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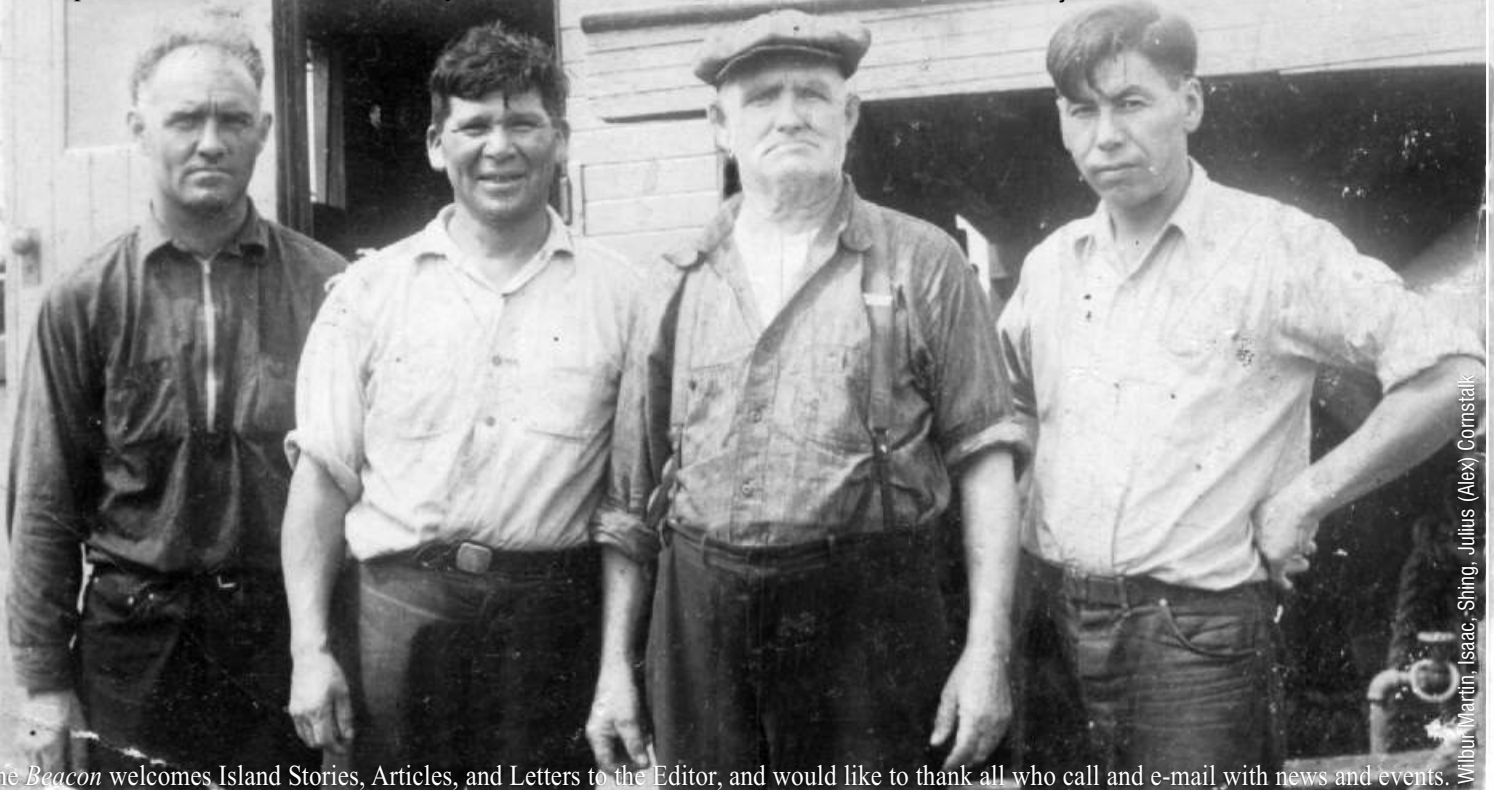
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The St. James Board met on August 1st, with school principal Kitty McNamara in attendance in case there were any last-minute questions about the upcoming election.

The Board announced that the tub grinder (pictured on page 9) had arrived and was at the Transfer Station. The Waste Management Committee only received one bid (~\$58,000) for the Transfer Station addition, but accepted it because the project architect said it was in the ballpark. K & M Diversified Contractors, Inc. (Ernie Martin) will start work after Labor Day.

The conservation easement for the property next to the Town Hall was modified again to make it even more restrictive (to suit the donors) and was accepted by all parties.

The municipal septic tank was pumped for the first time (upon its built-in meter indicating the time had come), with 14 loads taken to a DEQ-monitored field for tilling.

A wave of petty but infuriating vandalism has swept through Township land, with two porta-johns and a \$700 picnic table smashed.

The King's Highway lines will be repainted the last week in August.

A final decision was made on the name of the road off Lake Drive accessing the homes north of Gull Harbor: the second of three names, *Limestone Ridge Trail*, was approved, beating out the residents' first choice, Lough Lane, because more people would understand where it was because of the general knowledge of the limestone ridge.

The Port St. James requested support for its request for more 25 mph speed limit signs in the subdivision to remind drivers that this is the law for residential areas. The sheriff and Shirley Roloff are behind this. Supervisor Don Vyse agreed to write a letter of support.

The *phragmites* eradication program was said to be "moving along pretty well." This project represented a pioneering collaboration between local townships, a property owners' association (BIPOA), and the DEQ. The townships agreed to up their contribution from \$2,000 to \$2,500 each, because much township land is affected, such as Gull Harbor and the North Shore Camp-

ground. No doubt this will have to be done again and again, to lessening degrees, with a new permit needed each year. The infestation has also spread to High Island. Rod Nackerman wondered if anyone had objected to the proposed spraying, as had been done some years ago when a proposal to hinder growth under power lines by spraying had been made; he was told: no.

To get the high-speed internet project moving forward, the Board agreed to make a tower site available on its campground acreage near the town's sewer/septic mound. This did not mean it would help fund the construction of a tower.

The final matter of business proved the most contentious: the space for the AmVets. At its last meeting the Board had expressed an interest in satisfying the AmVets with a renewable lease for (storage) space in the Town Hall, but the township's attorney had submitted a draft in which the lease could only be renewed twice for three years at each occasion, expiring after nine years, and the lease amount would be \$100/month. The Post Commander thought this stumbling block could be overcome, but one of the members, stating he was only speaking for himself, expressed his feeling that this was a kind of betrayal and predicted the membership would vote to "pick up our asset" (the double-wide trailer intended to become a Resale Shop) and take it back. Faces reddened with anger, which colored the ensuing comments for a few minutes before a calmer mood was restored.

(Note: In a meeting between the Post officers and Township officials the following week, a compromise was reached that satisfactorily resolved this matter.)

Peaine Township

At the August 8th Peaine Board meeting, supervisor John Works announced that the *phragmites* eradication project had produced contributions of \$14,000. In addition, the two townships were kicking in \$5,000 and the DEQ \$3,000 (for state land—"so little it's a joke," someone said). Brian Mastenbrook increased the permit from 20 acres to 40 because of the success of the campaign. Pam Grassmick, from BIPOA, was thanked

for all her hard work in moving this forward.

The general feeling was that *phragmites* won't be the last invasive species we have to fight, and this broad collaboration bodes well for our future ability to fight whatever comes next.

The individual permissions will be shown on a map supplied by GSI, which shows individual property lines, and on which areas of infestation will be marked. If it turns out that some hold-outs are located in critical points of infestation so that they can't be sprayed and will thus start a spreading back over their neighbors' land, the townships will have to consider an ordinance giving them the right to spray—and bill the cost as a "special assessment" on the next tax bill. This has been done in other areas with other problems; Elaine West cited a problem with fire ants in Houston that was addressed by this means.

Darrell Butler Jr. will work with the sprayers in order to learn how they operate; hopefully he'll become qualified in the future, and be able to handle small outbreaks without the firm being called in. Of course a permit will always be required.

The team of sprayers (scheduled to arrive the week of September 5th for 10 days) will bunk in the East Side Fire Station to help defer costs.

As the campaign was being mounted, the attempt to draw information from a wide variety of sources to the township computers was quite a slow strain. So Central Solutions was queried. They proposed an upgrade to

high-speed that would give broadband access to "five or more computers" at the Peaine Hall, for a set-up charge of \$806 and monthly fees of \$101. The Board approved this request.

Central Solutions requested permission to place a small radio and antenna on the King's Highway tower, with the (undetermined) lease fees split between EMS and BIFD. This would cover much of the East Side. It was stated by Central Solutions that the tower specs indicate there would be no adverse effect, and its frequencies would not conflict with those used by the EMS and BIFD. But supervisor Works, after consulting the township attorney, asked for a more-explicit engineering report before moving forward with this. The rent might depend on the number of subscribers. Central Solutions would also like to build a tower at the East Side Fire Station (a rumor was circulated that an investor was in hand) and lease space on the Beaver Head Coast Guard tower, which is still in the process of being transferred to the mainland EMS system (which may want the revenue Central Solutions could provide).

A second application of dust control was selectively administered, by Beaver Gems, which used a 26% solution (direct from a brine well) rather than the condensed 36% solution applied earlier (above 36%, the salt crystallizes), Beaver Gems' price was 11¢/gal cheaper. Four thousand gallons were applied.

The \$77,000 grant request for the tub grinder was being considered.



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9/11 Memorial Service - On *September 11 at 11:00 a.m.* Post 46 of the AMVETS will conduct a memorial service at the St. James Township Fire Department. Please do your best to attend.

Charlevoix Planning Commission: Meets at Peaine Hall, *September 13th, 7:00 p.m.*

Benefit dinner for the senior housing project at Nina's Restaurant on *September 14th*. See page 28.

Celtic Games - *September 15th*. Plans are set for a **ceilidh at Donegal Danny's** on Friday *September 14th* and Saturday the *15th* at the **Shamrock**. A ceilidh in-

volves local talent and is loosely formatted. The Grand Traverse Pipes & Drums and Celtic dancers will participate.

Beach Clean-up - Ken McDonald will head the Annual Beach Clean-up on *September 22nd*. Deb Roberts will again be the contact for the BICS. It is the same as last year: 9:00 - 12:00, with a cook-out at the school after. Call Ken (448-2981) for any questions.

Going-away party for Connie Harris, *September 23rd* See page 35.

Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle 5k/Run/Walk - *October 6th* (for an Island Boodle Entry form, see www.beaverisland.org or call 448-2505)

BICS RECOGNITION DINNER: 9-15

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is planning to host a recognition dinner on September 15th to honor the commitment and accomplishments of four very deserving teachers and two long serving board members.

Teacher Joe Moore retired after giving over 30 years of dedicated service to the school and racking up many firsts during those years. Teachers Jim Stambaugh and Donna Stambaugh, although officially retired 2 years ago, will each be recognized for their 20 years of outstanding service to the district. Also being recognized at the event will be long-time teacher Jacque LaFreniere who resigned from the school district three years ago after teaching for over 20 years. School

board members John Fiegen and Linda McDonough will also be recognized for their contributions to the school.

The school board will host the dinner at the Beaver Island Lodge in a manner similar to the 'citizen of the year' event. The event will begin at 6:00pm on Saturday, September 15th. Family members, former students, parents of students, and friends are invited to join in the celebration.

Anyone with anecdotes or important information or messages they think should be shared at the event should contact Kitty McNamara (kittym@beaverisland.k12.mi.us). Please contact the school office by September 7th if you plan to attend this event. Your cost will depend on what you order from the regular menu.

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Here's principal Kitty McNamara's response: "On behalf of the board of education, thank you to everyone who voted on this important community proposal. Thanks to the citizens group who got information to voters. It is reaffirming to know that the community's commitment to education and to the future is strong. The board will do everything it can to keep the community informed as the process continues. The board and the architects look forward to working with the public over the next few months to define just what type of facility takes shape. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!"

NEW TEACHERS AT BICS

Joining the current teaching staff:

Daniel Martell, a Northern Michigan University graduate has been teaching for 3 years in Rib Lake, Wisconsin. Dan grew up in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and has moved to Beaver Island with his wife Anna. Mr. Martell will teach science to students in grades 7-12 and will coach high school boys' basketball.

Matthew Ritchie, a Grand Valley State University Graduate, will teach

"On behalf of the Board of Education and staff at the School, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to vote in our bond proposal election. The constructive and positive debate that was generated on both sides once again shows just how much the community understands the value of quality education," board president Barb Schwartzfisher added.

"With the election now behind us, we have an opportunity to join together in the construction of our new facility. Beaver Island has a unique way of expressing its feelings and then gathering together to support the final outcome. I know this construction project will be no different. Our children are the big winners thanks to your support.

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Math to students in grades 7-12 and science to the 5th and 6th graders. Matt hails from Jackson, Michigan, and is excited to be part of a strong learning community.

Anna Martell will be teaching English Language Arts to all students in grades 7-12 and will also be teaching a high school French class. Anna graduated from Northern Michigan University and has moved to the Island with her husband, Dan.



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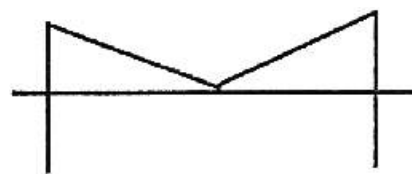
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ATTENTION GARDENERS

We would like to form a group of gardening friends to plant and help maintain the new garden area around the Health Center.

We have donations of a few boulders, interesting stumps, top-soil, and one hundred lily bulbs, thanks to Jim Wojan and two anonymous donors. We plan to plant these starting the week of October 1st, and could sure use some help. Anything we are doing outdoors will be with donated time; your sense of satisfaction when the job is done will be plenty rewarding.

Anybody wanting to help, please email: bgordonj@gtlakes.com, or call 448-2894. Anybody wishing to put in a perennial flower (or two) from their own garden, please contact me. If you are interested in this project but are only able to make a cash donation for possible irrigation and weed control, please call or email. None of the fund-raising money from this summer's auction will be spent on this project.

We hope to cultivate interest in a future Island Garden Club so some of our public buildings can be kept looking nice outside. This project could spread to the townships' halls, the Historical Society's Heritage Park, the Library (already looking good!), and perhaps around the future PABI Community Center. Let's see what seeds may have been planted here....

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In mid-August a Canadian survey pointed a finger in a new direction: at erosion and channel-deepening in the St. Claire River. The study, funded by the Georgian Bay Association, said that deepening the channel to enhance shipping was like boring out the holes in a bathtub drain: now the water's running out faster, increased to 2,500,000,000 gallons a day.

Surprisingly the study wasn't content to simply point a finger, but also suggested a solution: lining the channel with rock to retard further erosion, and building a water gate at the south end of Lake Huron.

Our government too is studying this problem, and has begun a 5-year study. The Canadians aren't impressed, though, saying, "By the time the results are in, it'll be too late to fix this mess."

ROAD BOWLING

6:30, every Tuesday. Rumor has it one team even has a member who can fly. More than a dozen people are on board already—come to Paid een Og's.

A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN



OUR NEW GRINDER

9.

"We've got Mulch!"

The rabbits, mice, chipmunks, voles, snakes, and squirrels that had planned to nest in the *giant* pile of wood

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10. A SEASON OF CHANGE

MHSAA switches eight scholastic sports' seasons beginning fall 2007

There will be a new twist to the local school sports' seasons this year, as the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal by the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) and thus upheld a ruling by the Michigan Appellate Court enforcing the realignment of certain sports' season in order to eliminate a claimed discrimination.

Through last school year, Michigan was the lone state (other than Hawaii, which holds girls basketball in the spring) to hold girls basketball in the fall and volleyball in the winter, opposite their collegiate counterparts. It was claimed by Communities for Equality, a parental group based in Grand Rapids, that this scheduling put Michigan girls at a disadvantage when it came to recruiting by college coaches.

Following a nine-year court battle, a number of Michigan sports' seasons were switched in order to comply with the court's instructions, the main change being the move of girls basketball to the winter season and volleyball to fall.

To change or not to change, that is the question.

While Beaver Island Community

School, along with its fellow Northern Lights League members, have prepped and readied for the change of the volleyball season, these small schools balked at the change of Upper Peninsula boys soccer from fall to spring. Early season weather patterns and the fact that most U.P. schools with soccer teams are much larger (such as Kingsford, Sault Ste. Marie, and Marquette) played a role in the decision.

Going against the MHSAA change, and thus taking themselves out of the U.P. spring seasons, the schools have opted to maintain their traditional fall soccer season. Unfortunately for BICS, this eliminates the possibility of post-season participation and a chance to defend their first-ever district soccer title won last fall.

"Because we do not play any Lower Peninsula teams during the regular season, the MHSAA will not allow us to participate in the districts," said BICS Superintendent Kitty McNamara. Trying to add four L.P. teams at such a late date is nearly impossible, plus it would mean dropping out of that many NLL contests. The school has filed an appeal with the MHSAA, but that organization

is not considering any of a number of appeals presented them concerning the season changes until at least one full year of participation has been completed.

"We are choosing not to participate in the districts, but that is not in our best interests," McNamara has informed the state's ruling organization.

The NLL will host its own post-season event later this fall in Manistique, as it did last spring for boys basketball.

Two changes for sure.

There are two for sure changes to the look of Islanders sports this fall. With the coaching resignation of Mike Myers last spring, the soccer coaching position will be taken over by Ms. Marianne Brown. The Islanders graduated quite a bit of talent from last year's successful squad, but still returns a team full of promise.

Seniors Eric Albin, Brenden Martin, and Daniel Runberg will be joined by sophomores Dereck McDonough and Cameron LaVasseur and freshman Jacob Drost as the returning boys on the team. Returning for his senior year is Kevin Gillespie. New to the squad are seniors Patrick Cull and Ryan McDonald, sophomore Bryan Timsak, and eighth-grader

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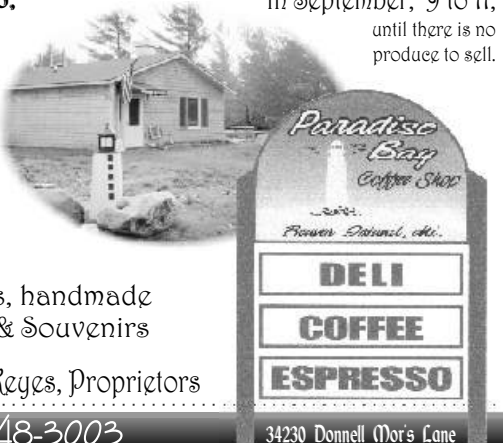
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Micheal McCafferty. Junior Maeve Green, along with sophomores Alexandra Kuligoski, Jenna Butler, Briana Maudrie, and Kristy Bousquet, all return to the team as well. Joining as new team members are eighth-graders Desire Duhamel, Olivia Schwartzfisher, Jenna Battle, and Brighid Cushman.

The second change is the move of volleyball from winter to fall. This will involve inside-outside double-headers each weekend. Coach Connie Boyle returns to lead her charges toward a defense of their hard-earned 2006-07 NLL title.

The volleyball team also takes a hit, not only from graduation, but also from relocation and foreign exchange. Yet coach Boyle has developed a strong program that somehow keeps reloading year after year.

Seniors Andrea Moore, Samantha Kuligoski, and Brittany Crandall return, as do Juniors Caitlin Boyle, Deven Cook, Maeve Green, and Heather McDonough. Sophomores Alexandra Kuligoski, Jenna Butler, Kristy Bousquet, Briana Maudrie, and Lindsey Kenwabikise will add their experience to the team. New to the team this year are

freshmen Bronte Lemmink and Claressa Kenwabikise.

Both Islanders teams open on September 7 at rival Mackinac Island.

A big adjustment.

With the switch of volleyball to the fall, BICS and its NLL counterparts will have to adjust to hosting inside-outside double-headers throughout the fall season. "We will probably play soccer first on Fridays, starting earlier than usual, around 4:30 pm," McNamara said. "Then we'll hold the volleyball match in the gym at 7:00 pm." The catch is that none of these small schools have enough boys to field a full soccer team and many of the girls will be playing in both events.

"We'll go with volleyball at 9:00 am Saturday and follow that with the soccer game," McNamara said. "It will demand a much longer commitment by our staff, and be a longer weekend for our fans."

And one addition.

With the change of seasons comes the opportunity to provide a new sport this winter, girls basketball. The school has been preparing for this addition for the past two years under the direction of

Ms. Brown, and will join the other NLL teams in adding the sport to the winter weekend lineup.

"There are some good things for us in this change," McNamara said. "We'll be adding a girls basketball program, that's the plus." But given all the other changes in arranging travel, securing officials (there is little overlap between soccer and volleyball when it comes to the people who call the plays), and dealing with other unforeseen problems caused by the changes, McNamara added of the girls basketball plus, "From what we can see that's the only one."

BICS Fall Sports Schedule

Soccer and Volleyball

Sept. 7-8 at Mackinac Island

Sept. 14-15 vs Hannahville

Sept. 21-22 at Paradise

Sept. 28-29 vs Munising Baptist

- soccer only

Oct. 5-6 at Ojibwe Charter

Oct. 12-13 vs Grand Marais

Oct. 19-20 NLL Soccer Tourney

at Manistique

Oct. 27 BICS and Mackinac Island

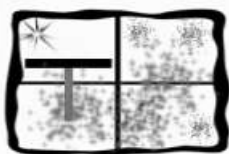
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ISLANDERS SCRIMMAGE RED HAWKS

by Frank Solle

After one week of practice and soccer camp, the Beaver Island *Islanders* kicked off the 2007 soccer season in a big way, hosting Class A Grand Rapids Union *Red Hawks* in a friendly scrimmage.

Friendly was the operative word as the highly-talented *Red Hawks* easily outscored the much-younger *Islanders*, 8-1.

Despite the score, first-

year coach Marianne Brown was encouraged with the *Islanders* defensive effort. "We really played great defense," she said. "We knew we would have to, and loaded up that end of the field." Yet the *Red Hawks* deep talent proved too much for the *Islanders*, despite stellar goal play by senior keeper Eric Albin, who withstood

a steady onslaught by the team from a school with over 1300 students.

The *Red Hawks* also featured an international flare with players from Zimbabwe, Ethiopia, Liberia, Mexico, El Salvador, and even Grand Rapids. "Some of our kids grew up in a soccer culture," said *Red Hawks* coach Glenn Swier, who recently purchased property on the west side of the Island. "What some of them



12. ISLANDERS SHINE AT EARLY TOURNEY

by Frank Solle

The *Islanders* volleyball team opened play this year by taking part in a 10-team tournament at Mackinac Island on Saturday, August 25.

And they nearly took the tournament apart in the process, claiming the top spot in their five-team pool during the opening round, then advancing to the tournament semifinal match in bracket play.

Coach Connie Boyle was proud of the team's play in the tournament, saying any questions the girls might have

had about their talent and level of play had been answered. "They have proven to themselves that we are once again very strong," Boyle said. "We were able to see most of the teams in our league at the tournament, and we know what we'll have to do to have another successful season."

What the *Islanders* have always done is work hard to prepare for each and every season, and that effort showed itself in tournament play as the team breezed through pool play with a 7-1

mark. The only game they lost was their very first one to Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian. But after that they swept their next two-game sets against St. Ignace, Grand Marais, and DeTour.

The DeTour team had won its first six games in pool play and was set to take it to the *Islanders*. But those plans fell through as the *Islanders* won the first game 15-14, then stopped the demoralized *Red Raiders* 15-4 in the second game.

The buzz through the crowd before



lack is a team concept,” Swier added of his multi-cultural team. “And that’s the point of this trip for us.”

Swier learned of the *Islanders* program during a visit last winter and reading of the team’s 2006 success in a previous issue of the *Beacon*.

“Somehow we put this trip together and it’s been a great experience,” Swier said. After getting initiated with a rough ferry crossing, the team spent

two nights camped in the school’s gym.

The *Red Hawks* played again that same evening as a group of BICS alumni put together a team to challenge them. After a close first half, the *Hawks* managed to fly away with another win. Now there’s talk of bringing in a few ringers for a return match next year.



All-in-all, it was a good way to start a new season for the *Islanders*. “We needed to increase our level of competition,” coach Brown said. “Now we know some areas we need to improve in.”

Any improvement will have to come before the *Islanders* travel to Mackinac Island the weekend of Sept. 7-8, where they open the regular season against the rival *Lakers*.

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bracket play commenced was how the *Islanders* won their pool. “I get a kick out of how so many people are always surprised that our ‘little tiny school’ can produce such great teams,” Boyle said. “I guess they don’t know how hard we work and that when we step on the court, we are ready to play — and win!”

Unfortunately, after the *Islanders* defeated Kinross Maplewood Baptist to advance to the semifinal round, the winning came to an end. There they faced the *Red Raiders* again. While the *Island-*

ers prevailed 20-16 in the first game, they dropped the second game 12-20, to force a tiebreaker, played to 15.

The deciding game was close, but the *Islanders* fell 11-15.

In the tournament final, DeTour, the defending champion, was defeated in two games by Ellsworth.

“We never gave up,” Boyle said of the team’s semifinal effort. “We were disappointed not to get to the finals, but were happy with our performance throughout the whole day.”

Boyle also said the tournament experience will be helpful through the entire season. “We played against teams that play fast, and that’s not something we come up against much during league play.

“The tournament also proved how important teamwork and communication are,” the coach added.

With the tournament success to build on, the *Islanders* are ready to go. “We’re all looking forward to another great season,” Boyle said.



14. A G L O R I O U S H O M E C O M I N G

Homecoming means many things to the many people who make it a point to come here for the special weekend: seeing old friends from past years; cutting loose

at the Dance (which was wonderful again this year, with much local and imported musical talent), or just becoming reacquainted with the Island's many joys.

Then there's the Softball Tournament, which featured three good Island teams, McDonough's Market, Ryan Smith Construction, and Island Airways, but was won

by the Flight Deck's bashers.

Another tradition is the Holy Cross Church's 42-year old raffle of tickets on a "Basket of Joy," which Ed Wojan has been in charge of for



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B O O S T E R C L U B

The Beaver Island Sports Boosters would like to thank the patrons of their hot dog sale at the recent Bud McDonough Memorial Softball tournament. The 2-day sale earned about \$2,000 to

help offset the high cost of transporting athletes to league sporting contests on the mainland. A special thanks goes to one of the visiting softball teams, Mark White Painting K&D, for a





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many years. This year, besides selling tickets himself, he called on his two daughters to help. Tickets are always only sold on Saturday and Sunday—which does not

give him much time. It's a lot of work, but like other successful Island businessmen, he's always looking for a way to give something back.

This year's raffle had the

best results ever, taking in a total of \$5,609. Lynn Ann Cary and Skip McDonough collected the items for the Basket of Joy, which contained \$2,128 worth. Connie

Wojan and Kathy Speck again folded and helped prepare the tickets, which Dianne McDonough printed, cut, and collated. Arnie Rich was this year's lucky winner.



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donation of their Golf Outing winnings. A special thanks too for a generous donation collected by Tom Rankle at his own food vending station. McDonough's Market of Beaver Island also deserves a big

thank-you for providing the product for the sale at very reduced prices, as well as outright donation. The student athletes of Beaver Island are lucky to have such generous supporters.



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The winter was endless. Snow and ice had given way to a relentless and doubtful spring. The workday world of 1857 was underway. With the opening of the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes region was experiencing a growth boom. The severe recession of 1837 was just a bad memory. The dark days of the Civil War were still a few years away. Great Lakes commerce was growing at a rapid rate. The transition from sail to steam and wood to steel was not yet a concern for many lake sailors. Both types of vessels could make a decent living, and they kept the boat owners happy.

Spring is not usually the most feared season on the Great Lakes. Late fall holds that title, but every season has its own set of tricks and plays them at its leisure. One of the weather problems in the spring is fog. The vastness of upper Lake Michigan waters hold a huge reservoir of cold water. Even after the land has rid itself of snow and ice, the Lake may be very close to freezing and the many layers of water, with different temperatures, exist all year long. These are called "thermoclines." It may be 68° at the surface and down 35' it could be 42°. (For SCUBA diving this is very important, because you need to dress for the temperature where you will spend most of your time.) With the wind blowing a certain way, the warm water is moved

off and the water which replaces it comes from a different depth; it could be colder. This process is called an "upwelling," and is not rare.

The *Milwaukee Belle*, a propeller-driven package freighter, built in 1849, was upbound on Lake Michigan on May 23, 1885. Just about ready to enter Gray's Reef passage, an area 24 miles to the ENE of Beaver Island and outside of this passage, the water depth is shallow enough that it could create a problem. The *Tiffany* was a two-masted sailing vessel in the prime of her life, eight years old and skippered with a first rate captain and crew. Captain Rois Halstom kept her in fine shape.

His crew of eight were a seasoned lot and knew the ship's character. The *Tiffany* had checked down its speed because of dense fog it encountered. It was also sounding fog signals. The *Belle* was carrying a load of general merchandise, her destination being Port of Detroit. Gray's Reef Passage at that time was a narrow slot through the reef, where traffic from both directions came into close contact. The *Tiffany* was under sail and heading south with a cargo of coal.

Three miles south of Gray's Reef Passage, the downbound sailing ship detected another ship's warning sounds. The *Tiffany* made a sharp turn to the starboard to avoid the other ship.

The ill fated *Milwaukee Belle* also made a turn. Unfortunately, it was to port, which put it on a direct collision course with the *Tiffany*. The thick fog masked the mistake until it was too late. When the *Tiffany* was 50 yards from the other ship and it just became visible, their fate was sealed. Panic and shouted orders could not get either ship to move enough to avoid a collision.

The *Tiffany* crashed into the *Belle* starboard side, back about 1/3 of its length, opening a mortal wound which caused the ship to sink in 1 1/2 hours, in water 90' deep. The *Tiffany* also had serious damage and tried to quell the flooding but was unable to. She sank one mile from the place where the *Belle* went down. Due to the reduced speed of the ships, due to the fog, all crew and passengers were able to get to the lifeboats and survive.

The steam engine from the *Milwaukee Belle* was salvaged and reinstalled in another ship. This was the custom of the time. Some engines lived through a series shipwrecks.

Although, this was a serious accident at the time, it is now a real adventure for local divers to be able to dive on wrecks from this era. Two ships, this close together. Out of the way, dating from the 1850s, with lots of artifacts. Something to dream about all winter long.

—Mike and Gail Weede

GENEROSITY MAKES AUCTION A SUCCESS!

By now the "Affair to Remember" has had its final showing. Although only half of the winning bidders will be named (due to printing deadline) I want to thank everyone now who participated in our summer-long Silent Auction and made it a success.

First I would like to mention all the donors who contributed: Joan Vyse, BI Marine, Frank Solle, East Wind Spa, Montage, Paradise Bay Dive Shop, Dalwhinnie's, Betsy and Glen Borre, Whimsy, Ron Wojan and Bruce Jacobson, The Beaver Boat-tique, Nancy Peterson, Doris Larson, the BI Golf Course, Daddy Franks, McDonough's Market, Tammy La Freniere, Ray Cole and Nina Simpson, Hogarth's Pest Control, Stoney Acre Grill, Bill Freese, Mary Scholl, Betty and Bob Hudgins,

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The next list is the names of all the winners who successfully bid (Thank you so much!) on each package (Through Aug. 17): Connie Wojan, Trudy Works, Pam Grassmick, Anne Glendon, Mary Gillingham, Jackie Evans, Jim Gillingham, Ruth Kelly,

Pete LoDico, Holly Hogarth, Davi Stein, Tina Webster, Paul Neuman, Lisa Gillespie, Chris Allen, and Emily Kokotovic.

Lastly (but not Leastly!) I have to give thanks to all the others bidders who participated in this event, as well as the staff of the BIRHC who really did most the work in displaying items, checking bids, and keeping me informed. As of August 17th the auction had raised over \$3,750! By the end of August we hope to have surpassed the \$5,000 goal! A total accounting of proceeds as well as the remaining winners will be in the October issue. Once again I give thanks to the BIRHC Board for having faith in my ability to plan this event on their behalf.

—Lemon Jacobson, Chairwoman

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* reprinted a David Broder column in which the arrival of a 600-passenger cruise ship for a 4-hour stopover was seen as a two-edged sword: bringing in money to a struggling economy, but also diminishing the Island's isolation, and hence independence, which have made it so unique. Most of the column was about the recent visit of the Irish Ambassador, Dermot Gallagher, about the dinner thrown for him at the Old Rectory, the toast by Bill McDonough and the poem by Bea Boyle, the songs by Tammy McDonough, Kevin White, Cindy Gillespie, and Claudia Schmidt, and about the Ambassador's sense of a shared community. "You understand on this Island that you have to reach out to each other, to share, to welcome new people, and to care," Gallagher said. "Ireland too is one island, with its people cruelly divided, but now with an opportunity to find peace and tranquility, as you have found here."

The *Beacon* published a moving ode to a late summer vacation, *Curtain Call To Summer*, by the Nank family, which closed as follows:

*"Too soon, the departing ferry's sharp announcement breaks the spell, and reminds us of summer's end.
"Leaving this quaint, quiet place, I rejoice that its peace and solitude are portable; that as we walk crowded streets,*

noisy school corridors, busy office building hallways, familiar stairways in our bustling house, the tranquility given to our souls may remain."

Peaine Township cleverly decided to designate some of its roads as a Highway 66 extension.

Bill Palladino assured the Peaine Board that its attorney had said it had a good tower ordinance in effect.

An Art Fair with local artists was scheduled for the two planned arrivals of the cruise ship *Columbus*.

The Community House concept drawings were unveiled, showing four modules: a Children's Center and Information Center; an Assembly Room; a Youth Center/Adult Center/Conference Room; and a Theater.

The proliferation of jet skis produced an angry letter from a summer resident.

The Blood Drive was supported by 94 donors.

Dr. Jeff Powers was installed as the 115th president of the Michigan Veterinary Medical Association.

Twenty Years Ago In a transition to private ownership, there may not have been an August or September *Beacon*. If anyone has information to the contrary, we would appreciate hearing it.

Thirty Years Ago A chilly summer with much rain portended a great crop of

fall mushrooms, particularly puffballs and shaggymanes.

September 17th was to be designated Dick LaFreniere Day on the Island, with friends and relatives from all over the country coming to help him celebrate.

Islanders returning to college included Patti Wojan (North Central), Tim McDonough (CMU), Michelle Arden and Julie Gillespie (Ferris), and Gerald Connaghan (MSU). Gladys Schnaudigal also moved away, with Stanley Floyd replacing her as Peaine supervisor (Edward Palmer resigned from the St. James board in order to take Stanley's place as trustee). To fill the void, several new residents moved to Big Beaver: Larry and Joan Delamater and their children, Ray and Taddy Howell, Mike and Kitty Cull, Maury Baldwin (*Ski and Shore's* first real estate salesman), Ralph Wilson and his wife (friends of the Hayhoes), and retiree Jack Cull and his mother Mabel. Hugh Cole also returned after finishing his tour with the Coast Guard.

The *Beaver Island Guide*, printed on the back of the new map of the Island, went on sale.

The passing of William McCafferty in Toledo was noted. The youngest of ten children, he had been born here in 1904, and, like so many Beaver Islanders of his time, spent much of his life sailing.

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Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* announced an early start to small-game hunting on Garden and High Islands, with rabbits and pats being particularly plentiful. Smallmouth were also abundant, many topping four pounds.

The fisheries division of the Conservation Department completed its poisoning of Fox Lake in preparation for a spring planting of rainbow trout. Hundreds of dead bluegill floated up, but only two brook trout.

A noticeable increase in coyotes prompted a renewed attack. Roy Chambers came over from Indian River, and he and Archie LaFreniere trapped six right off the bat. Archie found a snowshoe rabbit in one of his traps, which had attracted an owl that also was caught. He and Roy had a nice meal, and used what was left as bait.

Thirty-three bow-and-arrow hunters arrived for an early deer season, seeing 82 deer and taking one. Twenty-one hunters went over to High, flushing 209 pats and shooting 14: 184 woodcock were also flushed, with 36 killed. Thirty hunters tried Garden, flushing 188 pats (shooting 13) and 62 woodcock (taking 33).

State Forester Jack Lockwood reported the almost complete defoliation of trees in some areas (1,100 acres of hardwoods a mile inland from French Bay and 1,400 acres near Oliver's Point) would not

keep them from budding out in the spring. Thousands of *saddled prominent* caterpillars (about 1 1/2" long) were to blame.

Matt Melville reported that some friends of his whom he hadn't seen in 30 years came to play golf—Loring Merwin, nephew of Adlai Stephenson, ex-senator Joe Bohrer from Illinois, and Henry Capen, president of State Farm Insurance. Matt also became the manager of the Beaver Lodge when the previous manager, Carl Baber, went to California.

The Homecoming Parade was said to be the best in many years. Ed Wojan was parade chairman. Joyce McCafferty won an oil painting of the Harbor. \$649 went to Holy Cross, and another \$640 to the Convent Fund.

The Print Shop Museum was visited by 450 people (*which has grown to over 3,000 today*) from 15 states. The Historical Society proudly announced the acquisition of a 13' x 5' WPA mural, *Hauling the Nets*, which had been commissioned in 1938 for the Lincoln Park Post Office. It was obtained by Eddie O'Donnell, with the help of Congressman William Ford and Past Congressman Raymond Clevenger.

School opened on time with 69 students and five dedicated Dominican Nuns as teachers.

Island students returned to college:

Ed Wojan (U of Detroit), Ron Gallagher (MSU), Phyllis Gregg (Grand Valley State), Pat Crawford (Ferris), and Bill Gillespie (Chicago's American Academy of Arts).

Fifty Years Ago On September 15th Bell Telephone was to throw the switch to establish a radio connection with Petoskey. Telephone numbers were assigned, and a one-sheet directory published. Calls to the Island were to be made to Petoskey, where the Island number would be given to an operator, who would make the connection.

The Conservation Department trapped and banded partridges on the Island, reporting twice as many per acre as the year before. They trapped a coyote and banded it, but when they went to release it, found it dead. "(Editor's note: probably heart failure.)"

More cars and passengers came to Beaver Island on the ferry than in any recorded previous year.

Homecoming dinners were served to 503 happy people.

A memorial fund for the children of Beaver Island was established by Dr. John Ludwick Jr. in memory of his young son Perry, who perished in a recent plane accident. Passings noted included Ed Boyle (brother of Mary Greene) and our one-time sheriff, Jack Tully.

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20. LITTLE SAND BAY TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE

by Frank Solle, LTC Trail Steward

In a whirlwind of activity that amazingly took less than a week, the Little Traverse Conservancy access trail to Little Sand Bay went from a wreck to a wonder, thanks to the help of numerous volunteers.

Volunteer workers from the community, CMU Bio Station, and the Lighthouse School gathered on the morning of August 10 to transport nearly 200 12' 2 x 12 treated boards and 130 4' pieces of treated 6 x 6s for supports. Jeff Powers of Powers Hardware made the enormous task easier by moving the materials from the parking area to the tree line at the edge of the cedar swamp with his big loader. Doug Fuller, Director of Stewardship for LTC, came over to direct the transfer project, originally scheduling three days to complete the job. Much to his surprise the many hands that day completed it 'Island style,' moving the building materials in just over three hours.

With the boards spread along the trail, Gary Damstra and his crew of Joe



Timsak and Chuck Carpenter put their construction skills to the task beginning the next Monday, along with more volunteers from CMU and a handful of community members. More LTC personnel came to work as well, and by Thursday the job of building over 500' of sturdy and shapely boardwalk and four new bridges was complete.

And what a job it was. All the old boardwalk has been torn up and removed (although some still needs to be hauled away this fall), then replaced with a wider, stronger, more durable walkway through the wettest and muddiest stretches of the trail. Each of the three stream crossings received a new

bridge, as did the long stretch over what had become a large beaver pond. With the beavers removed from the area and the dam broken open, most of the water drained from the pond, but the new structure should provide adequate crossing even during spring snow melt.

For residents and visitors who were discouraged by the rough condition of the trail system, and for those who were not up to the scramble over fallen cedar trees to reach the beach, the improvements come none too late. The process of acquiring the necessary permits from the DNR and DEQ, plus the Corps of Engineers, created a somewhat lengthy delay, but once again it would seem good things come to those who wait.

There is no waiting now, however. Little Sand Bay is up and running, open for use, and ready for late-season visitors. Enjoy the area as much as possible, but please respect it as well. Pack out all trash and give plenty of room around the creek for the protected Monkey Flower to grow and thrive.



GREAT THINGS FOR HARVEST AT FARMER'S MARKET

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by Frank Solle

As the Island garden growing season comes to a close and the harvest season begins in earnest, a number of Island farmers have begun gathering on Thursday mornings at the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop for a full-fledged Farmers Market.

Event organizer Heidi Connor said Paradise Bay Café owner Dale Keyes approached her last winter with the idea of selling fresh produce at the Coffee Shop. Having been involved with farmer's markets before, Connor knew a daily business would be too much. "Farmers can only do this once a week," she said of taking goods to market. "It takes a lot of extra work when you've got



crops to tend."

Instead an agreement for a weekly market was reached, and in mid-August the first gathering took place. In the following weeks a growing number of different producers have sold their wares ranging from a variety of garden vegetables

including fresh corn, zucchini, carrots, kale, peppers, squashes, and tomatoes, to fresh breads, hummus, pates, vegetarian nut loaves, herb butter, eggs, honey, and horseradish, as well as fresh-cut flowers, all to the delight of appreciative patrons.

"Beaver Island has a great agricultural history," Connor said. "We're hoping to create the opportunity to



rediscover the Island's gardening potential."

This year's Markets will continue "through the first frost," Connor said of what she deems a valued community event. "It's a place for people to come together and connect," she added.

Connor hopes to work towards creating a farmers association in order to coordinate what everyone is growing, "so everyone has a niche," she stated. "Right now there are many more buyers than producers."

Also right now there is great fresh food available at the Farmer's Market each Thursday morning at 9:00 am at the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop.



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Doug Chambers



Andrea St John

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With 200 excited patrons devouring the art work on the tables and walls at the new James Gillingham Academic Center's auditorium with their pocketbooks and eyes, this year's water-color exhibition was probably the

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26. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, September 5, 1907 **Local News:** "W. J. Gallagher, of St. James, has been on the mainland the past few days, on business."

"The fishing tug *Little Maeta* went to Beaver Island today, where she will work the balance of the year."

"Jas. Donlevy, of St. James, was here Tuesday. Mrs. Donlevy accompanied him, on her way to Mt. Clemens where she will take the mineral baths for a very aggravated case of rheumatism."

"'Bowery Bill' Gallagher of St. James, qualified yesterday as deputy oil inspector of this district, and has entered upon the discharge of his duties as successor to Deputy McIntire of Cheboygan."

Beaver Island News: "Mr. A. Sterling and wife of Manistee, are visiting with Mrs. Sterling's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Phill C. Gallagher."

"Mr. Mike McCann has been on the sick list the past week."

"W. J. Gallagher and daughter may spend Sunday in Charlevoix."

"John Donlevy had the misfortune

to have three fingers taken off by one of the saws in the mill the past week."

"A force of men are here this week repairing the light house property."

"The first annual meeting of the Juvenile Club was held at the home of Mrs. John W. Green on Cherry St. Wednesday evening of last week. The purpose of this club is to perpetuate youthful customs and manners and the obligation of each member attending the meeting is to be dressed in youthful attire. All kind of juvenile sports and games were indulged in until 12 o'clock midnight when a very nice lunch was served consisting of ice cream and cake, after which each member departed for their respective homes, feeling from ten to fifteen years younger. The promoters of this club, Mrs. Patrick Roddy of Milwaukee, and Miss Lillian Green deserve great credit for the manner in which they entertained those present."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, September 12, 1907 **Local News:** "Saturday there arrived in port, in tow of the steamer *Beaver*, the scow schooner

Island Queen. On the quarterdeck strode the stalwart form of Commodore F. H. Hubbard, and he looked every inch a sailor as he 'sang out' his commands to the man at the wheel. As general manger Hubbard, of the West Michigan Sugar Co., he went to St. James and bought the aforementioned craft for use in transporting beets on Pine Lake."

Beaver Island News: "W. J. Gallagher spent a few days this week with his family."

"Capt. James Gordon has just completed a large net room on his dock."



"W. E. Stevens and Frank Stafford have returned from a fishing expedition."

"Mrs. Will Carr of Chicago, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie."

"Robert Beutel and Co. have installed a power ice crushing machine in their establishment."

"Miss Anna O'Malley of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Donlevy for a few days."

"Mr. Joe Roddy and wife of Milwaukee, are here for a few days visiting

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friends and relatives."

"The Misses Anna and Mell Gallagher from Chicago, are visiting their parents, Capt. and Mrs. O. Gallagher."

"The Green Bay Transportation Co. have chartered the steamer *Bon Ami* to ply between this place and Green Bay."

"A. T. Stewart of the Northville hatchery was here last week with several hundred bass which he planted in Font Lake."

"Mrs. Wilkinson and wife of Charlevoix, Mrs. Dora Kincaid of Correy, Penn., were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson last Sunday."

"It is rare that the people of the Island have an opportunity to listen to such eloquence as was accorded them a few evenings ago by the Hon. T. Donahue of Illinois, when he delivered on Irish history. Although young in the oratorical arena, yet his ability will compare very favorable with the masters. The comprehensive manner in which he handled the Irish question shows him to be thoroughly familiar with the history of Ireland both ancient and modern, and

the appreciation of his merits as a lecturer was manifested by the frequent bursts of applause from the audience. Mr. Donahue is no mountebank nor charlatan and the A. O. H. of this place were very fortunate in securing such an able speaker."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, September 19, 1907 **Local News:** "B. C. Lane went to St. James Monday having taken several well and windmill contracts there."

"Superintendent Morton, of the Life Saving Service was here Monday and inspected the Charlevoix station, going to Beaver Island Tuesday."

"W. J. Gallagher, is now settled in his new position as deputy oil inspector for the district comprising the counties of Charlevoix, Emmet, Cheboygan, Otsego, and Crawford. He will move his family here from St. James this fall."

"Peas are coming in at the Ferry warehouse lively, by teams and boats, the *Beaver* having already brought over four large consignments from the Island."

"W. W. Boyle, of St. James, came

over Friday, on his way to New York and the Jamestown exposition."

(Note: September 4 - 20 rain, rain, rain; 24 Very furious storm, 52 - 30 degrees. Frost F. Protar)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, September 26, 1907 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* remained at her dock Tuesday, owing to a high north west gale."

"Among the St. James people here over Sunday were Francis Donlevy and J. B. O'Donnell."

"The fish tug *Sisco* of St. James was here Sunday."

"There was in town one day last week a man who was conspicuous in making history in this region more than fifty years ago. It was Wingfield Watson, who was one of the twelve apostles of Strang, and a power in the counsels of the King. For several years after the Mormon exodus he lived in Wisconsin, but returned here in 1868, locating a home-stead near the head of Pine Lake. He returned to Wisconsin, however many years ago and is now visiting the scenes of former days."



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28. SENIOR HOUSING COMING CLOSER

Senior housing is close to becoming a reality on Beaver Island. To help raise the remaining needed funds for construction, a benefit dinner will be held at Nina's Restaurant on **September 14th**. Attendees will order off the menu and pay normal prices. Nina's is donating all of the proceeds to the Beaver Island Community Development Corporation for the purpose of furthering the construction of six senior housing units on property adjacent to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

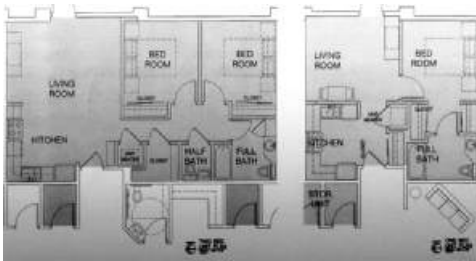
According to Pete LoDico, chair of the Beaver Island Community Development Corporation, "Beaver Islanders' attendance and additional donations will help insure that the senior housing proceeds. The project is well on its way to becoming a reality, and the Corporation is planning a Spring ground breaking and occupancy in late Fall of 2008."

The following steps have been successfully completed toward creating the senior housing: \$682,805 has been secured, the architectural firm of Hobbs and Black has completed preliminary drawings, and Robert Gillespe of Beaver Gems has been selected contractor for the project. Drawings of the development will be available at the dinner.

The six-unit senior housing building will be located on two acres adjacent to the Health Center donated by the Traudt and Gill families. The building will



contain two 2-bedroom units and four 1-bedroom units, each with kitchen, living room, dining area, and bath. Additional amenities will include: a community room with kitchen and dining area for group dining and events, laundry facilities, and a storage closet for each unit.



"We have all witnessed the sad situation on Beaver Island when some of our dearest friends and relatives can no longer keep up their homes and are forced to leave the Island and their friends because suitable housing is not available," LoDico said. A task force created in 1999 determined the need for affordable and suitable senior housing, and for the past

seven years the Beaver Island Development Corporation has been working to remedy this situation. The goal is to provide housing for low and moderate income seniors, as defined by the federal government as one-person households with income of not more than \$30,160 per year or two-person household income of less than \$34,400.

Financing is almost complete, and a timeline has been established—to complete fund raising by January 1, 2008. The corporation is applying for two additional grants and plans to raise the additional funds from donations. The total amount still needed is \$150,000. The \$682,000 already obtained includes a USDA loan at 1% interest in the amount of \$582,305, a Michigan State House Development grant of \$75,000, a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of \$15,000; a donation from Nina's Restaurant of \$9,000; a donation from Talking Threads Quilt Guild of Beaver Island of \$1,000; and a donation from the Ruth Hirschey Memorial Fund of \$500.

Donations may be made to the Beaver Island Development Corporation, PO Box 215. Donations are tax-deductible. Anyone needing further information can contact Pete LoDico or any of the other board members, Nina Simpson-Jones, Don Spencer, or Sandra Birdsall.



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awnings, and Arabic tents were set up from the street to the back of the Rustic Villa cabins, where several artists took turns passing out glasses of white wine and a variety of tasty

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People wandered back and forth, enjoying themselves. They examined the paintings, sculptures, photographs, jewelry, pottery, and quilts, chatting



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with the proud and friendly artists, and saying hello to friends they had not seen elsewhere on the Island. Lots of sales were made as well, promoting a wonderful atmosphere of camaraderie and

good cheer.

The Fair ran from 5:00 until 8:00, but as the closing hour approached, few wanted to leave because they were having such a good time. The

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August, who then showed their accomplishments in a show at the Bio Station. Their work was surprising, graceful, interesting, and at times humorous. For example, Keith Rayner had used the

dreaded *phragmies* as both a component in the paper he made and bound into a book and as the subject for a cartoon he drew on its pages: "I am the evil weed, and I will eat your beach!"



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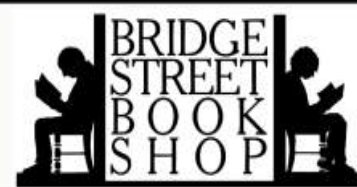
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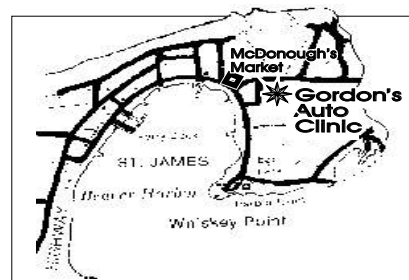
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Dr. Leonard J. "Doc" Siudara, born June 26, 1913 in Detroit, age 94, of Berkeley and Beaver Island, died peacefully Saturday, August 4, 2007, at the William Beaumont Hospital after having lived a remarkably full and healthy life.

Husband of Alexandrine Siudara for 67 years, who predeceased him in 2005, brother of Helene Zaremba and the late Joseph and Arthur Siudara. Father of Dr. Jerome "Jerry" (Elizabeth), Leonard "Bud" (Susan), Timothy (Elizabeth), Thomas (Patricia), James (Cynthia), and Marybeth Siudara Gilliam, Grandfather of Missy, Patrick, Michael, Andy, Chris, Peter, Jaimie Beth Priest, Mark, Andrea, Tyler, and Tiffany. Great-grandfather of two.

Dr. Siudara was the eldest son of immigrant parents and was raised on the family farm in Rochester. He was an achiever early on, earning 14 athletic letters at Rochester High School and was honored as the Michigan 4-H Health Champion in 1932. He earned a degree in pharmacy

while working on the production line of an auto plant, and his medical degree while tending bar in the evening. He met his wife Alex on an ice-skating blind date on Belle Isle. They married in 1937.

Doc did his internship at Detroit Osteopathic Hospital and came to Berkley in 1948, building a home and opening a family medical practice. His practice included obstetrics, and he delivered hundreds of "baby boomers." His record was 12 deliveries in a single week. He often made house calls for patients who were too ill to come to his office. He cared for the nuns and priests in the Shrine of the Little Flower parish and was the sideline 'doc' for the Shrine High football team. He served as president of the Oakland County Osteopathic Physicians Society and was among the founders of the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital. "Doc" was truly a man for all seasons.

He taught his kids to be adventure-some and he led by good example. He was at home in a duck blind, fishing for

walleyes on the St. Clair River, or hunting pheasants in a farmer's field. Doc, Alex, and family enjoyed many Great Lakes yachting adventures on the *Alexandra* in the 50s and 60s. Doctor Siudara retired from his 30 years of medical practice in 1977, and he and Alex moved to Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan.

Two years later he became the official Island physician, the last such in a long line, and served the residents year-round for the next seven years. It was not uncommon to see Doc making house calls on his snowmobile during winter. He hung up his stethoscope for good in 1986 and returned to Berkley but continued to summer on Beaver Island for the next 18 years. He took up golf at age 80 and regularly played the Beaver Island Golf Course. His bright blue eyes and his ever-present bow tie were personal trademarks. His instructive euphemisms were many, a favorite being "Can't never did anything!"

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It is with great regret that the Beaver Island Rural Health Center announces that Nurse Practitioner Connie Harris has accepted another position and will be leaving Beaver Island at the end of her contract in September of this year. Since she arrived at the Health Center in August of 2004, Connie has worked tirelessly to provide the highest standard of care for all of her patients, always going the extra mile to ensure their physical and emotional wellbeing.

Along with her partner, Nurse Practitioner and Medical Director Sue Solle, she has demonstrated outstanding initiative and creativity in finding ways to expand services available at the Health Center. These efforts have benefitted the entire community and we expect them to continue after Connie's

departure.

We are happy that she has this wonderful opportunity for advancing her career, furthering her education, and being closer to family. We are grateful for all she has contributed to the recent successes at the Health Center. The BIRHC Board and Staff are planning a going-away party for Connie and her husband John on Sunday, September 23rd at 12 noon at Peaine Township Hall so that the entire community can say good-bye and express their appreciation for all she has done. Patients who have been seeing Connie on a regular basis will be contacted personally.

The Board will also immediately begin to look for a new health care provider with substantial nursing experience who meets the high standards we

have come to expect from the BIRHC medical staff. Until the right person can be found, Nurse Practitioner Sue Solle, along with visiting relief care providers and our partners in Beaver Island Emergency Medical Services (BIEMS), will continue to provide continuous 24/7 access to local health care. Sue came to Beaver Island to make this her permanent home. We are very fortunate to be able to count on her long-term commitment to the Island and BIRHC, and are especially appreciative of her 20 years of nursing experience, including over 8 years as sole practitioner at a clinic in the Upper Peninsula and 9 months as sole practitioner on Beaver Island.

For further information, please contact Connie Wojan, President of the BIRHC Board of Directors.

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The Beaver Island District Library benefitted from the actions of the Pere Marquette District Gerald R. Ford Council Troop #1130 of Hesperia, Michigan. The Scouts cleaned, raked, trimmed trees, and made the "line of sight" for

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36. PAR FOR THE COURSE

by Fairway Frank

The golf world was stunned last month—not by yet another major tournament win by Tiger Woods, or by another second round collapse by teenage phenom Michelle Wie, but by the claiming of the annual Wayne Nix Memorial Summer League title by the team of Johnny Runberg and Frank Solle.

Fortunately, for this not-so-dynamic duo, the great sports adage ‘may the best team win’ was overshadowed by a friendly handicap system. That and three straight mid-season weeks of surprising play, both by them and less than that by their opponents, left them with a commanding one-point lead going into the final week playoff round.

In accordance with much play this summer, the league’s playoff round had five teams within five points (two points are up for grabs on each hole, plus two more for low score over a round, for a total of 20 points) of each other, all, statistically, with a shot at winning the traveling trophy. Both the Fourth of July tournament and the recent Jerry Sowa Outing (more on that later) required playoffs to decide the winner. The Island golf scene is becoming the proverbial level field, or in this case, or course, fairway.



More evidence of this leveling came in the fact that eventual, and excuse me here for abusing the term, winners, finished their league playoff round against the number two team of Buck Ridgeway and Ivan Young in a 10-10 tie, just as the number three team of Ron Wojan and Bob Simpson did against the number four team, and inaugural league champs, Bill Hirsche and John Robert.

The fifth place team, consisting of two-time defending champ Jeff Mestelle and current playing partner Ryan Smith were unable to overcome the end-of-the-season strong play of Aaron and Jeremy Morgan in a 12-8 decision.

Much humble reveling followed at Buck’s retreat, while planning for the start of the fall league the next week. Golfers are like that.



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Trudy's Tournament

For the 11th consecutive year, Trudy Works organized, prepared, arranged, and hosted a nearly-the-end-of-the-season event for the summer Ladies League, this year held on August 23.

While this event caps the regular season, the ladies will keep playing on Thursday mornings, "as long as there are some of us still on the Island to

play," according to long-time league participant Nel Worsfold.

Six teams turned out for this year's gathering, with the foursome of Mary Kay Dorais, Doris Larson, Sally Davis, and Sue Welke taking top honors with a solid round of 38.

As always, Trudy had prizes selected for the top three teams, with the winners each taking away a classy

pewter bread tray. "Everyone gets something," Trudy quickly pointed out.

One thing everyone did get was the chance to contribute to the 'Salad by Committee' luncheon at the Larson's afterwards. "Everyone brings something to throw in the big bowl," Trudy said of the great variety.

Everyone contributing to the enjoyment of all. Golfers are like that.

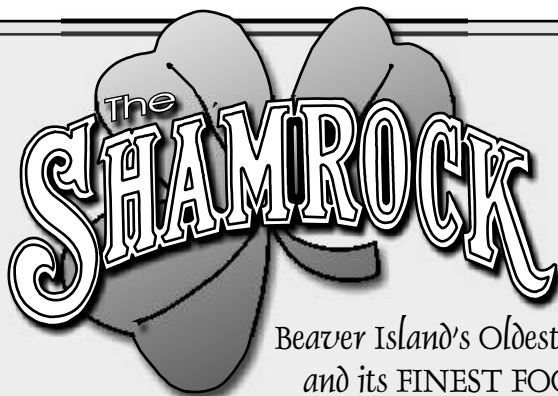
Sowa repeat, sort of.

As stated earlier, this year's Jerry Sowa Memorial Golf Outing on August 3 required a 10th hole to decide the winner, as the team of Larry and Patrick Roy, Bill Detwiler, and Charlie Green, along with the team of Ron Wojan, Joe Williams, Fred Rhem, and Bill Hirschey each finished the first nine holes with identical and impressive four-under-par rounds of 31.

This year's playoff format featured a rotation through each team's lineup with the twist that once a player's shot was used, he or she was done until the other three players had accounted for a shot. More strategy. Golfers are like that.

While Green gave team Roy great position with a long, straight drive to

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open the playoff on hole #1, it was 14-year-old Patrick Roy who capped the outcome, putting his 70-yard second shot right on the pin. Wojan and Williams gave great efforts in chipping from just off the green in trying to match the near-gimmie winning birdie, but it wasn't to be and team Roy, who last year won the event while teaming with Bob Simpson and Elwood Baker, claimed half a repeat.

Another good sign for local golf was that eight of the 11 teams entered in this year's event shot rounds under par. No surprises came in the individual prizes, however, as Ryan Smith claimed the mens longest drive, and Marieanne Brown the women's. Larry Roy was closest to the pin on the par-three fourth hole, and Ron Wojan was closest on the par-three sixth.

A great lunch followed a great day

of golf in memory of one of the Island's strongest golf advocates, as again Ridgeway organized a terrific event, John Works provided a terrific venue, and Carolyn Works prepared a terrific meal. Terrific? Golf is like that.

Now the fall league is in progress and we have months, yes, months, of golf ahead of us before the joys of winter take over. There's no time like the present—I think I'll go golfing.

EVENTS AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

In early August a group of conservative members of the Beaver Island Christian Church objected to the presence of a professional piano player, an Island resident and community volunteer, playing during services because of his sexual orientation. So the pastor, Stephen Skinner, apparently asked the piano player to continue attending services but not provide music.

The story circulated throughout the Island, engendering some objections to what was perceived as discrimination. The non-denominational congregation had been founded, in part, to promote tolerance of diverse viewpoints. Several protesting letters were written, and a petition affirming "Jesus' message of

love and acceptance" was circulated. Many people were distraught because of the conflict, their anguish exacerbated because those on both sides were perceived to be good people, helpful community members who were trying to follow their beliefs.

The matter came to a head during the August 19th service, when reverend Skinner resigned, ending a two-year tenure as pastor—a period during which the Church expanded its programs and its facility, reaching out in new ways to continue its long tradition of community involvement.

For two hours at its business meeting on the 22nd, the Church Board heard from some of the 40 people in atten-

dance, and some Board members also expressed their views. Opinions on both sides of the issue were strong. An agenda item asked the Board to determine if the action taken was contrary to the Church by-laws and its establishment as a non-demoninational congregation, open to all people, where policy was to be under the direction and control of its membership. The matter was tabled to allow the congregation to decide this issue at its annual meeting on September 9th.

Many hope the controversy will have a positive outcome by forcing those with differing opinions to examine their stands from broader points of view.



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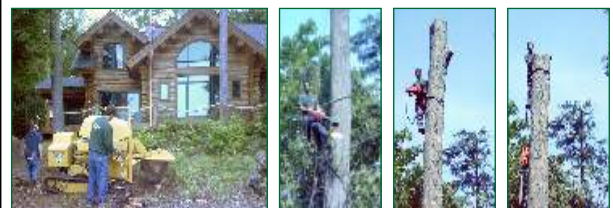
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tion, the Hunting Foundation, along with partial support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs/Cheboygan Area Arts Council, provided exceptional financial support.

But, none of this would have been possible without the support of *the entire community of Beaver Island!* To full-time and seasonal Beaver Island residents, and summer visitors, we encourage you to circle July 29-Aug. 3 on your calendar for "Baroque on Beaver—2008." And with heartfelt appreciation, we say *Thank you!*

— The Beaver Island
Cultural Arts Association
Christy Albin, Jayne Bailey, Paul
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AIRLIFT FROM GARDEN IS THAT SMOKE?

On August 7th the Coast Guard medically evacuated a 71-year-old woman from Garden Island after she had symptoms of a heart attack at approximately 3 p.m. A Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City HH-65 dolphin rescue helicopter crew transported the woman to awaiting Emergency Medical Services at Charlevoix Hospital.

That was the question on many lips on August 6th, a day with winds from the north. The tantalizing aroma was hard to place, but just to be safe the BIFD was mobilized to search for its source. Paul Welke took one of his planes up to search from the air. Luckily, it was a false alarm; it *was* smoke, but from the raging U.P. forest fire.

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— John J. Gordon, 8/07

(Accomplished Chicago poet John Gordon's family has owned land on the Island for over 140 years. His son Robert performed with *Baroque on Beaver*, and his grand-uncle Captain James Gordon was mentioned in the *One Hundred Years Ago* section of the August 2007 *Beacon*. He has been enlisted for the *Journal of Beaver Island History*.)

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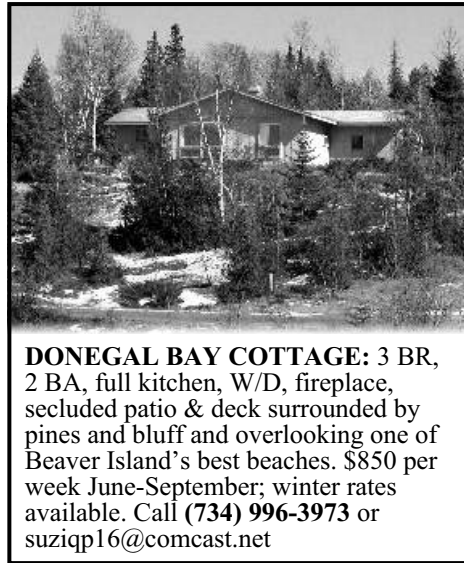
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