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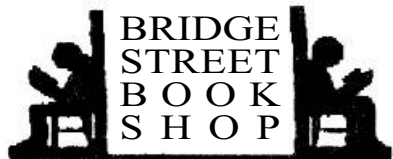
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News from the Townships

St. James Town Board

At the St. James Township Board meeting on June 7th, the repair of the tennis courts was addressed. The estimated cost was \$12,900, and there was \$4,000 in the Recreation budget that could be used. Two tennis players, Bob Neff and Joe Reed, agreed to pay half the cost. Because the courts are a popular attraction, and the school kids use them for tennis lessons, the Township agreed to pay the other \$6,450.

It was hoped that the Beaver Island Emergency Plan would be completed by October.

The Board agreed to pay half the cost of a new 4wd pick-up for the township employee (\$12,225.) The possibility of the Townships doing their own snow-plowing was raised.

The Township agreed to comply with the county road-naming rules.

All the targeted downtown businesses were hooked up to the sewer line, so the Township dropped the lawsuit it had been forced to bring.

PABI received support for its grant application to the Grand Traverse Band, for \$38,500 to finish the Youth and Senior Center in the Community House, so it could be used before the Theater is done. When that happens, it is hoped that operation costs will be met by income from events.

The Township agreed to pay its share (\$242) of the attractive brass flag holders installed on Veterans' graves at the cemetery.

The planned fireworks expense (\$5,500) was approved.

The changes at the Transfer Station seemed to be working out well, although there was a complaint that the gaylord boxes had gone up in cost while getting smaller in size. 4-H students were due for a tour.

Two bids, from Ryan Smith and Ron Wojan, were opened for the roof repair on the Fire Hall. Ron Wojan was awarded the job.

The Town Board voted to adopt the recently finished Master Plan.

New Governmental Building Offices

The move to the Governmental Building has now been completed. This location is the building that housed the old Medical Center Building on Kings Highway.

Offices now located there are:

- St. James Township (448-2014)
- Peaine Township Planning Commission (448-2517)
- Beaver Island Assessor and

Zoning Administrator (448-2000)

- Beaver Island Youth Consortium (448-2067)
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St. James Township will continue to hold its meetings at the Township Hall located across the street from the Lighthouse.



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Peaine Township Board

A special meeting was held to discuss the Hall addition, and the contract was awarded to Ernie Martin Jr.

At the regular meeting (June 14th), new By-laws for the Peaine Planning Commission were approved; previous By-laws could not be located.

A letter was read requesting that Egg Lake not be declared a 'sensitive area.' Doug Tilly pointed out that the Master Plan does not impose restrictions on this property, but DEQ rules might determine possible land uses.

The Board supported PABI's grant request, and accepted the County's road-naming rules. The new Master Plan was also accepted unanimously.

All future regular monthly meetings will all be held at 7:00 p.m.

EMS

Sarah McCafferty delivered a positive EMS report at each Town Board meeting. She said that the Paramedic Class begun last November by Steve and Lisa Rose and Joe Moore was near-

ing exam time. Each candidate attended 386 hours of class, kept a notebook, and mastered, through practice, several necessary skills (such as starting intravenous lines or intubations.) The candidates had to spend time in Battle Creek to work on ambulances and in the Ors and Ers.

Along the way, they received certification in Advanced Life Support, Pediatric ALS, and Basic Trauma LS.

Sarah was sure each candidate would pass the 380-question exam on 14 skill stations (and she was right: a few weeks later, Ken Bruland, Sarah McCafferty, and Dawn Traficatie became certified Paramedics.)

Last month, she also reported, the EMS had eight runs, all ALS. Three went off the Island on NorthFlight, two via the Coast Guard, one via Island Airways, and two were treated at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

Sarah has adopted regular office hours: Tuesday and Saturday 8-11, and Thursday 8-5.

Wolves are Coming

Because of the interest generated by the possible discovery of a wolf track at French Bay, CMU and BIPOA are cosponsoring a talk on Wolves in Northern Michigan.

CMU's Dr. Tom Gehring will speak on July 31st, 2006, Peaine Township Hall, at 7:00. He is an accomplished wildlife biologist who specializes in human interactions with car-

nivorous mammals, such as bobcats, the pine marten, and particularly the gray wolf. Most recently his research has concentrated on the wolf in northern Wisconsin, Michigan's upper peninsula, and the tip-of-the-mitt lower peninsula. He will address the potential for wolves in the Beaver Archipelago, including Beaver Island.

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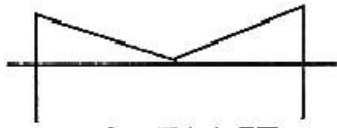
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Beaver Celebrates the 4th



Beaver Island's Fourth of July – priceless! Live music, tap dancing, jets so close it seemed impossible they would not touch, Island Airways *Missing Man* formation, and a parade in the



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witnessed by 3,241 satisfied residents and visitors who then drove slowly home, glad they were nowhere else. The *Missing Man* was identified by our poet laureate, Jack Spanhak, who stepped out



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On This Date

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* celebrated the arrival of bus service on Beaver Island, thanks to county commissioner Rich Gillespie and BIBCO president Lynn DeGrow.

PABI announced its purchase of the Dockside Market and held a clean-up party to get the building ready for preservation work to begin. PABI offered the facility to the Med Center for its Fashion Show, and also agreed to let the Community Players use it as their base—as soon as the rehab was done, The Players dedicated a portion of ticket sales to the project.

The Players also announced that *Too Soon for Daisies* would open in mid-July at the Hall, with tickets at \$4.

Candidates for Peaine supervisor, Joan Petrak and John Works, discussed their qualifications and philosophy.

Judy Lanier and Bev Russell were elected to the School Board. "Experiencing Science through the Arts" planned a series of summer workshops.

Beaver Island Hospice was formed under the guidance of Joyce Runberg and ten other Island residents.

Island-born George Pike, son of

Helen and brother of Elaine West, was named 'Principal of the Year' after 14 years in the position in Cheboygan.

Phil Lange was able to obtain a \$75,000 grant for the Med Center, thanks to state senators and Michigan Department of Public Health director Jim Haveman.

As part of its annual Museum Week celebration, the Historical Society planned to hold a concert to introduce the *House Party* CD, Laurie Sommers compilation of 11 Island musicians. Other events included a special stamp cancellation by the Post Office, Phil Gregg's much-liked *Then and Now* talk, a performance of folk songs by Lee Murdock, and a pub concert by the popular band *Arranmore*. The Grand River Big Band was expected to bring Swing to the Island the following week.

911 service began here.

The passing of Lorraine Palmer was noted; born on Beaver to William and Elizabeth Boyle, she lived here continuously for 81 years.

Twenty Years Ago New Bio Station director Jim Gillingham submitted an article, "In Defense of the Coyote,"

in which he recounted the feeling of awe he had experienced when observing a graceful female coyote catch a rabbit. He chided those who feel that if coyotes are left unchecked, they could decimate the deer herd, saying coyotes only very rarely catch something that large. They don't hunt in packs, he said, and their best chance is with a straggling weakened deer—so that their presence actually helps secure a stronger herd.

The Historical Society announced that Joe Cunningham would provide music during Museum Week, which would be organized by Ann Broder. The events would be held in the gym. A series of dances for kids was also planned there throughout the summer.

The Miss Michigan from 1984, an accomplished ventriloquist, agreed to be the Commencement Speaker.

The DNR funded half the cost of two new 'dry hydrants,' one at the Yacht Dock and the other at Lake G.

The *Beacon* complained about the potholes—in the St. James sidewalk, which were said to be so dangerous that lawsuits could follow.

The lawsuit brought by Wolverine

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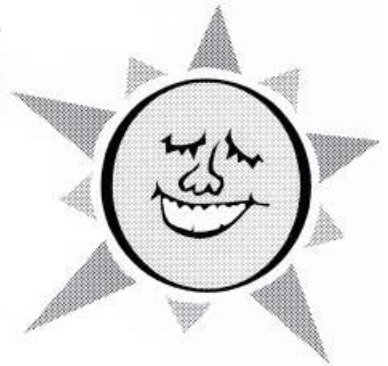
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Power against Canonic Transportation for the tug whose dragged anchor caught and broke the power cable was settled. The first cable had been installed in 1970.

Cole's Fish Market was rebuilt after suffering damage in a storm.

St. James Township was against Jon Bonadeo's planned dock at his property adjacent to the Yacht Dock.

Sheriff Lasater, having a hard time providing a deputy to the Island, proposed rotating personnel.

The County Road Commission offered to straighten the Donegal Bay Road at the entrance to the Campsite—if the townships paid the \$6,000 cost.

Lake Michigan was expected to crest at 581.4'.

Passings noted included Robert Weeks, U-M professor, author of *King Strang*, and Sand Bay summer resident.

Thirty Years Ago Civic Society president Ron Wojan kicked off the Bicentennial Fourth with a Saturday evening Bingo game and a Sunday morning breakfast before the outstanding parade, chaired by Ellie Hohn, with many floats designed by Marie Southerland. Fit-

tingly, Dr. Protar was played by Dr. Christie. Afterwards the crowd partook of a whitefish dinner at the Parish Hall.

The school library was open to the public during the summer.

The *Beacon* included a folded History Map from the Historical Society. The BIHS played a prominent role in the 5 Bicentennial projects, which included rebuilding the Post Office Addition to the Print Shop Museum (which Bing McCafferty built for \$10,000), establishing a Marine Museum in the Martin net shed donated by Martha and George Miller (which leaned considerably to the west, and had to be raised 18" to get it out of the water, and straightened), creating a Heritage Park (where planned exhibits included a split rail fence from the Vesty McDonough farm, an ancient log jammer from the Wojan Mill, the boiler from Nomad, and a lifting wheel from Malloy's slaughterhouse), the marking of historic sites with large routed cedar signs (three were placed), and the publication of the first volume in the ongoing series, *Journal of Beaver Island History*.

Passings noted included Bob

Patterson, who had lived here for 15 years, and Clarence Palmer, a WW II vet who farmed, fished, and worked in the woods on Beaver Island.

Forty Years Ago The dry weather had turned the Island into a veritable fire hazard, leading the *Beacon* to run a banner that read: "Please do not Light the Dump!"

At the Fourth of July Carnival sponsored by the Civic, Bob Malloy won a black-and-white 19" TV.

The drive to raise \$35,000 to build the Sisters a Convent in town reached the 30% point, thanks in part to a 'strawberry and ice cream' social held on the steps of the King Strang Hotel. The Grand Rapids Club announced it would hold a special fall party to help raise funds as well.

Sightings of many does with fawns were reported, including several with twins. Smallmouth bass were being caught at Garden and Hog, but observers bemoaned the reluctance of perch to enter the harbor.

The Beaver Haven boys (Fred Wahls, Gary Huard, Joe Evans, Albert

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Don Nelson was given a contract to build an addition to the school before November 1.

Colleen Nackerman received her BA from Marygrove College.

Passings noted included Adelia Beeuwkes, Vivian Visscher's partner in a north shore home (who had been a pro-

fessor at U-M's School of Public Health before moving here), and Frances Gordon. Beaver Island also lost the principal for its school when Sister Euphrasine left after six years.

Fifty Years Ago Harbor dredging began with the arrival of a 180' barge, which was tethered to James Gallagher's dock. It was loaded with 51 40' section of 12" pipe supported by two pontoons. Two small tugs and another barge with a crane followed. Each pipe

section was supported by 16 oil barrels; their combined 2,000' length could sweep the bay. The main barge uses 8 engines to pump, dig, and hoist. Lyons Construction proposed spending 3 weeks at the work.

A one-time Island resident, newly-ordained Father Jerome McCann, offered a mass at Holy Cross Church. The Civic held a July 4th picnic at the School.

Willie John Gallagher reported that the whitefish seemed to have recovered

Blood Drive Set for August 10th

The annual Rita Gillespie Memorial Blood Drive will be held at the Beaver Island Community School on August 10 from noon through 5:45 p.m. The event is sponsored by the three B.I.

churches and is staffed by the American Red Cross. Summer spikes the demand for blood and Beaver Island has responded well, particularly with first-time donors. Blood donors must be at

least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, and be in good health.

Donors should know it's critical to drink extra water and fluids (caffeinated beverages don't count) 48

Calendar of Events

- July 6th & 20th – **Open Beach Volleyball**, 7th to 12th grades, at Donegal Bay Courts
- July 7th - 9th – **Exhibition** at Mary's Gallery showing the work of Jason Lome
- July 13th – **Fashion Show** 5:00 at the Hall. Tickets at Shipwreck Shirts, the Boat-Tique & Montage.
- July 13th **Beach Volleyball Tournament** Ages 13-18, 6:00 Donegal Bay Courts
- July 15th – **Boyne Thunder** Poker Run
- July 15th – 6:00 p.m. The Beaver Island Christian Church invites the community to attend a complimentary banquet in celebration of the new **Gregg Fellowship Center**. Special music and a presentation of the planned uses of the Center will follow the dinner.
- July 15th – **BIRHC Board meeting** 2 pm, Peaine Township Hall.
- July 17th - 22nd – **Museum Week 2006**
- July 21st - 22nd – **Beaver Island Music Festival** - www.bimf.net
- July 24th – **BIPOA Annual Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. Peaine Twp. Hall
- July 25th Youth Consortium **Golf Clinics** **Ages 7-18** 4:00-6:00pm August 1st & August 22nd 5:00-7:00pm.
- July 26th – **Boater's Safety Class** Ages 12-Adult 11:00 am-4:00 pm (Lunch Break from 12:00-1:00) BICS
- July 27th – **Beaver Island's Inland Lakes** Nature Walk 448-2254
- July 29th-30th – **Baroque on Beaver** 7:30 p.m. www.baroqueonbeaver.com
- July 31st – **Wolves**, Peaine Hall 7:00
- August 5th – **Mammals of Beaver Island** Nature Walk 448-2254
- August 6th – Joint **BIRHC Open House/EMS 20th Anniversary**, 11-1
- August 9th – **French Bay Field Trip** 8:30 a.m. Nature Walk 448-2254
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The fledgling Historical Society announced it had reprinted the last edition of James Strang's newspaper from 100 years before.

Dr. Albert Heustis returned to the Island for the first time he had turned the first spadeful of dirt for the new Medical Center three years before, this time to discuss finding a replacement for retiring Island doctor Vail.

Patrol #1, the Conservation Boat,

brought State Waterways Commission members to Beaver Island to discuss expansion of the Municipal Marina.

The King Strang Hotel kitchen produced 93 chicken dinners on its grand opening.

The public telephone was moved to Gillespie Sales and Service.

The US Geological Survey crew arrived to map Beaver Island.

Paradise Bay was shocked to be entered by a Destroyer Escort as part of a

Naval Reserve training exercise. A few days later the Mackinaw icebreaker arrived to inspect the Coast Guard station.

The Beaver Island Life Boat Station dispatched a boat to rescue the 36' *Gypsy*, a fishing boat, which went aground on a Hog Island reef during a storm. A plane from the Traverse City station dropped provisions to Jake White and his party the day before our boat towed it free and took it to Charlevoix for repairs.

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July 19th (Wed.) 9 am - Fox Lake

July 26th (Wed.) 9 am- Lake Geneserath
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Father Herbert Graf

Former Island priest Father Herbert Graf entered into eternal life on Tuesday, June 13, 2006. At the time of his death he was a resident of Saint Francis Home, Tiffin, Ohio, under the care of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Tiffin.

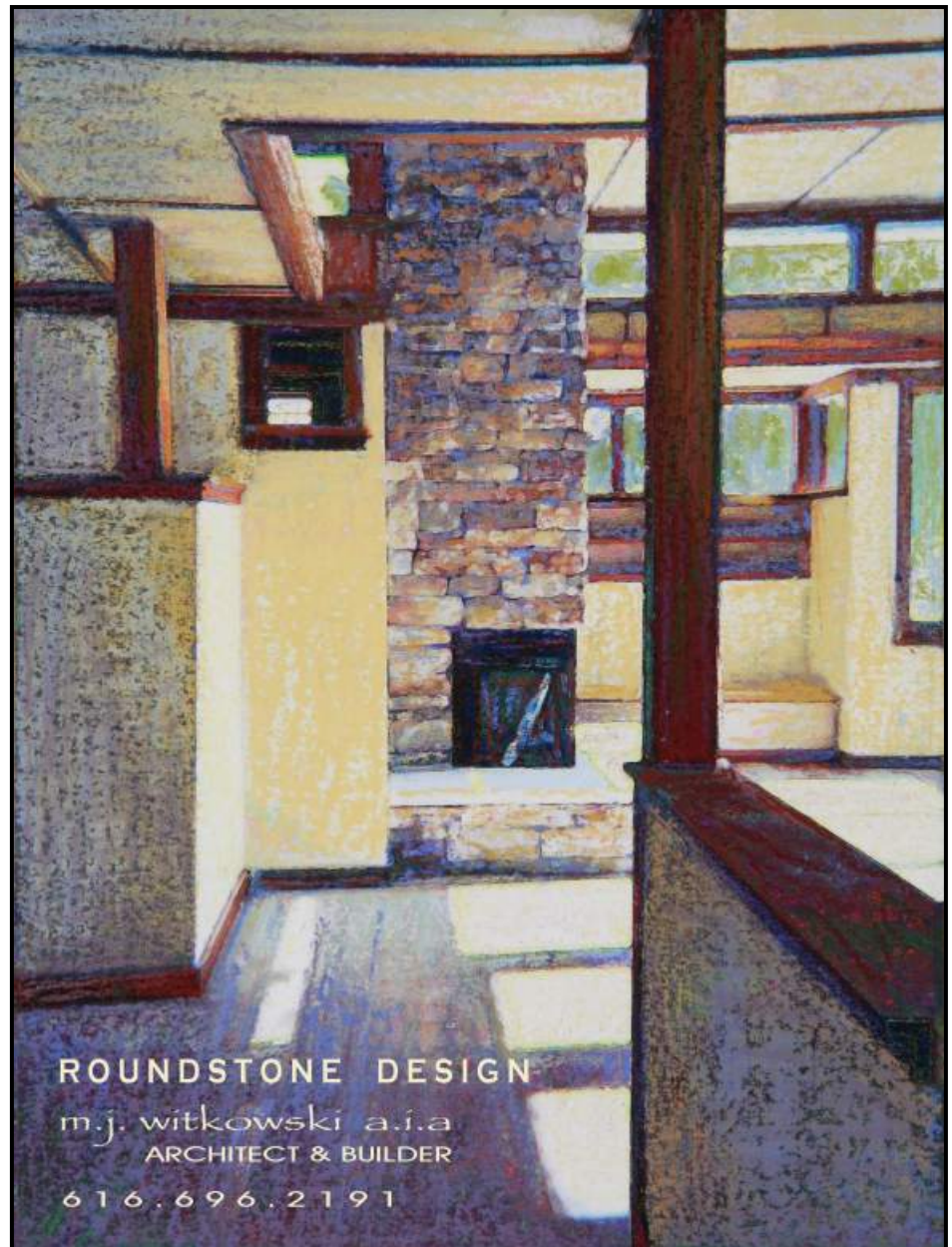
"Father Y'all" was ordained to the priesthood on February 22, 1959. He is survived by his birth siblings: brother Joe Graf; sisters Jean Danhauer, Louise Hayden, and Pat Houston.

Honoring our Vets

AmVetsPost #46 has been placing flags on our veterans' graves at both cemeteries for quite a few years. We do the best we can to make sure every veteran has a flag at their grave by Memorial Day. However, there very well could be people buried whom we don't know were veterans.

If you happen to be at either Holy Cross Cemetery or the St. James Township Cemetery and notice a veteran's grave without a flag, please contact Brian and Dee Gallagher, who are member of AmVets Post 46 and Auxiliary, and members of the Holy Cross Cemetery Committee.

—AmVets Post #46



Celebrating the Living Landscape at Tara's Meadow

photographs by Jenny Porter



"Exploring and honoring our connections with the living landscape" – that was the purpose which drew 30 people down to 'Tara's Meadow' on June 24th and 25th. Visitors brought stones and stories to this historic meadow, once the site of the Antrim Iron Works and later the Carpenter croquet mill. Under the open skies Islanders and mainlanders told stories as they placed their stones on the new memorial cairn.

Among the first was Cloyd "Butch" Ramsey's, who as a young boy drew water and cleaned stables for the horses at the mill. Butch told how families came from down south to work and live at the site, and he lamented the mill switching from a clean steam-power operation using waste slab and wood chips to a dirtier diesel fuel "just so the workday could begin earlier." Butch drew everyone in with his story of how "beaver energy" was once enlisted to mill the logs—he explained that fur trappers donated the flesh of their catch to feed and "fuel" the mill workers. Kate Boyle Wellman, granddaughter of Patrick Boyle (Paid een Og) recited a story based on the Celtic mythology of the harp. "The grass harp of Tara's meadow," she said, "produces the most beautiful song when strummed by the wind." Kate and her husband Bill

came from their sheep ranch in Saline to celebrate their 11th wedding anniversary on Beaver Island. The prizes for the largest and most interesting stones this year went to the Coles, Donald bringing a beautiful granite "headstone" with a natural mineral cross and Garret donating an intriguing coral-like boulder snagged



from beneath the lake in the family's fishing nets long ago. In Irish tradition, cairns are simple stone-pile memorials, symbols of promise and hope, where people from the community bring their stone offerings to honor a special place and event on the landscape. The 'Tara's Meadow' cairn was started last year with the placement of a single stone by Gerrod from Arranmore Island, to honor the continuity

of this old Irish tradition. The Tara's Meadow cairn is open to visitation by the public, and visitors may add stones any-time. The present owners ask only that visitors are respectful and leave the other stones in place when they add their own. This year's event included harmonica, mandolin, and banjo tunes played respectively by Butch Ramsey and his grandchildren Jenny and David; and bagpipe melodies by Bill Wellman. This second annual "summer welcoming" event at Tara's Meadow ended Sunday with the weaving of Saint Brigid's Crosses out of pipe cleaners and then reeds from Paradise Bay, an ancient Irish practice for around the hearth. The best cross this year was woven by Roger Martin of Beaver Island's proud 5th-generation Martin family—the skill just seems to be in his blood. Presenter Jeanne Marie Nicholson explained how the weaving of Brigid's Cross around the turf fire symbolizes the nearly lost practice of families gathering and spending time together, playing music, reciting poems, knitting and weaving, and sharing their own stories. "Now," Jeanne noted, "the TV has replaced our hearth, and we listen to Oprah's stories instead of our own." This weekend offered a refreshing difference, and all went home inspired.

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When Will It Be Solved?

by Mike Weede



Beaver Island has been the scene of much drama and tragedy over the past two hundred years. One of the more haunting catastrophes took place in 1937. It began with the stranding of the 250' gas tanker *Oswald Boyd* and the removal of its cargo.

The ill fated *Boyd* ran aground during a severe snowstorm on Simmons Reef, which is 25 miles northeast of Beaver Island and about two miles north of the shipping lanes. It was not a hard grounding, and the tanker was not leaking, but the anxious crew and captain were removed by the Coast Guard.

As winter approached, fishermen and other boaters on Beaver Island and the mainland began salvaging the 900,000 gallons of high-octane aviation fuel. The Beaver Island Transit Company, one of the forerunners of the Beaver Island Boat Company which provided a link to the mainland during the

1930s and 1940s, also got involved.

The Transit Company began removing fuel during December 1936. Using its small wooden steamer, the *Rambler*, 55-gallon drums in the hold or on deck were filled with 9,000 gallons of siphoned gas. This was a very time-consuming, laborious, and extremely dangerous task.

The *Marold II*, which could carry more than twice the load of the *Rambler*, was proposed for moving this gasoline. At one time she had been a personal yacht; she was 127' long and made from steel, and had been converted into a ferry for the Transit Company. When one of the Transit Company's partners balked at using her, Everett Cole bought him out, and set off on January 1, 1937 to make his fortune.

On New Year's Day, the *Marold* was removing fuel when the unthinkable happened. A random spark ignited the fumes and the *Marold* exploded, killing all five people aboard, three of them Islanders. (This story is covered very well in the Fourth Volume of the



Journal of Beaver Island History.)

The *Oswald Boyd* was eventually pulled from the shoal and scrapped during WWII, and the ill-fated *Marold* was left to the elements on Simmons Reef.

I became interested in the story because of its remote location and the human tragedy that went with it, and how it affected Beaver Island. I was fascinated by the personalities of the people and how the Beaver Island Transit Company was involved. After diving quite a bit around Beaver Island and talking to other divers, I found that not many people have been out to Simmons Reef. The only exception I could find was Richard Burris, who said he had looked for the *Marold II* a few years ago. He took his



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reef because it was heading to the Detroit area, and lost its way in a blinding snowstorm. This was before the advent of GPS or Loran C systems. The explosion of the *Marold II* must have been tremendous because its deck was blown off. We assumed there would be debris scattered about the site, hinting at its location. The size

boat and camped out for a day or two, but did not have any luck.

Four years ago I started my own quest. One day, one of my dive buddies and I decided, on a whim, to make the trip to Simmons Reef and look for the *Marold*. The last known time the wreckage of the *Marold* was seen was by a passing sailboat in 1971.

We found the shoal and the buoy that marks the area. Simmons Reef is quite large $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2$ miles, with the shallowest part being 4' deep. We began our search near the buoy. The water was crystal clear, and it was a great dive, but no wreckage was found. We were working with the theory that the *Boyd* would have hit on the southwest corner of the

of the shoal and the amount of area which can be covered underwater in one dive was so limited, though, that we needed a much more logical and scientific method.

We began doing serious research, which continues today. Our eyes grew bloodshot from using the Microfisher unit in the Charlevoix Public Library. We then went to the Center for Great Lakes Research in Bowling Green, Ohio, a part of Bowling Green University Library. This was an enjoyable experience. They have a massive amount of material on hand, and it is easily accessed. Tell them the month and year and you get a large album of marine info from Great Lakes' newspaper clippings



and such. We were able to add a large amount of critical information to our file on this wreck. We also obtained pictures of both the *Marold II* and the *Boyd*.

Over the past three years we have made numerous trips to Bowling Green University to refine our search and find out more about the wrecks around Beaver Island. We also continue to dive on Simmons' Reef with a more precise plan. We have become members of the Milwaukee Public Library so we can access their numerous resources. We know where it is *not*, and we keep records of areas we've covered.

I don't believe all mysteries have to be solved. By searching and learning and exploring, we can become more aware of the past and more understanding of the present. Searching for this wreck has already been much more rewarding than I could have imagined.

Note: catch Mike's MW talk on 7-21.



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In July the clinics will be held on the 11th for men and the 18th for women with the focus being "What it takes to hit longer and straighter." In August Roy will repeat that cycle with a men's clinic on the 8th and a women's clinic on the 15th with a potential topic of "Chipping to the pin." All the clinics will start at 6:30 p.m.

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The 150th Anniversary of the Murder of James Strang



The Society for Strang Studies commemorated the 150th anniversary of the murder of James Strang by presenting five papers, sponsoring a re-enactment of the assassination, and hosting two evening programs at the Parish Hall.

Ted Sirotko set the bar high with his opening presentation, an overview on the life and work of James Strang (delivered to a packed room) in which he mentioned every relevant factor. His paper was studiously neutral, but the speaker's personal opinions were made manifest in several subtle nuances. John Quinn, a professor at Hope College, followed with an animated discussion of classical touches that Strang had included in his writings

(consciously or not), ranging from his newspaper articles to his long theological discourses.

Early that evening well over a hundred people gathered at Pinky's fence on a warm and sunny day to watch a re-enactment of the shooting of Strang, which had happened exactly 150 years before. Sets for the steel-clad *USS Michigan* and McCullough's Store had been fabricated by

Larry Robinson and elegantly painted by Beaver Island's budding artistic genius Keith Grassmick the day before. Terry Grabill, who has been bringing the Fremont Middle School students here for a week at the Bio Station for seven years,

served as the narrator as his well-costumed and rehearsed charges acted out the events of that fatal day, which changed the face of Beaver Island forever.

Afterwards, the crowd adjourned to the Parish Hall for a reading of Bill Olson's play, *Shades of Beaver Island*. Locals supplied the voices: Barry McDonough narrated; Phil Becker was 'Strang in Purgatory,' Jayne and Melissa Bailey were Mary and Elvira, the King's first two wives, and Barry Pischner was Tom Bedford, one of the assassins. The play, described as a variant of Sartre's *No Exit*, has Strang stuck to a stool on a bare stage, condemned to read only the bad news of Earth as punishment



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for his sins. He is visited in turn by Mary, Elvira, and Bedford, who join him on a second stool to give him clues about his fate, but the former King remains too stubborn and obtuse to benefit from their hints. Upon the play's conclusion, moderator Rebecca Carlson, a professor who with her husband is building a home at Sand Bay, queried the audience for its opinion about the play, the enactment, the papers from the afternoon, or any other thoughts about Strang.

Bill Olson kicked off the Saturday morning papers by talking about how Beaver Island was affected by having its own on-ramp to the superhighway known as the Great Lakes. Living on Washington



Island, he first heard about Strang when he uncovered old material detailing local efforts to protect the then-residents from the reach of the increasingly powerful Mormon King to their east. Next, Vickie Speek expanded on one of the chapters of

her new book when she spoke on the causes and nature of the strife between the Mormons and 'gentiles' in the Strang era, apportioning blame to both sides. Con-

stance Cappell (author of *Hemingway in Michigan*) concluded the talks by discussing a book she had edited, *Odawa Language and Legends*, written by her friend, Ray Kiogima, perhaps the last known speaker of the true Odawa tongue. The



book includes material from Andrew Blackbird; Dr. Cappell is on the board of the Blackbird Museum.

The group is planning to publish these five papers with the scripts for the enactment and the play.

Saturday evening the group met again at the Parish Hall for a talk by Native American author Simon Otto, which was attended by about forty Islanders and visitors.

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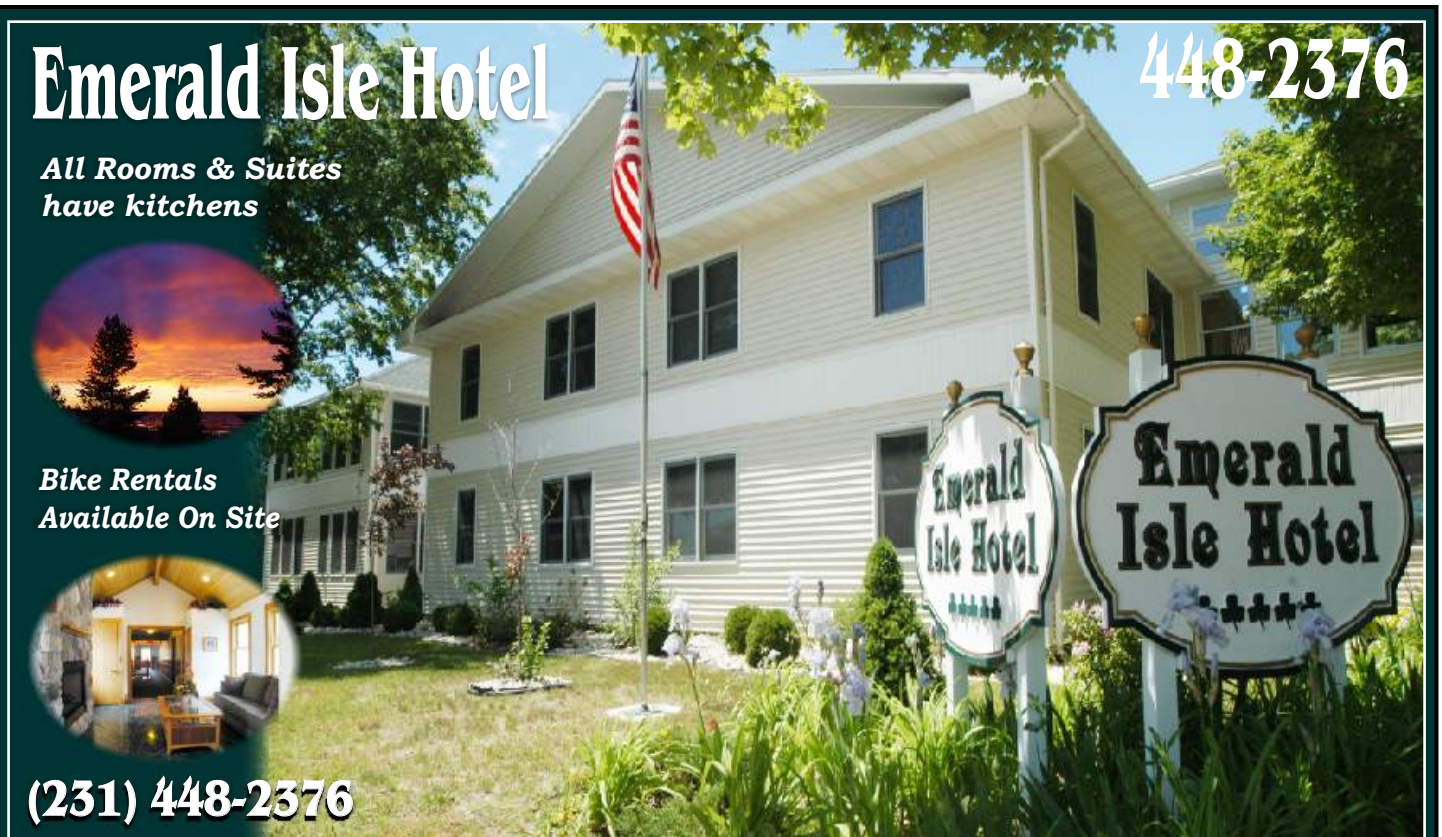


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tage of by dozens of families who want to prove they've succumbed to Beaver Fever, or have heard the children's refrain, *I'm a beaver, you're a beaver, we are beavers all.*

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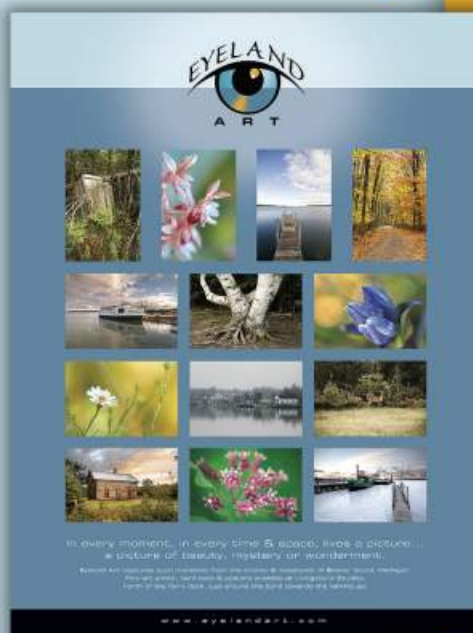
Last winter Fremont Middle School shop teacher Mark Houston asked his students what they wanted to make for their spring semester's project, and they all said, "Something for Beaver Island." After a little discussion, they decided on a new gate for Protar's Tomb.

So they went to work, producing a sturdy replica of the original. They entered it

in a state-wide contest, and won 5th place.

It was presented to the BIHS in a ceremony at the Print Shop. It lacked fasteners, but Dick Burris, the grandson of a blacksmith, went home, fired up his forge, and hammered out the iron hardware. For good measure he installed the fasteners on the gate and then hung the gate at the Tomb.

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runners, coaches, and chaperones had a wonderful time on the Island from June 21st to the 25th. They ran, fished, played ball and other games, and enjoyed the scenery and the friendly people on the Island. The surface of the roads was adequate. Their favorite eating places were Daddy Franks and Dalwhinnie.

—John Thomas



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One Hundred Years Ago

by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, July 5, 1906 **Local News:** "At the closing hour of the session last week, the board of supervisors elected W. J. Gallagher to attend the meeting of the State board of equalization." (Note: *July 1-5 Dry! - dry! - days to 76 degrees nights to 38 degrees; 4 - Big fire north of the woods and in these; 5/6 Frost! Tomatoes damaged. F. Protar*)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, July 12, 1906 **Local News:** "A consignment of bass fry arrived here yesterday from the Northville hatchery for Beaver Island. They go over this morning and will be deposited in the inland lakes near St. James."

"Bowery Bill," everybody knows him Supervisor W. J. Gallagher, of St. James, Beaver Island. Well, Bill got his name when he was very young from having been born on the Bowery, New York. He came to Beaver Island when a 'broth of a boy' and has been a factor in every phase of Beaver Island progress ever since. Now 'Bowery' is going back to the scenes of his childhood for a visit among the boys who are now aldermen and policemen. Mr. Gallagher, accompanied by a daughter, left yesterday, and will attend the Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, which meets in Syracuse next week, as a delegate from the Beaver Island branch of that Order. There is some fear expressed on the Island that the genial supervisor may get mixed up with New York politics while there and

send for his family and effects."

"Now that the good steamer *Beaver* is making daily trips, the pleasure of a trip to the historic Beaver Island is greatly enhanced. Under the old schedule of tri-weekly trips the visitor there must either return the same day or remain until the second day after. Now you can go over arriving at 10 o'clock a.m., remain overnight and leave again at noon, arriving back at three p.m. The Beaver Hotel is an excellent house, and an evening and morning ramble among the beautiful groves about Font Lake, an inspection of extensive fisheries and a walk to Church Hill, combine to make it one of the most enjoyable trips in this region. Try it."

Beaver Island News: "Editor Smith of the *Sentinel*, spent Sunday on the Island."

"A large number of Island people spent the 'Glorious' in Charlevoix."

"John Marrow and helpers returned to the mainland Saturday after finishing up bark peeling."

"The Beaver Island Lumber Co.'s saw and shingle mills started up this week Monday after a ten day shut down for repairs and the 4th of July vacation."

"Pound net fishermen are having good success these days. One lift of over ½ ton was brought in Monday by Eddie and W. J. Gallagher, Jr."

"Capt. Allers, of the *X-10-U-8* is making frequent trips up the lake this year with his schooner. He has opened a

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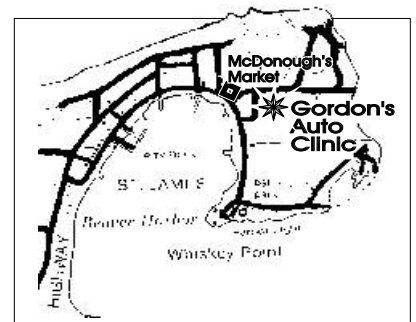
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Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

salt dock at his place in Beaver Harbor."

"Beaver Island is suffering for a rain, the pea crop and hay crop—especially the latter—have been injured by the drought. Hay will probably be less than half the usual crop."

"Dr. Lockhart, Dentist of Detroit, has opened an office in the Beaver Hotel for the convenience of anyone having dental work to be done. He will remain about a month or six weeks."

"W. J. Gallagher went to Charlevoix Saturday, returning Monday with his sailboat in tow of the *Beaver*. He has had his boat remodeled and a new six horsepower gasoline engine installed in it."

"The beautiful summer weather, the daily boat, and the natural beauties of Beaver Island will combine to make the resort traffic to the Island nearly double any season in its previous history."

"The supervisor of St. James township, W. J. Gallagher, was honored by the last session of our county legislature by being elected to represent Charlevoix county on the State Board of Equalization the last of August."

"Bishop Henry Joseph Richter of this, the Grand Rapids diocese, came to the Island last Thursday. Friday morning a class of 25 was confirmed. The Bishop seemed greatly pleased with the progress of the parish since his last visit. He left on Friday boat."

"The Hotel Beaver has already most of its rooms engaged by resorters who are beginning to arrive for the sum-

mer. Messrs. Hartz and Conner of Rock Island will be here this season, also Dr. Ruth and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rix (Note: Geo. Rix & Wife registered on July 17; Theodore Hartz & family on July 31). The Beaver Hotel has gained an enviable reputation for its excellent cuisine and the cordial geniality of its proprietor and his kindly wife. Capt. Bonner is well deserving the popularity his summer hostelry has attained."

"Reports from Lake Galilee at the head of the Island in the way of fisherman's luck, leave nothing to be desired by anyone seeking genuine sport in this line. Reliable information has been received that one man pulled in a pickeral weighing 24 pounds—another party after being out but a few minutes landed one weighing 30 pounds. Smaller fish are in the greatest abundance. No fishing party was ever known to leave the lake without a string of elegant fish. Trout fishing from the stream on the west side is excellent. The head of the Island is an ideal camping ground, the mosquito and fly pest are almost entirely over. Several camping parties have reported having the time of their lives."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, July 19, 1906 **Local News:** "Supt. Hubbard of the West Michigan Sugar Co. went to the Beaver yesterday."

"Supt. Coulter, of the Ferry Seed warehouse spent several days on Beaver Island last week."

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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 25.
 Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, July 26, 1906 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* has changed its leaving time from 7 to 8 o'clock a.m." (Note: 6-21 Dry! - dry! - dry!; 21/22 Whipping rain-storm - useful" F. Protar)

"Rev. Father A. F. Zugelder, of Beal City, was here Monday on his way to Beaver Island where he will spend his vacation of two weeks. Father Zugelder was for five years the pastor of that parish, and his friends there embrace every soul on the Island. It naturally follows

that he will enjoy his vacation." (Note: Fr. Zugelder registered at the Beaver Hotel, July 28, 1906) (Note: 22-31 Dry!- dry!- dry! F. Protar)

"We are looking for 'Bowery' now every day. He has lingered on the Bowery, gazed upon the perpetual rainbow at Niagara, and floated down the Hudson. From everywhere 'Bowery' has loaded down the mails with souvenir postcards to his friends. At Niagara Falls he dropped one into the letter box addressed to the 'Sentinel man,' but failed to attach

Kate Wojan Honored

Kate Wojan, daughter of Ronald and Patti Wojan, was named to the Honors List again at Saint Mary's College at Notre Dame. Kate achieved a 3.9 gpa, and was elected freshman representative to the Art Board.

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the necessary one-cent stamp. The postmaster promptly advised us of the delinquency and we have the card safely laid away with the rest. 'Bowery' will be home by the time this paper reaches its readers, but he will not be worth a hurrah for the balance of the season."

"The question of a full life-saving station at Beaver Island has at last been officially passed upon by General Superintendent Kimball, at Washington, and the station ordered. Owing to title conditions, six months must elapse before the station will

A New CD

Beaver Island has inspired another music CD: Ted Nicholas's new 8-song digital collection: *Island Time*. Using Font Lake loons as a mystic element in two of his enchanting compositions, he has crafted a fine disc.

be built, but without doubt the season of 1907 will see the station in full operation. The site selected is 'the point' near the old volunteer station. It will embrace all of the ground occupied by the old building of the Dormer fish establishment, and later by McCann, by whom it is now owned. The station will be practically a duplicate of the Charlevoix station, and will have, in addition to the usual equipment, a gasoline motor boat. Supt. Morton, who was here Monday, says the department will make 'the point' a place of beauty."

An Islander Excels

As expected, Forrest Powers, son of Jeffrey and Marie Powers of Beaver Island, has earned honors again, being named to Hope College's Dean's List for the 2nd semester of the 2005-2006 school year.

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Even the most distracted of us cannot help but notice the splashes of color at the roadside and the swaying dance of the fields this time of year on Beaver Island. The wildflower symphony began quietly months ago deep in the woods with the birth of the ephemerals and has been building to the crescendo of its summer song.

Merriam-Webster defines the wildflower as the flower of a wild or uncultivated plant; however scientists do not consider 'wildflowers' an appropriate term and generally try to discourage people from using it.

Terms such as native species (naturally occurring in the area) introduced species (not naturally occurring in the area) and naturalized (introduced to an area, but now considered by the public as native) are much more accurate. Add into this mix the term 'invasive' and the debate heats up as to what is an embellishment of the landscape and what is a weed. Ceiling or floor ... trash or treasure ... take your pick. But, being a novice naturalist and one who believes there is at least a little good in all things, I choose to embrace the term and the majesty of the wildflowers.

Many elements of nature are self-contradictory and wildflowers are no exception. On one hand, we admire their delicate beauty while on the other, their

tenacious will to survive astounds. They are the first to appear in clear-cut, disturbed, or fire-damaged soils, and many have internal weapons of survival in their seemingly innocent displays.

One such flower is the common Ox-eye Daisy, or Marguerite. This time of year, one would be hard pressed to turn in any direction and not see a daisy within 10 feet. The daisy is a naturalized wild-

als is a female flower while the center yellow disk consists of many male and female flowers. Survival through reproduction is the goal which is easily accomplished with just one visit by a single insect who pollinates dozens of tiny flowers at a time.

As one of their weapons of survival, daisies contain Pyrethrum, a natural insect repellent used in organic pesticides.

Loved by poets yet hated by farmers, daisy roots give off this toxin which damages crops and can produce an unwanted flavor in milk if eaten by cattle.

Nothing is more lovely than a vase of fresh cut flowers unless you include daisies which often cause other flowers to wilt. However, a vase of only daisies will usually retain their beauty for well over a week.

Of the 150+ wildflowers I have seen and photographed on the Island, the daisy is

by-far the most familiar and universally recognized. July finds us surrounded by daisies and their companions, such as lance-leaved coreopsis, milkweed, bladder champions, St. John's wort and so many more, all of which can be seen from your car if you simply slow down.

So, take a moment to enjoy this symphony of flowers and "...lay your eyes level with nature's smallest leaf and take an insects view of its plains."

By Vicky Rockwell



"Nature will bear the closest inspection. She invites us to lay our eyes level with her smallest leaf, and take an insects view of its plain."

— Thoreau

flower, introduced to America by European settlers, and is actually a Chrysanthemum.

It is thought to have gotten its name (Marguerite) in the early 1400s from the wife of Henry the VI, Margaret of Anjou, who had daisies embroidered on her personal banner.

We associate daisies with simplicity, yet each 'flower' as we know them is actually a group of many flowers known as a composite. Each of the white rays or pet-

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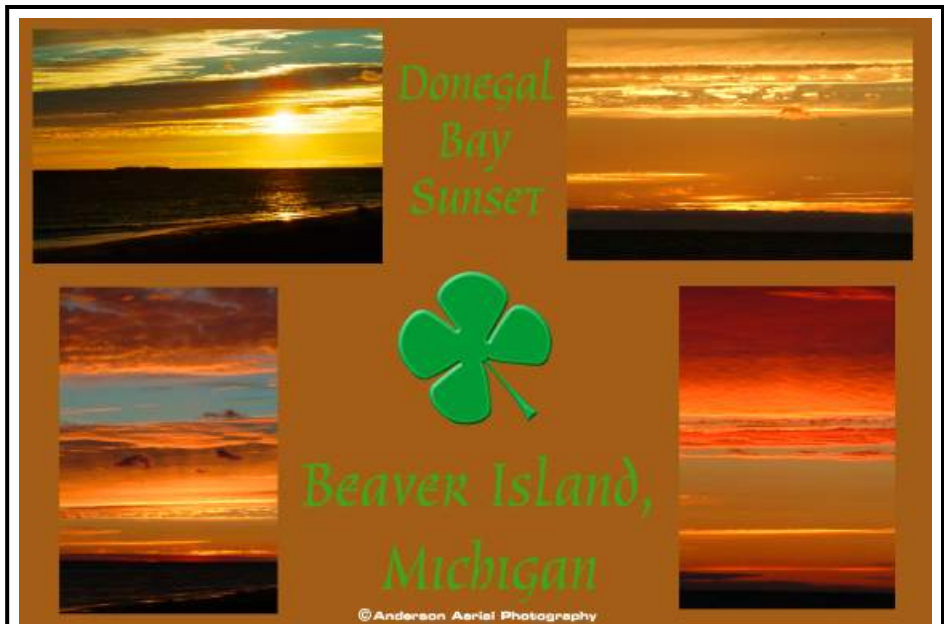
The program for the Sunday evening, July 30, 2006 Baroque on Beaver concert at Holy Cross Parish Hall will musically celebrate the fifth anniversary of this festival!

J. S. Bach's *Brandenburg concerto No. 5*, Brahms's *Hungarian Dance No. 5*, and Schubert's *Symphony No. 5* will be performed, together with music by Mozart, Copland, Carl Maria von Weber and the choral and orchestral masterpiece, Vivaldi's *Gloria*. Three conductors and five soloists will be featured, with some sixty-five per-

formers from Beaver Island, mainland Michigan, and seven other states.

The Saturday, July 29 Chamber Concert at the Beaver Island Christian Church will include varied instrumental ensembles. String, keyboard, brass and woodwind trios and quartets, of many combinations, the Beaver Island Recorder Ensemble, and students from the Beaver Island Community School, participating in a musical 'mini-camp,' will combine to perform music by a fascinating variety of composers.

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Baroque on Beaver – last year was great and this year promises to be even better!

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This year, the Charlevoix County Community Foundation has supported Baroque on Beaver's programming (from the Adams Fund, the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund, and the Charlevoix County Community Fund), providing transportation, housing and expenses, and making it possible to extend the string music instruction program for the Beaver Island Community

School. For the third consecutive year, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, through the Cheboygan Area Arts Council, has also provided grant funding that, together with Island business and resident support, has strengthened the effort.

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Billy Martin Remembered (1935–2006)

On May 11, 2006 Billy Martin passed away at his home in Hastings, Michigan at the age of 71. A funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Rose of Lima Church in Hastings on May 17, 2006 with internment at Fuller Cemetery in Carlton Township.

William Walter James Martin was born in the Martin house at St. James, Michigan on Beaver Island on April 15, 1935. He was baptized at Holy Cross Church. He was the fourth of six children born to John J. Martin and Ada Bridget (Burke) Martin. His ancestors had immigrated to Beaver Island nearly a century before, driven from Ireland by harsh economic conditions and searching for a better life in the promise of American opportunity.

Billy grew up in the Martin house on St. James Bay, not far from the Whiskey Point Lighthouse, in a family of fisherman. When old enough, he helped in the family business. He helped on his grandfather, James "Shing" Martin's fishing tug, the *Evelyn M.* His grandfather was one of the Island's foremost fishermen, even being given the nickname "Shing" by local Native Ameri-

cans because of his exceptional fishing prowess. Billy enjoyed going out on his grandfather's tug, despite his tendency toward seasickness. He often told of how they would gut the fish they caught on the deck of the tug and would place the fish livers on the tug's radiator to steam them. Then when they got back in port, everyone on the tug and working the dock would enjoy snacking on steamed fish livers.

Billy attended the Beaver Island Public School, whose teachers at that time were Dominican Sisters. Economic conditions on the Island were difficult during this period. While the rest of the country enjoyed the prosperity of the post-WWII era, Beaver Islanders struggled. The bountiful fishing of the past was drastically declining, largely due to the invasion of the lamprey eel. He told of how he was hungry many times during this lean economic era, and his mother was too proud to ask for government surplus food. He recalled that one winter, chocolate pudding, made from the milk of their single cow, was a primary food at most meals. That experience spoiled any liking for choc-

olate pudding he might have had for the rest of his life. However, at Thanksgiving in 1948 the family had a virtual feast when 13 year-old Billy and his friend "Coot" Palmer shot a deer, a squirrel, and a rabbit for the family to dine on.

At age 16, Billy went to work on the ore boats to help support his family. After working on the ore boats, Billy joined the Army and served overseas in Germany in the post-WWII era. Billy was mindful of his mother back on Beaver Island and he would send her nearly his entire paycheck from his military service to help her make ends meet. He received an honorable discharge after a year and a half, due to hardship circumstances when he lost his first wife, sister, and father all within five weeks.

After his military service, Billy went back to the Island and worked for the County Road Commission and on the oil rigs. After a time he moved to Holly, Michigan where his older sister, Mary Helen, lived with her family. Later he moved to Freeport, MI and lived with his older brother John Sheldon "Bud" and wife Donna. It was

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while he lived in Freeport that he met Jeanette Woltz, who lived down the road. Billy and Jeanette dated for a few months and on Dec. 1, 1962 they married. They moved to Hastings and two children were born to them: son Jim and daughter Bernice. Billy now worked at the Piston Ring in Hastings, which he retired from in 1998. In recent years, Billy worked part-time as the custodian for the First United Methodist Church of Hastings.

Visits back to the Island were special times for Billy. Billy's father had passed away in 1959, but his mother continued to live on the Island until her death in 1969 and every 4th of July, Billy and his family planned a trip to the Island to stay for a week. Billy would plan these Island trips to help out his widowed mother with things around the house. These Beaver Island visits were also a special time to see other family members and friends and reminisce about old times.

In recent years, Billy enjoyed getting together with family, which now also included Jim's wife and Bernice's husband and 4 grandchildren. Billy and

Jeanette, Jim and his family, and Bernice and her family enjoyed visiting the Island all together. Visiting the Island brought out his nostalgic side. Billy liked to go "visiting" around the Island on these trips, seeing old friends and family, sitting and talking about times gone by. He'd talk about times he remembered, like about traveling across frozen Lake Michigan in the winter to Cross Village or Naubinway on the mainland. Or he might tell about events before his time that had become part of Island lore, like the explosion of the *Marold II*, a tragedy still felt today. Sometimes he'd take the family for a drive around the Island and he'd point out landmarks that were important to the Island and the Martin Family's history—Beaver Head Lighthouse, Martin Point, the old family homesteads, Gracie Martin's Hill, Holy Cross Church and Cemetery, and his grandfather Shing Martin's old net shed.

Even though the Island was a distance away, he always kept it and the people from there close in his heart. Even though he could not visit the Island as frequently in recent years, and

many Islanders had moved off the Island to places far away, he maintained contact with some of them through phone chats, even when they were separated by so many miles. This contact with people from his earlier years on the Island meant so much to him.

Billy was preceded in death by his parents John and Ada; sisters Mary Helen and Clara Bernice; brothers John Sheldon "Bud" and Hugh Marcus "Marky"; and first wife Candis. He is survived by his wife Jeanette; son Walter James "Jim" Martin (Renee); daughter Bernice Hanks (Dan); brother Thomas Emmett "Jack" Martin; sister-in-law Donna Martin; brothers-in-law, Jerry Woltz (Mary) and Dennis Allarding (JoAnn); four grandchildren Liam and Evan Martin, Allison and Matthew Hanks; special canine companion, Sara; and several nieces and nephews.

He was a quiet man of few words, a dedicated and loving husband, father, and grandfather who showed his love for his wife and family in quiet ways. We loved him dearly, we will miss him so much, and we are grateful that we had him in our lives.



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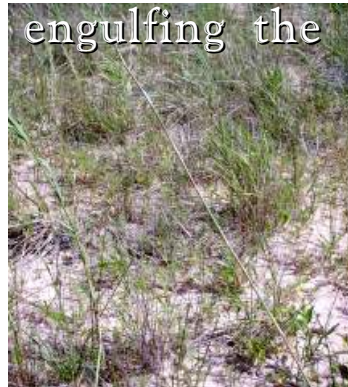
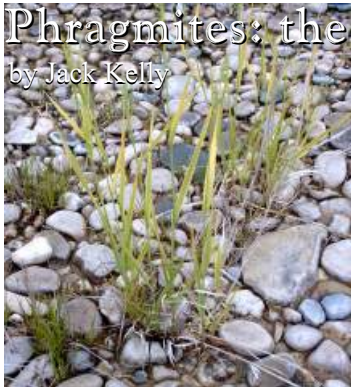
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Phragmites: the "Common Reed" engulfing the Island

by Jack Kelly



An aggressive plant, *Phragmites australis*, is invading shorelines throughout Lake Michigan. Small patches have been spotted on the East Side from Sand Bay to Little Iron Ore Bay and on the West Side from the south end of Donegal Bay through Greenes' Bay. Mature stands are on Cable's Bay and Little Iron Ore. A patch is also on Lake G More remote public land will be explored later this summer by the DNR. When the invasion is

complete, the growth will be 8' to 10' tall and too thick to walk through with ease. Both the beach and lake views are being lost. Phragmites is well underway on Beaver Island!

How can it be identified?

The early plants may be a foot or 2 tall, deep green this time of year with very long segmented runners (rhizomes) either beneath or on the surface. The runners are difficult to pull up once the plant

is 2' tall. Samples are in the display case at the library.

How does it spread?

The seeds from the late summer plumes scatter and are washed up by wave action. It is very invasive, so beach monitors have to return to the same area over and over.

How fast does it grow?

It depends, but a stand like that on Cable's Bay can develop in 3 years. It

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can spread along a beachfront in weeks.

What can we do in the short term?

Walk your beaches. Try to pull up small plants; unless you get those long runner/roots, they will just grow right back. It's very hard work! Also, clip the seed plumes when they develop. Don't leave them in contact with the ground.

What can we do in the long term?

The DNR plans to spray their shoreline in the fall. Neighborhood associa-

tions can join to contract for spraying. There will be a presentation on phragmites at the BIPOA Annual Meeting Monday, July 24th, at 7 in the Peaine Hall with a followup meeting of shoreline association representatives about 8:30. You can begin to get your neighbors organized now. Spraying will probably be a 3-5 year program. Approximate costs should be known by July 24. (Contact Jack Kelly, Jkelly8269@aol.com,

448-2524 if you have questions.) CMU's staff can also help with identification.

What if I don't live on the shoreline?

If the invasion is complete, the Island could lose so many beachfronts that all of us will be impacted. Property values will fall. An island that becomes known as phragmites-infested will lose overall quality of life, tourist attractiveness, and economic development. This concerns us all!

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BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT: Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1 1/2 baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1095/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call **(706) 268-2022**, **(219) 874-4676** May to Nov: **448-2001**

Real Estate, For Rent

COTTAGE BETWEEN THE SHORES - Conveniently located 1 block from harbor district, yet tucked away on McDonough Rd. 2 king, 1 double, 1 twin, 2 sleeper sofas. Fully equipped kitchen & laundry facilities. Linens and towels provided. Arbor deck with hammock swings and gas grill. \$750/weekly. Call Beth Anne @ **(989) 561-5079** or **(989)-330-9528**.

BEAVER SANDS BEACH HOME - Located on Sand Bay, beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront home, available summer of 2006: 3 bdrms; sleeps 8; 2 full baths; w/dry; full kitchen, including dishwasher and micro; wonderful sunrise

views with sandy beach & safe swimming, screened porch & large deck, everything included. Prime weeks open. Call Nancy: **(810) 227-2366** or nrosso@hotmail.com.

RENTAL CABIN - for rent - Sand Bay-sleeps 8-amenities-available May to September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. **(231) 582-5057** or email robin@robinleeberry.com

WATERFRONT COTTAGE - On the east side. Available by the week or weekend. One BR, full kitchen and bath. Enjoy the water and the woods, year round. Off-season rates. Complete privacy. **(231) 448-2907**.



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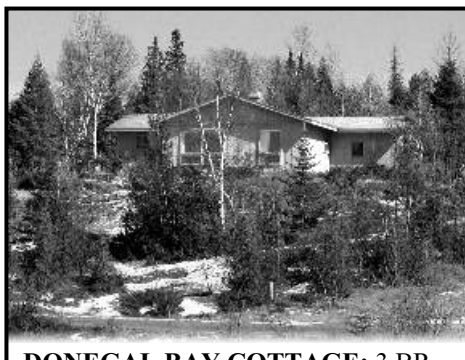
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GENESERATH - 6 BR (queens in 4 BR, bunks in 2 BR), 2 shower baths, 2 screened porches. laundry facilities, linen and bedding provided. Fully equipped kitchen. Boat and motor available. \$1050/week. **(231) 448 2809**.

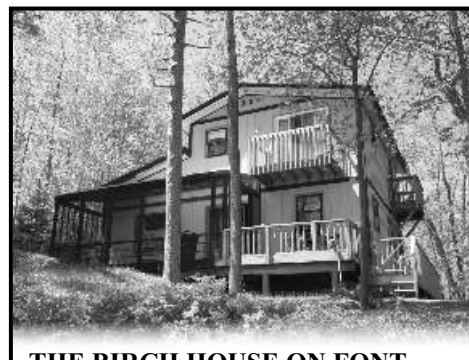




FONT VIEW: right on the water. 4 BR – 2 bedrooms on the upper level with queen beds, and 2 bedrooms downstairs with walk-out sliding doors. Sleeps 6. Full Kitchen, screened-in porch and large deck overlooking Font Lake. \$850.00 per week. loonsong@biip.net (231) 448-2902



DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE: 3 BR, 2 BA, full kitchen, W/D, fireplace, secluded patio & deck surrounded by pines and bluff and overlooking one of Beaver Island's best beaches. \$850 per week June-September; winter rates available. Call (734) 996-3973 or suziqp16@comcast.net



THE BIRCH HOUSE ON FONT LAKE/ DONEGAL BAY ROAD: Close to town, beautiful sunrise, fishing, and solitude. 3 bedroom (sleeps 6) and 1 1/2 bath. Phone Mary Rose @ (630) 750-7870 or email mrdoig@hotmail.com \$750.00/wk off season rates available.

HARBOR HOUSE - Weekly Rental Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, pet friendly, \$800.00/week, Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597.

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dpluscombe@msn.com

WEEKLY RENTAL - Harbor Beach Two-bedroom Condos. \$500/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.

THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location. 4 BR/2 Bath; W/D; Beautifully appointed. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733.

SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 3BR, great view, laundry, East Side Dr., brand new home. \$1700.00/week, available in June, September 2006. Call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be viewed online at bayhaven.beaverisland.net

Classified - For Rent - Continued on page 38.



BEAUTIFUL SAND BAY BEACH SETTING FOR RENT - THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS: Why not enjoy the best beach on Beaver Island? This attractive cottage has 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath. Sandy beach. Screened Porch Gas Grill. \$1100/week. Call Ruth or Jackie at (231) 448-2342



DONEGAL BAY BEACH FRONT: New ground floor 2 bedroom, 1 bath apartment available for yearly rental after August 21st 2006. Washer/Dryer/ All Kitchen Appliances are furnished with apartment/Satellite TV and Internet Ready.

Also: First and second floor furnished apartment will be available for weekly rental. NO Smoking, Pets, upon owners discretion.

Contact Doug Millar (847) 797-9406 or email me at dougmillar@comcast.net

Items For Sale

NEW Werner 10' attic ladder for ceiling heights 8'4" to 10'3", 300 lb. capacity, \$100. Three new solid brass outdoor pendant lights, uses one 100 watt bulb, \$15 each. Used Tappan microwave, brown with black glass face, \$25. Used black Krupps coffee machine for both regular and espresso, \$20. Call 231-448-2009.

SALE PRICES: Kerosene in 2.5 gallon jugs (30 gals); Insulation: faced fiberglass R-38 and R-19; Lauan Doors: 2/0 righthand prehung, 4/0 bifold. Call Jim 448-2477, or leave message at (231) 347-7957

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Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067
or email mfogg@egl.net



**SECLUDED BEAUTIFUL CHALET
FOR RENT:** 10 Acres of pine with 360'
of sandy Lake Michigan Beach. 2-BR
(including loft), one bath, Great Room with
2 sofa sleepers. Fabulous views of the
Lake. Large decks. Sleeps 7. Across from
state land and hiking trails. Satellite TV.
No pets. No smoking. \$800 per week.
Off-season \$200 off. Deposit required.
Call Ed or Connie Eicher
(810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257



TWO BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT:

In a beautiful wooded setting near the
riding stables. Walk out the back to
Sweeney's Pond. See the eagles and
deer; let the loons lull you to sleep.
Reduced rates for the off-season. Nice
touches; everything brand new!
Call (231) 448-2397

Real Estate, For Rent, continued from page 37.
WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake front. "The
Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay,
great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry
pair, 1 ½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at
(231) 448-2733 (days).

DONEGAL BAY - Clean/ Comfortable
3 Bedroom Home. Private Beach,
Unforgettable Sunsets. Call Valerie
Connors at (810) 487-1028.

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home;
sleeps 6; many amenities. \$880 a week.

Reduced rates for off-season. Phone
(313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.

LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY -
pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: \$500.
Call (734) 449-0804 or email
delzey@earthlink.net

Real Estate, For Sale

PRIME N. END LOCATION - 120' on
water - Three bedroom, 2 bath, garage.
Furnished. 26315 Pine St. \$324,900.
Lease option. (586) 206-1099.

**10 ACRES OF HARDWOODS
LAND** - adjacent to 80 acres of State
land at the Black Hills Clearing off Fox
Lake Road. Cotters Trail runs across the
parcel at its North line. \$37,000. Call
(231) 448-2009.

10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD
Beautiful, wooded, great building site;
\$45,000, please call (231) 409-1214.



FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:

Four bedroom, 1 ½ bath house on two
lots with garage. Wonderful location
near town and the harbor. Asking price
is \$225,000.

Call Ed Wojan Realty:
Real Estate Office: (231) 448-2711
Toll Free Number: 1-800-268-2711

WEST SIDE LAKE MICHIGAN

LOT FOR SALE - Lot 24 of the West-
ern Shores Plat: 3.5 wooded acres, with
250' frontage on Greiner's Bay. Eight
miles from town on Mrs. Redding's
Trail. Very deep and private. Land con-
tract possible with acceptable down pay-
ment. Contact owner Victor Dmitruk at
(269) 207-2970 or villpsych@aol.com.

**BEAVER ISLAND HARBOR LOT
FOR SALE** - Protected Harbor site: 60'
Lake frontage by 250' deep. North of the
Toy Museum. Call (231) 448-2391.

**KING'S HIGHWAY LOTS ON THE
EDGE OF TOWN** - Two beautiful
wooded lots right near town, the
Brothers' Place, and the harbor. Asking
\$40,000 each. Call (773) 646-1424.

WESTERN SHORES - Juniper Point
Lot #6 - 451' frontage/3 acres on Lake
Michigan. Overlooking High Island.
Winding Driveway thru Red and White
Cedars. \$285,000 FSBO 3% co-broke
(269) 598-8042.

40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD -
Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.

FOR SALE: CHARMING PORT ST. JAMES HOME



27827 WHITE CEDAR TRAIL

Charming 1,132 sq. ft. home on two Port St. James wooded lots. It has two bedrooms—
one upstairs plus an upstairs hot tub & exercise room. Full bath downstairs, ½ bath
upstairs. Every room has a combination ceiling-fan light fixture. Baseboard electric heat
throughout the house which is well insulated, but there is also a propane heater
downstairs. Kitchen with snack bar open to dining area. Close to Font Lake and the
North Shore Park and about half-way between St. James and Donegal bay. **\$139,500.**

Ed Wojan Realty:

Real Estate Office: (231) 448-2711
Toll Free Number: 1-800-268-2711



BEACHFRONT HOME FOR RENT:

3 bedrooms and loft – total 5 beds, hot tub, gorgeous views, solitude, wood stove, May-Sept. \$1050
Off-season \$795.
Call Perry at (313) 530-9776
or e-mail pgatliff@hotmail.com



WATERFRONT COTTAGE FOR RENT:

Fabulous sunset view. Quiet, wooded location near Indian Point (NW side). One BR and loft. Sleeps four max. Everything you need is there! Sorry, no smoking or pets. \$650/week in season. Off season available.
dt76@sbcglobal.net or call
(616) 396-6468 or (616) 490-3330



ISLAND AERIE: Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bathrooms, 4 BR w/ 2 king and 10 twin beds, large 1st floor decks, 2nd floor wet bar and deck, 3rd floor game room, all modern amenities and appliances, great for multiple families and groups. \$1600/week, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 866-2159

CEDAR COTTAGE - On bluff with view of harbor. Two bedrooms, one dbl. bed, two singles. TV, VCR, grill, full kitchen, washer/clothesline, 2 bikes; no pets. \$650/week. Call (734) 769-7565. mschroer@a2mich.com

SECLUDED 1940'S LOG CABIN JUST ONE BLOCK FROM LAKE and market on one acre. Sleeps 4-6, *pets welcome* (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$600/wk; weekends

available. (219) 253-6500.

DONEGAL BAY HOUSE FOR RENT - Nice wooded location. Two BR. New kitchen. Summer: \$675. Off-season \$425. (269) 668-7892 nprawat@yahoo.com
ADS: \$1/line or \$15 w. photo and web.

10.1 ACRES OF HARDWOODS - with 700 feet of frontage on West Side Drive one mile north of Fox Lake. For Sale by Owner. High ground with private road and fully cleared building site. \$45,000. Call Bubba at (989) 821-5344.

40 WOODED ACRES WITH CREEK - Driveway, clearing, and small storage building. State Land across the road. Located on King's Highway minutes from town. \$69,500. (616) 681-5466.

WOODED HOMESITE IN PORT OF ST. JAMES - Huge lot, surveyed, perked, power available, 3 minutes from Donegal Bay Beach, call (269) 857-6084.

HARBOR-AREA HOUSE FOR SALE - Two-Story 2,688 sq. ft. house plus 2 car attached garage & full basement. 3 large bedrooms—master BR with private bath and walk-in closet, cathedral ceiling. 2 ½ baths. 2 decks. Approximately 1-acre corner lot. Peekaboo view of the Harbor. Potential for a bed and

breakfast business. Asking: \$245,000. Owner is licensed agent. Call Jackie at (231) 448-2342.

FOR SALE, BEAUTIFUL LARGE BUILDABLE LOT - on the main part of Lake Geneserath. Call Julie @ (616) 566-3311 for details

TWO LOTS IN THE PORT ST. JAMES near Font Lake. Perked, wooded, buildable. #708 & 709; electric and phone right there. \$14,000 each. Call Peggy at (269) 671-5557.

TO PLACE AN AD - (231) 448-2476



FABULOUS NEW HOME FOR SALE

Located between Lake Michigan and the Harbor. Two bedrooms plus huge loft, one full bath, living room, w/2-story ceiling, kitchen, utility room, large front & side decks, truly "Turn-Key" with appliances, furniture, bedding, down to dishes and silverware! Easy walking distance to everything in town.

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CALL ERIK PETERSON, OWNER
(269) 857-6084 or (616) 240-8980



HARBOR AREA HOUSE FOR SALE

Furnished 2 bedroom 1 ½ bath home on large lot with seasonal view of the harbor. Full basement, front and back decks and large pole barn. Asking price \$165,000.

Contact Dave Sweet at
(614) 899-9922 or (614) 736-6056 or
email for additional photos:
DMSweet2@ameritech.net

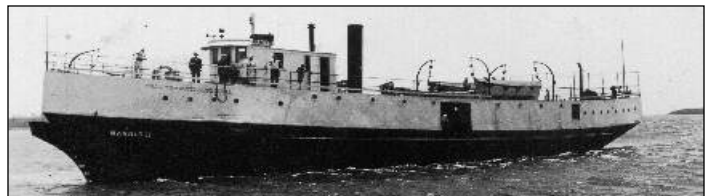


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