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Annual Labor Day BBQ!

The Annual BBQ was held on the Saturday of Labor Day weekend on the lawn at the Inn at Stonecliffe . It was a beautiful summer day with, of course, a great view of the Straits of

Mackinac. Approximately 60 Sunset Forest Members and Neighbors attended. Everyone enjoyed hamburgers, chicken, salads and more. After our dinner neighbors enjoyed an

hour and a half hayride around historic Mackinac!

During the BBQ, Steve Rilenge, SFA president announced the winner of the pedal car, The Marmon Wasp.

The Stefansky Family were the lucky winners! The Stefansky's own property in Stonecliffe Manor I, Lot #13.

Congratulations! We hope you enjoy it!

Special thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bacon once again for hosting such a wonderful party. Also, a great thanks to Ben the Inn's manager for is hard work in making our day so pleasant. I am sure everyone is looking forward to next year's festivities.



The Stefansky Family were the winners of the Marmon Wasp

Board of Directors:

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Horn's Bar and Yankee Rebel Tavern Join SFA Membership Incentive Plan

Steve and Patti Ann Moskwa have joined the SFA Membership Incentive Plan. If you are a SFA Member, you can now add Horn's Bar and Yankee Rebel Tavern to your membership card.

They are offering a 10% discount off at each restaurant. Just present your card upon ordering.

Thanks Steve and Patti Ann!



Sunset Forest Children performing Puppets of Praise!

Sunset Forest Children Participate in the Horse Show...

The 35th Annual Mackinac Island Horse Show was well represented by our young Sunset Forest Association riders. On Saturday, August 14th we awoke to a spectacular turquoise sky and perfect weather for a day full of activity at Turtle Park. Leanne Brodeur conducts the Mackinac Horseman's Association events for the entire summer and keeps the youngsters busy with horseback riding lessons and culminates with the Horse Show in August. Activities began at 9:00 am and concluded late in the afternoon. Raffle tickets and MHA products were sold throughout the day and lunch was available. The following Sunset Forest Association members placed as follows:

Showmanship and Grooming 9-12 Years Old

1st Place Adrienne Rilenge

2nd Place Diana Dupre

Showmanship and Grooming 13-18 Years Old

6th Place Kate Dupre

Costume Class

1st Place Diana Dupre as Garden Girl

2nd Place Kate Dupre as Swan Lake Ballet

3rd Place Hailey Armstrong as Island Girl

5th Place Adrienne Rilenge as Huntress on Zebra

Bareback Equitation 13-18 Years Old

1st Place Kate Dupre

Walk and Trot Equitation

1st Place Diana Dupre

5th Place Kyra Kolatski

6th Place Adrienne Rilenge

English Equitation

4th Place Jane Finkel

5th Place Kate Dupre

Trail 5-8 Years Old

3rd Place Kyra Kolatski

Trail 9-12 Years Old

5th Place Hailey Armstrong

6th Place Diana Dupre & Adrienne Rilenge

Trail 13-18 Years Old

6th Place Kate Dupre

Trot Over Rails All Ages

3rd Place Kate Dupre

Barrel Race 5-8 Years Old

1st Place Kyra Kolatski

Barrel Race 9-12 Years Old

4th Place Diana Dupre

6th Place Hailey Armstrong & Adrienne Rilenge



Diana Dupre and Adrienne Rilenge proudly show off their Prize ribbons.

Barrel Race 13-18 Years Old

4th Place Kate Dupre

Novice Championship Rider English

Diana Dupre

Congratulations to all Sunset Forest Association participants on an excellent job. The girls have had a fun-filled summer

and the horse program on Mackinac Island has been a big part of their summer activities. These girls will have a lifetime of wonderful memories to cherish.

Many Sunset Forest Association members have been generous to donate and sponsor the Mackinac Horseman's Association. Our thanks for supporting this fine cause.

For additional information on the Mackinac Horseman's Association please contact Leanne Brodeur at (906) 847-3853

Yankee Rebel Tavern Named After A Historic Patroit

The Yankee Rebel Tavern is located on Astor St. downtown, next to the Mustang Bar. We have been in business 10 years serving lunch and dinner. We offer a full bar service with a nice wine list and a large selection of wines by the glass to accompany your meal.

We chose the name for the restaurant after reading some early Mackinac history. Following is a short story about Ambrose Davenport the "Yankee Rebel".

The Yankee Rebel Tavern was named after the patriot, Ambrose R. Davenport, who arrived on Mackinac Island as a military enlistee and later became a well to do fur trader, land owner and family man.

Having experienced the patriotism of the American Revolution as a child in Virginia, Ambrose Davenport attended school with William Henry Harrison (future President). Upon graduation he enlisted with the US Army and was assigned to Fort Mackinac here on the Island and was present for the American takeover from the British in 1796.

In the years that followed, Ambrose Daven-

port left the military and remained on the Island for the lucrative fur trading business. By 1812, the prominent Davenports had six children and faced the British Invasion of Mackinac Island. As the war of 1812 progressed, the Fort, its entire garrison, and many Islanders (including the Davenports) became Prisoners of War. British Captain Charles Roberts demanded all American captives swear allegiance to the crown, but Ambrose Davenport refused. Deported to Detroit, along with other prisoners, Davenport was placed on parole while his wife and family remained on Mackinac Island. Mrs. Davenport was constantly harassed and insulted by the British as they referred to her as "the wife of the Yankee Rebel".

While a prisoner of war during the War of 1812, Davenport refused allegiance to the British crown and simply, but proudly, declared, "I was born in America and am determined at all hazards, to live and die an American citizen." Ambrose Davenport and his family weathered the failures and fortunes of farming and his homestead remains standing today as an

old small house at the north end of the Annex. The property is currently owned by the Chambers Family. At his death at the age of 87, in 1858, he left a large family that has dispersed throughout the United States.

Our menu at the Yankee Rebel is best described as Regional American Cuisine, featuring such dinner favorites as; The Yankee Pot Roast, 14 oz Prime Rib, Filet Mignon, Pistachio Crusted Whitefish, Great Lakes Walleye, Grilled Salmon Salad and the Walnut Summer Salad. Please stop in, visit and enjoy our hospitality.

Sincerely,

Patti Ann & Steven Moskwa

Owners

Phase 2 of Scout Barracks Renovation Begins

Mackinac Associates designated Phase 1 of the Mackinac Island Scout Barracks restoration as its Spring Appeal in 2004, and donors successfully doubled the original goal of \$10,000.

In the fall MSHP retained Architect Rick Neumann, who has since completed the Phase 1 Renovation Plan. The survey recognized that the barracks, constructed in 1934, was in “reasonably good condition”, it identified major problems with the roof structure and kitchen exhaust. Other recommendations in the plan include repairing damaged and worn architectural components (windows,

doors, siding, etc.), upgrading the electrical service and plumbing fixtures, and remodeling the kitchen.

Now the heavy lifting begins. The projected cost of Phase 2 of the renovation is \$213,700 not including architectural and engineering fees. Fundraising has begun, and major donors interested in making a critical contribution to this worthwhile effort are encouraged to contact Diane Dombroski at 231-436-4100 or by email at dombrosd@michigan.gov.

The Mackinac Island Scout Service Program serves Girl and Boy Scouts

throughout Michigan every summer, providing opportunities to serve the public and memories that have shaped the lives of tens of thousands of Michigan’s youth since 1929.

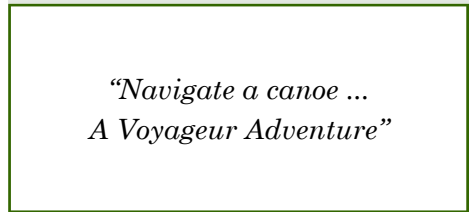
NEW 'MACKINAC FOR KIDS' SECTION DEBUTS ON WEBSITE

With the assistance of a \$9,810 grant from the Verizon Foundation, Mackinac State Historic Parks has developed a new kids' section on its www.MackinacParks.com website.

The new section offers a variety of fun and educational activities for kids of all ages. A "Voyageur Adventure" challenges players to navigate a canoe loaded with trade

goods from Montreal to Michilimackinac, making decisions regarding stock and food to carry. "Continental Checkers" is an old twist on a popular game, while a "Dress Up" activity gives players the opportunity to learn about 18th and 19th century fashions.

Another activity helps players learn about the groundbreaking experiments of Dr. William Beaumont on Mackinac Island, and a



"Student Showcase" highlights projects completed by students.

Click on Mackinac for Kids on the home page

Mackinac Island Realty Property Listings:

<u>Manor I</u>	<u>Manor II</u>	<u>Manor IV</u>	<u>Woodbluff</u>
Lot 8: 55 x 105 \$99,900	Lot 13: 65 x 144 \$67,900	Lot 4: 100 x 117 \$79,900	Lot 14: 89 x 150 \$120,000
Lot 11: 55 x 100 \$56,000	Lot 16: 65 x 203 \$78,900	<u>Manor V</u>	Lot 25: 95 x 165 \$315,000
Lot 16: 55 x 100 \$64,900	<u>Manor III</u>	Lot 1: 128 x 172 \$79,900	Lot 37: 105 x 150 \$299,000
Lot 26: 55 x 100 \$68,900	Lot 10: 65 x 154 \$79,900	Lot 2: 60 x 132 \$79,900	For more information please call Mackinac Island Realty: 906-847-6483
Lot 39: 55 x 100 \$63,000	Lot 20: 118 x 131 \$89,900	Lot 3: 70 x 137 \$79,900	
	Lot 29: 87 x 144 \$59,900	Lot 4: 66 x 137 \$79,900	
	Lot 31: 70 x 176 \$62,900	Lot 10: 180 x 200 \$79,900	

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Sunset Forest Mission Statement:

Protecting the unique character of
Mackinac Island.

Promoting public safety for property
owners, their families and guests.

Preserving Mackinac Island's
Victorian style of architecture.

Encouraging neighborly social inter-
action between property owners.

Events Calendar:

October 3rd-7th– Murray Hotel Helga's
Palette Watercolor Workshop

October 7th- Grand Hotel Murder Mys-
tery Weekend

October 9th– Fort Mackinac's Closing
Day

October 14th– Grand Hotel Somewhere
in Time Weekend.

October 14th- 3rd Annual Mackinac
Island Oktoberfest

October 21st-Grand Hotel Big Band
Dance Extravaganza Weekend

October 21st-Chippewa Hotel– Gaylord
Days

October 29th-Mackinac Island
Halloween Weekend

October 29th-Trail Run-Half Marathon
& 5.7 Mile Run/Walk at Mission Point
Resort

October 29th-Mackinac Island Family
Halloween Party & Downtown Trick or
Treating