

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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opening Thursday, May 4. The Chris Szabo family is having the pleasure of a visit from Chris's parents from Chicago over the Easter holiday.

Andrew McGreevy of Mackinac and Petoskey is busy helping to get everything ready for Grand Hotel's opening date.

Mary K. McIntire visited the Island Monday, April 10.

Happy birthday to Jimmy Gillespie and Joanna Tamlyn April 24. Enjoy your day.

Great news for the economy. A recent newspaper clipping headline read, "Shipping at the Soo Locks Starts the Busiest Since the Good Old Days." Twenty-four ships were counted in line on opening day of the Soo Locks. Many of the big ships have been passing through Round Island Passage, a wonderful sight. Boat watching is not only exciting, it is fascinating.

Father Rey Garcia, S.J. of Ste. Anne's recently attended the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral in Marquette with Bishop Alex Sample as celebrant.

Andrew Doud, manager of The Gate House, is busy getting the new restaurant ready for opening Friday, April 21.

The popular Sea Biscuit Restaurant is open for the 2006 season.

Chris McCready will celebrate her birthday April 26. Have a wonderful day.

What a surprise Sunday, April 9, to meet my good friends Cindi, Skip, McKenna, and Nicholas Kutsop from Mountainside, New Jersey, who are the owners of a Shipwatch condominium at the Mission. They just love Mackinac and will return later for a two-week stay.

Pat Pulte of Ann Arbor visited his Island home recently and will return soon to open the Murray and Inn on Mackinac.

The recent tornado which

devastated Tennessee also gave Virginia and Dan Riordan a scare at their home in Marietta, Georgia. They were awakened at 4:30 a.m. in the morning by the sound of many sirens and a six-hour power outage. The terrific wind struck many buildings and did considerable damage to the area. Virginia and Dan are fine, but it was a very scary experience. Dan, I hope you found your flashlight. We look forward to seeing you in June.

Mimi Cunningham of Grand Hotel arrived Monday to prepare the Grand Hotel shops for the 2006 season.

R.D. Musser, chairman of Grand Hotel, arrived Tuesday to oversee the opening of the hotel for the 2006 season.

The St. Onge Latex and Groove paint crew is busy preparing Grand Hotel for an early opening of the Millennium Wing Friday, April 21, and the grand opening of the hotel Thursday, May 4.

Jane and Leonard Johnson of Fort Myers, Florida, have spent and enjoyed being on Mackinac during the summer for the past 14 years. Leonard was night auditor at the Lake View Hotel and Jane was employed in a gift shop in the Horse Corral Mall. They were on the Island this past week saying goodbye to their many friends. Sadly, they will not be on Mackinac this summer. Best wishes to Jane and Leonard from Island friends.

The huge flock of mallard ducks that we've been feeding all winter continue to be very healthy. Should we be late feeding, some come up on the patio and peak in the window.

The city crew started back to work Monday, April 10.

They're getting the Island ready for the 2006 season.

Adopted from the Mackinac County Animal Shelter in St. Ignace, Annabelle is very happy in her new home with Jody and Mark Chambers, where the children love their new pet.

Rosie Charnes of Indianapolis, Indiana, and Mackinac has become a great-great-grandmother. Little Kyara Samantha Weaver was born Saturday, March 18, weighing 8 pounds, 8 ounces. She is the daughter of William and Stephanie Weaver of Carmel, Indiana. Rosie is on cloud nine.

Palm Sunday services were celebrated at Trinity

Episcopal Church with the Reverend Anita officiating. Father Rey Garcia, S.J. celebrated mass at Ste. Anne's.

Happy Easter to Aunt Lou Riley of Naples, Florida, and to my good friend, Jean Coyne, of Garrett, Indiana.

Each day brings spring closer and closer. Many folks are busy getting their businesses open for the season. Soon, the wildflowers, trilliums, daffodils, and tulips will cover the Island and the songbirds will be joyful and happy. Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful. They're sunshine, food, and medicine to the soul.

Happy Easter.

BORN Dakota Horn December 29, 2005



Katrina Platzke and Brett Horn of Mackinac Island announce the birth of their first child, a son, Dakota Frank Allen Horn, born December 29, 2005, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces at birth and measured 18.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Kitty and Cub Horn of Mackinac Island and Karen and Lawrence Platzke of Taylor. Great-grandparents are Mickey and Smi Horn of Mackinac Island.

The baby's middle names



Dakota Horn

were chosen for Mr. Horn's cousin, Frank Allen Horn.

BORN Makayla Rickley February 11, 2006



A daughter, Makayla Madison Rickley, was born to Lawrence D. and Kathleen Rickley of Mackinac Island at 1:27 p.m. February 11, 2006, at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. She weighed 7 pounds, 2.9 ounces and measured 18 inches in length at birth.

She joins an older brother, Anthony, 12.

Grandparents are Larry and Irene Rickley of Mackinac Island and Beverly Green and the late Gary Green of Miles City, Montana.



Makayla Rickley

BORN Lillian Schoenborn February 5, 2006



Brian and Patty Schoenborn of Mackinac Island announce the birth of a daughter, Lillian Rose Schoenborn, born February 5, 2006.

She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces and measured 20.5 inches in length.

Grandparents are Judy Bynoe and the late Robert H. Bynoe of Mackinac Island and Bonnie and Emmett Schoenborn of Grand Rapids. Great-grandparent is Francis Bynoe of Taylor.



Lillian Schoenborn

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