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4 NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The St. James Town Board met on October 3rd, announcing that the opening of the Resale Shop would take place any day.

After the public hearing on the current proposed zoning ordinance changes (involving a less-restrictive tower ordinance, the allowing of owners to rent their homes, and the establishment of an area for sexually explicit businesses) produced no controversy, the Board voted unanimously to approve them. If the Charlevoix County Planning Commission also approves them, they will become law.

Glen Felixson reported that the Yacht Dock once again increased its business, serving 765 boats (425 power; 340 sail) for 1,564 boat days during the 2007 season. Following his report, he tearfully announced his retirement as Harbormaster.

Harris Fawell's letter (see October's Beacon) was read. Tim McDonough announced that the five cruise lines to have previously visited Beaver Island will no longer come because the shallow lake levels are too dangerous. Supervisor Don Vyse agreed to write to Bart Stupak and Karl Levin in support of the Fawell letter.

The Board agreed to support a request by the Historical Society for permission to place a rock with a bronze plaque commemorating the "three fishermen who fell from the sky" almost 15 years ago at Whiskey Point by asking the State Historic Commission for permission.

The State Treasury Department was disappointed with the Township's collection of delinquent personal property taxes.

Wolverine Power offered to give the Township a long-term conservation easement on the lot where the generating station once stood, so long as it comes off the tax roll and no permanent structure is built there. The Woolam Foundation may buy the adjacent lot, which has been for sale for decades, and give it to the Township to expand its holding, making a Township Park more appealing.

The *phragmites* spraying was said to be fairly effective, except for some noted areas where the die-off brown coloration stood out against patches of vivid green. It seemed that spraying was haphazard in some areas, such as part of Donegal Bay and McCauley Bay, and, further south, parts of the French Bay territory. The Board was urged to inventory those areas not eradicated and, instead of paying the bill now, ask the contractor to return to spray again before October 31st, when the permit expires. The contractor only sprayed for 5 days instead of the promised ten (although he brought more men), and the fact that his expenses were higher than expected should not be held against the Island. In the contractor's defense, it was pointed out that the contract requires only 85% effectiveness, which might be hard to gauge and might have been achieved, and the next lowest bid was three times as high.

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Peaine Township

The Peaine Town Board met on October 10th and approved the proposed changes to the zoning ordinance. Even though a contract for leasing the site for an internet tower at the East Side Fire Hall had not been written, the Board authorized E W Marine to proceed with construction in order to assure broadband service before winter arrives.

Despite assurances, the grant application for the tub grinder was turned down by the Department of Agriculture, which received orders to concentrate on matters of Homeland Security and let ecological concerns slide. The grinder was procured (and has been operating) through a short-term loan from a private source, which must be repaid by December. Consequently the township will have to borrow much of its cost (\$144,000) from the bank—it previously borrowed a comparable amount to upgrade the Transfer Station containers. Another amount must be added to this loan-\$16,000 additional—to pay for replacements for the two large roll-up doors, which were discovered to have worn out during the

construction of the recently-completed addition. Questions were raised about whether proper procedures were followed when it was first learned that the old doors had to be replaced.

A letter from the MI DEQ identified the generating station as a site of contamination. Discussion revealed that this concerned an accidental spill of 500 gallons of fuel oil, which was thoroughly cleaned up last summer by a licensed company.

Concern over the effectiveness of the recent phragmites eradication program was expressed. Brian Mastenbrook has agreed to conduct a fly-over to evaluate the work the following week, but there was some skepticism that this would be sufficient. Paul Welke offered to take anyone concerned on a free fly-over, with a photographer, to see if the degree of success could be evaluated from the air. Pam Grassmick had supplied several annotated land-based photos showing various spray sites around the Island, which were circulated. The general feeling in both townships was that this was a learning process for all concerned.

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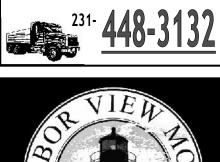
I would like to take this time to thank you for allowing me the privilege and pleasure to be of service to the Great Lakes and yachting community and Beaver Island these past 17 years. But all things do come to an end. I'm therefore announcing my resignation of the position of Harbormaster and Manager of

the Beaver Island Municipal Marina (the Yacht Dock), effective 11-15-07, as I will be entering retirement. It's been a good run and I only hope you have as good memories of me as I have of you all. So until we meet again, This is the Beaver Island Harbormaster...

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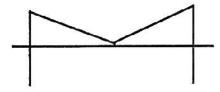
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6. ISLAND EVENTS

Halloween—come to the Stone House, if you dare, for some scary treats and a few tales.

AmVets Post 46 will have a **Veterans Day ceremony** at Holy Cross Church on *November 12th*, at 11:00 a.m. It is observed on the 12th this year because the 11th falls on a Sunday.

The **Christmas Bazaar** will be on Sunday *November 18th from 1:00-3:00* at Holy Cross Hall. If anyone wants to rent a table contact Sandy LoDico at 448-2004.

PROJECT MANAGER

Beaver Island Community School seeks proposals from individuals to act as the District's representative for approximately \$3,300,000 in building and site renovations from May 2008 into 2009. Design is underway; bids are anticipated in January and February of 2008. This person will report directly to the Superintendent of BICS. The project will be constructed through a general contractor. Contact Kathleen McNamara - kittym@beaverisland.k12.mi.us or Brett Kronlein - Kronlein.Bret@betadesign.com

COMMISSION ON AGING TO IMPROVE

The Senior Services assessment results have been presented to the Commission on Aging, and action planning is underway. The COA initiated a Senior Services assessment to determine current and future needs of county seniors, conducted over the last few months by outside independent consultants who collected information from COA service providers, community focus groups of seniors and caregivers, and an anonymous survey of randomly selected residents over 50 years of age. The assessment was intended to determine awareness, usefulness, and quality of existing programs and services as perceived by seniors, and to identify gaps in services that need to be addressed with improved, expanded, or new services and programs.

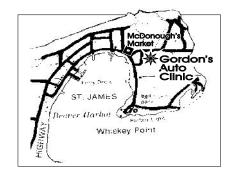
The results have yielded significant opportunities for improving the COA's services and for adding to COA

offerings. Things apparent in the study or recommended by the consultants: additional direct care staff to serve the increasing number of home-bound seniors and caregivers; increased administration to catch up with program growth and increased reporting requirements; an office facility more conducive to client confidentiality and modern business processes; additional programs to meet senior needs; adding county-wide senior-specific transportation; a review of concerns with three senior centers: and a major marketing/outreach effort to increase awareness of COA programs and services among Charlevoix County residents.

Results have been shared with the County Board of Commissioners, and specific short- and long-term action plans are being developed and will be made available to the public when completed.

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In the coming months new plans for services will be available. Changes to pricing for service and equipment are being made due to economic factors and increased infrastructure costs.

Central Solutions has now added

a toll-free number for customer support. We ask that you please use 1-866-331-2637 for communication to our office. The local number is still in effect; however, the office hours are changing due to the change of season.

The local office will only be staffed on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to noon until early spring. Current and future customers can use the tollfree number to receive support, sign-up for service, or ask billing questions.

We look forward in continuing to service the community of Beaver Island. -Brian Tort

BIRHC LANDSCAPING BEGINS!

If you have driven by the Health Center lately you have noticed that important steps to beautify it have begun. This all-volunteer project got off to a wonderful start thanks to Karen and Jim Wojan who donated 4 huge boulders. These impressive stones will form the hardscape around which the plantings will be placed. This was a very generous contribution by Jim and Karen as they also donated their excavating crew's time and equipment to deliver and place the boulders in the perfect spots. Has anyone noticed that

the biggest boulder to the left of the entrance looks like a heart? Thanks Jim and Karen!

Once the volunteer planting crew gets together the donated plants will get off to the best possible start because of the anonymous donation of a truck load of premium topsoil. More donors are waiting to contribute their plants, gardening supplies and time. We will update you next month on our goal to make the outside of the Health Center as beautiful and welcoming as the inside.

LETTERS: THANKS...

On October 17th my beetle caught on fire near the 4 corners. Thanks to many wonderful people and the fire department, the fire was put out and the

beetle and myself were saved. As we all know this is the way of the Island. Many thanks to all of you.

- Pat Rowley



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8. A BUDDING LOCAL WRITER

What do a NY Times Best Selling Author and two teenagers from a rural Northern Michigan High School located on Beaver Island have in common? A voracious appetite and intense passion for the creative process and all things that relate to writing.

Recently Julie Summers and Chris Charland from the Lighthouse School attended the annual Bear River Writing Conference at UM's Camp Michigan on Walloon Lake.

The students were nominated for a scholarship awarded through the U of M, Dr. Homer Rose, Asst. Dean, Rackham Graduate School, the Meier Foundation, and the Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District. (The Lighthouse School is the only high school in the state invited to send youth to this one-of-a-kind adult writing conference.)

"The beauty of this conference is that the students and authors get to sit side by side rubbing elbows during sessions, presentations, and free time, sharing thoughts and ideas. They discuss writing projects both old and new, learn about publishing and writing styles, and explore their gifts through gentle challenges," states Sue Marie Papajesk, Bear

River Youth Program Coordinator.

The inspiration and creativity is palatable from the start on the conference grounds and the spirit of the Writing Conference lingers for days, weeks, and even months for some. Being able to share writing ideas with notable authors and

JULIE, CHRIS, AND ELIZABETH KOSTOVA

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best sellers is invigorating.

"The work the students produce is so phenomenal. The joy that is shared, the acceptance and acknowledgment of their gifts and camaraderie is so wonderful to see. The joy on their face is priceless." In addition they get published in the annual *Poetry in Performance* collection

through the City College of New York.

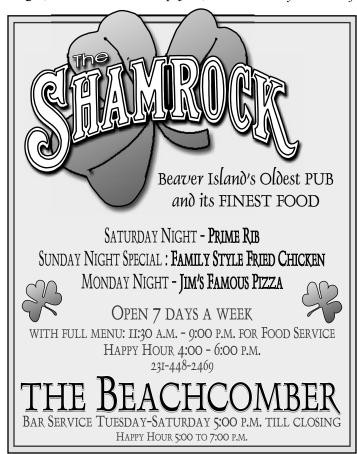
This year one keynote speaker was Elizabeth Kostova, best known for her best selling 600+ page novel, *The Historian*. A Dracula story, with a new twist, it created such a buzz that she was paid an unheard-of \$2 million advance

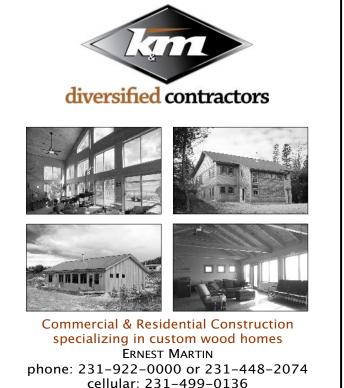
with a record-setting auction of the publishing rights. Shortly after its release, Red Wagon (Sony Pictures) purchased the rights for another \$2 million to make it into a movie.

Chris and Julie agree: "This book captured my attention in the first 3 paragraphs," says Julie. "I couldn't put it down. The places she travels to, the culture, history, and characters, are so real. The suspense got my heart pounding."

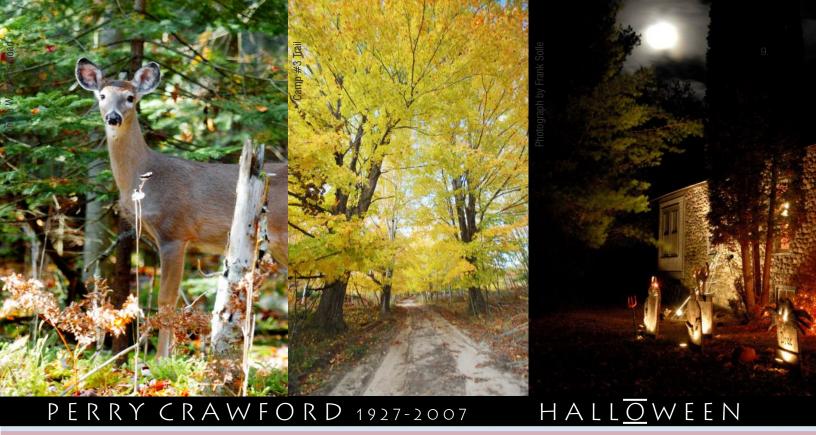
"The Historian is about a teenage girl who finds a book in her father's study with strange symbols on blank pages. Finding this book

catapults her into a journey of suspense and world travel. Her family's past is revealed and leads her to the strange disappearance of her mother, and face to face with Dracula. It's like *Indiana Jones*, and the *Davinci Code* all rolled into one. It's a must-read anytime, but especially now that Halloweenis near!"





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Perry E. Crawford, 80, who built the Erin Motel and the Beaver Tail Restaurant, passed away on October 1st, 2007. A former Naval man, he was preceded in death by his wife Henrietta and son, Allan. He is survived by his longtime partner, Darlene Roberts; sons, Patrick (Pattie Lockton) of Illinois, Michael of Michigan, Karl of Florida and daughter, Katherine (Jim) Aman of Michigan; and five grandchildren and one great-grandson. Services will be in Franklin, N.C.

In the 1960s he and his family lived in a house on the corner of King's Highway and Sloptown Road.

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10. ISLANDERS CLEAN UP AT SLOPPY NLL TOURNEY

by Frank Solle

t was cold. It was wet. It was muddy. It was sloppy. By the end it was even sunny. It was the entire gamut of conditions—and emotions, as the Beaver Island Islanders soccer team plodded, pounded, and plundered its way to the championship of the inaugural Northern Lights League postseason soccer tournament October 20th at Sault Ste. Marie.

The Islanders swept their way through three of the four tournament games played on the messy field, claiming the title while earning a measure of revenge and redemption over two season-opening losses at Mackinac Island. The *Islanders* lost their first two games of the season to the Lakers at that other island, but defeated the Mackinac kids in the tourney final in a dramatic sudden-victory overtime shootout, 2-1. (officially in soccer the winner of the shootout gets one goal)

period between games, the Islanders rose to the Lakers challenge in the title tilt. Mackinac scored first early in Martin took a pass from sophomore Jenna Butler and knotted the score at 1-1 just minutes later. From then on the teams battled even and scoreless, setting up the Islanders second shootout of the day.

The shootout format has the teams trading shots from the penalty mark in front of the goal for five shots each. Whoever scores the most wins. But if the score is still tied, the teams alternate shots until someone scores and someone doesn't. It doesn't get more fun than that.

The Lakers scored on their first shot in the shootout, but Martin matched them on the Islanders third kick. Mackinac scored again, but Islanders senior goalkeeper Eric Albin stopped their fifth attempt, giving the Islanders a chance to tie. Sophomore Cameron LaVasseur was up to the chalwith a goal for the win and the trophy.

"Before he went up to shoot, I didn't tell Bryan if he scores the game is over," said first-year Islanders coach Marianne Brown prior to Timsak's try at winning the game. "That might not have been a bad mistake."

Once the kick went in, bedlam broke out among the Islanders, and a day's worth of tension was released in a team-wide mud bath, which included the coach.

The Islanders first shootout win came against Paradise in their second game of the day. With the game tied 0-0 after regulation,







Islander Title, continued from page 11. would not have been possible without the leadership of the seniors," she said. "Teamwork was the key. These boys

played great defense, stayed focused, and led the team all they way to the mud pit!"

Brown also credited her predeces-

sor, Mike Myers. "I give him lots of credit for his years of work in setting up this soccer program," she said, adding that work was most visible in the teams'

CHENILLE SISTERS CONQUER BEAVER ISLAND



After having spent the previous afternoon mesmerizing the students at our school with their humor and talent on Friday, October 6^{th} , walking in the *Boodle* on Saturday morning, and feasting at the *Bite of Beaver* on Saturday

afternoon, the Ann Arbor-based Chenille Sisters wowed a packed house of 160+ at CMU's new Gillingham Auditorium with their trademark funny, poignant, and entertaining music.

The audience showed their enjoy-

ment of the mix of folk parody, zany humor, and perfectly pitched harmonies. Many present had heard at least one of their nine albums (over 22 years), and felt honored that a group with national reputation (written up in

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seniors. "They knew what to do and that was contagious through me and through the rest of the team." Another example of teamwork came when eighth-grader

Michael McCafferty traded shorts with McDonough, whose uniform had become so wet and heavy he could no longer run.

The coach may have exclaimed once it was all over, "what a day," but really it's more like what a season, what a team.

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People magazine, for example) would come to such an out-of-the-way venue.

Many of the group's albums were for sale, and were gobbled up by new and old fans who wanted to preserve memories of the wonderful weekend.

Thanks go the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association (the nonprofit that also brings us Baroque on Beaver and the accompanying Music Campwhich will be expanded again) for sponsoring the event, Molly Resnick for

hosting the trio, Krys Lyle for planning and promotion of the event, CMU for providing its busses and auditorium, Fresh Air for picking up the performers, and Pete Plastrik and Matt Hahn for chauffeuring people to and from town.

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14. CLEAN ISLAND

On October 16th there was a random search of the school building for violation of drug-free schools guidelines. It was completed by trained staff members according to set procedures. Students were asked to remain in their classrooms for about 30 minutes while staff searched randomly-selected areas for the presence of illicit drugs, alcohol, gunpowder-based items, and commonly abused prescription medications.

I am happy to report that nothing of this nature was found. Periodic random searches by trained school staff will continue throughout the school year, and trained detection canines will continue to conduct random unannounced inspections of the school building and areas used by the school, such as parking areas.

As part of a school safety program, the district is taking every reasonable precaution to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about this or wish to view the procedures for the searches.

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PAR FOR THE

by Fairway Frank

It was the best of times, it was, well, the best of times. Early October rain was followed by mid-October sunshine, and that, combined with John Works' unique recycling program for old drywall, created a lushness over the Beaver Island Golf Course rarely, if ever, seen before.

And the greens. If anyone thought the greens were in top shape in July, they should see them now. As an example, I can tell you I recently saw a ball hit from 130 yards out on number one land on the green four feet from the pin and stick. Right there. Right next to a gloriously deep ball mark. I only wish I had made the shot, although after a huge drive, and a not-quite-as-impressive second shot, I managed a very enjoyable birdie, so I'm not complaining.

Then there are the colors. It is, after all, autumn. And the Island is in a strong autumnal grip if ever there was one. The deep green of the fairways contrasts against the brilliant yellows of the fall foliage — we haven't been treated to that many reds this year due to earlier dry conditions, but the late bloom of different shades of yellow along with the bright orange and many rusty-colored leaves has made up for that.

And as for the fall temperatures, I can only tell you Buck Ridgeway wasn't the only one playing in shorts and t-shirts the other day. To be sure, it hasn't been 80, but then there are those of us who have lived a lifetime in northern climes and simply prefer the cooler days of autumn to the broiling burn of summer. A sunny, blue-sky day in October, with

DIRTYISLAND

A new reason not to like cormorants has come to light: their frequent regurgitation. These large black birds, good flyers and better divers, have earned the wrath of local fishermen for their voracious depredation of fish. Like the bald eagle, they were almost wiped out by DDT, but when the law changed over 20 years ago they began their comeback, and now have taken over some of the smaller islands in our archipelago, stripping the bark off the few trees and covering the ground with chalky guano.

Those who have gone to these islands to oil eggs have remarked about the stench, which, it turns out, is from more than guano. Like other birds, cor-

COURSE

temps in the mid-60s is a day, and a round, to behold. Just as is a blustery, cloudy gray day in the 50s.

Golf simply wasn't designed to be Pebble Beach or Augusta National every single day. And every single day we play here we acknowledge that truism as we pound down the tall grass, peek under junipers, or peer around cedar trees looking for an errant shot, or as we search the seventh fairway for the best spot to pick and place the ball after a drive that clears the pond and flies straight and true.

Yes, the 'normal' season is over for many. The number of private carts parked behind the club house is quickly dwindling. Yet John is still mowing, still grooming, still taking care of our baby. And some of us are still playing.

If you've never returned for an autumn outing, you need to alter your thinking. And not only for an outing on the course, but any Island outing — along a distant and deserted beach, a quiet forest path, or simply a colorful driving trip here and there, around the loop. You'd be amazed at what you're missing.

Photo update. Due to technical and electronic difficulties last month — it took eight attempts to get one story emailed to *Beacon World Headquarters* — the photo of the fall league champs was omitted last month. No, it really wasn't sour grapes (or sour mash), just a sour system. Ron Wojan and Bob Simpson and Bill Detwiler finished atop the leader board and should be so recognized, even belatedly. Congratulations, boys. We'll see you on the tee next year.

The Puking Cormorants

morants feed their young by regurgitating their catch, but they regurgitate for other reasons as well—typically when they have a twinge of fear. What comes up is covered in stomach acid, and quickly begins to rot.

These birds have not yet told us why they do this. Some feel it's to lighten their load to make a quick getaway. Others believe the puke is intended as a distraction, their way of saying, "here, eat this good guk instead of me." Another theory is that they are subject to "nervous stomach." It might even be that they are protecting their territory from human beings, notorious in the animal world for having a low tolerance of acrid stink.



Bill Detwiler, Bob Simpson, Ron Wojan. Fall League Champions.



16. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 7, 1907 **Local News**: W. W. Boyle, of St. James, came over Monday, returning home Wednesday."

"Rev. Fr. Norbert, of St. James, came over on the *Beaver* last night on business."

"A new law to regulate the license of commercial fishing has now gone into effect. All boats engaged in the fishing industry must be registered and pay a fee from one to twenty-five according to the boat used. Row boats pay one dollar, and the steam tugs are required to pay twenty-five. The rates for non residents are much higher, being as much as \$200 in some cases. This fund is turned over to the state game and fish warden."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. Mamie Gibson visited Harbor springs this week."

"Capt. James Gordon made a trip to Harbor Springs last week."

"Mrs. C. C. Gallagher is improving very rapidly the last few days."

"Attorney J. J. Tweedle of Traverse City, transacted business here this week."

"Tom Gatliff, son of Mrs. Annie Gatliff, had the misfortune to shoot himself in the footwhile hunting."

"Mrs. Matt O'Brien of Escanaba and Mr. Phil and Patrick Boyle of Duluth were called here by the death of their mother."

"Mr. Nels. LaFreniere was hit by a slab from the saw in the Lumber Co.'s mill a few days (ago) sustaining injuries about thechest andhead."

"The death of Mrs. Daniel Boyle which occurred on the 2nd last removes another one of the pioneer settlers of the Island. Mrs. Boyle came here with her husband a year or so after the expulsion of the Mormons and has lived here continuously ever since. Besides her husband she leaves two daughters and several sons to mourn her loss."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 14, 2007 **Local News**: "Capt. M. J. Bonner, of St. James, was in town yesterday on his way home from Chicago."

"Deputy oil commissioner Gallagher was at St. James over Sunday."

FRONT PAGE ARTICLE "IRON ON BEAVER ISLAND A Test to be Made of a Deposit

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"While in Chicago last week, Mr. W. E. Stevens, of the B. I. Lumber Co., talked with people interested in this sort of enterprise, and the outcome is that a mining expert will go to the Island this week and investigate the deposit."

Probable borings will be made and the depth and extent of the vein ascertained."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. O. C. McCauley is reported to be dangerously ill."

"B. C. Lane struck a flowing well on the farm of Vesty McDonough."

"Fishing for spawn is now in full



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"Mr. C. Tompkins, representing the Pickerd Monument Works, of Traverse City, is here this week, setting up headstones."

"Quite a number of hunters from Charlevoix and vicinity stopped here one day last week, on their way to the Upper Peninsula."

"The Misses Anna and Teresa Connaghan, Cassie and Anna McCauley and Anna Cull, left for Chicago to spend the winter."

"W. J. Gallagher possesses a valuable house cat. A few nights ago while all were asleep, a kerosine lamp exploded, setting fire to the table cloth. The cat made her way to the bedroom, awakening Mr. And Mrs. Gallagher, probably averting a destructive fire."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 21, 1907 **Local News**: "The Steamer Beaver made a Cross Village trip Tuesday."

"Sam Rose went to Beaver Island yesterday, returning the same trip."

"Dr. A. M. Wilkinson, of St. James,

came over Monday, returning yesterday."

"One of the infant twin babies of Mr. And Mrs. John Dahlmer died Saturday. Capt. Dahlmer was fishing at the Beavers, but came over in his tug *Knapp* in a gale of wind."

"Spawn fishing still continues at the Beavers, but fishing is reported light."

"Jas. C. Gallagher and wife, of St. James, left here Tuesday for New York where they will take steamship for Ireland, where they will remain until April first."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 28, 1907 Local News: "Walter Braithwaite, from County Cork, Ireland, was in town Tuesday, on his way to Beaver Island to visit his cousin C. C. Gallagher. Mr. Braithwaite has just been discharged from the British nave, after having served ten years."

"Deputy oil inspector W. J. Gallagher went to Beaver Island yester-day to spend Thanksgiving."

"Rev. Paschal Foerster, O. F. M., formerly pastor at St. James, and lately at Boyne City, has been transferred to

Jolliet, Ill."

"The steam barge John Schroeder, lumber laden from Beaver Harbor to Chicago, ran back here from Cathead for shelter Monday afternoon, and laid here all day Tuesday."

FRONT PAGE ARTICLE "The Spawn Harvest

"The last gang of nets in the government spawn gathering campaign at St. James was raised Saturday, and Mr. Stewart and his force left the Island yesterday.

"The work began November 1st. There were eight tugs employed. The work was by nature confined to Mackinaw trout, as whitefish do not spawn until after the trout get through doing business.

"The results were not as satisfactory as last year, bad weather and light catches considerable reducing the figures set by the department. Eighty eight tons of trout were caught, and 25,626, 000 trout eggs were gathered and shipped to the hatcheries."

(Note: Nov. 27/28 Big snow! - snow! - 14 inches F. Protar)



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As Liz and Paul Niehaus' vintage airplane neared its bicentennial two years ago, its delighted owners were in a



quandary about what to give her for her birthday. A Cessna 172 that predated the Sky Hawk designation, she deserved the best. An oil change or wash and wax might have been okay for a forty-fourth or a forty-seventh, but hardly seemed fitting for the glorious fiftieth. Finally Liz had an idea: a complete makeover. Yes, Paul agreed but how complete?

The only person to discuss this with was Paul Welke whose reputation for excellent aircraft refurbishing was well known. "Not only does he rebuild airplanes," Paul Niehaus explained. "But he flies them afterwards to make sure everything's been done right." So he and Liz drew up a wish list and took it to Paul Welke, who called in his men to look over the proposed specs and drawings. "Oh, we can do anything you want, but you won't like this," Bob Banville said, furrowing his brow. "No," Neal Boyle chorused, "and that change would conflict with this over here." Jack Hallahan rolled his eyes as if he'd seen this routine before. "Just tell me what to do," Jack said.

They talked it over, thought about it, and met again over the next months. "Her fiftieth birthday only comes once," Liz offered. "So we've decided on the Full Monte," her husband explained. "The Full Monte?" Bob asked; "you mean new paint, new upholstery, new windshield, new wings?" "Bob," Paul replied, his patience taxed, "One thing you should know about me. When I say 'the Full Monte,' I mean the Full Monte!"

Paul is the only pilot in the family, but Liz almost got her license first. Back



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when she was in college she signed up for flying lessons at \$8/hour. Her so-called instructor, though, offered to give them from an unapproved field—little more that a farmer's field. He didn't think the hoar frost on the wings would be a problem, so off they went. They cleared the barn—almost, flipped over and landed upside down on a frozen hill covered with snow. Liz was rushed to the hospital and stitched up. After three days they finally gave her a mirror. The instructor? They saved his eye, but he gave up his instructor's license.

Paul decided not to take any chances and had the master, Bill Welke, teach him to fly.

So Paul was the one to be most

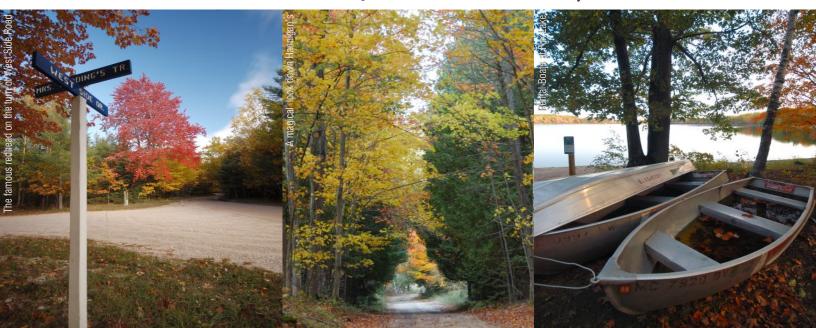
affected by the proposed "oh, maybe a year or so, plus or minus a few months" estimate of the time the make-over would require... depending on the weather! A year without "my baby?" This was their first and only plane, carefully selected after Moody Larson shot down the idea of buying a Stinson because the engine would have a questionable warranty. When they found her at the Ann Arbor airport in 1975, they dreamed about it night after night until deciding she was the one. No sooner had they brought her to the island than she was pitted by the freakish July'76 hailstorm that shredded Red Rowley's plane's fabric wings.

So almost a year without her was hard to accept. Yet she deserved the best,

and the end promised to justify the time. In the end, it did; they could hardly believe the beautiful new-looking



machine was their old plane. They were delighted. Overjoyed. The only problem? What is left to give her for her seventy-fifth?





n a foggy morning that threatened to turn into rain, John Works cleared the skies just enough to start the Boodle runners and walkers going by firing his Civil War cannon. The route past the Whiskey Point Light and along Gull Harbor was well-marked and easy to follow—except where Sam, the Haggard's always-hungry puppy, was allowed to

lick all the flour off the blacktop. Yet no one was confused, especially not Alex Cannon, who finished so far in front of Bill VonMatt and Matt Hohn that he could have run around the block three



THE BITE OF BEAVER

ith ever-growing attendance for the Bite of Beaver, and more booths sought than would possibly fit in the Parish Hall,

this year's event expanded into a kind of street fair by setting up tents at the Hardware corner and just past the BITA building. In addition, there were gourmet selections available inside the Shamrock. Patrons reported finding it delightful to have to walk a block after engorging themselves at the Hall, and





times before hitting the finish line.

Linda Freisinger, Amy Grodin, and Meggan Heller finished 1, 2, 3 among the women.

The race was notable for the five

dogs and four baby carriages racing away, the Chenille Sisters walking the walk, and for Carol Burton's perseverance; she finished next-to-last—only because her 27-month-old daughter Olga trailed her each step of the way, picking up every interesting twig or stone. It was obviously her first race, but mark these words: one day in not too many years, Olga will finish first.



S L A N D

then another block to reach the final offerings: "Without the walk, I couldn't have eaten another bite," one said. Rumor has it that for next year there'll

be tents on both sides of the street.

Deborah Harwood, who first presented the idea, would delight in how far the Chamber-sponsored event has grown since then. The variety of tasty concoctions was exceptional; the Wildlife Club's venison sandwiches and salmon kabobs were particularly praised.









ON THE HORIZON

A familiar freighter greeted us in front of CMU in late October, using the lee of the Island while waiting for their mainland port. The *St. Mary's Challenger* is always a favorite.



Taking low water in stride; no problem launching, with the right attitude.

BLESSING OUR PETS

n Beaver Island our pets are more important than elsewhere—in part because one of our reasons for coming here is to reestablish contact with nature, and they serve as a bridge. So it was no surprise that so many people showed up at the Holy Cross Peace Garden for Father Pat's moving ceremony, in which he pointed out the virtue of our concern for those for whom we have taken responsibility and drew broad parallels to our stewardship role. Everyone felt uplifted, and authenticated for the warm regard in which they held their pets—even the latecomers, for whom Father Pat had to interrupt his planned procedure so no one would be left out.

"CIVILIZED"? MILLERS

Miller's Marsh was again one of the best places to catch fall color reflected. On the walk around, CMU improvements were visible: a new designer outhouse and nice stone sign.



Found: "shoe on a stick" on Hannigan's Road. A bargain!











im and Denise McDonough are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Lindsay Morgan to Andrew Richard Gorlewski. He is the son of Jerry and Corrie Gorlewski of Chicago, Illinois.

Lindsay graduated from Beaver Island Community School and received a bachelor's degree in Business Management and Business Marketing from Grand Valley State University. She is currently employed by CRC Insurance Services in Chicago, IL as a Broker Assistant.

Andrew graduated from Brother Rice High School in Chicago, IL., and received a bachelor's degree in communications from Trinity Christian College just outside Chicago. He currently serves in the Chicago Police Department.

Lindsay and Andrew are planning an April 19, 2008 wedding in Traverse City, Michigan. A celebration of their marriage will be held on Beaver Island at a later date.

n October 18th, Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association Board members presented a check for \$2000 to the Beaver Island Community School to support its strings

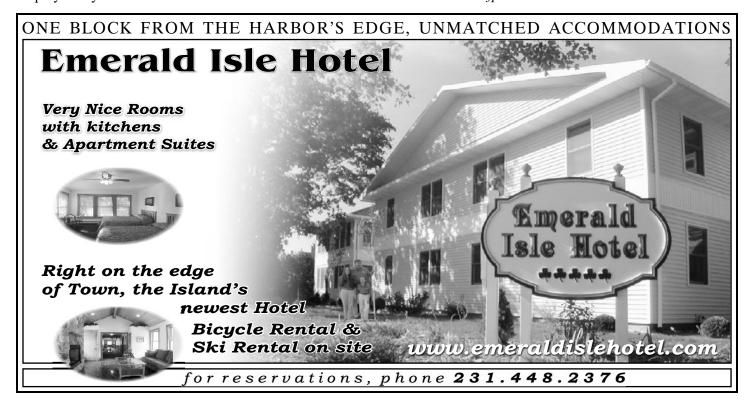
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Paulina Johnson reports that 1-out-of-4 more pets would survive if just one pet-firstaid technique were applied prior to getting emergency veterinary care. A Beaver Island workshop is planned visit www.4loveofpets.com

program. Pictured, left to right: Ruth Kelly, Krys Lyle, Principal Kitty McNamara, Christy Albin, Jayne Bailey, Deb Plastrik and students Caitlin Boyle and Andrea Moore.

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24. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The Beacon reported a "whirlwind" that hit the northwest corner of Beaver Island, swirling with a whipsaw effect to knock down trees and power lines. Brian and Tony Bousquet and Justin Martin had biked to the St. James Campground just be fore the wind hit. When they saw waterspouts on the lake, they knew something was up and took refuge in the restroom, only to have a large tree land on top of the john, flattening the roof. Luckily, a car happened to drive past whose pass engers got them out and took them home.

The Wildlife Club worked with CMU to complete a survey of Lake G., which it hoped would indicate the feasibility of a restocking program.

Cindy Ricksgers thanked Beaver Island for the upgrade volunteers had made to her home. It had started with her asking for a few prices on much-needed work from Red Rowley and Gerald LaFreniere

—the previous winter, her pipes had frozen thirteen times. A group formed, Red's Recruits, and got busy while Cindy was at work: Bill Markey, Brian Sickle, Dan Gentle, Laurie Reid, Alice Belfy, Tony Rausch, Diane Hetherington, Tammy LaFreniere, Ray Matela, Carey Podgorski, Steve Burrows, and Joe Latoff. Mary Blocksma became the chef to keep the workers fueled. Beams were installed, flooring, insulated windows, and new doors. No one would hear of accepting payment. Materials were donated and equipment loaned. Soon the home was ready to endure whatever winter brought.

The arrival of the new *Emerald Isle* was delayed when a sea trial demonstrated excessive vibration, which was traced to an imperfect propeller shaft. The shipyard was looking for a replacement: 27' long and 6" in diameter, weighing 2,268 pounds.

The lake level was holding steady at

22" above the long-term average.

The passing of Florence Burke at 86 was noted. A Wisconsin woman, she had gone to Chicago to work, securing a job at the National Tinsel Factory. She was hired as the nanny for Joe 'Nuke' McDonough, whose parents had a summer home on the north shore. She was brought along, and met and married Island seaman Don Burke in 1959. He preceded her in death in 1979, but she stayed on in their St. James home.

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* held off publishing until the first of the new year while its staff was getting organized.

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* released a single issue for both October and November.

Forty Years Ago This year's bird season was held in check by near-constant rain. A hundred turkey permits were granted, but only seven turkeys were taken.

EUNICE HENDRIX 1924-2007

Eunice Hendrix died at her home in Towsley Village at the United Methodist Retirement Community, Chelsea, Michigan on September 6. She was 83.

A long-time summer resident at Wicklow Beach, she was an early advocate of conservation and environmental protection, and is remembered for outdoor education featuring field trips and hands-on learning. Ann Arbor students recalled her as the Owl Lady, a teacher

who brought owls and hawks into the classroom forliving demonstrations.

Her interest in the natural world came to her through her father, Glenn C. Gillespie, a pioneer in the field of outdoor and wildlife motion picture photography. It developed further as she earned a Bachelor of Science degree from MSU and a Master's in botany from UM. She attended UM's *Bug Camp* in northern Michigan, where she met her future hus-

band, Robert Hendrix, a graduate of the University of Texas. Mrs. Hendrix was an early member of the Audubon Society, and helped organize lectures that brought eminent naturalists to Ann Arbor.

She was a proponent of soil conservation, wetlands, and parks. She worked to increase parkland in AnnArbor. In the mid-1960s she took up environmental education, helping develop an environmental teaching program. In her teach-



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A call was received that a plane had crashed south of the Municipal Airport. Volunteers were organized to begin the search, and a search plane was dispatched as well. The plane saw a light in the woods, and began circling. Bill Wagner and Archie LaFreniere noticed the plane circling, and struck off on an old two-track off the Fox Lake Road. They came upon the pilot, Paul Eddy, standing on the wing of his totaled twin-engine Beechcraft with his flashlight. Miraculously he only suffered minor cuts and scratches. He reported that he had been trying to land from the south and had lowered his flaps and wheels, but noticed another plane taking off and heading straight for him. He did not think he could outclimb the other plane, so decided to pass under him, but began to feel the treetops slapping at his underside. He had the presence of mind to cut his ignition and fuel, and was lucky that when he

came downhis tankdid notrupture.

The Grand Rapids Club raised \$1,250 for the Convent Building Fund at its annual party. The Beaver Island Club of Lansing announced that it would hold its party after the first of the year.

Ernie Martin was sent to Viet Nam.

Phil Gregg's father, a former MSU professor emeritus, passed away in Pontiac at 85. Anthony McCauley, a former Island resident, passed away in Detroit. Leland Floyd, a Grand Rapids truck driver and the son of Fred Floyd, passed away, as did Mrs. Owen Gallagher. Born on Beaver Island to the Gibsons, she married sailor Captain Owen Gallagher. The Island doctor, H. B. Haynes, also died; he had served here for five years. He was instrumental in founding the Christian Church, where he occasionally served as minister. He was known as a master story-teller.

Fifty Years Ago A *Dawn Patrol* flyin drew 250 planes. 475 breakfasts were

served at the Parish Hall, with more guests sent to the Beaver Lodge, the King Strang Hotel, and the Killarney Inn. Mort Neff of TV's *Michigan Outdoors* filmed the event.

The school reported 46 in grade school and 23 in high school (*note: matching this year's total*).

One of the Sisters grew a 7-pound radish, 23" long.

Holy Cross sponsored a winter recreation program for teenagers, with hayrides, dances, sleigh rides, iceskating, basketball, ping pong, and card games.

Doc Luton was congratulated for making it through his first year.

The first deer ever officially taken with bow and arrow was by Dick Deane of Birmingham. 26 archers took part in the bow season. Conservation officer Karl Kuebler and Rogers Carlisle shot many passing Canadian geese.

ing career she led children on field trips to natural areas and farms selected for ecological diversity over three decades.

In the 1980s she expanded her interests to local history, and was active in preserving historical sites and leading field trips. On Beaver Island, she helped with the Oral History project, and was instrumental in getting the Protar Home on the national registry. She was interested in farming history, and had an extensive col-

lection of farming tools—which was donated to the Waterloo Farm Museum. She was a founder of the Washtenaw Land Conservancy and was involved with the Little Traverse Conservancy and the Nature Conservancy. She received the Conservation Education Award from the National Wildlife Federation, the Conservation Educator of the year award from the United Conservation Clubs, and the Julian W. Smith award for Outdoor Education from the Michigan Alliance for Environmental and Outdoor Education in. A scholarship fund was established in her name at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens by the Ann Arbor Public Schools Environmental Education Program.

She is survived by her four children, David, Daniel, Glenn (our masterful Island-music fiddler), and Anne, by her sister Dr. Eleanor Gillespie, and by eight grandchildren.







Congratulations

To the Board of Directors and the Staff of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center on the recent acquisition of the grant which will enable electronic transmission of X-rays to Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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20 THOUGHTS

I just got back from a conference on invasive *phragmites* at Cornell University, where I showed the movie I produced with financial support from Peaine Township. (If you missed the video, you can watch it online at *www.peaine.org*) I thought I'd share some of the insights and questions generated by the conference which I thought were interesting:

- 1. Invasive *phragmites* arrived in the ballast waters and packing materials of ships from Europe and was dumped in our harbors. After hundreds of years of multiplying on the east coast it has completely taken over miles of salt marshes—aerial spraying and millions of dollars are now being used to combat it.
- 2. Despite its spread, research is just beginning on *phragmites*—it is a new science. It was only recently that they even discovered that there is a difference between the native and invasive forms!
- 3. Ducks Unlimited is spending \$1 million to control and do research on *phragmites* in Saginaw Bay. They are testing, with the DEQ, the effectiveness of the various chemicals.
- 4. Research in Saginaw Bay has shown that burning dead *phragmites* after herbicide treatment allows the regeneration of native plants into the area, which is important for preventing recolonization by invasive *phragmites*.
- 5. *Phragmites* can not be eliminated, it can only be controlled, with yearly monitoring and reapplications. The goal is to do so with the least amount of chemicals and damage to other organisms as possible.
- 6. It grows in a wide range of conditions, and no one treatment regime works best for all. Examining the patch the following growing season is advisable before deciding on what works/doesn't work.
- 7. Experts are recommending power-spraying mowers, boats, construction equipment, etc. to prevent introducing *phragmites* seeds and pieces into new areas.
- 8. Judging the success of treatments includes examining if new growth has arisen from new seeds or from the previously treated patches. Seedlings (from seeds) look different than sprouts (from a rhizome): seedlings are thin, like grasses, with minimal roots, while young sprouts are fat spears that are firmly attached to underground rhizomes.
- 9. It obviously spreads fast by its runners, but this doesn't explain its leap into almost every state and Canada. Sometimes it is planted on purpose. For instance, it is touted as a "green" method of removing water from sewage sludge.
- 10. *Phragmites* is only prohibited in a few states: AL, CT, MA, SC, VT, and WA. Note that local municipalities can take it

ON PHRAGMITES

upon themselves to prohibit *phragmites*, as has the City of Ann Arbor.

- 11. Contrary to previous research, new research shows its seeds can reproduce well, if they have adequate space. The space that *phragmites* seeds require is created when natural vegetation is removed; thus *phragmites* follows activities such as construction and beach grooming.
- 12. Best intentions can back-fire, e.g. *phragmites* has moved into the space created where purple loosestrife has been killed off by the biological control beetle that was introduced to control the loosestrife.
- 13. We've always had a *phragmites* subspecies native to North America. It's been found in 40,000-year-old fossils in the southwest U.S. The native does not degrade our ecosystems as does the invasive.
- 14. The native *phragmites* is eaten by several of our native insects (like aphids) while the invasive is resistant to them. They are trying to find a bug in Europe to bring here to serve as a biocontrol. For reasons thus far unknown, the *phragmites* which is invasive here has become almost rare in its homeland.
- 15. Invasive *phragmites* reached Michigan about 50 years ago, and now is documented in over half our counties, in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas.
- 16. The native is easily outcompeted by the invasive, so it has been pushed out from most of lower Michigan. It still exists in lots of places in northern Michigan, including on the inland lakes on Beaver Island.
- 17. If patches of native *phragmites* are treated with herbicides, invasive *phragmites* might move in to the new space created, so positive identification is important. For a free identification service, send samples to Cornell (see *www.invasiveplants.net* for instructions).
- 18. It is not yet known if native and invasive *phragmites* can hybridize successfully. A hybrid was created in the lab, but researchers must wait a growing season to see if its offspring will reproduce.
- 19. To identify a hybrid a DNA analysis must be performed, which runs several thousands of dollars. At the conference, a researcher from Quebec reported he has analyzed over 800 samples and has not yet found a hybrid.
- 20. Invasive *phragmites* responds positively to increased temperatures and carbon dioxide, so global warming may speed up its spread. (Could the fact that invasive *phragmites* likes warmth explain why islands seem to become infested earlier than mainland areas of the same latitude?)

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hen Ric and Carrie Denny moved here from Phoenix, bought a house, and began an extensive landscaping/garden project, complete with deer fences, esoteric fruit trees (Manchurian apricots), and other unusual foliage, passers-by compared them to early pioneers. The comparison was more apt than those without knowledge of Carrie's profession could have realized.

The business model for the success of Beaver Island in our new age involves people taking advantage of our safety, friendliness, beauty, and tranquility to work at distant jobs from their home here. This has been talked up for a few years, but until now, no one has actually started doing it.

Carrie, a woman of many talents, has been in curriculum design for some time, most recently as an employee of an on-line educational company in Arizona which is developing interestgrabbing multimedia programs for students that aren't caught in the snare of traditional, classroom-based education. The company began to succeed beyond its wildest dreams. As the company grew, new ideas were inevitable. So Carrie came up with a phenomenal pioneering idea: "Sir, I'd be glad to work from home." What she didn't realize herself was that home would soon be out in the middle of Lake Michigan.

Shortly after proving her work-athome capability in Arizona, she made a smooth transition to Island Woods Road North, near Indian Point, where she logs on five days a week and puts in her forty hours. If anything her work is better because of reduced distractions and no traffic stress. So the desired Beaver Island business model is now being put to the test, and passing with flying colors, thanks to a true pioneer.

While Carrie supplies an on-line perspective of the educational needs of each student, Ric, an innovative special-education teacher, is in the process of grasping the larger issues in the community on the ground level; if he and his wife can meet in the middle, Beaver Island could become a center for excellence for this evolving revolution in education.

ALGAE MONITORING RESULTS

Tip O' The Mitt's monitoring of algae along NW Michigan's shore produced a reassuring verdict: it's more of a nuisance than a danger.

The Watershed Council continues to coordinate volunteers to monitor algae along the shorelines to measure and evaluate the unsightly and occasionally foul-smelling blooms. During the summer, algae conditions were monitored on a regular basis by volunteers from Elk Rapids to Cross Village. And samples were sent to the Great Lakes

Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor for analysis.

Results of were similar to those of 2005: the primary culprit was Cladophora, a filamentous green algae that grows on the lake bottom where hard surfaces are available. Recent growths have increased due to a combination of factors including invasive zebra and quagga mussels, low lake levels, and warmer water temperatures.

Toxin-producing blue-green algae turned up in some samples, but were

sparse and of types that are generally not considered a serious risk to human health in this area. The bigger health concern is the possibility of bacteria build-up in decaying Cladophora mats along the shoreline. While Cladophora is not dangerous on its own, decomposing fish, insects, and even birds caught up in the mats can lead to bacteria buildup. So it's advised to take extra precautions and avoid ingesting water in areas where algae is accumulating—including by pets.

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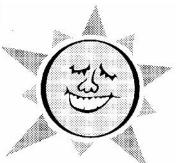
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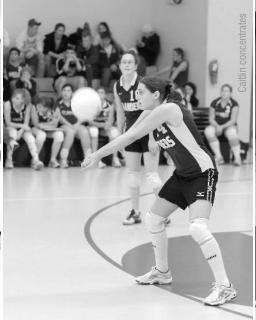
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TANNAHVILLE CLAIMS VOLLEYBALL TITL

Lights League title in any sport, defeating in the day's first match. both the Beaver Island Islanders and the tri-meet at Hannahville, Oct. 16.

two league losses—a Friday home match to the *Eagles*, plus a Friday away match at *Eagles* team. Paradise back in September—setting up a finished its schedule with two league recorded 13 aces in the match. marks against them.

The Soaring Eagles of Hannahville out quickly as the Eagles claimed a 25-17, game, but a seven-point service run by secured that school's first-ever Northern 25-18, 17-25, 25-18 win over the Islanders Hannahville's Larissa Wandahsega put

"The girls were real excited," Mackinac Island Lakers in a volleyball Hannahville coach Tom Ohman told the Escanaba Daily Press. "We want to get a big: The Islanders entered the meet with banner to put up at our school." The league title is the first in school history for any

The reaction was understandably difmust-win situation in both matches this ferent on the Islanders side of the net. "It three games. The Islanders bested the day for any hope of earning a share of the was a disappointing loss," said Islanders Lakers 25-23, 25-16, 25-23. league title. The Eagles entered play with coach Connie Boyle. "We had a tough time to the results at Hann iust one league loss, while Paradise had handling their powerful serves." The Eagles the Islanders at 7-3 in league action,

The league race straightened itself: Islanders took the lead early in the fourth: on the season.

the Eagles up 14-8 and they flew away from there.

Ohman said the win was especially sweet as the Islanders have dominated NLL volleyball the past few years. "It shows when you work hard, good things can happen," he said.

Both teams swept Mackinac Island in

The results at Hannahville put dropping them to third in the NLL final After winning the third game, the standings. The Islanders were 9-3 overall

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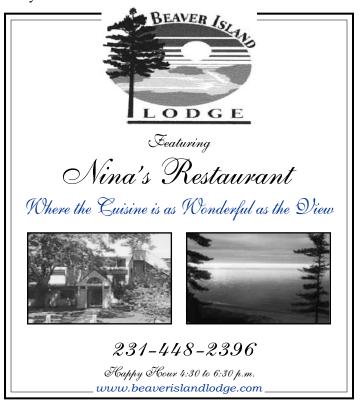
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Andrea Moore and Caitlin Boyle led the Islanders with five aces each over the two matches at Hannahville. Moore added six digs and eight assists. Brittany Crandall led the team with 10 kills. She also added 11 good serves and six digs. Samantha Kuligoski had eight kills and four digs. Maeve Green served four aces, had three digs, four kills, and four assists.

Prior to the tri-meet the *Islanders* defeated Grand Marais in the final home Islanders prevailed in four games on Friday, 25-7, 21-25, 25-14, 25-10, and in a sweep Saturday morning, 25-6, 25-17, 25-15. Crandall served 21 aces out of 49 good serves, including a big 11-point run: good game experience and all played very: previous week.

to start the first game on Saturday. Boyle well," coach Boyle said. Briana Maudrie was second with 24 good serves, including eight aces. Kuligoski had a strong weekend at the net, blocking four shots, scoring on four tips, and smashing eight kills while having 21 good spikes. Green paced the team with 11 assists. "All 14 players showed good teamwork," coach Boyle said of the weekend's play. "They should be proud of their contributions."

The *Islanders* began the month with a matches of the season Oct. 12-13. The trip to Ojibwe Charter school where they claimed two three-game matches, winning 25-5, 25-9, 25-11 and 25-4, 25-10, 25-5, against a young Ojibwe team.

and Alex Kuligoski led the team with 11 aces each. Kristy Bousquet had 24 good serves. Crandall had six kills while Moore added seven assists.

The next action will be Nov. 3 at Pellston for the District Tournament. The Islanders drew a first round bye and will await the Pellston-Harbor Light Christian winner. Alanson plays Mackinaw City in the other semifinal game. The tournament gets underway at 10:00 am, with the *Islanders* set to play the third match. Host Pellston enters the tournament as an honorable mention in the final state Class D "Our younger players got some very rankings, dropping from ninth place the



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Island decided to come here to see if it really was as impressive as it looked. Once they had a look, their smiles give the answer: "even more so!"

A Hooley took place at the Hall (with

thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for use of the hall, insurance and liquor license) and though it was sparsely attended this year due to another musical event, it was great fun.

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The BIHS Board personnel has undergone some changes. Our long time treasurer, Chuck Schellenberg, stepped down after he and wife Leone sold their summer home of 30 plus years.

Jim Dunbar is the new treasurer. Ron Stith came back to the Island and the Board this year. New Board member Dan Wardlow also adds strength to the group. Larraine Dawson resigned due to the responsibility of parental care, and was replaced by Heidi Conner, a talented woman

known for her green thumb. Consequently the Board membership is back up to a total of nine, as set forth in our bylaws.

Several members serve on each committee, which attempt to meet prior to our monthly meetings. This helped shorten the length of those gatherings.

Many projects have been proposed in the past and will be in the future. They depend on funding and planning. The Society has three very old structures and one that was built about 1985. The roof of the Print Shop was nicely redone last year. This summer the Protar Home received some much-needed attention. The chinking between the logs was replaced where necessary with a high-tech product Loose siding was re-nailed, holes covered, and several other items attended to. Sad to say, our bronze historical marker was stolen a year ago; we plan to replace it.

At the Marine Museum, much has been accomplished and more is in the process of being done. The fine restora-



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Inis Mor Cemetery: On a recent tripto the lovely isle of Inis Mor in the Aran Islands I asked our tour guide to stop at a cemetery so I could take a picture of a Celtic Cross. He glanced back at me, a bit peeved. "As in dead people? You want to see where dead people are buried? Now why wouldyou bewanting to do that?"

Nineteenth Century Cross: Relenting, our guide turned down a little lane, and



stopped next to a cemetery with the ruins of a 16th Century church and several lovely Celtic Crosses. As I walked into the cemetery, he mentioned softly that his wife had just been buried here six months ago.

A SUMMARY

tion of the 9,700-lb Kahlenberg diesel engine was entirely done by Karl Bartels, Joyce's son. Thanks to the expert services of Robert Gillespie and his men, the engine was placed back in the *Bob S* where it originally was used. The interior of the boat was power-washed and painted, which improved its appearance greatly.

Thanks to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, we were able to put the roof over the *Bob S* a few years ago. At present, following sta-

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bilization of the foundation of the Marine Museum, its roof is being re-shingled with cedar shakes. The Heritage Park barn has been upgraded, and the grounds will receive more attention in the spring. We have bids for wiring the building and will be improving the electrical system in both the Print Shop and Marine Museums.

You can help with these things, with your membership and by becoming a volunteer. We strongly feel the importance of this work and hope you will agree!

With the leadership of Al LaFreneire and the gracious cooperation of Eric and Dana Hodgson, a spaghetti dinner was held at the Shamrock. As a result, over \$9,000 was raised for the Director's medical fund!

In the 50 years of the Historical Society's existence, (thank you A. J. Roy) much has been achieved. With your support this progress can and must continue! The best is yet to come.

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Our little island might develop a culture that could be called *A Tight* rather than welcoming, open, and accepting. Let's be realistic. THE economy of the Island is now second homes, retirement homes, and tourist visitors. In Michigan's current economy, we are in competition with other destinations that have all kinds of attractions and amenities to offer, without the time and money costs of ferry or air trips from the mainland. I would suggest that we need to do everything possible to be welcoming and attractive.

For example, we now have a public-market range of recreation possibilities. Trails, tennis courts, campgrounds, and beaches are public. The issue is to maintain them, keep them usable and inviting, protect their environments, and plan for expansion as needed. Our lovely public library, supported by our tax surcharge, has become, like most libraries, an *information center* offering

multiple services and attracting more and more users of all ages. Of course, the library and tennis courts were first built by generous donors. These and other public amenities are welcoming.

On the other side, the continuallyimproving golf course, dive shop, kayaking, ecotours, Lakesports equipment rental, and other recreation offerings are market sector seeking to provide opportunities and make a bit of a profit. We welcome entrepreneurial initiatives to enhance such attractions. Also, food, drink, lodging, and retail essentials are market sector almost everywhere.

Some services are mixed. Transportation on the Island is both market rental and public van via the Transit Authority that subsidizes older riders. Air service consists of two businesses offering expanding service, especially to the nonretired homeowners and visitors for whom time and schedule are critical. The ferry is mixed; a private company operates an essential service with the *Emerald Isle* and most equipment paid for and maintained by public (tax) funds, state and federal. Further, it appears that in the current non-growth market, continued service also requires either

increased fares or the public Authority paying half the fuel costs. The Historical Society, EMS, and Health Center also combine public and private funding. And now the *phragmites* control program is a great example of combining Island voluntary organization, news media, townships, and the state DNR in a cooperative program.

OK. Enough already. One point is that public and market sectors need to work together to keep this Island attractive to current and new visitors. I even hope that someday the townships will form a *Recreation Planning Commission* to assess needs and priorities for the whole Island. At least, this is not a time to do anything to lessen our market position by reducing or not maintaining amenities.

Further, that welcoming banner at the dock needs to be more than a slogan. All these organizations, public and private, need to do everything they can to be really welcoming and open. It means being really accepting, not just "tolerant." One might say it even means being American, in the tradition of a land that is now made up of all kinds of people, eventually accepting even the Irish.

— Jack Kelly

JIM EGBERT 1932-2007

Long-time summer visitor Colonel James Frank "Jim" Egbert, U.S. Air Force, retired, died and entered into eternal life on October 10, 2007. Jim, beloved grandfather, father, brother, and husband died peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer surrounded by family and close friends. He was born on January 15, 1932 in Ludington, Michigan and graduated from St. Mary Cathedral High School in 1950. Jim went on to earn a BS from Syracuse and an MA from Golden Gate University. Jim served proudly and with honor from 1951 - 1984. For 29

years he lived his boyhood dream and flew jet fighters for the United States Air Force. He enjoyed a distinguished service career serving as Commander of the Air Force Reserve Personnel Center and previously as Division Chief for the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. He was a highly decorated officer, with the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (the Air Force's highest award of valor after the Medal of Honor), the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Meritorious Service Medal. Upon retirement, Jim owned his

own business, Association Management Service in Fairfax, Virginia. He cofounded The New Dawn Women's Clinic. He was an assistant scout master.

He was predeceased by his wife Mary Ann, sister, and parents George and Ruth Egbert, survived by his son, daughters, brothers, Colonel George Egbert, Lt. Col. Lynn Egbert, Major Daniel Egbert; sister, Lynda Evers; brothers-in-law, Lt. Col. James and Richard Falkenrath.

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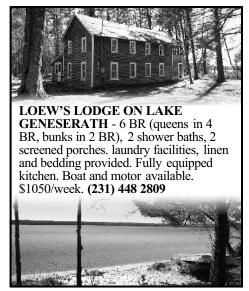
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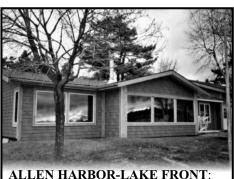


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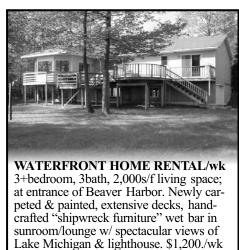




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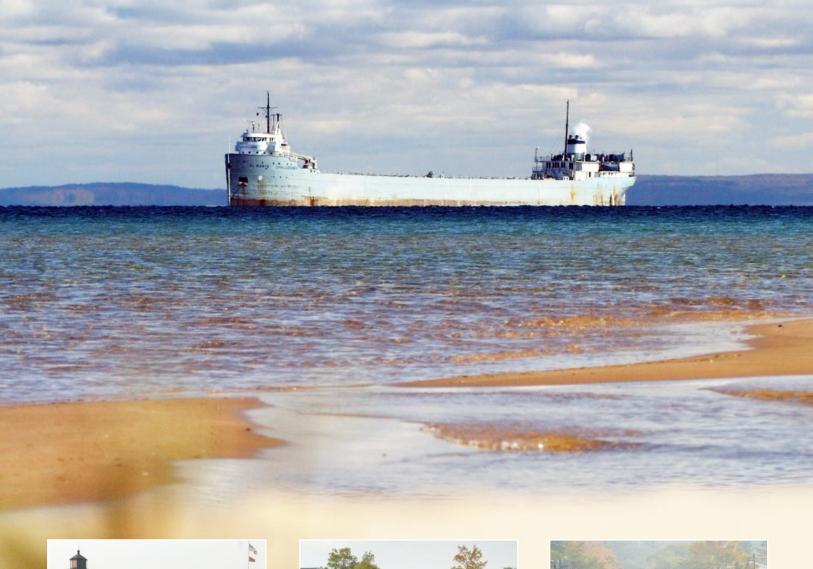




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