

News About People on Mackinac Island

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flowers, especially trilliums. Congratulations to Katie Porter on her graduation from Cheboygan High School Sunday, May 29. She is the daughter of Phil and Val Porter and the granddaughter of Bill and Lornie Porter of Mackinac.

Cal and Mary Rogers visited the Island over the weekend. It was nice to see Cal at the memorial service.

Judy Bynoe entertained family and friends Monday evening, May 30, at a dinner party at the Jockey Club in honor of her son, Jamie, who was celebrating his birthday. Everyone had a great time.

Melinda Porter of Harbor Springs and a friend attended the reception for the Manoogian art collection Monday evening, May 30.

Jack and Emory Barnwell are visiting their mother, Becki, and brother, Sam, on the Island. Both boys attend college in Montana.

Emily and Paul Fullerton attended the Manoogian art reception Monday evening at Grand Hotel.

Dennis and Cynthia Cawthorne spent the weekend on Mackinac from their home in Lansing.

Frank and Carole Pompa were on Mackinac over the Memorial Day weekend.

The Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce will be at Grand Hotel Thursday, June 2, through Saturday, June 4.

It was great to see John Barnwell on Mackinac last week. John and his lovely wife, Judy, make their home in Alanson. Judy is postmistress at the Oden post office. They're enjoying their home, which is on farmland where they grow vegetables and lots of flowers.

Lydia Porter, daughter of Matt and Melinda Porter of Harbor Springs, will be graduated with honors Sunday, June 5, from Harbor Springs High School. She is the granddaughter of Smi and Mickey Horn and Bill and Lornie Porter of Mackinac. Lydia attended Mackinac Island Public School for several years and has a host of friends on the Island. Congratulations to Lydia from Island friends and family.

Enjoy the beautiful spring flowers in the woods on Mackinac.

Deepest sympathy to Loretta Spata and her mother, Mrs. J. Vecchio, on the recent death in California of Loretta's youngest sister and Mrs.

Quinlans Mark 50th Anniversary

William and Margaret Quinlan were married 50 years ago, June 11, 1955, and will celebrate their golden anniversary at Grand Hotel with their children and grandchildren the weekend of June 16.

The couple resides in Grosse Pointe Woods and has a summer home in Wolverine.

Vecchio's daughter. The family, including Loretta and Tony, have been with Mrs. Vecchio. Our hearts go out to the family on this great loss.

The Glen Youngs from Petoskey were at their summer cottage on Market Street over Memorial Day.

Warmest wishes are being sent to Stella Mae Kwolek of Detroit and Mackinac, who has been unable to be in her apartment on French Lane. Friends may write to her at the following address: 17408 Fenton, Detroit, Michigan 48219.

Family and friends joined to attend the funeral Friday, June 3, for the late Evelyn Chambers in Grand Marais. She was married to my oldest brother, Alfred E. "Gunn" Chambers, and their three sons survive, Nurse Ed Chambers, Dan, and Pat.

Hurry and get well are the many wishes to Rennie Gerard, salesman for Gordon Foods, who recently underwent hip surgery at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord. Everyone here at home misses you, Rennie, and send you all the best. Hopefully, you're doing well.

Memorial Day was a very busy time at the marina, as many boaters could be heard on the scanner phoning in to reserve dockage at the slips. Great to see them all once again.

Island Graduates Celebrate Accomplishments

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to have to try harder, run faster, and think smarter."

He said the graduates must continue their education and that they must keep their faith to keep a perspective on things.

"You're going to face opportunity that we never saw," he told the class. "You're so lucky."

Superintendent Jack Dehring shared his memories of each student, noting that the worst memory of school for Blisse Beardsley was losing a game to Paradise. Mr. Dehring said he will remember Miss Beardsley for her dry wit and said, "I will continue to laugh whenever I think of her." Richard Chaffee's worst memory of school was having to say goodbye to his friends, for Emma Chambers, it was losing at the volleyball district competition.

Mr. Dehring said he will remember Richard Chaffee for his athletic ability and Emma Chambers for her nickname, "pinkie."

"This is never an easy time for me," Mr. Dehring said of graduation. "These are my kids, they know I love them."

Valedictorian Blisse Beardsley will carry memories, too.

"I can't believe this day is really here," she said.

Jamie Andress is the most easy-going person she has ever met, she said, and always kept school interesting. Richard Chaffee was always chasing girls, she remembered, and she and the other girls loved to get him in trouble. While she and Emma Chambers competed with each other in just about every-

thing, Emma, she said, is "the friend that every girl needs."

The graduates will each attend a different college in the fall and Blisse Beardsley encouraged her fellow students to carry with them much of what they have learned from life on the Island.

"We don't really get upset about the little things," she reminded them. No matter how hard things get, "just enjoy each day, don't look ahead all the time."

She told her classmates they can always find her and can always count on her for free fudge.

"I know I am going to miss it here," she said.

Teacher Karen Allen showed the senior video that she and her students created, which took the audience back to when the four

seniors were young. With Kelly Clarkson's "Breakaway" in the background, the graduates seemed filled with the excitement of what their lives are going to become, but hesitant, when they go to college, to leave the comforts of the Island and community they have known for so long.

Mr. Dehring told the graduates that two words, "Mackinac Island," will always help them start a conversation.

When School Board President Ben Mosley presented the four students with diplomas, they officially became the Mackinac Island Public School graduating class of 2005.

Immediately following the ceremony, a party was held in the all-purpose room in honor of the graduates.

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