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Islanders make it to the Regionals this year!
See Story on page 20.

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News from the Townships

St. James Township

Over thirty people attended the monthly Town Board meeting, most interested in the proposed park at Northcutt Bay on Garden Island. But before that matter came up, some regular business had to be addressed.

The Charlevoix Equalization Department rejected the name 'Popss' Road' for the road accessing the lots south of Lake Drive and north of Gull Harbor—because there already was a Popss' Road in the County. So 'Downers Road' (the way a trail in approximately the same spot was named on an old plat map) was approved instead.

The Transfer Station was drowning in stumps, so it has begun to investigate acquiring a stump grinder, a machine that produces potentially sellable mulch; manufacturer's reps were scheduling visits.

On the behalf of the Fire Department Tim McDonough thanked the Quilters and the Beaver Island Music Fest for their donations of \$1,000 each.

The Port St. James attorney was ill, so the meeting between the Subdivision's POA and the Township (to resolve questions about the use of township lots at Donegal Bay) was rescheduled for October 21st.

The revised section of the Municipal Airport Ordinance, eliminating the requirement for a commercial operator

to build a terminal, apron, and parking in exchange for use of the field, was unanimously accepted.

John Runberg Jr. addressed the Board, first sketching the history of the 12' x 16' building on state land at Northcutt Bay. He said that the area had become popular, and improvements had gradually been made by those who regularly convened there: a little clearing, a deck, a roof, a generator, and finally a walled gazebo. He said a sign invites anyone to make use of it, and that he has taken the responsibility of keeping the site clean.

John Runberg Jr. asked the Township to think about making the site a 5-acre Township Park, and to write a letter saying it would consider this; he had been ticketed for the building by the DNR, but would not have to go to court if the matter was under consideration. He cited several cases in which the structure had come in handy for people wanting to avoid the pesky bugs or needing an overnight refuge, and said he was ready to install a radio so it could be used as a base camp for any rescue operation.

Supervisor Don Vyse doubted that the DNR would ever go along with the site becoming a Township Park, but said that for this to have a chance of happening several provisions would have to be made. There would have to be a

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detailed plan for operating and maintaining the site, so that if John Runberg Jr. lost interest, the upkeep would not revert to the Township. Several people in the audience offered their help. Skip Duhamel suggested that the Grand Traverse Band might play a role, and support from people not present, such as Ed Wojan and Jason Allen, was adduced. Some also pointed out the sad neglect the DNR has shown for its cabin at Garden Island Harbor, which is no longer fit for use.

The Supervisor mentioned the episode of a group who wanted to create a Park near the Boat Dock, and did, but then lost interest—so that the Township now has to spend about \$1,500 a year on its upkeep. Nevertheless, the Board agreed, not unanimously, to write a letter saying it would consider making the site a Township Park, and provide a copy which could be sent to the Charlevoix prosecutor.

Peaine Township

With no Old Business on the agenda, most of the monthly meeting was taken up with discussion about the proposed revision of the Municipal Airport ordinance. Supervisor Works thought that after years of taxpayers support, there should be a return from allowing a commercial operation to use the Airport facilities. Don Vyse,

chairman of the Airport Committee, pointed out that Charlevoix Airport was one of the few in Michigan to turn a profit, and it only did so because of the parking fees it collected. The presence of *Fresh Air Aviation* at the MA will stimulate more parking there, he said, generating more fees.

The chairman said that the proposed lease with *Fresh Air* would be good for the Airport and good for the Island. The lease they would sign calls for payment in services, not in money. They will make improvements to the terminal, such as repainting the interior, and their personnel will assist the public, doing such things as directing planes to tie-down spots (*NorthFlight* has been hampered by planes parked in the way), answering the phone, and arranging rental cars or taxi service.

The Airport Committee mentioned that parking fees were not effectively collected by the last Airport Manager, who was paid \$425 a month. Even though *Fresh Air* could do some of the Manager's tasks (a value was put on the services they will perform for the MA: \$400-\$500 a month), such as collecting tie-down fees and performing janitorial services, a new Manager must be hired (at a rate of pay still to be determined.) The Committee currently is evaluating six applications.

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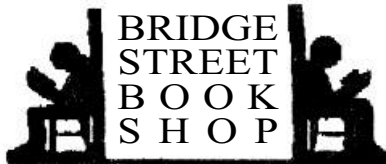
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News from the Townships, from page 5.

Committee members stated that during the negotiation with *Island Airways*, they were told that their cost to move to and operate from the MA would be \$80,000 a year. An attempt was made to see if any money might be available to subsidize this, but none was. If the MA ever obtains a usage level of 10,000 flights a year (28 a day), it will be eligible for the next round of grants—up to \$1,000,000 a year.

The Board did not want to appear to be subsidizing *Fresh Air*.

The discussion became focused on the length of contract to give *Fresh Air*. Three years was proposed, but the Supervisor argued for two. However, the Board agreed to a contract for three.

The Peaine Roads Committee met with the Road Commission the day before this meeting, and reported that the CCRC could only offer to be here for 3 to 4 weeks to work on spreading and grading gravel. They lease their grader, and when the lease expires may let us negotiate to buy it. If they can sell the existing garage they would be interested in constructing a new one near the Transfer Station. We may need to develop a new pit for gravel, such as the one proposed on the Pingel property. They said that they could be of more help if the county-wide extra mil passes—but the Peaine Board thought we'd come out ahead to pass our own extra mil and keep that money here. There was some hope that the gas tax would go from 19¢ to 29¢, but even if it does, downstate politicians have a way of siphoning off that revenue.

The audit was completed, and Peaine's books are in fine shape.

The Hall Addition had its final inspection and was declared done. The Supervisor said it had been a pleasure to work with Ernie Martin Jr, that everything had been done right and he had responded well to each question raised during the process. When the architect came for the final check, he began the design for a rear extension to the Transfer Station.

EMS Budget

The EMS presented a comparison of its 2006/07 projections with its actual year-to-date amounts. Its income was projected to be \$86,550, made up of \$52,000 from the combined townships, bills for services, donations, and the transfer of a \$16,000 savings account into its general fund.

Expenses were projected for several areas: Education (\$18,300); Ambulance and e-car (\$14,500); Clean room, office, and garage (\$9,300); Wages (\$33,800: \$15,500 for summer help, \$4,200 for instruction, and \$4,500 for run stipends); plus a number of smaller categories, bringing the total anticipated cost to \$86,550. At this point it looks like the budget will be met.

EMS Director McCafferty is preparing to have a baby, but promised to have a detailed update and new budget for the coming year by early January. She also thanked the Quilters for their donation of \$1,000, which was used to buy a folding cot that fits into the helicopter—it replaced one made of boards and duct tape.



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As many of you may or may not know, Johnny Paul Kenwabikise's daughter, Wendy, has brain cancer.

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Johnny has had so much tragedy in his life with the untimely deaths of his four sons, and now in addition to all of this, his son Simon may be shipped out to Iraq in a few weeks.

There will be a Benefit Party at Jerry LaFreniere's Garage Saturday,

November 18, 7:00 p.m. Free Will Donation, Live Music, Food, Raffles, and Auctions.

We would like everyone to attend but if you are unable to, a fund has been set up at the Charlevoix State Bank; your check should be made out to the *Kenwabikise Benefit Fund* and can be dropped off at the bank here on the Island, or mailed to:

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Beaver Islanders travel to New Orleans February

Holy Cross Catholic Church is organizing a trip to its adopted parish in New Orleans next February. Shortly after last year's hurricane Katrina, Holy Cross adopted St. Bridget's Parish in New Orleans.

Devastated by the hurricane, many of its families left and have not returned. Much work continues to be in need of doing including painting, roofing, and repairs to buildings ... not only those associated with the church but another church nearby, and surrounding houses. Also, cleaning and organizing their library books is on the wish list to be completed.

The plan so far is to travel down to New Orleans in late February and work for a week. Some are planning a mid-winter break to coincide with

this and will continue on to Florida, Texas or somewhere else.

A headcount is needed before the middle of November so that housing can be arranged. A sign-up list will be at Holy Cross Church. Please include skills that you have, and tools that you can bring.

You may also call Jacque LaFreniere (231) 448-2220 if you are interested. If we get a lot of interest we may plan two trips with separate groups ... so if you have another time in mind, let us know that too. Just because it has been a full year doesn't mean there is no longer any need. Much of New Orleans remains in the same state of disrepair that it was twelve months ago.

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Letters To the Editor –



Upon reading the letters published in the October *Beacon*, I feel obligated to respond to some of the comments made concerning Garden Island's Northcutt Bay and the building there.

I was going to title my letter, *In Defense of Ken Bruland*, but I feel Ken needs no defense. He is totally right. A few individuals have scarred an otherwise pristine beach. It is a shame that these people actually believed they could put up a building on state land without permission—and then get 200 people to sign a petition supporting it. It's too bad that all those involved in

putting up the building can't be fined, with the money collected used to reclaim the beach, clear the trails, and clean up the 'dump' that boaters and campers created behind the old DNR cabin. The DNR did not leave all that garbage there—as was suggested at our township meeting.

Some of those involved mentioned Northcutt and the new building as a bay of refuge for boaters seeking shelter from storms. Naturally, any bay can be a place of shelter, depending on wind direction. Northcutt is usually not a good refuge in a bad storm—Garden

Island Harbor is a safer place.

Another comment was that tents which were used for shelter were ripped to shreds by high winds. It was not mentioned that the tents had been up for weeks, if not months, with flaps open. As is the case at any state or township campground, the tents should have been removed after use, not exceeding the customary 20 days allowed in a campground.

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– Tim McDonough

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Great Lakes Boaters in Line of Fire by F.Ned Dikmen, Chairman, Great Lakes Boating Federation

Four hundred and thirty thousand bullets raining into the water—the estimated number of rounds to be fired each year during the Coast Guard's live fire exercises—has raised eyebrows around the Great Lakes, especially those of environmentalists and the 4.3 million registered boaters.

The exercises are estimated to deposit as much as 6,900 pounds of lead and 2,800 pounds of copper into the lake each year. A spokesman for the Michigan Environment Council warned, "That's more lead than the entire state of Michigan and all of its industries and pollution sources emit to surface waters every year."

The security of our nation is of the utmost importance, but there are great concerns for the safety of the most likely victims: recreational boaters boating near the line of fire. The tests are to be conducted in 34 permanent live-fire zones, but much danger lies in poor communication and notification of when and where the drills will be conducted. How is the ship-to-shore radio-ignorant fisherman supposed to know when and where the bullets are flying?

Live fire training has been

conducted since the beginning of the year, but surfacing concerns have resulted in a recent suspension of training as the Coast Guard meets with Great Lakes communities to discuss improvements to its plan. The Great Lakes Boating Federation praises the efforts of the Coast Guard, but is concerned about boaters' safety. The Coast Guard proposes no contingency plans for boaters themselves in the event of a terrorist act. What are boaters to do if they're trapped between the crosshairs of a threatening vessel and the Coast Guard? With machine guns blazing all around, no boater is going to know what to do or be able to listen to instructions given on the spot. The Coast Guard should reconsider its decision to use the Great Lakes as a firing range.

The Army does not use our national parks for 'live fire' exercises. Indeed, most citizens would be outraged if the idea was even suggested. This is precisely the type of outrage being expressed by recreational boaters over the Coast Guard's current war games.

Like our national parks, the Great Lakes are a tranquil wilderness offering the citizenry a recreational respite from

the stresses of modern urban life. This is simply not the place for 34 live fire zones.

An Emergency Alert System with precautionary education tailored for recreational boaters is absolutely necessary if these live fire exercises are going to continue. Machine guns, live fire zones, and terrorist threats are all firsts for recreational boaters. Boaters' safety is of paramount importance, since they could unexpectedly find themselves caught in the line of fire.

While Great Lakes boaters would rather see the Coast Guard using its limited resources to enhance search and rescue operations, if the war games must continue, then every possible measure should be taken to ensure that a 'live fire exercise' does not turn into a real search and rescue mission.

Bart Stupak speaks out

Representative Stupak expressed reservations about the notice the Coast Guard provides the public, when the exercises will be conducted, how this will affect fishing and spawning, how long these shooting exercises will last, and how they will keep boaters and shippers informed.



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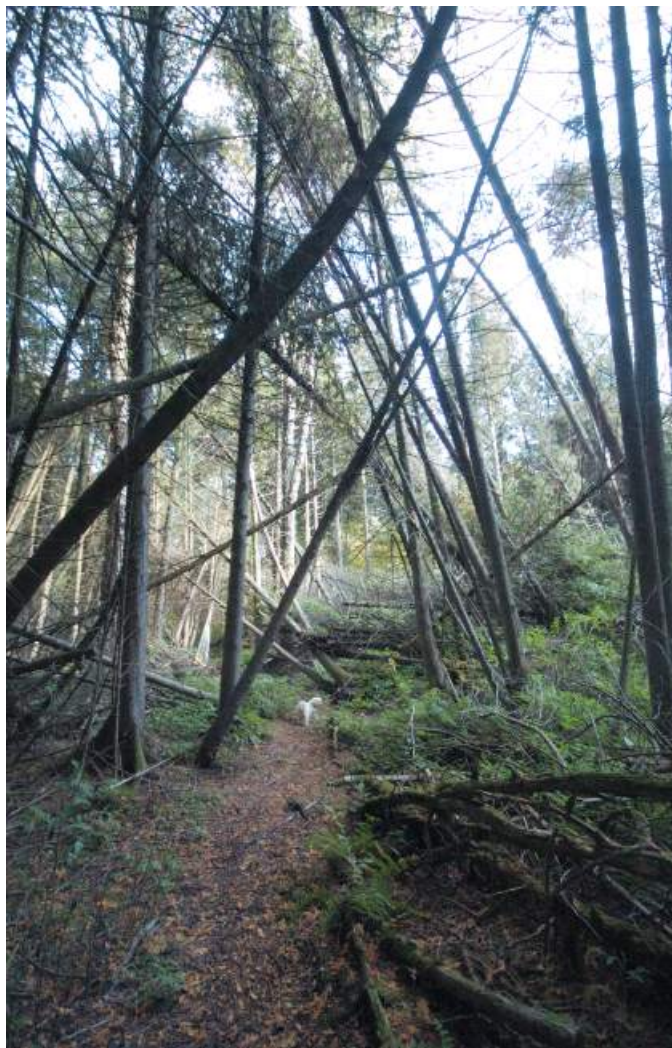
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A Beaver Island October

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have had to forego during the busy summer season. We see what the beavers

‘Just Desserts’ comes

The cast has been set: Bob Hoogendorn, Donna Stambaugh, Lisa Gillespie, Pam O'Brien and Cynthia Johnson...now don't start teasing Bob about having a harem...yet! The story: a local bake-off is occurring for charity...sound familiar...but then the judge dies. Is it murder? The suspects, include Margaret—wife of the richest guy in town, Edna, the quiet unassuming librarian and Scooter, a young lady from the other side of the tracks...each with a secret concerning the late Judge. Of course don't forget Mrs. Peabody...a retired school teacher who has organized the event. Come join in the fun!

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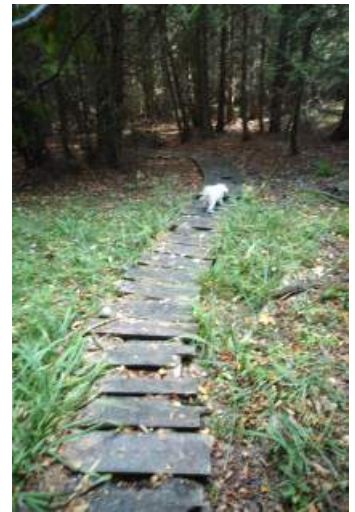
A carpet of leaves leads the way



LSB: Looking from the beach side, it appears it was not just "one little step"



Time



The LSB boardwalk has aged quickly

have done to the streams. We check the rate at which the leaves are turning, to

get a handle on winter. We observe the birds and the deer, and treasure the late-

blooming flowers. We take a breath, and whisper, "This is why we are here."

to Island Stage Dec. 2

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The fun will include a murder mystery—that the audience will help solve by searching the hall for clues during intermission, which will feature a local dessert bake-off with prizes for the winners, and concession snacks made in keeping with the theme of the play...just desserts, baked by the school kids.

The local dessert bake-off is open to everyone. Dust off those cook books and prepare something to wow the judges. Oh, the remainder after judging will be auctioned off, so bring your extra dollars to bid on those delicious delectables and help support the Preservation Association of Beaver Island. Call Jacque if you wish to enter, or have any questions...at 448-2220.



Donegal Bay Sunset



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Out of the Blue

Episode 3: "Powers"

A s e r i a l s c i e n c e f i c t i o n s t o r y

Previously: Last month nearly 200 Islanders fell seriously ill with flu-like symptoms. Scientists at the Centers for Disease Control started to investigate the cause, suspecting that avian flu might have arrived on the Island. Anxiety spread throughout the Island, as did rumors of a potential quarantine. Meanwhile, one Islander gained

December 9, 2006, 4:05 p.m.

The Beaver Island Christmas Cantata is a perennial act of faith and love. You have the faith that somehow the much-anticipated event will come together, with all the practicing and preparation that have to be squeezed into always busy Island life. You love the music, with the community choir in nearly angelic voice. You love the season, with the advent of winter's dark, restoring comforts. You love the fellowship, with so many Islanders packed into the Beaver Island Christian Church.

Kathy Speck was feeling the love midway through the first Cantata performance on Saturday afternoon. Energetically directing the choir with her back to the audience, she was filled with joy. Everything was going perfectly, and coming up was a solo by teacher Miranda Rooy that would surely blow away the crowd. Kathy nodded to Miranda, to cue her. But when Miranda opened her mouth to sing, all Kathy heard was a shrill scream that went on and on even after

Miranda had closed her lips.

"What the —," Kathy said, turning to the back of the sanctuary. Then she let out a cry herself. A huge monster covered entirely in a white space-suit was loose in the back of the church. The creature lifted its arm overhead and waved around a piece of paper.

The day had started strangely, although few Islanders knew it then. In a field near the Municipal Airport, a dozen men in firefighting gear—thick coats, pants, and gloves, rubber boots, helmets with plastic shields—had stood in the cold for longer than they liked. A raw wind was blowing from the north and a thick frost covered the hardened ground.

"Where's the fire?" shouted Tim McDonough, chief of the volunteer firemen. "Let's get going, Galen. It's freezing out here." Galen Bartels had volunteered to set afire an aging chicken coop on his property, so the troop could train in winter conditions. Tim had been pleased to find that so many of the volunteers were no longer ill with the mystery flu that had run

through the Island population for the last two months. Hundreds had become ill and scores of them—including many of the hunters who had arrived on the Island in November—had been hospitalized on the mainland. Now, though, most of the victims were recovering and available again for fire training, Cantata singing, and even work that paid.

Galen had not come down with any of the symptoms, but he'd been feeling a little differently for the last few weeks, quite energized and super-aware. He looked around at the other firemen and then gazed at the wooden building. "Here comes the fire," he shouted.

Instantly, flames appeared along the entire bottom of the coop. The crew sprang into action, moving two nozzles toward the little hut. But Jim Stambaugh stayed back. He pushed up his plastic face-shield and fixed his steely school-teacher gaze on Galen, who hadn't moved and had a red glow in his eyes. "How in the world did you do that, Mr. Bartels?!"

Galen smiled shyly. "It's all in the mind, Jim," he replied, never taking his

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great energy and strange mind-over-matter powers after being exposed to a mysterious blue "rock" she found on the beach. Other Islanders found similar objects. And when Jeff Powers examined a dead swan he found in its gizzard another one of these unknown objects.

eyes off the burning structure.

News of Galen's fire-starting power rippled through the Island community like the warnings from a beaver's tail thumping in a once-calm pond. Jim Stambaugh told his wife, Donna, a quilter, who told fellow-teacher Judi Meister, who telephoned Tina Morgan, a fellow quilter, champion speed-walker of a certain age, and a member of the *Needlers*, who met twice a month to knit and stitch. Once the *Needlers* and the firefighters—the Venus and Mars "telegraphs" of the Island—had the news, the rest was history: everyone on the Island knew. But it was Tina who realized what the news might mean.

"There's something weird going on," she said to Judi. "Galen's not the only one who has done something supernatural. I heard Wendy White can move objects with her mind. And one of those hunters who got sick said he'd been flying around Lake Geneserath. We all thought he was delusional, or stoned."

Judi thought this over. "Here's another one," she said. "Phil Gregg said he could read people's minds before he

got sick and sent to the hospital. Thank God he's back on the Island and feeling like his old self again."

"There's more," Tina continued. "Wendy and Phil both found little blue rocks like the one Jeff discovered in that dead swan—before they got those powers. And I heard that Abby Fogarty and Connie Wojan came upon blue rocks, too. I wonder if they can start fires or fly."

"You think there's a connection between these super powers and the flu on the Island?"

"I wonder. Maybe both are connected somehow to the blue rocks. People are finding them all over the Island. What's that about? Judi, who should we tell about this? The deputy? The health clinic?"

"Tina, look at the time. We can't talk any more. We've got to get to church to get ready for the Cantata."

The Cantata, 4:06 p.m.

Kathy Speck watched, frozen along with every one else in the church, as the white-garbed thing strode down the aisle

toward the front of the room. It was making muffled noises and kept waving a paper overhead. It stopped right in front of her.

Kathy gasped and jumped back a step. It was a man! She had looked right into its—his—eyes; through the face mask, she could see they were brown and large. He was wearing one of those contamination suits that you see on TV when people clean up a toxic spill site.

The man turned to face the crowd. "By order of the President of the United States," he said, his voice amplified by a microphone in his helmet, "this Island is under *quarantine*. No one may leave or come to the Island. All gatherings on the Island are banned until further notice.

"Go home, folks. Go home right now. This Island is now under the jurisdiction of the National Guard, which will enforce the quarantine."

As he finished, three more men in 'haz-mat' suits entered the room. They were holding semiautomatic pistols.

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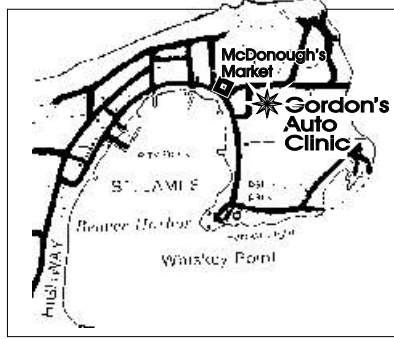
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Gary Comer 1928–2006

Gary C. Comer, who founded *Lands' End*, died Wednesday in his hometown of Chicago. He was 78.

Comer, who grew up on Chicago's South Side, died after succumbing to a long battle with cancer, according to a statement from University of Chicago Hospitals cited in a story posted on the Chicago Tribune's Web site.

Lands' End President David McCreight said, "American business has lost an icon. Gary Comer was a visionary entrepreneur, whose passion for excellence created a legendary company. His adventurous spirit, environmental stewardship, and legacy of philanthropic leadership continue to inspire us."

Comer founded *Lands' End* in the early 1960s and stepped down as president in 1990. He remained chairman of the board and the majority stockholder until the company was sold to Sears, Roebuck & Co. in May 2002.

Only after 10 years as an advertising copywriter did a 33-year-old Comer decide to start his own company. In 1962, he launched a mail-order sailing equipment business; he and his partners incorporated *Lands' End Yacht Stores* a year later in Chicago.

Comer moved the company's warehouse and phone operations to Dodgeville in 1978. In 1986, *Lands' End* went public.

In an account on the *Lands' End* website, Comer told of starting the business in a basement along the river in the old tannery district of Chicago, when he and his associates were sailors who sold racing sailboat equipment along with duffel bags, rain suits, sweaters, and other clothing.

"When we learned enough about the business to spread our wings and grow a little, we moved the company to the small town of Dodgeville in rural Wisconsin," he said.

In Dodgeville, he said, the company found people of a farming community who became workers in what became a major catalog business. And the workers frequently modeled the clothes in the *Lands' End* catalogue.

Comer was known for his philanthropy. He and his wife, Frances, made several donations over the past 10 years totaling more than \$84 million, gifts that



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led to the creation and expansion of the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital.

"My wife Francie and I have been determined to find the most effective ways to give back," Gary Comer said in a profile on the hospital's website. "We have chosen to do that by that focusing on fundamental needs, such as children's health and education. What could be more important than that?"

In 2001 alone, he and his wife donated \$21 million for the Comer Children's Hospital—matching the largest donation ever made to the University of Chicago Hospitals, the *Lands' End* statement said.

"He was a man of unparalleled vision and generosity and we are all enormously indebted to him and his memory," said Robert Zimmer, president of the University of Chicago.

In the mid-1980s he landed his plane on Beaver Island, took a tour, and fell in love. He bought a home at McCauley's Point, and was frequently here with his wife and two children. When the tax laws were about to change, he told a local Realtor he wanted to donate money to an Island project "while he still could." The Realtor suggested he write a check to the Library fund, which had been established by a group hoping to create a library here; they had worked hard for two years, and were proud of having raised almost \$2,500. Mr. Comer agreed, took out his checkbook, and wrote a check and passed it across the desk. The Realtor was surprised by the amount: \$100,000.

The library committee didn't know what to do next, so Mr. Comer guided them along. He flew to Washington D.C. and brought back one of America's leading library consultants, whose fee he paid out of his pocket. Once the program was complete, he brought a leading architect to Beaver, also at his own expense. The plans were finished in less than a year, and the project went out on bids. The lowest was for over twice what the committee had in its account. Without being asked, Mr. Comer wrote another check to cover the balance.

He also expanded the E/W strip at the Municipal Airport by 1,000'. He really loved to fly.

Thanks for supporting the Community School

Dear Community Members,

I thank you for your ongoing support for the Beaver Island Community School. The support shown by businesses and civic and church groups as we planned and brought the Harlem Ambassadors to the Island was awesome. The Harlem Ambassadors had a great time here, and they delivered a great message to our students about staying in school and staying off drugs and alcohol. When the Harlem Ambassadors approached us last spring about coming to the Island, Kerry Smith and I did not hesitate very long in booking them because we knew that the com-

munity would pull together to help us make it work.

And work it did—nearly 300 residents enjoyed great entertainment and nearly \$1,700.00 was raised for the school's student travel fund. I want to also thank the community for the kind wishes and support for our *Islander* soccer team as they won the first ever District Championship. The sports program, like so many other wonderful activities for youth, would not be possible without the heartfelt support and contributions by everyone in the community. Thanks Again for being there for Kids!
— Kitty McNamara

Northern Michigan Hospital Labor Dispute Ends

The National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) notified Northern Michigan Hospital (NMH) on 10-26 that Teamsters Local 406 has withdrawn its election petition and objections to the June 2, 2005 nurse representation election. That action leaves NMH with no issues pending before the NLRB, meaning, in effect, the strike that began in November 2002 is over.

"This closes a chapter in our history," said NMH President and CEO Tom Mroczkowski. "NMH today is an award-winning, regional referral center with 1,600 employees who provide the best healthcare available anywhere in the region. We are proud to continue providing healthcare as we expect for our own family, and we are pleased that the majority decision of our nurses against representation has been fully validated."

Mroczkowski noted that in the period spanning the beginning and end of the strike, NMH has brought on a

new executive leadership team, built a new Emergency Department and Heart & Vascular Center, and added 17 new physicians in the past year alone.

The hospital has experienced record high patient and employee satisfaction rates, with 98.4% of patients saying they would recommend the hospital to family and friends. In addition, NMH renewed accreditation with the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), with the hospital's highest score ever, and recently achieved recognition as the only JCAHO-certified Primary Stroke Care Center in northern Michigan.

Northern Michigan Hospital is a 243-bed, regional referral center located in Petoskey, serving residents in 24 counties across northern lower Michigan and the eastern part of the Upper Peninsula. The medical staff includes 171 physicians from nearly all medical and surgery specialties.

Hospice News

With winter fast approaching, our number of Hospice Volunteers decreases. So if you need help with respite care, or the loan of medical equipment, please contact a volunteer, in the order listed here: Lois Williams (448-2475), Sandy LoDico (2004); Jane Dwyer (2868); Margaret Bass (2444); Pinky Harmon (2461); Loretta Slater (3148); Penny Young (2996); or Di Shoup (2068.) For Helping Hands, call Tammy McDonough at 448-2499.

Remember, we have resources at the Beaver Island District Library and the Rural Health Center. Please feel free to use them.

Since we function on donations only, we welcome these at any time. Please send your contributions to the Beaver Island Hospice, Box 241, Beaver Island 49782. A special thanks goes out to those of you who have sent us financial gifts this past year.

— Joyce Runberg



Another Beautiful Boodle

photograph by Phyllis Moore

This year's *Boodle*, our 5th annual 5k walk-and-run, was held on an absolutely perfect early-October Saturday, a full week before a surprise storm dumped two inches of snow on Beaver's hind end. After having started with only a handful of participants, the *Boodle*, concocted by Gail and Mike Weede of the *Paradise Bay Dive Shop*,

has grown every year to the over-100 present for this one.

The overall winner among the runners (there were also walkers, and a brigade of carriage pushers) was a BICS freshman, Cameron Burton in 21 minutes 18 seconds, who had played in the morning's soccer game only a half-hour before, followed by Jake Drost (21.44)



and then the odds-on early favorite, Matt Hahn III (22.18).

Cherri Huelsbert finished in 23 minutes and 14 seconds. Other women to finish quickly were Margie O'Connor (24.43), followed by Mary Grondin (30.29), and Marianne Brown (30.32). Bailey McDonough was the first girl to finish (30.03), followed by Libby



The lighthouse school was up for the race



The favorites and leaders round the point

Ken earns his Stripe

For many years Joe Moore has been our only year-around paramedic on Beaver Island, but now we have two. On October 17, 2006, Ken Bruland. 'Kayak Ken,' was awarded his license.

It takes over 1,000 hours of intense training to become a paramedic, and once you're there, you get to interrupt everything you plan in order to help save a life. Yet it's a necessary job, and one of vital importance to those of us who have been helped. So, from the bottom of our hearts, thanks, Ken, for going the extra mile.

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Three hundred people enjoy a *Bite of Beaver*

Once again the Chamber of Commerce surpassed itself by packing the

Parish Hall so full of people few of us recognized that there was barely room to turn around. Sure, the great food helped, the gourmet delicacies prepared by our many relatively unknown master chefs, and the wonderful scarecrows designed by the Brownies, but *having the goods* is not sufficient to procure success; it also took much hard

work by Kathy Speck, Jean Carpenter, Tammy LaFreniere, Liz Lanier, Sarah Owinski, Marijean Pike, Terry Meany Gail Weede, and Steve and Elaine West. Wendy Fogg won the award for best decorated table.

Music that set the pace for the mad devouring that took place was provided by Joddy and Stryder Crosswhite.



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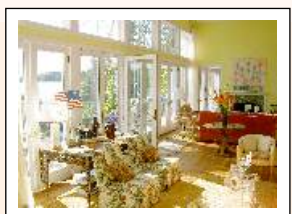
Anyone for Russia?

A few spaces are available for a trip to Russia from 6/16/07 to 6/27/07 to see 'the Waterways of the Czars.' The river cruise will begin in St. Petersburg, and end in Moscow ten days later. The website for the cruise company and itinerary is www.vikingrivercruises.com.

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PABI Wins

The lawsuit filed by Cox Medendorp Olson against our Community House last January has been settled, in PABI's favor.

CMO had been hired to design a building that could be built for no more than \$1,800,000 PABI stated. But the low bid for building it was \$3,500,000. PABI was devastated—it would have to start the design process over.

Then the second shoe dropped: CMO sued for a fee based on a percentage of the low bid; after all, they had put in a lot of work on their expensive

design; they wanted another \$150,000, plus interest and legal fees. The dispute could not be resolved, so the parties headed for arbitration. On October 12th the arbitrator declared that CMO had breached the contract, and PABI would only have to pay a separate acoustic design charge of around \$32,000.

So now it's full speed ahead with the task of raising the remaining funds to complete the project. The elevator will be installed yet this fall, and, if all goes well, the Community Center may be open in the fall of 2007.

BITA Director rewarded

At the Beaver Island Transportation Authority's October meeting, Executive Director Barb Schwartzfisher was rewarded for her excellence by having her salary raised to \$58,310, which puts her in line with those holding a comparable position elsewhere. The BITA Board also established an annual review procedure for evaluating her ongoing performance.

At the Annual Meeting BITA Rich Gillespie (president), Kitty McNamara (vice pres), and Ken Taylor (sec/treas) were reinstated to their positions.



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Tooting our Chamber's Horn

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Director Steve West, the Board, and several volunteers staff the office

and provide visitor information in person, by phone, email, and with 4,000+ visitor packets. The Chamber maintains an informative web site, sends out 6,500 brochures and 15,000 rack cards, and brings media reps to the Island with hospitality, including *Michigan BLUE*,

Traverse, the Magazine, AAA Living, UP magazine, and several newspapers. The Chamber paid skydivers and arranged for jets on July 4th and initiated the *Citizen of the Year* banquet. Last year alone, the Chamber spent \$6,000 on ads focused on spring and fall.

Mammogram Van on Beaver Island

The Karmanos Mammogram Van visited Beaver Island for three days in late September. Sixty-eight women took advantage of the convenience and cost-savings of this screening.

The BIRHC wishes to thank the Karmanos organization for allowing their vehicle to come to the Island, the nurses for their willingness to come, and most of all, the Beaver Island Boat

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Islanders Make Regionals!



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And the Beaver Island *Islanders* were among them.

The *Islanders* did something that no previous team from the Emerald Isle had done before, regardless of which sport: win a district title. And they did it with guts. They did it with gusto.

In all you could ever ask for in any district final, the *Islanders* prevailed 3-2 in overtime against the host Big Bay de Noc Black Bears.

You often hear of teams and players 'leaving it all on the field.' Well, the *Islanders* did just that, playing as hard as they could for the first 80 minutes of play, then extending themselves for another 6 and a half minutes before junior Brenden Martin bent a corner kick high above and around a bewildered Big

Bay goalkeeper, finding the far top corner of the goal for the stunning winner.

"We've actually practiced that," coach Myers said of the improbable winning shot.

But this was beyond practice, this was a district final, and Martin's kick was a thing of precision and beauty as the Black Bears keeper, defenders, and the *Islanders'* front line watched in their respective despair and amazement before the official blew his whistle and

Story by Frank Solle. Photographs by Melissa Peters and Frank Solle.



pointed to the Green-and-White side of the pitch. Goal. Game. Title. Champs. "I'm so proud of these kids," Myers said. "I'm so glad they got to play this game. It was too much fun."

With the four-day struggle they had to finally play their semifinal game against Mackinac Island, it seemed at times unlikely any advancement would be possible.

But with the Lakers handily out of the way, the trip to 'da Yoop' was on.

Yet once safely at the Big Bay school, the Black Bears had ideas of their own how this championship battle was going to play out.

Junior Jeremy Hardy, who scored four of Big Bay's six goals in last year's district final win over the *Islanders*, and who netted seven of the Bears eight goals in their semifinal win over Grand Marais, took advantage of a long scramble in front of the *Islanders'* goal and booted the ball past goalkeeper Eric Albin at the

11:03 mark of the first half.

"We couldn't get the ball out of the box and I never even saw the shot," Albin said of Hardy's kick that bounced in off the inside of the left post.

Big Bay kept up the offensive pressure throughout the rest of the first half, demonstrating their team quickness by being first to the ball time and again.

But the *Islanders'* strong defensive presence kept the Bears out of any offensive
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Jared



David



Saygan



Dereck

Islanders make Regionals, from page 21. flow until the final minute of the half.

With just 53 seconds left in the period, Hardy took a quick pass from teammate Stephanie Minor and sent a shot into the left corner of the net past the outstretched reach of Albin.

"That shot had me worried," Myers said. "In the past I've seen Beaver Island teams fizzle out once they fall behind."

Apparently, coach Myers had much less to worry about than he thought.

The *Islanders* continued their hard play as the second half took shape. That work paid off when freshman Dereck

McDonough sent a corner kick high and towards the front of the Black Bear goal where tall senior Jared Wojan leapt and put

a head on the ball and the ball past Big Bay keeper Fred Rangette.

With just 6:34 gone in the half, the Big Bay lead was cut in half.

As the second half continued the *Islanders* were catching up to the Bears on the field. Suddenly the team that seemed so quick in the first half was not so much so.

"It was all those grinders I made them run," Myers said of the sprints up and down the field the *Islanders* ran following some of their much easier victo-

ries during the season.

Then, with 16:15 remaining, a Big Bay defender lost control of the ball just outside the penalty box at their end of the field and the ball bounced right to the feet of Wojan, who gladly took the gift two steps into the box and blasted a shot past a helpless and hapless Rangette to knot the score at two apiece.

Albin saved the day two minutes later when he dove and stretched far to his left, just enough to get a hand on a shot by Hardy, deflecting the ball wide of the goal.

With time running down, Big Bay switched players at the goal in order to bring the athletic Rangette up to the front



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Trophy Time

line. That strategy nearly worked, as the Black Bears kept the offensive pressure on high until there were just under four minutes to play in regulation. At that point the *Islanders* were whistled for a hand ball inside the penalty area, setting up Hardy for a potential title-winning penalty kick.

As Hardy lined up his shot and Albin sized up Hardy, the chilly evening air was drawn in tight anticipation in hundreds of nervous chests all around the field. With the signal from the official to go, Hardy stepped and kicked. And drove the ball harmlessly above the crossbar.

That miss gave the *Islanders* a second

life, and they played out the remaining 3:41 even, sending the game to overtime.

The *Islanders* charged out of the

extra period on fire. A breakaway appeared to give them a solid chance at winning, but a good defensive play by the Bears and a shot from the wing hit the post.

With 8:30 to play in the 15-minute overtime, Martin lined up the ball for his corner kick. And the rest, as they say, is

history. With a bit of exuberant pandemonium thrown in as the *Islander* fans, including a car load of Bobcats who drove down from Munising Baptist to root the *Islanders* on, went wild.

Big Bay coach Todd Chambers was impressed with the *Islanders'* effort. "Beaver Island came with a big, physical team," he was quoted saying in the *Escanaba Daily Press*. "I have to give them credit. Two of their three goals were corner kicks and that's something you have to practice. Corner kicks are very difficult to defend if they're executed properly and theirs were. They're among the top teams we played this year."

Although the *Islanders'* luck ran out when they played Traverse City Christian for the regional championship, this was a season of wonderful accomplishment for our team!



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Lovely Art comes Naturally

My education in basic art started in the early 1950s, at Corpus Christi Catholic Grade School. The nun asked for a few students to draw the various signers of the Declaration of Independence. It was to be a very large mural using only brown craft paper and crayons. There were to be only three artists, and I was one of the three volunteers who were chosen. Upon completion of the pro-

ject, everyone came to see the finished piece. It even appeared in the Dayton Daily News. This large mural started my career in art.

I began taking children's classes at the Dayton Art Institute. I continued my art education during high school, while also taking Saturday classes at The Art School of the Society of Arts and Crafts. Upon completion of high

school, I continued my education at the same high school, which is known as the College of Creative Studies.

I received a degree in the industrial design and a minor in the fine arts program. After completing college I went to work for Ford Motor Company's art department. From there I moved on to GM. I first started working at GM Photographic, and then went on to Chevro-

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Ed Lovely's art (available and on display at *Montage*) shows Beaver Island at its most alluring. He draws inspiration from the beauty around us, as is vouchsafed by these scenes of the West Side Road, Beaver Head Light, and the Squaw Island Light (opposite), Dan LaFreniere at his stand, and the Malloy Market.



let, where I was then able to improve on my various painting techniques.

In the late 1960s my uncle, Father Edward Donahoe, retired to Beaver Island and moved into the Stone House, where he made many friends. The invitation was extended to me to come to Beaver Island to do some work and fishing. One week stretched into two weeks and I was hooked from then on.

Father Donahoe married Sue and I in June of 1974. Father Edward passed away on the Island in late August of '74, which then left the Stone House to me. After six years of country living we were ready to move to the beach, with the help of Roy Ellsworth. We found a beautiful lot on Donegal Bay. Our dream came true when Ron Wojan completed 'The Bay House' in 1983.

Over the years, Beaver Island's beautiful inland lakes, forests, marshes, dunes, and a couple of lighthouses, with of course Mother Nature in the mix of it all, have been the canvas for my art. Whether I am using pen and ink, drawings/sketches, water colors, or acrylics, every season provides me a new inspiration and a deeper love for art.

— Edward D. Loveley



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On This Date

Ten Years Ago The Wildlife Club reported that the 32 turkeys released here in 1994 were 'beyond mere survival' and were an 'expanding flock.' The Club also mowed and fertilized over 20 acres to create 'forage lots' for the deerherd.

The 7th and 8th grade students were taking part in a SWOOPE (Students Watching Over Our Planet, Earth) program that involved collecting rain, measuring its acidity, and reporting their results via email at the end of each week.

The Historical Society, under the guidance of Paul Nelson, established an Endowment Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

For their 40th wedding anniversary, Russ and Joy Green's family staged a multi-team Road Rally, followed by a pig roast at the Parish Hall.

The 9th and 10th grade Drama Class performed *Dracula: the Death of Nosferatu* at the Parish Hall, with Ryan Wojan, Cory Palmer, Christina Heller, and Jessica McCafferty in the lead roles.

Construction began on *Dalwhinnie*

(Gaelic for 'meeting place'), with Gary Damstra as the contractor.

A final inspection of the newly-repaved King's Highway was scheduled, which would point out and have fixed any imperfections in the new surface. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was planned, with invitations sent to dozens of politicians.

Thanks to high rainfall, the Lake was 14" above its average level.

The Leukemia Benefit dinner raised a record \$3,300 from 56 guests, bringing the four-year total to over \$9,000.

Rich Gillespie, the incumbent Charlevoix County Commissioner, faced a stiff challenge from Shirley Roloff. Rich was running on his record of having facilitated the King's Highway repaving, having pushed the Road Commission into reorganizing, and having brought the much-needed transit bus to Beaver Island.

The new *Old Rectory* opened under the ownership of Bill Paladino, Claudia Schmidt, Keven White, and Pam Dohner-White.

Twenty Years Ago Island quilters Gwen Marston and Joe Cunningham were honored at the Orchestra Hall in Detroit after having been commissioned by Merry Silber to make a quilt that incorporated designs from the Hall. The all-white work was being used as a fund-raiser, and was to be raffled off the following year. Back on the Island, they hosted their 3rd annual Quilt Retreat.

Volunteers were being organized to staff the fledgling library in the St. James Town Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Northland Cooperative pledged to deliver 1,000 books, with 807 more from Joe and Floss Frank. A preschool story hour began on October 7th, with Theresa Martin as host. The project began the previous June with 37 interested people forming a committee.

The 3rd annual Soccer Tournament was a great success for everyone except the BICS team, which lost all three of its games.

Mel Bissell was selling wonderful color photographs displayed in frames he made with oak from the McDonough

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After the purchase of a 1979 ambulance for \$2,300 and the completion of an EMT training course, seven EMTs were registered on Beaver Island. A new class was to start soon.

Sheriff George Lasater assigned Allen Muma to be the Island Deputy.

The low bid of \$29,185 from Ryba Marine was accepted for repairs at the Yacht Dock, and was to be paid for by a grant.

Passings noted included Edward Jouzapaitis, Joe McDonough, and Norm Cash. Ed Jouzapaitis and his wife, Island-born Bernadine McCauley, lived in Chicago but summered at their Main Street home here, and made this their primary residence in 1979. Joe 'Nuke' McDonough was brought to Beaver by his nanny, Florence Burke, during the summers of his childhood. He inherited a home on the Back Beach from his father, and moved here in 1979 after getting out of the Air Force and the Moonies. He started an organic farm on Darkeytown Road called *Sanctuary*,

whose silo can still be seen. His body was discovered hanging in his home. Norm Cash, the one-time Tigers' first-baseman, frequently visited Beaver Island on his boat; one night he missed his step and fell into the Lake. His body was discovered 100' away the next morning by divers Dick Burris and Bill McDonough.

Thirty Years Ago The Game Club's annual banquet was attended by ninety hunters, with Lorraine Palmer winning eighty dollars in a 50/50 drawing. By all accounts the deer herd was in good shape.

Shirley Gladish asked all those who were interested in an art class at the school to attend a meeting to discuss what they hoped to learn.

In an explanation of property taxes, it was pointed out that Peaine property owners paid \$33,800 to the Township and \$32,900 to the School, whereas the totals for those in St. James were \$28,900 and \$28,100. Over $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total property tax remained on the Island.

The Grand Rapids Club held its annual *Beaver Island Caper* on October 9th, raising \$882 for the Holy Cross Carillon Fund, which had \$1,500 of the \$3,500 needed to purchase the automated electronic chimes.

Dorothy Lesh set up shop in one of the Med Center's examining rooms to give the Island children "fluoride therapy." A swine-flu inoculation clinic ran out of vaccine—until more was sent over by Frances Hooper, the Charlevoix RN assigned to the Island. The Health and Medicine editor from MSU brought nationally-known biographer Jean McCann to the Island to help publicize the Med Center's Preceptor Program, which allowed Michigan's three medical schools to send students here for training.

Passings noted included Henry Allen, Clyde Johnson, and the Very Reverend Jerome McCann. Henry Allen, owner of Allen's Cabins at Donegal Bay, had been one of a handful of those who pushed hard to modernize Beaver

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On This Date, continued from page 27. Island. Clyde Johnson was an engineering professor at the University of Michigan with a summer home at Sand Bay, in which he and his wife Thelma made their home for the past year. Father McCann, the oldest of four siblings born on Beaver Island to Roland McCann and Ethel Mielke McCann, had been assigned to Cincinnati.

Forty Years Ago Thanks to contributions from the Grand Rapids Club, the Holy Cross Convent Fund had grown to \$17,165.

The Island's Coast Guard departed

for the winter. Originally the Station was to close on October 1st, but the Civic Association successfully petitioned to have the crew here longer because of increased boat traffic between the islands during October. This was a lucky break, for they performed several rescues during their extended stay.

The deer herd was healthy, holding out promise of a good hunt; hopes were high for the best hunt since 1959, when 220 deer were taken. Three had already been killed—with automobiles. An archer with a turkey permit lost his first

five arrows before nailing a bird.

A special grouse season on Garden and High began in mid-September—as an experiment to see if the grouse could maintain their population in the face of increased hunting. In the first two weeks (up to 10-1-66), there were 130 hunters on Garden, and they flushed 3 grouse every 4 hours, killing 41 birds; in October there were another 50 hunters, and they flushed 10 per 4 hours, killing 39. On High, 94 hunters flushed 3.6 birds per 4 hours and killed 38. The Department of Conservation intended to continue this experiment for the next few years.

A turkey hunt on Beaver Island was considered a success, although only 12 birds were bagged—the largest weighing 16 pounds. There were 100 permits issued, but only 35 hunters were out on the opening day, and then a big cold wind blew in. But it left enough snow for tracking, and local guides, such as Erwin Martin, began taking parties into the woods.

The Historical Society had 876 visitors to the Museum, producing \$750 in book sales (as opposed to today's annual book sales of almost \$10,000.) There were 17 Life Members (versus 81 today.)

This was a good season for building. Three new 3-BR cabins were assembled from pre-cut parts at Donegal Bay for the Allen's Beach Resort. A heated pool functioned all summer, and a landing strip was being installed "adjoining Font Lake." The new Erin Motel was enclosed, and Walter Wojan began Bussey LaFreniere's home behind Nels' old store; he hoped to begin a cabin at Sand Bay for Matt and Ellie Hohn as soon as he was done. Dr. Haynes contracted with Don Nelson for a hide-away down the east side.

Ed Palmer was on his way back from Viet Nam.

The school honored Jeanne Palmer, Judy LaFreniere, Ron Wojan, Angie Wojan, Dawn Martin, Patty Wojan, Mary Green, and Kathie McDonough for good grades.

Passings noted included Charles Allers, John Christensen, Walter Campbell, and two McDonald sisters. Cap-

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tain Allers moved to Beaver Island with his family as a child, and began sailing with his father at age 12. He became a supervisor for the Great Lakes Fisheries, and captained *Patrol #1*. John Christensen was a cousin to Art Larsen and had lived on Garden Island. Walter Campbell, the father of Grace Nackerman, wife of our postmaster, was a self-employed manufacturer of concrete blocks. Raymunda (McDonald) Overmeyer and Erma (McDonald) Vories were Beaver Island natives who perished in a plane crash after leaving Charlevoix (where they had visited their sister, Bid Sendenburgh), along with a nephew, Ray Smith, his wife, and the pilot and his wife. Erma was born here in 1901 and left in 1926; her 7-year-younger sister left at the same time. Ray Smith was born here in 1925 and left in 1940. He married at age 17.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* celebrated the decision of Frank Luton to become the Island doctor; he arrived with former congressman Ed Fehling, a long-time friend of Dave and Kathryn Wilson. He began his residency (they purchased the Henry Allen home next to the Vails) in late October, along with his wife and daughter, Mrs. McGregor. He had received his medical degree in 1901 from the Michigan College of Medicine in Detroit.

Paul LaFreniere tried one too many times to pull his cat's tail, resulting in a call to nurse Lil Left. Her supervisor, Dr. Grate in Charlevoix, wanted to test the cat for rabies but the cat could not be found. Paul's brother Jerry joined in the search and wound up stepping on a nail. The cat was captured, and beheaded so the brain (kept on ice) could be sent across. A scratch test showed that Jerry was allergic to a tetanus shot.

Mrs. Phil Hart and Prentice Brown arrived to campaign for congress, along with Charlevoix Sheriff candidate Al Morrow. Mr. Brown brought a copy of a letter written to Beaver Island in 1863 by President Grover Cleveland, praising the Islanders for their unanimous Democratic vote.

Sister Marie was conducting a sewing class on Tuesdays, containing 12 members.

A big Halloween Party was held in

the Parish Hall.

When James Gallagher went to water his cattle on October 29th, he discovered a forest fire in Big Willie's Swamp half a mile east of James' stone house. Conservation Officer Karl Kuebler and members of the Coast Guard rushed the Island's firefighting equipment to the blaze, with Bill Pischner, Kenny McDonough, and 30 other volunteers. The fire was contained, and extinguished by the next day.

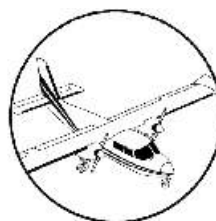
Art Johnston had to resign as Civic Association president because of his wife's health.

The two Townships agreed to jointly subsidize the cost of utilities at the Medical Center.

Five troops of Traverse City Boy Scouts arrived to clean the grounds for the NorthShore campground.

The county nurse conducted hearing tests for the school children.

Passings noted included Bid Boyle, who had been living in Chicago, and Hugh Connaghan, father of 14, survived by 38 grandchildren. Born and raised here, he had been a commercial fisherman but had been in poor health for some time.



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The *Ambassadors* came to town in mid October to take on the entire Beaver Island. After several harrowing practices, the Island squad's coaches, Greg Cary and Steve Skinner, cut the roster to 25, no doubt figuring to wear down the 7-member 'semi-pro' team by running in a fresh fivesome several times a quarter. It worked, and it didn't; our team on the floor was never out of breath, but it hardly mattered because the game was played above the rim, where our all-stars rarely ventured.

Our team put up a good fight, at one point outscoring the *Ambassadors* 44-0 (when some extra 'bonus' points were added to make the score close.) The

audience learned that Tim McDonough, our high-scorer, can still light it up, that Kitty can still run the floor with ease, that Rick Speck is as flashy-quick as ever, that Jeff Powers understands the

game, and that Keith Albin is still bothered by an old injury that hinders his ability to dominate. Our teachers pitched in, and those from the Lighthouse School as well. But our set-shot

prowess was not enough to overcome the *Ambassadors'* game of behind-the-back passes, a confusing triple-weave, and then a shot from somewhere in the stratosphere that was usually aimed straight down.

The game's tempo was jacked up by a thunderous soundtrack of disco- and rap-edged rock that had the packed gym jumping in the seats. The opponents stayed in tune by frequently breaking

into dance steps, interrupting the action until suddenly the ball dropped from nowhere into the hoop. Some of the interruptions were designed to initiate set pieces, such as a 'full body takedown' done by

the *Ambassadors'* star, Lady Majic—which earned our team two foul shots—or a switch of the b-ball for a softie football and the running of a play from the centerline that started with the Lady calling the numbers leading to a hike, except the





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numbers were the *Ambassadors'* uniform numbers and every time one of them heard his number he was compelled to break into a sampler of his best dance steps.

The game was not so much a basketball game as a multi-media event, with the action repeatedly cut for a predetermined routine. Several routines involved members of the audience, who were challenged to outdance the *Ambassadors*. One routine had our preschoolers playing musical chairs; another saw Terry Saxton, now known as Yo-T, strutting his stuff at center court. The *Ambassadors* were big and athletic, always-



smiling fine upstanding members of the human race, and boy could they dance—after all, it was *their* music. But for one routine we had an answer. A circle of our junior high-schoolers was

convened, and Lady Majic chose who would have to demonstrate their best move, alternating between her teammates and our kids. The *Ambassadors* won each pairing, until our



secret weapon got his turn; but there was no way even these semi-pros could match up with Levi Conner, who broke into a perfectly-coordinated routine of his own that combined break-dancing with sliding shuffles and robotic pauses.

If there would have been a Grand Prize, it would have been Levi's.

All in all, this was a wonderful, light-hearted, full-of-warm-moments interaction with friendly people who brought a taste of an unfamiliar culture. They spent the day at the school talking about the values of tolerance and self-control, spreading the message that there's a big world out there which will willingly grant entry

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Word has been received that Marie Margot Bley passed away on March 21st in her home in Woodridge, Illinois, at the age of 102.

Alfred and Margot began their love affair with Beaver Island in 1967, constructing a cabin at Donegal Bay the next year. Margot was fortunate to have spent her last year on the Island, her 38th here, and to have celebrated her 100th birthday at the cabin with several of her closest friends.

She is survived by one daughter, Gertrude Bley Stupac, who will carry on the tradition of spending summers on these beloved shores.



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Traverse City's Great Lakes Maritime Academy has played an important role in Beaver Island's growth, training several of its youth in the trade that has been so important over the past 150 years. The manager for our Boat Company graduated from there as well. But until this October 6th, Paradise Bay had not been graced by the presence of its training ship, the *State of Michigan*.

On that day many Islanders were delighted to find the mighty \$37,000,000 ex-Navy vessel anchored in the Harbor, and to encounter the wide-eyed cadets and



crew (and the three reporters who were invited along) wandering around St. James as shifts were ferried back and forth. A few admitted they had been disappointed when the original destination of Escanaba was scrubbed by bad weather and Beaver Island became a feasible substitute, but they agreed it was good to have their long-held curiosity about what was here finally slaked.

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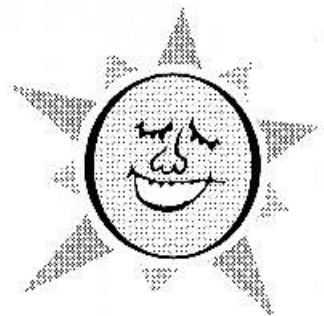
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exercises as they steamed north, including the cadets' favorite, *Man Overboard!* They were glad to talk about the school's program, saying that each year about 50 cadets are accepted, and that after graduation and licensing they expect to earn around \$10,000 a month.

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unsure if they could comply. For one thing, it might not fit, and, for another, Beaver Island is a long way from the Sea of Japan or the Torres Strait. But coming back to Beaver on a vacation—well, that was easier to promise, and would be easier to do.

The Cookie Carnival

The Cookie Carnival will be held at the Beaver Island Christian Church on December 14th, between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. All types of decorated cookies, candles, and sweetbreads will be available.

Remember the crowd of shoppers from last year, and come early!



The BICAA Helps Out

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association's Krysl Lyle presented a check for \$2,500 to Beth Croswhite, counselor at the Beaver Island Community School, for the school's string program. At the same time, Kevin White presented a second check for \$1,127, representing the balance collected by the Beaver Island Music Fund, which was started four years ago by Deborah Harwood and Martha Guth.

The BICAA recently obtained a 501(c)3 designation. For more information about its mission and projects, please contact Jane Maehr, (734) 994-8904, or jmaehr@hotmail.com

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by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 1, 1906 **Local News:** "Phil C. Gallagher, of St. James, who has been in Mason county visiting his daughter the past two weeks, returned home Monday."

(Note: Mostly rain, some snow, stormy. F. Protar)

"The closed fishing season begins today, and all nets are supposed to be out of the water. Superintendent Frank N. Clark was here Tuesday in conference with Mr. Steward, who has charge of the Beaver Harbor spawn harvest. Ten tugs are engaged there and the trout catch will be large, and the spawn output correspondingly extensive."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 8, 1906 **Local News:** "Spawn fishing began at the Beavers yesterday, and the Charlevoix tugs are there. The season for spawn gathering by no means will cover the entire closed season. When the commission secures



what they want they will suspend operations, whether it be in two weeks or a month. Probably the work will occupy three weeks."

"Bully for old Beaver Island! She is digging her way out of the political woods."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 15, 1906 **Beaver Island News:** "Mr. Eddy, deputy game warden, is here, to see that fisherman obey the law." (Note: J. B. Eddy, Residence 'Soo,' appears in the Hotel Beaver register)

"Two schooners are loading Christmas trees here for the Chicago market."

"The tug *Alice C.*, Capt. Coffee, of

Manistique, was in the harbor one day last week."

"Mr. Chas. Novak, of Pee Wee Cigar fame, called on his customers here this week."

"Quite a large party left here a few days ago for the upper peninsula, to act as targets for deer hunters."

"Pete O. Gallagher and Robert Gibson are again seen on our streets after a long tussle with typhoid."

"We do not need any alarm clock to arouse up from our slumbers nowadays. The whistling of the tugs at an early hour is sufficient."

"The fishing tugs are making some large catches of fish and in consequence of which the *Beaver* is compelled to make daily trips."

"Capt. 'Mike' Fitzsimmons, of Escanaba, was here for a few days visiting friends. It is twenty odd years since Mr. Fitzsimmons visited the Island."

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Sister Agnes (Clare) Thiel, OP 1909–2006

Sister Agnes entered eternal life on October 17, 2006 at the age of 97, after 78 years of religious life

Woman for all seasons! There were lots of names for her - 'storybook nun,' 'heart of gold with spine of stainless steel,' 'Sister Senior-Power' and on and on - accolades for boundless service to God's people. It really tickled her when they dubbed her 'Go-Go Lady.' To us, her Sisters, she was a paramount community woman, Dominican teacher of youth, and, most recently, pioneer to the Third Age. 'The road less traveled' beckoned her to new adventure down unwalked paths and this choice 'made all the difference.'

Honorine Agnes Thiel, daughter of Frank and Edna King Thiel, was born October 2, 1909 in a simple windswept house built around the log cabin of the King settlers atop a Lake Michigan bluff south of Ludington. To this day the site is known as King's Canyon. Honorine was baptized at St. Simon's Church. At the age of two the family moved into Ludington. They moved again when she



was five, this time to Saginaw, where she was promptly enrolled in St. Joseph School. Her twelve years of education with the Dominican Sisters impressed her with their love of learning and their mission to teach. She remembered herself as being of a quiet disposition, easily satisfied with a growing love of books and study. Throughout high school she worked Saturdays and vaca-

tions at various department stores. The regular summer excursions back to Ludington made for lifetime memories.

Honorine entered the novitiate at Marywood, September 9, 1927. A year later on August 28, 1929 Mother Eveline Mackey gave her the habit and the name Sister Agnes Clare of St. Joseph. Professed two years later on August 29, 1930, the neophyte educator had already tested her missionary mettle as a substitute teacher on Beaver Island. No sign of the far distant future loomed ahead in the succession of teaching and administrative posts which took her from Marinette, Wisconsin to St. Joseph, Bay City, again to Beaver Island (where she was principal), the schools of Saginaw valley and Alpena. She was a well prepared teacher and an able administrator with a breadth of vision and reputation for justice.

With a desire for continual learning she pursued an M.A. from Notre Dame followed by a Master's in Religious Education and a degree of Education Specialist. Seventeen years of high school

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

ber Co. have installed in their plant, is now in full operation, which by night makes the north end of the village take on the aspect of a city."

"Died at his residence early Sunday morning after a long illness, Lanty McCafferty. A few years ago Mr. McCafferty contracted hip-disease, and although he has undergone several operations has never gotten entirely well. Mr. McCafferty leaves a wife, several relatives, and a host of friends to mourn his lost (sic)." (Note: 11th 5:50 a.m. *Lanty died* [Lanty McCafferty, aged 34, son of Michael & Mary McCafferty - F. Protar's logs] *F. Protar*)

(Note: 16th very furious snow/rain storm. *F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 22, 1906 **Local News:** "The schooner *Rouse Simmons*, Capt. M. J. Bonner, arrived from Milwaukee Monday with 4,000 bushels of grain for the Argo Mills. She will take lumber to Chicago and lay up there."

Beaver Island News: "Steamer *Cummings* made two trips to the Island last week for fish."

"The storm last week carried away part of the Wolverine Fish Co.'s dock."

"Mrs. A. A. McKinnon and Mrs. B. Gellick spent a few days on the Island."

"Capt. 'Pete' McCafferty of Charlevoix and his sister Mrs. Joseph Nackerman were here to attend the funeral of their brother."



"The steam barge *R. C. Went* was in with a cargo of hay and feed for the Lumber Co."

"Capt. 'Sam' Rose is acting as pilot on one of Wolverine Fish Co.'s tugs." (Note: Capt. Rose appears in the Beaver Hotel Register)

"W. H. Nelson assistant Keeper at Squaw Island spent a few days with his family at Northport."

"While coupling cars a few days ago John Donlevey had the misfortune to crush his thumb, which necessitated amputation."

"Mr. And Mrs. P. Malloy are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl at their home."

"The card party given by the young ladies for the benefit of the church was a great success. Everyone reports a good time."

(Note: 24th Mrs. Bonner left her home, after 50 years!; 25th Furious snow/rain storm; 30th - Nov. 1st Furious storm, 28 - 14 degrees. *F. Protar*)

teaching coupled with twenty-three of administration made her a natural choice for high school supervision and Director of Schools in the Saginaw Diocese, a position she accepted and held for many years.

In 1973 the roads diverged and Sister Agnes Clare accepted an appointment to a Marywood community post on *Life to Life*, and began carrying the torch for senior citizens. Her work within the community became the springboard to what would make her name synonymous with senior leadership in Kent County, on the state level, and nationally. She became a very busy woman, answering every call for assistance in the pressing needs of an aging population. In 1974, at the invitation of Doctor Norbert Hruby, President of Aquinas College, she set up and became the first Director of the Emeritus Program at Aquinas. The public arena was at her door.

In 1979 Sister Agnes became the chairperson for the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan. A fire with

enthusiasm from attending the 1981 White House Conference on Aging, she came home to develop the Senior Citizen Senate of Kent County. Best known perhaps was Sister's leadership in co-founding and chairing the state's annual Senior Power Day. Possessed with a gift for recognizing potential, she sought out fresh talent in the pursuit of solutions to the problems of the aging. Their needs were not remote to her. She might have said with Robert Browning, "Grow old along with me; the best is yet to be."

Recognition was forthcoming. In 1987 she was named Distinguished American Older Volunteer by the National Association for the Aging. In the realm of education, Aquinas College honored her in 1988 as Outstanding Alumna. In 1990 Sister became the first recipient of the Senior Services Award from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, a tribute to the memory of the late Senator Claude Pepper.

In 1991 the Citizens Insurance Company named her *Concerned Citizen of the Year*. From the Saginaw Diocese, her

impact on Catholic education from her early student days to her work for the Diocese was acknowledged by her induction in 1991 into the Nouvel Hall of Fame.

Years grew gracefully upon Sister Agnes. Bolstered with the technology of her *Walkman* and pedometer, her brisk morning walk greeted the dawn on her way to morning liturgy. Her presence at table meant a lively conversation, particularly as she welcomed a visitor or Sister from a mission. The meticulous planning of earlier teaching days found new expression in her competent handling of room reservations as guest mistress at Marywood.

For Sister Agnes Thiel, 'the BEST is yet to be.' Surely she heard her God say, "I have called you by your name. YOU ARE MINE!" Why shouldn't we say, 'GO, GO-LADY! Until we meet again.'

Sister Agnes is survived by several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews, many friends, and a loving Dominican Community.



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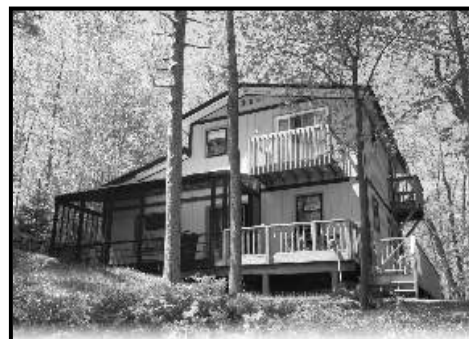




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November 11th – **Veterans Day Service**, 11:00 am.

November 18th **Hunters Dinner at Nina's**– Beaver Island Wildlife Club sponsored dinner

November 18th, 7:00 p.m. **Benefit Party at Jerry LaFreniere's Garage**– see page 7 for more information or to make a donation.

November 19th – **Christmas Bazaar** Sunday, at Holy Cross Hall from 1:00-3:00. Craft tables available to rent. 448-2004. Raffles, baked goods and candy, hot dogs and chili!

December 2nd – **Just Desserts**, see page 10.

December 14th – **The Cookie Carnival** Beaver Island Christian Church 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Nina's Restaurant Winter Event Schedule

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December 9th **Holiday Season Kickoff Dinner** – Start the holiday season of with a gourmet dinner at the Lodge

December 31st **New Year Dinner** – A decadent dinner and champagne to start off the new year

February 17th **Sweethearts Dinner** – Bring

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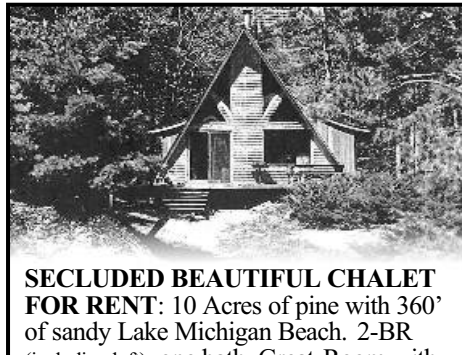
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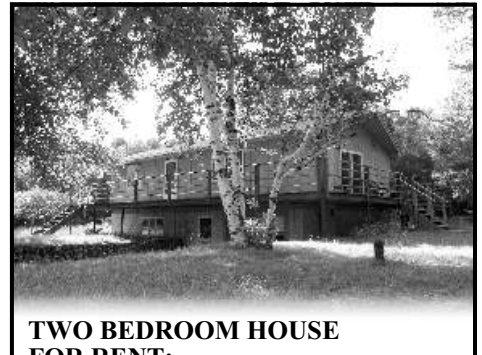


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