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Hello everyone, and welcome to the Inselhaus B&B.

It is a beautiful day in Macomb - the sun is shining, the flowers are blooming and the trees are green. We had a very busy April with guests from Russia, New York, and Arkansas, just to mention some of our many famous guests.

Most guests visit Macomb and stay with us at the bed and breakfast just for one or two nights. But in April, we had a group from Vladimir, Russia for four weeks. It was fun! We helped them understand our lifestyle, went shopping with them, and found restaurants for them to have a good dinner at night.

Speaking of restaurants – we have many very nice ones here in our little town in the Midwest:

- Magnolia's – Lisa, the owner, is from Alabama and cooks with a little southern flair. I always find something new to eat there. Just tell her Inselhaus sent you!
- Red Ox – A very good family style restaurant that serves delicious steak. The signature dish is the Ugly Steak and quite tasty. Ask to be seated in the back for a quiet atmosphere.
- Shiloh's – Macomb's newest restaurant on the square that opened several months ago and is doing very well. They have a wide variety of items on both their lunch and dinner menus and is named after the owner's dog who brought the couple together (awww!).
- Vitale's – Owned and operated by the Vitale family, this business has been around for ages. You can get real, homemade Italian food there.
- Larry A's Pizza – This is my favorite pizza place. I get only Larry A's pizza!
- Ford Hopkins Soda Fountain – here you can get an old fashion soda with you inexpensive but delicious lunch. It has the feeling of the good old times when drug store sold sodas.
- Route 67 – In little Good Hope (just a few miles north of Macomb on 67) you will find a great lunch and dinner café owned by local citizens. They just remodeled the old café and serve good food. I am glad that Good Hope has been able to add such a great establishment to the tiny community.
- Adam's Street Café – A nice little café located in the heart of the WIU campus that serves great sandwiches, soups, and coffee galore.
- Sullivan Taylor Coffee House – This business was one of the first coffee shops in Macomb and is still a great place to meet your friends right on the square. While there, be sure to browse the local artwork on the walls.
- Sports Corner @ 124 – A good sports bar located on the corner of the square were you find your friends from town, lots of students from WIU and delicious food and drinks – it's not just a sports bar!
- The Old Dairy – A coffee shop located in the old dairy. You can have your coffee, soup, sandwich and ice cream there while surfing the web. It's always a popular spot for locals to lounge.

With so many choices, I'm not sure how our guests ever decide where to dine! Of course, you can just tell us what you are in the mood for and we can direct you to where you should go. We are always willing to assist our guests with anything to make their stay in Macomb and at the Inselhaus B&B the best they have had.

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful spring weather while it lasts! We are getting ready for a busy month full of WIU graduates and their families. Many have stayed with us year after year so we are always very excited to see our old friends. Be sure to book your rooms now for this summer – Macomb is a beautiful place to relax away your vacation, especially when staying at the Inselhaus! That reminds me - be sure to tune in for our June newsletter. It will be full of tips to make your vacation the best one you have had in years!

Best wishes,
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Cynthia, Sarah, Nicole & Ariel