

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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nating to live on Mackinac for the four seasons. In winter, beautiful white snow covers the same area as the lilacs in summer. We can't wait to show the beauty of our Island to the many folks who visit each year.

A very welcome note was received this week from Lois Dufina Morello from Saginaw. Born and reared on the Island, Lois is one of three daughters of the late Beth and Phillip Dufina and she has one brother, Dennis, of Alpena and Sarasota, Florida. Lois' son, Patrick, who is an executive engineer with General Electric in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and his wife, Cheryl, a nurse, and their three children all love Mackinac and spend time each summer at Dennis Dufina's home in Hubbard Annex. Steve Morello, another son of Lois, is a former White House General Consul to the Army. Now he is the General Consul for the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians and often visits Mackinac. I was so pleased to hear from Lois with news of her family. We have many happy memories of their growing up years on their

favorite Island. Best wishes to Lois and her family from Island friends.

While in Grand Marais recently, we met Maeve Croghan and her friend, Stu Stewart, at Maeve's Campbell Street Art Gallery, where she has a fine display of her artwork. Their building reminds one of the Island, with hardwood floors in a delightful section of the city, where they have a nice view of the harbor. Best wishes to Maeve for a very successful summer. She loves Grand Marais, as it reminds her of all the wonderful summers spent on Mackinac.

Barbara and Brian Hellis of Northville arrived back in their cottage on Market Street. We knew that they were home, as Brian immediately put the American flag out from his porch.

Vicki and Dick Riel of South Bend, Indiana, stayed at Windermere Hotel for a couple of nights last week. They love the hotel and the staff. This was their annual trek to plant flowers on her parents' graves. En route to Mackinac, they hit a deer near Holland, but it didn't stop them from visiting their favorite Island.

Happy birthday to Reggie Gough June 3. Hope you had a great day.

Lt. Ken Thompson, who has served 24 years in the U.S. Navy, spent eight days on Mackinac over the Memorial Day weekend visiting his parents, Mary and Charlie Thompson, at their Lilac House. Ken has been stationed in Key West, Florida. He participated in a change of command ceremony Friday, May 6, and is now assigned to Kaneoke Bay Marine Corps Base in Hawaii. He spent many summers on Mackinac, having fun with

Mark Chambers. He has a wonderful personality with a great smile and loves to visit family and friends on the Island. Ken is a fine young man who has served his country well. We congratulate Ken and wish him all the best on his new assignment.

The natural scenery from St. Ignace to Grand Marais is breathtaking, with fields and fields of green and many blossoming lilac trees in the small towns along the way. One can readily see that spring has finally arrived.

Deepest sympathy to the Ray Clark family, who suffered the loss of Ray's father Friday, June 3. The Clarks live year-around in their comfortable home at British Landing. Kris is a nurse at the Mackinac Island Medical Center and Ray works in construction.

Deepest sympathy to the Dennis O'Keefe family of LaSalle, Illinois, annual visitors to the Windermere Hotel. Frances O'Keefe, 94-year-old mother of Dennis, died Wednesday, May 25. Mother O'Keefe visited the Island on several occasions, where she loved sitting on the veranda of the Windermere. She will be missed, as she enjoyed life and all that it has to offer. Hopefully, Peggy and Dennis will be up for Lilac Day.

Our deepest sympathy to the Al Colegrove family of St. Ignace, who suffered a great loss this week. Our thoughts are with you.

It's Tuesday morning, June 7, a bright and sunny day as we begin to see more wonderful lilacs begin to open. Mackinac is very beautiful in the early morning hours.

The John Barrs of Chicago and New York enjoyed the Memorial Day weekend at their

West Bluff cottage. They will return soon for the summer.

Congratulations to Lydia Porter of Harbor Springs, who was graduated 10th in her class of 105 Sunday, June 5. Lydia is the daughter of Matt and Melinda Porter and the granddaughter of Armand "Smi" and Mickey Horn and Lornie and Bill Porter of Mackinac. Lydia will attend the University of Michigan in the fall.

Happy "Grandfather's Day" from his little granddaughter, Ava, who will celebrate her first birthday the end of June. David and Sandy Fouchey of Chesterfield Township, grandparents of Ava, will be coming to Mackinac Friday, June 17, through Sunday, June 19, where they will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary. We wish them a very happy one. The Fouchays make their annual visit to Mackinac each summer.

Welcome home to Pat Davey of Bradenton, Florida, who is spending two months on his favorite Island, where he and his brothers and sisters spent many happy summers with his family at their home in the Mission. Great to see you looking so well, Pat.

The Brad Conkey family of Sylvan Lake enjoyed spending the past weekend at Hedgecliffe Cottage.

One can see that Diane Nyer visited Metivier Inn this week. Her garden is all planted in pinks and whites for the season. Diane is quite the gardener and thoroughly enjoys making everything more beautiful.

Chief of Police Bill Lenaghan and his wife, Lois, were called to Garden City Monday, June 6, owing to the illness of Lois' brother. We sincerely hope that he will be better soon.

Happy birthday to Sarah Wessel June 6. I hope you had a wonderful day.

Jim Haveman, former director of the Michigan Department of Community Health, visited the Island for the Detroit Chamber of Commerce convention. Jim was instrumental in securing funds for the new Mackinac Island Medical Center. It's always nice to see Jim on Mackinac.

Happy 50th birthday to Rod Nelson, CEO of Mackinac Straits Hospital, June 7. We hope your day was special.

Dr. Richard Hodgman of Kalkaska is the doctor in charge of the Mackinac Island Medical Center while Dr. Weersing is on vacation for a week in Grand Haven. Karen Hodgman has joined her husband on the Island.

Scott Rausch was preparing Anne Cottage last week for the arrival of his wife, Debbie, and children, Tiffany and Brandon, and their two trained Persian cats, Sinatra and Harley. Sinatra loves to ride in airplanes and on Scott's bicycle. Work at Anne Cottage this summer, he said, will be repainting and restoring the 22 columns on the 80-foot veranda.

Gene Hagenbaugh was the guest of honor at a 60th birthday party Saturday evening,

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