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News from the Townships

St. James Township

Nineteen people were at the January 3rd meeting, most drawn by posters placed around town asking those concerned about our town turkeys to attend. The problem to be addressed was that the town turkeys had become so abundant in the past few years that some plants, bushes, and trees were being damaged, and the droppings left in yards were a real nuisance.

Supervisor Don Vyse was sympathetic. He had spoken with the DNR about this, but a good solution was not at hand. Laws prohibit individuals from starting to shoot them—although in other instances government agencies have hired professionals to eradicate a problem like this. One suggested solution was to stop feeding the turkeys—but that would mean everyone would have to agree, and no other birds (ducks or songbirds) could be fed either, because the spillings would become turkey food.

The Wildlife Club provides food, so someone suggested it give no food to anyone in town known to feed turkeys.

There was some discussion of trying to scare them away with (illegal) firecrackers or airhorns. But many of these turkeys were born in town and would just come back. Another idea was to create a path into the country and feed them on it, moving the drop-

off point farther away every day. But securing an easement and making the path would be difficult. Rounding them up and carting them into the country has problems too, because turkeys are so nervous that they frequently break their wings or have heart attacks when caged.

Some comments indicated there were two sides to the turkey coin: besides being a nuisance, they are also a tourist attraction. So in the absence of a good solution, the Board decided to continue looking into this matter.

In other matters, two more white vinyl picket fences were vandalized; the 5-year renewal of the Recreation Plan must be completed by August; a complaint about the condition of Tribal property was sent on to the Tribal Council; and the Board affirmed that the proper steps must be taken to obtain 'Freedom of Information Act' material.

The Board also commented on the Municipal Airport's fence, the inability of which to keep out deer made *Northflight* cancel its willingness to land here after dark. *Northflight* would require a 10'-high fence. Previous rules required it to be around the complete perimeter—at a cost of ~\$1,000,000. Now the rules have been modified so a fence surrounding a smaller area would be acceptable, but it would still be expensive.

A note from the Port St. James indi-

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cated that it feels a resolution of the matter of access to its common properties may be resolved without further need for legal counsel.

Peaine Township

Eighteen people attended the January 10th Peaine Board meeting, at which John Works was reappointed to the Youth Consortium and Laraine Dawson, Kathy Ruis, Donna Stambaugh, and John Works to the Library Board.

John Works nominated Larry Kubic to fill the vacant 3-year slot on the Planning Commission. Cathy Jones was in the audience after having met with the supervisor to submit her resume earlier, and wanted to know what criteria were used to choose the recommendee. John Works said it was basically his sense of a person's character, which took him a long time to form. The Board commented that it would like to know in advance how many people had expressed an interest in a position before the supervisor exercised his procedural authority in the future, and then unanimously approved Larry Kubic's nomination.

Gerald LaFreniere followed Sarah McCafferty's year-end report by asking the Board to again reconsider matching the millage rate of St. James instead of providing an amount equal to the total collected in St. James

through its millage. Paul Welke suggested that he and Tina Morgan meet with EMS representatives over the coming months to work out a 5-year plan for the operation of the EMS, to see what adjustments in its income are necessary.

The Planning Commission's meetings will be at 6:00 p.m. for the rest of the winter.

A stunning cedar-and-glass illuminated cabinet, made by Island craftsman Den Gentle, was on the wall and ready for the arrival of Chief Peaine's war clubs.

The *Friends of the Trails* asked the *Trails Committee* to provide a trash container and picnic table for Greene's Lake. Doug Tilly answered a question by noting that the road to the lake from the West Side Road was a county road, and there had been a picnic table once but it had rotted into dust. The Trails Committee said it would cut the three new large trees that had fallen over the Kuebler Trail.

GTB grants to Beaver

The always-generous Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians just announced it has once again awarded funds to Beaver Island: \$20,000 to the BIEMS for radios and communications equipment, and \$15,000 to the soon-to-be-built Senior Housing project.



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The terms of veteran board members Linda McDonough and John Fiegen have expired.

A candidate has the option of either filing a nominating petition containing a minimum of 6 signatures, or paying a

non-refundable \$100 fee to St. James Township, and submitting two copies of an affidavit of identity. An eligible candidate must be at least 18 years of age; a citizen of the United States; a resident of the state of Michigan for at least 30 days; and a resident of the school district on or before the 30th day prior to the date of the election.

Petitions and affidavits are available at the St. James Township Clerk's office, 26045 Back Highway, 448-2915, or the Beaver Island Community School office, 448-2744, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Our EMS

Sarah McCafferty presented both a year-end summary of last year and a budget for next year at both Peaine and St. James Town Board meetings. She also noted that she was working on a sliding feeschedule.

For 2006, the EMS had 85 calls—almost one every four days. Forty-four involved Advanced Life Support, and 41 Basic Life Support. Twenty-two cases were transported by *NorthFlight*, 6 by the Coast Guard, and 12 by Island Airways. Nineteen patients were delivered to the BIRHC and 31 did not require transport.

The budget for the new year, together with a look back at the finances of last year, show how complicated operating the EMS really is. The main expense categories include the Ambulance and Echo car mainte-

nance (\$13-14k), office and garage rent and maintenance (\$13k in the new budget), education (down from \$18k to 6), defibrillator maintenance (\$2.5k), bookkeeping/billing costs (\$5.5k), summer on-call help (\$17k), and other wages and travel costs (\$21k). The projected total expenses are almost \$83,000.

Most of the income derives from townships' millage (\$56k), payments from insurance companies (\$12k—thanks to a new, better arrangement with Blue Cross/Blue Shield), and payments from patients (\$3k.)

Besides this, donations play an important role. The past two years have been successful because monies that had been set aside were transferred to the general fund, but in 2008 there could be a real problem meeting costs.



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The dust cloud problem has been addressed in the past by the application of a salt-based dust control liquid, and that will be done again. Last year Peaine Township spent ~\$28,000 to bring over several tankers of calcium chloride, and plans to again, paying the lion's share from its General Fund. But no solution to the rapid deterioration of King's Highway is in sight. A 1½" layer of asphalt on the almost-4 miles of pavement would cost \$900,000, while a 3" coat would run a third more. These figures include lengthening the bike trail, but there's no guarantee that the money can be found. If the county-wide millage passes (it didn't at the last election), the Road Commission has indicated it would help, but not in the first few years.

One part of the problem that could be solved, though, is the regravelling of

the rest of our roads. On February 27th Peaine Township will ask voters to approve a special 1-mil assessment for this purpose. This would raise about \$50,000 a year, and would pay for adding 8" of good gravel to a 20'-wide road for 2½ miles.

A little of the money would go into a second dust control application as well, and the dust would also be reduced by the use of a better ratio of clay in the new gravel.

Good progress has been made recently on our 65+ miles of gravel roads. Portions of the East Side Drive, Hanigan's Road, and the West Side Road have been upgraded, but we have not had the resources to develop a comprehensive approach. The passage of this millage would change that, and soon our afternoon drives through the beautiful countryside would be safer, healthier, and more enjoyable. If this is one of the things you like to do on Beaver Island, helping get out the word—and the vote—would greatly increase your pleasure.

Any questions can be addressed to the Road Improvement Committee, which has been working hard to examine all the options: Pete LoDico, Dennis Cady, Jon Fogg, Paul Glendon, Pam Grassmick, Lars Larson, Gary Voogt, or John Works.

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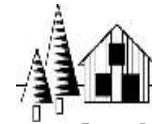
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What it takes

What happens if someone has a heart-attack-like event after dark on Beaver Island, on a night in late January when the sleet is coating every imaginable surface with ice? Well, no one knew—until it happened.

The pagers went off at 7:26 p.m., and, after cancelling dinner plans and making arrangements for baby-sitters, six members of the BIEMS (Donna Kubic, Gerald LaFreniere, Sarah McCafferty, Joe Moore, Jim Stambaugh, and Dawn Traficante) met Deputy Sheriff Jake Wasylewski at the patient's home. The patient was alert, but on the verge of a serious cardiac event, even though his heart had



not bothered him for months. Vital signs were taken as he was placed on a cot and moved to the ambulance, and relayed to FNP Sue Solle at the BIRHC. She conferred with both Charlevoix and Northern Michigan Hospitals, confirming that he needed to be admitted to

a hospital as soon as possible.

On a night like this, it would be a daunting task. The first call went to Island Airways, whose Neal Boyle explained that the sleet had forced them to suspend flying earlier and conditions had not improved. Following protocol, the next call went to the United States Coast Guard dispatch office in Cleveland. Because the officer there did not know of Beaver Island's special status, approval had to be secured from Langley Field in Virginia, and was; Cleveland said the Traverse City Air Station would be authorized to dispatch a helicopter, if it was necessary.

That had to be determined by a



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flight surgeon, who studied the patient report and agreed: go get him.

The EMS prepared the patient for transport to the airport, but the Coast Guard phoned back to say the helicopter had been forced down by the sleet and could not make the trip. The patient was momentarily stabilized, but something had to be done, so another call went to the USCG command post in Cleveland. The only possible help was the 140' icebreaker *Biscayne Bay*, which was in the Rock Island Pass near Green Bay, Wisconsin, on its way to free a tanker caught in the ice. Our EMS called its captain, Lieutenant Cary Godwin, and learned the icebreaker



was close enough to see the trapped ship. Still, Lieutenant Godwin said he would turn around and head for Beaver Island. He thought the trip would take between five and six hours.

Lieutenant Godwin wanted to know where to dock. The EMS tried to

contact BIBCo to get permission to use its dock, but the local crew had been training with the Coast Guard that day and was trapped on the mainland by the same sleet storm. When reached at the Weathervane, Captain Mike Green said the dock could be used, and the Fire Department had a remote control to open the gate—in case it needed to pump water. Townships Maintenance Man Darrell Butler Jr. was called. He came down in the Townships' truck and plowed a path through the snow.

Our medical providers thought the situation was under control and all they had to do was wait, but at midnight, just

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Rescue by Sea, continued from page 9 as some of the EMS team were choosing shifts in which to grab some sleep, the pagers went off again because a car had rolled over on McCauley's Road. So they met the Fire Department at the King's Highway intersection, where luckily no one was seriously hurt.

With the tension taking an emotional toll, Dan McCafferty sent a just-made spaghetti dinner to the BIRHC for everyone (although Sue Solle, still on

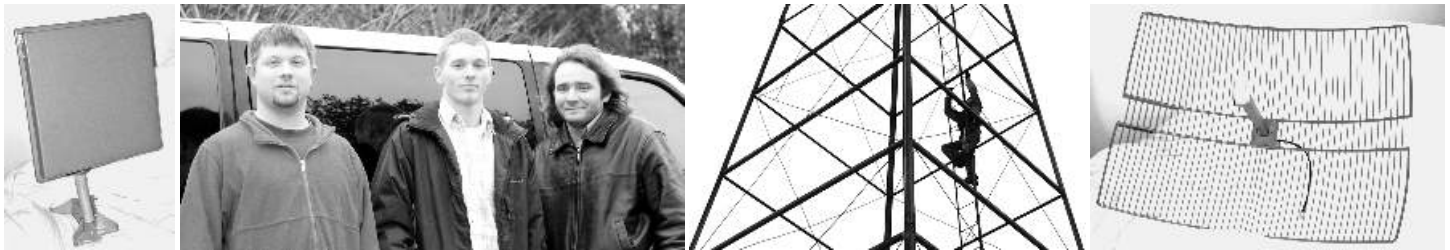
duty and recovering from a week-long illness herself, only had enough strength for a peanut butter sandwich.) After their energy was restored, one of the EMS crew took the E-car to the dock to watch for the cutter, which appeared at 2:30 a.m. It still had to cut through the 4" of ice covering the harbor out past the 2-mile buoy, but that was a piece of cake. When the USCG crew saw that the plow had not been able to reach their docking spot, some of the 17 members jumped

down, grabbed shovels, and created a perfectly straight clear path. Gerald scattered 15# of salt, just to be safe.

The EMS cot would not fit into the Bay's interior, though, so another adjustment had to be made. The patient was picked up and helped aboard, with people holding his IV and monitors close behind. The ship had its own EMT, Jason Stagnitto, who also served as cook, and he helped our EMS men, Gerald LaFreniere and Joe Moore, who accom-

Broadband Wireless Projects Starting

Another visit from OnWeb90 (www.onweb90.com)



Typical customer panel OnWeb90's Nick Welsheimer (left), Tim King (right), with tower-climber Travis (center)

Grid antenna for longer haul customers

OnWeb90's Nick Welsheimer and Tim King, along with their tower climber, arrived on Beaver Island again on January 6th and 7th to survey more Island locations, including both easy clusters and remote homes deep within the beautiful tall woods. They were positive about meeting the challenge of delivering broadband to the most difficult-to-reach Island sites, utilizing a combination of 2.4 Ghz and their unique NLOS radio design (which allows their 900 Mhz equipment "to penetrate up to ¼ mile of trees when necessary, and also deliver speeds significantly greater than the competition—while not limiting all links to the speed of the weakest") and

creative site solutions (such as mounting a small mast on top of the tallest tree at a customer's location, when required, to greatly reduce cost, time, and visibility: "We've done it before, and it does stand the test of time.") With a tower climb, they also evaluated the existing tower they hope to use for their primary backhaul link with the mainland tower.

They are currently working on another wireless project for the small community of Trufant, MI. On a second visit to Beaver, they were very enthusiastic about investing their own money and time to deliver wireless broadband to the Island. If space on an existing tower can be secured, OnWeb90 promised that

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panied the patient. Spotlights ablaze, the ship left the dock at 4:02 a.m., and arranged from on board to have the East Jordan EMS's ALS ambulance meet them at the Charlevoix dock. By 7:00 a.m. the patient was transferred and taken to Petoskey with lights and siren.

All that was left to do was to get back home, but that was not easy. Luckily, Gerald's wife Tammy was one of those who had not been able to return from Charlevoix the day before. She and her

mother came down to pick up Gerald and Joe, but their equipment (EKG machine, IV, suction pumps, two drug boxes, and three oxygen tanks) would not fit in her car. So three Charlevoix Coast Guardsmen, who had held the ship's ropes until it set off again to rescue the trapped tanker, put the excess in their pick-up and raced for the airport, with Tammy following. When they arrived, twenty people were waiting for the three planes scheduled to leave at 8:30 a.m. Paul Welke

announced that due to circumstances, our EMS (but not Tammy) would be given the first available seats. Not a single bumpee made a peep.

All in all, almost fifty people pitched in and worked hard together, in a variety of different ways, to save this one life. Considering how much the media reminds us that people rarely cooperate to this degree, it must be considered a miracle, for which all of Beaver Island is giving thanks.

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QUIC's Matt Meade shows panel for a home



Central Solutions, Inc's Brian Tort presents his plan



Signal from Eager Beaver to the BIRHC

Over forty people interested in improved internet access on Beaver Island attended a meeting on January 17th at which Brian Tort and two associates (Matt Meade from Quality Independent Communications, the contractor, and Ben Ockers from Proxim, the hardware vendor) presented their plan to install "carrier-grade" wireless high-speed internet access in 2007. He said he had already rented space at Eager Beaver and set up a first AP—a test signal was reaching from the roof of the Eager Beaver past Stoney Acre Grill to the 25 mph sign on the Highway and almost to Welke airport at the time of the meeting. His company, Central Solutions Inc (the parent company of NG Wireless), would extend coverage throughout St. James this spring, creating hot spots in Paradise Bay (that would allow boaters to connect on demand while at anchor) and then continue around the north end of the Island, down the west side, and to the east side to offer Island-wide coverage "by the time

the snow falls" in the winter of 2007/08.

He is doing the ground study to determine exactly how to spread coverage to the entire Island. Chances are, he said, four or five additional towers will be installed—which means finding the ideal spots and negotiating for their use. He hopes to be allowed to use the 300' Coast Guard tower at Beaver Head, now controlled by the mainland 9-1-1 (it would not conflict), which would provide a near line-of-sight route to customers in most South End homes.

He presented several options, starting with 320 Kbps/320 Kbps for \$28.95 a month on an annual contract to a 1 Mbps/1 Mbps plan for \$78.95/month on a 12-month contract, and \$63.60 to \$152.10/month for businesses, depending on speed and number of IP devices. Residential installation would be \$180, payable over twelve months. He would also offer dedicated access at \$400/month for 768 Kbps or \$800/month for 1.5 Mbps. And users

could sign up and pay online for a single month at a time at slightly higher rates, ideal for rental cottages, vacationers, or seasonal residents. Pay-as-you-go plans by the hour or day will also be available.

Matt Meade, an engineer with QUIC, had put up a comparable system near Battle Creek. They showed the typical home receiver, a 16" x 16" x 2" panel, and mentioned that there will be at least two wireless links to two mainland connecting points, providing redundancy. CSI would mount the receiver and provide an ethernet jack inside the home, on which a router could be installed to send the signal to multiple interior locations.

Both townships realize the benefits Island-wide broadband could bring, and the audience was sufficiently impressed with Brian Tort's presentation to leave the meeting with a buoyant sense of hope that Beaver Island will soon receive a substantial upgrade. If you did not get a survey, to be used for planning and funding, email info@centralsolutions.biz



Testing signal through Island trees near Stoney Acre



Brian outlines his overall strategy to the public



Following the Joint Township presentation

On This Date

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* featured a tribute to one of the Island's Grand Old Men, Archie LaFreniere, who had just passed away. The article recounted how he had gone to sea for his first job, like so many other Islanders, and then joined the Coast Guard in 1935. He was stationed here when his best friend, Bruce McDonough, perished in the *Merold II* tragedy at the beginning of 1937. A few years later he began circulating a petition to bring electricity to the Island, getting enough signatures to qualify us for a power plant. He joined the Navy and served in the Pacific Theater during WW II, earning 3 Bronze Stars. When fishing was decimated by the lamprey eel, he began spending several hours a week writing letters to promote new businesses, and became a one-man Chamber of Commerce. He was instrumental in creating our Medical Center in the mid-50s, and served on BIBCo's Board of Directors, finding \$100,000 for the construction of the *Beaver Islander*. Late in WW II he set up an unemployment office in his bar, the Shamrock, and ran it without compensation for 25

years. He also served for almost 50 years in various capacities at Holy Cross Church, and generally did whatever he could to keep the Island afloat during the tough economic times.

A poem by Rachel Becker, beginning *My grampa's soul is happy and free*, commemorated Archie's passing.

The Island suffered a severe ice storm on January 10th, due to a temperature inversion.

The story of the first airplane flight to the Island was recounted. In the winter of 1923, Jesse Cole, living at Nomad, suffered a head injury at his father's sawmill. His sister Carrie, living in Chicago, pulled strings to get an Air Force plane from Selfridge Field near Detroit to bring over Dr. Robert Armstrong from Charlevoix. The first plane developed engine trouble, so a second plane, the *Osprey II*, was dispatched. First it landed on frozen Lake Charlevoix to pick up the doctor, and then landed on frozen Lake Geneserath. The doctor treated Jesse successfully; although he lived with headaches, he became quite wealthy and enjoyed a long life.

Bill and Betty Welke celebrated their 50th anniversary. Bill had first come to the Island in 1934 on board the ill-fated *Merold II*. He was only 12, and his family stayed with Hubert McCauley. Ten years later he began making regular hunting trips here, and when close family friend Mel Gallagher decided to sell her farm, Bill and Betty bought it and moved to the Island in 1969. They built an airport, and started an air charter service six years later. In 1983 they merged with Joe McPhillips, their main competitor, and bought out their partners in 1989.

Tim McDonough thanked Neal Boyle for his excellent work as Township Supervisor, citing his efforts on the Tennis Courts, the Gull Harbor Sanctuary, and the paving of King's Highway.

For the previous year, Sheriff Mike Russell logged 55 animal complaints, requiring 22 impoundments. He wrote 7 traffic citations, and red-tagged 22 abandoned vehicles.

Twenty Years Ago Robert Cole's moving poem, *Something About Autumn*, was reprinted after winning the

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CMU poetry contest.

Vivian Visscher thanked the helpful customers and staff at McDonough's Market, and the EMTs, for helping when she fell there and broke her hip.

The annual subscription rate for the *Beacon* went from \$10 to \$12.

After the girl's volleyball team took its first trip to the mainland to play against Mancelona and East Jordan, Neal Boyle put up a sign that read, "ISL VBall Team Wins 4 on US Tour!"

Fran Tollas was flying over from Charlevoix each Saturday to teach piano and voice to eight students.

The Army Corps of Engineers approved the Wantypiling project.

The Department of Commerce rejected a grant application for improvements to the Town Hall. Grant Writer John Runberg was looking for funds for road and sidewalk improvements, without any luck. He had also applied for a grant for funds to repair the Protar Home. An application for a grant to the BIHS was also turned down.

The Army Corps expected the spring lake levels to rise to 581.4', higher

than the 20th-century mark set in 1986.

The passing of long-time Beaver Island Game Warden and Fire Officer Karl Kuebler was noted. He had lost an arm in a hunting accident as a teenager, but never let that hinder him. He carved out the Kuebler Trail by himself, and was known for his tree-planting fervor. Born in Brutus in 1893, he worked on his family farm until he joined the Conservation Department in 1927. He arrived on Beaver in 1942, and held that post until he retired in 1959—but stayed on as the Deputy until 1966. He moved to Petoskey in 1975, and was 93 at the time of his passing.

The passings of Elizabeth LaFreniere, Captain Pratt, and Topper's daughter Maureen McDonough were also noted. Liz Floyd LaFreniere had married Archie's brother Pat, after moving here with her mother at the age of three. Captain Forrest Pratt, who dropped out of school in the 4th grade, lived next to the Post Office but spent most of his working life in charge of several U. S. Steel ships. Born on Beaver Island in 1894, he signed on the *Rouse*

Simmons as a deck hand at age 15. By 1911 he was steering sidewheelers around the Great Lakes, and later wheeled the 520' *John W Gates*, named for 'Bet-a-million Gates,' a well-known gambler and director of U. S. Steel. He captained the first diesel-powered freighter through the Locks in 1951. His only shipping accident occurred in the late 1920s, when he cinched up the tow line to a barge in the Detroit River and overturned a rowboat in which four Armenians were sneaking into America in the dark, drowning them.

Thirty Years Ago This *Beacon* combined February and March.

January's temperature dipped to 12 below. Thick ice allowed much travel. Two snowmobile caravans ventured to Naubinway in the same week, both led by Charlie Martin; both times, bad weather postponed their return by two days. The icebreaker's passage required them to cut rafts from chunk ice with their chain saws to ford the gap. From Charlevoix, three men, Ed Whitley, his brother John, and Dave Swanson, *Continued on page 14. See On This Date.*

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On This Date, continued from page 13. replicated a decade-old trip by walking to Beaver, shoring at Cable's Bay. The Island Boy Scouts hiked to Garden—and had to hike back in a dismal cold rain.

Susan Muldoon, the daughter of the Fleishmans at Donegal Bay, offered a controversial four-month Family Planning seminar.

George Lasater became the Charlevoix County sheriff.

Ice-fishing was not good; the strong efforts of Perry Gatliff, Glen Arden, and Melvin Napont went unrewarded. But Terry VanArkle, Dick

Burris, and Bill and Dennis Wagner had better luck trapping beaver. The turkeys planted the previous fall seemed to be thriving. The DNR warned against feeding them, though, because that makes them dependent.

The passing of summer resident Dr. Rigdon Ratliff was noted. He was a Kentuckian who served at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for 46 years, and greatly enjoyed his cottage at Sand Bay. Other noted passings included Wicklow Beach's Reverend Arthur Johnson, who conducted services at the Christian Church when he wasn't riding his Honda

around the back roads, Richard Hammermeister, the husband of Sally Cull, and South Bend restauranter Danny Clark, who built a home at the end of Carlisle Road near the end of his 45 Island summers.

A letter arrived from Dennis King, who had spent three years (1966 - 69) studying Garden Island for the state government. To this day no one seems to know what happened to his information.

Forty Years Ago Eighteen shanties adorned the frozen surface of Paradise Bay, but only small catches of perch were being taken.

Adverse weather held rabbit hunting to a minimum. Coyotes seemed to be thriving, and the *Beacon* predicted that "the Island's band of avid coyote hunters are planning to alter the situation in the near future."

Charlie Martin and his crew began harvesting 200-pound blocks of ice from the harbor. He selected a spot where the ice was 16" thick, scored the surface with his ice plow, and then sawed out the individual cakes and poled them to where they could be hauled up a ramp and into the back of a pick-up. Once in his net shed, they were covered with softwood sawdust, the best available insulator. In years past only horses were used.

The Island's PTA sponsored several First Aid classes, with Dr. Haynes in charge.

CMU received a "large grant" to upgrade its course offerings on the Island: \$44,940.

Last month's *Beaver Tale* continued the story of the Israelites who occupied High Island before WW I. George Boskie was in charge, and brought produce to Beaver in the cult's boats. All of the Israelites were teatotalers, but his

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Grand Rapids Party - February 24th

St. Patrick's Day - March 17th

Citizen of the Year - April 28th

Golden Beaver Bash - June 1st

Museums Open - June 16th

Museum Week - July 17nd - 22nd

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Baroque on Beaver - July 25th - 29th

Celtic Games - Sept 15th

Bite of Beaver Island and the Island

Boodle 5k/Run/Walk - October 7th

dealings in St. James made him friends with the Irish inhabitants, who taught him the joys of an occasional sip. Soon the amount of produce coming over to Beaver was sufficient for its needs, and none had to be brought from the mainland. But Boskie took to the Irish style, the tale claimed, and sized his deliveries to provide enough money to cover whatever big party was planned for after dark. He kept the High Island operation running smoothly for over 20 years.

The High Islanders were excellent baseball players, and on a typical summer Sunday would go to Garden to play a few games at Indian Harbor, bringing plenty of home-made ice-cream. Their long beards caused many humorous remarks.

Beaver Islanders who taught in the High Island school included Lucille Gillespie, Catherine Floyd, and Jane McDonough. Ironically, the High Island Catholic Church was built for the Indians by Hugh 'the devil' Gallagher.

The Israelite movement faltered with the arrest of King Ben, followed by his death. The cult's attorney, Judge Dewhirst, sent William Wright to supervise the abandonment of High Island. The cattle there had been well cared for, and several Beaver Island farmers switched their rib-stickers for fattened beauties before Wright arrived. After Wright removed the tangible assets, he sold the *High Islander* to Nels LaFreniere. Claude Swafford, his wife, and three daughters were left behind to manage the land.

Fifty Years Ago Jewell Gillespie was told by the Coast Guard to inform the Island it would abandon its providing of phone service the following June. He was appointed to head a committee by the Civic Association to look into replacing the service. Joe Dillingham was co-

chairman, and Frank Nackerman, Rogers Carlisle, Dr. Luton, Fr. Joseph, Lloyd McDonough, and Matt Melville also were put on. The Michigan Public Service Commission agreed to help.

Former Islanders Eddie and Tony O'Donnell received citations from the Navy, and a complimentary ride aboard an aircraft carrier.

Bad weather eliminated mail delivery for a full week. No one complained, though; many could remember news black-outs lasting well over a month.

Joe McPhillips noticed an S O S scrawled in the snow near High Island,

and called the Coast Guard. A helicopter from Traverse City found a stranded fish tug, the *LaBlance*. Richard Townsend, who was staying in his father's house past Whiskey Point, had tried to go to the Townsend holdings on High Island with Danny Anthony and Emerald LaBlance of Charlevoix, to bring cattle from High to the mainland; the men had already walked over the ice to Donegal Bay, dragging an aluminum rowboat, just in case.


An article in the *National Review* by Russell Kirk praised the Beaver Island school's efforts to maintain high standards.

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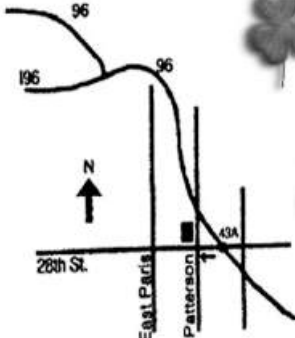
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A Bumpy Month for Islanders

by Frank Solle



Hannah sets



Brittany sets.



Alex returns

When January was good for the Beaver Island *Islanders* sports teams it was very good. But when it was bad, well, it was really bad.

The month opened with a four-game sweep against the visiting Hannahville Soaring Eagles on Jan. 5-6. The volleyball team outplayed the Eagles in a close 25-20, 25-21, 25-12 win on Friday, followed by a 25-19, 25-9, 25-7 win Saturday. Coach Connie Boyle said of the team's effort, "Everyone played very well this weekend. Each player gave it her all when on the court!"

Emma Adams led the *Islanders*

attack with 20 kills on the weekend. "She's one of the best players in the league," said Hannahville coach Tom Ohman. Bailey McDonough contributed 35 service points with 14 aces and 10 kills. Caitlin Boyle led the team with 16 assists followed by Andrea Moore with 7.

The basketball team did just as well, flying past the Eagles on Friday, 66-40, and then 67-38 on Saturday. Senior Jared Wojan led the *Islanders* in both games, scoring 26 points Friday and 27 Saturday. Brenden Martin and Daniel Runberg each added 10 points on Friday with Runberg netting 16 on Saturday while

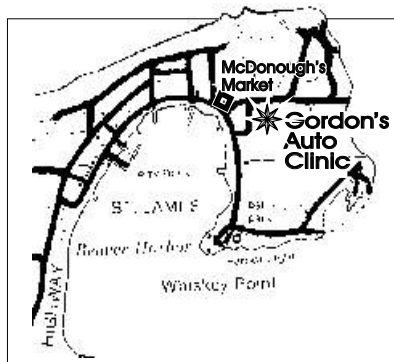
Eric Albin chipped in 14.

The *Islanders* traveled to Mackinac Island Jan. 12-13 to face the rival *Lakers*. The volleyball team came away with a pair of hard-fought wins, 25-9, 25-17, 25-13, Friday, and 25-13, 25-17, 25-17, Saturday. However, the basketball team stumbled for the first time in the season Friday in a 58-54 loss. But the boys rebounded the next morning to earn a confidence-building 72-53 win.

"They were fast," *Islanders* coach Mike Myers said of the *Lakers*, who came out running and gunning Friday. "After a few easy games here to start the

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Dereck looks to pass

year we weren't ready for that."

Trailing by 18 points at the half on Friday, the *Islanders* rallied behind a terrific 31-point scoring effort by Wojan to not only tie the game in the final minute, but have possession of the ball and a number of attempts to win the contest. "We had at least three chances," Myers said of the potential game-winning shot. "But nobody could hit it."

Wojan led the charge on Saturday as well with 19 points and 10 rebounds. Albin also claimed a double-double with 17 points and 10 rebounds. Runberg added 12 points, four rebounds, and three



Eric takes aim

steals, while Martin finished with 10 points and six rebounds.

The *Islanders* wrapped up the month over the weekend of Jan. 19-20 with a trip to Paradise. Although that sounds pleasant enough, it was anything but as the basketball team suffered its second loss on the season on Friday in a 59-58 game that pitted them not only against the host Rockets, but apparently against the officials as well. While no one cares for the taste of sour grapes, the same two teams met the next morning on the same court, but with different officials and with a somewhat different result.



Jared shoots

"We were up by 32 in the third quarter," Myers pointed out of the eventual 71-46 rout. "And I played my reserves the rest of the game."

On Friday night, the *Islanders* held a one-point lead with five seconds to play, with an inbounds play at the Paradise end of the court. A Rocket player blatantly slapped at Wojan's arm to knock the ball away, and a fellow Rocket picked it up and drove in for the winning score. The offending player apologized after the game, noting the official blew the call.

Wojan led the team with 21 points Friday and 26 Saturday. Martin and

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Melissa returns



Emma spikes



Brianna digs

Runberg each added 14 Friday, with Albin scoring 25 on Saturday.

But the real blow to the *Islanders* came Saturday morning when senior star Adams went down with an ankle injury on a play at the net early in the volleyball match. A trip to the Newberry hospital resulted, but early X-rays could not con-

firm or deny a break.

"Needless to say, that put our girls at a great psychological disadvantage," Boyle said. "They took Emma away and we had to keep playing." The coach added, "I was proud of our girls for adjusting as well as they did, and hanging tough on Saturday." The girls played hard

but came up short in a fine, five-game match, 21-25, 25-17, 25-12, 23-25, 9-15.

They did claim the win on Friday, coming back from a first-match loss, 19-25, 25-16, 25-21.

"Friday night both teams were organized and it was great volleyball," Boyle said. "The very small court was a big fac-

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Brenden scores



Dan drives by



Bryan for two

tor for us—serving was difficult, there are no sidelines, and the ceiling is particularly low.”

Brittany Crandall compensated for the court size with 39 good serves, including five aces. McDonough added nine aces and nine kills while Caitlin Boyle again led the team in assists with

nine. On Saturday Samantha Kuligoski stepped up to fill Adams’ spot and hit six good spikes.

The month’s action puts the volleyball team at 5-1 in Northern Lights League play and 7-1 overall. The team is 23-4 in all games played. The basketball team holds a 4-2 NLL mark and is 6-2 overall.

Next up, the *Islanders* host the *Lakers* on Feb. 2-3 before traveling to Munising Baptist Feb. 9-10. A scheduled volleyball tournament at Engadine has once again been canceled. The *Islanders* will travel to Hannahville on Feb. 16-17 before wrapping up the season at home against Grand Marais on Feb. 23-24.



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CMU's new Academic Center moves Beaver Island to the Head of the Class



Central Michigan University's presence on Beaver Island has continuously grown, bringing multiple benefits along the way. Its current cluster of projects is the most ambitious yet, and also promises the greatest rewards.

An awful lot is underway at the Bio Station, especially considering the slow start it had when initially trying to get traction. The land was purchased back in 1942, but for the next twelve years was little more than a retreat where curious professors could pitch a tent.

Ten years later the first buildings appeared, and were gradually replaced with more functional structures. Labs were added in stages, starting in the early 1960s. Wells were driven—five altogether—and the campus extended across the road and into the woods. The



new Academic Center, though, takes the cake, representing the cutting edge of design, construction, material use, and deliverable modern service to the students and staff.

Slocum Associates, the same architectural firm that designed the Community House, put this well-integrated plan together, and Beaver Gems is



doing the work. Robert Gillespie and his tightly-organized crew have overcome complications and spot changes, and kept construction on schedule to finish in mid-May. (One complication came when the ground water surged after the initial readings, forcing the entire complex to be raised by 18", the basement floor to be thickened from 4" to 12", and the entire basement, which is only under the lobby, to be wrapped in a waterproof membrane.)

Funding for the three-point-eight-million-dollar project came from donations and the interest on revenue bonds.

Everything is top-of-the-line, from the thick, cultured concrete blocks to the immense glu-lam trusses (shipped as pieces and bolted together with large steel plates at Robert Gillespie's shop





before final transport to the crane waiting on site) to geothermal heating and cooling (requiring two new wells) to the 4"-thick t & g yellow pine roof boards capped by 4" of high-R rigid foam and a steel roof. A new 140 kw generator will protect the entire facility from power failures, which would be fatal otherwise for the more delicate scientific experiments conducted here.

The aesthetics are remarkable as well, with floor-to-ceiling windows looking out on Lake Michigan in the library, which will have four computer terminals—there'll be 24 more in the adjacent area, the computer lab. The 90 students set to arrive in June are bound to be impressed. In addition, the lobby will feature award-winning student artwork, and the landscaping will



include garden areas.

The feature that could be the greatest boon for the rest of us is the 100-seat auditorium, with two roll-down screens and two ceiling projectors. The seats will be removable, so this 2,000 ft² space can be used for almost anything. There's a chance that *Baroque on Beaver* will stage a concert here this sum-

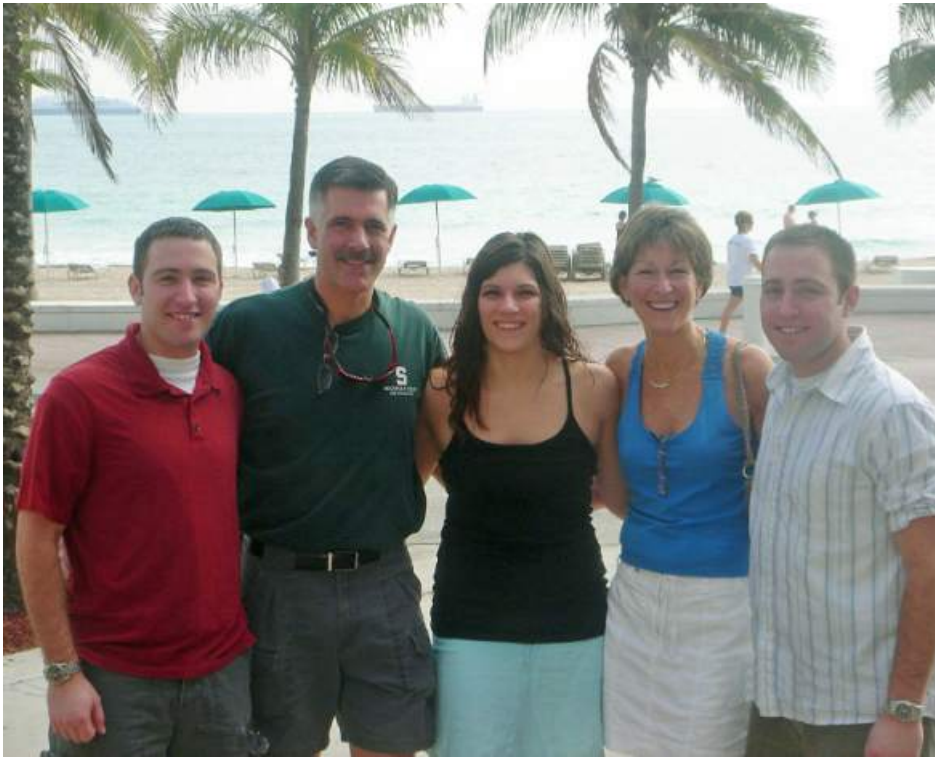


mer. Who knows what will be next?

The Bio Station has its own T-1 line for broadband internet service, which will connect to the new buildings—and, through the trenching of fiber optic lines, to the cabins west of the road—which will have their trail extended to the newly-acquired 'old Burke farm' on top of the twelve-foot-high bluff, another 'real world' nature laboratory (set to host six new 'Beaver Island Apiary' hives.)

This is quite an undertaking, especially since it comes on the heels of the Boathouse purchase for CMU's *Great Lakes Research Facility*. A lot of very talented people have worked hard together to bring this about, and should be congratulated. This new complex is the tasty icing on Beaver Island's cake.





Out of the Black, into the Grey

With a sigh of relief, Tim McDonough boarded a plane to depart from frigid Michigan weather. Not only was he headed off for sunny Florida and a Celebrity Cruise, it was January 18th, his 50th birthday and he escaped Beaver Island unscathed. Knowing Beaver Island and how irresistible this sort of milestone is to the well-wishers and devilish pranksters, Tim McDonough was safe.....or so he thought. One would assume a man of his stature, sharpness, and well-earned reputation for pranking would know better than to let his guard down so easily. He escaped the beaver trap to walk straight into the gator trap of

50th-birthday fame. Florida was ready for him. He never saw it coming.

It started weeks before, mapping things out, laying groundwork, and seeing to details to give him the 50th birthday he deserved, whether he liked it or not. Tim and Denise's kids, Lindsay, Brad and Drew McDonough, felt turning fifty was something to celebrate, along with taking time to mourn and show respect for the youthful 49 years that have passed on. They enlisted the help of Tom, Laurie, Jordan, and Dan (brothers who live in Florida) as they boarded a plane for the sunshine state.

Tim and Denise expected to meet

Tom, Laurie and Dan at a beachside cantina for lunch. Tim and Denise's travel partners, Ray and Nina Cole, were clued in on the whole plan and led them to the decided spot. They met up, said their hellos, and began the normal chatter of "how was the trip" and, of course "Happy Birthday!" Denise looked up to the balcony of the cantina, did a double take, and screamed. There above her were her children! Her children were in Florida! Tim couldn't believe it...what was this all about? He was definitely confused, and starting to get nervous.

After hugs, kisses, pictures and a great lunch, the family, including Ray

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and Nina, headed up to the hotel pool for more catching up and good times. When the time was right and Tim wasn't looking, Laurie, Jordan and Lindsey, (who stole her parent's hotel key) snuck off to do more damage. It took about twenty minutes for Tim and Denise's hotel room to become a black hole of balloons and crepe paper, with a tombstone and memorial flowers that marked the final resting place of Tim's youth. The stage was set, they were ready for Tim and Denise to return. Self-appointed pallbearers Lindsay, Brad and Drew were rehearsed and excited. It made for many more good laughs, great pictures and everlasting

memories.

After dinner at "Shooters" they went to "Howl at the Moon" a perfect place for a 50th birthday celebration. The Club's bonus is their dueling piano act. The players were lively, funny, sarcastic, and more than happy to make a show of the situation. Before Tim could escape, he was pulled on stage along with his daughter, Lindsey, and niece, Jordan. He was a great sport as they danced, sang, and ultimately made fools of themselves in good humor. The night couldn't have been more perfect, with fun music, friends, and happy family.

The next day they ate a huge break-

fast, said their goodbyes and parted ways. Now that his 50th birthday was celebrated the way it should be, Tim could board the ship and relax. Now that wasn't so bad was it, Tim?

For all of you who are looking for Tim's address to mail your belated birthday card here it is:

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Out of the Blue

Episode 6: "Certainty"

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 the federal czar finally allowed the Islanders to have a party, at which they defied the rules by ripping off their face masks. Kevin White sang a song he had written about the contagious virus that was making many of them sick—and giving some special powers

St. Patrick's Day, 2007

Death and taxes.

Maybe those are the universal certainties for most Americans, but Beaver Islanders have added another to the list: St. Patrick's Day **will** be celebrated, no matter what. Even the white-out conditions of March 2005 had only forced the festivities indoors, although the necessary modifications to the traditional contests still had some Islanders laughing at the memories. Spitting a fish is not the same as throwing a fish, for sure!

And so, as a persistently gray March settles in on the Island, the mood is tense. Since the National Guard arrived and enforced the quarantine in early December, there had been few opportunities for laughter. The guardsmen had backed up the quarantine with arms and omnipresence. No Fire Department training sessions, no church services, no soup contests—no school had been held for two months before the senior officer on the Island had relented and allowed a

Valentine's Day Party.

That party had been in full swing when a smuggled newspaper had raised the specter of germ warfare as the reason so many Islanders had gotten sick. Slam! The quarantine lid had slapped back down fast. But the brief gathering had given many Islanders the opportunity to share information.

Item: No one on the Island was ill anymore. And, sadly enough, no one was feeling "super-peppy" anymore; all were just tired of winter, as usual by this time of year. The mysterious super powers possessed by a few Islanders were gone. Judy Lanier Gallagher had been questioned by the federal czar for hours about her incredible strength, but the feds had finally concluded that an adrenaline surge had helped her stop that sliding car. She was released, but sworn to secrecy about what she had seen inside the transfer station headquarters.

Item: What had she seen? That information spread on the Island telegraph, as quickly as possible in a clan-

destine way, from truck window to truck window on East Side Drive, at McDonough's Market, which was being staffed by grumpy soldiers now. Judy had seen that many of the soldiers inside the headquarters looked a lot like each other—and it wasn't just the haircuts and frowning faces. Not likely that sets of quintuplets had volunteered for this mission, now was it, she thought. And other Islanders had reported this "clone" effect as well.

Item: That stranger found by snowmobilers on the lake ice had looked like a soldier on duty at the Health Center, according to Ken Bruland. The soldiers had hurried the rescuers out the door without a word of explanation, so quickly that Ken had forgotten about the bag that the stranger had carried. When Ken opened it, some of those mysterious blue rocks had tumbled out. He had stared at them, wondering if he could conjure up a super power for himself, something like others had received upon finding a blue rock. Telekinesis? That

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Military officials have done their best to suppress information about the strange outbreak, but a smuggled scrap of newspaper contains just enough material to trigger the Island's traditional defiant strain, and demands to finally be told the truth begin to grow.

would be helpful: he could levitate kayaks back onto their trailer racks after a long day on the water.

Item: How had that illicit newspaper arrived on the Island? That question would take a lot longer to answer. Months before, pilot Adam Rycraft had watched a strange plane fly over the Island, dropping something as it flew. He had made a few calls to the Federal Aviation Administration and area airports, but had then forgotten about the flight when the FAA failed to respond. Then his job—flying people to and from the Island—had been snatched away from him by the quarantine and Adam, stuck in Charlevoix, had some time on his hands to do more intense research, but had no way of reporting his results to the Islanders.

The quarantine order was nearly impenetrable. Radio and television signals to the Island were being jammed by some “star wars” sort of technology. No internet access, no phone access. The

USPS was allowed to deliver mail as far as Charlevoix, but it was opened and censored before going to the Island. Mail leaving the Island was likewise censored.

So Adam had decided to see if he could get onto the Island. Filing a flight plan for Escanaba, he took off near dusk on Valentine's Day. Near Beaver Island, he had “noticed” a warning light and had radioed out to the flight controllers in Minneapolis that he was making an emergency landing at the nearest strip. He had not expected to be greeted at the field by armed soldiers, who breathed down his neck as he “discovered” the reason for the warning light—a short circuit—and repaired it with some tape. Then he was escorted to the terminal to use the facilities before taking off again. As he was hurried back to the plane, he saw Paul Welke a few yards away and pantomimed as best he could: “plane,” “dropping stuff,” “made phone calls,” “no answers.”

Hours later Angel Welke had found

the folded newspaper Adam placed in the terminal bathroom and had rushed to the Valentine's Party.

But now it is March, and this is Beaver Island, and there will be a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Downtown merchants, musicians, barowners, even families with severe cabin fever had all made their way to the National Guard's headquarters to plead their case for the festivities. And the authorities had reluctantly agreed. Those on the Island could celebrate and the government would supply the necessities, even the beer. But no one could come over from America to join the celebration and the soldiers would be watching every move.

The news that there would be no bagpipes for this year's St. Patrick's Day was not received well. But the small group of Islanders competed and partied deep into the night (although they did bar Judy Gallagher from the fish toss, not entirely believing her super strength had deserted her.) *to be continued ...*



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Welcoming Yoo

by Frank Solle

Beaver Island's newest part-time resident arrived on New Year's eve, ready for a brand new experience.

Phatcharaphon Songsiri of Uttaradit, Thailand, is a 15-year old participant in the Youth For Understanding (YFU) student exchange program and has comfortably settled into living with the Jeff and Heidi Connor family and being a sophomore at BICS.

Fortunately for us, Phatcharaphon's grandfather bestowed the handy nickname of Yoo on our new friend, saving us a tongue-twisting mouthful.

"My grandfather is Chinese and he gave me this name," Yoo explained as we chatted by the Connor's toasty-warm woodstove, with the snow falling outside. "I never asked what it means."

And what about that snow? "It is beautiful. It is white everywhere," Yoo said. And the cold? "It's okay, but sometimes I get chilly."

Then, with an apparently universal boyish grin, Yoo added, "I like to play snowball too."

A Michigan winter is a long way from the annual elephant roundup in Thailand, but that is exactly why Yoo decided to become an exchange student. "I wanted to come see how Ameri-

can people live, to experience something different."

One of the new experiences Yoo found here is American food. "Pizza and hamburgers. It's almost all fast food here. It will make me fat," he said, laughing. "There's not a lot of fast food in Thailand."



There are, however, a lot of people in Thailand. Yoo's hometown of Uttaradit has nearly half a million inhabitants. Last year Yoo moved to an uncle's house in the capital city of Bangkok, where he attended an all-boys school with over 3,000 students.

Needless to say, Yoo's move to Beaver Island has been a change. Originally, Yoo settled with a family in downstate Saline, near Ann Arbor. With that situation not working to

everyone's advantage, the opportunity arose to come here, as the Connor's daughter Hannah had applied to become an exchange student through YFU as well, and that organization likes families with a prospective exchange student to also act as host families.

The chance to complete the 'exchange exchange' came about when Jeff Connor earned free tickets to a Bob Seger concert in Auburn Hills by winning a Seger-sound-alike contest sponsored by a Traverse City radio station. He and wife Heidi attended the concert, picked up Yoo, and the rest has been history unfolding.

"I liked it down there (Saline), but I like it here more than

that," Yoo said of the change. "Everyone is really nice here. Friendly."

Yoo is excited to give ice skating a try this winter, but he isn't so sure about snowmobiling. Jeff Connor said he plans on taking Yoo ice fishing at least once. And before he leaves next summer, Yoo said he hopes to get a chance to swim in Lake Michigan.

That all adds up to many new experiences for a brave young man in a welcoming new world.

Letters

Grandparent's Day

I am sending a belated "thank you" to everyone who helped make our annual Grandparents' Luncheon in December a special one.

A special thanks to my co-helpers since Day One, Pinky Harmon and John Fiegen, and this year to Miranda Rooy, Deb Plastrik, Kathy Speck, and all the students for organizing and providing the entertainment.

Blessings and love to all.

— Skip

A Wedding!

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Tidmore of Beaver Island are pleased to announce the marriages of two of their children in 2007.

Brian Tidmore will marry Jean Chi, February 18, in Santa Monica CA. Brian is a graduate of Southern Illinois University and is presently the Post Production Manager for Cinetel Films in Hollywood, CA. Jean is a graduate of Stanford University and is also a graduate of NYU Law School. She is presently an attorney for the Motion

Picture Group at Paramount Pictures. They will continue to make their home in Santa Monica, CA.

In August, Dr. Margaret Tidmore and Rodney Shreiner will be married in Athens, WI. Margaret is a graduate of Michigan State and Ross School of Veterinary Medicine and is presently employed at the Athens Veterinary Clinic. Rodney is employed with the ABC Building Supply Co. in Wausau, WI. They will make their home in Athens.



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Robert (Papa Bob) Armstrong, 1932–2006

Robert Armstrong, age 74 of Beaver Island, passed away on December 29, 2006 in Palmetto, Florida, after a long and courageous battle with prostrate cancer. He was under the care of Hospice and surrounded by his wife and children.



The eldest of three children, Bob was born on February 28, 1932 in Highland Park, Michigan, to Roy and Nancy (Blaney) Armstrong. Bob joined the US Coast Guard at age 17 and became a mechanic. During his 8 years in active duty, he was stationed on Beaver Island where he met and married his wife Marjorie M. Martin on September 3, 1955.

Bob served in the Coast Guard

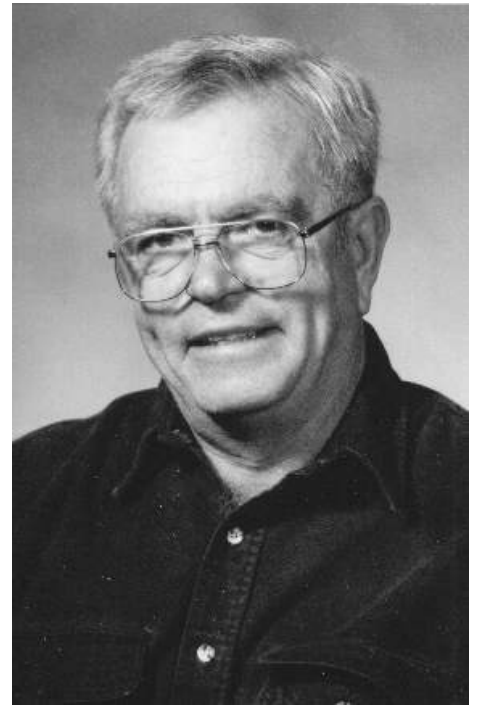
Reserves for 12 years and retired as a Chief Petty Officer. He also worked for United Parcel Service as a mechanic and later became a supervisor. He worked for UPS until his retirement in 1985. With UPS, Bob lived in the Fine Lake, Gladstone and Paw Paw areas, working in Escanaba, Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, and Mt. Pleasant.

In his retirement, Bob actively enjoyed working with his brother-in-law at Bud Martin Excavating on Beaver Island. He was an avid storyteller. He also enjoyed woodworking, and tinkering with automobiles and boat engines (especially his son's.) Bob was an ardent pilot and loved flying. He also prized wintering in Florida. He had a dry wit, enjoyed covert practical jokes and teasing, playing with cats, and getting a laugh out of those in his company. This earned him the name "Papa Pest" by his grandchildren. He was the family sage; his knowledge and wisdom were beyond his educational years.

Bob is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Marjorie of Beaver Island; his children, daughters: Roselyn (Rocky) DeVogel of Grand Rapids; Jo Lynne Anderson of Traverse City, sons: Dr. Robert (Gerri Anne) Armstrong of Cheboygan; Clay (Dawn) Armstrong of Marshall, Michigan; his grandchildren, Calvin, Ryan and Erin DeVogel; Roger and Kayla Anderson; Monica and Paige Armstrong; Aleshia Sleight; his sister Nancy Jean Spence of Garden City Michigan; many wonderful brothers and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and a vast

number of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Roy and Nancy Armstrong; his sister, Margaret Jones; and son-in-law, Roger Anderson.

There will be a memorial ceremony and gathering of family and friends in



appreciation of Bob's life at a later date. Cremation has taken place and burial will occur on Beaver Island in the spring. Friends may consider Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, 37860 Kings Hwy, Beaver Island MI 49782 or Bishop Baraga Catholic School Campaign, PO Box 40, Cheboygan, MI 49721 for memorial contributions in Bob's name.

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Neal Green Receives Award

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He is now a strategic communications specialist at the Patuxent River Naval Station in Lexington Park, MD.

Island Grads off for Chicago

Brad and Drew McDonough graduated from MSU in December, and received their BAs. Brad graduated with high honors in Finance, and Drew with honors in Management. Their parents, Tim and Denise, drove

to Harpers in East Lansing to celebrate, with several friends and daughter Lindsey. Fran and Betty Stout of Ionia, MI, and Skip McDonough of Beaver Island are the proud grandparents.

Brad and Drew are currently job hunting, primarily focusing on the Chicago area—long a haven for Beaver Islanders wanting a bigger bite out of the world.

BIRHC Plans New Summer Fundraiser

On August 4th the Beaver Island Rural Health Center is planning a theme party that will conclude with a live auction conducted by prominent Traverse City auctioneers Wayne and Carol Bancroft in the home of Hans and Davi Stein. Prior to the party, there will be several weeks of open bidding in a silent auction at the Health Center.

The chair of the event, Leonor Jacobson, is looking for donations for both the live and silent auctions. She suggests individual and business donors think "outside of the box" when considering what they might contribute. Many typical items, such as merchandise,

special services, gift certificates for dining out, and recreational activities, have been successfully auctioned off in the past and would be welcome this year.

In addition, the Health Center is also hoping for some unusual and "priceless" prizes. Suggestions include such desirable items as a vacation home or condo in a desirable location (including Beaver Island!), a catered dinner or hors d'oeuvres for a crowd, prized tickets to special games or events, a service or entertainment you or a family member might provide, unusual jewelry, art, or antique pieces and/or one-of-a-kind Beaver Island memorabilia. Those wish-

ing to donate can contact: Leonor Jacobson, bgordonj@gtlakes.com (231-448-2894) or Connie Wojan, conniew@biip.net (231-448-2379.)

The Health Center is very grateful to Hans and Davi Stein for offering to host the event in their beautiful new home. We also thank Wayne and Carol Bancroft for donating their services, Larry and Maureen Hansz for hosting the Bancrofts, and Leonor Jacobson for chairing this event to raise funds for the Beaver Island Rural Health Center. Through the cooperation of many, this should be a fun and successful night to remember!



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One Hundred Years Ago

by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday,
January 24, 1907. Front Page article:

"A Perilous Trip; the Tug Little Maeta Makes an Island Trip Under Difficulties"

"With comparatively calm weather the small fishing tug *Little Maeta*, Capt. John Geneit, with a crew beside the master and with a scant one-day's provisions aboard, left this port at eight o'clock Saturday morning, with a large mail for Beaver Island. It was the intention of Capt. Geneit to land at some point on the Island, on either shore as ice conditions would permit, but at Sand Bay if possible, cable advices stating that ice extended at least that far.

"A team was started from the harbor for Sand Bay with the mail at eleven o'clock, but returned, reporting that nothing could be seen of the tug. Capt. Geneit had found ice on both shores and could make no landing.

"The afternoon found him on the west side of the Island, with a rising

northwest gale and a blinding snow-storm, with much drifting ice. Then the fisherman's brains and courage came into play. He could scarcely see the bow of his boat, but he headed for High Island and found shoal water with his lead line. Then sounding continually, he followed the shore until he made the smooth water under the ice of the Island.

"They anchored and turned in at midnight. During the night they discovered that the tug had left her anchorage and was drifting. The anchor stock had broken. A temporary stock was put in but again the boat left her moorings.

"Morning came, showing the channel between Garden and Beaver Islands to be full of ice. Then the little boat started back around the head of the Island, to an unknown destination, Charlevoix probably, if the coal held out. But the gale had driven the ice from both shores. Around the head and down the shore went the stanch little boat, entering the harbor at noon Sunday, poking her nose into the ice

a few rods from the dock.

"She laid there until noon Monday, when she took the mail and made a good run home, arriving in the early evening none the worse for her strenuous experience.

Capt. Geneit says it was the most perilous trip he ever made, and that he wants no more of it. The next Beaver Island mail we get will be by the Cross Village ice route."

Beaver Island News: "We learn that Will O. Gallagher, son of Capt. O. Gallagher, has fully recovered from an attack of typhoid. This is the fourth case Capt. Gallagher has had at his home the past three months."

"The cylinder in one of the Lumber Co.'s engines blew out a few days ago."

"Will P. Boyle had a valuable horse killed in a runaway accident a few days ago."

"Parties were over from Garden Island on the ice a few days ago."

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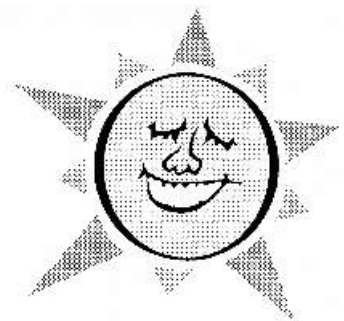
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at present."

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"Reuben Gilden had the misfortune to break his arm by a fall on the ice."

"John Floyd has the contract for filling the A. Booth and Wolverine Fish Co.'s ice houses."

"Dominick P. Gallagher, who has been ill the past two weeks, is reported to be much improved in health."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 31, 1907. **Local News:** "The first Beaver Island mail to come over by the ice route arrived at Cross Village at four o'clock Monday afternoon, having left St. James at eight o'clock that morning. The schedule calls for two trips per week, and will be maintained subject to weather and ice conditions. There is every probability, however, that we shall get mail with reasonable regularity for six weeks, at least, by that route."

"Raymond McDonald, of St. James, who came across in charge of the Beaver

Island mail, arrived here from Cross Village Tuesday morning. He was accompanied by Phil Malloy, who will take back with him the remains of his wife, who died in Big Rapids recently. The remains arrived here Friday, and have been in charge of Undertaker Chas. E. See. McDonald and Malloy left here for Cross Village again Tuesday morning and crossed the channel yesterday. Mr. McDonald expects to leave on another trip today."

Beaver Island News: "The A. O. H. gave a box social Monday night."

"Will Gibson and Ray McDonald will carry the mail this winter."

"Mr. Oscar Martin is building a gasoline boat."

"Mrs. James Donlevy entertained a party of friends last Sunday evening."

"Teams to haul logs are in good demand. The jobbers can not get enough."

"The mill is now running to its full capacity. Both engines are kept busy

hauling in logs."

"Quite a large party surprised Mrs. C. C. Gallagher a few nights ago at her home on Main Street."

"Mr. Archie LaFrenier has opened up a pool room and lunch counter over the Greene building."

"At the *hard times* dance, last week, Capt. M. J. Bonner and Mrs. Frank Gillespie captured first prizes."

"Capt. John McCann is remodeling his lifting machine, and when finished it will be the most perfect lifter on the lakes."

"The Indians from High, Hog, and Garden Islands were here a few days ago, the ice having formed strong enough for them to cross."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 7, 1907 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island mail carrier came over to Cross Village on his third trip Tuesday, returning yesterday, having left Cross Village at 11 a. m., arriving at St. James at 5:30 p. m."

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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 31.
He will leave St. James again today."

Beaver Island News: "The ice harvest has commenced."

"Plenty of snow now for the loggers."

"The mail carriers made their first trip across the ice Wednesday, January 30th."

"Mr. W. C. D. Germain of Traverse City spent a few days on the Island last week."

"W. J. Gallagher and W. E. Stephens visited camp at the south end of the

Island a few days ago."

"Mr. Erle Husby met with quite a serious accident by being struck on the head with a falling limb."

"Mr. Herman Allers and wife left here last week for south Haven to attend the funeral of Mrs. Allers' mother."

"Mr. Hiram Doty, who works at Morrow Bros. Camp, was in receipt of a telegram announcing the death of his brother at Central Lake."

"The remains of Mrs. Phil D. Malloy who died at Big Rapids a short time ago was (sic) brought here for burial. She

leaves a husband, one child, and several relatives who will miss her very much."

"In some way or another Dr. A. M. Wilkinson slipped and fell into a hole in the ice, and had it not been for the combined efforts of Mr. James B. Gallagher and Jas. J. Martin we would now be minus a doctor."

"Two Indians left Beaver Island for High Island Monday morning, with horse and sleigh and a load of supplies, including a bale of hay. The whole outfit broke through the ice. One of the Indians got out and pulled the other out, but they could not extricate the horse. They then returned to Beaver Harbor. In the afternoon they went back to save the supplies, and found the horse alive and well and eating hay from the floating sleigh. How is that for High Island? The horse was got out apparently none the worse for wear."

(Note: Feb. 4 - 14 degrees below 0 F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 14, 1907 **Beaver Island News:** "Mr. And Mrs. Herman Allers return home again."

"Mr A. Malloy made a trip to Cross Village last week."

"The Lumber Co.'s new engine broke down a few days ago, and it will be out of commission until repairs come from Manistee."

"An epidemic of 'Grippe' is going the rounds of the Island. Mr. Phil C. Gallagher has been quite sick the past two days."

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"The storms of last week broke up the ice considerable. Open water is visible from the harbor. This compels the mail carriers to keep more to the north."

"Mr. George White has gone to Manistee on business connected with the Lumber Co.'s engine."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 21, 1907 **Local News:** "A revised chart, in colors, of Beaver Island Group, Lake Michigan, has just been issued and is now on sale at the United States Lake Survey Office, 33 Campau building, Detroit, Mich. at 15 cents per copy."

"An inspector was here Thursday last investigating matters in connection with the letting of the Beaver Island mail contract the old contract having expired Dec. 31st. The result of his visit was that the contract was re-let to Capt. P. D. Campbell for four years."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 28, 1907 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island mail has, since the commencement of the Cross Village service, averaged semi-weekly trips with very little trouble. They came over Monday of this week, returning Tuesday, arriving at St. James at one o'clock p. m. Another trip will be made this week, but we may soon expect irregularity, as the ice will soon begin to be uncertain as a highway."

Beaver Island News: "Capt. Dan Martin and D. D. Gallagher are on the sick list this week."

"Mr. F. F. Davis, of Escanaba, was here a few days purchasing cedar."

"Capt. J. M. McCann and D. C. Boyle are building two fine gasoline boats."

"Mrs. Mary Norton, who has been ill for the past two months is reported to be well again."

"The Lumber Co. have (sic) received repairs for their new engine, and they expect to have it in working condition in a few days."

"The storms of last week played havoc with our ice bridge, and our mail carriers had quite a trying experience on crossing from Cross Village to the Island."

The sea had broken the ice and the boys were compelled to single out their horses and cross them over on cakes of ice more than once. This is taking big risks for the paltry amount they get out of it. We are under the impression that if some of those fellows who are making such a howl about the exorbitant prices paid for carrying our mails in winter were to take the trip such as our boys took last week, they would change their minds about the amount paid."

(Note: Snow storms all month - highest temperature 36 degrees F. Protar)



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Students 'Sparkle' with knowledge at Geo Bee

by Frank Solle

George Engler's Old Grandfather Rode A Pig Home Yesterday. That mnemonic was how my mother taught me to spell geography. And while it was helpful in my youth, it would not have come in very handy at the Beaver Island Community School gymnasium on Thursday evening, Jan. 11, in the 5th Annual National Geographic Bee.

Although it might have helped in the night's first contest — the 1st Annual Sparkle Bee, which is a spelling contest in which the contestants stand in a line with each contributing one letter to the word in question. Miss a letter and you are out and the next person in line begins the word anew. It's a new twist on an old game, but a fun and entertaining one. Not only do you have to know how to spell the word, you have to know how to pay attention to the flow of the game.

What may not have been so much fun for the other contestants was a



sweep of both events by eighth-grader Jacob Drost.

Once the 14-member Sparkle field had been whittled down to Drost, Jenna Battle, and Gus Connaghan after the third round that saw other spellers stumble during the group spelling of such offerings as intensify (a tricky 'e'), neutral (that darn 'u'), inferiority (too many (i's), and schooner (an 'h' in there, really?), the three prepared to battle for the title.

At one point all three stumbled in the group-spelling of the word adequate, and so they continued. Gus was knocked out during exaggerate and Jenna was tripped up on immediate, which Jacob was able to spell correctly on his own for the win.

Yet the Sparkle competition looked like a breeze compared to the tricky questions put forth to the 10-member Geography Bee.

The first round centered around National Parks, with the students given a map of the country to help. Then some more specific national questions were given, and students began to miss. And once the questions moved into the international realm, well, your guess was as good as mine, and not many student guesses were correct either. Some of this seemed more directed at a much older, much more worldly level of knowledge.

The championship round came

Health Center News

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board held a meeting on January 20th at which three members with expiring 3-year terms (Brad Grassmick, Don Spencer, and Connie Wojan) were reelected and two new candidates (Sandy Birdsall and Jean McDonough) were added. Officers were retained.

The Financial Report showed income lagging (expected, because the millage has not yet arrived, and the sea-

sonal drop-off in patients) and expenses running close to projections. The Special Projects Fund added \$21,000 in 2006, bringing it to over \$114,000, and the all-important Endowment Fund has grown to \$965,000, with another \$33,000 pledged. The Annual Appeal yielded fewer donors (103) than last year, but the total received was more.

There was much discussion about the two auctions (silent and open) set

for a ticketed party on August 4th, with wine and hors d'oeuvres. Donations of goods and services are being solicited for the auctions, with 25 to 30 to be in the live auction—submitted bids from those unable to attend will be accepted and read aloud as part of the live bidding. The party will cost \$50 to attend, with Benefactor Tickets, earning a listing in the program, at \$75. The fundraiser will take place in the new Back Beach home of Hans and Davi Stein.

The Board decided that this year's vehicle raffle will be on a GM Equinox, an all-wheel-drive SUV.

February 1st is the 3rd anniversary of the new facility being open. Now AA meetings are held in the Community Room, where future BIRHC Board meetings will be held. And a 4-part hospice seminar will be kicked off by Pat Johnson on February 28th. The next Board meeting will be April 28th, and the Open House will be on August 19th.

Pete LoDico has been discussing the design for his group's Stage One 'independent living' project with Hobbes +

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down to Drost, the defending champ, and young Matt Cull, who was determined to return the title to his family—as older brother Patrick had claimed the crown the first three years of competition. This round consisted of three questions. The contestant who answered the most correctly would be the winner.

Just so you can have an idea of where your geographic knowledge should be at an 8th-grade level, here are the final questions:

1. Mount Olympus, reaching an elevation of 9,570 feet, is the highest point in which European country?

2. In April 2006, pro-democracy demonstrations in Katmandu and the surrounding countryside resulted in the king transferring power to the Parliament in which Asian country?

3. Which West African country, a member of OPEC, is known for its major oil reserves and is one of the largest producers of oil in the world?



Have you got your answers?

1. Greece. Both finalists knew this.

2. Nepal. Neither finalists got this one correct.

3. Nigeria. Again neither were correct. Africa is very large.

That brought us to the Tie-Breaker round of questions. The first contestant to correctly answer a question the other could not, would reign supreme.

The first question: Columbia, with low coastal plains along both the Carib-

bean Sea and the Pacific Ocean, borders which Central American country?

The answer: Panama.

Drost answered correctly while 7th-grader Cull unfortunately did not.

While Drost earned a medal, a certificate, and a tee-shirt for winning, we also won the opportunity to take an even more difficult written test in the near future in order to qualify for the state competition.

All contestants in the Sparkle received a certificate and an insulated Islanders travel mug. Afterwards, contestants and the large gathering of supporters were treated to cake and juice in the lobby.

Many thanks to moderator Ms. McNamara and event organizer and Sparkle moderator Ms. Brown for their efforts in making this year's event a great success.

Now study up for next year.

Making the List

Hope College again announced that senior Forrest Powers, son of Jeff and Marie, has made the Dean's List again—because his gpa was above 3.5.

Students' Posters Win Big

Marissa Crandall and Olivia Cary won free passes to Avalanche Bay Water Park for the posters they submitted to a county-wide contest.

Black, the architectural firm that designed the Health Center. Because the sliding-scale rents on this 6-unit barrier-free building are set by law, the most the USDA was willing to loan (at 1% for 40 years) was \$582,000. The balance must be raised through grants and donations, and this is underway. The goal is a \$700,000 low-maintenance one-floor structure located ~200' east of the Health Center, with a second detached building for 'assisted living' to be initiated after the first is in operation.

A recap of the internet service at the BIRHC revealed that the previous dish had been installed by GLE, who has now ceased sales and support of satellite; Hughesnet shut off service in mid-December after offering a new dish (for \$1,600, including set-up) and service at \$179/month. Brian Tort from Central Solutions Inc, who was on the Island during the week, said he could install an antenna on the roof (as a stepping stone to St. James) for \$180, and provide good service ("up to 6 times faster") at \$122/month; the Board accepted this.

The T-1 line that connects to Munson might possibly be used for Internet, or the CSI service might allow the T-1 line to be dropped.

Gerald LaFreniere stated that the EMS has been very happy to work with the new facility and its staff, finding everything easier and better organized than before. Don Spencer offered the Board's praise for the staff's continuing excellence.

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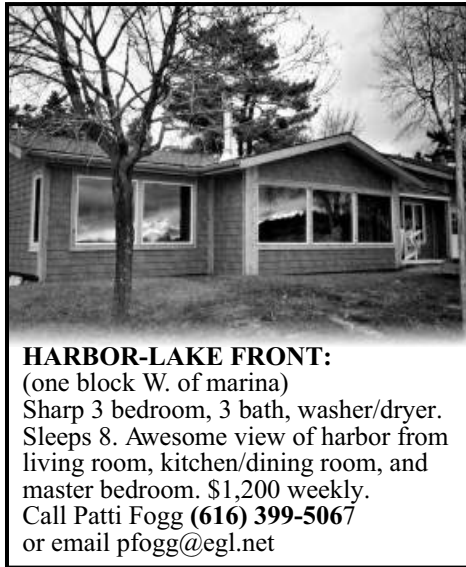
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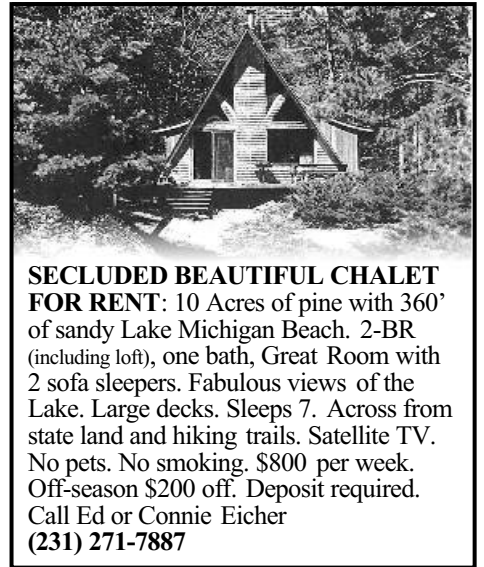
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