

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

BY JEANNETTE DOUD



Happy Mother's Day to all. We wish you an abundance of peace, happiness, and good health. To be a mother is one of the most precious gifts on earth.

Thursday, May 4, was a bright, warm, sunny day with white clouds dancing in the heavenly blue sky. Walking up Cadotte Avenue, one suddenly sees the freshly-painted Grand Hotel, standing stalwart as it has for over a century. High above the Cupola Bar, Old Glory flies proudly as well as all the flags that grace the front of the hotel. The longest porch in the world is lined with flower boxes filled with red geraniums. To the east are beds of thousands of tulips, soon to burst into full bloom creating the most magnificent sight for all who visit our Island in the month of May.

Margaret Rose Bynoe, daughter of Judy and the late Robert Bynoe, was graduated *magna cum laude* from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids with a bachelor's degree in music education. Preceding commencement exercises held Saturday, May 6, a beautiful baccalaureate mass was celebrated by the Most Reverend Walter A. Hurley in the presence of 2,500 guests, including 600 members of the graduating class. Peggy assisted in planning the music for the joyous occasion. She played prelude music, the psalm, and the communion hymn. Family members attending the graduation were her mother, Judy, brothers, Rob and Jamie, sisters, Patty and Brian Schoenborn and daughter Lillian and Katie and Randy McKay with children Riley, Dawson, McKenna, and Katelyn, her aunt and uncle, Mary and Ron Dufina, and the Schoenborn family of Grand Rapids. A family dinner ended the day. Congratulations to Peggy from Island friends and family.

Happy first wedding anniversary to Patty and Brian Schoenborn May 14. Hope your day is special.

The senior class at Mackinac Island Public School is enjoying a week-long trip to Phoenix, Arizona. I'm sure they will have a great time.

Phyllis Dunham and her friend, Wayne Jungman, are enjoying spring on Mackinac at Phyllis's cottage on French Lane.

Mandy and Brian Taylor of Grand Rapids spent time with Tony Brodeur as he opened Martha's Sweet Shop. Everyone is enjoying the sweet treats.

Every Thursday night at Ste.



At left: Attending opening night at the Gate House April 21 were Tracy Galloway (left) of Novi and Mary Jo Pompura Jaques of California. Ms. Galloway was celebrating her 40th birthday with family and friends. Both women are regulars at the Labor Day Jazz Festival at Grand Hotel.

busy weekend on Mackinac, the historic church was crowded with visitors who were guests at the various hotels. Many folks exclaimed over the beauty of

Ste. Anne's and its wonderful setting.

Welcome home to our good friend, Dennis Brodeur, who spent the winter in Naples, Florida. Dennis was accompanied home by his grandson, Joe Brodeur, who is a member of the Michigan State Police stationed in Ypsilanti and recently was graduated with a degree in law. He and his wife, Rosie, and two young daughters, Hanna and Madison, make their home in Chelsea. Dennis is happy to be

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Anne's Hall, all employees of the Island are invited to a free dinner. It starts at 6 p.m. and continues until the food is gone. Everyone is welcome.

Sandy Shepler of Colorado visited Patti Ann Moskwa and helped to open Horn's Gaslight Bar for the 2006 season. Sandy worked on Mackinac for several years. It was nice to see Sandy back on the Island.

Buzz Waggoner has opened his LaGalerie Shop for the season. His windows are beautifully decorated with attractive merchandise.

Joan Barch of Lansing is back on Mackinac enjoying her cottage at Woodbluff.

Best wishes to Jerry Fenlon of Belonga Plumbing and Heating, who is recuperating from shoulder surgery. Island friends are sending you greetings.

Sunday, May 7, mass at Ste. Anne's was celebrated by Father Norm Dixon, S.J. from Detroit in the absence of Father Rey Garcia, S.J., who is on vacation in Costa Rica. Since it was a

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Thank You!

Thank you to all the registered voters who supported me in the May 2nd Election. Your consideration means everything to me.

I will continue to try my best to help anyone in any possible way and I will strive to be a really good City Clerk.

Sincerely,

Karen Lennard, City Clerk



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May 2006 - To the Customers of Edison Sault Electric (ESE) Company:

As you are probably aware, the price you pay for electricity has increased substantially over the last several years and even more so since 2004. The major reason for this is that the cost for purchases we make from other suppliers outside of our own hydro generation have increased dramatically. These outside purchased power costs are based primarily on producing electricity by coal and natural gas. The costs for coal and natural gas have gone up over 100% and 50% respectively since 2004 for those two fuel types.

We must purchase 60% of the electricity from outside suppliers as our hydro base is limited in its production capabilities. The long term purchased power contracts we have in place with our two outside suppliers (We Energies and Consumers Energy) were reviewed and approved either by the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) or the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In September of each year, we file with the MPSC a projection of our Power Supply Cost Recovery (PSCR) costs for the following year. The costs for these outside purchases are reviewed/audited/modified annually and then approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. In March of the following year, we file a reconciliation of PSCR costs from the previous year comparing actual costs to the estimate previously approved. Any PSCR costs over-recovered by us are refunded to the customers with interest; any PSCR costs which are under-recovered are then added to the next year's PSCR. By statute, the only item included in the recovery of PSCR costs is the cost of power supply. We do not collect for any other costs such as profits, wages, benefits, poles, wires or any other operational or maintenance items through the PSCR. This process has been in place for over twenty years and the only difference in this year's PSCR is the magnitude of the increase. This charge appears as "PSCR CHARGE (\$0.000/KWH)" as a line item on most customer bills.

Further, the introduction by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of mandated Regional Transmission Organizations to help spur competition has impacted how these transmission costs are spread as they are also part of the PSCR costs. Finally, here in Michigan we lack sufficient generation in order to have a robust competitive market which limits our options for purchasing power outside of our own hydro generation. Basic and elementary economics are at work here - lack of enough of a product (electricity) at the wholesale level to sustain competition along with increased prices for items which create that product (coal, natural gas) or act as alternatives to that product.

We are distressed as are many of our customers in discussing the issue of increasing electricity prices. We believe that we have always acted in the best interest of our customers and we will continue to do so. However, the new environment in which we currently find ourselves is not just a local or regional condition but is also being played out throughout the rest of the country as well. Until certain things are put into place such as additional generation or increased access to other outside purchased power sources through transmission upgrades (which will take at least several years), we will continue to see higher energy costs.

Importantly, even with these price increases, our rates are still 10% - 25% below the state average depending upon which rate categories one compares.

Several of our customers have exercised their rights to contest our current PSCR applications before the Michigan Public Service Commission for recovery of our PSCR costs. This is a serious set of events which we take notice of and to which we testify that we have used our best efforts to secure reasonably priced sources of electric supply going into the future. We believe that we have followed good industry practice and have indeed secured reliable power sources at reasonable cost. Our own internal observation on this subject is that our customers exercising the contested issue are not asking the right question. Instead of asking "Why are costs going up?" everyone should be asking (given the current conditions in Michigan) "Are we going to have reliable sources of electricity in three to five years from now?" It is my belief that because of the actions we have taken over the last decade, the customers of both Edison Sault and Cloverland Electric will have reliable sources of electricity going into the future. That may not be the case in all areas of the country.

The time has come for us to bring the above message to our customers and we intend to do just that over the next several months. We look forward to being able to help our customers understand this important issue.