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Chuck and Sheri Gordon pose for a snapshot at Gateway Lobster Pound in Trenton.

Gateway to fun at lobster pound

Dear Editor:

My name is Chuck Gordon, from Franklin, Tenn. My wife, Sheri, and I were in your beautiful area in the middle of July mainly to escape the heat in middle Tennessee. We did it all while there, from touring Acadia to the Bar Harbor shopping spree, including buying a full bear-skin rug from the downtown antique mall in Ellsworth. I think we ate something with lobster in it for every meal, but I have to tell you the experience we had at Gateway Lobster went beyond anything we expected.

What a family affair owners Dick and Joyce Harding have at Gateway. Daughter Kim let us pick out which lobsters we wanted, son-in-law Steve Collier gave us a tour of the housing shed of lobsters (over 400 in there and they have to restock every two days), Gregory, son and master chef, showed us the kitchen and let us taste

everything he was cooking. He told us everything but the recipe; wish I had it for the clam chowder! Uncle Bus was overseeing the lobster and clam cookers; he even let me drop my lobster into the pot!

What was so impressive to me was Dick and Joyce have employed relatives of theirs for over 40 years, which allowed them to go to college. Gateway is located across the highway from Bar Harbor Airport. While we were there, two pilots for private clients came in to eat and I had to ask who they flew in. They couldn't tell me, but I would definitely recognize the name. They eat at Gateway every time they come in. They even said they come hungry anticipating the meal. Thank you for a great, relaxing time. We are definitely coming back and our first stop is, you guessed it, Gateway Lobster.

Chuck and Sheri Gordon
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