

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

BY JEANNETTE DOUD



tulips and narcissus.

Happy 88th birthday April 14 to Ruby Blowski of St. Ignace and Mackinac. Have a wonderful day.

Deepest sympathy to the Jim Kolatski Sr. family on the death of the their beloved husband, father, and grandfather, who passed away Friday morning, April 6, in Cheboygan. A wake was held at the Kolatski home Tuesday evening, April 10, with the funeral at Ste. Anne's Church Wednesday, April 11, with the Reverend Ken Straight officiating. A complete obituary appears in this issue of the *Town Crier*. Island friends send deepest sympathy to the family.

Sad news once again reached the Island Monday morning, April 9, when we learned of the death of Island resident Letha Brodeur, who passed away Sunday evening, April 8, at Mackinac Straits Hospital Long Term Care Facility in St. Ignace. She was the mother of Leanne Brodeur and the late Fred Brodeur, and mother-in-law of Loretta Spata and family. A complete obituary appears in this issue of the *Town Crier*. Deepest sympathy to the family from Island friends.

Happy anniversary April 22 to Candi and Brian Dunnigan of

It's the month of April, the season of awakening, the time of year when we look forward to saying goodbye to winter, and welcome the promise of spring.

Surprise! Surprise! Thursday, April 5, we awoke to a blizzard covering our beautiful Island, making it a winter wonderland. Beauty reigned once again, trees and shrubs were covered with glistening snowflakes so soft and white. Everyone was very confused, because April means spring. Snowmobiles were once again the mode of transportation. We had a green Christmas and a white Easter.

In walking the wooded path below Grand Hotel, which is so tranquil and lovely, the wee daffodils were starting to peak out of the ground. Owing to the weight of the snow, their blossoms are drooping, reminding one of a snow-covered mushroom. It is truly a wonderful sight to see natural beauty in a wooded area, which includes



Mackinac Island Junior Girl Scouts from Troop 127 present Mayor Margaret Doud with a box of cookies Wednesday, March 14, to promote their annual cookie sale. From left are Kyra Kolatski, Amelia Roe, Hailey Armstrong, Mayor Doud, Meadow Greenlee, Hailey Bean, and Mackenzie Bean. Missing from the photo is scout Adrienne Rilenge. Troop leaders are Sandy Roe, Terrie Armstrong, and Julie Rilenge.

Grass Lake. Have a wonderful day.

Andrew Doud is busy preparing his Doud's Market for an early opening Friday, April 27. Best wishes for a very successful season.

Anna Mary and Gary Cusack of Petoskey spent the Easter holiday with Anna Mary's mother, Helga Doud.

Best wishes to our friend, Ann Bronfman of New York and Connecticut. We miss you and hope to see you soon back

on Mackinac at your lovely Lakewood Cottage.

Dr. Bill and Sue Chambers have returned home from their Florida vacation.

Mellie and Gene Hagenbaugh returned Monday, April 9, from their week's trip to Italy.

Arriving back at their St. Ignace home are Rosemary and Joe Kompsi, who have enjoyed the winter in Englewood, Florida.

Roxanne Pettit spent the Easter holiday with her family. She is a student at Grand Valley State University.

Adam and LeAndra Fisher, parents of a new son, Cullen, enjoyed the Easter holiday on the Island visiting the John Fisher family.

Happy birthday April 20 to John Chambers, Richard Lapine, Camille Bobinsky, and Ellie Chambers. Have a great day.

Mary Jane Barnwell and son, Willie, have returned from a vacation in Hawaii. They attended the Barry BeDour funeral on the Island.

Judy Bynoe and family returned home Tuesday morning from their vacation on a Caribbean cruise with the Randy McKay family of Chassell. Patty and Brian Schoenborn with daughter, Lily, of St. Ignace, spent the Easter holiday on the Island.

Allison Jones, Liz Burt, Eli

Urman, Annie Linn, and Suzanne Munger will all celebrate their birthdays April 21. Enjoy your day.

Jennifer, David, and Lucas Karhoff of Findlay, Ohio, following a week at their cottage on Bourisaw Lane, were returning home Wednesday, April 4, on the early *Huron* trip to St. Ignace when they were thrilled to see something very special. Suddenly, Captain Duffton started slowing the *Huron* down to allow the *Arthur M. Anderson* to cross over to a sheltered spot by St. Ignace, as gale force winds were predicted. To see this wonderful ship so close was a real thrill. Jennifer phoned me from the Mackinac Bridge to tell me this great story. The *Arthur M. Anderson* is a familiar ship, often passing through Round Island Passage.

Happy birthday to Smi Horn April 15, and to his wife, Mickey, April 18. Happy anniversary to Smi and Mickey Horn April 17. Have a great celebration.

Welcome back to Mackinac to many of our Jamaican friends, who have arrived back at Grand Hotel. Can you imagine leaving the warmth of their country and arriving in a blizzard on the Island?

Sue Chambers and her sister, Dot Gillespie, will celebrate their birthdays April 16. Have a great day.

Easter Sunday was a bright, beautiful, sunny day as many gathered at the 11 a.m. service at Ste. Anne's. Our much loved pastor, Father Rey Garcia, was hospitalized at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, so lay readers Jim Ball, Ed Pfeiffelman, Claudette Roth, Karen McCabe, and Steve Moskwa conducted a very beautiful service. The Trinity choir provided very special Easter music. Thanks to everyone who assisted in the absence of Father Rey. The altars of historic Ste. Anne's were radiant with lighted tapers Easter lilies and spring flowers decorated the sanctuary. The radiant sunshine illuminated the stained glass windows, dedicated to parishioners dating back many years. It was a day to remember, with so many people

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