

Charlevoix Vet Seeks to 'Expand Adventure' on Mackinac

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 Tours, Dr. Sibinic is offering private practice services to Island residents and visitors. "There's a great number of animals here, of course," said Dr. Sibinic, "and all of them need medical service from time to time."

He offers the same care any veterinarian would provide,

Group Seeks To Unveil Greek, Roman Secrets

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 they were discovered in the 1750s until now.

"It's been so piecemeal in the ability to do this, so specialized, that it has limited the circle of participants," said Dr. John Fitzgerald, a professor of New Testament and Early Christianity at the University of Miami.

So far, findings in the texts depict connections in strong views on friendship, philosophy on emotion and death, and even a connection to the writing of St. Paul in the New Testament.

"We find in the New Testament, St. Paul using exactly the same terminology," Dr. White said. "You study this material all for its own purpose, all for its own sake for learning the Roman world, but there are then side benefits that you get because we now read the New Testament in a new light, because we realize Paul is using the same vocabulary and the same model of community and friendship when he's writing his letters."

The excavation site at Herculaneum is currently suspended, but optimism surrounds the possible uncovering of more texts from the ancient library upon resumption. A larger conference will be held next summer in Naples, Italy, to discuss more findings.

At the conclusion of the Friends of Herculaneum conference, several of the classicists planned on touring and enjoying Mackinac Island for a few days before departing.

including spaying and neutering, vaccinations, and diagnosis and treatment of illnesses.

In fact, word has already spread of his availability, and he has cared for a visiting dog that stepped on glass near Devil's Kitchen and an elderly dog suffering from kidney disease, a pet belonging to a couple staying at the marina.

"We're very fortunate to have him," said Dr. Chambers. "He has experience in all facets of veterinary medicine."

Horses communicate through body movement and are sensitive to sounds, sights,

and tone of voice, said Dr. Sibinic, and they like structured consistency. He has spent the last two weeks getting to know Mackinac Island Carriage Tours horses, and letting them get to know him.

Lameness in horses is the most common medical condition Dr. Sibinic said he expects to encounter. Horses can slip on wet or dry pavement, causing injury. He also expects to see some physical injuries, digestive conditions like colic, and tooth maintenance, called floating. Floating corrects points on a horse's teeth. The way a horse

chews, in a circular motion, causes points to build up on the outside of the top teeth. The points occasionally have to be filed off, he said. He has already treated one horse for the condition since arriving on the Island.

Dr. Sibinic, who is from Charlevoix, came to the Island "to expand my adventure." He has operated his own office, choosing now to fill in for veterinarians who are on vacation, maternity leave, or just short staffed. He has a son who lives near Charlevoix, who will be a junior at Michigan State University this fall.

He turned down several other job offers in favor of spending the summer on the Island before he heads to Arizona this fall.

"It's been good," he said of his Island experience so far. "No concerns about \$3.50 gas, traffic jams, construction zones, and all of that."

While other cities like Chicago and New York offer horse-drawn carriage rides,

those cities do not depend on horses like Mackinac Island does.

"I've always liked this place," he said. "It's intriguing, it's different. It's unique to the world really. There are a lot of animals here. The animals are dependent on us and we're dependent on them here, where every place else, it's an option."

Skip is Dr. Sibinic's eight-year-old horse. He has not brought Skip to the Island yet, as he would have to figure out the logistics of getting him here and finding a stall, then train him to get used to the numbers of people, and the unusual noises like the Fort Mackinac cannon and the ferry boat whistles.

At the veterinary office, finishing touches are being made, and plumbing work is nearly done. An answering machine will be added to the phone there shortly, said Dr. Sibinic.

Appointments can be made by calling Dr. Sibinic at 847-6231. For emergencies, he offers his cellular phone number, (313) 719-3882.

MICF's Summer Concert Series

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 Arts Committee of the Mackinac Island Community Foundation.

The Kalamazoo Strings, a youth ensemble, will make a special appearance as part of the Lilac Festival this Sunday, June 10, at 2 p.m.

July and August concerts are as follows:

July 1, Alex Graham & Co, a septet featuring new arrangements and compositions for jazz, led by Grand Hotel's music director.

July 8, Arcos Piano Trio, featuring classical composi-

tions.

July 15: Folias, featuring tango and Latin folk music.

July 22: Roger Humphrey, performing Baroque music for flute and guitar.

July 29: Island resident Peggy Bynoe in a piano recital.

August 5: Island resident Heather May performing "Lookout: New Sounds in Classical Music."

August 12: A surprise concert.

August 19: Helix 7 ensemble returns with fresh ideas for chamber music.

Hay Making Is Big Business


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 turnouts because they have the machines and manpower to handle them. On the Island, round bales are off loaded from the dock in town onto our horse-drawn drays and head up the "hill" to the barns.

These days most of Mackinac's hay comes from the Upper Peninsula, or the southern Straits area. Square bales are still the traditional

choice. One hay bale alone is handled many times before it comes to the barn. Thank goodness it comes compacted, and in a rectangle, instead of loose.

Candice Dunnigan is an active member of the American Equestrian Association, the Waterloo Hunt, and the Mackinac Horsemen's Association. Seasonally she resides at Easterly Cottage.

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