

# Mackinac Island

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Last weekend, Mackinac was busy with activities, as 2,500 people, who participated in the Zoo-de-Mackinac, arrived on the Island. There was entertainment in all the bars, and most hotels were filled. The weather was cold and rainy Saturday, May 16, but improved Sunday, May 17, with a beautiful sunset in an array of colors framing the Mackinac Bridge to end the weekend.

A Memorial Day service was conducted by Post Commander Paul Wandrie and members of Chapman/St. Onge/Dankowski Legion Post 299, Monday, May 25, at 11:30 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in the city park.

Built in 1899, Anne Cottage on Mackinac Island is featured in the June issue of *Traverse* magazine.

The cottage, which offers a view of the harbor from its sweeping front porch, is on Main Street across from the marina. The summer home is owned by Scott and Debbie Rausch of Frankenmuth, who oversaw a three-year restoration process that took more than 35,000 hours of labor.

The 32-room cottage has eight bedrooms, eight bathrooms, four fireplaces, two parlors, two dining rooms, and a billiard room. A separate building behind the cottage, which also has been restored, includes a stable and caretaker home.

The cottage has been featured in the international *Victorian Homes* magazine, and has been written about in numerous other books on Michigan history. Also, wood carvings and Christmas ornaments of the cottage are sold throughout the United States by a South Carolina business.

Congratulations to Barbara Callewaert and Tre Ratliff, who were united in marriage Saturday, May 16, at the Island House Hotel. Best wishes from Island friends.

Happy birthday May 23 to Kay Hoppenrath, clinic coordinator at the Mackinac Island Medical Center. Hope you enjoyed your day.

We give a warm welcome to John and Lois Findley, who have opened their popular Small Point Bed and Breakfast for the season.

The Michigan Knights of Columbus convened at Grand Hotel Thursday, May 21, and Friday, May 22. We hope that they enjoyed Mackinac in the springtime.

We send special get well wishes to little Gracie Irish, daughter of Ryan and Amy Benser Irish, who underwent surgery Tuesday, May 19. Special greetings from Island friends.

On Market Street, at the garden of the Andrew McGreevy residence, the tulips in vibrant colors are appearing, much to the delight of the many visitors passing by.

Happy belated 21st birthday to Ben Mosley Jr. May 13.

The annual awards ceremony was held at the Mackinac Island Public School Tuesday, May 19. Students received recognition for their academic and athletic abilities. Congratulations to all of the students. We are very proud of them.

Ben Nye has started flying his colorful display of kites off Windermere Point. It truly is an amazing sight.

The Windermere Doghouse opened for the weekend Saturday, May 23.

Mimi Cunningham celebrated her birthday May 14. Best wishes from Island friends.

Wally Peck of Manistique has returned to his job at the Chippewa Hotel for the season. It's nice to see him back on Mackinac.

Beth St. Onge celebrated her birthday May 17. Beth is employed at the Windermere Hotel.

The famous Chuckwagon Restaurant has opened for the season, under new ownership. We wish the new owners good luck on their new endeavor.

It is so nice to have more lights in the neighborhood. We give a warm welcome to Bob and Bev Benjamin, who arrived back on Mackinac from their winter home in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and to Tim and Ann Timmons, who arrived Tuesday, May 19, from their winter home in Palm City, Florida.

We send best wishes to Bob Gillespie in Arcadia, Florida, who has not been feeling his best. We hope to see him back on the Island in June.

Down by Mission Point, you will see a magnificent display of tulips in every color and size. It is truly worth a walk to the east end of town to see this colorful display.

Happy birthday to Jamie Bynoe May 30. Jamie is thrilled that the Detroit Red Wings are doing so well. Have a great day.

Happy birthday to Joe Maciejewski May 24. Hope you had a great day.

Howard and Jane Burdett enjoyed the weekend at their lovely cottage in Hubbard's Annex.

Keith and Mariann Hahn of Big Rapids have returned to Mackinac to help the Benjamin family open their shops for the season. Tom Benjamin and his sister, Jane Young, also spent the weekend assisting their parents for the season.

Sally North of St. Ignace will celebrate her birthday May 30. Bushy sends special greetings.

Happy birthday May 26 to Kim Kolatski of Mackinac and Jim Horn of St. Ignace.

Dr. Don and Karen Weersing of Grand Haven enjoyed the weekend on Mackinac visiting their daughter, Jill, and son, Sam, who work at The Gate House.

We send get well wishes to Dean Gillespie Sr., who is a patient at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. He would like to hear from his many friends on Mackinac.

Doug and Carol Rearick spent the weekend at their lovely cottage on Lakeshore Drive.

Father Jim Williams, former pastor at Ste. Anne's Church, delivered the commencement address at the graduation ceremony at Mackinac Island Public School Friday, May 22.

We give a warm welcome to Deacon Dean Hermann and his wife, Vicki, who visited Ste. Anne's this past week. Deacon Dean and Vicki will move to Mackinac in June. Brother Jim Boynton will join the Hermanns during their visit.

Skip Harrell of Bloomington, Indiana, has opened the Cable cottage for the season.

Congratulations to Brian Horn, grandson of Cub and Kitty, who will be graduated from Sault Area High School Sunday, May 31. Happy birthday to Brian May 27.

Special birthday wishes May 27 to Camille Falcone, mother of Camille Bobinsky. Have a wonderful day.

Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce Convention will gather at Grand Hotel Wednesday, May 27. The tulips in front of the hotel are absolutely breathtaking, with colors ranging from pastels to deep red. It truly is a beautiful sight.

Boat traffic has increased through the Round Island Passage, with many 1,000-foot freighters passing by. Some very interesting foreign vessels have also made their way through the Straits of Mackinac. Boat watching is fascinating.

ing is fascinating. Jim Pettit will celebrate his birthday May 27. Have a great day.

An end-of-the-year picnic was held Friday, May 15, at the Mackinac Island Public School to honor Vicki Urman, who will retire at the end of the school year. Best wishes to Vicki on her retirement. We wish her many years of good health and happiness.

Bill and Ann Taylor, guests of the Windermere Hotel and frequent visitors to Mackinac, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary Tuesday, May 19. Congratulations from Island friends.

Mark Rensel and Jenifer Silvernale have returned to Mackinac from their home in Washington. They will spend the summer in Hubbard's Annex.

Happy birthday May 29 to Clark Blosswick and former Iroquois porter Keith Leverton. Enjoy your day.

The Mackinac Island Public School Class of 2009 was entertained Monday, May 18, at the Carriage House by the McIntire family. They all enjoyed a great dinner with all the trimmings.

Happy birthday to Janis Early May 30. Have a wonderful day.

We give a warm welcome to Trooper Austin Hessling and his family from Caro. He will spend the summer on Mackinac as part of the Michigan State Police Mackinac Detail.

There was a concert by the United States Air Force Jazz Band "Shades of Blue" Sunday, May 24, at Windermere Point.

Brian and Patty Schoenborn recently spent a weekend on the Island. They celebrated their fourth wedding anniversary Thursday, May 14.

Peggy Bynoe of Grand Rapids joined her family on Mackinac for the Memorial Day weekend.

We have many Detroit Red Wings fans on the Island and they are thrilled that the team is doing so well in the playoffs. Go Red Wings!

# DeTour

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Congratulations to all of the participants in DeTour's second annual Soap Box Derby Race Saturday, May 23. Chantel and David Curtis, DeTour Chamber of Commerce, Debbie Fountain, Gary Dudeck, and many volunteers worked to make the day a success. Of course, the beautiful Memorial Day weekend weather helped, too. I will try to share the official winners and some pictures in an upcoming column.

With school ending, many of our young residents will be heading to camp with help from the EUP Fine Arts Council. This year, senior Ashley Lapoint will be continuing her interest in visual art during a week at the Chicago Institute of Art. Ashley attended art camp at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp as a freshman. Sixth grader Kaitlynn VanDaele will further her music interests during a two-week stay at Camp Bernstein, the junior camp for Blue Lake at Twin Lake. Hannah Reed, who will be entering eighth grade, will continue her study on the tenor sax at Camp Blue Lake, while her sister, sophomore Julie Reed, will attend Blue Lake for the second time, studying the trumpet. Freshman Kegan Fountain, who is currently playing the role of Annelie in the Fine Arts Council production of "Steel Magnolias," will continue her interest in drama at the Wolverine Fine Arts camp. This year, the Council was able to send additional students to camp, thanks to a generous donation in memory of Lester Simmons.

Community Choir spring concerts this year will be Thursday, June 25, at 7:15 p.m. at the Drummond Island Lutheran Church, and Sunday, June 28, at 3 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Church in DeTour Village. The group includes musicians from DeTour, Drummond Island, Cedarville, and Goetzville, and they do a great job of singing in harmony under the direction of Jean Bloom, with pianist Anna Aben. Most performances include special appearances by several of the young scholarship winners.

The summer children's library

program begins Tuesday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and continues each Tuesday for six weeks. Coordinator Patti Soule is planning the program for this year around the theme "Be Creative at the Library." Children may attend all or only some of the programs as summer schedules permit.

Adult library programs begin Wednesday, June 10, with a presentation by Judy Gross on "The History of St. Ignace."

Yosh VanVorhees has planned an active EUP Fine Arts Council summer art class series for both adults and children. The first class is oil painting for all experience levels with Jean Tubman Monday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cultural Center in DeTour. The \$60 fee includes all supplies. Call Yosh at (906) 297-8011 to register.

Just as the cast and crew are preparing for "Steel Magnolias," the casting call is going out for the

EUP Fine Arts Council's summer production of "Chicago." Auditions are from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, June 2, in the high school band room in Cedarville, Friday, June 5, in the band room in DeTour, and Sunday, June 7, in Sault Ste Marie at the Soo Theatre Studio D. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, August 20, through Sunday, August 23, at the Cultural Center in DeTour Village, followed by three performances at the Soo Theatre Friday, August 28, through Sunday, August 30. For more information on audition requirements, call Dave Rhinard at (906) 297-5608.

Don't forget "Steel Magnolias" this weekend, the Homemaker Bingo Wednesday, June 3, and the dance recital and Habitat for Humanity meeting Thursday, June 4.

# Fire Department Seeks Sponsors for Childrens Fire Safety Programs

The St. Ignace Fire Department is sending out letters seeking sponsors from area businesses to use toward costs of purchasing materials for educational fire safety and prevention programs for children.

Donations will help pay for fire safety guidebooks that contain 24 activity pages designed by educators to stimulate children's

awareness about everyday fire hazards. This will be the only fundraising program of this type that will be conducted by the St. Ignace Fire Department this year.

Donations may be mailed to the St. Ignace Fire Department at 396 North State Street, St. Ignace, Michigan 49781, and checks can be made out to the United States Fire Safety Service.

# Kincheloe Man Arrested on Drug Charges

Kevin Keesler, 29, of Kincheloe, was arrested Friday, May 1, for one count delivery of Ritalin, and was arraigned the

same day in 91st District Court in Chippewa County. Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement team reported.

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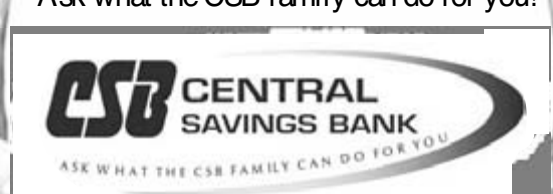


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