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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

On a wintery evening on January 2nd, with the wind whipping across the point and creating beautiful little snow drifts in between the half dozen cars gathered at the Town Hall, St. James Township held a short and succinct monthly meeting.

First on the agenda for the night was the Planning Commission's available three-year term. John Feigen said he would stay on.

Next was the Airport Committee Appointment through 2011. Bob Tidmore expressed interest in the position, but Don Vyse also said he would stay on. "Sorry Bob, I move to reappoint Don," said Jim Wojan. "Until we see a few things through, I want to make sure he stays on." Wojan said he was "truly pleased, though, to see people interested" and the Board sincerely thanked Bob for his interest—so they knew who was willing to step up to the plate in the future.

The election inspectors for the January 15th primary were named: Pinky Harmon, Dolores Gallagher, Jean Palmer, Kathy Adams, and Sally Lounsberry.

Finally, the MTA notified the Township that the State Tax Commission was conducting a state-wide review of the poverty exemption, and every Township should have a resolution with guidelines for the Board of Review to follow, with the federal poverty income standards published each year as a basis. The poverty exemption covers those who own and occupy a homestead. The exemption is claimed along with state and federal income taxes. A valid ID is required as well as deed or land contract. And all persons within the home need their tax returns as well. Application is after the 1st and before the Board or Review adjourns. "Why are we worried about Detroit—we should all be signing up here" a Board member said. An exam-

LETTERS: PRIMARY, SECONDARY,

According to the Charlevoix County Road Commission, (hereafter CCRC), there are no Primary roads on Beaver Island, only Secondary and Seasonal roads. Seasonal roads are the ones marked with a sign reading "not maintained/snowplowed by the CCRC." If a road is NOT marked as a seasonal road, it must therefore be a Secondary road, and one would expect it to be plowed. I have contacted the

powers that be at the CCRC, and have received a detailed description of what constitutes a Secondary road, (width 66 feet, having ditches, etc.).

Indian Point Road, from its beginning at Donegal Bay Road to its end at Indian Woods Road, fits the description of a Secondary road, except for the first 200 feet, (through the public land area, but this is NOT marked Seasonal Road), and the last 200 feet



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ple was given of one individual owner of a property who makes \$10,210 or less and would qualify to apply for a poverty exemption. The Board approved the poverty exemption, and the meeting came to a close, though not quite in record time due to reading the poverty exemption language in detail.

Peaine Township

The following week's Peaine regular meeting was also a notably quick meeting during this quiet time of year following the holidays, clocking 10 minutes from the Pledge of Allegiance to the audience getting back in their cars on another snowy night.

Like St. James, Peaine Township addressed the poverty exemption, with a requirement to adopt an Asset Level Test not lower than the Federal Poverty Level. There was an unanswerable question whether the poverty exemption took assets into account in addition to income. It was pointed out that in the

last nine years, only one poverty exemption was granted by the Board of Review for Peaine Township. The supervisor volunteered to look into the language further, and the Board resolved to pass the standard poverty exemption as presented.

There was no correspondence this month.

For plowing the Transfer Station, proof of Gordon's Auto's liability insurance was furnished to the Township Board to satisfy the its request at the previous meeting.

The CCRC "no-weekend snow plowing" policy was dropped for Beaver Island, and they will plow when needed. But it was noted, if snow comes in force there will likely be an end to their "honey pot" at some point.

The grant money for the Tub Grinder had now been wired into the Township's bank account.

And with that good news, the meeting was adjourned.

AND SEASONAL ROADS

which ends at Indian Woods Road, which IS marked Seasonal Road. There are no houses at either end of Indian Point Road, so no plowing would be needed there at the present time. But there are several houses in the middle section, (the Secondary road part), of Indian Point Road. We all pay taxes, and we all expect to be served.

So far this winter the road leading to the residence at 38140 Indian Point

Road has never been plowed. The plow truck comes down Font Lake Road, makes a right, (east), and plows to Leonard Lane, turns around there, and continues (west) to plow Indian Point Road to Indian Woods Road. (Get out your maps now.)

If anyone can enlighten me about the reason for this omission, I'd like to hear it.

— Thank you, Tova Kopperud

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6. UPDATE ON TOWERS

We would like to clarify that E.W. Marine, Inc. owns the three towers being erected on Beaver Island. We are providing tower space to Central Solutions. The erection, completion and wireless is planned for Spring 2008. These towers are capable of carrying cell phone antennas. We feel that the

local cell phone customers should contact their cell phone carriers about the available tower space; this would improve cell phone operation on the Island. E. W. Marine, Inc. has also contacted the cell phone carriers but we feel it is going to take a customer "push" to get them interested. —E W Marine

LETTERS: ECONOMIC PLAN

To Kitty McNamara, Don Vyse, and John Works—

I applaud your efforts to address the issue of Beaver Island's year-around economy. I have a suggestion:

I believe Central Michigan University has a business school. Perhaps they

(or the business schools at Michigan, MSU, etc.) could be persuaded to use Beaver Island as a student project to study the Island's economy and suggest development strategies.

Just a thought.

—Evan Steger

OUR LIBRARY IMPROVES

The Beaver Island District Library is delighted to announce the receipt of a significant financial donation from long-time summer resident Peggy Banghart. Her gift is specifically dedicated to funding the costs associated with converting the Library to an automated system. Mrs. Banghart, who has a background in library science, has indicated her wish that the Beaver Island Library system be on a par with other libraries within our cooperative, and within our state. Her gift will permit such an upgrade to be realized. Some of the huge advantages of this gift will be

that our resources will be expanded and library cooperation will be enhanced. It will improve efficiency and workflow in the Library's operation. Shared cataloging will be more feasible. The automation process will allow the library to tell if patrons have returned all check-outs when asked.

This wonderful contribution will require some changes on both the part of the Beaver Island District Library and its patrons. The librarians will have to learn the new software and how to check in and check out books. The library will be providing patrons with



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In mid-February TDS plans to begin delivering its high-speed Internet service to residents and businesses on Beaver Island. Currently, TDS is planning to offer two levels of DSL service: 1.5Mb and 3Mb for \$39.95 and \$49.95, respectively, per month.

According to Chad Mix, market manager for TDS, the engineering phase has gone extremely well. "Because the engineering went so smoothly, we've been able to firm up our deployment timeline. We've also identified likely speeds and pricing information – something we received a lot of questions about after our initial announcement."

Currently, TDS is in the final test

phases—and nearly ready to begin delivering this much-anticipated service to many parts of the Island. "We're very excited and hope that people enjoy their fast connection to the world," Mix says.

Barring any unforeseen issues, residents should be able to sign-up in the next few weeks, says Mix, who again cautioned that because DSL is a distance-sensitive technology, it may not be available to all TDS Telecom Beaver Island customers, at least not immediately.

— Cindy Tomlinson,
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Other Library news: the "recorded book" sale is going on right now. Come in and see the fabulous deals on audio books by your favorite authors. And see what's on the used book table.

Did you know you can check out music CDs, video cassettes, and DVDs at the Library? They check out just like books. It's free, it's easy, and it's a great way to come in and see all the changes made over the past year, from the Langford Music Room to the new lighting. Come in, sit and enjoy listening to music from anywhere in the building, or pick out your favorite CD, relax in an over-stuffed armchair, close your eyes and unwind listening to jazz, classical, country or Beaver Island music. It's all here and waiting for you at the Beaver Island District Library.



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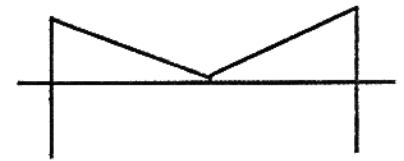
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It's quite amazing how smoothly the Health Center operates on its half-million dollar budget, and how much it gets done. Its current financial report shows that even with the expense of bringing in relief NPs to spell Sue Solle, and the costs of searching for a second health care provider (the search will now be expanded), its overall expenses are running a little under budget predictions—despite patient visits being down (are we just healthier this year?). The Special Projects fund was over \$150,000, thanks to responses from the recent Annual Appeal letter, and the Endowment Fund was over a million—despite the recent market downturn. Late bill payments had also improved.

Leonor Jacobson, the “one-woman Resource Development committee,” brought a proposal from Nina and Ray Cole, which the Board accepted: to hold a silent auction this summer offering a commissioned Mary Blocksma painting of whatever the winning

GRACE HILL

Grace Hill died peacefully in her sleep on January 10, 2008.

Born Grace Waldron Kelly, January 17, 1914, Grace grew up in Somerville, MA where she also attended Tufts University, graduating in 1931. After several years working at Cold Spring Harbor, she married Walter Judson Haney. They moved to East Lansing where Dr. Haney was a professor of horticulture at Michigan State University, and raised three children. After Dr. Haney's death in 1963, Grace continued to work at MSU's University Academic Advising Office.

In 1976 she married Dr. Walker Hill, also an MSU professor and widower. The couple enjoyed years of retirement, travel, and service. Dr. Walker Hill died in 2001, at the

ANNUAL MEETING

bidder chose, with Nina and Ray donating all of the costs. The Board is considering making this an annual event, with a different artist each year. For her efforts raising \$15,000+ over the past three years Leonor was presented with a plaque.

The vehicle for this year's truck raffle has been purchased, a stunning silver 4-door AWD Equinox.

Two members left the Board, Karen Whitecraft (the EMS rep) and Barb Murphy (who was given *ex officio* status.) They were replaced with three new members (one seat had been vacant): Larry Hansz, who had spent 30 years helping Munson solve its problems, Denny Cook, a long-time pharmacist, and Sarah McCafferty, the executive director of the EMS. All three live on Beaver Island. The outgoing members were thanked, and received honorary plaques.

Once the new members were on board, assignments to committees were made: Resource Development, Finance, Executive, Quality Improvement, Maintenance, Recruitment, and Strategic Planning. Some non-Board members volunteered to help, such as Jeff Traudt, Gerald LaFreniere, and Pete Plastrik, who agreed to facilitate Strategic Planning's attempt to develop a list of priorities. Don Spencer was retained as Staff Liason.

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Grace Hill is survived by a sister, Ruth Chamberlin of Concord, NH; two daughters, Deborah (David) Batten of Haslett, Sarah Puterbaugh of Greenville; a son, Walter (Kristine) Haney of Westminster, MA; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two stepdaughters, MaryEmory Hill of northern California and Ellen Hill of Berkeley, CA. Because of her belief in the value of education Grace willed her body to MSU's Department of Anatomy.

A memorial service was held Sunday, January 20th, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. in the Ada Whitehouse room of Burcham Hills Retirement Center in East Lansing.




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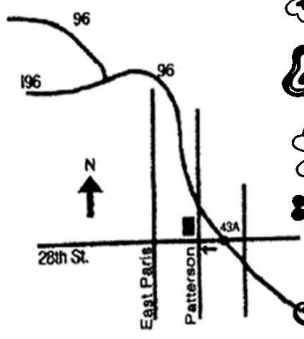
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Hoopin' it up at Hannahville

There were plenty of unknowns for the Beaver Island *Islanders* when they soared into Hannahville the weekend of Jan. 4-5. Not only were they unsure of the challenges the *Soaring Eagles* would present, they were facing their first road trip of the season, and were coming off a month's break since their first games.

But all the answers both *Islanders'* teams found were good ones, as they swept all four contests against the *Eagles* in a confidence-building trip.

The *Lady Islanders* claimed a 36-28 win on Friday before soundly beating the *Eagles* 44-17 Saturday. The boys repeated that feat with a solid 47-34 win Friday before a thunderous 64-31 downing of the *Eagles* Saturday.

Girls remain unbeaten

Going into the weekend against the *Eagles*, coach Marianne Brown was concerned about the experience and talent Hannahville had shown in last year's scrimmages. "Not to discredit them," she said, "but I expected the weekend to be much more challenging."

The difference proved to be the play of the *Islanders*. "Our girls did a wonder-

ful job stepping up," Brown said. "They played together as a team and had fun."

Friday's game was close throughout with the *Islanders* holding a five-point edge at the break. The *Eagles* fought back to knot the score going into the final quarter. "We turned it around in the fourth by playing good defense, limiting them to only one shot, and continuing to play as a team," Brown said of the *Islanders* outscoring the *Eagles* 14-6 over the final eight minutes.

Samantha Kuligoski led the *Islanders* with 10 points. Maeve Green added seven while Briana Maudrie and Kristy Bousquet each netted six.

"The nerves were gone and it was a much different story Saturday morning," Brown said of the *Islanders'* 27-point win that improved their record to 6-0. "Our defense was solid, our shooting improved, and the baskets fell a little easier. We gained a quick lead and never looked back."

Leading the way for the *Islanders* was 'Magic' Maeve Green with an impressive triple-double effort: scoring 12 points, grabbing 10 rebounds, and snatching 11 steals, production Brown

called simply "outstanding."

Another strong performance came from Alex Kuligoski as she scored all 10 of her points in the fourth quarter. Maudrie finished a solid weekend with eight points while Samantha Kuligoski and Heather McDonough scored six apiece. Claire Kenwabikise added two.

Boys break into win column

"Although we were 2-2 going into the weekend, we hadn't had a real win yet," said coach Dan Martell of the *Islanders'* record that reflected the two forfeit wins over Ojibwe. "It was a pretty big deal to get a real win."

And the *Islanders* earned their wins, especially Friday when they battled another spat of cold shooting as well as the *Eagles*. "We were outplaying them, but we couldn't pull away," Martell said of a first half that found the *Islanders* hitting a cool 25% of their shots.

A pair of quick treys by Dan Runberg put the *Islanders* on track early in the third quarter and by the fourth they were in command.

Two keys to the weekend wins were team speed and overall play. "We were a lot more athletic," Martell said. "We were

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able to run the floor on them.”

As for team play, senior Eric Albin put it this way: “We started executing passes and getting good, open shots and then capitalizing on them. We also stepped up our defense and didn’t give them any good shots.”

The *Islanders* defense held the *Eagles* to just five points over the fourth quarter, while putting up 13 of their own to earn their first ‘real’ win of the season.

Sophomore Bryan Timsak led the team with 12. Albin had 11 to go with a tremendous effort off the glass resulting in 17 rebounds for a double-double. Brenden Martin wasn’t far behind with eight points and 11 boards. Dereck McDonough had 10 points off the bench. Runberg finished with six.

The Saturday game started slowly with the *Islanders* gaining a 20-12 lead at halftime. But the second half found the *Islanders* hitting on all cylinders and taking advantage of numerous *Eagle* turnovers which resulted in easy fastbreak baskets. The *Islanders* outscored the *Eagles* 19-6 over the third quarter and then put up 25 more points over the fourth for the big 33-point win.

In addition to scoring often from the floor, the *Islanders* went 11-19 from the free throw line on Saturday as well, an improvement from their first series.

“Saturday was a confidence booster for us,” Martell said. “It made us start to feel like we are a good basketball team.”

Albin recorded another double-double, scoring 18 points and grabbing 13 rebounds. Patrick Cull added 13 points and eight rebounds. Runberg finished with five points, six rebounds, five assists, and six steals in a great all around performance. McDonough and Bryan Timsak each had six points, Cameron LaVasseur and Doug Campbell each scored three as the *Islanders* improved to 4-2 on the season.

Islanders take three of four from Rockets

It was almost a perfect weekend for the Beaver Island basketball teams. Almost. The only ripple came on Saturday when the Paradise girls handed the *Lady Islanders* their first loss of the season in a disappointing 20-13 effort.

The *Islanders* had handled the *Rockets* easily the previous night, claiming a 31-22 victory in a game that

wasn’t as close as the score implies. But all good things must come to an end, and the *Islanders* winning streak did Saturday morning, leaving them with an overall record of 7-1 and a Northern Lights League mark of 5-1.

The *Islander* boys, meanwhile, had little trouble keeping the *Rockets* from blasting off in a pair of well-played home games, winning 71-62 on Friday followed by a commanding 75-36 win Saturday. The wins give the boys a matching 5-1 league mark and a nearly as good 6-2 overall record.

The *Islanders* host Hannahville Feb. 1-2 in their final home games. They wrap up league action with a pair away series—at Mackinac Island Feb. 15-16, and at Grand Marais Feb. 22-23.

Boys shoot down Rockets

The only blip the *Rockets* made on the weekend’s radar was a short spurt in the final quarter Friday night after the *Islanders* had built a comfortable 23-point lead.

With 3:43 left to play, *Islanders* coach Dan Martell made a wholesale switch to his younger bench players.

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Islanders take Rockets, from page 11.

The *Rockets* responded to the change, finding their shooting eye and connecting on four of five three-pointers in a minute and a half as part of a quick 14-0 run.

That run forced Martell to reinsert his starters, who cooled the *Rockets* and ran off the final minute of play to seal the team's first home win of the season.

Overall, Martell was happy with the game. "We took control early," he said. "We set the tempo and played above the other team. It was a good game for us."

The *Islanders* jumped ahead early, outscoring the *Rockets* 21-8 over the first quarter. The *Rockets* found some offense in the second quarter, but the *Islanders* held a comfortable 39-24 advantage going into the second half.

Another strong start found the *Islanders* outscoring the *Rockets* 14-5 over the first four minutes of the third, extending the lead to 53-29. They led 61-38 heading into the final frame.

Senior Eric Albin paced the team with 23 points. Bryan Timsak added 13 and Brenden Martin 12. Dan Runberg finished with eight, Dereck McDonough seven, Patrick Cull six, and Cameron LaVasseur two. Paradise senior Austin Ackerman led all scorers with 31 points.

Paradise looked ready to extract some revenge on Saturday morning, matching the *Islanders* basket-for-basket in taking a 12-10 lead after the first quarter. But the *Islanders* found their game between periods and opened the second quarter on a game-controlling 15-0 run. Holding the *Rockets* to just six points, the *Islanders* build a 31-18 lead by intermission.

Paradise scored the first five points of the third quarter on a triple and a deuce by Casey Cook, but the *Islanders* outdid them the rest of the period, 16-4, to push the lead to 47-27 going into the fourth.

This time Martell stuck with his starters a little longer and worked his reserves in gradually while the *Islanders* increased the lead to 63-31 with just over two minutes to play. And once he did go to the bench, the pressure stayed on as eighth-grader Billy Lemmink came in and proceeded to coolly knock down a trey. "We managed to run the floor effectively," Martell said of the Saturday effort. "We really made a good run in the second quarter."

Albin again led the team with 23. Cull followed with 13 and Timsak with 12. Runberg and Martin each netted eight, with McDonough adding six. LaVasseur had a pair of points and Lemmink had three with his long ball.

The joy of victory, agony of defeat

Despite winning their Friday game against the *Rockets*, *Lady Islanders'* coach Marianne Brown knew something

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was up. "It's always nice to win," she said, yet added the never-pleasant 'but' and the end of her comment. "We really had no flow," she said of the 31-22 win. "Our play was jagged and it was like we had no home court advantage."

The *Islanders*, led by eight points from junior Maeve Green in a 10-2 first quarter, took control early, built a good-sized lead, then held on for the win.

They extended the lead to a 20-7 margin at the break, aided in part by numerous Paradise misses on lay-ups as the *Rockets* were fast and good ball handlers, but eventually poor shooters.

"We might have won if we made our lay-ups," said *Rockets*' coach Al Smith. "We missed 22 lay-ups. If we had made five of those we could've won."

Neither team made many shots in the third quarter as they each scored four, keeping the *Islanders*' lead at 13, 24-11, going into the final eight minutes.

After the *Islanders* scored the first five points of the fourth quarter, four on back-to-back offensive putbacks by sophomore Jenna Butler, the *Rockets* blasted off a 10-point run, closing what had been an 18-point margin down to single digits. But the clock was on the *Islanders* side and a late bucket by Lindsey Kenwabikise put the hosts back up by 10 with just 21 seconds to play.

Green finished with 12 points. Freshman Claire Kenwabikise added six with Butler scoring four. Alex Kuligoski netted three while Lindsey Kenwabikise, Kristy Bousquet, and Heather McDonough all scored two.

Saturday's game started out bad and only got worse. Paradise scored the first eight points and nearly held the *Islanders* scoreless; Alex Kuligoski put back a rebound with just three seconds left in the quarter. The *Islanders* never recovered from that 8-2 deficit.

Green scored the *Islanders* lone basket of the second quarter as the team struggled from the floor, missing its other 16 shots. The *Rockets* only made two baskets in the period, but that increased the lead to 12-4 at halftime.

The *Islanders* made their move in the third, outscoring the *Rockets* 7-2 to pull to 14-11 while taking some much-needed momentum into the final quarter.

Unfortunately, the momentum never grew as the *Islanders* shooting woes continued in a 1-12 effort. Overall, the team shot just 10 percent from both the floor and the free throw line. "Let's hope we got that out of our system," Brown said of the less-than-stellar performance.

Alex Kuligoski led the *Islanders* top with seven. Green, Butler, and Samantha Kuligoski each added single baskets.



Bryan goes up



Maeve defends



Olivia goes hard



Heather jumps

by Frank Solle



Or, as we say here in America, “What’s up, girl?”

In this case perhaps only Hannah Connor, daughter of Heidi and Jeff Connor, would know the meaning of this classic German question, or for that matter the corresponding answer: “Nichts ist los.” Although in Hannah’s case the real answer is not, “nothing is happening,” but “a lot is happening,” as she recently returned from a five and a half month sojourn to that European country as an exchange student.

In fact, being abroad was so much

fun she didn’t really want to leave. “I love being home,” she said during a recent chat about her adventure. “But in the end it’s a little bit sad too because I’d established a life in Germany. When you’re there so long you almost expect to stay in that life.”

But come home she did, and now she’s adjusting to the return to her former life and schedule. “I’m calling it my oxymoron days,” Hannah said of the transition back to life in America and on Beaver Island. “It’s sad, but happy. The life you had before you left isn’t the same and life now that you’re

home is different.”

Apparently it’s a bit of a challenge to get things back in order following such an experience, especially when you’re an introspective, inquisitive, and intelligent teenager.

Hannah’s time in Germany was split between a one-month orientation in the northern part of the country and the remainder with a family in the southwest area near the border with France. She swam in the Baltic Sea, hiked in the Black Forest, and enjoyed the exotic cuisine of French restaurants. “I had lots of fun, lots of new experiences,” she said.

And, of course, she went to school.

“I lived in a very small hamlet named Bischweiler which has about 600 residents,” Hannah said. “But our school, which was four kilometers away, had 1,000 students.”

Hannah carried a typical load of classes for her school, which was at the top level of the four levels of high schools in the country, similar to a college preparatory school here. “Once I started school my German improved because I was forced to use it,” Hannah said. “All the teachers were interesting and friendly.”

But because the students study English, they were better at it than most of the teachers. “Many students could speak good conversations, but they learn British English, which is definitely different and takes some getting used to,” she said. “A lot of the kids helped me figure out what was happening in class. If I didn’t understand something in physics or chemistry they would help me.”

Hannah said students in Germany start more difficult classes earlier than students do here. “They are basically trying to teach at a college level in high school, for the upper level students anyway,” she said of her school, which was all upper level students. “The other levels are not for college-bound students,” she added.

Hannah said students take a test their final year to determine which course of study they will follow at the university. Another difference in the German approach to education is that there are no school sports. “They have intramurals, but otherwise there are no

sports in school like our basketball, volleyball, and soccer," she said. "They try to separate learning from sports because they feel sports might be a distraction to learning time."

"You have to join a club after school if you want to participate in sports," Hannah added. "But you usually have quite a bit of homework."

However, they do have gym class. "They are quite serious about gym class and you have to pass it," Hannah said.

But don't think it's all different in a different country. Kids everywhere speak MTV. "MTV, South Park, all kinds of stuff are the same," Hannah said. That carries over into music as well. "They like all kinds of music," Hannah reported. "If you go to the discos, there is a variety of music, but mostly it's the same things we listen to; kids are kids."

Asked about dealing with any anti-American sentiment, Hannah said she didn't find that to be a factor. "Some Germans don't like America due to our president and the war," she said. "In northern Germany it's worse than in the south. But mostly they see Americans the same as themselves. I never really

ran into any problems."

Hannah had the opportunity to travel to Strasbourg, France, just an hour and a half from where she was living. While there, she noticed a few different things. "They had some very unusual things on the menu in the restaurants," she said. "Horse and snails and things you normally wouldn't eat in America."

While there Hannah climbed the tower of the Strasbourg Cathedral, which at one time was the world's tallest building. "One of the stones had a date carved into it. It was 1611, which is before our country was founded," Hannah said. "It goes to show you how old they are and how young we are as countries. We keep saying we have history, but it's not as much history as they have."

Among other things Hannah found different in Germany was that there is not much hunting there. "You're not allowed to have gun," she said, adding, "People were curious if I hunted and I said, 'Yes, I hunt.'"

She noted that all healthy young men must serve two years in the military or do other community service,

and that Germany doesn't have the death penalty. "They find it very, very unusual that America has the death penalty," Hannah said.

All-in-all, Hannah reports that it was a tremendous and somewhat challenging experience. "I'm not sure I've really changed, although it does make the world seem kind of smaller," she said. "I haven't changed the way I see people, either. I think most of us are quite the same, we just think a little bit differently."

As for others tackling an adventure such as this Hannah says only that you need to be sure of yourself. "If you are afraid of leaving your family, I'd be careful," she advises. "But if you are fairly self-confident and think you are strong enough to handle leaving home and throwing yourself out of your personal comfort zone, then do it. It's a wonderful experience. You meet entertaining and exciting people and you learn new things."

I'm sure over the next few weeks and months we'll all get to learn more of Hannah's great adventure. Meanwhile, take the time to welcome her home. Willkommenes Heim, Frau Hannah.

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Grade Pancake Breakfast February 17th 9:00 - 11:30 am at Peaine Hall to benefit the 8th Grade trip to Washington DC in the spring.

Beaver Island Club of **Grand Rapids Party** at the Grand Rapids Hilton. Saturday, February 23rd, 2008 7:00 pm.- 12:30 am. Music by Rich Scripps and Friend. Info on page 9. www.beaverislandclub.com

Chili Cook-Off March 6th 5:30-7:30 at the Shamrock. Judging 4:30 sharp!

St. Patrick's Day Games March 15th

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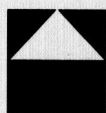
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GEO BEE GOOD

The only thing known for certain going into this year's annual National Geographic Bee on January 8th was that the winner would be just the third different champ in the six years of the competition.

Current junior Patrick Cull won the first three events, sweeping the field during his three years of eligibility from fifth through eighth grade. That era was followed by two consecutive victories by now-freshman Jacob Drost. This year it was someone else's turn.

With the stage so set, this year's 10 finalists nervously took their seats in the school gymnasium. The final contestants, narrowed down during previous in-school rounds of questioning, consisted of one seventh grader and nine eighth graders, including: McCauley Connaghan, Jenna Battle, Jamie Campbell, Gus Connaghan, Matthew Cull, Desire Duhamel, Kaylyn Jones, Brogan Maudrie, Michael Myers, and Olivia Schwartzfisher.

Each student received a certificate of participation prior to the start of the contest, which featured Principal McNamara reading the questions, Ms. Brown checking the answers, and eighth-grader Brighid Cushman acting as timer.

And then the questions began flying. In the first round contestants were eliminated after two incorrect answers. The opening round of questions referred to a map of the U.S. (without the state names) color coded to indicate various rates of unemployment. Therefore the students had to not only know the states, but be able to interpret the data as presented. The students were given a short time to look over the map before the first question. During their actual turn they had 15 seconds to study the map before responding — the pressure was on.

Only half of the students were correct on their first answer, putting the other five in jeopardy going into the second question, which was a group question.

In the next round, without the map to refer to, all contestants were required to write down their answer to the question: The Mississippi Delta dominates the southeastern portion of which state?

Apparently not many of today's middle schoolers share this reporter's experience of having worked the oil rigs offshore of Louisiana as, unfortunately, all came up wrong, and five players were thus eliminated.

The next round of questions put Olivia Schwartzfisher into the championship round as she was the only contestant to answer correctly. Her question was: What large bay,

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shared by Michigan and Wisconsin, is an arm of Lake Michigan? The answer is Green Bay.

The remaining four players then began a playoff to determine which one would also advance to the championship round.

It took a few rounds to determine the final championship round contestant, but when the lone seventh-grader, McCauley Connaghan, named the Rocky Mountains as the source for both the Snake and Yellowstone rivers, he advanced to face Olivia for the title.

The championship round consisted of three questions, with the contestants writing down their answers simultaneously. These initial questions proved too difficult and the finalists went to tiebreaker questions.

The tiebreaker began with a tough question that both Olivia and McCauley answered correctly: What is the term for melted rock under Earth's surface? (Magma, of course. We all knew that, right?)

Then the pressure mounted as each student stumbled on questions no adult would like to face answering in a similar situation. For instance: The Blue Nile flows out of Lake Tana, which is located in the northern part of which country? Which country indeed. How about which continent? You may join the crowd in learning it is Ethiopia.

The championship-deciding question was not much easier: Which major city, located on the Salt River in south-central Arizona, is a transportation hub for the region?

Of the two finalists, McCauley knew it was Phoenix. Of the crowd which supported our young geographers through the competition, we'll never know how many knew the correct answer.

While the majority of questions this year were centered on U.S. geography, there were few that were easy, for it's still a lot of territory to cover.

Here are some more to test your knowledge with:

— What seaport city is found at the head of Cook Inlet near the Kenai Peninsula?

— The Lewis Range, which includes Precambrian rocks, extends into Glacier National Park in which state?

— Erosion has revealed vivid bands of red, yellow, white, and other colors of rock in the Painted Desert, located in which southwestern state?

Are you ready to claim a ribbon? You are if you answered Anchorage, Montana, and Arizona. If not, study up for next year. Or better yet, ask our new champ McCauley Connaghan to help you out.



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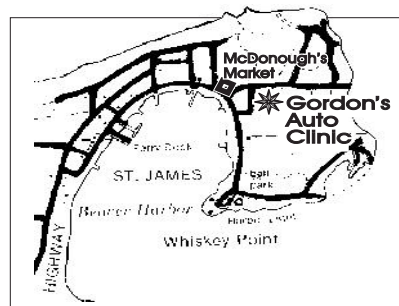
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Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 13, 1908 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island mail came over to Cross Village Saturday and returned Sunday."

Beaver Island News: "Mr. George Sisco, who moved from this place last year, returned, to once more occupy his old position as sawyer for the Beaver Island Lumber Co."

"First mail by ice Feb. 7th. Our mail carriers report a very stormy and rough return trip, from Cross Village. The snow being so deep on the ice which rendered traveling very difficult besides being

menaced by meeting open water every now and then which greatly impeded their progress, and resulted in them not reaching the Island for thirty six hours after leaving Cross Village. The winter mail carrying over a vast expanse of ice is not all peaches and cream and the men who risk their lives in this pursuit earn all they can get out of it." (*Note: sentence structure and punctuation copied exactly from the microfilm.*)

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"Capt. Ed. Martin returned last week via Cross Village."

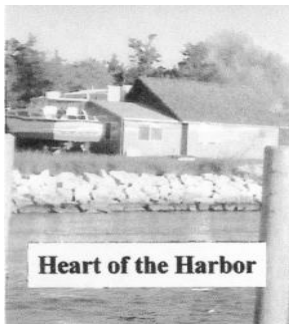
"Pat E. Gallagher has been quite sick for the past two weeks."

"The Misses Anna and Tessie Connaghan of St. James, are spending the winter in Chicago at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gurney 1102 W. 63rd St. Miss Anna is filling the position of office assistant in Dr. Nason's office and Tessie attends the Philip Wendalls High School."

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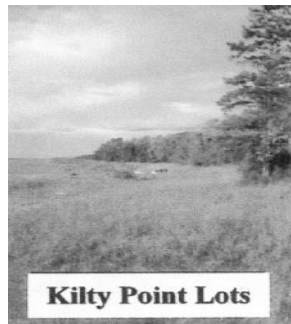
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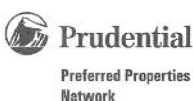
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nious, but I am sorry to say if is not new. As long as I have been a resident of Beaver Island (15 years) I have scaled fish with a comb, as they have in some parts of Europe for centuries, and as they did in Babylon 5000 years ago, as shown on ancient sculpture'."

"Beaver Island mail carriers are now making regular trips between St. James and Cross Village."

Beaver Island News: "Capt. Mr. J. Bonner is suffering from an attack of rheumatism."

"Another 'Cross' boy in town. He has taken up his residence with Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Cross."

"Mr. George C. Snyder who has been millwright here for the past year or so has resigned his position. Mr. John C. Green takes his place."

"Word was received here last week of the death on the 20th, of Rev. Father P. B. Murray of Wabasha, Minn."

"Father Murray was born near Belfast, Ireland, and came to this country when quite young. After his ordination as a priest he was sent to Beaver Island, to take charge of that parish, being the first Parish Priest to be stationed on the Island. At that time which was in the early 60s there were (sic) not any church on the Island. Therefore he purchased a tract of land and erected a small church near the site of the present church. The Rev. Father remained here for six or seven years. From here he was removed to Kalamazoo where he had charge of a parish for several years, and then on to

Minnesota where he remained until his death."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 27, 1908 **Local News:** "A. T. Stewart, of the Northville hatchery, arrived Tuesday, and is putting the Charlevoix hatchery in shape for the spring work. Operations will begin about April first, and there will be hatched here four millions of trout eggs,

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The horizon is evergreen,
It bristles 'round the one who passes,

But after the trail and through the trees
The skyline opens out so wide
It's longer even than you can see
And then it never leaves your mind

Back through the woods and where
you started,
But never back to the way you felt.
You and the shore cannot be parted
Wherever you are you can feel

Golden water deepening in lines
To teal, then navy, below the sky.

CHARLES ALLERS 1917-2008

Charles Nicholas Allers, 90, an over-70-year resident of Traverse City, passed away Thursday, Jan. 3rd at Munson Medical Center. Charles was the son of the late Capt. Charles J. and Marie (Bader) Allers, born Oct. 11, 1917 on Beaver Island.

Charles was a graduate of the 1937 class of Central High School in Traverse City. He answered the call of duty, enlisting with the United States Marines Corps in 1945 and serving as a machinist during World War II.

He returned to Traverse City and entered into marriage with the former Marion Victoria Kelcherman in 1959.

Building on the skills Charles acquired while in the service and as an apprentice for Kahlenberg Brothers, he went to work as a Machinist for Cone Drive Gear. Charles stayed with Cone Drive until his retirement in 1977.

As the son of a sea Captain, Charles never lost his passion for anything nautical, from volunteering on the Tall Ship Madeline, sometimes on its cruise to Beaver Island, to building model boats. He was always one you could find tinkering, working with wood, alone in his basement shop, helping others out or just fixing something around the house.

He is survived by his wife of over 48 years, Mrs. Vickie Allers; a son, Don (Kathleen) Porter of Cutlerville; three daughters, Charlene (Brian) Largent-Kevitch of Traverse City, Phyllis (Archie) Pouzar of South Boardman and Barbara Noel of Traverse City; a daughter-in-law, Janet Porter of Grawn; 15 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two nieces, Lynne and June; a nephew, Rick; and many other loving family members and friends.

SARAH HIGDON DREW 1993-2008

A car-snowmobile traffic accident claimed the life of an East Jordan teenage girl on January 14th, Sarah Higdon Drew, 15. Sarah was operating a snowmobile and as she attempted to cross the road, she drove her snowmobile into the path of an oncoming vehicle. Sarah died at the scene from injuries she sustained in the crash. Sarah was a ninth-grade student at East Jordan High School and the daughter of Debbie (Higdon) and Gary Drew and Robert Johnson.

The granddaughter of Dan and Joyce Higdon, she was born to Deborah L. Higdon and Robert F. Johnson in Petoskey January 4, 1993.

Sarah was a Freshman at East Jordan High School, where she excelled academically and socially. She will be sorely missed by all whose lives she touched.

Sarah had an independent spirit; she had confidence and wisdom beyond her years. She was an avid reader, and especially liked the Aragon series. She played both soccer and softball. She enjoyed tubing and visiting Mackinac Island with her friends. Sarah loved all animals, but horses were her favorite. She spent countless hours caring for and riding her horses Lightning and Chevelle. Sarah enjoyed her job at the Grey Gables and liked the people she

worked with.

Sarah loved her family and spending time with them. She was a daughter, and both a big and a little sister. She is survived by her parents, Debbie L. Higdon and Gary Drew of East Jordan, and Robert Johnson of Petoskey; sisters Samantha Lee Higdon, Savannah Lann Drew, and Sydney Avalon Drew; brother, Austin Gary Drew; maternal grandmother, Mary Joyce Higdon of East Jordan; maternal grandfather, Danny Higdon of North Carolina and formerly of Beaver Island; paternal grandmother, Lorraine Patricia Johnson of Carp Lake; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.



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ANOTHER ISLAND STAR

In a community abounding with artists, Lois Stipp, Jerry and Shirley Sowa's daughter, has gained many fans over the past few years and risen to the upper echelon in most observers' minds. As in most cases of sudden ascendancy, her position has come as the result of much hard work during a lifetime commitment.

She has had a love affair with art

ever since she found her first copper-colored crayon. Drawing was her first obsession. Mainly for economic reasons, the supplies were easy to obtain. Her first professional instruction came when she was selected for a special commercial art program in Phoenix during her last two years of High School. She spent 5 hours a day in art classes and then returned to her

home school for an English class.

She continued her art through college. In her third year she declared a second major in Nursing. She worked as a Registered Nurse for many years, while still pursuing her art.

Her working life went in many directions. In her twenties, she managed two Health Clubs in Southern California. In her thirties she returned to



college and started her Nursing career, becoming an emergency room triage supervisor and a Nursing supervisor/charge nurse for a Mental Health facility.

Somewhere in the middle of this she spent 7 summers working at the Shamrock, and helping with the summer art program at the Beaver

Island School.

Eight years ago, a turning point arrived that led her back to art full time: she was diagnosed with Myasthenia Gravis. MG is a Muscular Dystrophy/ neuromuscular disorder. Instead of getting depressed, she transformed the positive test result into an opportunity to go back and concentrate only on art.

Since then she has become very active in the arts, selling paintings and acquiring commissions, which she finds a challenge; they lead her to create a painting she would probably not have otherwise tried.

She has had several interesting projects, from painting on a saw blade for a construction company to creating





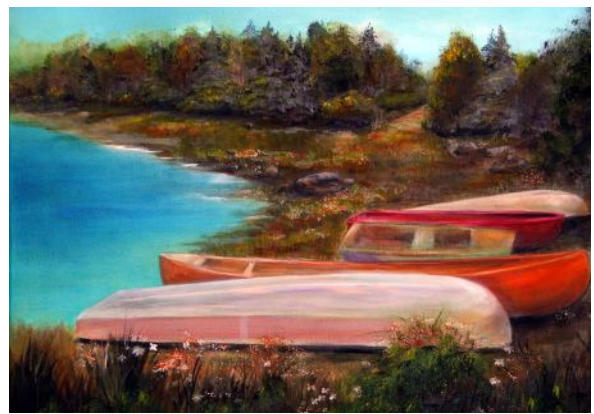
a mural for Arnie Rich's train room. Some people have requested paintings of a favorite animal, portraits, cabins, landscapes/beaches, or lighthouses. She has delighted in the challenges.

One of her annual projects is doing a painting for the Beaver Island Altar

Society for its raffle/fundraiser. Over the past few years she has tried to think of a subject matter other than a lighthouse, but, for a raffle on Beaver Island, the lighthouses are a natural and almost a given universal theme.

Her art has been influenced by

artists from our rich heritage as well as the talented instructors she had in school. When she paints for herself, she is pulled towards the impressionists, and to a lesser extent the expressionists. Painting for others is quite different; the painting has to fall within their





perception of the subject. She loves to paint for herself; occasionally, when she is really lucky, her paintings almost seem to paint themselves.

She spends half of the year on Beaver Island and the other half in California, where she keeps busy with the Arts. Last year she won the advertising arts competition for the Diamond Valley Arts Council.

She is also the director/chair-elect for the DVAC, a nonprofit organization that promotes the Arts in Southern

California. She co-chairs their annual fund-raiser and Art Show. During the winter she teaches drawing classes, coordinates the Art program at Four Seasons, and organizes Artist Showcases throughout the San Jacinto Valley 3-4 times a year. Her passion for art has always included a love for Beaver Island, where her mother was born into the O'Donnell clan. Her great-great grandfather was Barney O'Donnell, giving her a legacy of an island full of wonderful family and friends.

The Island has enriched her life. If she had to say where her art came from, she would say from her deep connection to the Island: "There is no place on the planet that is as singularly unique and special as Beaver Island."

On Beaver Island, her oil paintings can be found at Montaage, her prints and jewelry at Livingstone Studio. She is always represented at the Museum Week art show in July, which she has begun to manage. She can be reached through www.LoisStipp.com.

In 2007 the BIEMS had 97 encounters, compared to 85 in 2006. Out of the 97, 42 were Advance Life Support, 38 Basic Life Support, and 17 were standbys for the fire department, school, or other community events.

Out of 80 Transports, 46 flew off with Island Airways, 2 with the Coast Guard, 1 on the Coast Guard Cutter, and 1 with the Beaver Island Boat Company. 30 were transported to the Beaver

Island Rural Health Center, and no further transport was needed.

EMS received a donation of 2 lots in Port of St. James from Ken Taylor. Equipment was also received from the Charlevoix County Medical Control, including a Motorola 18 mghtz radio, 2 Panasonic Tough Books for the 2 rigs, which will be used like the computer in the eCar for communication with central dispatch and for their GPS.

All of the Beaver Island EMS members took an Emergency Driving Course and had to pass a tricky obstacle course. Our 2008 goals include the sale of the donated Port of St. James lots, passing a millage request in Peaine Township, moving towards getting a new ambulance, upgrading our 12-lead monitor to a Bi Phasic, and doing more Community Education

—Sarah McCafferty

AN EMS REMINDER: FEBRUARY IS HEART MONTH

Coronary heart disease is the number-one killer in the U. S. for both men and women. Each year 1.1 million people suffer a heart attack and 460,000 of those are fatal. Half of the deaths occur within the first hour of symptoms.

Statistics like that have prompted the launch of 'Act in Time' to increase awareness about heart attacks, and how important it is to call 9-1-1 at the onset of symptoms. One warning sign is chest discomfort in the center of the chest lasting longer than a few minutes, or that comes and goes. It can feel like squeezing, fullness, pressure, or pain. It can include pain in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach. There may be shortness of breath, cold sweats, nausea, or lightheadness. If you

experience any of these warning signs, or others listed at americanheart.org, call 9-1-1 immediately.

The EMS Ambulance and Echo car carry medications to help with the pain, oxygen for shortness of breath, and a 12-lead to determine what is going on with your heart. The EMS maintains constant contact with the Health Center and Charlevoix Hospital. The EMS is here to help.

On February 23, starting at 9am, the EMS and the Health Center will offer free baseline EKG readings. Call Betty to set up an appointment. This is a great opportunity for anyone over 45 to get a baseline EKG to put in their chart—a very beneficial diagnostic tool for anyone experiencing cardiac problems.

Call 231-448-2275 and set up your appointment today.

The BIRHC will offer a Remec class, *Exercise and How to Make It Safe and Effective*, on February 26, 2008 at 1:30pm - 2:30 pm. They also offer Exercise at the BIRHC every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, and from 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm on Mondays for Mother/Daughters. The EMS will offer a CPR course on March 1st beginning at 9 am. Call Sarah 2238 or Gerald 2003 for more details and to sign up. A friend once said, "You have two arms, two legs, two ears, and two lungs, but you only have one heart." Let's take time in February to do something good for this vital organ.

—Sarah McCafferty

MATTHEW COMING TOGETHER

It's a Boy! Matthew James Szafoni came into this world weighing 8 lbs. 5 oz, and was 20 3/4". Jim and Blythe (Zajakowski) Szafoni are the proud parents. Proud grandparents are Claude and Rosie (McDonough) Zajakowski.

Thanks to everyone who made the New Year's party such a success. Snowplowing, decorating, bartending, sitting at the door, raffling, making signs, all musicians, hor d'oeuvres, jello shots, champagne, and clean up. A good time

was had by all; it was great having so many gathered to ring in the New Year. Here's hoping for another great party next year...and Mary, have you ever thought of leaving Island Airways to become a bartender?? —Mary Palmer

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Last year, its 50th, the Beaver Island Historical Society made good progress on several fronts. It recaulked the Protar Home, firmed up the Marine Museum's foundation and gave it a new roof, organized the Heritage Park barn and cleaned up the grounds, and, thanks to Karl Bartels and Robert Gillespie, saw the Kahlenburg engine return to the *Bob S.* Plus, it held a successful Museum Week, and distributed 2,000+ free copies of a 24-page brochure prepared by its Publication Committee.

One of the results of that success is gaining the confidence to begin to solicit funding and refine the initial plans for a project that has been much needed but has languished on the back burner for the past 15 years: an addition to the Print Shop Museum.

Year by year, the Society has become more aware of and hindered by its lack of space. At present it has several display areas, none of which is adequate: a Native American room; a Strang room; a corridor for the Helen Collar portraits; a corner for Protar; a second floor showing typical rooms of past epochs; the "Then and Now" photographs; and a scattering of

agricultural implements.

But some important areas are totally absent, such as cultural history, material on the Irish migration, political history, archaeology, religious history, women's history, and natural history. More space is needed for rotating displays, for telling the story of our first inhabitants, and to present the Mormons other than Strang, who worked day and night to create an infrastructure, much of which is still in use.

Six years ago the Society polled its members, and used the results to create a floor plan—a first step towards the final design. The Native American Room will get larger quarters in the addition, creating space to tell the story of the Mormon occupation. Other new rooms are for Natural History, Archaeology, the Irish, an Oral History kiosk, cultural history, contemporary history, and Protar. Two rooms contain changeable exhibits, and the new corridors will provide wall space for an expanded 'Then and Now,' Father Pete, Bishop Baraga, and agriculture. When this is accomplished, seeing the Museum will take longer, encouraging repeat visits.

This summer the BIHS hopes to

have a scale model on display at the Museum, and to present an afternoon program during its annual Museum Week to gather comments about what else to include and how to proceed. The current plan essentially maximizes the space available on its small lot, so the perimeter can't expand—unless the BIHS acquires adjacent land. But moving the current office to the addition's second floor, freeing up that space for displays.

At the same time, the Society intends to apply for grants and solicit donations from its members, visitors, and the general public. The project is ambitious and complex. It includes retrofitting the current Museum with temperature and humidity controls, and moving the 'Kitchen Addition' to the Heritage Park. The anticipated cost is over \$550,000, a daunting amount for a 501(c)3 with an annual budget of \$50,000. The project is picking up support. It's a worthwhile goal, which will benefit the entire Island in several ways. Launching the program will require much work, but it will be worth doing. And if it isn't started now, it may never come to pass.

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Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* touted the immanent coming of the Paradise Bay Harbor Club, a combination 8-lane bowling alley, restaurant, 22-unit hotel, and theater on the corner of the King's Highway and the Donegal Bay Road. When built it would provide 8 year-around jobs and 16 more summer jobs.

In other construction news, the rebuilding of the ferry dock, by Beaver Gems and the R. B. Lyons Company, was underway. St. James Township asked the design firm that prepared the ferry dock plans to work up a blueprint for rebuilding the Municipal Marina.

PABI included a Q/A flyer about its plans for the Community House and asking for donations.

Next to a letter about the disparity in taxes between the two townships, the *Beacon* proposed that the township border line be moved south until both townships had identical total values—less than a mile.

Our deputy reported that in the previous year there had been one felony and eleven misdemeanor arrests, but only five traffic citations.

Joan Vyse, our librarian, was hon-

ored with the Northland Coopertative's June Duvall Award for outstanding service.

The BICS basketball team won a game over Paradise by a 101-point margin, 135 – 34. Jeremy Sowa led the scoring with 33 points, and three others had over 20 (Travis Martin, 23; Kyle Wojan, 22; and Will Market, 21). All twelve players scored.

Passings noted included Lew Howard, 69, who had lived here for six years, Carol LaFreniere's mother and 34-year resident Marie Riegle, 87, Jon and Sally Fogg's daughter Jennifer Ann Fogg, 17, and Bess Haynes, 102, who lived here with her husband, Island doctor Howard Haynes, in the 1960s and helped found the Beaver Island Christian Church.

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* was not published during this transition period between Civic Association sponsorship and private ownership.

Thirty Years Ago The Game Report bemoaned the deep snow that was inhibiting rabbit hunters. A footpath had been made out to Perry Gatliff's shanty on the harbor, though,

and he was said to be taking large pike, but no perch. Terry VanArkle was among the beaver trappers, having taken thirty so far.

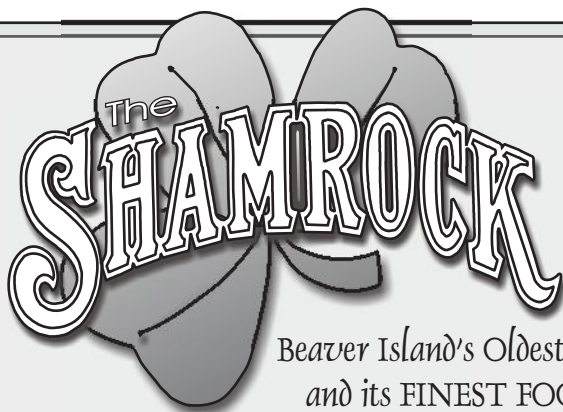
A falling off of donations to the Medical Center Building Fund, after a good start, had placed continuing construction of an addition in jeopardy. Over \$14,900 had been raised so far, plus another \$11,500 was transferred from the Med Center's General Fund. But \$12,000 in unpaid bills were immediately due. One problem was that some of the money raised had to go towards the purchase of equipment mandated by the state.

Eight of the Island Boy Scouts camped-out over a week-end on Garden Island under the supervision of David Himebach and Joe Moore. They used the DNR building as their base camp, and snowshoed, skied, and snowmobiled around the Island.

The Interlochen Arts Academy's Brass Band put on a well-attended concert.

Under the direction of Vera Wojan the March of Dimes raised over \$400.

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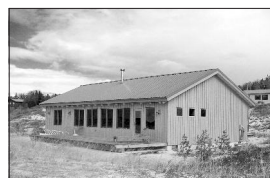
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McDonough, Hugh Cole, and Chip Baine, walked to High Island and back.

The *Beacon* printed a letter from Jesse Cole to Shirley Gladish in which Mr. Cole talked about his life. He had moved to Beaver as a child after his father Gat Cole's mainland mill burned, settling at Nomad. At first his sisters had taught a kind of school for him on the property, but after an interim working at Gat's mill, Jesse enrolled at the 'Little Red Schoolhouse,' where the Roosevelt School was later built. Mamie Salty was his teacher, but he mainly learned tap dancing—and then went to tap dancing school in Chicago. He was on the stage, and then worked as a telegraph operator, but developed wanderlust and took off for California in a Model T—Mrs. Briggs' former Beaver Island taxi. It broke down near Kansas City, but he made it to L. A. After a month he went to Florida and signed on a ship heading for Mexico, claiming he was a wheelsman—and learned how to wheel on board. When the ship docked in New York he went to work on Broadway, before returning to Chicago and going to work for a bank.

He was quite successful, as he was when he returned to his first love, the theater. The letter came from Florida, where he had retired. (Note: the story of his near-fatal accident at Nomad is told in *Volume 5* of the *Journal of Beaver Island History*.)

Passings noted included Great Lakes seaman John Gillespie, Jewell's brother, who had retired to Phoenix, and Grace Salty Gallagher, who had been living in Green Bay.

Forty Years Ago A small village of 15 fishing shanties at the north edge of the harbor was pulling in the perch. Perry Gatliff and Bob Southern had 33 on a stringer, some weighing nearly a pound. Most were using 'wrigglers,' but Walt and Ron Wojan were having good luck with minnows. Another group of shanties had been set up on Lake Geneserath, where Mike and Perry Crawford were spearing pike.

The arrival of snowmobiles opened up new territory on the dunes for rabbit hunters. The resident Game Farm Manager and his assistant went to Garden Island to inspect conditions, and came upon Archie and Alvin

LaFreniere and four others hunting rabbits—with seven in their bag. Rabbits were said to be abundant on Hog Island as well.

A large group of turkeys was doing well, thanks to a feeding station established six miles south of town by Karl Kuebler. A few other small flocks were seen elsewhere.

The Island's many coyotes were making it tough on the deer. Islanders had been arguing with the Conservation Department for a long time about the damage wrought to the deer herd. There was an Open Season on coyotes.

Don Nelson brought a small Army-surplus tracked ATV called a 'Weasel' to the Island, and he and Don Cole set off west from Cable's Bay to explore. On the way back across a frozen cranberry bog one belt came off and they could not get it back on, so they had to walk to Don's cabin through very deep snow.

Construction was about to begin on a new Convent in town next to Holy Cross Church.

The Women's Circle held a
continued on page 30.

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30. **On This Date, from page 29.**

'Country Auction' at the school. A potluck dinner was also held at the school to raise funds for the Christian Church.

The *Beacon* published a poem written in 1923 about the first airplane to come to Beaver Island—it landed on the ice at Lake Geneserath to bring medical help to the severely-injured Jesse Cole.

Fifty Years Ago A new teacher for grades 5 – 8, Sister Cyrene, arrived to take over for Dorothy McGregor, who had finished the semester for Sister Lorraine after her health declined.

Archie LaFreniere, Karl Kuebler, and others were chasing a pesky fox between Gull Harbor and Lookout

Point. The results of the fall's deer hunt were released: 262 hunters took 107 deer. Two kids, Ed Wojan and Glen LaFreniere, set up their own shanty, using a sled and a hydraulic jack.

The first annual meeting of the Beaver Island Telephone Company was held four months after it was formed. Rogers Carlisle was elected president, Dick LaFreniere vice-president. Forty-eight phones were in operation.

Archie LaFreniere and Don Cole were elected to those offices in the Civic Association.

Holy Cross sponsored a sleigh ride for Island teenagers.

Lawrence McDonough's horse took sick at his lumber camp so he

brought the Island doctor from town. "The horse survived." A few days later, in a separate incident, the doctor (Luton) was accused of taking Lloyd McDonough's favorite hat. Then, a little later still, Doc Luton couldn't provide any relief for a terrible toothache in the mouth of Traverse City coyote hunter Jerry Zachary, so he turned him over to Dick LaFreniere, who solved the problem with his specialty, the "liquid cure."

Father Joseph's return to the Island was commemorated by a spaghetti dinner at the Parish Hall, organized by Florence (Burke) Rolland, the first cook at the Killarney Inn.

The passing of Darkeytown Road farmer Danny Boyle, 88, was noted.

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The painting took five weeks of almost constant work. We had to build a plastic-like tent from floor to ceiling to protect it and the artist while construction continued in the area. We have been very pleased with the response of the families we serve, and it has turned into quite a conversation piece.

— Kraig Pike

ROY DALE BURGET 1942-2007

Roy Dale Burget, 65, died Sunday, January 27 at his residence, following an extended illness.

He was born on July 6, 1942, in Logansport, the son of Roy and Thelma (Hershberger) Burget. Dale graduated from Idaville High School in Idaville, Indiana and moved to Muncie in 1961.

Mr. Burget was employed with Westinghouse/ABB and ABB TRES for more than twenty-five years. Dale was a member of First Baptist Church.

Surviving is his wife, Rosemary (Kern) Burget; a son, Brendan Burget, (wife-Nicole), Las Vegas, Nevada; a daughter, Bethany Baker, Salt Lake City, UT; one granddaughter, Olivia Baker; two brothers, Warren Burget, (wife-



Connie), Lafayette, and Loren Burget, (wife-Nancy), Monticello; three sisters, Jean Fowler, Logansport, JoAnn Hall, (husband-Ralph), Monticello, and Marilyn Myers, Kerrville, Texas.

Dale's passions were his family, the Island and sailing.

Funeral services were held. Thursday, January 31st, 2008 at the First Baptist Church in Muncie.

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contributions may be made to First Baptist Church, 309 E. Adams St., Muncie, IN 47305, Muncie Mission, 520 S. High St., Muncie, IN 47305, or to Beaver Island Christian Church, P.O. BOX 21 Beaver Island, MI 49782.

Online condolences may be directed to www.meeksmortuary.com.

FAY KEMPKE 1911-2007

Fayne Kempker, age 96, of Holland died on Friday, December 29, 2007 at the Inn at Freedom Village.

She was preceded in death by her husband John in 1977 and was a member of Calvary Reformed Church.

She is survived by her children

David and Mary Kempker of Zeeland, John Jr. and Ann Marie Kempker of Lowell; 7 Grandchildren; 16 Great grandchildren; 3 Great great grandchildren; Sister in law: Alice Kempker of Holland. She once had a home on Lake Geneserath's South Arm.



32. MELISSA BAILEY: A TRUE CREATIVE FORCE

by Frank Solle



Was there ever a time, since the days she wore a tail to school until she marched down the aisle of Holy Cross Hall in gradutary cap and gown, that anyone doubted the creative ability of the Island's Melissa Bailey? Some people just 'get it,' and Melissa leads the way.

Once she won the Albion College creative writing contest for her poem *"A Love Affair with a Radiologist"* as a junior in high school, she was truly on

her way to becoming a writer.

"I've always wanted to be a writer," Melissa, the daughter of Jayne and Mike Bailey, revealed recently during a quiet interview over steamy lattes at Dalwhinnies. "Ever since I was 10 years old."

As a young woman with a plan of action, combined with the motivation to carry it out, Melissa is now well on her way to making her desire of becoming a writer a reality. She currently is midway

through her junior year at Albion College, a member of the Honors Institute, and is majoring in English with an emphasis on creative writing. Her college curriculum has pushed her not only to write poems in many different styles from free verse, to villanelles, to sestinas, but has broadened her talents in the area of short stories and creative nonfiction.

"Poetry is the one thing I've never had to question," she said of the widening gamut of her writing. "But I was surprised at how much I enjoy writing short fiction. I definitely want to explore it more. It's extremely challenging." Yet regardless of the genre, for Melissa it's all about getting the word on the page. "As long as I'm writing, that's really the only thing I care about."

Melissa has heard about this summer's writer's workshop sponsored by the Beaver Island Writing Group and is very interested in that. Her wonderful problem is one of finding time. "I'd love to go and see what other people are doing," she said. "I'd like to attend, but it depends on when it is."

Melissa's summer plans are contingent on her being accepted to an internship program in Chicago through the Urban Center. "They put you in an internship where you learn skills that apply to your major," she explained. "I know some English students have worked in publishing houses, for example." This eight-week program begins in June. Students earn one half semester's credit while the program, as Melissa says "makes Chicago your classroom."

And then there is a similar study program in Europe. "I really want to go to Prague," Melissa said. "Albion has great contacts all over Europe, and there is a similar program where you have a job and a place to stay and are not totally left out there cold, just being in Europe by yourself. They really give you a leg up." All while earning another half-semester's credit, putting her on target for a final push for her Bachelor's degree. "I'm ahead a few credits already, so if I did both these trips I could just spend time writing my thesis and not have to take a full load of classes," she said.

While not a requirement for

34. *Creative, from page 33.*

"Don't let thinking you live on Beaver Island and there's no opportunities stop you from doing something you want to do, because I think it's the opposite of that. You can really make stuff happen here. The sky's the limit. Think of something that you want to do, that inspires you, and you can do it here. I think people on Beaver Island have the means to get their own projects going. There is someone here to help you, no matter what. It's really cool what people here know and do.

"As kids we don't always realize what we have here. I feel like that every time I come back. Each time I appreciate it more than I did before. I can really appreciate now how Beaver Island shaped me as a person."

Before we bussed our now cold and empty coffee cups to the dish cart, Melissa shared a wonderful photo collage she worked on while here for her break. Taking photos from a number of books and magazines she had at home, she created a grand mosaic of images and expressions, including a few of herself, completing the project with a frame someone had given her. It was a creative process that put the weight of accomplishment behind the words she had just spoken.

Melissa also shared some of the poems she had compiled in a portfolio for one of her classes, enthusiastically giving permission to print the

following poem, 'Goodrich,' written about the building she lives in. It too is an example of motivation, inspiration, dedication, and appreciation. And it shows that with Melissa Bailey, the sky truly is the limit. Soar on, Melissa.

Goodrich

I burn incense
in the warm dark,
leaning against a shadow.
The empty eye of my window
surveys the length of street.
The ticking of a bicycle.
Black squirrel running along
a telephone wire.
Voices and subwoofers
announcing their presence as
they pause at the four-way stop.
Dogs barking through
a broken fence.
Voice in my head.
The window and I listen. Down the hall,
the kittens ease by
like crocodiles,
waiting for a door to
open.

It was not gravity
which first lulled me here,
but something like it.
There was no voice
that spoke, besides the words
inside me.
And something was alive;
a chest heaving out breath.
Whispers squirming across
the walls. I would wander the house,
feeling for a pulse.

Everywhere else is the moon to me now;
full of holes and
airless

Cracks in the bright paint.
The broken window
and the plastic covering it.
The sagging couch.
The caress of artwork
looking down.
Cinnamon stir-fry.
The scrape of the broom. This is the
womb I breathe in.
This is where my birth will come.
And the aftermath

No matching silverware; no
matching china. The cupboard
does not discriminate.
It flings open its wooden arms to
reveal dishes of all nations
and races, singing their
colors even in darkness.
I wish Humanity
was that cupboard.

I climb the aching stairs,
celebrating imperfection.
The things that can't help
but be beautiful
even when they are broken
and exposed
or have nails
sticking out.

It is not a revelation that strikes like
lightning. It is a quiet breathing
that fills you with belonging.



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A birthday celebration was held at Jerry and Marie LaFreniere's on Saturday, January 5th. About 50 family and friends gathered to celebrate Georgie's 85th birthday. Edward and

Hilary Palmer provided entertainment, as Georgie loves to dance.

Georgie was born on Beaver Island to Hugh and Katie Connaghan on January 8, 1923. She married Danny

Gatliff, son of Tom and Mary Gatliff. Daughters Linda Wearn, Gail Craig and Carol Gillespie were here to help celebrate. Her sons Jimmy, Tony and Perry were unable to be here.

"A GREAT LAKES JEWEL" UP FOR A MI EMMY

There is a new category for the Michigan Emmy awards, web-based video, and *Great Lakes Jewel*, the ecologically informative 15-minute film sponsored by Peaine Township, may be nominated this February. It's been modified by videographer

Barbara Lucas, and can be seen at the Beaver Island Library, on the *Emerald Isle* ferry, and on its website: www.agreatlakesjewel.org.

The informative *phragmites* video can be seen there as well as on the peaine.org township website.

DIVING ON THE BRADLEY

For the past few years a group of intrepid divers has gone down to the *Carl D. Bradley*, the largest Great Lakes ship-wreck at the time of its tragic sinking 50 years ago this fall. Information about this year's dive can be found at nordicdiver.com/carlbradley

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BICS BUILDING PLANS MOVE TOWARD

by Frank Solle

January 14th brought another informational meeting to the Beaver Island Community School hosted by members of Beta Design concerning the ever-progressing plans for the school upgrade. Joining company vice-president Brett Kronlein for this trip were landscape specialist Kerri Bennett and interior designer Karen Stauffer, as well as project manager Tom Sloan.

Kronlein opened the meeting by stating this would be the next to last such gathering before "packaging this

up." The Beta group also met with faculty and the school board during their visit.

One thing Kronlein said he hopes to accomplish during the construction phase is to "capitalize on the experience of local contractors and subcontractors." He also noted that due to the state's financial troubles bidding on this project should be quite competitive. "We did a job in Charlevoix recently and had bids from as far away as Midland and Saginaw."

No matter who are the eventual builders, Kronlein says full occupancy of the new building should be complete by the fall of 2009. "We will start with high school construction and the playground area," Kronlein said of the two areas that will be brand new. "This summer we will tear down the old parts and begin renovation."

Kronlein showed the small gathering the new design for the front of the building, and explained briefly the materials that will be used, including

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synthetic fieldstone and shingles as well as more traditional clapboard. “The new part of the school will be seen from the ferry as it approaches the dock,” Kronlein said. “It will be a very recognizable elevation, and good advertising for the Island.”

Landscaper Bennett went over some of the outside features, describing the eight-foot wide walkway around the proposed 24-foot circular drive that will eliminate students crossing the road during morning delivery and afternoon

pickup. The new parking area north of the school will have 23 parking slots plus a walkway around the area, with an access offshoot to the District Library.

The play area behind the school will take advantage of the current cement slab, creating three basketball areas designed for 3-on-3 play, much like the popular Gus Macker tournaments held around the country. Bennett said she would like to see some form of fencing to set the playground area off from the neighboring properties and to

delineate the school boundaries. Material selection for such a fence is still up for suggestions.

The one area that is still a large sticking point is the sewer system. Beta has designed and planned for hooking up to the community system, but that requires laying a pipeline from the school down to the parking area of the public beach. This plan calls for removing the current road surface, installing the necessary piping, then resurfacing the road — *continued on page 38.*

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—an expensive proposition and one that would call for a yearly fee.

The alternative would be to rebuild the current septic system with a drain field somewhere on the property. Today the field is located beneath the current play area.

“We are analyzing the best options for the sewer,” Kronlein said. “Our civil engineers are working with the township officials. If we have to find a place for the septic system onsite, we can do that. Using the community system, it would be ‘connect it and forget it.’ It’s a value decision.”

Looking at inside issues, Kronlein turned the meeting over to Karen Stauffer, who had brought a number of carpet-square and other flooring samples. She discussed the different uses and applications of various materials. One that appears to be very functional as well as easy to maintain is a rubberized flooring. Stauffer proposed using it in some common areas, corridors, and around the sinks in the elementary classrooms.

While carpet squares are her suggestion for classrooms, two common areas could incorporate carpet and rubberized flooring to create a

compass motif in the floor.

Stauffer detailed the use of patterns and colors in creating innovative spaces rather than solid-color carpeting. “Color can even be a way-finding tool,” she explained.

One area that presents a flooring challenge is the combined science/art room in the High School wing. With a number of different chemicals and art supplies being used by students, one

solution is a stained concrete floor similar to what was used in the new CMU building.

Stauffer left the flooring samples at the school for further inspection and consideration.

With bids expected to be released in another month, the Beta group also discussed casework for storing supplies in each classroom with the BICS faculty and staff.

The Preservation Association recently announced that after a period of outward dormancy, it will open the Community Center this July—thanks to a \$650,000 loan at a low interest rate (4% in 2008, 4.5% for 2009, and 7% for 2010) from an unnamed private party.

PABI's Board has solicited pledges to repay the loan, which have so far totaled around \$300,000. Fund-raising will continue, but now it will have a functioning building to back up the efforts. Besides repaying the loan, the Board hopes to raise an additional \$300,000 for furnishings and

equipment. So beyond the current pledges, another \$650,000 must be raised.

PABI intends to hire a Community



House Manager to oversee the building's use; the position will soon be posted. In addition, PABI will poll the public to determine what kind of events would be most appreciated. A *Baroque on Beaver* performance has already been booked for August 2nd.

It has taken over ten years of hard work to bring this about. The various Board members have overcome several daunting obstacles along the way, never becoming discouraged. We all owe them our deep gratitude for their perseverance—which we can express by helping with the final funding drive over the next few years.

THANKING BY INVESTING

In lieu of sending cards to all of my family and friends this winter, I am donating to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, to help "Open the Doors" of the Community Center on

the Island. It's been a long road, but the end is finally in sight, and this is something that will benefit us all.

So Happy Birthday, Happy Anniversary, Happy Valentine's Day, Happy

St. Patrick's Day, and a blessed Easter to one and all.

Thanks everyone for their thoughts and cards. My best wishes and love,

— Skip



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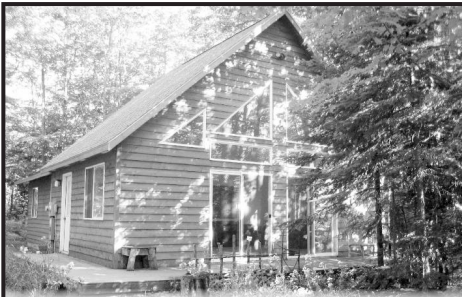
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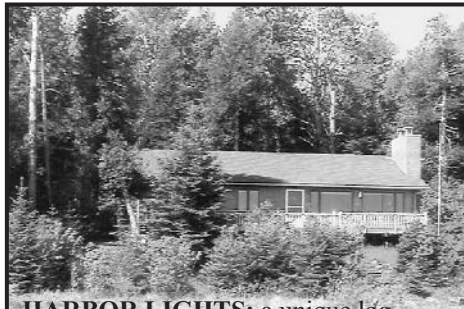
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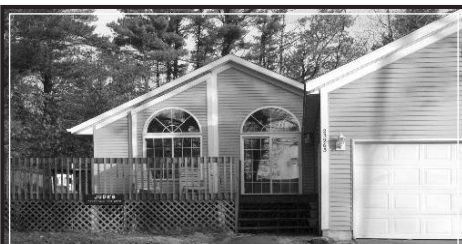


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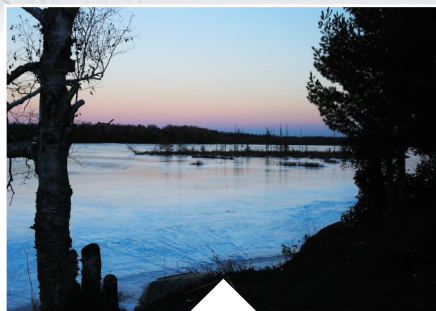
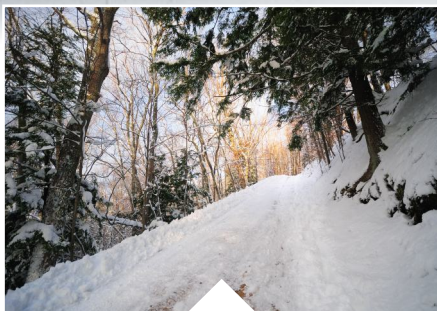
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