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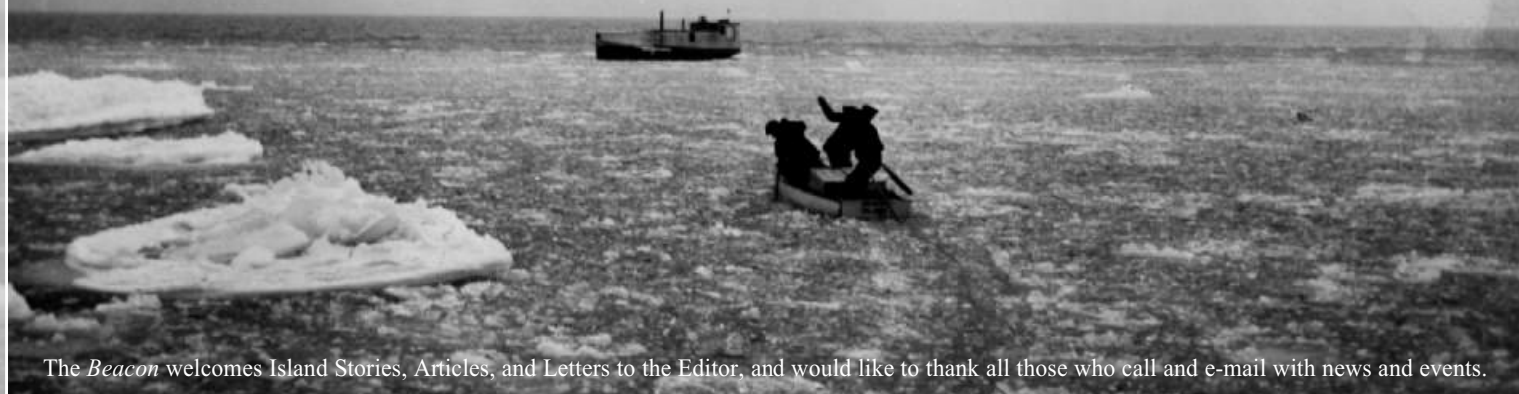
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News from the Townships

St. James Township

The St. James Town Board held a brief meeting on November 1st at which it was announced that the Library had converted from fuel oil to propane, the downtown sewer system permit has been extended to 2010, and the Charlevoix County Sheriff agreed to split the cost on restoring the former DNR building, which will house the new deputy. A new deputy, just out of the Academy, has been assigned to Beaver Island: Jacob Waslewski.

The Board decided to ask for new bid submissions for snow-plowing in which the work is done as needed at an hourly rate. The Township Employee will concentrate on the Municipal Airport snow-plowing, and will also have time for the Town Hall and the Transfer Station, but will be too pressed to do the new Governmental Center, which must be done in a timely manner because it is the base for the EMS.

The Zoning Administrator reported that a contractor disturbed a protected dune without getting the required permit, and wanted to know what kind of citation was in order; the property owner was unaware of the problem.

The meeting between the Township and the Port St. James Property Owners' association was postponed because the Association's attorney was still battling ill health.

Peaine Township

The Peaine Town Board also asked for by-the-hour bids for snow-plowing, and would not accept a submitted bid that made reference to an unspecified *gas surcharge*.

A CD that had earned 3¼% was rolled over into a new CD at 5%.

Supervisor Works thanked the election inspectors; despite a record turnout and mandated new voting techniques, the election was held without a single problem.

Fire Chief Tim McDonough reported that, thanks to the good agency of Bob Turner in Chicago, the annual grant made by the Fireman's Fund Insurance Co. in Chicago will be awarded to Beaver Island. Tim proposed using it to purchase a new tanker; the current one is 27 years old, requires a lot of maintenance, and has some limitations.

The BIFD had investigated two possible tankers. One was a used 3,000-gallon single axle that would cost \$130,000. A better choice, Tim thought, would be a new double-drive-axle 3,000-gallon vehicle with roll bars and a diesel pump, which would allow pumping down a long driveway. Five or six years ago the Grand Rapids Club gave the BIFD a 50' ladder, which could be carried on the bars. It would cost \$170,000 (*see page 32.*)

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The Fireman's Fund award is based on a percentage of sales. It was currently at \$87,000, although the calculations for the last two and the next few months have not been finished; when they are, it could grow to well over \$100,000. Tim had arranged a bank loan with the Charlevoix State Bank that would allow for a quick purchase (a 2001 loan has been paid off); when the Fireman's Fund grant is issued, the bank loan would be paid down.

The new tanker would be kept at St. James, the old one on the East Side.

Election Results 2006

	St. James	Peaine	Island
Democrats	41	35	76
Republicans	28	47	75
Total votes	190	194	384
Granholm	103	86	189 52%
DeVos	82	94	176 48%
Stabenow	115	91	206
Bouchard	71	88	159
Stupak	148	126	274
Hooper	38	58	96
Proposal	Yes/No	Yes/No	
#1	159 / 21	165 / 24	
#2	110 / 73	119 / 72	
#3	49 / 136	72 / 115	
#4	150 / 33	162 / 27	
#5	55 / 127	73 / 115	
Cty Mil	105 / 73	88 / 92	

BI Rural Health Center

Solicits Board Applicants

There are currently eight BIRHC directors. Because BIRHC by-laws allow for a maximum of eleven members, the Board is inviting any interested full- or part-time community residents to apply for the two unfilled positions. BIRHC board members serve without compensation. Members are expected to attend the majority of the organization's 4 to 6 meetings per year either in person or by speaker-phone at their own expense.

In addition to regular attendance at meetings, board members are also expected to be champions for the Health Center, contribute time and talents, avoid conflicts of interest, and be team players. Because fund-raising is so crucial to the BIRHC, board members should also be willing to commit substantial time to organizing and helping at fund-raising events, financially supporting those events, and helping to solicit prospective donors.

Letters of interest should be sent to Connie Wojan, President BIRHC Board of Directors c/o BIRHC, PO Box 146, Beaver Island, MI 49782, by January 10, 2007. Candidates will be reviewed and a slate presented at the January Annual Meeting. For more information call Connie Wojan at 231-448-2379.



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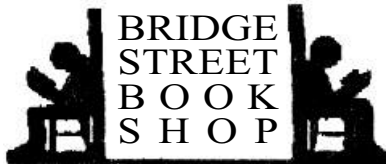
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The following Beaver Island Community School students have been recognized for *Consistent and Exceptional Performance* by earning a 3.5 or higher grade point average in a rigorous academic program: seniors Emma Adams, Saygan Croswhite, and Brenna Green; juniors Eric Albin, Brenden Martin, and Andrea Moore; sophomores Caitlin Boyle, Hannah Connor, Patrick Cull, and Maeve Green, freshman Alex Kuligoski and 7th grader Jenna Battle. This represents nearly 28% of the students enrolled in grades 7-12.

The following Beaver Island Community School students have been recognized for *Commended Performance and Achievement* by earning a 3.0 or higher grade point average in a rigorous academic program: seniors Tony Bousquet, Bailey McDonough, Dave Schwartzfisher, and Jared Wojan;

junior Samantha Kuligoski; freshman Kristy Bousquet, 8th graders Levi Connor, Jake Drost, Claïressa Kenwabikise, and Brontae Lemmink; and 7th graders Matthew Cull, Dan LaFreniere, Billy Lemmink, Brogan Maudrie, Michael McCafferty, and Olivia Schwartzfisher. This represents approximately 33% of the students enrolled in grades 7-12.

Virtually all of the rest of the students in grades 7-12 were recognized as having Average Performance, which means that they earn between a 1.67 (C-) and a 2.99 (B-) grade point average. All students take a core academic schedule which includes high-level math, English, social studies, and science, along with electives that may include music, p.e., art, allied health, computers, work placement, and online foreign language.

— Kitty McNamara

Response From Our Troops

The Beaver Island Youth Consortium is excited to report more good news from the 'Support Our Troops' September project.

In appreciation of the youth and community support, the students have received correspondence from the troops as well as an American flag that

has been flown over Fallujah, Iraq. The flag and accompanying certificate of appreciation will be on display along with other correspondence at the Beaver Island District Library through the end of November and at the Beaver Island Community School from December 1st-December 15th.

BICS has Grades Online

The Island school has added a new feature for parents wondering how their kids are doing: go to the BICS site and click on the Centerpoint, and there

the grades now are. Some of the teachers are even posting grades on homework assignments.

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Letters to the Editor:

Thanks to Students; School Community Service Project

Dear Ms. McNamara,

On October 31st, I had the opportunity to work with your students on the School's Community Service Project. Three of your students, Eric Albin, Daniel Runberg and Jared Wojan, joined me in this effort. We cleared the Little Font Lake trail, removing new growth in our path, lopping off protruding branches and cutting up dead trees and branches that were strewn across the trail. When we reached the access point to the Lake, now little more than a beautiful bog, we descended down to it. We opened a part of the trail that had not been seen or used for at least a decade or more. There were numerous dead trees, bushes, branches and new growth that had to be removed.

I ran the chain saw while the guys removed the cut debris while lopping up a storm. At the bottom we cleared an area where two benches had been hidden. From that point we cleared to the bog's edge, opening a window to yet another beautiful and wondrous spot on Beaver Island. It was there that we took a small break to take in nature at its finest. I shared some of my history from crowded Europe and why wilderness beauty and serenity like this is difficult to find and enjoy, a reason we must protect it here on the Island.

Then it was back up to the main trail for more cutting and trimming. Standing dead trees that threatened the trail were removed either by saw or well-placed karate kicks by Daniel,

Jared, and Eric. When we finished the trail we had enough time left to have a look at the Hidden Valley Trail. We found the trail well raked and looking great. The school's hard-working young ladies had left the best-manicured trail on the Island in their wake. We removed a dead tree that arched over the trail, posing a risk to hikers, and expunged numerous dead trees close to the trail, just like before. We visited the remains of the fallen-down house at the end of the trail, and the guys tossed a few apples from some very old apple trees. Then it was back to school and scholastics.

On behalf of the Port St. James Association board and its 400 plus members, please accept our sincere thanks for all the hard work provided by the islands hard working students. They have provided a great service to everyone who'll be using these trails for a long time to come. It was a real pleasure to have worked with these fine young men.

— Jack R. Spanhak,

Port St. James Association president.

Let's Fix the Roads

No one is perfect—that's why the Peaine road millage issue missed the fall election. But Peaine officials have vowed to have the additional 1 mil on the ballot for the February election.

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would be different—after all, they had never seen the chairs arranged in this manner before, for one thing. And the

interactive nature of the dramatic play presented on December 2 was another new twist: the audience had to search

Gingerbread Auction

This year the team of gingerbread-house craftsman will have at least 4 exotic, unique, gingerbread houses up for auction at the first home games of the season, December 15th, to benefit the Sports Boosters. The ginger-bread contractor who got it all going, Heidi Connor, will be building a windmill, to take it to the next level this year!

Beaver on YouTube

Tom Burke's YouTube video, *Beaver Island Campfire*, begins with the camera approaching a campfire, and finding Joddy, Stryder, Corey, and John McCafferty playing while seated as Jennifer Bousquet sings behind them: [youtube.com/watch?v=LZnP-uixFms](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZnP-uixFms)

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with the one depicted on stage. What was expected, though, was the smashing performances delivered by the

Island Musician now Acting

Those who saw the Central Park Players' production of *Inherit the Wind* in Grand Haven in late October might have seen a face familiar to Beaver Island: Rich Scripps, who was making his non-musical acting debut, taking on the challenging role of 'Meeker' in this story of the Scopes Monkey Trial.

He had appeared as a musician

twice in productions of the *Emerald Isle Repertoire Theatre*, and as a percussionist in five Christmas Cantadas. He has also played in many Island concerts, and has a strong following by fans of Beaver Island gospel music. Once word was received that he had this talent, the *Island Players* scouted him for the lead in their *Elvis Lives!*



cast and the sterling direction and staging. Like most of our local productions, this one was an awful lot of fun.



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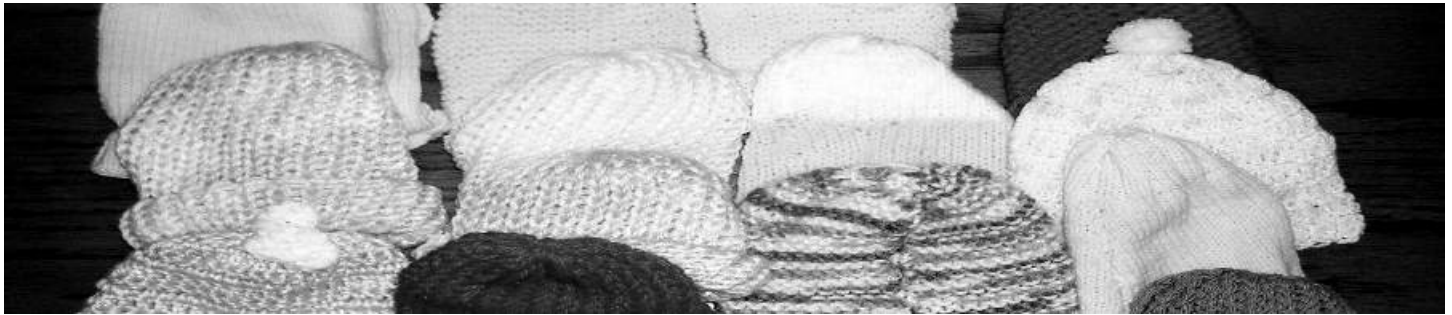
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Earth Mission, a non-profit corporation supported by the people of Beaver Island, is working to provide help to the Karen people hiding in the mountains and jungles of Burma. Dr. Mitch Ryan, an Earth Mission-supported physician and a visitor to Beaver Island when home on leave, provides medical treatment and supplies to the perse-

cuted Burmese people. He trains medics in the Karen villages who provide basic medical help for such things as trauma from landmines, or gunshot. Mules and porters carry in basic supplies of clothing, rice, medicines, medical supplies, and now little colored caps for babies made by the Needlers.

WHO (World Health Organization) ranked Burma as the second-to-last health system in the world. Only Sierra Leone was worse. It is a desperate medical situation. Laura Bush recently spoke of the Burma situation at the UN.

The Island churches and individuals send donations to Earth Mission, which enable the doctor to work with the Karen people in eastern Burma.

They have also sent badly needed school supplies. The hats and other items are sent to LD and Sue Ryan, who send them on to Thailand. Then they are carried into Burma. Caryl Ryan, Dr. Ryan's wife said, "The people just love the little colorful hats. Can the Needlers make larger caps for children?"

Anyone interested in knowing more about this situation or how you might be of help can contact LD or Sue Ryan at sryan@gtlakes.com or at earthmis@cox-internet.com

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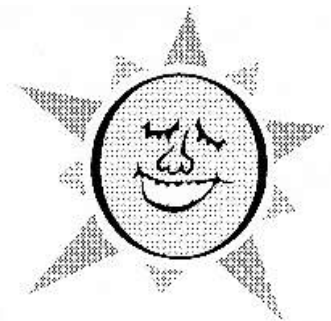
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Going to See Frank's Play



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Most of the group took advantage of the good weather to drive down on Friday, November 10th, but some could not get there until the next day because of other commitments. After seeing the sights, they reassembled for a sumptuous pre-play dinner at Petterino's in the historic Goodman Theater building—famous the world over for its Judge Rizzi Wedge.



Then it was on to the Cadillac Palace Theater on Randolph Street. The large-cast (40) musical is based on the real-life story of the legendary Irish clan leader, Grace O'Malley, who led an extraordinary life as a pirate chieftain, lover and mother in 16th Century Ireland. If only it had mentioned the role her great-grandchildren might very well have played in bringing that warm and humane culture to Beaver Island.

Throughout the performance, the Beaver Island crew could not help wondering if this play could be cut down to a size befitting the Community House's stage. After all, Frank and Peter had asked the Island contingent



for any suggestions on how to tweak it for Broadway, its next destination.

But whether or not this can be done, it seemed to all that with construction going well on the Island, the goal of creating a wonderful venue is finally within reach.


The Preservation Association has fought through many obstacles, and come a long way, yet there is still money to be raised to finish the building; for example, although over a hundred chairs have been endowed, thirty are still available—call 448-3192 for information on how you can help, or on how you can get in on the next junket of the Friends of the Community House!

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Our Health Center

The BIRHC Board presented a year-end wrap-up of its finances on 11-18. The results were encouraging: income was up \$30,000 over projections, while expenses were almost \$1,000 lower. The primary cause of this good news was a \$45,000 increase in payments for medical services—due to an 8% increase in visits, the gradual shift toward a broader range of procedures, and residents making greater use of the facility than before.

Connie Harris's before-8:30, after-5:00 program produced 309 visits. She has reduced her educational indebtedness instead of taking extra pay for this,

but in a year that will be gone and extra pay will have to be offered.

Thanks to a last-minute flurry of ticket buying, the Truck Raffle did better than expected, providing \$22,300. Another Raffle will be held next summer, but the vehicle will likely be an SUV.

Pete reported that the Beaver Island Development Corporation has obtained \$600,000 from the Department of Agriculture and \$75,000 from the state, so it has almost raised the money it needs to begin construction of its planned senior living facility. It received support for a \$50,000 grant request to the Grand

Traverse Band.

The Endowment Fund is over \$925,000 (including pledges receivable.) The staff of the Health Center recently addressed and mailed the letters for the next Annual Appeal. Another 50 surveys were sent out, and 12 were returned, with the remarks generally positive. The Special Projects Fund is just over \$95,000.

A special fund-raising event is being planned for the Saturday before Homecoming, a party and auction, to be held in one of the Island's most impressive homes. A professional auctioneer from Traverse City has offered his talents at no charge.

Use of the Health Center's telemed service is increasing. The Center is close to gaining access to PowerChart, software that would allow instant access to patient's records to or from such facilities as Northern Michigan Hospital.

The Lighthouse School students were thanked for raking and mowing the grounds and washing the windows.

A letter of support will be written for the EMS, which is applying for a GTB grant. The BIRHC and the EMS are going to work together to buy supplies.

Two unfortunate occurrences were reported. In the first, NorthFlight, the Traverse City medical evacuation agency that flew here 27 times in the last period, 5 at night, said that because of the plane-meets-deer incident on the Municipal Airport's runway, its insurance carrier has told it not to fly to Beaver Island after dark unless a better, taller fence is built. Island Airways is looking into ways it might alleviate the problems this causes, at least for life-threatening cases.

In the second, despite Bob Drebbenstedt's efforts, a snafu within the VA hierarchy has added much difficulty to veterans who want some procedures to be performed here instead of at a VA hospital. A requirement for going to Saginaw and paying a \$150 fee to get qualified was accepted by several veterans six months ago, but their application has not yet had any effect, and the Va's Fee-basis Supervisor there has decided that non-emergency medical services performed here will not be reimbursed.

The Annual Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. on January 20th at the Health Center's Community Room. Board officers will be elected.

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Winter Sports Return

by Frank Solle

With the autumnal euphoria of a successful soccer season just now settling down, don't put away your school spirit or book up your Friday nights (or Saturday mornings for that matter) quite yet — the winter sports seasons at Beaver Island Community School are suddenly upon us.

Weather permitting, the Islanders will take to the air the weekend of December 1-2 to face the rival Lakers of Mackinac Island in a pair of volleyball-basketball doubleheaders.

The teams will have one home series, Dec. 15-16 against the Ojibwe Eagles, before the holiday break.

Game times throughout the season are Friday at 6:30 pm, while the morning action on Saturday begins at 9:00 am. Don't miss the action.

Both Islanders teams will be looking to improve on last year's performances. The volleyball team, led by coach Connie Boyle, finished last season as co-champs of the Northern Lights League with a 9-1 league mark, tied with Mackinac Island. The team was 12-1 overall on the season before dropping their district semifinal match to Mackinaw City in five games.

A core of returning players will anchor a large, 17-girl Islanders team, led by seniors Emma Adams, Bailey McDonough, and Brenna Green. Juniors Andrea Moore, Samantha Kuligoski, Brittany Crandall, and Melissa Peters return, as do sophomores Maeve Green, Caitlin Boyle, Hannah Connor, and Deven Cook. Sophomore Heather McDonough joins the team this year as do freshmen Alex Kuligoski, Jenna Butler, Lindsay Kenwabikise, Briana Maudrie, and Kristy Bousquet.

Coach Mike Myer's basketball team dropped a pair of games to Mackinac Island last year, putting them in second place in the NLL standings at 8-2. Overall, the team finished the 2005-06 campaign with a solid 11-2 mark before advancing to district tournament play, where they lost an 86-60 decision to 18th-ranked Central Lake.

Leading this year's team is senior Jared Wojan who topped the Islanders

in scoring last year. Senior Cory Sowa returns, while seniors David Schwartzfisher and Tony Bousquet will suit up for the first time. Juniors Eric Albin, Brenden Martin, and Dan Runberg will play pivotal roles in the Islanders lineup, with sophomore Patrick Cull and freshmen Dereck McDonough and Bryan Timsak returning to the squad. Newcomers freshman Cameron LaVasseur and eighth-grader Jacob Drost (the *Boodle* champ) round out this year's 12-player roster.

Winter Sports Schedule

Dec. 1-2 at Mackinac Island

Dec. 15-16 vs Ojibwe

Jan. 5-6 vs Hannahville

Jan 19-20 at Paradise

Feb. 2-3 vs Mackinac Island

Feb. 9 Basketball and Volleyball at Munising Baptist

Feb. 10 Basketball at Munising Baptist

Feb. 10 Volleyball at Engadine Tourney

Feb. 16-17 at Hannahville

Feb. 23-24 vs Grand Marais

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Out of the Blue

Episode 4: "Secrets"

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Previously: Last month several Islanders and visitors to the Island displayed supernatural powers after being exposed to a mysterious flu-like sickness. Some Islanders suspected the illness was related to strange blue rocks that were being discovered around

Winter is one of Beaver Island's best-kept secrets. No one tells the summer people about the serene beauty of the snow-covered island, or the breath-taking exhilaration of walking into a scouring, frigid wind from the North, or the buildup of ridges of remarkably blue ice and fields of ice hills on the thick ice shelf that steadily grows out into Lake Michigan as far as the eye can see.

This winter, with Islanders stranded in a medical quarantine enforced by the US military, they have many more secrets to hold close.

No one has left the Island in more than a month. Air service and the ferry boat were shut down. A Coast Guard vessel armed with machine guns patrolled the harbor and the Island's watery perimeter until Christmas, when severe cold gave a good start to the process of icing in the Island until April. No one has left and

no one has arrived, except doctors and scientists to study the strange illness that infected Islanders, and some 200 armed troops to enforce the quarantine. Dozens of Islanders have been stranded

'essentials' to the Island by air, but failed at first to satisfy the large demand for toilet paper and, of course, beer. Islanders can receive mail and TV, but the mail they send is censored for 'national security,' and telephone and Internet service has been cut. Nor may Islanders congregate; their constitutional freedom of assembly, even in their homes, has been quashed in the name of preventing another infectious wave of illness. The quarantine would only end, the federal medical official in charge had declared, "When we know what the hell is going on here."

Voluntary separation from the mainland has always defined the identity of Islanders; for many it is a point of pride. But most of the year, unless terrible weather descends and stills the boats and planes, an Islander can readily end the separation and head to the mainland



*Connie Wojan's Jeep sped by on King's Highway
— without a driver.*

on the Mainland, a fate worse than death for some, and separated from their families. And dozens of Mainlanders have been trapped on the Island, living in motel rooms and homes provided by Islanders at no cost.

The military brings all the

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the Island. Nearly every Islander became ill, but not all gained super powers. Although most were recovering nicely, the federal government declared a quarantine of the Island and brought in the National Guard to ensure no one escaped to the Mainland.

temporarily—for a restorative shopping expedition, a trip to medical specialists or downstate relatives, or an R&R jaunt to Key West, Vegas, or the less glamorous but more soulful

of January, these feelings—and other factors—have led to mysterious doings and more secrets on the Island.

Which senior citizen is using marijuana in a room at the Rural Health Center?

How can Connie Wojan's SUV be moving around the Island without a driver?

Why did the feds lock up Judy Lanier?

Who is planning a 'Great Escape' from the Island, and how are they going to do it?

Who are the 'clone brothers' and why are *they* on the Island?

January 18, 2007, 3 pm...

Inside the Rural Health Center a National Guard private is on patrol. He smells a pungent, oddly familiar scent and traces it to one of the rooms. He puts his ear to the door, but hears nothing. He pulls his sidearm from its holster while slowly turning the doorknob, then pushes into the room. Three people look up, startled. Phil Gregg is lying on his back on a table. The private can see little needles stuck in his arms and legs, and one stuck in his forehead, right between his eyes. Phyllis Moore is sitting in an armchair; she has needles sticking out of her ears.

The third person is hovering over Phil, but turns toward the private and extends a smile and a hand.

"Hi, I'm Matt Leismer."

The Guardsman starts to reach out



Phil Gregg cringed as his arms received the acupuncture needles.

Whitefish Point. What happens when the option of escaping Island life is suddenly taken away—in mid-winter, with no group events permitted and no end in sight?

Boredom, frustration, irritation, and, of course, defiance. By the middle



When Kayak Ken opened the pouch, out tumbled five blue "stones."

to shake the offered hand, but realizes his hand is gripping his pistol. "Where's the pot?"

"Pot?!" Leismer stammers. Phil and Phyllis stare wide-eyed at both men. "Oh, there's no pot. That smell, it's *moxa*, not pot."



***"The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad."***

Psalm 97:1; New American Bible

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"Smells like pot to me."

"It's an easy mistake to make," Leismer says. "Let me explain. I'm an acupuncturist. I live in Petoskey, but I've been stuck on the Island. I'm treating Phil for some of his aches and pains, and Phyllis is trying to stop smoking. Sometimes I burn *moxa*, a Chinese herb, over the needles. That's what smells like marijuana. See?" He holds up a tube of a dried, green substance. "It's perfectly legal."

As the soldier relaxes and starts to put his gun away, he looks out the window toward The King's Highway. Through the bare trees he sees a white Jeep heading into town right at the speed limit—but no one is driving.

At the wheel of the Jeep, Connie Wojan has forgotten that she is invisible. A few weeks ago, she discovered that she could, at will, become undetectable. Like Wendy White, Galen Bartels, and a handful of other Islanders exposed to the illness and the blue 'rocks' of unknown origin, she has gained a supernatural power. "We've got mutants, just like an X-Men movie," an Islander had quipped, but no one revealed this to the National Guard.

Since then, Connie has been sneaking unseen into the headquarters of the military-medical 'occupiers' at the cavernous Beaver Island Transfer Station to learn their secrets.

Minutes earlier, she had overheard big news. The Centers for Disease Control reported that the illness was not bird flu, but was caused by an unidentified and highly contagious virus; its origin is unknown. And the military was looking for a plane that months ago, just before the illness started, had flown over the Island and dropped something onto the Island. Connie is driving to town to pass the information on to Judy Lanier, the next link in the Islanders' secret 'telegraph' system.

Judy is standing in front of the Beaver Island Post Office. She watches as Connie, now visible, drives down Main Street and begins to make the left turn onto Frankie Lane. The Jeep starts to skid on the ice, sliding fast toward the building—a nasty accident in the making. Judy steps in the way of the two-ton vehicle, stretches out both of her arms, and with her hands grabbing the hood, she meets the impact without

flinching. The Jeep stops dead in its tracks. Judy flashes a smile at Connie, then steps away as though nothing unusual has happened.

Unfortunately, her little demonstration of super-strength has been witnessed by the head of the National Guard unit, who was driving by. He stops and orders several Guardsmen to take Judy to the Transfer Station for questioning. But when he looks around for the other woman, the one in the Jeep, she is gone.

After Sunset...

In a summer cottage on the north shore of the Island, three men meet in cold darkness. No lamps on, no flashlights even—nothing that could be spotted from the road. Mike Deur, 'Kayak Ken' Bruland, and Tom Whitman have been planning an escape from the Island for several weeks. Mike has a seriously ill relative in Indiana, and Ken was supposed to take care of some paramedic business downstate; both desperately want to get off the Island. They realized that leaving meant defying the government,

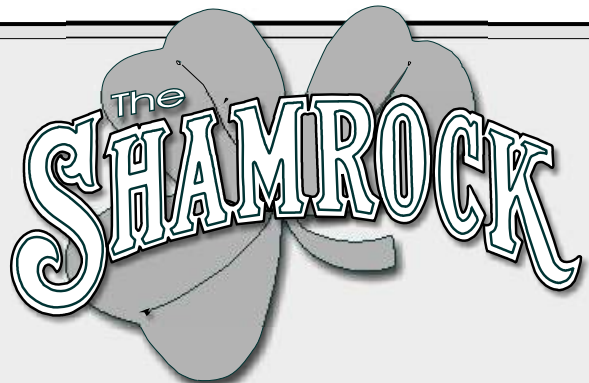
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but they'd been trapped on the Island for more than a month and, anyway, didn't believe that bird flu was the cause of the epidemic. They had recruited Tom, who, as the Island's volunteer firemen would tell you, is a good man to have with you in a tricky situation. Tom had suggested that they get away in snowmobiles, sledding across the iced-over lake to the Mainland. He'd heard from one of the Guardsmen that, for the first time in years, the ice was solid to Waugoshance Point. The men had added home-rigged mufflers to the borrowed snowmobiles to reduce sound and avoid detection. Mike, a veteran snowmobiler, had helped Tom and Ken practice driving in the dark. Tonight they are ready to make the run.

"Remember the plan," says Tom. "We go over to Garden Island first, then follow the path along the little islands and shoals. Don't turn on the headlights until we're well east of Beaver. If they see us, they will shoot."

They tie a thick rope from one machine to the other. "If, God forbid, one of us goes into the water," says Ken, "the other has to get him out really quick or it's all over."

Minutes later the trio is riding across the ice toward Garden Island. Suddenly, though, Tom turns his snowmobile sharply to the right and cuts the engine. "Look out!" he yells. "Don't hit it!" Mike and Ken stop quickly. "There's something there," Tom calls out, pointing into the dark. "I think it's a body."

The men rush toward a long dark lump on the ice—a sleeping bag, maybe, wrapped around a motionless man. "Is he dead?"

"No," says Ken, holding the man's pulse. "But he will be soon if we don't get him warmed up. We have to take him to the Health Center." Mike and Tom immediately agree to abandon their escape plan. "Who is he?"

"I don't know, but he looks familiar. Not an Islander, but I've seen him around."

They carefully move the man onto one of the snowmachines.

"Take this, too," says Tom, tossing Ken a small cloth pouch that was also on the ice.

Kayak Ken runs into the Health Center and gets the Guardsman on patrol to help him to carry the unconscious man into the facility. After they lay the man onto an examination table, Ken starts to leave the room to find medication for the new patient, but suddenly stops and looks closely at the private who is bending over the table. It's uncanny—the soldier's face looks just like the face of the man they found on the ice. Like they are identical twins, or clones.

"Is this guy your brother?" Ken asks.

"Nope, never saw him before in my life." The soldier looks away, something nervous in his voice.

"Well, he looks exactly like you. You sure you don't have a long-lost twin?"

The soldier doesn't respond. As Ken turns to leave he notices the small pouch that they had found near the body. It is not very heavy, and seems a little lumpy. Outside in the dark, Ken empties the contents into one of his hands.

Out tumble five blue rocks.

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The unexpected mass deaths of over 2,500 grebes, cormorants, gulls, mergansers, and loons has been observed on the western shore of the Leelanau Peninsula in the past few months as bird bodies washed up on the beaches of the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore.

Most experts fear this may be the looming edge of a zone of greater environmental disaster, which is decimating fish in Lake Erie. Their theory is that a kind of botulism (type E) caused by zebra mussels (which also displace traditional food sources for the Great Lakes' larger

fish) is taking a toll on the smaller species at the beginning of the marine food chain. They warn that an unwelcome transformation in what fish can be found in the Great Lakes may be underway.

Unfortunately, the added water clarity due to the zebra mussels' filtering promotes the growth of *cladophora*, a native seaweed, which then provides the organic material needed for the botulism bacteria to grow. Then the mussels play a second role: when a storm turns up the lake bottom, zebra mussels ingest the botulism bacteria, and the toxin is passed on to another invasive species, round gobies. When birds or large fish eat the gobies, they can become infected and die.

In Lake Erie fish deaths are being

reported along with the death of birds; tons and tons of dead fish wash up, from time to time. Biologists there have identified another culprit, the viral hemorrhagic septicemia known as VHS. This virus has not yet infected Lake Michigan, but we don't know how to hold it back and some observers feel it is surely on its way.

One of the many memorable aspects of life on Beaver Island is the haunting, melodic call of our loons. We have our Loon Rangers, friends of the loons, and loon music. But the Inland Seas Educational Association reported finding 188 dead loons in just August and September at Sleeping Bear, with no countermeasure yet derived. Could this pox reach us? Who can say—but it's not that far away.

Stupak remains concerned about the 'live-fire' zones

Three weeks after the Charlevoix meeting to discuss the Coast Guard's 'Live Fire' plans, congressman Bart Stupak remains cautious about the proposed exercise. He is concerned that adequate means of alerting boaters have not yet been decreed, that the 7,000 pounds of lead the program will dump into the Great Lakes may have a negative ecological effect, that the tribes (whose title to the Great Lakes is merely

held in trust by the federal government) have not been consulted, and that no reason for instituting the program now has been revealed.

As for Beaver Island, he stated that the proposed live fire zone between here and Charlevoix may require the ferry to take a different route, increasing the time and cost of the crossing and possibly hurting our tourist-based economy.

Lead Elsewhere

Discussions about the wisdom of shooting 7,000 pounds of lead into the Great Lakes annually frequently turn on the perceived threat of the heavy metal. In California, hunters, environmentalists, and Native Americans sued state wildlife regulators for allowing the condor population to be poisoned by lead ammunition, which they feel has reduced the numbers of this bird with a ten-foot wingspan to only 138 currently flying free.

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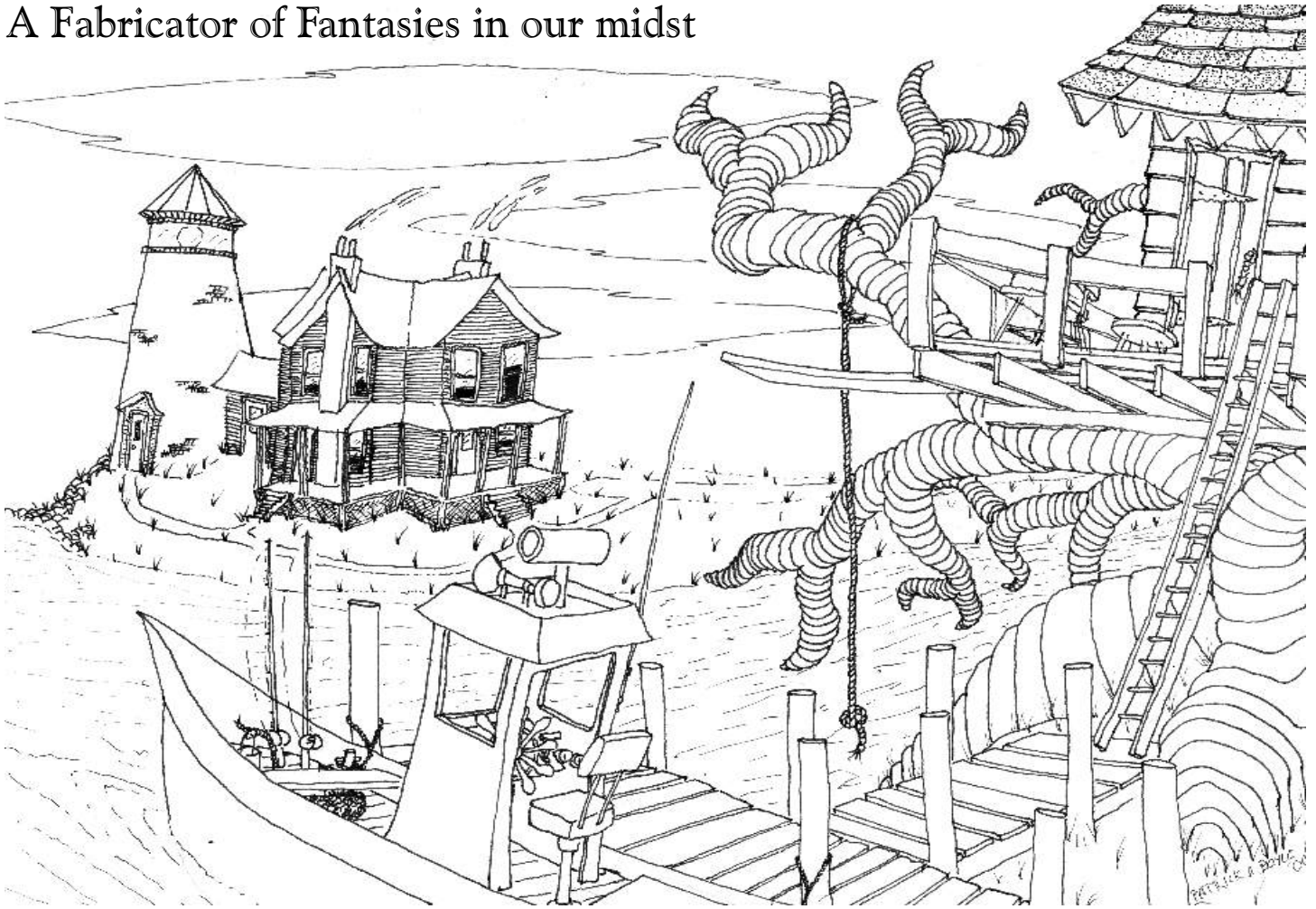
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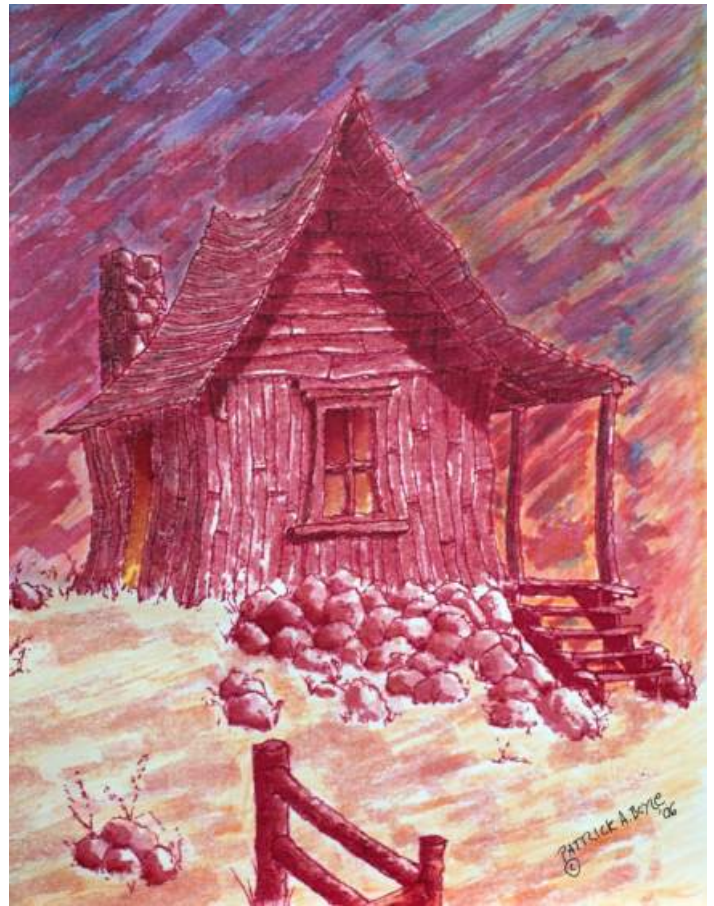
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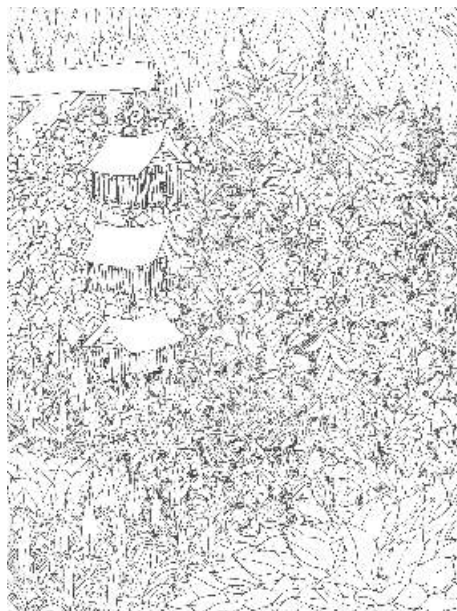
A few people know Pat Boyle as the mason who built the wonderful stone fireplace on Sybil Larson's home, now owned by Pat's family, but most recognize him from the *Stop for Art* stand he sets up and mans in front of his own home next to the Emerald Isle Hotel.

Those who have stopped there, or

seen him at the Historical Society's annual Art Show during Museum Week, have discovered his exceptional talent for drawing well-composed nature scenes. Usually people are so impressed they have to buy one of his original drawings, or a high-quality print.

After thirty years of finding his

greatest satisfaction in his art, Pat has begun a remarkable new venture: a sequence of fantasy-engendering black-and-white drawings of tree houses that invite the viewer to imagine a miniature, elfin world. As with all his work, all he has to do is pick up a drawing pen and a sheet of blank sketch paper, and new ideas flock to





his mind like hungry hummingbirds flocking around a hive full of honey. The imaginative Pat has never been at a loss for something to draw.

But these drawings are different from anything else he's conceived, because these will bound in a book. A coloring book.

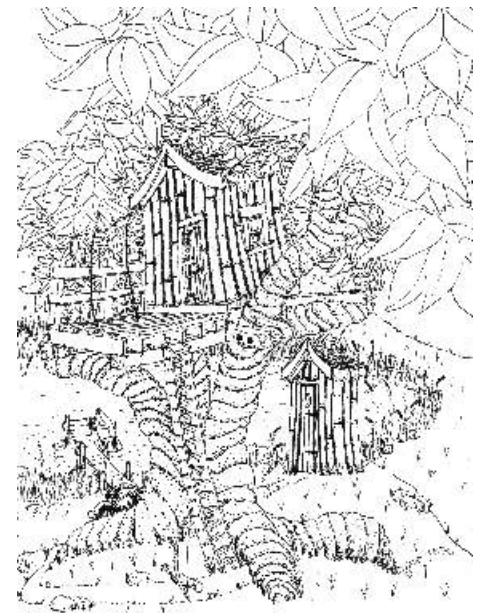
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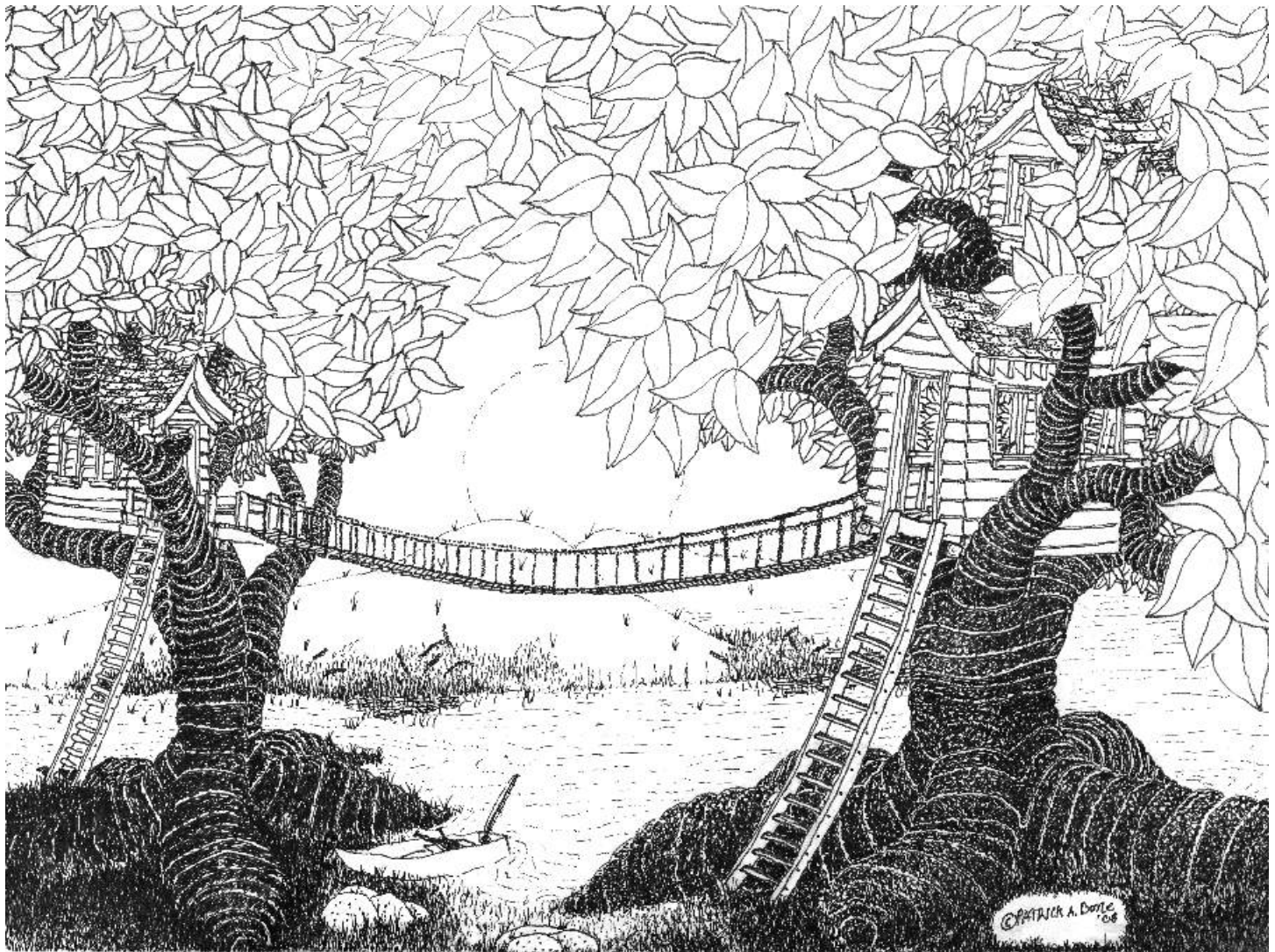
customer remarked that Pat's black-and-whites were crying out for color. Pat had heard their pleas, and agreed. To see if this might lead to something, he colored some of his drawings himself, and the results took his work to the next level.

A doctor suggested that a book like this might be a benefit to various

therapeutic enterprises. So Pat assembled ten sets of drawings and sent them to ten Michigan hospitals, along with SASE-enclosed queries for anyone who colored them to fill out and return.

If all goes well, his first two coloring books will be published in the spring—watch for news in the *Beacon*.





Wireless in 2007 at last?

After visiting the Island in October, Hudsonville, MI *OnWeb90* is planning to provide Beaver with wireless broadband Internet. Plans include 1500 kbps down/256 kbps up, 3000/512, and 5000/768 residential options, as well as 1.5 mbps/1.5 mbps and 3.0/3.0 commercial plans. "While keeping the pristine beauty of the Island intact, *OnWeb90* is bringing them a complete Wireless network, including Voice-Over-IP service to the entire island" says Nick Welsheimer, www.onweb90.com

Mason, MI *NGWireless, Inc.*, directed by Brian Tort, also has expressed interest in providing wireless broadband for Beaver Island with a visit on November 15th and mailings to all box holders. With an Island connection, *NGWireless, Inc.* pledges "Internet access to benefit year-round residents and travelers to the Island, with service to be available by April 1, 2007," according to www.ngwirelessinc.com.

The Acacia's new home

For years we looked forward through the long cold winter to the arrival of the Coast Guard cutter *Acacia* as a sure harbinger of spring. But the Spring of 2005 was the last appearance of the 180' ship, which was retired.

Now comes word that the *Acacia* is headed for Chicago, where, after wintering on the south side, she will become a museum. A bevy of Coast Guard cadets will maintain her while a program of exhibits is being devised. Her operational readiness will also be maintained—just in case.

A downtown berth is being sought, and the hope is that the new museum might be open by as early as next Memorial Day

The exhibits are to represent Great Lakes nautical history.

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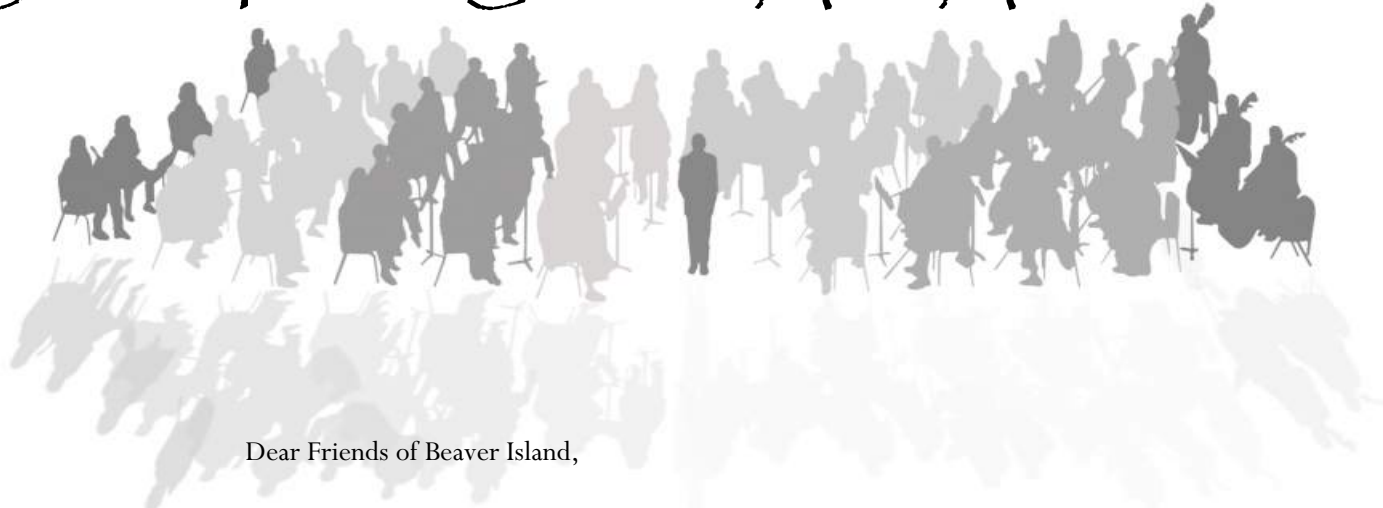
Don't Miss Santa

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School Improvement

Teachers and staff at our school have begun to notice some shortcomings in the building layout. This led to the formation of a School Board committee, which recently gathered input from Grand Rapids architects who specialize in school redesign—the second such firm to be interviewed. Among the goals are better space for art and music education, an up-to-date science lab, better storage for maintenance equipment, insufficient electrical outlets, a better and more efficient heating system, and an upgrade for the playground equipment. The Board hopes to select architects to explore concrete ways to achieve these modifications in the near future.

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For the sixth consecutive year, Baroque on Beaver will provide some seventy Beaver Island and visiting musicians opportunity to present, and hundreds of audience members multiple opportunities to enjoy, an exceptional festival of classical music. The 2007 festival will include two evening concerts by chamber groups and soloists, two full orchestral and choral performances at the Parish Hall, and other special events. Also, that week all Beaver Island Community School students will be invited to participate in Baroque on Beaver Music Camps.

Over the past five years, Baroque on Beaver has received financial support from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs – and from many individual donors. Proposals will be submitted to those and other potential grant-makers for 2007, but to assure the festival's continued success we must reach out to all our friends. Whether you are permanent or seasonal residents of Beaver Island, or regular or occasional visitors, we ask that you make a year-end gift to help Baroque on Beaver continue to thrive and grow.

Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association, a newly formed Michigan nonprofit corporation, is now the sponsor of Baroque on Beaver, with continuing support and guidance from former advisory committee members Jeanne Howell and Constance Currie. Its dual purposes are to present the festival and to help provide cultural arts education and performance opportunities for BICS students during festival week and throughout the school year. (We were able to make a \$2,500 grant to BICS for the latter purpose during this school year.) Your gift will help fulfill these purposes and be fully tax deductible, because the IRS recently issued a determination that BICAA has 501(c)(3) tax exempt status. Please send your check to the address shown below. On behalf of the entire Beaver Island community, we thank you in advance for your generous support and look forward to celebrating Baroque on Beaver 2007 with you.

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On This Date

Ten Years Ago By the end of Opening Day, Bill and Tim McDonough had logged in, dressed, and butchered 80 deer. One hunter who'd been coming here for 50 years and had not taken a buck for 35 took one this year: Father Tony Majrkowski. The Hunters' Dinner was held at the Shamrock and featured rabbit stew, elk roast, venison, roast coon, turkey, and whitefish. The cooks were Pinky, Erik Peterson, Madonna, Joy, Rose, BJ, Lil, and Emma Jean.

Dave Roop reported that the deer herd was growing; hare were down by 30% but still plentiful; grouse were almost nonexistent; squirrel too were almost gone; and racoon were abundant.

The lake was 15" above average.

The *Needlers* held its first gathering, with ten women attending. Phyllis Duda spearheaded this group, with sponsorship from the Community House.

The Charlevoix County Road Commission was trying to get an easement to use Buddy's Trail.

Bob Mogford crushed over 1,000 Island wrecks in a six-week period.

The Municipal Airport received a grant to establish a fuel facility.

In the election, Beaver Island sup-

ported Clinton over Dole 171 - 126.

Frank and Vera Dulin reported seeing a 'Green Flash' over the lake looking south from Little Iron Ore Bay.

The 9th- and 10th-graders sold enough Rain Forest T-shirts to save 14 acres. Lindsey McDonough sold 25 by herself.

The *Beaver Island House Party* book and CD, put together by MSU musicologist Laurie Sommers, was released. It described the importance of music from the onset of the Irish community here, and included songs by old-timers Pat Bonner and Johnny Green, plus current Island musicians Ed Palmer, Cindy Gillespie, and Barry Pischner.

The EMS offered a 4-course curriculum at the school: Medical First Responder, MFR to Emergency Medical Technician, Basic EMT, and Basic EMT Refresher—all taught by Joe Moore.

Passings noted included Dorothy Fox, the daughter of Peter and Dolores Gallagher, and Patty Rasch, the wife of Rasch brother Clint.

Twenty Years Ago Two bids to replace the sidewalk in St. James were almost identical: \$10,675 from Greg Cary and \$10,684 from Jon Bonadeo.

So the Town Board decided to give them each half of the job.

Gary Comer offered to extend the paved runway at the Municipal Marina by 1,000'. Members of the Airport Committee were in favor, although at least one seasonal home owner was afraid such an expansion would bring in too many jet planes. The extension was estimated at \$125,000, and there was a chance of receiving a \$50,000 grant from the Michigan Aeronautics Commission.

Dan Higdon replaced Dick Capman as Airport Manager.

In the election, Beaver Island supported Blanchard over Lucas for Governor, 104 - 47. The tax levy was \$278,714 in St. James and \$383,831 in Peaine.

A traveling exhibit from the Detroit Institute of Arts, featuring the gothic Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, arrived at the Island school.

John Runberg was hired at \$10/hour to apply for grants for the Library and the Historical Society.

Water levels were higher than those of the record-setting previous year, and 4" higher than the 1861 record.

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Island Sports and Rental, with Dan McCafferty winning, followed by Dave Roop and Dave Fritz. Karl Heller reported that the Game Club had acquired two coyote dogs and was looking for help feeding them. The Beaver Island Gun Club was formed to provide a venue for trap shooting; it cost \$20/month to belong.

Passings noted included Captain John 'Clifford' White, who was born in Illinois and married Beaver Island's Catherine 'The Bay' O'Donnell, and Francis O'Donnell, Rita Gillespie's brother, who lived in Chicago.

Thirty Years Ago Due to a shortfall of funds, the Civic-sponsored *Beacon* terminated complimentary copies, although the subscription rate remained at \$5/year.

Most of the issue went into a story written by Pat O'Donnell and submitted by his brother Anthony, with references to several Beaver Islanders. The story was framed to seem to be written by a dog, Sinbad, who was locked in a concentration camp when his owner went away. The dog talks about his trial, at which Anthony O'Donnell acted as his attorney. There was a long list of

charges, everything from bringing fleas into the house to snapping at a grouchy mailman and barking at unknown visitors. Despite a good defense, poor Sinbad was sentenced to six months in an outdoor cage.

A Christmas card from Island businesses bore these names, among others: Circle M, Stan Floyd's auto rental, Wojan's Island Rental ("how much for Garden?"), Gillespie Oil and Transit, Beaver Island Oil Company, Mister Ed's Fix-it, Bauman's Bluff, Pebble Beach lots, Ed-Pat's TV & Electronics, Ruthie's Bits of Beaver, and Vic Shapley's Island Telephone Company.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* proclaimed, "The *Blizzard of '66* will long be remembered by those who were trapped on the Island for a full week during deer season. Hunters near the south end could only sit and wait for a snowplow. Power was disrupted in many parts of the Island by falling trees, and a fierce wind kept the *Beaver Island* in the harbor."

The James Pooler story, *When Santa missed the boat for Beaver Island*, was reprinted; he had spent several years living here as a boy before going to work

for the Detroit Free Press.

Passings noted included Ralph Johnson, father of Skip McDonough.

Fifty Years Ago A welcome party for the Island's new doctor featured John Gillespie and Ron Gallagher singing a parody of a Gilbert and Sullivan song.

The opening of deer season brought 186 hunters to the Island. They took away 45 deer. The largest, a 9-point weighing 185 pounds, went to Leon Marks of Kalamazoo. A 12-pointer weighing 165 went to Bob Southern of Rochester. Chuck Kleinhenz topped the local effort. The bow-and-arrow season drew 16 hunters. The Conservation Officers made 6 arrests.

One of the hunters was Ronnie Kolenda of Grand Rapids, who was induced to give a polka concert with his accordion at the Parish Hall.

Historical Society cofounder Russell Hoffman announced plans for a Beaver Island Cookbook. A granddaughter of King Strang, Mrs. E. J. Bovan of Milwaukie, Oregon, sent an original front page for the last edition of James Jesse Strang's paper.

Mort Neff featured the Island on his *Michigan Outdoors* TV show.

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Lillian Noel Moore

Philip Michael and Jessica Moore, currently of Eatonville, Washington, are excited to announce the arrival of their first child, Lillian Noel, who arrived on November 14th, 2006. "Lily," weighed in at 7 ½ pounds and is 19 inches long. According to the proud papa, she also has red hair. Grandparents are Tom and Kathy Baker of Calumet, and Joe and Phyllis Moore; great-grandparents are Phil and Lillian Gregg, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Miller of Grand Marais. Congratulations, Mike and Jessica!



Benefit Party

A very BIG thank you from the Benefit Committee goes to all who attended a Benefit Party and generously donated to the fund for Wendy Ken and her family. At the party alone we took in almost \$5,000! In addition to what was collected that night, checks have been coming in to the Bank and Debbie Robert. As of Dec. 1, almost \$6,400 has been donated!

Thanks go to Kitty McNamara for her auctioneering skills. The highest priced auction for 2 Nights at the Grand

by Marie LaFreniere

Traverse Resort and Round Trip Airfare for 2 on Fresh Air was won by Larry and Mary Rose Birch for \$275. And Pat Anderson of Beaver Island Marine was the top bidder at \$250 on a Brian Cole b/w photograph of the *Beaver Island*.

Thank you to Island Airways for donating 3 round-trip tickets to be auctioned/raffled at the Benefit, and also for helping Johnny go to the mainland to see his daughter. Also, to Fr. Pat/Holy Cross for the donation given directly to Wendy,

Local Man becomes new CCCF chairman

Local resident and BIRHC stalwart Don Spencer was elected to chair the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's board of directors, an organization he has been serving for

five years. Many Island organizations have their Endowment Funds with the CCCF, and Islanders Judy Lanier, Skip McDonough, Kitty McNamara, and Joe Reed have played major roles.



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and for the assistance in getting Wendy and her husband here.

And a very special thanks to Joan LaFreniere who won \$470.00 in the 50/50 and generously donated it back.

Also, thanks to everyone who brought food. And to the musicians; Ed Palmer, Cindy Gillespie Cushman, John McCafferty, Shaker Heights, Brandon Maudrie, Cory Palmer and Keith Szczepanski who all donated their time and talent.

Wendy and her family still have a long road ahead of them. Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers especially during the upcoming holidays. Donations can still be sent to:

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Margaret Abigail McCafferty

Michael, Erin, and Susi Myers McCafferty would like to announce the birth of their baby sister Margaret Abigail McCafferty. Maggie was born on November 10th 2006 at the Charlevoix Hospital to Dan and Sarah McCafferty. She weighed 7lbs 9oz, and was 19 inches long. The proud Grandparents of this new happy and healthy Beaver Islander are Michael and Susan Myers, and Madonna McCafferty. She's sleeping while she has the chance, before the welcoming parties get underway.

A New Ferry to our South—or not

Plans for a new ferry line between Frankfort and Wisconsin are stalled over the lack of a Michigan-end dock. Brian McCaughrin, the owner of a nautical shipping business based in

Wayne, already purchased a ferry "made in, and for, the Great Lakes," but doesn't want to also pay for a dock. The failure of Frankfort to provide a dock has put the plan in jeopardy.

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'Baroque on Beaver' Tax Exempt, Expanded Concerts

Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association, the new nonprofit corporation that has taken over management and presentation of *Baroque on Beaver*, was granted a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status by the IRS. This means that individuals' financial gifts to support the festival and BICAA's other charitable activities, including grants to the Beaver Island school for enhanced music education and performance opportunities, will be fully tax deductible.

BICAA also announced an expanded line-up of concerts for 2007, which will be held July 25-29, 2007.

There will be two main concerts featuring full orchestra and chorus with approximately seventy performers, both local Beaver Island talent and visiting musicians, at the Parish Hall on Saturday and Sunday, the 28th and 29th.

There also will be two evening concerts featuring chamber groups and soloists, times and locations to be announced. Music lovers also can expect unannounced mini-concerts at venues around St. James, as occurred last summer, and other special events.

Also, throughout Festival Week BICS students will have opportunity to participate in a *Baroque on Beaver* music camp, and some of them will be invited to perform in one or more of the concerts.

All *Baroque on Beaver* concerts will be free, although donations will be accepted to help defray the many expenses of presenting the concerts and supporting BICAA's charitable efforts to enhance cultural arts education opportunities for Beaver Island's young people.

A Difficult Hunt

Some deer hunters on Beaver Island were doubly disappointed this year. First, the weather was unseasonably warm, and second, there seemed to be few deer. Some hunters got lucky, but many didn't. The eleven hunters who braved the rough water to camp on Garden Island were the unluckiest of the lot.

Some residents are blaming the upsurge in coyotes, heard on most nights boasting on the ridges and in the woods. "There could be a thousand of them," one hunter maintained. "Last year we put the number at three hundred, and they had a good season. With five to eight pups, you do the math." Others said there were plenty of deer, and more importantly, plenty of fawns—more than last year. So maybe it was simply due to the weather.

No Big Rock Park

Those who were looking forward to having a park at the Big Rock nuclear generator site were disappointed to learn that the DNR's plans were scuttled over concerns, raised by the Michi-

gan Environmental Council, that the site still bears traces of radioactivity—even though it was deemed safe by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The 450 acres, which includes a

mile and a half of undeveloped Lake Michigan shoreline, was up for sale for \$19,300,000 by Consumers Energy, an amount the DNR had hoped to obtain from the DNR Trust Fund.

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Veterans' Day

On 11:00 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, 18 proud veterans gathered alongside the Holy Cross Church for a ceremony to honor all those who died in service of their country, including eight

Beaver Islanders. It was too cold for Post Chaplain Bob Hoogendorn to play his horn, so Taps was heard in an electronic version. Despite the 30° day, two dozen patriots stood stiffly as Doug

Hartle conducted the event, which included the reading of a poem written about the War to End all Wars.

Beaver Island has long been known for the patriotism of its residents.



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Beaver Islander in Service

GAO, Mali— It's another extremely hot day in Gao, a small village north of Bamako, in the West African country of Mali. A U.S. military team has assembled at a local village, preparing to perform tasks that would make the average person cringe. A team member is struggling to get a grip on a cow's tongue. Another tries to stop an infestation of worms from spreading, while another has only a few minutes to reach into a mouth full of teeth ... and take one out.

This is not an episode of the popular television show

Fear Factor. MEDCAP, as it's known, is a humanitarian operation designed to provide medical, dental, and veterinarian outreach to local civilian populations. During November, the team, consisting of a physician, a nurse, a dentist and a veterinarian, deployed with Special Operations Forces to Mali. While U.S. Special Forces focus on interacting with the Malian military to strengthen counter-military capabili-



U.S. Army Capt. Jeremy Bearss, DVM, a veterinarian with the Northern Europe Veterinary Detachment, administers anti-parasitic medicine to livestock during the latest in a series of Joint Combined Exchange Training events near Gao, Mali. Bearss and other military medical/dental professionals deployed with Special Operations Forces as part of the latest in a series of efforts of the United States effort to maintain positive relationships while bringing stability to the region.

ties, the medical teams serve the local community by providing free basic medical and dental care for villagers and their livestock. Winning the 'hearts and minds' of the locals with these MEDCAPS is part of that strategy. The Veterinarian Capability (VETCAP) program focuses on tending to the livestock of local villages and is considered to be a key element of the program.

The team pulled together to assist

U.S. Army Capt. (Dr.) Jeremy Bearss, the team's veterinarian, to assess the health of local livestock and provide treatment as necessary. Bearss, who serves with the Northern Europe Veterinary Detachment at the Royal Air Force Base in Lakenheath, England, provided anti-parasitics and vitamins to the village's animal populations ... more than 192 animals in three hours. The team tagged some of the animals so their health can be monitored in the future.

"One of the most valuable things the villagers have is their ani-

mals," said Bearss, who calls Beaver Island, Michigan, his home. "If their animals are healthy, then their children (and their nutritional status) will be, as well."

Special Operations Command, Europe forces will continue to rely on the assistance of medical teams to perform Medical Capabilities Exercises as Special Forces focus their efforts on developing nations like Mali.



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Mackinaw loads 1,000 Christmas Trees in Cheboygan

As Chicago's current 'historic' Christmas Tree Ship, *USCGC Mackinaw* was loaded with 1,000 Christmas trees by Ogema Heights ROTC members in November.


The loading was accompanied by a donation event,

with the Salvation Army, the Cheboygan post of the Michigan State Police, Cheboygan County Police, and the Cheboygan City Police present. 200 trees will be donated to the Salvation Army during this time.




The trees were purchased

by the Chicago's Christmas Ship organization from a tree farm in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. They are of various species and sizes and will make the historic journey from Cheboygan, past Beaver Island, and to Chicago for a Dec. 1, 2006 arrival.

For the first time in the long history of this charitable cruise, the trees will be sharing deck space with buoys as *Mackinaw* will be decommissioning lighted aids and replacing them with winter markers on the voyage to and from Chicago.



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Ode to Beaver Island

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Fall is preserved in time; cushioned within the water's blanket of insulation.

So, too, protected cultures of those who venture into a world of timeless wonder.

Storytellers weave their thoughts in a tapestry of history, culture, and relationships, and we drink from the rich colors.

Going there with a dear friend, I feel intoxicated by the opportunity to share in this special world.

The isle allows only those who care for her shores and the Thousand Acre Wood.

Few see Pooh Corner.

At night, the constant swishing of the waves and brushing of the tall tree branches lull you to sleep. We wonder, too, at the dance our taste buds do when the Isle Chef makes a magic 'stew.'

It is cold and wet this fall, but we remain warm and dry; wrapped in friendships, favorite stories, color, and the wonder of it all on Beaver Island.

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One Hundred Years Ago

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Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 6, 1906 **Local News:** "Dr. A. M. Wilkinson and family of St. James have been spending several days including Thanksgiving with relatives here."

"John S. Gallagher, of St. James, was in town several days the past week."

"Rev. Paschal Foerster, of St. James, was here over Sunday, and officiated at the Catholic Church."

"The tug *J. V. Taylor* laid up Monday and Capt. Tim Roddy goes as second mate of the Ludington car ferry the remainder of the winter."

"Navigation is still open and active. The *Beaver* is making her trip with 'spasmodic regularity'."

Beaver Island News: "Steam barge *R. C. Went* loaded here last week. She will make one more trip."

"John C. Gallagher spent Sunday at Charlevoix."

"Miss B. Boyle returned home from Escanaba."

"Mr. and Mrs. P. McCauley of Manistique will spend the winter here with their daughter, Mrs. Fred Nackerman."

"Two tugs *Effie B.* and *M. McCann* have commenced fishing for whitefish spawn."

"Our barber Mr. Martin is having

quite a little sport showing some of his customers how his new electric massage machine works."

"Mr. Al Sterling, former foreman for the Lumber Co, visited the Island for a few days."

"Mr. M. J. Bonner has been quite sick for the last few days."

"Sister's (sic) Clementina and Leo spent Thanksgiving in Grand Rapids."

"Mrs. Capt. 'Tim' Roddy who has been quite sick for the past week, is reported will again."

(Note "12-11 Snow-snow-snow" F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 13, 1906 **Local News:** "The close season ends Saturday night, and the fishing fleet will be in commission Sunday morning and doing business. At Beaver Island the tugs *McCann* and *Effie B.* are fishing for whitefish spawn for the government, with very small results yet, but improvement is expected. When these tugs are released, the *Effie B.* will join the other two Wolverine tugs here. It is expected that ten steam tugs and several gasoline outfits will operate here for at least six weeks."

Beaver Island News: "Captain Tim Roddy returned home for the winter."

"Squaw Island light station has closed for the winter."

"The tug *Chas. E. Ryan* has gone to Charlevoix for repair."

"Steam barge *John Schroeder* loaded lumber here this week."

"A. Booth Packing Co. will erect a large ice house at this place."

"The new school house in Peaine township is nearly completed."

"Mr. E. Jinkins and wife of Boyne have moved here for the winter."

"Mr. J. Banty formerly foreman at the mill is back again at his old position."

"Mrs. M. J. Bonner who has been quite ill the past 10 days is able to be out again."

"Mr. Noble Stevens and family of Manistee, have moved here for the winter. Mr. Stevens is a brother of W. E. Stevens of this place."

"Mr. John Floyd's team ran away in front of *McCann's* store and completely demolished the sleighs and harness and seriously injuring one of the horses."

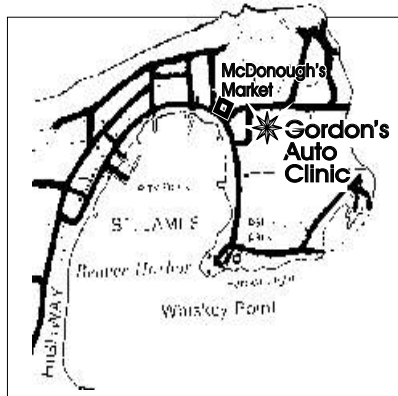
"Word was received here a few days ago that Peter D. McCauley, brother of Mrs. J. C. Gallagher and Mrs. Tim Roddy of this place, was dangerously ill at Duluth, Minn."

(Note: "12-15 Thaw" F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 20, 1906 **Local News:** "Supervisor W. J. Gallagher and Mr. Sheid, bookkeeper for the Beaver Island

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Lumber Co., were here Monday."

"The big steel steamer *L. C. Waldo*, of Detroit, was stranded on 'Can Bouy Reef,' to the northwest of Garden Island last Sunday noon. She was loaded with coal bound for Milwaukee. After vain efforts to get assistance, she began Monday morning to jettison her cargo and kept fifty men from St. James busy until Tuesday noon when tug *Favorite* arrived and released her. She was injured very little and proceeded up the lake. The *Waldo* is 450 feet long, and is a fine vessel. She was in plain view from the portage at Beaver Harbor."

Beaver Island News:

"The barge *R. C. Went* made her last trip here a few days ago."

"The steamer *Crescent* was in the harbor a couple of days last week storm bound."

"C. E. Tilley returned home from Traverse City, where he had gone to purchase a lathe mill."

"Miss Mell O. Gallagher who has had a severe attack of typhoid, is well enough to be out again."

"Miss Ida B. Gallagher has accepted a position in district number

(2) St. James Twp."

"The individual Gas Light Co. Of Petoskey, has installed one of their plants in Mr. James McCann's store."

"Mr Owen D. Gallagher and wife and his niece, Miss Bea Gallagher, will spend the winter in Manitowoc, Wis."

"Hugh R. Gallagher who has been



away from the Island for the past two years returned home for the winter."

"Spawn fishing has ended here for the season, and Mr. A. T. Stewart who has had charge of the government work in that line, has left for home."

"Our Township Treasurer received

a check a few days ago for something over \$2000 primary money. This makes the tax very light in St. James township. Only 1 percent being levied."

"The Tug *Burger*, of Manistique, brought the remains of Capt. P. D. McCauley, who died at West Superior a short time ago, and they were interred in the family cemetery here. Capt. McCauley was quite widely known in Marine Circles. Having for the past eight or ten years held various responsible positions of trust on the lakes. Capt. McCauley will be missed by numerous friends and relatives."

(Note: "10 - 20 Some track [open road], but bad! Ultra bad!" 20 - 27 No track. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 27, 1906 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* went to Boyne city this morning with

submarine diver Sam Rose and his outfit to make a search for the body of Frank Watson, who was drowned Christmas Day."

"W. W. Boyle and Anthony Malloy, of St. James, have been in town several days the past week."

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Calendar of Events

Dec 9th - 10th **Christmas Cantata** 3:00 at Beaver Island Christian Church

Dec 12th: **Secret Santa workshop @ School**, 9:00 a.m. - lunch

Dec 14th: **Cookie Carnival**, Christian Church, 1:00 - 5:00

Dec 15th - 16th **Basketball & Volleyball**. Beaver Island vs. Ojibwe. See page 13. for full winter sports schedule.

Dec 16th: **Christmas Party with Santa**, at the Emerald Isle Hotel. Free lunch provided by the AmVets from 11:30 - 12:30 @ conference room; Presents and **Pictures with Santa** from 12:00 to 1:00.

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Nina's Restaurant Winter Event Schedule

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** –

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a cozy atmosphere

April 14th **Spring Dinner** – Come celebrate spring with a special dinner of seasonal foods

May 11th **Kathy Speck's Chinese Dinner**

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Real Estate, For Rent, continued from page 37.

RENTAL CABIN - for rent - Sand Bay-
sleeps 8-amenities-available May-
September \$950.00 wk plus security
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robin@robinleeberry.com

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home;
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