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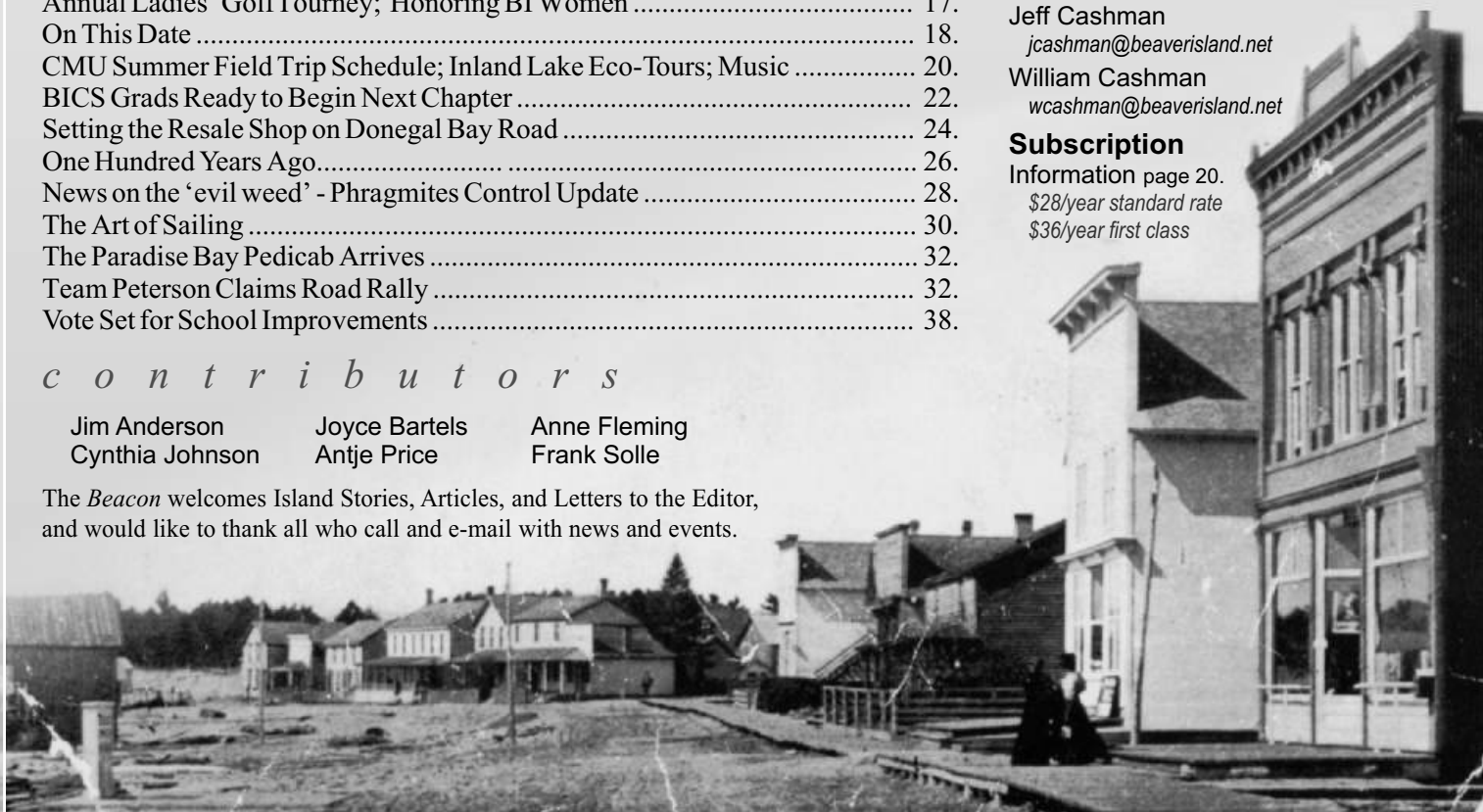
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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

At its May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting the St. James Town Board designated the inspectors for the May 8<sup>th</sup> election, appointed Darrell Butler to look at a used stump grinder for sale in Harrison, and announced that plans for a back-side addition to the Transfer Station had been completed and sent to



the Building Inspector for approval before putting the project out on bids.

Fireworks for July 4<sup>th</sup> will cost \$5,500 this year—half from each township. It was suggested to put donation boxes up to raise funds for next year's fireworks.

The Charlevoix County Road Commission said that due to the habitual shortfall of funds it will not be able to do any paving projects on Beaver Island this year.

The Rural Health Center asked for a letter of support for its grant application for \$100,000 for the taking and transmitting of digital X-rays.

Central Solutions Inc's Brian Tort described the progress he has made in bringing broadband to the Island. Working with his own funds so far, he has spent \$20,000 on labor and equipment and four times as much on commitments. He has established an office at the Eager Beaver, erecting a tower there as well, now linked with town. He has put a wireless radio on the Health Center and is providing them with service. Using the existing 40' tower at the DNR building, in conjunction with a rooftop 10' tripod and antenna at the school, and four smaller radios on buildings, he has essentially lit up the harbor area. Now his focus will be on extending service to the Island as a whole.

A few more and higher towers will be needed; for example, a 190'-tall tower west of town, to reach the Port St.

James and Donegal Bay. Such a tower will cost \$55-\$70,000 to erect, plus additional funds to equip (plus possible land costs), and is currently beyond his personal financial ability. He has been looking for funding, but lacks the 'big boy' stature to procure it from the banks. So two options are open: that local investors would support this attempt to bring broadband to the north end; or, that St. James Township get involved.

Before any towers can be built, though, the Townships' Zoning Ordinance must be modified to allow them. Central Solutions was working with both Planning Commissions towards this end.

One possibility that seemed feasible was of St. James Township getting a combo grant/loan from the USDA. The formula mentioned was of the grant being 55% and the balance a low-interest loan. The township could erect a 180' tower north of the septic mound off the Donegal Bay Road on its 40 acres, and then lease it to Central Solutions. Members of the audience spoke about the importance of this project for Beaver Island's future economy, leading the Board to unanimously approve a motion of support calling for them to look into obtaining the funds needed to build this tower.

Down the road CSI hopes to offer Vonage-style phone service as well.

### Peaine Township

At its May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting the Peaine Board agreed to write a letter of support to the Health Center for its grant application for \$100,000 for a digital X-ray system. At present, X-rays must be developed and then the film physically transported to the mainland—which is dependent on the weather. The new system would allow X-rays to be transmit-



Tower at Eager Beaver (left) and harbor DNR building (right)



ted over the internet instantly, and also put into a database on a server that would allow other relevant agencies, such as specialists, to call them up at any time.

Jean's Lawn Service proposed cutting and trimming the grass at Peaine Town Hall, Fontview Park, and the Transfer Station. Its bid was comparable to the year before, and was unanimously accepted.

Brian Tort of Central Solutions Inc appeared and discussed his project. He said the town was now connected, but going farther would depend on obtaining funding to build a few more towers. One possible site was for a 150' tower at the East Side Fire Hall; another was for a 190' tower on private land north of Greene's Lake. Any towers would be engineered for specific wind loads at their proposed sites. He has been negotiating with a Charlevoix bank for a \$435,000 loan and trying to get it supported by the USDA's Rural Development Agency, but needs help. He also wanted to use the EMS tower on King's Highway—the Board thought this would be okay so long as there would never be a signal conflict.

All in all, his latest computation of

total costs to bring broadband to the entire Island is over \$600,000. So far he's been proceeding on his own funds—in part because an initially committed investor moved out of state and discontinued his involvement, he said. To make this project financially profitable, he will eventually need 300 year-

around users and 2,000 visitors in the summer. From his 150 surveys, he received a "letter of intent" from 77. His evolving business plan indicates private investment in the project will be repaid within no more than 5 years.

Doug Tilly reported that the Planning Commissions are working on language for amending the

Zoning Ordinance's tower requirements, and anticipated this could be accomplished in 30-60 days. The supervisor stated that he believes achieving broadband is of vital importance to Beaver Island's future. Consequently the Board voted to look into the possibility of being awarded a USDA grant/loan for a tower at the East Side Fire Hall—which could be leased to CSI, and would also enhance emergency communications.



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## 6. FOURTH OF JULY CARNIVAL

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This year, businesses are being

recruited to sponsor a Game Booth, and/or provide staff for the carnival. Also, volunteers are needed for set-up and clean-up. Contact Jacque LaFreniere if you are interested in participating. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be operating the food area, raising funds for next year's trip to Washington DC. We hope to make this the best carnival ever!

## MELISSA WINS ANOTHER AWARD

This spring Melissa Bailey received the Sally Ann MacArthur Heaton Scholarship in Literature during Albion College's annual Honors Convocation held in late April. The Albion College faculty and administration choose recipients for these awards

from among the most exemplary students in all academic departments.

Melissa Bailey is a junior at Albion College. She is the daughter of Michael Bailey and Jayne Bailey of Beaver Island and a graduate of Beaver Island Community High School.

## SUMMER KIDS ACE COLLEGE

Kassie and Walter Lach, who have been summering on Beaver Island's north shore for several years, have been doing quite well in college. In Kassie's year at Kirtland Community College, she achieved a 4.00 gpa for the winter semester, and was named to the President's Honor List. She is

enrolled in Business Administration. Meanwhile, Walt, in his second year at Northwestern Michigan College, also earned a 4.00 for the winter semester, and was named to the Dean's List. He's enrolled in their Culinary Arts program. After completing that, he intends to pursue a business degree.

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## ISLAND EVENTS

**Softball:** *Mondays* (starting June 4<sup>th</sup> - July 30<sup>th</sup>) - Little League (1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> grade) 6:30-7:30; *Tuesdays* (through July 31<sup>st</sup>) - Little League II (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) 6:00-7:00; Big League (9<sup>th</sup> grade - Adult) 7:30-8:30.

**You Can't Be Too Careful** - June 6<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m. Holy Cross Hall.

**BICS Graduation:** June 9<sup>th</sup>

**Museums Open** - June 16<sup>th</sup>

**Camp Quality** free Island Music concert, June 17<sup>th</sup> 1:00-4:00, Parish Hall

**PABI Gourmet Dinner and Silent Auction** - June 30<sup>th</sup>

**Casino Night** - July 6<sup>th</sup>

**Fashion Show** July 12<sup>th</sup>

**MAD Camp** - July 16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>

**Boyne Thunder** poker run - July 21<sup>st</sup>

**Museum Week** - July 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

**Beaver Island Music Festival** - July 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> [www.bimf.net](http://www.bimf.net)

**BICAA Music Camp** - July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

**BIPOA Annual Meeting** July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30

**Baroque on Beaver** - July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>

**PABI Sunset Picnic** - August 5<sup>th</sup>

**Soccer Camp** - August 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>

**Celtic Games** - September 15<sup>th</sup>

Ransom Street **Big Band Concert** - 7:30 September 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle 5k/Run/Walk** - October 6<sup>th</sup>

## MUSIC CAMP 7.

A special feature of this year's *Baroque on Beaver* festival will be the Music Camp for Gr. 3-12 students from BICS and other visiting students. The July 25-29, half-day camp, at BICS will feature interactive string and wind instrumental experiences at the level of each student, and a variety of group activities — including vocal music, games, films, CDs, and music education and history. Most importantly, students will have the opportunity to interact with *Baroque on Beaver* musicians.

For information or to enroll, see [www.baroqueonbeaver.com](http://www.baroqueonbeaver.com), pick up a flyer at most brochure racks on the Island, or write to the BICAA, Box 326, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

## FLAG BURNING

The public is invited to a Flag-Burning Ceremony followed by a cookout, sponsored by the AmVets Emmet Burke Post #46 on Thursday, June 14, 2007 - 5:00 PM at the home of Doug Hartle. This official ceremony is approved by the United States Government, and always impresses those who have not seen it before. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served; please bring a dish to pass.

## ISLANDER GRADUATES

Kyle Wojan, the son of Karen and Jim Wojan, just graduated from Central Michigan University with a degree in

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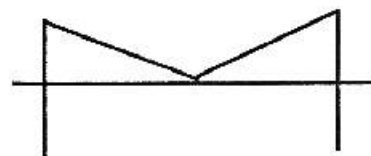
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## ISLANDERS INVITED TO MAY-POLE DANCE

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Youth Group and their four adult mentors. The group will be inviting visitors to help them raise the May Pole.

In the olden days the May Pole was a symbol of the



the pole in a simple dance that includes all ages; children and elders are encouraged to join in. The braiding of the colorful ribbons into one beautiful weave is a powerful symbol of peaceful community.

This year, Islanders will be welcomed out by eight wonderful 14-15 year-olds from St Jude's Church

season's fertility, but also represented the joining together of community in a beautiful place to welcome the summer. Each person's ribbon is woven around

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natural place. There will be a portajohn onsite, and easy access to our shaded canopy gathering spot from the West Side Road. All participants should bring a 20' length of colored

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## 10. BIRHC MOVES FORWARD

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center held an uplifting bimonthly meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Health Center's Community Room. The six-month financials were scrutinized. Expenses were running slightly ahead of income, but there were many positive signs. For example, income from *Patient Services* was at 53% of the annual projection even though the busiest time had not arrived.

The Endowment Fund was at \$1,220,000, of which \$970,000 was in cash. The Special Projects fund is at \$117,000.

An audit has been completed, which raised no red flags.

The Health Center is changing the billing company it uses to one that specializes in Rural Health centers, *Health Services Associates*, which will help the staff set up the new software. This will also aid the Quality Assurance Committee, which meets three times a year, by making it easier to extract information about trends from the raw data.

The Board and staff has been planning its emergency response in case of a disaster. The Health Center could be converted to a 25-bed facility—if it had more cots. The Government Building would be the Command Center, with communication by radio. Consideration of better stocking of medical sup-

plies is underway, along with on-line FEMA training.

The new wireless internet service provided by Central Solutions (at \$100.80/month) has been fine-tuned and is working well. This success led to the formation of a plan to upgrade the Health Center's X-rays to digital. Currently X-rays must be developed, taken to the airport or boat dock, and delivered to the mainland, where they have to be picked up and delivered to the Charlevoix Hospital. An evening X-ray will not be studied until the following day, and sometimes later, and if specialists have to be consulted, they must be induced to leave their office and drive

## NEW PLAN FOR BIRHC SUMMER FUNDRAISER

Plans for holding a gala event and live auction sponsored by the Beaver Island Rural Health Center have changed. Instead, BIRHC will hold a 'rolling' silent auction at the Health Center, with a different auction package up for bidding each week. A list of the weekly prizes will be published on the BIRHC website in late June, followed

by a display at the Fourth of July Carnival. Throughout the summer, sandwich board signs will be posted with updates and new flashes about featured items.

Participants will be able to submit their bids in three easy ways: by stopping in at the Health Center reception area; by calling the Health Center office during business hours (8:30-12:00 and

1:00-5:00, Monday through Friday) or via e-mail. High bids will be posted daily on the BIRHC website.

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to the hospital—which is not always possible.

The new plan involves two things: replacing the X-ray machine with a digital X-ray machine (from Rad-icon Imaging), and increasing the BIRHC's broadband capability so very detailed images can be instantly transmitted to the Charlevoix Hospital or other facilities, and the office of needed doctors. The increased broadband will also allow BIRHC staff and patients to have face-to-face meeting with distant doctors. In addition patients can be given a CD containing the information so they can take it with them—helpful when they're being shuttled from doctor to

doctor. And the digital images will also be sent to a secure central medical data storage facility so authorized doctors can call them up at any future time.

This is a big step up which will cut down waiting time and expense and could save lives, but it isn't cheap. The first estimate was that the Rad Imaging equipment would run \$75,000 and the internet upgrade \$60,000. Luckily a USDA "Distance Learning and Telemedicine" program might supply 85% of the cost, with the BIRHC kicking in 15%. It was thought that paring off a few bells and whistles could bring the cost down to \$115,000. Consequently the Board voted to apply for a

\$100,000 USDA grant.

A second breakthrough took place when Pete LoDico passed around the preliminary plans for a 6-unit senior housing facility, designed by Hobbs + Black. The elevation looked attractive, with four skylights and dormer roofs over the individual unit entries. Two units would be 2-BR and four 1-BR. Each unit would have a private bath and small full kitchen. The building would also contain a common area with a kitchen, larger diningroom, and 'activities room'; group meals could be catered. There would also be individual storage units, a mechanical room, and a laundry.

understanding and flexible as these changes have unfolded.

More details on prizes and bidding will follow next month. THANK YOU in advance to all Beaver Islanders who we know will support our wonderful, life-giving and life-saving Health Center by participating in the auction and buying vehicle raffle tickets.

On May 17<sup>th</sup> Sarah McCafferty received her paramedic license, raising the number of Beaver Island Paramedics to three—along with Ken Bruland (who is back on the Island) and Joe Moore. Congratulations are due her; the training is not easy, and it's not as though she doesn't already have enough to do with her family, her duties

as EMS Director, and just living her already-full life.

These people and the rest of the EMTs provide the most vital service to Beaver Island: being ready to help save lives, no matter when a call is received. We are truly blessed to have such a caring, dedicated, and highly trained emergency medical team.

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# TOTAL RESPONSE TO WILDFIRE

by Frank Solle



Firetruck and airplane  
– a moment for art



Fireman Tom Whitman works on  
putting out spot fires



John Works, Jr.  
directs traffic at the fire



Fireman Steve Crandall leads the effort to  
position hoses to battle the blaze

Hot and dry conditions on Saturday, May 26, contributed to a wildfire on Beaver Island after two visiting youths thought a small, smoky fire would dispel the mosquitos that were bothering them during a walk through the woods.

When their small fire quickly got out of hand, one 12-year-old ran home to call for help while the other tried in vain to put the fire out.

But once the 911 call was broadcast

over the airways, the response once again brought out the true spirit of the Island and its inhabitants.

“We had a great response,” said fire chief Tim McDonough. “Guys with heavy equipment were headed to the scene even before we had a chance to call them.”

Four bulldozers and one tractor with a large power tiller behind it reported to the fire located north of the Township

Airport in a small clearing on Rybaski’s Road, between two of the Island’s most-cherished landmarks, the Protar home and tomb.

Among the early responders was Island Airways owner Paul Welke, who circled above the fire in order to help direct the ground efforts to the best positioning locations.

With the number of onsite firemen and volunteers quickly growing, the



Paul Welke flies over the scene to help  
position firefighters and equipment



Volunteers manned a pumper truck to  
spray the hot spots



Brian and the crew -  
Moving a hose after the burn



Rich Gillespie brought one of four pieces of  
heavy equipment to the fire scene

photographs by Frank Solle



**Donegal Bay Sunset**



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Filling the water truck - Bob Marsh, Dave Adams, Todd McDonough



Fireman Jim McDonough carries equipment across the site



Among the many responders to the fire were a group of students from CMU



Fire Chief Tim McDonough surveys the scene

only needs were more handtools and water for those doing the hot and smoky work. More volunteers rushed in to supply those very things and in less than an hour the 8-10 acre fire was under control and soon after that had a well-defined fire line bulldozed around it.

Before all was said and done, area residents, Island residents, local high school students, weekend visitors, and even a group of students from CMU

were on hand to battle the fire.

Once the fire was contained, the difficult work of putting out the numerous hot spots and dousing the fire began. Water trucks circled around and through the fire, spraying the larger spots, while firefighters with shovels and rakes attacked the smaller spots until the fire was completely out. An evening rain helped secure the area.

Throughout the situation members

of the Island's Emergency Service were on hand to help control traffic and standby in case their services were needed.

"When something like this happens everyone forgets any personal disagreements and everyone pulls together," McDonough said of the concerted group effort that did more than divert a disaster, it tackled one head on and put it out cold.



Dave Schwatzfischer mans a bulldozer to fight the fire



Francis Pike (center) and two other volunteers leave the site following containment



Doug Tilly maneuvers his tractor and tiller



Pumpcrew - Jim Stambaugh, Darrell Butler, Jr., Brian Kubesh, Steve Crandall

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by Anne Fleming

Beaver Island loon ranger Jacque LaFreniere led a field trip at the Barney's Lake Nature Preserve on May 19. Twelve people attended the program, which was sponsored by Little Traverse Conservancy. According to Jacque, Barney's Lake hosts nesting loons annually, and Jacque has been studying their behavior for 15 years. The field trip participants were not disappointed and some early attendees, witnessed an eagle harassing the loon.

Loons are a threatened species in Michigan. They can live as long as 25 years, and feed on small minnows and fish. They can dive up to 200 feet! Their predators/threats include eagles, osprey, snapping turtles, human use of lakes, and mercury poisoning.

A boat wake can wash the egg out of the nest. Normal incubation for the egg is 28 days. Within 6 weeks, the chicks can dive, and they spend their first 8-10

weeks on flying lessons. At 12 weeks, the chicks are full sized and will fledge.

During late August or early September, the loons leave the Great Lakes for the East Coast, where their appear-

lake. It was donated to the Little Traverse Conservancy in 1988 by the heirs of Bernard and Margaret O'Donnell.

Since 1972, the Little Traverse Conservancy has been working as the oldest regional, non-profit land trust in Michigan. With the support of more than 4,100 members, it works with private landowners and local governments to permanently protect ecologically significant and scenic lands from development. Since it was founded, more than 32,000 acres and 85 miles of shoreline along our region's lakes, rivers, and streams have been set aside to remain in their natural state within Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Mackinac, and Chippewa counties. For more information about the Little



ance changes and they appear to be wearing a 'grey traveling cloak.'

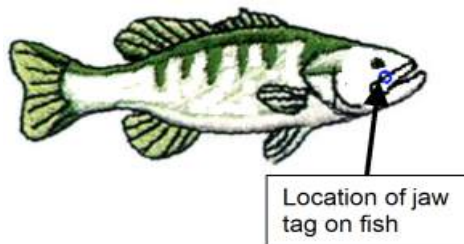
The 120-acre Barney's Lake Preserve includes 2,200' of frontage on the

Traverse Conservancy and land protection options for your land, please contact their office at (231) 347-0991 or visit [www.landtrust.org](http://www.landtrust.org).

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ately release the fish back into the water (preferred) or if the fish is harvested

that the angler returns the transmitter to the Central Michigan University Biological Station located on Beaver Island. Many mysteries surround the habits of these fish, and your help will help us figure out how they live and what they do.

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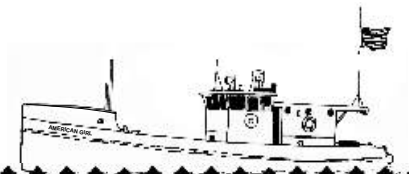
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## 16. WILDLIFE CLUB IMPROVING HABITAT

In the middle of the month the Beaver Island Wildlife Club hosted the DNR's Brian Mastenbrook, who has been working to expand a program for helping Island land-owners develop feed areas for turkey and deer. It offers partial reimbursement for plowing 1 - 5 acres, adding fertilizer, and planting sunflower, millet, and buckwheat, which is paid for from turkey licenses.

He has helped the Club improve land near Miller's Marsh by planting rye. Other state areas he anticipated becoming better habitat through logging are in limbo because the price being offered for pulp wood has recently dropped from \$20 to \$4 a cord. He remarked that the Island habitat was not good for deer, and he is not surprised that he has seen fewer this year than in the past.

He mentioned that too many spikehorns were probably being taken,

and said Drummond Island had passed a rule against this. The Club said a recent survey produced a 90 / 1 vote in favor of such a ban, and the lone dissenter was convinced to rethink his position.

He urged the club to support a plan currently fighting its way through the legislature to raise hunting licenses by 25% a year in each of the next four years, in order to provide non-divertable revenue for these programs. Members in the audience agreed, saying hunting licenses were very inexpensive.

He also addressed the *phragmites* problem, saying the largest Island patch (at Cable's Bay) constituted about 1½ acres, and that altogether the infestation occupies 8 to 10 acres here. He is trying to get spraying permits for individual parcels. It costs under \$1,000, per acre, so the cost to attack *phragmites* over two years is not that great. He thought he

could obtain around \$3,000 in funding, and hoped individual and organization donations would make up the rest.

Wildlife Club president Jeff Powers caught the last plane after having testified about our cormorant problem in Lansing to the Tourism and Outdoor Resources Committee. He cited the success of a 35-day harassment program on Lake Brevort, which was 97% successful. He said that 300 cormorants a day are fishing Lake Geneserath, which removes 6 tons of fish in a month. It seems likely that cormorants may spread 'swimmers' itch' as well.

The Club is planning to oil eggs on Gull and Pismire, the largest nearby breeding grounds (they oiled 2,000 nests the next day). It requires 3-man teams: one to oil, another to record the number of eggs, and a third to mark the nest. Help and funding are urgently needed.

## DIAMONDS ON THE WATER

Long-time Bio-station prof Roy Burlington has just released a fascinating book, *Diamonds on the Water*, of stories about the many fishing trips he and some of his fellow CMU profs took over the years, mainly to the wilds of Canada but also to little-known parts of Beaver

Island. The book's production values are excellent, with fine pictures—some coming from Tammy McDonough.

If you've ever wondered what can go wrong on an isolated lake in the middle of nowhere, or questioned whether those remote fish are really as big and as

tasty as some claim, then this is the book for you. The tone is spellbinding as the author tells one story after another, many of which poke gentle fun at him and his friends.

The book is available at local outlets, including the Print Shop Museum.



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# ANNUAL LADIES' GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Beaver Island lady golfers have lots to look forward to this summer: the Thursday morning women's league, a new weekly league of Tuesday evening golfers, and the Ladies' Golf Tournament, scheduled for Saturday, July 21.

Begun in 1994 by Marg Charbeneau, this annual competition is in its fourteenth year. After running the tournament for ten years, Marg turned over the responsibilities to Ruth Kelly and Taffy Raphael in 2003. This year Doris Larson, Annette Dashiell, Nel Worsfold, and Ruth Igoe will be organizing the event.

The 2007 tournament will follow the traditional format of a shotgun start

with four-person teams playing the best ball on each shot. As in the past, the winning team will be awarded trophies, and everyone will take home a prize.

In addition, several new activities will add to the fun of this year's competition. Included for the registration fee will be a luncheon for all players, catered by Carolyn Works and served in the golf club tent. After the luncheon there will be a putting contest run by Sandy and Bob Simpson, with more interesting prizes for the talented (or lucky?) winners.

Registration forms will be available at the Beaver Island Golf Club. The registration fee, which includes the

luncheon, is \$15 per person. Non-members will also be charged the regular greens fee.

Golfers may register in a team of four or individually and be placed on a team by the tournament organizers. In its long history the tournament has been rained out only once, but in case of rain, play will be postponed to Sunday, July 22. Please call Sandy at the golf course (448-2301) with any questions. Ladies, regardless of your golfing skills, come out and join the fun at the Beaver Island Golf Club this summer Tuesday evenings, Thursday mornings, and the Annual Ladies' Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 21.

## AMVETS LADIES AUXILIARY WILL HONOR B I W O M E N

An annual cocktail party will be held by the AmVets Post #46 Ladies Auxiliary on Tuesday, June 5, 5:00 PM at the home of Dee Gallagher, 38360

Indian Point Road. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be provided by the members to honor the women of Beaver Island. All women are welcome.

This occasion has become an eagerly awaited yearly event for the women to gather and have beverages, good food, good conversation, and a good time.

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROMOTES SMOKE-FREE

The Health Department is distributing packets of stickers for customers to attach to their restaurant bill from the American Cancer Society. One reads

"Thank you for being smokefree," and another says "Please go smokefree! I would come here more often!" Stickers are available at no charge at local

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**Ten Years Ago** The *Beacon* reported that Rich Gillespie, Kevin McDonough, Lynn DeGrow, and Bill McDonough went to Booth Bay Maine to see how the construction of the *Emerald Isle* was coming along, and found she would make her launch date of June 7<sup>th</sup>. Hopes were that many Islanders would make the trip to see her launched, stern first, creating a 750,000-pound splash.

Jon Barrett was congratulated for the care he took organizing the Transfer Station before he felt he had to resign.

Two independent cruise lines indicated Beaver Island would be on their schedule for the coming fall, one spending enough time here to allow its passengers to tour the Island.

The BIEMS, backed by both townships, ordered a second ambulance, a new diesel-powered vehicle costing \$70,000. They obtained a 4-year lease/purchase. It was to compliment the first ambulance, now 12 years old.

The Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids held its 31<sup>st</sup> fund-raising party, attended by 235 guests.

An essay by editor Chuck Hooker expressed surprise at the growth of the internet, which remained somewhat of a mystery to him—although 30 Island individuals or businesses had put up websites. He commended the efforts of Kitty McNamara to launch BIIP, which hoped to soon reach 30 accounts. The *Beacon*, he said, would soon have a pres-

ence on the web.

A Matthew Sutermeister poem entitled *Beaver Island* concluded with these lines: *On that wonderful land feel free/ to run wild,/ and live in the resort of a king,/ with the heart of a child.*

The Chamber began selling \$50 tickets for a weekend Getaway.

The school hosted the author and the illustrator of *Buck Wilder's Small Fry Fishing Guide*. They said anyone can achieve success if they work hard and don't take no for an answer.

Beaver Island Books, the Island's first bookstore, began to advertise.

The school began planning how to prepare for entering the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

The gravel crusher purchased by the townships was set up at Katherine Ricksgers' pit, and was running fine. Three applications to operate it had been received.

**Twenty Years Ago** Beaver Island's biannual Track and Field Day was held in mid-May. Points were awarded for first, second, and third place finishes in running, throwing, jumping, and kicking events. Ernie Martin and Kerry Speck won trophies for best overall performance.

The school announced that English teacher Shelley Kammer resigned.

The Iron Ore Bay Road from the Lighthouse to the creek washed out and could not be driven. The CCRC offered to pay half the cost of repairs if other funding could be found. Peaine said it

would pay 25%, up to \$10,000.

The Library Committee set out to create a building Board, asking each township to appoint a member.

The Civic Association proposed to continue using the Print Shop Museum as a tourist center. Bud Martin suggested building a new Municipal Marina office and using the old one for passing out brochures and information.

Six trucks were needed to cart away the debris gathered during the *Island Clean-up*.

On May 8<sup>th</sup> the *South Shore*, making its second run of the day, spotted smoke from a forest fire in the middle of the Island. Firefighters had a difficult time finding it, but Neal Boyle and Joe Moore located it south of Hannigan's Road east of Fox Lake. Fifty volunteers with shovels and rakes pitched in to fight the blaze and had it put out by 11:00 p.m.

Frank Ettawageshik spent a week teaching pottery at the school. The students began by digging for clay. They built a fire pit behind the school, where the students' pots were 'cooked' for 3 hours.

Beaver Head's first wedding was officiated by local minister Slim Bailey.

Engineering work was begun for a sidewalk from Malloy's Market to the Dockside Market.

*Flambind*, said to be environmentally acceptable, was to be used this year for dust control.

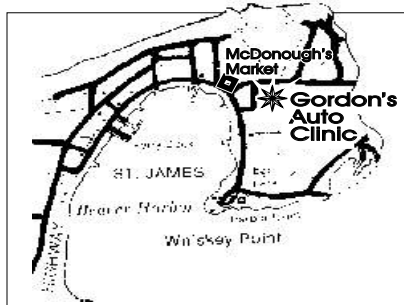
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A no-wake ordinance was passed for 500' out from shore in the harbor.

Deputy Al Muma collected signatures and pledges in support of purchasing a rescue boat.

Passings noted included John Runberg's brother Maurice, who died unexpectedly in Bay City, and Viola Quinlan, widow of Beaver Island's John Quinlan.

**Thirty Years Ago** The Carillon at Holy Cross was dedicated to the memory of loved and deceased relatives, thanks to an idea and support from Helen Pike. It was initially thought this project would take several years, but it was completed in one. Much support has come over the years from the Chicago Club, but the Grand Rapids Club surpassed them this year.

Vera Wojan and Tami Pischner sang at the wedding of Mary Gillespie and Edward Palmer.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities were to start with a bingo game and include a pancake supper, an auction by the Civic, a whitefish barbeque, a pancake brunch, a carnival at the Castaways, and a Basket-of-Joy raffle just before the fireworks.

Dick Burris bought 'The Livery' from Stan Floyd, intending to run it.

A potluck supper was hosted by the Cashmans for departing school teacher Grant Hart and his wife Terry.

Steve Wheeler opened the Beaver Island Golf Course.

Earl Boyle was selling Island suckers as *Beaver Island Mullet*.

Passings noted included 15-year old Grant Cruikshank and 34-year-old Ken Cavanaugh.

**Forty Years Ago** Happy bass fishermen could be found in most of the bays around Hog and Garden Islands. Ron Wojan took a nice steelhead from the harbor. The level of Lake Michigan was 12-14" higher than the previous year. The Bureau of Commercial Fishing did a careful check of all the Island's streams, making sure no lamprey eels were here.

The Michigan State Police announced a new plan: placing a trooper on the Island for the summer.

John Wylie opened the Beaver Tale Restaurant next to the Erin. Gary Dock Huard and his wife opened the *Rustic Villa Grill*.

Two Island-born priests were elevated by Pope Paul VI to the rank of domestic prelate, Father Victor Gallagher (born in 1919) and Father Joseph Grill (born in 1910). They are now Monsignors.

Francis Ernie Martin was inducted into the Army.

The school purchased two adjacent lots to use as a playground.

Marge Wagner started a business: decorating cakes.

**Fifty Years Ago** The Civic was proud of its accomplishments, which it listed in its membership drive: a 7-room

Medical Center; adding telephones to ten homes; sponsoring picnics, movies, and luncheons; and publishing the *Beaver Beacon*.

A state campsite was under construction on the East Side.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service came to look at the Island to see if a refuge for geese could be established here, but decided too much land would have to be closed off to hunting and fishing—plus closing some roads.

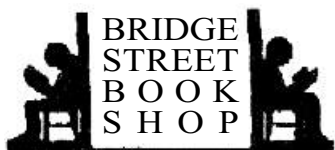
A story in the *Northern Michigan Skipper's* May issue provided a fine boost to Beaver Island.

Fresh Island-school graduate Bill Bennett was driving a taxi here for the summer. The other grad, Margaret O'Donnell, left for Traverse City to study nursing. Ed Sternberg and his family brought two dual-controlled cars to teach Driver's Ed.

The site of Father Baraga's landing was registered with the Michigan Historical Commission.

An insert talked about the formation of the new Beaver Island Telephone Company, with Jewell Gillespie as president. The number of subscribers was double BITCo's expectation. BITCo hoped to sell 800 shares of stock at \$10/each—with 350 shares already sold. Hook-up by Bell was scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Susan Sendenburgh, widow of Fred, passed away at 89; she was born here, and lived here for 87 years.



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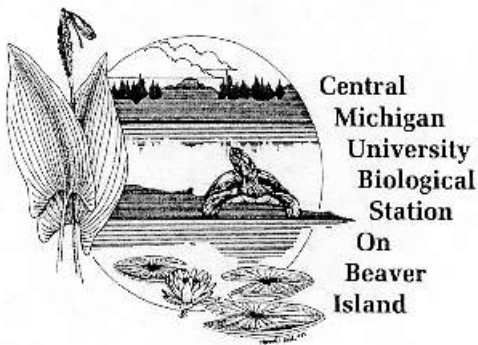
Each trip will be limited to 28. Unless otherwise indicated, all trips will begin at 9:00 a.m. at CMUBS, and conclude at noon with a lunch in the Bio Station cafeteria.

**"Early Summer Flora"** with Dr. Ed Leuck on Thursday June 14.

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**"The Spiders of Beaver Island"** with Dr. Dave Clark on Friday June 29.

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**"Sand Dune Biology"** with Dr. Beth Leuck on Friday July 6.

*This trip will take participants to the west side of Beaver Island for an exploration of the extensive sand dunes located there. The origin, current status, and future of the dunes will be*

*discussed, and the flora and fauna indigenous to these beautiful ecosystems will be sought after and explained in ecological terms. Some climbing of steep sandy inclines will be required.*

**"Miller's Marsh and the Double-bluff"** with Dr. Gilbert Starks on Friday July 27.

*Dr. Starks will lead a delightful trip to Miller's Marsh Natural Area, and point out the details of the marsh's natural history and diversity. Time permitting, the trip will head south to a unique geological formation known as a double bluff. Dr. Starks will discuss Beaver Island's geological history at that site.*

**"Beaver Island's Inland Lakes"** with Mr. Dan Benjamin on Saturday August 4.

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June 27<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 a.m. at Lake Geneserath

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# BICS GRADS READY TO BEGIN NEXT CHAPTER

by Frank Solle

With this month's commencement exercises marking the end of their memorable high school days, the graduates of the class of 2007 are ready to look ahead and move on.

**Emma Elizabeth Adams**, the daughter of Dave and Kathy Adams, will be attending Albion College where she is planning on being a 'walk on' at the school's first volleyball practice on August 15. "I've talked with the coach there and they are interested in having me attend," Emma, who has been an outstanding scholastic player during her four years of varsity action with the *Islanders*, said of the move up to the collegiate game. Emma is also planning on studying the field of athletic training.

**Anthony James Bousquet**, son of Kevin and Debbie Bousquet. After giving the issue much thought, Tony has decided it will be best for him to take some time off before furthering his education. "I want to take some time to work and to travel," Tony said, with an eye on Colorado and some serious snowboarding. Then it will be back to Traverse City for two years at Northwestern Michigan College to begin the study of art and photography, with the hope of eventually earning a Bachelor's degree at Ferris State University.

**David Michael Bousquet**, son of Kevin and Debbie Bousquet. David's future plans are directed toward Northwestern Michigan College at Traverse City to study Mechanical Engineering. David said he has scored well in this area in aptitude tests, and enjoys taking things apart and seeing how they work.

**Saygan Kerr Crowwhite**, son of Jody and Beth Crowwhite. It is Saygan's hope to build on his past two years of working with both Pam O'Brien and Heidi Connor. "I like plants," Saygan said of his decision to study biology, first at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. "That's my starting

point," he said. Following two years at NMC, Saygan hopes to transfer to either Michigan State or Central Michigan to earn a degree in horticulture.

**Brenna McNamara Green**, daughter of Mike Green and Kitty McNamara. Brenna has been accepted at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, where she will pursue a degree in Elementary Education. "I want to teach Kindergarten," Brenna said with strong conviction. Throughout her high school years Brenna has worked as a teacher aide with the younger students at BICS. Brenna has visited the city and campus a number of times to see a cousin attending the school. "I like it there and I like to ski," she said of the northern choice.



**Bailey Kathleen McDonough**, the daughter of Bill and Tammy McDonough, will be attending Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City to obtain her basic requirements before transferring on to either Michigan State University or Grand Valley State University in order to pursue a nursing degree, with the aim of becoming a nurse anesthetist. Bailey has been a work-study student at the Beaver Island Community Health Center the past three years, which is where she began thinking of nursing as a career. "I am very ready for the next adventure," Bailey said.

**Rita Jewell Palmer**, daughter of Edward and Mary Palmer. Rita would like to attend Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City on her way toward a trip to the prestigious Berkley School of Music in Boston. "It's a very well-known school, and they will teach you about any kind of music you want," Rita said. "I want to do what I love to do,

which is music," Rita, who plays guitar, mandolin, bass, piano, and drums, said of following her dream.

**David Schwartzfisher**, son of Dave and Barbara Schwartzfisher. David also plans on attending Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, but his plans are taking a turn at the kitchen. "I'm planning on attending the Culinary Arts program there," David said. "I was there during my junior year and the kitchens looked awesome," he added. But not stopping there, David looks to get a Bachelor's in business or hotel and restaurant management.

**Cory Allen Sowa**, son of Mike and Diane Sowa. Cory's future plans are the stuff of star power, taking him further

away from Beaver Island than any of his other classmates. For a talented lifelong musician, it's the bright lights of Hollywood that are calling Cory. No, not the movie business, but the Musician's Institute of Hollywood, where Cory,

who plays the guitar, bass, and drums, hopes to earn an Associates of Arts degree. Cory already has written many of his own songs. "I don't really like playing other people's stuff," he said. "I like to write my own songs better." And while it may seem Cory's eyes are in the stars, he adds a balancing touch of realism, saying if a career in entertainment doesn't work out, he would like to become a music teacher. If the song fits, sing it.

**Jared John Wojan**, son of Jim and Karen Wojan. Jared will be heading to Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant in the fall, where he will major in Elementary Education. Jared also has worked with the younger students at BICS as an aide during his high school years and has found that enjoyable and fulfilling. A bright star *Islanders* athlete throughout high school, Jared hopes to keep active in intramural sports while at CMU.











# SETTING THE RESALE SHOP

25.

On the afternoon of May 8<sup>th</sup>, the two halves of the prefab unit (formerly part of Big Rock north of Charlevoix but given to the AmVets when the nuclear facility close-down was done, and then given to the BIFDA) that had been stored at Dick and Janet O'Donnell's for a couple of years were towed to the Donegal Bay Road lot being purchased by the two Townships. Greg Cary had already poured 24 large concrete pads on which the steel carriage would rest.

After supper, the real fun began as Jim Wojan and his able crew of Bruce Cull and Steve Crandall, plus Darrell Butler Jr., were asked to move these 40' units exactly into place. The rest of the firemen were on hand to pitch in—Bob

Marsh, who handled most of the high work, Bill, Jim, and Tim McDonough, Pete Plastrik, Jim Stanbaugh, Joe Timsak, Tom Wittman, and John Works Jr. The project was made difficult by the unlevel (Darrell and Bruce smoothed out the worst spots with loaders as Jim was towing the second unit in a big circle with his dozer, to get it in position) ground and relatively small area in which to work.

A modest but fascinated crowd watched from the bicycle path. Because the audience was familiar with the kind of work these men customarily do, frequently under even more difficult circumstances, no one dared say there might be a problem. But it wasn't

easy; in addition to moving the units, they had to keep them from tipping. It was *go forward*, then *back up*, and then *watch out, the top is leaning too much*. In the end, they were positioned exactly right. And it wasn't even dark yet.

Now the work begins: a septic and a deep well must be installed, roofing and siding added, a bathroom built, and electricity connected. Several offers of funds and/or labor have already been received. More are needed, so if you're among those who can't wait to be able to drop things off at the new Resale Shop (usually coming home with more than was delivered), let Fire Chief Tim McDonough know—phone him, or see him at the store.

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## 26. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

by Joyce Bartels

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, June 6, 1907 **Local News:** "All lifesaving stations on the great lakes will be equipped with motor boats as fast as the government can make the necessary arrangements." (Note: June 10 *Heavy smog F. Protar*)

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, June 13, 1907 **Local News:** "The *Beaver* went to Cross Village with freight Saturday."

"Mr. Fuller, of the Northville hatchery, went to St. James yesterday with 500,000 young pike and perch, and 2,500 brook trout for the inland waters of the Island."

"The steamer *Beaver* is being repainted."

"Capt. Morton, superintendent, and Lieut. Bellinger, inspector, were here Monday and inspected the local lifesaving station, going to St. James on the morning boat. While at St. James they will arrange certain details of the

establishment of a full station there. It is not expected that the station will be completed and operating before next spring." (Note: J. G. Bellinger, Chicago and Chas. Morton, Grand Haven appear in the *Hotel Beaver Register*.)

"Capt. Peter Johnson, of the small schooner *Nellie Johnson*, of St. James, was slugged and badly hurt by thugs at Benton Harbor one day last week. He was taken to the Chicago marine hospital, and later the papers reported him dead. But a telegraph inquiry Monday brought the information from the hospital that he was up and walking about. Two of the four thugs were arrested and the other two will probably be apprehended. Johnson was at Benton Harbor with a load of lumber."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, June 20, 1907 **Local News:** "Supervisor Gallagher of St. James is here for Maccabee Day."

"Rev. Father Paschal, O. S. F., who

has been doing special work here and at Boyne City for some time, returned to his St. James parish Wednesday."

**Beaver Island News:** "The tug *Badger* broke down last week and Capt. Gordon was compelled to charter a tug from Charlevoix for a short time."

"Mrs. John Wood of Manistee, who came here to visit for the summer was compelled to return to her home on account of illness."

"Mrs. O. C. McCauley returned from a visit to Green Bay."

"W. C. Germaine, J. S. Tweedle, and others of Traverse City, were here a few days last week looking up timber land." (Note: W. C. Germaine and J. J. Tweedle, Traverse City, appear in the *Beaver Hotel Register*, June 12, 1907).

"H. P. Boyle has opened up a grocery and shoe store in the Joe Gallagher building."

"Schooner *Rouse Simmons* is loading ties for the Lumber Co. this week."

## MUSEUM OPEN HOUSES SET

The Beaver Island Historical Society set Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, between 12:00 and 3:00, as the **Open House** at

both the Print Shop Museum and the Marine Museum. Both museums will begin their regular everyday hours.

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"Rev. Mr. Wright of Charlevoix held services here a couple of days last week." (Note: R. A. Wright, Charlevoix appears in the Beaver Hotel Register, June 13, 1907.)

"Wolverine Fish Co., have put their dock in shape for a cargo of coal."

"Mr. McCann is excavating for a fine new residence on the south terrace."

"Mr. Frank Klicker foreman at the mill who had her (sic) leg broken a few weeks ago is improving very rapidly."

"Miss May Gallagher and Mrs. Mary McCafferty visited friends in Charlevoix last week."

"We are pleased to see Mr. 'Billy' Winters on our streets again after an illness of two weeks."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, June 27, 1907 **Local News:** "James McCann, of St. James was in town Tuesday on his way home from St. Ignace and Mackinac Island."

"The U. S. Gunboat *Wolverine* (formerly *Michigan*) is at Harbor Springs on recruiting duty."

"W. E. Stephens, of the Beaver Island Lumber Co., came over yesterday, and will take a day off to do some fishing on Intermediate Lake."

**Beaver Island News:** "Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Stafford June 22, a boy."

"The barges *Shipman* and *Otis* loaded here this week."

"The schooner *Bell Brown* is loading ties here for James McCann."

"J. D. Traverse, of the Auditor General's office, spent a day here last week."

"Capt. Allers made two trips to East Jordan for iron for the Lumber Co."

"Mrs. O. J. Gillespie returned from a two weeks visit with friends in Escanaba."

"Quite a number of our 'Bees' swarmed at Charlevoix last week during the celebration."

"Miss Olie Seite and Mrs. Mary E.

O'Donnell have returned home from a visit to Charlevoix."

"Miss Cassie McCauley left by steamer *Hart* for a few weeks visit with friends at Escanaba and Green Bay."

"Mr. J. H. McLamie, Michigan representative of the International Harvester Co. transacted business here last week."

"Rev. Fr. Paschal returned home bringing with him the Rev. Fr. Aemelian who will spend the summer here for his health."

"The tug *Edward Watkins*, with a crew of men, called here one day last week enroute to Gull Island, to raise a barge that sunk in that vicinity a number of years ago."

"While playing on the Lumber Co.'s dock a few days ago, Leo Snyder slipped and fell off, and had it not been for the timely arrival of Charles Roddy, he would have drowned. This is the second person, Mr. Roddy has saved withing the pastmonth."

At its recent meeting it approved a full schedule for Museum Week (beginning on July 16<sup>th</sup>), appointed new mem-

bers, set a price on its antique brass pendants, and decided to not start raising money for the restoration of the

Sepeshy mural until it knew how to build a glass-faced temperature and humidity-controlled viewing box for it.



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Aerial and ground surveys have found increased infestations of the invasive weed *phragmites australis* on both the state and private Lake Michigan shoreline. There are also significant patches on Font Lake and Lake Genesereth. Mature stands are 8' to 10' high and extremely dense. In response to this threat, the Beaver Island Property Owners Association is helping coordinate an initial program in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the townships. Brian Mastenbrook of the Gaylord MDNR office is applying for a permit for chemical treatment and state funding of application on state land by contracting with an experienced, insured, and licensed operator. The permit will include private land and offer shoreline landowners an opportunity to participate in a comprehensive program.. However, ***no property can be chemically treated without written permission from the owner.***

This is expected to be a multi-year program in which the DNR will concentrate first on the Beaver Island shoreline and then move to the outlying islands where *phragmites* are also spreading, primarily by wave action. The townships have budgeted initial amounts to participate in an inclusive program. Peaine Township has used a portion of its allocation to produce an informational DVD that will soon be available free in the library and the township office. BIPOA recommends that all who have property on any shoreline borrow and view this excellent source of information about identification and treatment.

Treatment with a commercial-grade herbicide is done either with ground spraying or individually wiping stalks. A 20' by 20' patch will cost at least \$100. Burning or cutting stalks without removing the runners will not kill the plants. The runners, up to 20' long and

often 6" under the surface, can be pulled only early in their growth and with great effort. Retail-grade herbicide is not approved for application and unlikely to be effective. In short, control is going to require a concerted program over a period of years. The alternative is to lose significant sections of beach with consequent loss of natural beauty, recreational use, and property value.

When the permitting process is completed, BIPOA is expecting to coordinate a joint effort with MDNR, the CMU Biological Station, and the townships to contact all shoreline owners by mail and give them an opportunity to participate or reject treatment in this program. In the meantime, early onset of the weed can be dealt with by pulling stalks and runners and burning or bagging smaller plants. *Phragmites* are most often found in wet areas of plant growth, not on dunes or plant-free sand-and-rock beaches.

— Jack Kelly

## A VIRUS APPROACHES

The currently most-tracked fish virus, VHS (viral hemorrhagic septicemia), seems to be drawing closer to Beaver Island's waters. Last spring it was blamed for fish die-offs in the eastern Great Lakes. This spring it has also been

found in Lake Huron near Cheboygan.

VHS does not pose a threat for humans, but can cause death in tens of thousands of sport fish, such as muskies, drum, or salmon. It causes bloody patches on the skin and bleeding in the

eyes of its victims. The DNR is keeping its eyes open, wondering if it will sweep through once, killing susceptible fish, or settle in and stay.

At present there are no known preventatives.

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## ROBERTA McDONOUGH HUEY

Roberta McDonough, the Island-born second child of Robert and Charlotte McDonough, passed away on March 29<sup>th</sup>. She is survived by her husband, Robert Huey; her daughters, Shannon (David Lee) Miller, Richelle (Cody) Mast, and Kellie (James) Wiltjer; her grandchildren Tonya and Blake Miller, Tyler and Gracie Huey, Ryker Mast, and Sadie Wiltjer; her great-grandsons Chase Miller and Nathan Thompson; her mother Charlotte McDonough; her siblings Mary Sue (Mike) Anderson, Kathleen (Bill) Graham,



Sally (Dave) Koeze, Philomena (Al) Heintz, Beth (Craig) Behrens, Gail (Chuck) DeLeeuw, Sharon (Kent) Grove, Patricia Iciek, Robert (Jill) McDonough, Colleen (Mike) Sellers, Margaret (Andy) Vavere, John McDonough, and Beaver Island's Kevin (Theresa) McDonough; her parents-in-law Robert and Mary Huey; her siblings-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was a truly wonderful and outstanding person, who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

## MERRIAM NEUROHR

Merriam 'FAH' Neurohr, 75, of Traverse City, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., and Beaver Island, passed away at her home on May 12, 2007, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Graveside services were held on May 14, at Oakwood Cemetery, with Rabbi Albert M. Lewis officiating.

Merriam was born in Flint on April 18, 1932, to Gussie and Abe Gottfelt. She married Edward Neurohr, and

together they operated Bella Pizza restaurant in Sandy Springs (an Atlanta suburb) for 24 years. Though recently in declining health, she never stopped traveling, knitting, speaking her mind, making good friends at every opportunity, and visiting family. She spent her final year taking part in experimental treatments, taking satisfaction in the fact that the research would help heal others.

## NEEDLERS

29.

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month in the Christian Church Rectory. Techniques and patterns, commiseration, and lavish praise on accomplishments. Bring a lunch.

## RECYCLING RULES

The recycling rules have been confusing, so here's an update. Not accepted: #1 plastic brown bottles, plastic trays, or clear 'clamshell' containers, or #2 plastic motor oil bottles, yoghurt and margarine tubs, plant pots or trays, or grocery bags. Also, newspapers must go in their bin, and office paper in the office paper plus bin. For the county as a whole, 2,968,000 pounds of cardboard and 1,888,000 pounds of newspaper were recycled in 2006.

Merriam was preceded in death by a daughter, Ellie Neurohr.

Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Edward; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Dennis Winslow of Traverse City; son and daughter-in-law, Rich and Debbie Neurohr of Las Vegas; son and daughter-in-law, Avi and Tresa Neurohr of Chicago; grandchildren, Allison, Rachel and Jessie Winslow, and Ella and Langston Neurohr.



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## 30. JOSEPHINE DEVOGEL

Josephine DeVogel, 96, of Charlevoix, left this world to be with her husband and son Donnie, on May 23.

She was born November 27, 1910, in East Lake, to Mike and Mary (Ryczak) Bolek, and married Jay William DeVogel on May 10, 1935. He preceded her in death on February 19, 1959.

Josephine moved to Beaver Island where she and her family lived for 15 years before moving to Charlevoix 23 years ago. Josie truly loved Beaver Island and was loved by all whose lives she touched. She had many jobs here,

including overseeing the Yacht Dock and tending bar at the Beachcomber.

One of her favorite pastimes was playing cards with friends Willie and Clara Schmidt, Al and Helen Dudzik, and Pat and Rose Bonner.

She loved fishing for bluegills on Barney's Lake with a long cane pole given to her by Mike Crawford. Perhaps Josies' biggest claim to fame was her 'creation' of light beer years before Miller. Josie was known far and wide for ordering a glass of water to go with her glass of draught and mixing the two

while visiting with her friends.

A true character in the honored Island tradition, Josie will be missed dearly by all who knew her.

She was a wonderful mother and grandmother. She is survived by her children, Peter T. (Maria) DeVogel, John M. (Nancee) DeVogel, Mary (David) Pischner, Rock G. (Roselyn) DeVogel; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Many brothers and sisters have gone on before her.

Burial took place on May 30, in Grand Rapids.

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## THE ART OF SAILING

In front of the Shamrock a dazzling work of art is now on display: "Emerald to Stone," by Beaver Island Community School students Rita Palmer, Saygan Croswhite, and Tony Bousquet, and teachers Miranda Rooy and Marianne Brown. It was a labor of love, with the Art Team spending countless after-school and weekend hours.

The piece was created with help from the Charlevoix State Bank, which paid for materials and freight costs. It and other boats made by other schools will be auctioned at the casino in Petoskey on August 10<sup>th</sup> to benefit the American Red Cross. A plan to turn in the winning bid, and to keep the artwork here, is being formulated. There will also be a judging of all submissions.



# PABI'S CASINO NIGHT

31.

Everyone has heard of Colonel Sherman Potter, Hawkeye, Hot-lips, and the rest of the MASH 4077 Unit's cast members. Now, on July 6<sup>th</sup>, **all of them** will be at PABI's Casino Night—and **you** are invited as well! The doors at the Parish Hall will open at 6:45, and the Games of Chance will begin at 7:30. An Island-version of a U. S. O. Show will be presented beforehand, and at intermission.

Come as your favorite (or least favorite) MASH character to obtain extra chips. Bring toiletries or other

gifts to be sent to our troops overseas and add to your chips. APX will be set up for using your winning chips. The *Swamp* will house beverages for the evening.

A special guest will be *Honorary* Col. S. Potter, our own Dr. Phil Lange. He was with the U. S. Army's 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, from September 1951 through August, 1952 during the Korean Conflict. His Forward Aid Station was just below Hill 931 on Heartbreak Ridge. He and his crew patched up those who needed to be sent

by chopper to MASH 8063, located 25 miles from the front. For his valor Phil was given the Bronze Star and a Combat Medic badge from the United States, and the Croix de Guere from France for his treatment of French troops. During his tenure in Korea he became the Regimental Surgeon, with the rank of Captain.

Remember July 6<sup>th</sup>, the Parish Hall. A donation of \$25 provides you with \$250 in chips. Hope you'll recognize Klinger, Radar, Father M, and the rest of the MASH characters.



## AUSTIN EICHER WINS AGAIN!

Eleven-year-old Austin Eicher, whose uncle and grandfather each have a home on Beaver Island, is turning the world of Youth Wrestling upside down. During his career the now sixty-five-pounder, who has been wrestling since he was five, has won nine state championships in various events. This year, for example, he competed at Battle Creek and was declared state champ in Folk style, Free style, and Greco-Roman—even though he competes in the next weight class up because of a lack of competition.

The 5<sup>th</sup>-grader won his age group at the national midget wrestling meet in March, and received All-American honors. Ty Eicher, his father and the coach of the Michigan team, attended the Beaver Island Community School for a year.



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The pedicab 14-year-old *wunderkind* Levi Connor purchased is quite evolved from the ones proliferating through Asia. It has all the bells and whistles required for safety and comfort. All, that is, except for a whistle, and as Susie Fisher told us, *anyone can whistle*. Oh, and it also lacks a bell. But you always knows where it is: just follow the turned heads.

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by Frank Solle

## TEAM PETERSON CLAIMS ROAD RALLY

Led by the steady driving of their captain H. I. Eric, the large contingent of Team Peterson claimed the trophy in the 2007 PABI road rally on May 6.

Joining the driver Peterson were John and Beth McCafferty, Sally Fogg, Evan Peterson, Sue Tomlinson, Wendy Fogg, Nicole Smith, and Island ringer Mike Crawford.

The 13 teams involved with this year's rally began their quest at the Beachcomber, getting sent out in three minute intervals. Following each clue, this year written in verse form by Frank Solle, the ralliers were sent near and far to 30 different locations before

ending the adventure at the Beaver Lodge, where each group was then required to sing three stanzas of their own creation, sung to the tune of *Old MacDonald* (remember him?) and describing their rally experience. The songs were amazingly creative, the participants nearly well-behaved, and once again a good time was had by all.

The event raised a much-welcomed \$1200 for PABI's Community Center project.

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— Frank Solle

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Drive, riding on all-season 16" tires, perfect for those winter trips around the Island.

On the inside the Equinox, supported by independent front and rear suspension, speaks only of comfort. Power windows and state-of-the-art air conditioning provide ultimate temperature control in all conditions. A built in AM/FM stereo with built-in CD player diffuses music via six strategically placed speakers.

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## ISLAND DERBY DAY

Mary Palmer, Marie Connaghan, and Kathy Speck; adorned for Derby Day in lovely madhat couture....

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and this is the total package.

Tickets are \$100 apiece, on sale throughout the summer at McDonough's Market, where the Equinox will be on display. The drawing will be held on Labor Day. —Frank Solle

## THE BLUE STONES

Those magical mystery tour blue stones continue to turn up on Beaver Island, usually near the UFO crash site —about which few Islanders will speak.

This one, though, was found by Larry Hansz in the water



on Lookout Point. Judging from his smile, it's already demonstrating its powerful effects. The fact that Larry's new white shirt seems to be turning blue is not

proof that these stones can work miracles.

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## 34. LETTERS: TWO SIDES TO EVERY STORY

I was the St. James township supervisor for six years and have lived on Beaver Island all my life. If there is one thing I have learned it is there are always two sides to every story. I feel compelled to answer the allegations that have been made against myself, the golf league, and the golf course.

Here are the facts as I know them. I was calling around as usual to see what teams we could put together. Each year there are some changes; people move or circumstances change. It takes a lot of phone calls, but we have to figure out

who is playing with whom.

When I talked to Joe Moore he said he was playing with Marianne Brown. I said fine and although I personally had no problem with that, there were members questioning whether we wanted to mix the league. Some thought we should give the guys on the substitute list who have been waiting to get on the league a chance first. He immediately drew a line in the sand and said he was playing with her or not at all. When I called Richie Gillespie to see who he was playing with he said he

was playing with Marianne Brown. I told him there was some concern by the members about mixing the league. He said he was playing with her or not at all and "don't put me on the sub list either." So we had a little situation. We had two members playing with Marianne or not at all. We always have two or three tentative schedules before we have a final. Before we could do anything else the accusations started flying on the internet and in the papers. A bunch of stuff about discrimination, etc. It got kind of nasty. I was accused of sending a letter to Marianne telling her she could not play. I did not. I received a letter from Joe Moore demanding answers to his questions; if I did not respond to his letter, he would assume that I wanted to "discriminate against Marianne as a female." I have never discriminated against a woman. My daughter played high school golf for four years. My wife and I golf. I do not have a problem with women golfers.

So I called Joe Moore and asked him what was going on. After some discussion it was determined that if I had not told her she could not play then who did. He said he would ask her. I called a few days later and Joe said he could not give me an answer. He said the information she had been given might not have been intentional.

Joe is right about the following: In our Golf League rules it does not say: 1. You must choose your partner from the sub list. 2. Your partner must be a male. 3. We can not deny him the right to choose a partner.

In my conversation with Joe, I reminded him that I do not make the rules. All rules for the golf league and any changes to the rules are always decided at the meeting the week before league play starts. In the letter Joe sent me he stated, "I hereby request an open ballot by the members of the Wednesday night golf league with a very simple ballot: Should Marianne Brown be allowed to play in this league." I had no choice but to honor that request from a league member.

The notices were posted and I personally told Joe when that meeting would take place. We had that meeting and vote. Neither Joe Moore, Richie Gillespie nor Marianne Brown showed



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up. I was surprised. The vote was 12 to 6 in favor of keeping it a men's league. Another thing we settled was that you do not need to choose your partner from the sub list. Why did no one come to lobby for Marianne's inclusion? Perhaps the results would have been different. In a free society we need to participate in the process or be happy with the results.

The innocent party in all this is John Works and the golf course. He has not been involved in this in any way. He does not sponsor this league. He has no control over it except to determine which night we can play. He has been very supportive of our group and is doing a great job of keeping a golf course open on Beaver Island. We need to support him in every way possible. Look at the expense of the new driving range. When I was very young, Matt Melville came to town and asked the businesses for \$50 each to keep the golf course open. \$50 was like \$ 500 to my dad but he gladly gave because he thought it was important. Without the people who came to build homes and vacation here, we might not have survived as a community.

For Joe Moore to come out on the internet and suggest that the golf course probably did something illegal by allowing the league without women is ridiculous. This is not fair to John Works, the golf course or our league. This league is the Wayne Nix Memorial League. Someone should start a mixed league if they want to. I never asked for or wanted the title "Beaver Island Golf League." That somehow just slipped in there. It was our intention when we started this league that it would be a men's golf league. Some members have forced a vote and it was decided to keep it a men's league. So now Marianne cannot play in this league. It was handled very poorly by some of the members, and I take no satisfaction in the results. That being said, after all this controversy, and after talking to a great many people about this, I have come to the conclusion that there is nothing wrong with a "Men's Golf League." Men have been going to deer camp and on fishing trips for years. They can also play golf together if they wish.

— Ron Wojan

High school students are using handhelds in the classroom; learner support meetings are being scheduled; and eight families attended a seven week "parenting class" for parents of children ages birth through 5.

Judi Meister was recognized at Treetops Sylvan Resort as one of this year's OPIE (Outstanding Person in Education) award winners.

Principal/Superintendent Kitty McNamara and board members Barb Schwartzfisher and Linda McDonough attended a preliminary

bond qualification conference in Lansing to review the district's application with representatives from the Michigan Department of Treasury, Thrun Law Firm, BETA Design, Inc., and Stauder Barch & Associate.

Results of the School Election were sent to all box holders. The School millage passed, 144 : 34. The BIHS ¼ mil renewal also passed, 94 : 21. Kristina Drost and Gail Weede were elected to the School Board.

The Board accepted the resignation of teacher Ian Gagnon.

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# D O C , D O C G O O S E

by Frank Solle

Overture. Dim the lights. This is it, the night of nights...

And oh, what a night it was. This year's Beaver Island Community School's 5<sup>th</sup>- and 6<sup>th</sup>-grade play, once again directed with insight and precision by Mrs. Donna Stambaugh, was a tremendous, standing-ovation success.

The large crowd packed into Holy Cross Hall laughed until tears rolled down their faces, then laughed some more as the young thespians knew their lines, delivered them with aplomb, and,



thanks again to Mike Hurkmans' sound system assistance, were heard above the constant tittering of the rib-tickled audience.

The play, written by Patrick Rainville Dorn, was

based on familiar fairy tales and nursery rhymes, packed with numerous witty puns such a frantic Miss Muffet being described as "off her tuffet," and too many references to other nursery rhymes to count.



The story revolved around a medical clinic in Nurseryland run by Mother Goose, er, Dr. Goose when in the office, played to a professional 'Tee' by Marissa Crandall. The good doctor was, at times, ably assisted, by an equaling emoting Jewell Cushman as Nurse

Gosling, who at other times offered less than helpful assistance.

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token 7<sup>th</sup>-grader Michael McCafferty in a bovine cameo, filling an extra role for the two classes with a combined six students, to a straightened-out crooked man (a completely in-character Ron Marsh in the first of his critical three roles), an embarrassingly-injured Jack B. Nimble (a bawling, crying, magnificent Dylan Left) who didn't quite make it over the candle stick, and a delinquent version of Goldilocks, aka Blondicurls, (a streetwise bad girl played to such perfection by Olivia Cary that her



parents should be concerned) who gets flea infested after breaking and entering a home inhabited by three furry residents, is that the infamous Dr. Zhivago from Storybook Land

(Ron Marsh again in a role that might take him some time to shake given the fun he was having with his wonderful accent and costume) was due for an inspection, with the threat of closing the clinic looming.

Again this year Stambaugh was



ably assisted by Sally Lounsberry. Jacques LaFreniere set up the light system. Cindy Cushman helped prepare the sets, and Claressa Kenwabikise did a marvelous job recreating the cover of the great Mother Goose storybook.

And it was a storybook evening with the audience rushing the stage for well-deserved autographs after a grand total of 61 donated gifts were raffled off to go with the admission charge to earn money for the students to make their annual trek to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.

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## 38. VOTE SET FOR BICS IMPROVEMENTS NO INCREASE FOR TAXPAYERS

The BICS Board unanimously adopted a resolution calling for a bond vote in the August 7<sup>th</sup> election. The vote is estimated at 2.3 mills for 25 years to raise \$3,950,000 for school facility improvements. The district's current millage of 1.46 is expiring this year and a sinking fund millage of .89, also expiring, will not be renewed. If the bond passes, it will require no increase to taxpayers compared to what is currently being levied. "The school board was adamant about minimizing the impact on taxpayers. Their direction was to keep the total tax levy equal to or less than the current amount," said Bret Kronlein, V.P. of Education for BETADesign.

Beaver Island Community School has been working with BETA Design, a Grand Rapids-based architectural and engineering firm, since January to create a vision and program for this project. Several meetings were held with the community and school staff to determine the school's needs and priorities for the improvement project.

"Obtaining insight from the building's users and from the voters in the community is critical in designing a facility that will truly meet the district's needs," said Kronlein.

"We are excited about the project and think the timing couldn't be better. If the bond passes in August, we will be able to

raise the funds needed to remodel our school without raising taxes," said Kitty McNamara, BICS Superintendent. "The focus of the renovation and addition will be to provide space for classrooms, an art room, music room, and science rooms as well as to address issues of poor air circulation, energy inefficiency and school safety in our current facility and grounds."

BETA Design has extensive experience working with school districts throughout the state, and offers a wide variety of services. Beaver Island Residents will soon receive a project informational flyer from the district.

For more information, please contact Kitty McNamara.

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stairs. I felt secure being watched-over.

This is what is so special about the Island, and particularly the Boat Company. My special thanks to Sandra and Sheri in the two offices, and to Kevin McDonough, Mike Green, Joe McDonough, and Brian Antkowiak of the boat crew.  
— John McNeil

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To the staff that was in earlier to do the chopping and helping Kathy: Thank You! It all helps so much to have things labeled and organized so when it comes time to cook it goes smoothly! An extra special Thank You to Connie Wojan and

Deb Bousquet for coming in early Friday to help Kathy with the cooking and rolling all the egg rolls!

I would also like to Thank Kathy Speck (our talented Guest Chef) for all the many hours organizing everything and then spending a whole day cooking. The food was so good, and we wouldn't be doing this without her!

Dusty Cushman and Josh Runberg: Thank You for your time in running the line and plating up the food for the kids to serve and all the extras you do!

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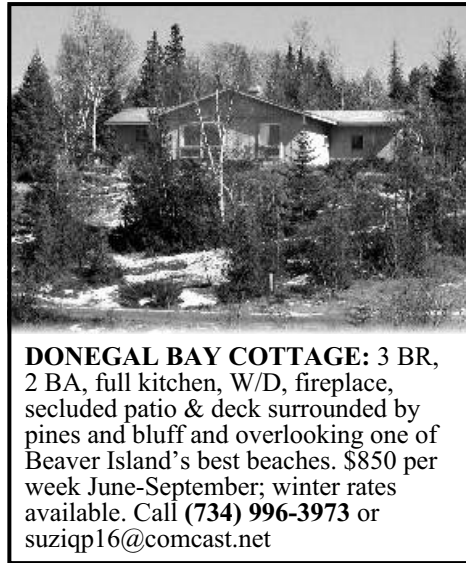
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**THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE** - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. 4 BR/2 Bath; W/D; Four bedrooms, three rooms with double beds and one room with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer/dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733.

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

**7 PINES** - Weekly Rental Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, PET FRIENDLY, \$650.00/week, Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597.

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

**HEAVENLY VIEW** - perfect sand beach on Sand Bay. Weeks available in June and the last week in August, and weeks in September. (231) 448-2376.

**LOVELY APARTMENT FOR RENT** - 1200 sq. ft., 2 bedroom - 1 1/2 bath, Kings Highway. Above Laundromat, Utilities and Satellite T.V. included. No Smoking and no pets. Deposit Required. \$800. a month. Fully furnished. Call (231) 448-2050 for information.



**BEACHFRONT HOME  
FOR RENT:**

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



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CHALET:** Near Donegal Bay's beach. 3BR, 2Bath. MBR has garden tub. W/DR TV/VCR Grill. Upon availability, bikes & auto for your use. Sleeps 6-8. No Pets. \$790/week. Off season rates available April thru June 15 & Sept 15 thru Oct. Evenings (708) 389-0621



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



**HARBOR LIGHTS:** a unique log cabin looking out over Paradise Bay. Enjoy the boat traffic from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. 3 bedrooms w/ 2 queen sized beds, 2 twins and 1 1/2 baths. All the amenities. Spectacular views! \$1100.00 per week. (630) 834-4181  
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**WATERFRONT HOME RENTAL/wk**  
3+bedroom, 3bath, 2,000s/f living space; at entrance of Beaver Harbor. Newly carpeted & painted, extensive decks, hand-crafted "shipwreck furniture" wet bar in sunroom/lounge w/ spectacular views of Lake Michigan & lighthouse. \$1,500/wk [biproperty@gtlakes.com](mailto:biproperty@gtlakes.com) or (231) 448-3031



**THE BIRCH HOUSE ON FONT  
LAKE/ DONEGAL BAY ROAD:**  
Close to town, beautiful sunrise, fishing, and solitude.  
3 bedroom (sleeps 6) and 1 1/2 bath.  
Phone Mary Rose @ (630) 750-7870  
or email [mrdoig@hotmail.com](mailto:mrdoig@hotmail.com)  
\$975.00/wk off season rates available.

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

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

**LOCH WOOD SHORES** - Located about four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. Three bedrooms, two with double beds, one with two twin beds, one and a half bath, washer and dryer, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, dish TV and VCR/DVD player, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Reduced rates for June, September, and October. For rentals, call Bill or Tammy: (231) 448-2733 or (231) 448-2499 or email [tammymcd107@yahoo.com](mailto:tammymcd107@yahoo.com).

**BEAVER SANDS BEACH HOME** - Located on Sand Bay, beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront home: 3 bedrooms, sleeps 8; 2 full baths; w/dry; full kitchen, including dishwasher and micro; wonderful sunrise views with sandy beach & safe swimming, screened porch & large deck, everything included. Prime weeks open. Call Nancy: (810) 227-2366 or [nrosso@hotmail.com](mailto:nrosso@hotmail.com).

**SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN"  
COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL** - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 3BR, great view, laundry, East Side Dr., brand new home. Only available the first three weeks of June and after September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007. Call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email [lauriesbos@chartermi.net](mailto:lauriesbos@chartermi.net) Photographs of Bay Haven can be viewed online at [bayhaven.beaverisland.net](http://bayhaven.beaverisland.net) Continued, p. 42.



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**BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE** on a wooded lot. This chalet-style cottage is new, bright and airy with a large front room and cathedral ceiling, lots of windows, and double sliding glass doors. Convenient access to the best beach on the island. Only \$675/week. Off-season \$425. Call (265) 657-3291 nprawat@yahoo.com



**MOONDANCE:**

Fabulous home on Donegal Bay's "best beach." Large private deck with views of sunset. Two bedrooms, each with queen bed; two baths. Screened porch for evenings. Washer/dryer. Ceiling fans in bedrooms and living area. DVD, VCR, and satellite. Four person max. No pets; no smoking. \$1100/wk. (231) 448-2757 E-mail: 28305@biip.net

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

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

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



**FOR SALE: THE HARBOUR MKT**

This grocery and liquor store is located across from the Beaver Island Ferry dock. It features 2,000 sq/ft of potential retail space, with an 800 sq/ft attached garage and loading bay. Above is 2,300 sq/ft of luxury living quarters, plus 770 sq/ft privacy deck & hot tub. This property has a panoramic view of Paradise Bay, and offers a totally unique living experience. The building has undergone extensive renovations and improvements over the past 4 years, including pavers in the front, 3 new Anderson sliding glass doors upstairs, and a complete new store front, to mention only a few. The replacement cost of the building alone would exceed \$700,000. Inquire for further details regarding business or property. \$790,000.

Please contact Mike Collins,  
Island Property Real Estate  
(231) 448-2923

MKC2923@MWCONNECTIONS.COM



REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

**LOTS FOR SALE** - Lots 727,728,729 in Port St. James #8 on Tamarock Trl. \$12500 ea. Wish to sell all 3 at one time. \$7500 down will finance \$30000 bal at \$350 per mo. for a few years. Will sell for cash for \$34,500. Call Ben at (386) 439-3351

**HARBOR-AREA 2-STORY HOUSE FOR SALE** - 2,688 ft<sup>2</sup> plus 2 car attached garage & full basement. 3 large bedrooms-master with private bath and walk-in closet, cathedral ceiling. 2 1/2 baths. 2 decks. Approx. 1-acre corner lot. Peekaboo view of the Harbor. Potential for a bed and breakfast business. Asking: \$245,000. Owner is licensed agent. Call Jackie at (231) 448-2342.

**10 ACRES OF HARDWOODS LAND** - adjacent to 80 acres of State land at the Black Hills Clearing off Fox Lake Road. Cotters Trail runs across the parcel at its North line. \$37,000. Call (269) 273-1819.

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

**LAKE GENESERATH** - Beautiful lot on Hemlock Point Rd. 111' lake frontage with lovely view across bay into state forest. Entire lot level with large hemlocks & no wetland or restrictions. \$78,000. 616-399-5164 or mfolkenning@pol.net

**10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD** Beautiful, wooded, great building site; \$39,000 MUST SELL, please call (231) 409-1214.

**EXCELLENT BUILDABLE LOT ON MCDONOUGH ROAD.** 139 ft wide, left side 111 ft, right side 291 ft. \$37,500 possibly on land contract. (231) 448-3088.

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

**10 ACRES ON WEST SIDE DR.** - Land contract available. Low down payment. Contact Mike Collins, Island Property Real Estate. (231) 448-2923.

**PROTECTED HARBOR SITE:** 60' Lake frontage by 250' deep. North of the Toy Museum. Call (231) 448-2391.

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



**FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:**

Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. Asking price is \$215,000.

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

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

**SECLUDED 1940'S LOG CABIN JUST ONE BLOCK FROM LAKE** and market on one acre. Sleeps 4-6, *pets welcome* (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$600/wk; weekends available. (219) 253-6500.

**DONEGAL BAY** - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$900 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.



**WATERFRONT COTTAGE FOR RENT:**

Fabulous sunset view. Quiet, wooded location near Indian Point (NW side). One BR and loft. Sleeps four max. Everything you need is there! Sorry, no smoking or pets. \$695/week in season. Off season available. [dtm76@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dtm76@sbcglobal.net) or call (616) 396-6468 or (616) 490-3330



**BEAUTIFUL SAND BAY BEACH SETTING FOR RENT – THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS:**

Why not enjoy the best beach on Beaver Island? This attractive cottage has 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath. Sandy beach. Screened Porch Gas Grill. \$900/week. Call Ruth or Jackie at (231) 448-2342

**LAKE GENESERATH** Lot For Sale Parcel # 15-012-015-013-10, Hemlock Point Road; 140' lake frontage on the North Arm of beautiful Lake Geneserath; lot approved for building on w/o restrictions. Call (616) 772-9783 (616) 283-7227; or email - [cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org](mailto:cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org)  
**PRIME N. END LOCATION** - 120' on water - Three bedroom, 2 bath, garage. Furnished. 26315 Pine St. \$324,900. Lease option. (586) 206-1099.

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



**HARBOR AREA HOUSE FOR SALE**

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

Contact Dave Sweet at (614) 899-9922 or (404) 754-6351 or email for additional photos: [DMSweet2@ameritech.net](mailto:DMSweet2@ameritech.net)

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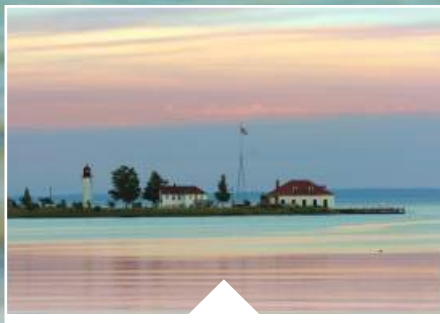
Beautiful, newly remodeled, decorated and furnished, sprawling 1,918 square foot home on 1.18 acres. This home has 3 bedrooms and 2 baths. Magnificent full wall stone fireplace by Dick Burris in the living room, new birch floors in the kitchen, family room and one of the bedrooms, all brand new appliances in the totally new kitchen including stove, refrigerator, washer dryer, dishwasher and microwave. Huge garage/storage building, 150 feet of lake frontage, spectacular views, inviting sandy beach, loads of character and charm with all the modern conveniences. \$299,900.

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