

Meet the School Staff



Superintendent Jack Dehring (left) has the longest ongoing tenure at the school, serving 32 years thus far. Secretary Barb Fisher has been with the school 17 years.



With paint covered fingers, Pam Finkel, the school's art instructor, stops by the library where Librarian Cindy Knoblewitz reviews a book.

Former School Was Used as Indian Dormitory



Old school: The Mackinac Island Public School teaching staff in front of the Island's former school, the Thomas Ferry School, which housed classrooms for students up to the 10th grade until 1960, when it was closed. The building was an Indian dormitory during the fur trade era. Pictured are (at left, front row) high school social studies teacher Jessica Clark, special education teacher Andrea McClintock, kindergarten teacher Vicki Urman, mathematics and science teacher Liz Staats-Burt, and 2nd and 3rd grade teacher Laura Eiseler; (back row) 4th-7th grade language and arts teacher Karen Allen, physical education teacher Sarah Dehring, high school language arts teacher Lance Greenlee, high school mathematics teacher Susan Bennett, and science teacher Jeffrey Ferguson.

Michigan History Photo Contest

Youth can enter the 2006 Michigan Week youth photo contest which documents Michigan history through photography. Youth aged 9 to 19 as of January 1, 2006, are eligible to submit up to two photographs by February 1.

Any site that is 50 years old or older can be used. Youth may photograph buildings (like firehouses or schools), structures (like bridges), areas (like neighborhoods or fairgrounds), and objects (like monuments).

Twelve photographs will be selected to tour Michigan for one year as an exhibit. Eighteen photographs will be selected as regional-winning photos. All 30 photographs will be posted on the State of Michigan Web site.

For more information, contact MSU Extension of Mackinac County at 643-7307 or Michigan Week online at www.michigan.gov/michigan-week. In the left column, under "Michigan Week," click on "Youth Contests."

Thank You

To everyone who expressed their thoughts and prayers on the recent loss of our mother and wife. Special thanks to Pat Shannon and Smi Horn for the extra support through this time. To a loving mother and wife who will always be in our hearts.

Sincerely,
The Barbara Chambers Family

Outpost Restaurant Gets New Look, New Name

The former French Outpost building, now called The Gate House and owned by Grand Hotel, is getting a face lift both inside and out, updated menus, and a new manager.

"The restaurant will provide an open and friendly atmosphere for those who don't want to walk up the hill to the Grand," said John Hulett, Grand Hotel general manager. "They still can enjoy something we offer at a reasonable price."

Andrew Doud will manage the restaurant and Grand Hotel's executive chef, Hans Burtscher, will oversee kitchen operations.

In preparation for its Friday, April 21, opening, the restaurant is getting a new look that includes fresh paint and new outside fixtures. The outside is being painted white with black trim and Jefferson blue with white stripes is being added to the peaks and gables. Mr. Hulett said the blue is a light blue and the building's inside also offers new colors, including orange and Jefferson blue with white stripes.

"We're pretty excited about it," he said.

Television sets will show sporting events and live enter-

tainment will be offered almost every night.

The bar, children's, lunch, and dinner menus are being redone. Prices, said Mr. Hulett, will be similar to the French Outpost and each menu will offer selections different from other hotel restaurants.

The restaurant seats approximately 110 people inside and more than 180 on

the outside deck and patio area.

"Right now, it's a work in progress," added Mr. Hulett.

The Gate House is the fourth restaurant Grand Hotel operates on the Island separate from the main building. The others are Woods at Stonecliffe, The Jockey Club at the Grand Stand, and the Tea Room at Fort Mackinac.

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