

NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

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Club.

Jessie Doud has opened her famous Chuckwagon Restaurant for the season. Jessie spends the winter in Grand Rapids, where she enjoys her one-year-old grandson, Anthony Stephen.

The grounds of Mission Point Resort are beautiful with tulips of every color in full bloom, a very impressive sight.

Ann and Bill Taylor of Delta, Ohio, longtime guests of the Windermere, spent the

weekend on Mackinac celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to the Taylors from Island friends. We look forward to your next visit in October, when Ann always does her Christmas shopping. Ann and Bill, who are avid snowmobilers, even drove over to Mackinac when we had an ice bridge. They attend the snowmobile convention in Sault Ste. Marie every winter.

Fort Mackinac is open to the public. Folks stopping off at the Avenue of Flags will see a

special treat, as a variety of blooming tulips, in a blaze of color, border each side of the walkway.

The winter shutters have been removed from the historic McNally Cottage on Main Street, and family members have come and opened the popular bed and breakfast for the season. For many years, the late Miss Catherine McNally welcomed guests to her charming house. McNally Cottage has a lovely view of the harbor and Main Street.

A phone call received today from Chris LaTocha, D.D.S., of Mackinaw City, gave us an update on his treatment for cancer. He has been enrolled in a clinical trial experimental drug for chemotherapy at the University of Chicago. He is very excited with how well he has done in the program, and he told us the doctor said the drug worked beyond expectations. He was one of 50 people in the United States to receive the drug. While taking the treatment, he was able to maintain his dental practice. He will receive a stem cell transplant Wednesday, May 30, at the University of Chicago. While he's in Chicago, visiting dentists will cover Straits Area Dental. Dr. LaTocha said he appreciates Dr. Fran and Lorna Straus and Dr. Chris Straus for all of their care. Island friends and patients send best wishes to Dr. LaTocha for a speedy recovery.

Following his retirement from the Mackinac Island State Park, Glen and Deanna St. Onge made their home in Remus. When they left the

Island, they took along an Island lilac bush. Last week, while visiting their son, Jason, they brought lilacs from their Mackinac bush to Margaret and me. They were beautiful, and the fragrance permeated the air. We appreciate Deanna and Glen for remembering us.

The Brian Dunnigan family of Grass Lake will spend Memorial Day weekend on the Island.

Vic Callewaert opened his Starbucks coffee shop Saturday, May 19, for the season.

Two seniors, Kristi Kamphuis and Scott Roguska, will be graduated from Mackinac Island Public School Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. Best wishes from Island friends.

Congratulations to Robert Chambers for breaking the Mackinac Island School record in the 400-meter dash. He ran it in 58.5 seconds. Robert has qualified for the State Finals in track and will compete in Kingsford Saturday, June 2. We wish him good luck.

Christy, Carolyn, Heather, and Marvin Lee May have been very busy helping Marvin get his May's candy shops open for the season. It's great to see your lights in the neighborhood.

We send best wishes to Bob Green, who is a patient at Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey.

So nice to once again see lights on in the Bourisaw home on Bourisaw Lane. Sherry Rayha came from Cheboygan, and Kitty and George Schadel came from New York. They will be joined by other family members over Memorial Day weekend. The Bourisaw family

is one of the oldest on Mackinac.

The Mackinac Island Police Department will hold its bicycle auction Saturday, May 26, at 10 a.m. on the steps of Community Hall on Market Street.

PJ, Tanya, and little Hugo Pulte of Colorado are visiting PJ's parents, Pat and Alice, and his sister, Mar. Hugo is 13 months old and very active. Nice to have you back on Mackinac.

Margaret Doud and I recently had the pleasure of going on a delightful carriage ride with Mac Armstrong and Mike Carley, up and through the wooded area of our Island. One of our stops was at Arch Rock, where my late parents owned and operated a souvenir shop dating back to 1910. My two brothers, Gunn and Pat, and I spent many happy summers playing in the woods surrounding Arch Rock. There were many happy memories of years gone by.

Helga Doud is visiting her family in Petoskey for a week.

Enjoy Memorial Day on Mackinac!

Ste. Anne's Church Hosts Weekly Employee Dinner



Horn's Gaslight Bar cooks (from left) Clyde Ogle, Steve Quast, and Sam Ike stand behind the chicken, rice and beans, potato salad, and rolls they helped prepare for the employees on Mackinac Island at the May 17 dinner.

By Sean Ely

Free Thursday night dinners at Ste. Anne's Church are designed with Island employees in mind. They break the routine, promote social interaction, and save money.

The church, on Main Street just east of Mission Street, serves a meal to all summer employees on the Island at 5 p.m. in the parish hall basement. A different restaurant provides the food each week.

Thursday, May 17, Horn's Gaslight Bar catered the event, bringing chicken, rice and beans, potato salad, and rolls. There were also cakes, cookies, and plenty of refreshments. The Mustang Lounge took over May 24, while Patrick

Sinclair's Irish Pub will bring the food May 31.

"How much can you get for free on this island? Not a whole lot," Horn's bartender Rockwell Williams said, while enjoying his night off at the church.

It's also an opportunity to sample the food from Mackinac's various restaurants.

"This is a chance for everyone to get some great food," Horn's cook Steve Quast said. "People will see what the restaurants have to offer. This is just a good thing to have here."

Some of the volunteers at May 17's dinner were present to simply help those who work hard during the summer months.

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