

# NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

—BY JEANNETTE DOUD—



A Memorial Day service will be held Monday, May 28, at the Veterans Memorial at 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. A memorial Mass will be held in the Mackinac Cemetery at 12:30 p.m. to honor our fallen veterans. Little Stone Church will celebrate Memorial Day Sunday, May 27, with a special service honoring veterans and active duty military personnel. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m. with a wreath-laying ceremony. All are welcome to attend.

The past weekend, once again, was a busy, fun-filled time for the many people who came to enjoy seeing the Island in springtime. Ferries were busy transporting the bicycle riders for the 18th annual Zoo-De-Mackinac Bike Bash, who liven up the town. Hotels entertained many guests, while Main and Market Street shops offered an assortment of gifts. Let us not forget the candy shops, where fresh fudge is produced daily. It's great to watch the expertise of the candy makers who mold the delicious batches

on large marble slabs and big paddles, with the fragrance permeating the air. Folks taking the carriage drive will see the wooded areas covered with a blanket of white trilliums and myrtle. It truly is a breathtaking sight.

We have happy news to report. Our beloved pastor at Ste. Anne's, Father Rey Garcia, S.J., will be coming home to Ste. Anne's following surgery. Father Rey surprised his doctors by his rapid recuperation. Mackinac is a perfect place for him to rest and recover. The living room of the rectory has a beautiful view of the Straits of Mackinac and the harbor, and all of Father Rey's feathered friends that he feeds. His parishioners and many friends give him a warm welcome.

Bishop Alex Sample of Marquette will offer the 5:30 p.m. Mass at Ste. Anne's Saturday, May 26. Father Rey Garcia, S.J., and Father Pat Hussey, S.J., who is a visiting priest at Ste. Anne's, will join him for this service. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Grand Hotel and Mackinac will host the Michigan Knights of Columbus Convention Thursday, May 24, and Friday, May 25. The Knights will be seen wearing their colorful

capas and large plumed hats. Many of their festivities will be in the gardens below Grand Hotel.

The many guests of Grand Hotel and visitors going by in carriages will see a magnificent sight, as thousands of tulips in an assortment of colors, which are planted each fall, have burst into full bloom. It's a beautiful display.

Our dedicated members of the Mackinac Island Medical Center are always on duty when needed, day and night, and the emergency medical team responds immediately. The Mackinac Island Fire Department and the Mackinac Island Police Department are always ready to serve our community.

The grass in Marquette Park is picture perfect in a luscious color of green, enticing many visitors stop by to rest and relax following a busy day on the Island.

Happy news: Don Francis, who has been recuperating from his recent heart condition at his winter home in Punta Gorda, Florida, is on his way home to Mackinac with his wife, Gracie. Don will be able to rest and relax at his home at the Mission with a perfect view of the harbor and the Straits of Mackinac. Everyone here at



## Mason McLean Recovering Well From Recent Eye Surgeries

At 3.5 months old, Mason McLean has had three eye surgeries and he faces "many more," says his mother, Michele McLean, although doctors are optimistic about his future. He has genetic cataracts, a condition he shares with his father, John Kissane. A community dinner to raise funds to assist the family with medical costs was held at the Community Hall Wednesday, May 9. Mason's mother works at Cindy's Riding Stable and his father is a piano player at Mission Point Resort.

home is delighted to know he's feeling better.

The Reverend Vincent Carroll left for Iowa for several days to attend a book signing at Wheatland Community Library. His second book, "Poems from DaNang," was published by Peppertree Press in January 2007. He also addressed 200 high school students at his alma mater concerning issues of faith and motivation.

Sam and Barb Kovalak have arrived for the summer after celebrating the first birthday of their twin grandchildren in Rockford.

Eric Sawatzki and family from Okemos spent the weekend on Mackinac visiting Aunt Jill Sawatzki, who proudly showed off her two nieces, Haley and Ashlynn.

Adele Lypsinmaa, a long-time employee of the Mustang Lounge, returned to Hancock Sunday, May 20, to be with her mother, who is ill. Best wishes from Island friends.

Peggy Bynoe and Heather May provided beautiful music at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses Sunday, May 20, at Ste. Anne's.

A note received from Paul Michalke reports that his uncle, Vernon Michalke, is recovering well after his recent illness. Vernon, who was born on Mackinac, would love to hear from his Island friends. His address is: 37134 Charter Oaks Blvd., Clinton Township, MI 48036. Paul, Jo-An, and their son, Frank, live in Sterling, where Frank is on the track team. Happy birthday to Paul June 10.

Grand Hotel's Jockey Club opened for the season Thursday, May 17. Customers there are greeted by longtime waiters Headley, Steadley, Clive, and Randolph. Outside, there is a handsome new flagpole, which is illuminated at night. It's a great addition to the Jockey

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