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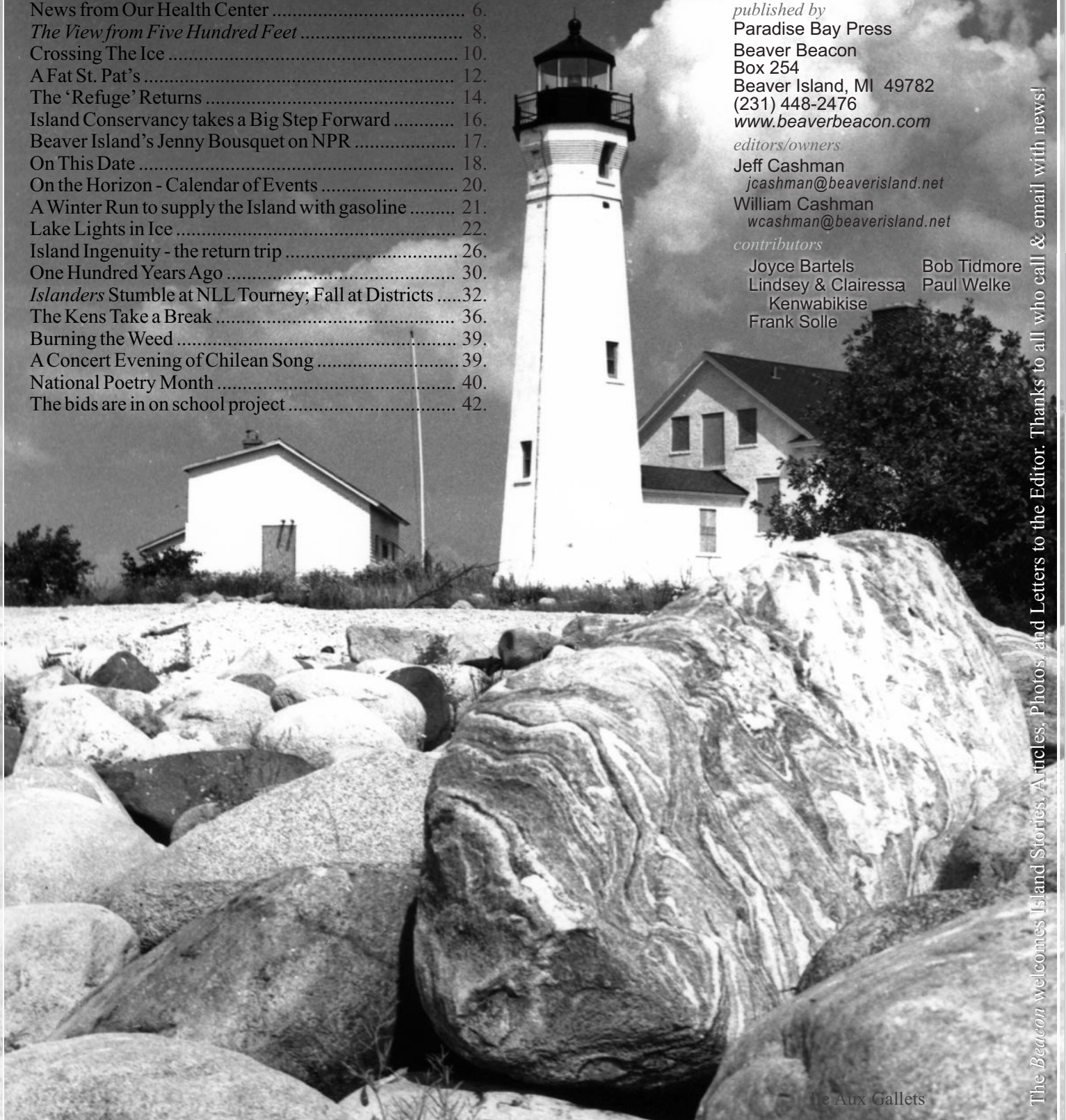
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Regular Meeting

The St. James Township Board reviewed the proposed budget, which will be presented to the public for its approval at the Annual Meeting. The proposal included funds for the Cemetery, which needs a new sign and fence, and Cost of Living raises for the Maintenance Man, the Fire Chief, and the assistants to the officers. Money is also included for *phragmites* and for landscaping at Gull Harbor and other Township properties.

A member of the public pointed out that the State of Michigan now permits golf carts modified to meet safety requirements to be driven at speeds up to 35 mph on public streets.

Bob Tidmore, the first of six applicants to the BITA Board, was appointed to replace Rich Gillespie on the Transportation Authority.

Peaine Regular Meeting

The Peaine Town Board reviewed the proposed budget, which will be presented to the public for its approval at the Annual Meeting.

The supervisor remarked that only 14 appeals had been heard by the Board of Review—the average had been around thirty.

The EMS Budget

The BIEMS submitted its budget for April 08 to April 09, with income

expected to rise from \$80,204 (actual) to \$82,955 and expenses from \$71,011 (actual) to \$102,100. The slight increase in income is projected to come from slight increases in payments for EMS services.

Expenses are projected to be about the same for vehicle maintenance and for facilities, and to decrease for educational programs. The big increases will come from the cost of having a full-time summer Paramedic (+\$15,000), a raise for the Executive Director (from \$3,500 to \$11,000), and for winter on-call wages (+\$6,000).

To meet this shortfall, the Townships will ask for an increase of ~\$9,500 each in their proposed budget. The Director later said she might be able to cut a few things to reduce the shortfall; if she can, the savings will stay in the Townships' contingency funds.

The Annual Meetings

Both Townships held their annual meetings on March 20th, Peaine in the morning, St. James in the afternoon. Both meetings were preceded by Budget Meetings, at which their proposed budgets were approved and they were given authority to levy the required millage.

The Board members all received Cost of Living increases to their salaries, unanimously approved *except*



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in Peaine, where one resident loudly said "no" as each resolution for an increase was put to a separate vote. The current bank, law firm, insurance carrier, auditor, and engineer were retained. The existing land policy was reconfirmed.

Each Supervisor gave an address in which the previous year was summarized. In Peaine, John Works spoke about the difficulty of providing services while keeping taxes at a minimum. He pointed out that three straight years of summer drought had exacerbated the problem of maintaining the roads; last year over 4,000 yards of gravel was put down. He was pleased with the year's accomplishments: procuring a grant for the tub grinder, building an addition to the Transfer Station, and fighting *phragmites* (and producing a video about the reed, copies of which were passed out). He cited the airport improvements about to begin, work at the campground, and the accomplishments of the Trails Committee. He thanked all the Board members and the Township employees, Darrell Butler, Glen LaFreniere, Doug Bugai, John McNeil, Tim Myers, Kevin White, and Joan Vyse, for their efforts, and commended the successes of the EMS and the BIRHC.

In St. James Don Vyse was proud of

the effort put forth in modifying the tower ordinance, in staying after the land for Arranmore Park, in getting the ReSale Shop reopened, and in working to improve the land holding, the runways, and the terminal building at the Municipal Airport. He thanked the Board, the township employees, and the many volunteers for their good service. He was pleased with other accomplishments as well: the *phragmites* effort, acquiring the tub grinder, expanding the Transfer Station, and persevering to get the grant for plans, specifications, and costs to rehab the Whiskey Point Light. He regards this as a very important project; the economic development conferences agreed it could become a major tourist draw. He said we have an obligation to the National Park Service to follow through, and hoped the still-forming committee would move the project forward. He had a few regrets: the restrooms need work, as does the North Shore Campgrounds—for which a development plan would be an asset. These regrets will top his agenda for the coming year.

Peaine and St. James Budgets

An examination of aspects of the budgets of our two townships provides some interesting information (the complete budgets are available from the Township offices) *continued on page 6.*



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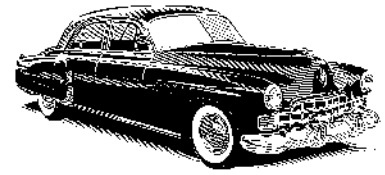
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Township Annual Meetings: Budgets, from page 5.

	<i>Peaine</i>	<i>St. James</i>
Operating base	\$313,000	\$266,000
<i>Revenue</i>		
Property tax	\$233,000	\$171,000
State revenue sharing	\$19,500	\$12,000
Zoning/campground	\$7,500	\$5,000
Interest/rents	\$2,500	\$6,000
Swamp tax	\$8,000	
State SET fee	\$8,000	
Administration fees		\$17,000
Other/reimbursements	\$5,000	\$55,000
<i>Expenses</i>		
Board salaries	\$54,911	\$52,522

Assistants' salaries	\$8,000	\$3,778
Assessor/ZA	\$20,587	\$20,588
Cemetery	\$4,000	\$4,500
Auditor	\$4,000	\$4,000
Phragmites	\$5,000	\$3,000
Second Deputy	\$8,000	\$4,700
Street lights		\$8,000
King's Highway bond	\$13,375	\$20,000

Peaine has set aside \$10,000 for an Emergency Training building, and \$15,000 for an Emergency Training fund. It has budgeted amounts to match the St. James millages for the EMS (\$38,390) and the Historical Society (\$10,838).

OUR HEALTH CENTER

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center held its bimonthly meeting the day before Easter.

These meetings always begin with an examination of the finances. Medical service income was inhibited because Medicare, doing some 'house cleaning,' had required every Health Center to become recertified and was holding up payments until the 40-page application was processed. Some Health Centers actually had been forced to close while this was being done, but the timing allowed us to stay open, using millage payments (\$135k of \$206k has been received) for general operations. The new billing company had helped BIRHC manager Donna Kubic complete the application and send it in, so payment of ~\$40k in Medicare funds is expected soon.

The response to the Annual Letter requesting donations was excellent, increasing the Special Projects Fund by over \$31k. Another \$35k came in for the

Endowment Fund as well.

Last fall the number of patient visits fell off, and October and November were well below the previous year, but then visits began to pick up.

Island Hospice services have dramatically improved because Sue Solle and Donna Kubic have been placed under the umbrella of Munson; now they can make Medicare benefits available to hospice patients on Beaver Island, such as reimbursement for medications and special equipment. Father Pat will administer spiritual care through this expanded program.

Five new computers have been installed at the Health Center, and its website will be updated to include a link to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to facilitate direct on-line donations. The digital x-ray connection to the Charlevoix Hospital is still a few months from completion. All our medical equipment was recently inspected and found to be in good shape.



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Each township has a separate fund for roads. Peaine will invest \$57,428 from property tax—\$35,000 for dust control, the rest for maintenance. St. James will raise \$84,648 from taxes, spending \$12,000 for dust control; its bond payment comes from this source as well.

Peaine administers the Transfer Station budget, with each Township contributing \$71,000 and another \$86,000 being raised from fees. Wages, benefits, and taxes come to \$89,500.

Peaine also administers the Municip-

pal Airport budget, which receives 7. \$40,208 from each Township. It earns \$6,000 from selling \$118,000 worth of aviation fuel, and pays \$14,000 in utilities. The AWS operation costs \$4,000. The manager earns \$5,100; maintenance costs are \$15,000; and insurance is \$6,000.

St. James administers the sewer, the yacht dock, the cemetery, and the Government Building.

Separate millages for the Health Center come from Peaine (\$122,083) and St. James (\$84,648).

The disaster supplies are here, except for the cots (which will come on the ferry and be stored at the Government Building). Munson donated surgical lighting, which was installed by Ray Cole. Larry Hansz is arranging for the donation of other equipment.

Sarah McCafferty and Gerry LaFreniere Jr. taught a class on heart health to ten residents. A 3-hour class about pre-diabetes will be offered on April 16 from 6:00 to 9:00. Twenty-six EKG readings were given on a 'free day' and reviewed. Plans are progressing to partner with Northern Michigan Hospital for providing physical therapy here. NoMI also sent someone over to update Sue Solle on several new techniques and procedures.

Denny Cook's maintenance committee is awaiting priced options for correcting the circulation problem, which at present forces someone to climb into the attic to reset the solenoids whenever there's a power outage. Volun-

teers Darrell Butler, Jim Wojan, and Gerry LaFreniere got the generator working—it had been out of commission for some time. It is set to run for 20 minutes once a week; a fault light is to be moved from inside the case to where it can be seen from the Health Center.

Despite increased efforts, a second health care provider has not been found. Ten nearby schools with NP programs were contacted. The job was posted on the BIRHC site, on Monster, and at placement offices, generating scant interest so far. The public is urged to mention this need to their friends.

The immediate situation, though, is under control, with relief help procured for the spring and summer.

The next meeting will be a 3-hour strategic planning session. Facilitator Pete Plastrik has interviewed the Board and staff, and will have an outline of the goals of the meeting in their hands beforehand.

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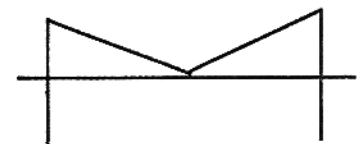
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Pilots really do get days off

It was a very balmy Sunday morning during a summer in the early 90s. I was not on the flight schedule that day, and was looking forward to a pleasant day off. Well, about mid-morning I got a call from the resident County deputy reporting smoke being seen over Trout Island.

Over the years I have received many requests to check on strange sightings on the outer islands, most of which proved to be a non issue. So I hastily prepared to make a quick jaunt over to Trout even though I was fairly certain there would be a logical explanation for

what had been reported.

As soon as I broke ground I could see the obvious telltale signs eight miles to the northwest that maybe things were not quite what they should be. I radioed back to the airport Unicom to have my father take off so I could relay back any messages I had, once I got on the ground on Trout, and said that perhaps the Beaver Island Fire Department should be alerted (this is pre cell-phone days).

Once over the island, I discovered an accessory building engulfed in flames next to the only house, with several people standing nearby. I radioed back this information with

instructions that I would report again by aircraft radio what I found once on the ground. Unbeknownst to me until later, shortly after this point the BIFD was alerted, and had firemen, pumps, and hoses already loaded in one of our Islander aircraft, waiting for my word to be flown over to Trout.

Once I was down on the rough and narrow airstrip, I pulled off as far as I could, expecting I would soon be calling in additional help. Then I raced down the undulating trail to the house, and found the owner, his wife, and his daughter in a rather harried state fighting the fire, which had engulfed the

WENDY LYNN WEIDENHAMER

Wendy Lynn Weidenhamer, 37, of Alanson, passed away at home Friday, February 29, after a 16-month fight with brain cancer.

Born on June 26, 1970, in Petoskey, she was the daughter of John Kenwabikise of Beaver Island and Hermenia (Leroy) Hoffman of Gould

City. Wendy was a loving stay-at-home-mom of five children, and always enjoyed the chaos of our large family. Not even the cancer treatments and diets could keep her from enjoying her life and family.

She consistently supported her children by going to games and after-

school activities. Hair or not, she was always there. She fought hard, keeping her head held high, and always had a positive attitude. She was full of hope and never afraid.

Wendy is survived in life by her mother and father, her devoted husband Richard Dean Weidenhamer; five

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generator building. They were using a garden hose from the home water-well, powered by their standby generator (the main generator being the center of the conflagration).

Discovering the external fuel oil tanks were still feeding the fire, I managed to close off all the valves. By this point the building could not be saved, but our main concern was the house (75' away) catching on fire on that hot and tinder-dry August day. The owner and I conferred about what our next plan should be. I could see my father circling overhead, and knew he was anxious, to put it mildly, for

instructions from me, so I suggested to the owner that we call over the BIFD, which I explained was probably waiting by now at Welke Airport with equipment needed to preserve the main house.

As incredulous as it may sound, the owner did not want the assistance of any fire department. At that time he was in a battle with the State over his property taxes, contending he should not be taxed at the same rate as the rest of St. James Township since none of the services available to other residents were available on Trout Island, and it might look bad if the BIFD came over and saved his house.

So I trekked back to the plane to send the message for everyone to stand down. Returning to the scene, I spent the remainder of the day putting water on the demised structure, cutting down nearby trees which were alight, and watching the house, which had cedar shingles, for any telltale signs of smoke. There were no further problems concerning the house, but two or three hours later we found three cedar stumps, varying from 50 to 100' away, that had caught fire from stray embers.

By late afternoon I returned home, somewhat exhausted, to continue my "pleasant" day off.

HELEN GATES

Helen M. Gates, 89 of Ann Arbor, passed away. She was the wife of the late Alfred, the mother of Peggy (Thomas) Goodart, Thomas (Vickie), Sue (Ted) Rutledge-Hehl, and Larry, the grandmother of Jenna, Ken, Kasey, Kelly, and Joe, and the dear sister of Louise, Leona, Leo, and Hank.

children, Scott Hughey, 19, Daniel Hughey, 17, Shelby Hughey, 13, Mya Weidenhamer, 6, Mason Weidenhamer, 2, all from Alanson; siblings, Erick (Ardis) Kenwabikise, Simon (Anne) Kenwabikise, Rose (Justin) Skop, Katheryn Kenwabikise and Patrick Kenwabikise; and many nieces,

nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Kenneth, Dennis, and Jesse; several aunts and uncles; her paternal grandparents Paul and Isabell (Wabanimkee) Kenwabikise; and her maternal grandparents Jess and Rose (Slocum) Moore.



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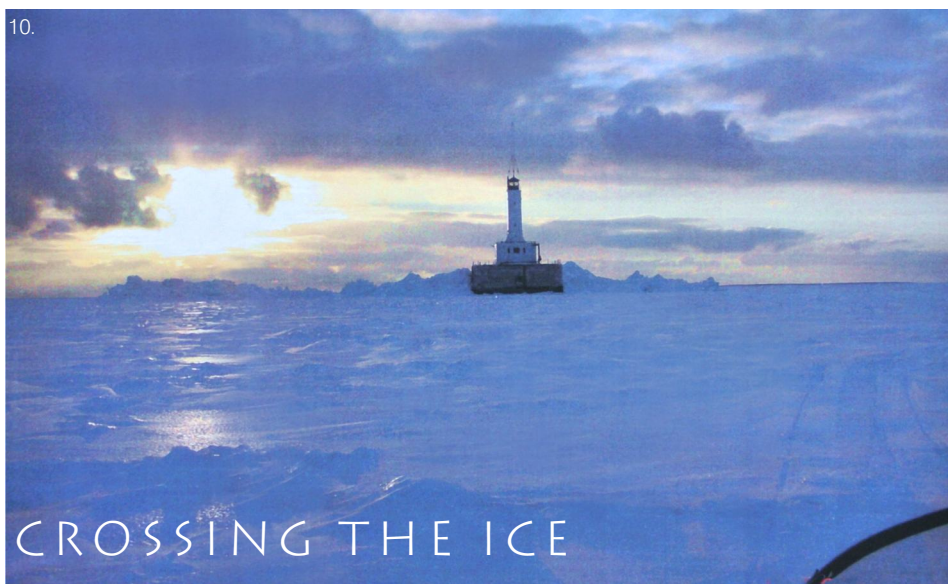


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\$315,000.



This long, cold winter has created problems for many Islanders, such as frozen pipes and snow-drifted roads, but it has been a bonanza for snowmobilers. The Lake between here and Charlevoix never came close to freezing over, and at times a surprising

current to our west put High Island out of reach, but Garden was an easy jaunt on most days, Trout, Whiskey, and Squaw often, the Upper Peninsula a few times, and Mackinac City frequently enough for some intrepid riders, like Rich Gillespie and Bud Martin, to make

the trip four times.

It's not an easy run—50 miles each way, an hour and a half, maybe 3 gallons of gas. There are bumps and hummocks, but a fairly flat route can be found. One group, Bud and Rich, Rich's son Kevin, and Darrell Butler, took the

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trip a couple of times before St. Pat's Day, stopping at the Waugoshance Point Light, where they had to skirt some open water, and at LaWay's home (with a marker that includes the breeches buoy from the *Boyd*) exactly halfway between that Lighthouse and

the Bridge, built with rocks hauled from Hog Island.

At Mackinac City they met up with friends from St. Ignace (including one with B. I. roots), and posted a sign: *St. Pat's on Beaver Island — Only 50 Miles Away*, positioning it so it could

be read by people coming off the Bridge. What they didn't tell any whose interest was aroused was that if they wanted to come they had to take a hard right once they'd come off the bridge and follow the snowmobilers out across the ice.

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12.

Despite the bitter weather, this year's St. Patrick's Day was celebrated in great style, with much music, jollity, and fun. Donegal Danny's featured 'Danny G, Cindy G, and Danny J,' as well as a professional bagpiper, the Beachcomber had 'Kevin White and Friends

(Patti, Miranda, Bill Markey, and, on congas, Kevin Bousquet)—and Richie's band Saturday afternoon, and the Shamrock had the 'Boodlers' on both nights. Everybody kept dancing, all weekend long. Saturday afternoon's games drew a smaller but more enthusias-



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tic crowd. The obstacle race required teams to start out in the Goofermobile, disembark to hopscotch through truck tires, motor to the tiddley-quarter stand (where quarters had to be bounced into a pitcher of green beer, followed by quickly gulping down a small glass). The next



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stage involved five circuits of a hull—a hoop followed by a potato pass—until they were dropped so many times they became mashed. To finish, 20' had to be navigated in 4-man skis, followed by a quick rotation of jackets.

The fish toss used two fish, small for

the kids, who went first, and the women, and large for the men. The fish were very slippery, and impossible to grip. Tosses went every which way, with spectators nimbly stepping out of the way. Underhand and overhand tosses were tried, some with spins. The men's toss went on

until the head came off.

The games concluded with a tug of war, 30+ fishchokers against 30+ hayseeder, with audience members free to join either side. The townies won two out of three, primarily because two out of three times they had the downhill side.





GARDEN ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB REFUGE MOVED OFF GARDEN TO COMPLY WITH DNR RULING

The long-awaited move of the 'Refuge' from Northcutt Bay on Garden Island's SE corner, which began last summer with the moving of the 12 x 16' building to the water's edge, was finished this March.

Bud Martin and his sons first spent three days of back-breaking labor getting the structure out of two feet of shore ice and up on skids. Then, the

next day, they towed it across the ice to Beaver's north shore west of the Lodge with a pick-up.

There it sat for a few days, missing its windows, its forlorn sign proclaiming it to have once been the world headquarters for the 'Garden Island Social Club.' Then Bud used his loader to pull it onto land, at

first trying to tow it up the hill but then turning around and yanking it, bit by bit, with the hydraulic arm of his back-hoe.

The final stage involved him pushing it onto a trailer and taking it to

his property, where it will become a different kind of Refuge—one for any wildlife needing to get out of the weather, cats, dogs, coyotes,

or homeless hikers who happen to be hiking by. Somewhere in the back woods it will return to serving its original purpose



On Ice Photograph by Bob Tidmore



CAMP QUALITY



This year the Beaver Island Teen Camp will be held June 20-23. Participants will board the *Emerald Isle* at the Charlevoix docks at 2:00 p.m. on the 20th. They are urged to be on time, to eat

lunch before boarding, and to bring a jacket. In addition to seeing CMU's Biological Station and the Lighthouse, special activities will include eco-kayaking with Kayak Ken and Jacque,

more bicycling, visiting the Toy Museum, and a road rally with the Beaver Island kids. The theme is "Let Beaver Island be Beaver Island!"

—Nancy and Shawn and Eleanor



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16. ISLAND CONSERVANCY TAKES A BIG STEP FORWARD

Thanks to Terry and Bev Scully, Beaver Island has just been assured that one of its most highly-valued pristine tracts will remain so in perpetuity.

The Scullys, purchasers of Deerwood from Jon and Sally Fogg, have placed most of the property—all of it except for 12.8 acres surrounding the building—under a very restrictive Conservation Easement, which assures that it will always be preserved as a natural scenic and forested domain.

The Easement constitutes a donation of the development rights on 173 acres, including almost 1730' of magnificently-duned Lake Michigan

beach and the western and southern portions of Barney's Lake (about 2665'), as well as the dramatic terrain and diverse habitat in between.

The donation, which has been conservatively valued at over a million dollars by the IRS, has been made to the Little Traverse Conservancy Conservation Trust (it is almost contiguous with their other nearby holding at the old Barney O'Donnell farm), and, through the Trust, to all of Beaver Island. The Scullys retain title to the land, and can sell it or borrow against it, but the Easement will remain attached.

This Easement prohibits subdivid-

ing, commercial or industrial activity, construction, cutting of trees or vegetation (except for one Christmas tree a year by the Scullys), alteration of the land surface, dumping, modification of water courses, motorized vehicle use, and most sign placements.

The Kuebler Trail will be maintained for the public in its present state—it has always been the Scullys' intention to preserve the public's access over their section of the Trail. For those who worried that, on some future arrival on the Island and drive down Barney's Lake Road, they would see the lake ringed with condos, this donation

LORETTA "LOY" LOYOLA MALLOY

Loretta "Loy" Loyola Malloy, 83, of Boyne City and formerly of Beaver Island, died Thursday, March 27, 2008, at her home in Boyne City. She was born April 25, 1925, on Beaver Island to Lawrence Joseph and Ethel (McDonough) Malloy.

Loy graduated from Beaver Island Schools, and earned an Associate's Degree in Culinary Arts. She worked as a bartender at the Shamrock and Beachcomber Bars on Beaver Island, and was respected for her knowledge of local history. She served as secretary to the Civic Association when the minutes had to be written by hand, and also worked at the Beaver Island Post Office. She was one of the staffers in the

early years of the *Beacun*.

For the past twenty-seven years she made her home in Boyne City. She worked as a caregiver at the Bergmann Center in Charlevoix, and donated much of her time to those in the community. Loy enjoyed walking, bingo, playing cards, and spending time with her daughter and grandchildren, especially watching them play sports. She was a good friend to all, and was known as Granny by many.

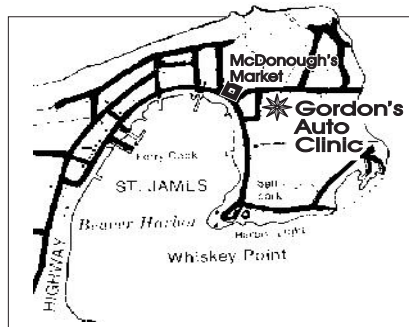
Loy, a devoted Catholic, attended Saint Matthew's Church in Boyne City and Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island. She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Napont of Boyne City; grandsons, Anthony (Bea Grody) Napont,

Craig (Crissy) Napont all of Boyne City, and Brian (Patricia Schmidt) Napont of Suttons Bay; great-grandchildren, Maggie, Zacharie, and Xander Napont. Loy's brothers, Francis Brown and the artist Robert Malloy, and sisters, Dorothy Ryan, Mary Halloran, and Bernadette Moore preceded her in death. She is survived by a brother Lawrence.

A rite of Christian Burial was held on April 1 at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Jerry Hunko officiating. Burial will take place later this spring at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Contributions may be directed to Arlene Napont at 324 Terrace St., Boyne City.

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A potential glitch was encountered when the Equalization Department in Charlevoix offered an initial opinion that the Scullys' newly-adjusted property tax should not be reduced because of the recording of this Conservation Easement.

The Scullys' purchase increased the property tax from roughly \$22,000 a year to over \$136,000. Their attorneys, together with local supporters, argued that the IRS valuation of the development rights at only a million dollars

should be deducted; with that deduction, the property tax would still be over \$113,000 a year.

The matter was settled in the Scullys' favor by the Board of Review on March 10th. Board of Review Chairman Arnie Rich noted, "The value of what they have given to the Island far exceeds the appraised value of the Conservation Easement." He also thanked Ed Wojan, who represented the Scullys, for providing details and assistance over the past several years that helped the Board improve their understanding of the various factors involved in these matters.

This donation represents an immense sacrifice by the Scullys. Even if they had no intention of ever developing this property, if their life and plans change they are nevertheless forever prohibited from selling this land to developers, thus eliminating the class of potential buyer most likely to pay the highest amount. Everyone on Beaver Island benefits from this, residents and visitors alike, and it sets the most appropriate precedent possible for the disposition of Beaver Island properties.

Next year Terry and Bev Scully should be named Beaver Island Citizens of the Year!

ON NPR

Holly Keeler and Beaver Island's Jenny Bousquet, who have been singing together for the past year on the mainland as *Pinky Lee*, were among six contestants heard in a contest on NPR's 'Prairie Home Companion' on March 15th. Email votes were allowed for 90 minutes after the live performances. Our team did not win, but they sure sounded good.

THANKS!

We had a successful turnout for the chili cook-off. Thank You to all who entered, and all who attended; it was a fun night. Seventeen pots of chili were entered! There was a good variety.

If you didn't win, hang in there, since we have new judges every year!

Thanks Again! We raised \$650 for the Beaver Island Sports Boosters!

—Diane McDonough

GR PARTY

The Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids held its 42nd Annual Benefit Party for Beaver Island last month. Because of the old-time music played by Island musicians it was considered quite a success.

The Glen McDonough Memorial Music Scholarship was awarded to Caitlin Boyle, daughter of Neal and Connie Boyle of Beaver Island.

BI EBAY E-STORE OPENS

One early outgrowth of the winter's economic development conferences is the opening of the *Beaver Island e-Store* on e-bay. Its purpose is to provide a method for selling Beaver Island crafted

items on the internet, giving Islanders an off-season outlet. The first items for sale have been posted at: stores.ebay.com/Beaver-Island-e-Store

The store hopes to expand. To have

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18. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The Island held its first emergency drill with a mock explosion at the school. When the Beaver Island Fire Department arrived they found the roof on fire and the hallway below blocked by debris. The EMS was called, and Commander Joe Moore quickly set up a patient care area. Deputy Mike Russell picked up road barriers on his way to the scene, and blocked off traffic. Rescue teams began working their way inside, crawling with their breathing packs on and bringing out a dozen victims—eight of whom were taken to the Welke Airport for transport. Charlevoix EMS personnel were summoned, taking over an hour to arrive. Because several people serve on both the Fire Department and the EMS, an effort was going to be made to prepare others—such as the Boy Scouts—to help in the case of a real emergency. *This was only a drill.*

In the St. Pat's Day race, the shopping cart was replaced by a double bed on rollers. The Pitch-a-Pike was conducted with a beheaded and gutted fish. A 2-man balloon-busting contest, a Fish Stomp, and a Limerick Contest

were also held.

The Historical Society was sad to announce the resignation of its executive director, Phyllis Moore, who had accomplished quite a lot during her years of service. She got the first computer set up, put the Helen Collar portraits on display, and worked to organize the chapters for what would become *Volume Four* in the series, *The Journal of Beaver Island History*.

Gus Schmidt resigned his long-held position as Township Zoning Administrator and Assessor, effective at the end of the year.

The Library received a grant to expand its offerings by purchasing video cassettes. It hoped to resume a lecture series during the summer.

The *Communities that Care* project came to Beaver Island to address concerns over teen alcohol, tobacco, and drug use. It would hold regular meetings to solicit public input on how best to attack these problems, and hoped to strengthen the family, the school, and the community. Twenty-five community members were involved, with funding coming from the state through the Charlevoix County

Substance Abuse program.

The Medical Center added PA Ken Was as regular relief for NP Penny Kiss.

The passing of Florence Wittenberg was noted. For many years she served as nurse/receptionist to Dr. Christie at the Medical Center. She and her husband moved from Indiana to Lake Geneserath; when he predeceased her she moved to a small house located where Dalwhinnie now stands.

Twenty Years Ago Ownership of the *Beacon* was almost resolved, and 1988's first issue was promised for May.

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* announced that 9 licenses had been sold and 6 people had gone trapping, taking a total of 70 beaver.

Under the direction of Helen Cooper the Medical Center sent out a letter appealing for donations for finishing its addition, and received over \$18,000. Another \$20,000 was needed.

The Historical Society decided to go ahead with wiring the Post Office Addition and rewiring the Print Shop, even though it did not have the money; it counted on donations, dues, and continued sales of *Volume One* during the upcoming season.



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The *Beacon* published a list of Islanders at the Chicago Party, naming several Gillespies, McCauleys, Bowery Gallaghers, Malloys, LaFrenieres, Culls, Mooneys, McCaffertys, O'Donnells, Boyles, and McDonoughs, but noting there were no Martins, Maloneys, or Sams.

Dennis and Bill Wagner were selling maple syrup at \$4.75 a quart.

Passings noted include Jo Ann (Mrs Lawrence) Malloy, daughter of the former owner of the King Strang Hotel.

Forty Years Ago Karl Kuebler, Rogers Carlisle, Eddie Connaghan, and Dave Kujawa were nearing their bag limit of five beavers each on their outings.

A controlled burn on 35 acres south of Miller's Marsh was successfully executed to improve deer habitat.

The bass fishing was good; hopes were high for a return of perch; whitefish lifts were sizeable; and rainbow trout were on their way to Fox Lake. That allowed sportsmen to dream that the coho released downstate would also migrate to Beaver's waters.

Five Coastguardsmen returned to the Whiskey Point Station.

The Civic Association planned a Spring Clean-up and a Fourth of July parade, followed by games and booths.

Senior BICS students Gary Earley, Joe McDonough, Roberta Palmer, and Dennis Wagner spent a day and night in Charlevoix, observing how its government worked.

The school tapped nearby maples and boiled down 85 gallons of sap, producing 3½ gallons of syrup.

The *Beacon* stated that at various times youth activities were organized and begun, only to fall apart from lack of adult interest. It hoped a long-term, permanent solution could be found.

Bids were solicited for the new Holy Cross convent east of the church.

The annual St. Pat's Dinner drew several off-Islanders and netted \$99.52.

Montgomery Ward sent three of its clerks to the Beaver Tail Restaurant to take orders, giving away bicycles to Angie Wojan and Steve Connaghan.

Twenty kids took part in an Easter Egg hunt at the Christian Church.

Former summer resident Hugh Ray was appointed by President Lyndon Johnson to the Commission on Product Safety.

Dr. Nels Sorensen urged all Islanders to support the fledgling Golf Course, seeing it as instrumental to the economy now that fishing, farming, and logging were in decline.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* reported the beaver catch: Chuck Dudley and Bill Pischner, 3; Archie LaFreniere and Jack Connaghan, 2; Karl Kuebler and Rogers Carlisle, 9. A group from Jackson had excellent luck fishing for perch through the ice.

The St. Pat's Dinner featured music by Sister Rene's *flutophone* band, followed by community singing. The delegation to the Chicago Party made it back in time to take part.

A wonderful portrait of King Strang by Chicago artist Allie McDonough was donated to the Historical Society. The BIHS was joined by Margaret Crony, future coauthor of *The Saga of Beaver Island*.

The *Sundew* was expected to break up the ice any day.

Russ and Joy Green moved back to the Island. They had the use of the Hanley log cabin, and Russ was to go to work for his brother-in-law, contractor Walt Wojan.

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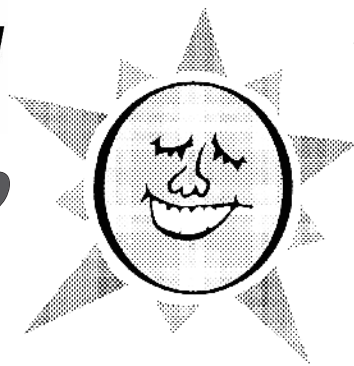
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20. WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THIS YEAR?

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Citizen of the Year - April 12th, 2008 at Stoney Acre Grill. *See ad, page 19.*

Road Rally - PABI's 6th annual Road Rally May 4th, 1:00 p.m. at the Shamrock. Paying a \$15 entry fee and having a car to ride in are the only requirements. Fill that car with as many helpful aids as you need—a telephone and book, journals, maps, toilet paper, pop....

Sports Boosters' Chinese Dinner - Saturday May 10th at Nina's Restaurant. Reservations please — call 448-2396. Take-out orders will also be available.

Concert Evening of Chilean Song in recognition of Fr. Pat Thursday, May 15th. Pre-show Chilean wine and cheese social: 6 - 7pm, with

concert to follow. *See page 38.*

Beaver Island Electric Car Show June 27th-28th. Because of rising popularity, two dealers will be bringing over 13 cars (Zenn, Zap, GEM, and a Vantage truck), and some Islanders will show theirs as well. Test drives will be available for all of the cars at the brick paver area at the Shamrock and Harbour Market. Sponsors of the show are North Central Zenn, The Shamrock, and the Harbour Market.

2008 Phragmites Eradication Plan meeting - A public meeting on June 24th, 2008 at the Peaine Hall at 7 p.m. to discuss the proposed 2008 Phragmites Eradication Plan. A letter will be mailed June 1st outlining this year's process. John Works, Don Vyse, Brian Mastenbrook, and BIPOA will answer questions.

The Fourth of July!

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Celtic Games September 13th, 2008.

Bite of Beaver Island and the **Island Boodle** October 4th, 2008.

MUSIC CAMP

"Jazz and More" will be explored during this summer's Kids Music Camp, July 28-Aug. 1. This is the second year for the camp offered by the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association to coincide with "Baroque on Beaver."

The camp will be staffed by Lynne Tobin, Miranda Rooy, and Robin Lee Berry and will offer experiences in vocal music and in winds, string, and percussion instrumental music. A highlight will be visits from four

professional musicians from the "Baroque" orchestra. The camp is open to students of the Beaver Island Community School, grades three to twelve, and to visiting youth. There is no charge for the camp.

Response to last year was so good that the BICAA decided to add a fifth morning session. The theme is chosen to emphasize the broad range of music styles, and to build interest in the September visit of the Ransom Street

Big Band of Grand Rapids. The band will perform at the Parish Hall on Saturday, Sept. 13, but will also visit the BICS on Friday, Sept. 12.

The Kids Music Camp will be held during the mornings of Baroque week at the Beaver Island Christian Church. BICS parents should watch for information from the school. Enrollment brochures will be available at many Island sites. For more information, please call Deb Plastrik at 448-3047.

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After a couple years of mild winters where we wondered if the Island would ever get snow again like when we were kids, or whether the world was just different now due to global warming, this year gave us a little more of a challenge. On St. Patrick's Day we still had snow banks along Main Street which allowed us to stand above the cars,

and the harbor was still well frozen.

In the third week of March, despite stockpiling as much fuel as last year, the Island was running out. Gas had to be rationed, with a \$20 per car per trip limit. For some that was only enough for two trips to town.

The *Emerald Isle* was chartered for a special run on March 22nd to bring a 9,000 gallon tanker truck. The

140' icebreaking tug *Biscayne Bay*, based in St. Ignace, would make her way to Charlevoix, break its way through ¼ mile of ice that blocked the open channel to Round Lake, escort the *Emerald Isle* to Beaver Island, break out our harbor (which was still frozen well beyond the entrance), and then escort the ferry back to Charlevoix.



All morning Islanders eagerly awaited the ice-breaker and the ferry on the horizon. Frequent calls were made to the airports to inquire if pilots could see the ships. Around noon, when the Emerald Isle had planned to depart Charlevoix, it was learned that the 662-ton *Biscayne Bay*, capable of breaking ice 20" thick, was mired down in

heavy ice near Grays Reef. It was joked that the many snowmobile trips to Mackinaw City must have packed in the frost, causing an unusual thickness to the ice bridge.

With everyone on the Island eagerly peering at the horizon, at 2:00 I got the chance to go up in the air in search of the overdue ice-breaker. Flying over the en-

crusted harbor and the ice shelf to Garden and then past Hog Island was an exciting experience—truly surreal, like watching a slow-motion film about the arctic, yet at the same incredibly fast. Occasionally the pure white tectonic plates were broken by long cracks. In places jagged-edged cakes with as much variety as snowflakes

congregated along the ice shelf's border.

A tiny red model light-house appeared on the icy horizon, and after a minute more became the White Shoal Light, towering in all her grandeur above the ice shelf, a small ice cave at her base where waves whipped over the foundation rocks and froze.



WAUGOSHANCE LIGHT

Built in 1851 to replace a wooden lightship, this light sits on a wooden crib that was sunk and filled with stone. The crib was rebuilt with massive limestone blocks in 1867-70. A conical brick tower squats on the burned-out shell of a round 2-story dwelling.

The tower was encased in iron plates to protect the deteriorating bricks, but the

ironwork has fallen into the lake.

Abandoned in 1912, the structure was used for artillery practice during World War II. The tower is capped by the black 'bird cage' skeleton of the lantern. This style of lantern is rare, having been replaced by the more familiar rectangular windows in the 1860s. It originally held a Fourth Order Fresnel lens.



WHITE SHOAL LIGHT

In 1906 the Lighthouse Board petitioned Congress for funds to construct a permanent light station on the White Shoal, and on March 4, 1907 \$250,000 was appropriated. A crib was built 72' square and 18' high with 400,000 ft² of lumber. It was towed to the site and sunk with 4,000 tons of stone. In 1909 a steel frame for the tower 42' at the base and 20' in

diameter at the top was assembled with 9 internal decks, lined with bricks, and covered with a skin of terra cotta blocks. The massive Second Order Fresnel lens was first displayed on September 1, 1910, and was visible for 28 miles in clear weather. In 1913 compressed air deck cranes were added. The lighthouse was automated in 1976.



After a quick loop we proceeded on our way, flying over the ghostly Waugoshance Lighthouse. Boulders jutted from the ice shelf, a single ladder linking the rock outcropping to the deck. The walls were stained with rust, and the brick tower was crumbling.

With the roof burned off from the WWII target practice

that left the metal bullet-ridden, we peered down into what was once the height of technology, absolutely vital to lake transportation.

Spotting smoke on the horizon, we followed a freshly broken 40' channel through the ice. In a few places it abruptly curved; either the ice proved too slow to break in a given direction, or open water

was spotted in another. Passing the modern Gray's Reef Lighthouse, we spotted the *Bay*, which had just broken free. After hours of forging ahead through the lake's thick skin, the captain was now really putting the coal to her, steaming to Charlevoix at 14 to 15 knots.

The crew of the *Emerald Isle* was ready, Mike Green

and Kevin McDonough standing by on her bridge. The *Bay* radioed that she was 30 minutes out, so the bridge keeper was called back in. People gathered at the breakwater, and at last, at around 4:40 p.m., the *Emerald Isle* made her way out of Round Lake past the two ice-covered peers and into the freshly-cut channel leading to the freedom of open water.



GRAYS REEF LIGHT

This light 23 miles SW of the Straits marks a reef that is a serious navigational hazard. It was built in 1936 to replace the last of the lightships, which was anchored there for 45 years.

The massive, two-story concrete base includes a steel door near the water line that can be opened from the deck of a ship for loading and unloading. A ladder is built into the 65' x 65' con-

crete base, and there is a hoist on the platform.

The white square two-story dwelling is encased in steel, with a steel 65' tower rising from the center of the building. The lantern has diagonal-barred windows, and houses a modern 190mm plastic lens that replaced the original Third and Half Order lens. A radio tower has been added to the top of the lantern.



ILE AUX GALLETS LIGHT

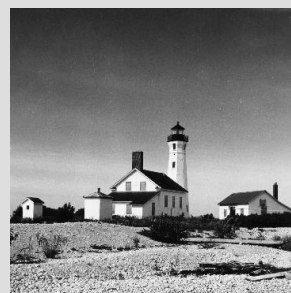
Skullagalee, the 'island of pebbles,' is 8 miles SW of Waugoshance, on the east side of the Gray's Reef passage. It saw many shipwrecks, but the grounding of the *Patchin* in 1850 led to a call for a lighthouse.

Built in 1851, it deteriorated and had to be rebuilt in 1868, when it was given a third order Fresnel Lens.

Rough weather and an unstable base

forced another new tower, an octagonal masonry structure, in 1888, with a fourth order Fresnel Lens. In 1890 the steam siren was upgraded to a steam whistle—with the siren reinstalled at Beaver Head.

When the water dropped in 1893, the dock was moved closer to the shore. Finally the light was automated, and in 1969 the keeper's house was destroyed.





The Biscayne Bay breaking a channel to the ferry dock

The ice was still 16" thick beyond the mouth of the harbor, but only one or two back-downs were required by the *Biscayne Bay*. Generally she sliced through the ice of the harbor

with relative ease. With a few smooth passes and an air-hull lubrication bubbler system blowing ice away from her hull, she cleared a path to the dock in short order to the cheers of a

gathering of children and adults—an Island tradition.

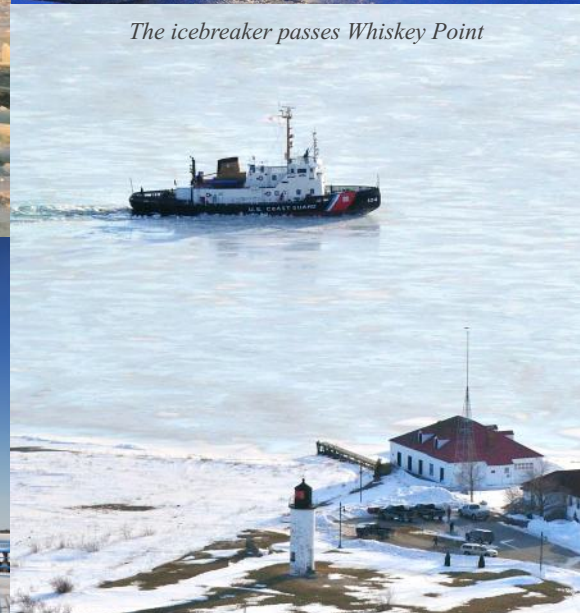
The ice had been cleared from the *Emerald Isle's* berth that morning by the two backhoes standing by on the dock



The icebreaker completes her first pass



Removing ice so the Emerald Isle can dock



The icebreaker passes Whiskey Point



The Emerald Isle leaves Charlevoix in the wake of the Biscayne Bay



Plowing through the ice



Steaming through open water



Leaving Charlevoix



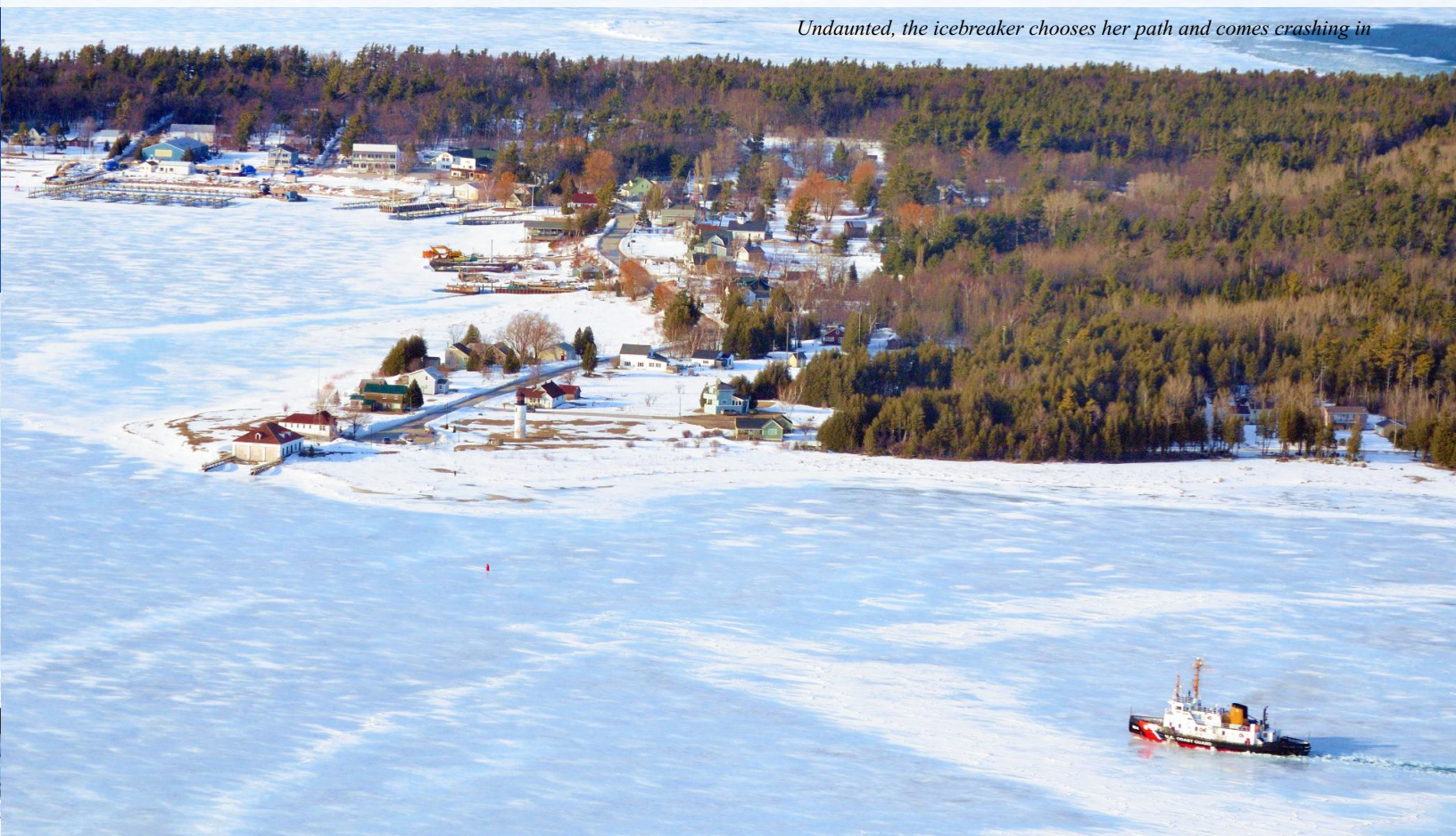
The icebreaker finishes her job

and the finger pier, but when the harbor ice was broken, large chunks floated in and had to be scooped out one by one. The work proceeded diligently as the sun went down.

The *Bay* had intended to escort the *Emerald Isle*, with its empty gas tanker, back to Charlevoix. But she had other pressing duties on her schedule and had to leave. So the ferry and the gas tanker

were stranded here—solidly frozen in by morning. But at least fuel was now in adequate supply to see Islanders through until the boats can begin their regular runs.

Undaunted, the icebreaker chooses her path and comes crashing in





ISLAND INGENUITY

Easing the Ruby Ann down the bluff at Whiskey Point



Lifting a chunk of blue ice from the lake



Floating in the hand-made channel

When a good plan doesn't work, improvisation is required. That happened here when the *Biscayne Bay* ran out of time and had to steam away, leaving the *Emerald Isle* and the gas tanker it was carrying marooned at St. James. Luckily, Bud Martin, who was responsible to get the

tanker back to Charlevoix, was born on Beaver Island, and knew how to improvise. All he had to do was get James Kenwabikise to break out the frozen cakes from the channel the *Bay* had cut with his steel-hulled fish tug, the *Ruby Ann*, which was still frozen in place.

Sound easy?

Sure; all it took was a miracle.

The first problem was to make sure the fish tug would run, and it wouldn't—at least not until Bud and James installed a new starter.

The next was to get her to the mouth of the harbor, where the channel began, from her dock on the north shore. But the

A tricky parade down Michigan Avenue: the loader way out in front, then the Ruby Ann on a flatbed pulled by a semi, and a terex bringing up the rear





Maneuvering the semi into position to offload the Ruby Ann



James backing off an ice ram as Bud watches



Taking a break to discuss strategy as another cut is sawed into the ice

entire harbor was frozen solid with ice over a foot and a half thick. There seemed to be no way to accomplish this—but Bud, Travis, and Nathan had a way.

First Bud had to tow the *Ruby Ann* a few hundred feet along the shore through the thinner ice to where he could pull it onto land with the heavy equip-

ment at his dock.

Once it was out of the water, Bud attached chains from its bow and stern to his excavator and his terex, and lifted it just high enough so his semi could back a flatbed trailer under it. Once it was lowered onto the trailer and balanced, it could be chained down—perpendicular

to the trailer.

The next task was to get the truck onto the road, which required Bud to level a path with his terex. Then, after some back-and-forthing to line it up, he could use his loader to tow the trailer and truck up the hill onto Michigan Avenue.

The idea was to move it to Whiskey



Working below the Whiskey Point bluff (the water's edge twenty years ago) by the light of the Light



Bud's done with the chain saw now that the Ruby Ann's free; once the ramming broke a channel, the ice shelf pivots and floats out from shore

Point and put it in, a task made difficult by the trees and telephone poles. But she made it with an inch to spare.

By now the sun had set, so further work had to be done in the dark, with

light provided by Bud's equipment and the ring of cars gathered on the slight bluff. Using his terex, Bud's men made a path south from the street's end to the lower plateau at the edge of the ice, and

then scraped the snow away to allow the truck to be placed where he wanted it—a position he achieved by shoving the rig sideways. By ten that night he was ready to push the *Ruby Ann* off into the snow



Disengaging the excavator after getting the tug on the trailer



Getting ready to go down the bluff



Pushing the Ruby Ann toward the new channel

It took awhile to get the Cummins diesel started, but once it was running James used his expertise to slowly ram his way toward open water, with help from Galen Bartels. Some of the ice had

been sawed through, but it did not want to give way and required dozens of rammings. The *Ruby Ann* pitched and rolled, sank down a little, and then backed down into the water, scooping

untold gallons into its bilge each time—the pumps ran constantly. Despite the danger, James performed like a master sculptor, chinking some ice off here and then there and gradually making his

Bud watching and pointing the path, ready to cut, as the tug crushes ice



The bilge pumps put all the water back in the lake





The little engine that could

just above the shore, where she would sit through the night.

The crew showed up early in the morning. James arrived first to prep his tug, which included greasing the shaft

and installing the prop. Bud's sons began cutting a channel for the tug in the ice, which was clear, sparkling, and 18" thick. Bud used his backhoe to knock out chunks of ice and either push them under

the shelf or set them on top, to the side. By noon the waterhole was large enough for the tug, and, after sanding the ground for traction, she could be skidded the final fifty feet into the lake.



Putting the Ruby Ann to bed on Friday night



Just one more little push



Preparing the hole to set the boat in

way out of the ice. With a bit more sawing, in only an hour he was steaming free.

Then the next phase began — ramming through the icebreaker's channel so the ferry could leave—which she did

at 4:00 that afternoon.

Counting the costs of chartering the special hazmat ferry run, the daily fee on the stranded gas tanker, and all the effort and expense that went into the operation,

it's not difficult to see why gas costs what it does on Beaver Island. Those who witnessed the March 28-29 operation had to agree that, considering everything, it's a bargain.



A very good ram; James had to really hold on



Victory near

30. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix **Courier** Wednesday, April 1, 1908 Just Among Ourselves: "Engineer Sherman, is fitting out the steamer *Beaver*. The first trip will be made as early as practicable."

Charlevoix **Sentinel** Thursday, April 2, 1908 **Local News**: "The steamer *Beaver* is being fitted out, and will make her first Island trip as soon as ice will permit."

"W. J. Gallagher was elected supervisor of St. James township Monday, and 'Bowerly' forty miles away."

Charlevoix **Sentinel** Thursday, April 9, 1908 **Local News**: "Hugh Green, a nephew of Mr. Green Sr., arrived here from Ireland last week, and will go to Beaver Island to visit relatives there."

"Gus Kitzinger of Manistee has

been awarded the contract for the new Ludington breakwater. This means a big lot of timber from Beaver Island, as Mr. Kitzinger is president of the Beaver Island Lumber Co."

Charlevoix **Courier** Wednesday, April 15, 1908 Just Among Ourselves: "W. J. Gallagher attended the Macabee convention at East Jordan Tuesday."

Charlevoix **Sentinel** Thursday, April 16, 1908 **Local News**: "Navigation is open in Lake Michigan. The ice disappeared Monday night. The steamer *Beaver* is making her first trip to the Island, and the N. M. steamer *Missouri* is expected from Chicago tomorrow. Pine Lake is not yet open."

"M. Spencer, Keeper of Beaver Head lighthouse, arrived from Muskegon Tuesday on his way to the Island."

Charlevoix **Courier** Wednesday, April 22, 1908 Just Among Ourselves: "James C. Gallagher and wife of St. James, were in the city Wednesday night on their way home after a visit of six months in Ireland."

"Messrs. Rogers and Gallagher arrived in the city Monday night from Ireland, after a voyage of three weeks, on their way to the Beaver Islands, where they have relatives, and expect to make their home."

Front Page Article: "Was Instantly Killed

"David Chase Met With Fatal Accident at Beaver Islands Friday

"David Chase, an engineer on the railroad on Beaver Island was instantly killed Friday afternoon by the rails spreading, causing the locomotive to tip over on him.

MARY MINOGUE

Mary Minogue, 87, passed away in Munising. She was born in Chicago to James and Anna (Gallagher) Minogue, and worked for Marsh and McLennan Company there until retiring. She moved north in 2002. She was the

granddaughter of Big Owen and Hannah Gallagher, and niece to her dear Aunt, Catherine "Mel" (Melody) Gallagher, who lived at the farm on Melody Lane—which is now the Welke Airport. Her Aunt Mel and Uncle Frank

maintained the family farm when their parents were elderly and after their deaths, until shortly before Mel died.

Mary is survived by her sister, Catherine Raymond of Munising, her brother William of Chicago, and many

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"Mr. Chase was thirty-eight years of age, and leaves a wife and four children. The remains were brought here on the *Beaver*, Saturday, and Monday were taken to Mayfield for burial. He was a member of the M. W. A. Of Manistee, and Round Lake Lodge, I. O. O. F. , who escorted the body to the train."

Charlevoix **Sentinel** Thursday, April 23, 1908 **Local News**: "St. James people who came over on the *Beaver* Monday were James Donlevy, John C. Gallagher, Anthony Malloy and Rev. Father Norbert, the latter on his way to Grand Rapids to attend the jubilee of Bishop Richter."

Front Page Article : "Railroad Wreck on Beaver Island

"A distressing railroad accident occurred last Thursday afternoon on the

Beaver Island Lumber Co.'s logging railroad, at Bonner's Landing, about five miles from St. James, in which the locomotive engineer, a man named Chase, was killed. The train, of several loaded cars, was bound north, and was running about twenty miles an hour, when the rails spread, the engine going through the wire fence on the line of the right-of-way, and tipping over on its side. The fireman and brakeman jumped, and were uninjured, but Mr. Chase stuck to his throttle with a courage that would have done credit to a passenger, and was crushed beneath the engine. The dead engineer leaves a wife and four children. The remains were sent to his former home in Southern Michigan, accompanied by the stricken wife."

Charlevoix **Courier** Wednesday,

nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Mary went to the Island early every summer and again late in the fall to help Aunt Mel get her wood, groceries, and supplies for the winter, often taking the

last boat off.

Family members took Mel to Chicago after she went blind. Mary was buried next to her mother, Mel's sister, in All Saints' Cemetery in Des Plaines.

April 29, 1908 Just Among Ourselves "Frank Chapel's family arrived from Beaver Island yesterday and are occupying the A. M. Burdick house corner Antrim and Grant streets."

"E. J. Pyters left Tuesday for St. James where he will be employed in the shop of the B. I. Lumber Co."

"The steamer *Beaver* will leave for St. James Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays until June 1 leaving at 8 A. M."

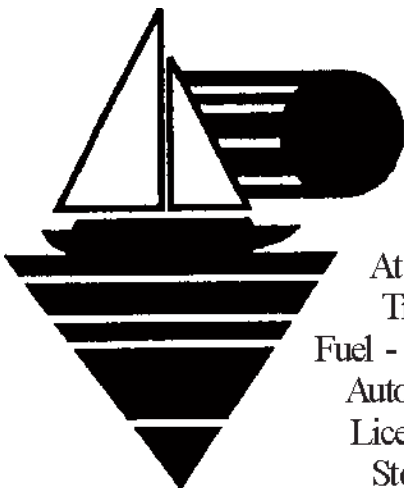
Charlevoix **Sentinel** Thursday, April 30, 1908 **Local News**: "The X. L. Produce Co. Creamery is shipping butter to St. James, and recently shipped 250 pounds to the Traverse City asylum."

"The tug *Ciscoe*, which went to Beaver Island to fish last week, broke the steam chest to her cylinder Friday, and is laid up for repairs."

BETTY WELKE

Word has been received that former Island mainstay Betty Welke passed away on March 27th at the Holly Convalescent Center. A full obituary and list of her many contributions will appear next month.

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ISLAND GIRLS STUMBLE AT NLL TOURNAMENT

by Frank Solle

No matter how you analyze it, it was a disappointing end to a successful season as the Beaver Island *Islanders* fell to the Mackinac Island *Lakers* 36-30 in the first game of the first-ever Northern Lights League girls basketball post-season tournament, held March 7-8 at Manistique.

"It's too bad it had to end on that note," *Islanders* coach Marianne Brown said. "Overall our season was better than that." The *Islanders* finished the regular season tied for first with Paradise at 8-2. With the tournament loss the *Islanders* wrapped up their inaugural season with a solid 12-3 mark.

Three keys to the outcome stand out. First, Mackinac came off the tipoff with

more energy and intensity, setting the tone of the game by scoring the first six points, putting the *Lady Islanders* in a hole they never climbed out of, try as they might through the rest of the game. "All week prior to the tournament we talked about how we need to come out strong," Brown said of the team's preparations. "Looking back at all our games, when we didn't come out with a good start we struggled."

In addition to scoring early and often, the *Lakers* held the *Islanders* to just one lone basket through the opening period, an offensive put-back by sophomore Alex Kuligoski, who led the *Lady Islanders* with 10 points. In what turned out to be a game-long scoring struggle,

the *Islanders* missed their other 13 shot attempts as the *Lakers* earned a 7-2 lead by the quarter's end.

The second quarter went better for the *Lady Islanders* as they battled the *Lakers* even, 8-8, but that effort still left them trailing by five at the half, 15-10. And while the *Islanders* picked up their defensive play in the third quarter, their shooting eye failed to follow suit as they hit just four of 21 tries from the floor. "That's not our team," Brown said of the poor shooting. "It's a different team than who we were all season."

The second key to the outcome came on another 6-0 run by Mackinac midway through the third quarter. Each of the three

ISLANDERS FALL AT DISTRICTS

by Frank Solle

The task was daunting. The trip was taxing. And the outcome wasn't exactly pleasing.

But given all that, the Beaver Island *Islanders* boys basketball appearance at their first district tournament in two years was not such a bad thing.

The last time the *Islanders* ventured

into the state-tournament field, they traveled to Ellsworth where they faced 18th-ranked Central Lake. Placed in a different district this year, they found themselves in Northport, where their opponent was the 16th-ranked tourney favorite Leland *Comets*. Never mind the four other teams in the field, each of which

the *Islanders* could have challenged for advancement, it's just the luck and beauty of the blind draw.

But the *Islanders* played hard. They played fair. And they gave their all right to the final buzzer. Yet in the end, Leland, like they did in all three of their wins in their run to the district

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Maeve drives



Sam goes up



Alex works

baskets came from breaking the *Islanders* full court press, resulting in easy *Laker* layups. That run put Mackinac up 23-13 with 2:38 to play in the period and took a fair slice of wind from the *Islanders* sails.

The *Lakers* then closed the period on an 8-2 run to put them seemingly well in control, 31-20, going into what was looking more and more like the *Lady Islanders* final 8 minutes of the season.

But the *Islanders* defensive investment suddenly began to turn turnover dividends, and then, in turn, turned those turnovers into points. Scoring the first eight points of the fourth quarter, the *Islanders* battled back within three points, 31-28 with 5:38 still to play. "Things were look-

ing much better at that point," Brown said. After the *Lakers* hit a pair of free throws, Kuligoski responded inside to keep the difference at three with 4:04 to play. But those points point to the final key to the outcome as they proved to be the final ones of the season for the *Lady Islanders*.

"We did a great job fighting back, but couldn't get over the hill," Brown said of the steep comeback attempt. "I think we were running out of gas."

The *Lakers* scored the final three points of the contest to advance to the semi-final round where they were beaten by the *Paradise Rockets*, who went on to claim the tourney title by staging a late comeback to best the *Lakers* in a semifinal game, then

topped Hannahville in a close 31-28 final.

Maeve Green added eight points to the *Islanders* total with Heather McDonough and Samantha Kuligoski each scoring four. Claire Kenwabikise and Olivia Schwartzfisher had two apiece. "This gives us something to work towards for next year," Brown said of the tournament loss. "But overall, it was a good start to girls basketball for the school."

The *Islanders* will graduate just one senior this year, Samantha Kuligoski. "Sam had a fabulous year," Brown said of the hardworking co-captain, while acknowledging what's coming down the road. "We'll have a great young team next year. Our future is bright."

championship, prevailed. Big. The final score was 79-42.

While there's little to be proud of in such a one-sided decision, but... The *Comets* won each of their games by an average of 42 points. Against the *Islanders* the difference was 37. The other victims could not score 40 points – host

Northport had 31; Lake Leelanau St. Mary's netted just 28.

The *Islanders* held the taller, more experienced Leland team to two points over the final four minutes of the first quarter and outscored them 12-9 over the final quarter. It wasn't as though they couldn't compete on the court.

The difference was due to Leland's height – the *Comets* roster included six players 6-2 or taller – and Leland's experience; they played a 20-game schedule in a tough conference. Leland's defense forced an average of 22 turnovers a game this year. The *Islanders* committed 21 in the first half. *Continued on page 34.*

If a tree falls in the forest, and no one is there...

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Bryan in air

Islanders at Districts, continued from page 33.

A bevy of Islanders turnovers led Leland to an early 15-0 run. Another, 17-2, occurred in the next stanza. The first half ended with Leland leading 44-17. "We turned the ball over so much in the first half. We destroyed ourselves," said Islanders coach Dan Martell. "Our mistakes snowballed. It's just what we talked about not doing. Leland made us suffer for every little mistake."

Midway through the third quarter Leland's slam-dunking leader, 6-4 junior Marcus Whittaker, who led all scorers with 18 points, put the Comets up 66-25 with a definitive slam. "We're just not used to that," Islanders senior Eric Albin



said of the Comets game level. "The size, the competition, the pressure, the speed, all of it."

Martell agreed that Leland's size and speed hurt, but said the overall tempo was the biggest problem. "We're big enough and fast enough to play with them, we're just not used to doing so at full speed, to playing at full go for the entire game. I can't fault our effort," Martell continued. "We just don't play that kind of competition. To use a cliché, it was a whole different ball game here."

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Eric releases

Leland coach Jason Stowe, looking to celebrate the 20th anniversary of playing on Northport's state championship team by leading the *Comets* to the same goal, was impressed with the *Islanders*' effort. "I thought they played very hard and smart basketball," he said. "Considering the talent we have this year I thought the *Islanders* played very well."

Coach Martell concurred. "The boys played their tails off. They gave everything they had." Albin led the team with 10 points. Patrick Cull added eight, including a pair of treys. Bryan Timsak and Dan Runberg each scored seven. Brenden Martin netted six, with Dereck



McDonough adding three and Kevin Gillespie one.

For seniors Albin, Martin, Runberg, and Gillespie it was their final game as *Islanders*. They wrapped up the season with a 10-5 overall record.

"Our record was respectable," Martell said. "But no one on the team would say we were happy with it. We did not reach our goals." Yet the season was a success. "The players I had were really great kids and we had a lot of fun," the coach said.



Dereck pops



Kevin jumper



Brenden battles



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THE KENS TAKE A BREAK

Near the end of February Beaver Island's Kenwabikise Family flew to the Caribbean for some "fun in the sun." Here's their story:

We took over the pirate ship *Mangele* owned by Michael 'Beans' Gardner, and sailed for over two weeks with him. First we had to absorb the tropical paradise of his home base at Marina Cay. We learned firsthand what fun it is to take part in his musical pirate show, *Happy Arrrh*, at Pussers. Life was sure different living aboard a sailboat and taking a dingy ashore to enjoy seeing what each day would bring

about.

We sailed the south side of Tortola to Soper's Hole first. While there, James was invited by Captain Morgan to join him and his crew to sail in the *Sweathearts of the Carribean* Regetta Race. They did pretty well, dipping sails in the surf and taking third in their class. Lindsey was glad he was gone for the day, as that made her the official dingy captain of our sailboat.

We noticed a ferry at Soper's Hole that went to Jost Van Dyke for day trips, so we had to give that a try. We headed out to enjoy a day of snorkeling at

White Bay. It was amazing to see the magnificent colors of the fish swimming in the water with us.

On our next sail we stopped in Cane Garden Bay, on the Northern side of Tortola. We toured an interesting old rum distillery, but mostly we snorkeled among the pelicans, who were diving for fish. The place had the most beautiful clean sand among the waving palm trees along the beach.

Having had enough of the crowds, we wanted to mellow, so we loaded the *Mangele* with provisions and headed to Monkey Point off Guana Island for more snorkeling and relaxation. It was cool to be in the water





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and hear the sounds of underwater life.

Next we headed to Trellis Bay on Beef Island to take in their Full Moon Party. They had a big pig roast, music, drinks, and three fires lit with unique fireballs which had been built in the water by a local artist. That night we also saw the lunar eclipse, which was extra special.

From there we sailed off again to check out Virgin Gorda. We docked in Spanish Town and set out to find Claressa a basketball court—she had been upset with us for taking her basketball out of her luggage to make room for our coffee pot.

Next we sailed over to The Baths of

Virgin Gorda, which are giant granite boulders that were brought up to the surface millions of years ago by a volcanic eruption. Then we gathered on the sailboat and headed down the Sir Francis Drake Channel to the caves of Norman Island. The girls each found replicas of gold coins while snorkeling the caves, where Blackbeard had buried treasure. In all, we North American



Indians sailed to nine different islands, meeting West Indies Indians.

The BVI enjoy a tropical climate, moderated by the tradewinds. The temperature varies little throughout the

year; the average is 90° in the summer and 84° in the winter. The rainfall is increased in the hills and decreased on the coastal areas, averaging about 45". Their hurricane season runs from June throughout November. The territory's economy is mainly tourism and financial services.

Transportation is limited; there are only about 70 miles of roads on Tortola. Sailing is definitely



the way to go in the BVI.

Our family had a wonderful time adventuring with friends, but were equally happy to return home.

—Lindsey and Claressa Kenwabikise





CONCERT EVENING



OF CHILEAN SONG



BURNING THE WEED

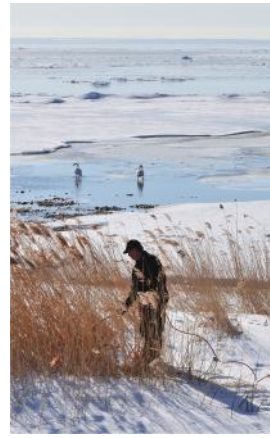
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A cold day in early March, with the ground covered by a foot of snow, seemed like an idea time to burn some of the apparently dead *phragmites* thickets, just in case one or two of their million seeds still had a flicker of life. So Firemen Tim McDonough, Steve Crandall, Jim Wojan, and Darrell Butler Jr. met at Cable's Bay with a snow sled, sprayer, torch, and five gallons of gas.



plying a small dense grove with the torch, it could be made to burn, but a self-spreading fire could not be induced, even by spraying at the edge of the flames.

Thinking that a different accelerant might work better, one



sprayed with fuel oil, which proved no more effective than gas. The torch was applied first from the upwind side; when that didn't work, it was applied downwind, which also failed.

The only explanation seemed to be that the dead stalks must have absorbed moisture from the deep snow, the bright sun on the upper stalks warming the air trapped inside which then melted a little snow around the lower stalk and osmotically drew the moisture inside to make the dreaded reed a self-extinguishing entity.

The volunteers anticipated the dried stalks blazing in a broad conflagration after being sprayed with gas, but this was not the case. By constantly

volunteer went to procure five gallons of #1 fuel oil while the others bent over stalks to increase the compaction. These 'linear crop circles' were then

IN RECOGNITION OF FATHER PAT CAWLEY

Cecilia Echenique, a world-famous Latin Grammy winner from Chile, will be the featured entertainer at a concert at the Parish Hall on May 15th held to recognize all the wonderful work done over the years by Father Pat Cawley.

The evening will begin with wine and cheese aperitifs at 6:00, with the concert to follow at



7:00. Cecilia will be accompanied on guitar by Jorge Diaz.

Everyone who has witnessed one of their performances has been enthralled.

They are being brought to the Island through the good graces of Father Tim Scully CSC of



Notre Dame University.

Limited seating is available for a minimum donation of \$100, with all proceeds going to Father Pat.

Information and tickets are available from Beth McCafferty, Box 51, Beaver Island 49782; (231) 448-2639, or you can email her at islandhorses@yahoo.com.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The 2008 "Easter Egg Hunt & Visits With The Easter Bunny" was held at the School on the day before Easter, and was a great success.

On behalf of the Beaver Island Community, thanks are given to the following business and organizations for their generous donations: Ace Hardware of Charlevoix; AmVets Ladies Auxiliary Post 46; AmVets Post 46; *Beaver Beacon*; Beaver Boat-Tique; Beaver Island Boat Company; Beaver Island Community School; Beaver Island Electric; Beaver Island Fish Market; Beaver Island Golf Course; Beaver Island Historical Society; Beaver Island Lodge & Nina's Restaurant; Beaver Island Marine; Beaver Island News on the Net; Beaver Island Realty & R. Gillespie Enterprises, Inc; Beaver Island



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*We make out of the quarrel with others,
rhetoric, but of the quarrel with our-
selves, poetry.*

~ William Butler Yeats

Ah, April. The month of showers.
The month of mud. The month the snow
leaves. Hopefully. But also, April is
National Poetry Month.

A relatively new celebration, the
first National Poetry Month (NPM) was
held in 1996, arising out of a meeting
among publishers, booksellers, librari-
ans, literary organizations, poets, and
teachers, organized by the Academy of

American Poets as a way to increase
awareness and appreciation of poetry in
the United States. In 1998 the Academy,
along with the American Poetry &
Literacy Project, distributed 100,000
free books of poetry across the country.
In 2001 a nation-wide vote was held to
“elect” a poet for inclusion on a postal
stamp, with Langston Hughes getting
the nod. His stamp was issued in 2002.
And each year a poster is commissioned
to commemorate the month.

*Poetry is not an expression of the party
line. It's that time of night, lying in bed,*

*thinking what you really think, making
the private world public, that's what the
poet does.*

~ Allen Ginsberg

Locally, at BICS, poetry plays a big
role in the elementary curriculum. In
Kim Newport's first and second grade
classroom, poetry is an ongoing part of
learning. “We read poetry all the time,”
Ms. Newport said. “After we come back
from spring break we will make an
attempt at writing poetry.” Ms. Newport
added she hopes to post some of the
poems in the hallway outside the
classroom before the end of the month.

A WINTER MALAISE

A winter malaise has settled in,
what with an early Christian Easter
come and gone,

with morning temps still hovering
near zero and snow,

melted and frozen so many times
it's now a solid crust through and through,
enough for aimless wanderings through the woods,

holding forth a foot in depth,

while a few sunny afternoons, teasingly warm –
as much so as the low forties can be –
have turned all roads and drives to pure ice,

turned walking into a pathetic shuffle
geared only to the fear of falling,

regardless

of age or physicality – ankles, hips, wrists,
all fall subject to quick and painful breaking
upon hard, cold contact –

so we snigger back and forth
while trying to make progress
in and out of

the grocery store, the post office, the hardware
smiling at one another although
we no longer mean it,

the commonality of survival having elapsed into the more trivial
pursuit of just getting by,

our intent now much less directed at civility but more so
bent on arriving at the true end of winter, a winter
longer than the most recent, longer than expected,
just longer, damn it,

SHIRLEY GALLAGHER

Shirley Yvonne Marie McDonald
Gallagher died at 87, fittingly, on
February 14, 2008, Valentine's Day,
after a life spent sharing her love. She
was a native of Detroit, Michigan,
where she attended Marygrove Col-
lege, majoring in foods and nutrition
with a minor in chemistry. After
graduation, she worked as a Registered

Dietician in hospitals in Pontiac,
Michigan and Baltimore, Maryland.

Some of the happiest days of her
life were spent visiting Beaver Island,
in Lake Michigan. Growing up, she
spent many summers there, and
thoroughly enjoyed the many friends
she made. She married one of them,
Daniel Emerald Gallagher, and they

were married for 62 years, until his
death in 2005. The couple had seven
children, five of whom survive.

A lifelong and devoted Roman
Catholic, Mrs. Gallagher was an
accomplished pianist who also played
the organ at church functions. She and
her husband, Dan, were excellent
dancers who were born in the right time,

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Painting is poetry that is seen rather than felt, and poetry is painting that is felt rather than seen.

~ Leonardo da Vinci

Mr. Mike Myers says of his third and fourth grade room, "Poetry is part of our ongoing program. Right now we are memorizing spring poems." After spring break, the students also will be writing their own poems.

Poetry is life distilled.

~ Gwendolyn Brooks

While the fifth and sixth grade students in Mrs. Deborah Robert's room

have written poems earlier this year, April is set aside for play practice as this year's play "Get up and Go" is set for production May 2. Mark your calendar.

To have great poets there must be great audiences to.

~ Walt Whitman

In the high school, English Teacher Mrs. Anna Martell has received 10 free copies of *Poetry* magazine, a monthly publication from the Poetry Foundation, as part of that organization's celebration of NPM. "We are going to discuss the entire issue during class for two days," Mrs. Martell said. "We'll read the poems

aloud and analyze them." Following that exercise the students will write their own poems, inspired by ones in the issue. "I think it will be fun and engaging," said Mrs. Martell.

I have never started a poem yet whose end I knew. Writing a poem is discovering.

~ Robert Frost

So while the students of BICS are studying, learning, and exploring the vast world of poetry, it seems only appropriate to close this report of NPM in our school with a recent, seasonal effort of my own.

and why isn't it over, why doesn't it let us go—
we've paid our ransom with shovels and plows,
with cords of wood sacrificed at the altar of heat,

frozen fingers and toes, frostbitten noses,
our tongues have ached to touch the tempting goddess of icy steel,
yet we've relented;

we've dealt, we've coped, we've taken
winter's best shot, jabbing and bobbing
and weaving our way to today,

knees nearly buckled, one eye swollen shut,
yelling *cut me, cut me* to our corner man,

but still we stand, gloves up, our courage
present but sapped, our spirit staggered,
our will and well-being shaken

by the long bout,

still, we won't give up, won't give in, won't quit,
even when quitting seems prudent,
so we carry on, we wayward children,

carry on, knowing our effort will carry forth,
carry us into the loving embrace of the sun, and long through
the pending weeks of mud and muck and mire,

and, eventually, finally, into the green unfolding
that is spring, with life, in all its myriad and abundant forms,
bursting forth,

bursting from within our very bosoms,

returning the earth, returning our beings, returning
all to the warmth of sanity, the warmth of sensibility,
and our spirits will again soar, just as they did

when we welcomed the change into winter, oh so long ago,
for we all embrace change, we all embrace the lack of stagnation,
for it is just such stagnation that leads us, inevitably

to discomfort, lassitude, and yes, malaise.

—Frank Solle

the era of the big bands. Since Dan was a Merchant Marine Captain, they lived in or traveled to many port cities, such as New York and San Francisco. There you would find them dancing to the music of Glenn Miller, Guy Lombardo, Tommy Dorsey, Harry James, Artie Shaw. They once won a dancing contest when Mrs. Gallagher was five months

pregnant with her first child.

Mrs. Gallagher was a thoughtful and compassionate person who found good in everyone she met. She also loved children—all children—regarding them as blessings from God. She is survived by her children: Kathleen Gallagher, Dan Gallagher, John Gallagher, Kevin Gallagher, and

Maureen Gallagher, who appreciate the gift of being wanted and loved by their parents, and by a dear brother, James B. McDonald, of Port Huron, Michigan. She is also survived by five beautiful and much-loved grandchildren: Christina Gallagher, Anne Richards, Matthew Richards, Shaun Gallagher, and John Gallagher, Jr.

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42. THE BIDS ARE IN ON SCHOOL PROJECT

by Frank Solle

Promptly at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25, Bret Kronlein of Beta Design called a gathering of general contractors, sub-contractors, school board members, and other interested parties to order, closing the window for submitting general bids for the \$3.9 million expansion/improvement project at Beaver Island Community School.

Four bids were submitted for the project: Rockford Construction of Rockford, MI and in partnership with K&M Construction of Beaver Island; Spence Brothers of Saginaw-Traverse City-Ann Arbor; Hallmark Construction of Traverse City; and Beaver Gems, Inc. of Beaver Island.

Prior to opening the bids, Kronlein thanked the participants for all their work in putting their bids together, noting he had received 59 phone calls last Friday alone with questions concerning the project. Then, with assistance from Project Manager Tom Sloan and BICS Superintendent Kitty McNamara, the bids were opened and recorded, with Kronlein reading the base bid amount as well as amounts for

12 project alternatives built into the bid.

The base bids by each contractor were: Beaver Gems, \$3,895,645; Hallmark, \$3,949,000; Rockford, \$4,050,000; and Spence Bros., \$4,434,000.

However, in awarding the bid, the various amounts of the 12 alternatives



must come into play. The alternatives range from window and siding types to parking-lot finish material, boilers and water heaters, the proposed fitness room, to shingles and underlayment of the existing gym roof.

Each alternative will involve a decision that will need to be made as to which way the project will go.

In addition, as Kronlein said, "We have to look at the sub-contractors they (each general contractor) are presenting as their team." Each sub-contractor must be bonded and their work track-record looked into.

Kronlein's initial response to the bid figures was that they were somewhat larger than he was hoping for. "They're higher than I'd like them to be," he said. "I'd like to do more with technology and furnishings and some of the other things that need to be done."

Other bids covering technology, building furnishings, and playground equipment will be sought at a later date. "The general contractor bid will determine how much we can spend on these other things," Kronlein said.

After pouring over the numbers, the sub-contractor specifics, and any other pertinent data, Beta will present the board with their interpretation of the "lowest qualified bid," in Kronlein's terms.

The school board will announce its decision on awarding the bid at its April 14 meeting.

There are many wonderful aspects to living in Northern Michigan. For some it is merely the change of seasons. Maybe it's the tourists, who migrate to our area. It might be their interest in our lakes and land, or their new conversation. Regardless, it is a part of what makes living here an ever-changing life and very magnificent.

At this time of year our thoughts are mired with winter. But winter brings us solitude and bundles of snow piled against the house and doorways. As the wind swirls the snow, we build an extra big fire in the fireplace. The smell of wood smoke drifts across the territory. We feel alone. So very isolated.

This is when we fondly remember all the great winters with family and friends gathered about, simply enjoying life. It is a time for closeness. It is a



time of togetherness, and we seek warmth from these relationships. And when winter ever so slowly recedes we decide to gather our enthusiasm for spring, and at last our most glorious summers are once again here. How quickly it all ends. Much too quickly. Only close your eyes for a moment and remember a past experience in Northern Michigan. Yet it's gone in the blink of an eye.

We remember our family all year long. These many years later, our son, Ronald, is so very much with us. We hear his voice and feel his presence, and thank our dear Lord for this privilege. Ronald, you are with us every season of the year, every single step of the way and every thought of the day.

God bless you, Ronald. We love you, and know we shall all be together again.

—The Haggard Family

by Frank Solle

Yes, BIRHC, there is a Santa Claus. But in this instance, the jolly, red-clad fellow is actually three dedicated, hardworking grant writers.

Gathering at the health center on a Christmas Eve last December to beat an end-of-the-year deadline for submitting a request to the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, BIRHC's managing director Donna Kubic and BIEMS personnel Gerry LaFreniere and Ken Burland worked late into the evening to put the finishing touches on their proposal for new computers, software, and printers.

That effort proved to be successful as the Tribe confirmed the approval for \$6,800 for such purchases in a letter to BIRHC board president Connie Wojan on Feb. 18. With the moneys in hand, five new Dell computers with 20-inch flat-screen monitors complete with Microsoft Office Pro software, and five all-in-one printers were ordered. "Some of our computers were hand-me-downs from Munson, so they were old to begin with and none of them were the same and didn't work well within our network," Kubic said of the much-out-

dated electronics that had been in use. "Plus they didn't have the memory or power to run the new software from our billing company," she added of a somewhat important part of the business operations of the clinic.

The new equipment arrived the first week of March and BIRHC's technician

provides both BIEMS as well as the clinic's twice-monthly visiting physicians a work station. The physicians will have quick and easy access to internet information, while EMS personnel will be able to complete much of their paperwork at the clinic while awaiting transportation in cases where patients need to be moved to the mainland.

"We are all so appreciative of this grant," Kubic said. "It gets us back on track and up-to-date and working much more efficiently."

LaFreniere pointed out the crucial role the Tribe's support has played in helping various Island organizations in making critical purchases. "They have been a steady flow of help," he said. "Last year the Fire Department purchased water resource equipment using a Tribal grant, plus new

radios and pagers were purchased for Fire, Sheriff, EMS, and Clinic personnel at a cost of \$20 thousand."

The Tribe awards grants to local government units twice each year, using 2% of their gaming revenue. During this last cycle the Tribe received 109 grant requests of which 49 were approved with a total of \$927,387.64 awarded.



Brian Tort of Central Solutions, along with assistant Cherie Bailey, were on hand to complete all startup procedures, load the necessary software, and connect the computers to the clinic's network. The end result is a state-of-the-art system throughout the clinic that can handle all the billing needs, run all additional software at the same time, and

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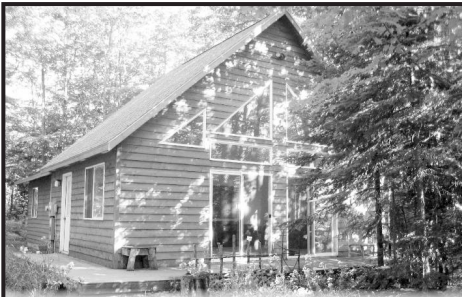
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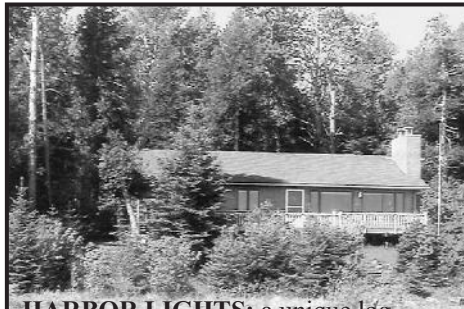
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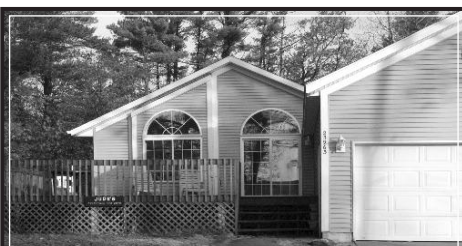
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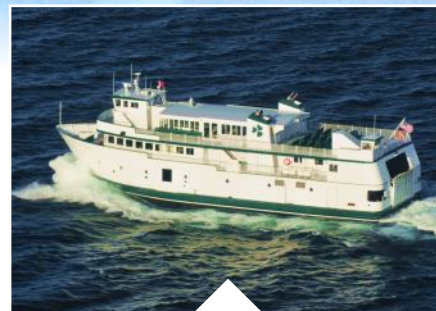
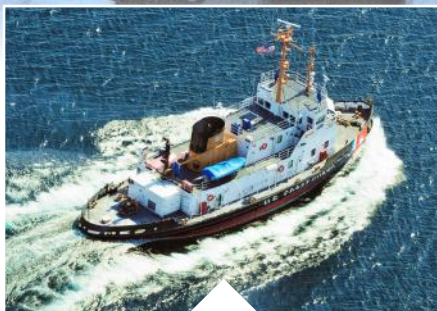
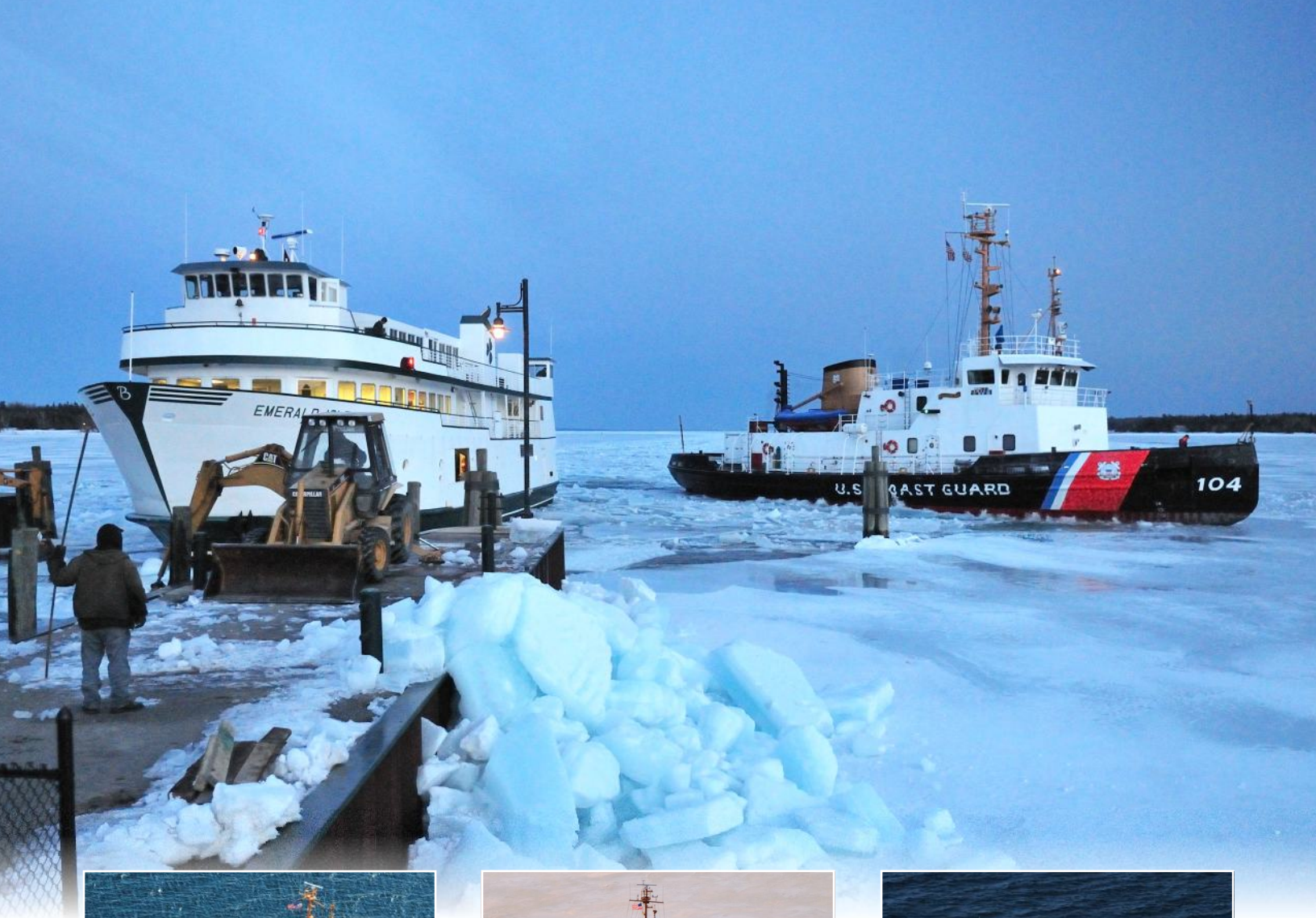
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