

# NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE ON MACKINAC ISLAND

BY JEANNETTE DOUD



It's August, a time when there is an abundance of beauty everywhere. The summer sun and beautiful, moonlit evenings are such a delight for the many folks who come from far and near, just to visit our lovely Island. The blooming flowers in the gardens are at their peak. On French Lane, folks stop by just to admire the Russian sage in the delicate color of lavender. Looking further, the hydrangea shrubs have huge white blossoms, the size of grapefruits. Another great flower is the nasturians, which are hearty and plentiful.

Monday, August 6, a big foreign ship passed through Round Island Passage, eastbound, blowing a salute to the ferry boats that answered in turn. It was a great sound for all to hear.

Speaking of shipping, the *Edward L. Ryerson* was seen sailing eastbound through the Straits. This handsome ship had been in lay up, but returned last year to the trade. It's wonderful to see her again.

Happy birthday to Candi Dunnigan and Laurie Gough August 9. Hope you both had a great day.

To live on an Island, where we have so many caring folks, is a great privilege. Friday, August 3, an accident occurred on Mission Hill to which the response was the greatest. Responding were Dr. Don Weersing and the great staff at the Mackinac Island Medical Center, members of the police and fire departments, EMTs, Mackinac Island Carriage Tours, Mission Point Resort staff, and Island residents, who were at the site as the word spread. Injured were Linda Price, driver of the hourly carriage, and two passengers. Linda was transported to Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey for surgery to repair her badly broken leg. One passenger was trans-

ported to Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace, and the other spent the night at a hotel. How grateful we are, and very proud, too, to have such a wonderful medical center. Best wishes to Linda for a speedy recovery.

Happy birthday to Ed Horn August 10. Have a great day.

We welcome home to Ste. Anne's, Father Rey Garcia, who has been at Lourdes in France with a dear friend, who is a priest. Father Rey looks great and is happy to be back home. If, by chance, you're at the east end of the Island, stop by the front yard of Ste. Anne's Rectory and see Father Rey's beautiful flower garden of many different varieties. His vegetable garden on the lake side is amazing, with so many different items.

Becki Splett of Bloomer, Wisconsin, a frequent guest at the Windermere Hotel, will celebrate her birthday August 11. We look forward to your next visit to Mackinac.

Dr. Mike and Jane Bacon's La Chance Cottage is looking mighty fine following damage to the building by a large tree that fell in the front yard. The front of the building has all been rebuilt.

Visiting Dottie Sharer at her lovely West Bluff cottage are her daughter, Diane Sharer, and granddaughter, Sarah Chichester.

The rare black crown night herrons that come to the maple tree behind the Windermere are fascinating to watch. There are three of them, and they fish at night and rest in the trees during the day. There is a beautiful blue heron that resides in the Jewel golf course. It is usually found by hole number 7. It is truly a beautiful bird.

Happy birthday to Kathi Wightman, Edson Pfeiffelman, and Mar Pulte, all celebrating August 11. Have a wonderful day.

The Guns and Hoses softball game will be held at Great Turtle Park Sunday, August 12. Come and join in the fun. This event benefits the Mark Gallagher Scholarship Fund at the

## Girl Scouts Troop 127 Enjoys High Tea



Girl Scout Troop 127 of Mackinac Island enjoyed high tea at Grand Hotel August 5. Seated, from left, are Diana Dupre, Hailey Armstrong, Adrienne Rilenge, guest Dana Roguska, Meadow Greenlee, Amelia Roe, and Kyra Kolatski; (standing) Christi Dupre, Terry Armstrong, Julie Rilenge, Julie Greenlee, Sandy Roe, and Kim Kolatski.

Mackinac Island Community Foundation.

Happy belated 30th wedding anniversary wishes to Dave and Susan Sanderson July 31. Island friends send special greetings.

The Mackinac Island Community Foundation, under the direction of Jennifer Bloswick, has sponsored a marvelous concert series each Sunday afternoon at Ste. Anne's Church. It has been very delightful and much appreciated by all who attended. Sunday, August 5, we were treated to a special afternoon entitled "New Sounds in Classical Music" with Heather May on the flute and Angela Voelker playing the piano. Special guest was Ben Jansson on the clarinet. It truly was a wonderful afternoon.

Sharon and Jack Shaffer of

Gwinn, parents of Jeff Shaffer, of the London Square gift shop, returned to their home last week following a week on Mackinac managing the shop. They celebrated their 48th

wedding anniversary Wednesday, July 25. Congratulations and best wishes from Island friends.

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