Lake spent Memorial Day weekend on the Island.

Vic Callewaert opened his Starbucks coffee shop Saturday,

May 19, for the season.

Two seniors, Kristi Kamphuis and Scott Roguska, was graduated from Mackinac Island Public School Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Best wishes from Island friends.

Congratulations to Robert Chambers for breaking the Mackinac Island School record in the 400-meter dash. He ran it in 58.5 seconds. Robert has qualified for the State Finals in track and will compete in Kingsford Saturday, June 2. We wish him good luck.

Christy, Carolyn, Heather, and Marvin Lee May have been very busy helping Marvin get his May's candy shops open for the season. It's great to see your lights in the neighborhood.

We send best wishes to Bob Green, who is a patient at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

So nice to once again see lights on in the Bourisaw home on Bourisaw Lane. Sherry Rayha came from Cheboygan, and Kitty and George Schadel came from New York. They will be joined by other family members over Memorial Day weekend. The Bourisaw family is one of the oldest on Mackinac.

The Mackinac Island Police Department held its bicycle auction Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m. on the steps of Community Hall on Market Street.

PJ, Tanya, and little Hugo Pulte of Colorado are visiting PJ's parents, Pat and Alice, and his sister, Mar. Hugo is 13 months old and very active. Nice to have you back on Mackinac.

Margaret Doud and I recently had the pleasure of going on a delightful carriage ride with Mac Armstrong and Mike Carley, up and through the wooded area of our Island. One of our stops was at Arch Rock, where my late parents owned and operated a souvenir shop dating back to 1910. My two brothers, Gunn and Pat, and I spent many happy summers playing in the woods surrounding Arch Rock. There were many happy memories of years gone by.

Helga Doud is visiting her family in Petoskey for a week.

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Dave came in from a ride in the woods and asked me if I remembered the story of the forget-me-nots on the roads north of Brevort. When Harley Hagen was fighting cancer, he and Louise took the same ride back through the woods. Harley would sit in the passenger seat tossing out forget-me-not seeds they had collected the previous summer. That was more than 20 years ago, and the forget-me-nots have spread a carpet of blue for a great distance for all travelers of back roads to enjoy. We're reminded of Harley and Louise during the blooming of forget-me-nots.

The village flea market was humming with activity this past weekend with a few tables set up with items new and used, some antiques, and furniture. The bakery was open featuring homemade bread, cookies, apple dumplings, and fudge. The baked goods are made at a licensed establishment and brought in. Andy and Sue Eskelinen of Macomb, who have a vacation spot on Big Brevort Lake, came in with a truck full of flats of annuals, pots of geraniums, and hanging baskets, for which all proceeds go to "Homes for our Troops," a Michigan organization helping troops when they come home from active duty serving our country. The total sale of flowers is tax deductible. Sue was making a list of other flowers they can bring next year. The village was busy. I hope it's a sign of things to come.

Condo Association East had its annual meeting Saturday, May 26, at Trinity Fellowship Hall. All but three units were represented.

Sharon and Joe Chalmers entertained Pat Claramunt and Jackie

Liguzinski at breakfast Monday morning.

Please keep Todd Backus, formerly of St. Ignace and Brevort, in your thoughts and prayers as he deals with a recurrence of brain cancer. It was more than six years ago that Todd was first diagnosed with cancer. He was fortunate to have a doctor trained to deal with such tumors. His operation was a success, and Todd has been cancer free and has been working, playing golf, and traveling. Now it's back, but not with the vengeance of the first siege. He has undergone the first series of treatments and has some time off before the next treatment starts. He sounded good when we talked to him Sunday evening. He had just mowed the yard and trimmed some shrubs. He is still working.

Jake Weiss was honored with an open house at the home of his grandmother, Theresa Davis, Saturday afternoon, May 26. Aunts, uncles, and cousins from Flint, Brighton, Traverse City, Brevort Lake, Brevort, and Wisconsin, as well as St. Ignace, were in attendance to salute Jake on his academic and athletic achievements at LaSalle High School. Classmates and friends called and enjoyed food and memories of 2007.

Karen Southfield entertained friends earlier this week at her condominium. Allen Southfield arrived for the weekend with the couple's granddaughter, Alex, who was a delight to talk with as she answered the telephone when I called Monday morning.

At the Allen/Dotts compound on the north shore of Big Brevoort Lake this weekend were Ruby and

Jim Allen, Heidi and Denny Fischer and their daughter, Isabella, of Flint, Vern and Linda Dotts, Jeremy Dotts, Rachael Beckley and her son, Andrew, and Nichole Dotts and her daughter, Elena, all of Flint.

Charlie and Pam Movalson, along with their daughter, Chrissy, and son and daughter-in-law, Andy and Lisa Movalson, spent the weekend at their cottage on Lake Michigan in Brevort. The guys did some fishing, and the girls shopped in Mackinaw City.

Roy and Marilyn DuMond and Joe and Deb Berry with their children, Joey and Marilyn, drove to St. Ignace to attend Jake Weiss's open house, as did Gloria and Rick Weber of Brevort Lake.

Tom and Taffy Coffey of Owosso are at their home in Brevort. Tom had his antique shop open this week.

I saw Sally Conklin putting up window boxes at her condominium. They brighten up a place nicely.

Ann Dyer's sister-in-law, Ruth Buschert, and her sons and two grandchildren of Grand Rapids visited with Jim and Ann Friday, May 25, and Saturday, May 26.

Morgan and Kristi Gustafson spent Sunday night with their grandparents, Tom and Joyce Gustafson. This morning the girls are painting gourds for a martin house. Two gourds are already occupied with martins, the ultimate mosquito eaters.

Les and Mike Jorgensen have launched their sailboat in Muskegon and are sailing for Brevort via the marina in St. Ignace. We hope for good winds.

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