

OBITUARY

Jesse Leach

Jesse Leach of Hessel, who spent much of his life working with horses on Mackinac Island, died following a collision with a sport utility vehicle while riding a four-wheeler Sunday afternoon, August 28, 2005. The accident took place on Poglese Road in Marquette Township.

According to the Mackinac County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Leach, 43, was operating a four-wheel, off-road vehicle as he exited his driveway onto Poglese Road. The oncoming vehicle was driven by another Hessel resident. Mr. Leach was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident. The driver of the sport utility vehicle was not injured.

Mr. Leach was transported by Clark Township ambulance to War Memorial Hospital in Sault Ste. Marie, where he was later pronounced dead.

He was born in Pickford January 13, 1962, to John and Ruth (nee Fenlon) Leach and was graduated from Pickford High School in 1980.

He and his wife, Suzanne



Jesse Leach

Raycraft, met and were married on Mackinac Island September 17, 1988. They moved to Naples, Florida, where Mr. Leach operated a lawn care business for nine years and where his two children, Kevin and Stephanie, were born. The family returned to Michigan in 1993.

Mr. Leach enjoyed raising vegetables and worked for

Green Thumb Garden Center before going back to work for Jack's Livery Stable.

In addition to his wife and children, survivors include his siblings and their families, Joe and Jaime Leach and Laurie and Steve Hancock of Pickford, Anna and Greg Degenhardt of Davisberg, Sandy and Perry Causley of Lansing, Jason Leach of Georgia, Jerry Leach and Marcus of Augustine, Florida and Long Lake, and Mike Everson of Williamsburg.

Mr. Leach was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was held at Reamer-Gaylor Funeral Home in Pickford Wednesday, August 31, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. with services Thursday, September 1, at 11 a.m.

EULOGY

Vernon Eriksson

By Jeannette Doud

The family of Vernon Eriksson brought their beloved husband, father, and grandfather home for burial Wednesday, August 17, on Mackinac, a place he often called the Island Paradise. He and his wife, Meryl, spent many happy years here with Moral Re-Armament, where Vern was always seen overseeing many of the big buildings now known as Mission Point Resort.

Services were held at the Little Stone Church with the Reverend Vincent Carroll as celebrant. Mr. Eriksson was a courageous soldier with the Canadian Army and was the recipient of many honors. His favorite song was "The White Cliffs of Dover," which was beautifully sung at his service by a dear friend, Cyndi Doragh of Fort Myers Beach, Florida.

Vern and Meryl loved the Island so much that they purchased one of the Victorian condominiums on Mission Hill, which they enjoyed with family each summer. They often could be seen riding their bicycles around the shore road.

Vern lies peacefully on the hillside in the Island cemetery, surrounded by many of his friends. Close by is a healthy maple tree planted by his son, Dave. The brilliant sun was shining beautifully as his favorite songs were sung at the gravesite. Flowering wild flowers in bloom covered the ground.

Mourners are Vern's wife, Meryl, his son and family, David and Sally, his daughter and family, Dr. Carol and Fred Entwistle, and three granddaughters, all of Minnesota.

Deepest sympathy to the family from Island friends.

New Barn To Rent Space for Horses

Debra and Sandra Orr have received a special land use permit for a commercial horse corral and bar on their property on the west side of Cadotte Avenue near Arrowhead Carriages. The permit was awarded by the Planning Commission following a public hearing on the matter Tuesday, August 30.

Next, a site plan for the barn will be presented to commissioners, who will verify that setbacks and all other zoning requirements are met.

Debra Orr told the commissioners earlier this month that they were not going into the "horse business," but would be renting pasture space for Island horses. A barn already exists on their property and that will be demolished and replaced with the new barn, which would hold up to six horses and be more visually pleasing than the current structure.

Navy Jazz Band To Perform Sept. 4, 5

The Navy Jazz Band will be performing over the Labor Day weekend at various Island locations. The Jazz Band is part of the 45-member professional "Navy Band Great Lakes" that performs in an 11-state area from Michigan to North Dakota. It was created in 1917 by Lieutenant Commander John Philip Sousa.

The 18-member Jazz Ensemble features popular big band hits and contemporary jazz. Their repertoire includes music by such masters as Hank Levy, Thad Jones, Don Menza, Glen Miller, and Count Basie, as well as music written by the band's own staff arrangers. Vocal and instrumental selections are featured in all performances.

On Sunday, September 4, they will perform at noon at Fort Mackinac and at 8 p.m. at Windermere Point. On Monday, September 5, they will be on the front porch of Grand Hotel at 1 p.m.

The city's zoning ordinance requires barns to be at least 100 feet from an "existing" dwelling, and City Attorney Tom Evashevski said that a neighboring property to the north has been approved for a new house that would be closer than the 100 foot requirement. That building, however, has not yet been constructed, he noted, so it may be possible to build both structures.

The Planning Commission will take up the issue at its next meeting Tuesday, September 13, at 3 p.m. at the Community Hall.

phil lee's
HOMES

America's #1
Stratford Home Builder!



Quality, Comfort
Affordability

Over 75 standard floor plans and styles to choose from or you design your own custom home.

Free detailed price quotes from our plans or yours.

Call or stop in today for a free catalog of design ideas.

Ask for Rick or Cindy
1-800-332-6884

Stratford Homes

Voted Best Fudge
In Michigan

—Detroit News, 3 Years In A Row!



Ryba's
Fudge Shops

Mackinac Island

Mackinac Island Fudge
Ice Cream

10 Flavors including
Turtle and Oreo Cookie

— 5 Locations —

For great gift ideas, contact us at:
1-800-44RYBAS www.ryba.com



Carmel Corn
Salt Water Taffy
Mackinac Island
Toffee

LIVE
IRISH MUSIC

Fri., Sept. 2
&
Sat., Sept. 3

Blue Lake
Acoustic Trio

DJ on
SUN., SEPT. 4

Serving Lunch, Dinner
& Fresh Catch Special
7 Days a Week



IRISH MENU
SERVED DAILY

12 IMPORTED
DRAFTS

Downtown Mackinac Island
OPEN TIL 2 A.M.
847-6454