



RAPID DECLINE

A competitor drops Magilla Falls on the Bottom Moose during Old Forge's annual Moose Fest.

This year's Moose River whitewater race—a test of endurance and class V skill—happens October 13. Learn more at (315) 369-6672 or on the Moose River Festival Facebook page.

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the summer, when the college kids start trickling off to school. "It's just part of who we are," she said. After all, she grew up here—just like her mother, and her brother, and her cousin—doing "every job there was to do" around camp. Sometimes Gail brings along her husband, Dave, who "fits right in."

The Martin spouses may not have been born into this lifestyle, but they seem to take to it naturally. "This is really the place I belong," said Roger. "You can see, day to day, the effect you're having on people's lives."

That bond between hosts and guests is deeply rooted. "The people who come are wonderful," said Nancy. "On Saturday mornings we're sad our friends are leaving. On Saturday afternoon, the next set of friends arrive." And the feeling is mutual. Guest Ken Johnson has been "blessed to know every generation" of the Martins. He remembers E. J. greeting incoming campers and Howard and Wanda visiting cabins for evening chats. "You can see the love the family has for this place," he said. "It's so nice to see the next generation coming up. With luck, I'll get to see one more."

There are promising signs. Waiting in the wings is another generation of cousins, including Jason and Kelly's sons, Jameson, 14, and Liam, 12; Gail and Dave's son, Charlie, 13; and Kerriann and Andrew's daughter, Adelaide, two. Like their parents and their parents' parents, they'll have summers overflowing with goodbyes and hellos, with work and with play. Whether these kids will embrace or reject their inheritance remains to be seen. But the day of the eclipse, while squealing kids were hauled around the lake on a water-ski float, Jameson opted to lend a hand on the mail boat, a chore dating back to his great-grandfather's day. ▲

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