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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

The St. James Board accepted the recommendations of Ed Wojan to name two new roads. One was a north spur from the E-W private access road, Hannon's Road, to Maloney's Point, to be named "O'Leary Road." It will service four new parcels being created from Janice Hannon's property along Font Lake's eastern shore. The other road will run between two new lots west of Robin Woods on the Donegal Bay Road, to access them and two parallel new lots on the north show, to be called "Masini Lane."

The *phragmites* eradication was completed on High, Trout, Garden, and Beaver Islands, with the low density of plants enabling the crews to hand-swipe 80% of them. Even though the scope of action was expanded, because last year's efforts were so successful only a quarter as much land was involved (with much of the cost for treating the outer islands paid for by the Fish and Wildlife Service.) On Beaver, more than 3/4<sup>th</sup> of the plants that were treated were single stalks or small clumps, a testament to last year's success. A small amount of new growth was found.

Unfortunately a new invasive turned up on High and the north shores of Beaver: purple loosestrife, originally introduced to America as a medicinal herb good for treating diarrhea and bleeding. Attempts were made elsewhere to control this plant with certain weevils, but the insects were later found to cause harm.

Unspecified flaws surfaced in the proposed "uniform storm water" ordinance, which are being rectified by the township attorney.

The Grand Traverse Band awarded St. James a \$6,000 grant for work on the Whiskey Point Light.

A snafu was discovered in the Michigan Harbor Guide, which is printed every five years: the Municipal Marina is described, but the phone number given is for Beaver Island Marina. The assistant harbormaster estimated that thousands of dollars in potential direct revenue had been lost for the Township.

The Resale Shop has been doing good business but needs some improvements, such as a new roof and bottom skirting to reduce heating costs. Help was sought to develop specs and seek reasonable bids.

Last year the local millage was 12.2863, whereas this year it will be 12.5648. Ed Wojan decried the constant increase, particularly from the County, and said that, in conjunction with "uncapping" (which can increase property taxes four or five times upon a sale), it was greatly hurting the local real estate and construction industry. He urged the Board to adopt an irrevocable "can not reach" limit of 50 mills (right now it's rising from 47 to 48), so that any proposals which might raise it to 50 or beyond would have to be accompanied by corresponding cuts before they can be implemented.

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### Peaine Township

At a well-attended monthly meeting Peaine's Supervisor spoke about the failed renewal of the Township's operating fund in the primary, pointing out that voters may not understand several factors. For one, the Township has demonstrated a history of restraint in levying taxes, only asking for 72% of the allowable limit for 2008.

This year the proposed operating millage actually came down from 8.7780 to 8.4076. It represents only a sixth of the total millage, and from this the Township has to do many things: pay the trustees and officers, the planning commission and appeals board members, the assessor, auditor, campground manager, and the attorney, support the Historical Society and EMS, build a Disaster Fund, pay down the Highway Bond, and cover the expenses of the elections, boards of revue, youth activities, utilities, maintenance, *phragmites* eradication, emergency training, the cemetery, fireworks, and second deputy.

A letter from the BIA against opening the roads to ATVs was read, in which establishing designated off-road areas for their use was suggested as an alternative, though this probably wouldn't satisfy those wishing to use them instead of cars to save fuel.

The question of gas price at the Municipal Airport, which was raised at the last meeting (where it was mistakenly pegged at \$5/gallon), was

addressed. The price varies, but is currently \$5.85/gallon—the same as at the Charlevoix Airport. In this area gas costs anywhere from \$5.08 at Boyne City to \$6.36 at Boyne Mountain, with Cheboygan, St. Ignace, and Manistique at \$5.40. The nationwide average was \$4.54.

Fresh Air Aviation buys 15,000 of the 20,000 total gallons sold, and gets a 30¢ discount. An analysis of nine components to the cost of gas was circulated, showing that the Township's profit margin was 44¢ on gas sold to the public and 34¢ on gas sold to Fresh Air Aviation (for a much larger quantity).

Some members of the audience thought the analysis of cost factors could be incomplete (equipment costs, such as tanks, and electricity consumption were not included, for example), and suggested the auditor be asked to look into the matter to make sure we had included them all.

The Supervisor reported that the three-man *phragmites* crew had completed its work, visiting 600 sites from its rough camp in the East Side Fire Hall.

The Trails Committee reported that it had installed a new culvert on Buffalo's Camp Trail a mile west of the Boat Launch, where a previous earth bridge had washed out.

Bob Hoogendorn urged the Board to revisit the idea of paving the East Side Drive from Four Corners to the airport or golf course because of the heavy traffic.

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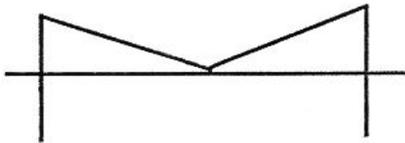
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## 6. HEALTH CENTER FIGHTS ON

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center held a meeting in which it took additional steps forward in its planning for how to handle the problem of covering its operating costs while maintaining broad, competent, professional services for the entire community.

As usual, the meeting began with the examination of the YTD financial report, which showed income to be \$90k under the budget projection, due primarily to a \$60k fall-off in patient revenue—there were 81 fewer encounters than last year. Luckily expenses were \$66k under budget, and, more importantly, were \$35k under income.

Some specific sources of income were cited. The Art Auction made \$1,500, and the associated dinner over \$5,000—thanks to Ray Cole. The SUV auction brought in almost \$21,500. The Endowment Fund earned \$41k, which will be left at the CCCF in a special accessible fund until it is needed.

A new insurance provider for the staff has been found by manager Donna Kubic, which could save \$8k a year. Another significant savings may come from using the Central Solutions T-1 line for \$700 a month. The BIRHC's existing \$1400/month T1 line has a growing number of uses—such as by the Fire Department for its distant learning program, a first in Michigan, which recently began successfully.

Since major building-maintenance costs will eventually come (such as the need for a new roof), the Board voted to deposit \$10k/year in a special money

market fund to build up a means to cover them. (A separate budget item of \$2,500 for “regular maintenance” will be exceeded this year.)

Donna reported that the Health Center is ready for a quick conversion to a hospital for 22 patients for two to three days in the event of an emergency.

The Board reviewed the latest Strategic Planning Session. On the previous day the board had addressed several specific targets within the framework of six general goals, discussing and revising a number of strategies for each. It was concerned about having measurable goals which could be evaluated, and made a list of steps and who could undertake them. Unfortunately a high number fell to Donna—“let Donna do it”—who is already working at full capacity. To remedy this it was suggested that ex-Board members and members of the community with special talents be solicited to help, and that current Board members accept responsibility for specific tasks in the list.

The Strategic Planning process will have to be repeated every five or so years, but the Board will have learned what to expect by having gone through it once, and some of its current members should still be involved the next time around.

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Please consider the consequences if this operational renewal millage is not passed. If you have any questions, ask your Peaine Township Board members. They will be happy to hear from you.

—John Works, Supervisor;  
Colleen Martin, Clerk;  
Tina Morgan, Treasurer;  
Pete LoDico, Trustee;  
and Paul Welke, Trustee.

*The charts on the next two pages show how the operational millage fits into the total tax bill (upper left), and the distribution of the operational millage into 42 categories (upper right). The graph on the lower left shows how much of the allowable levy has been taken. The diagram on the lower right depicts the gamut of Township income.*



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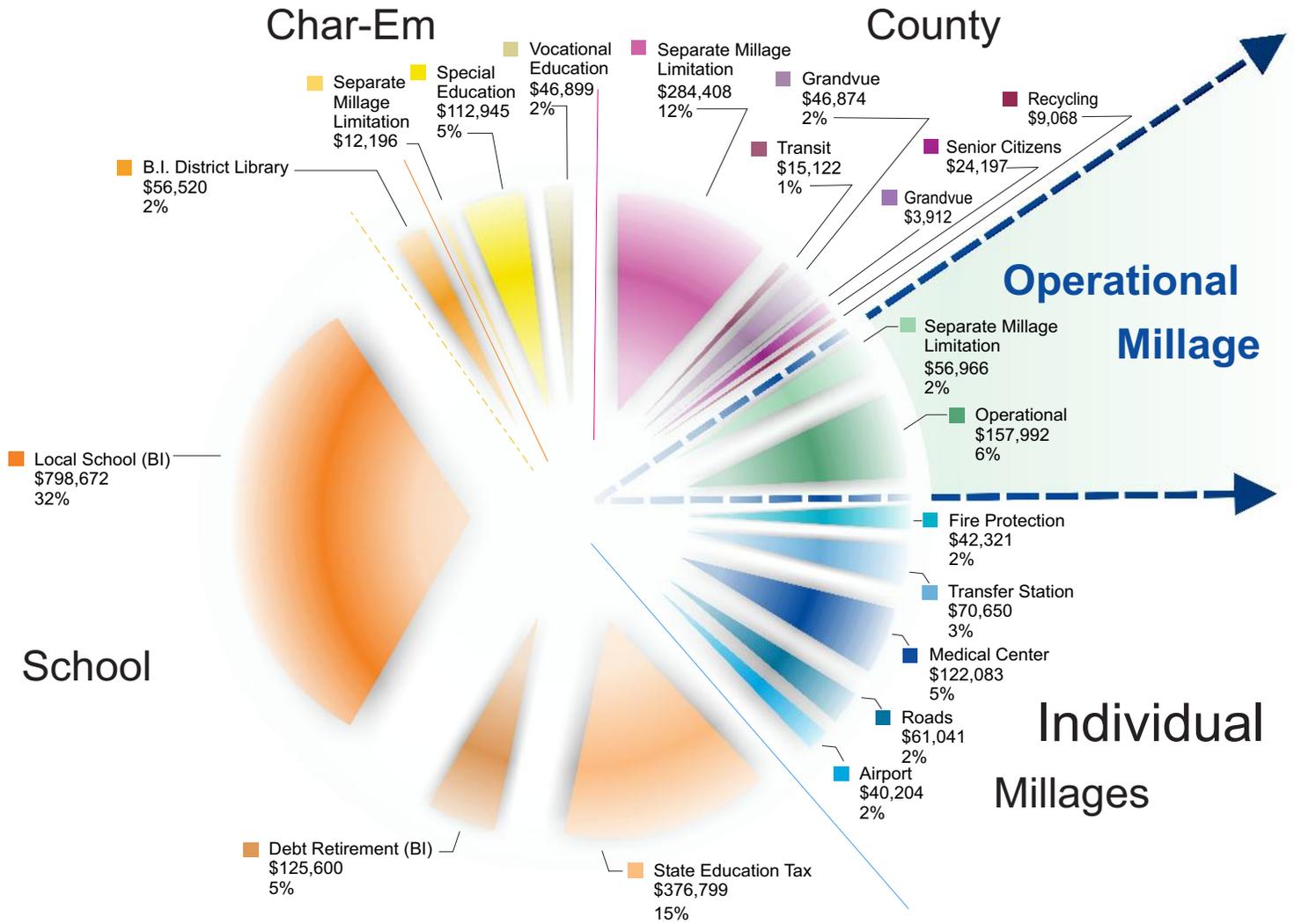


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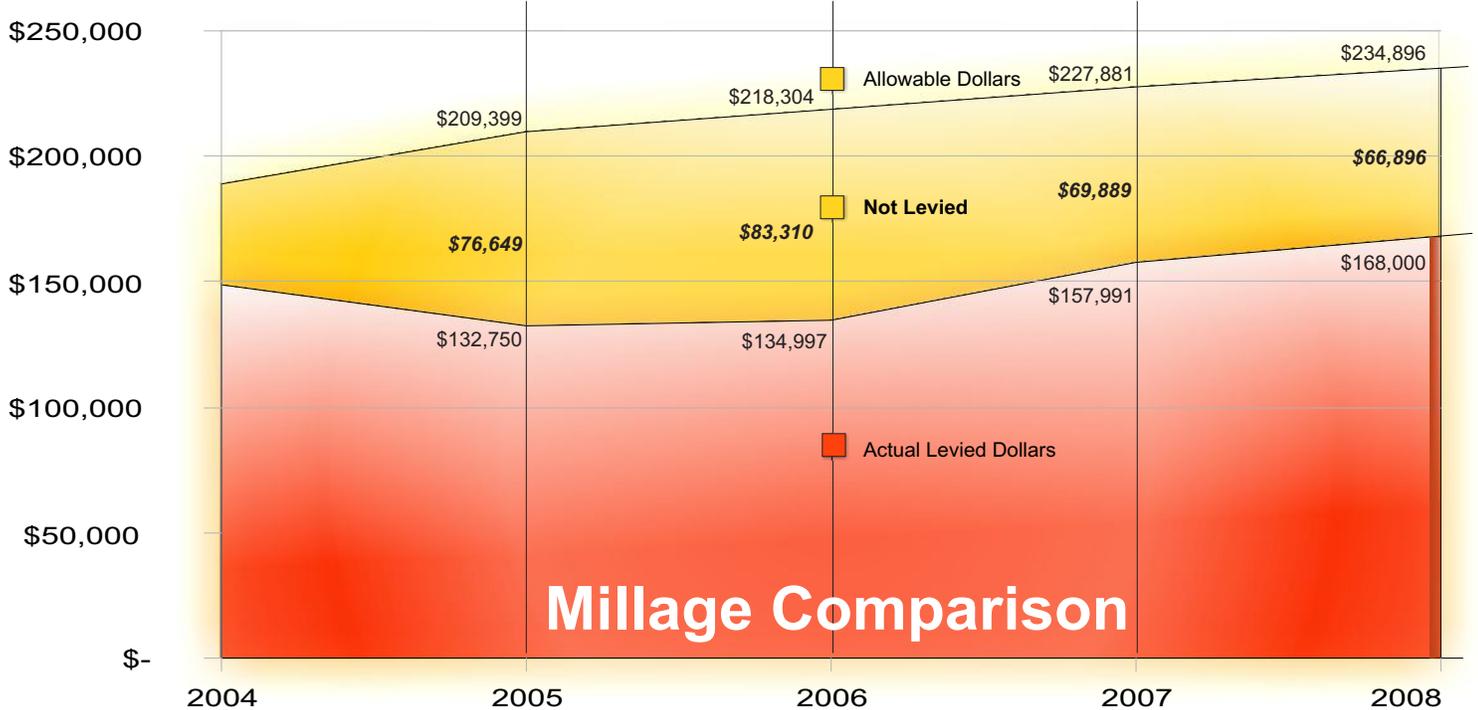
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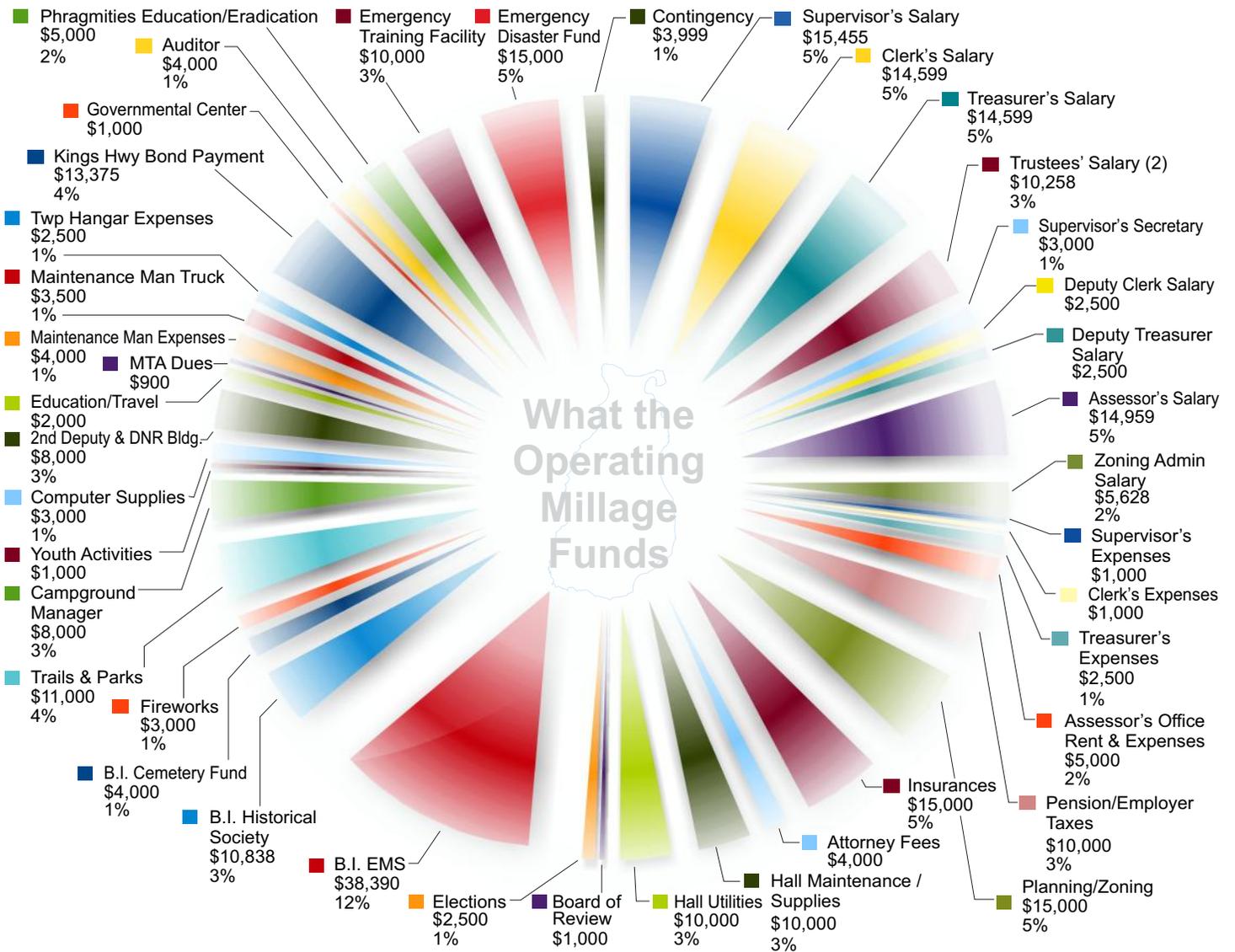
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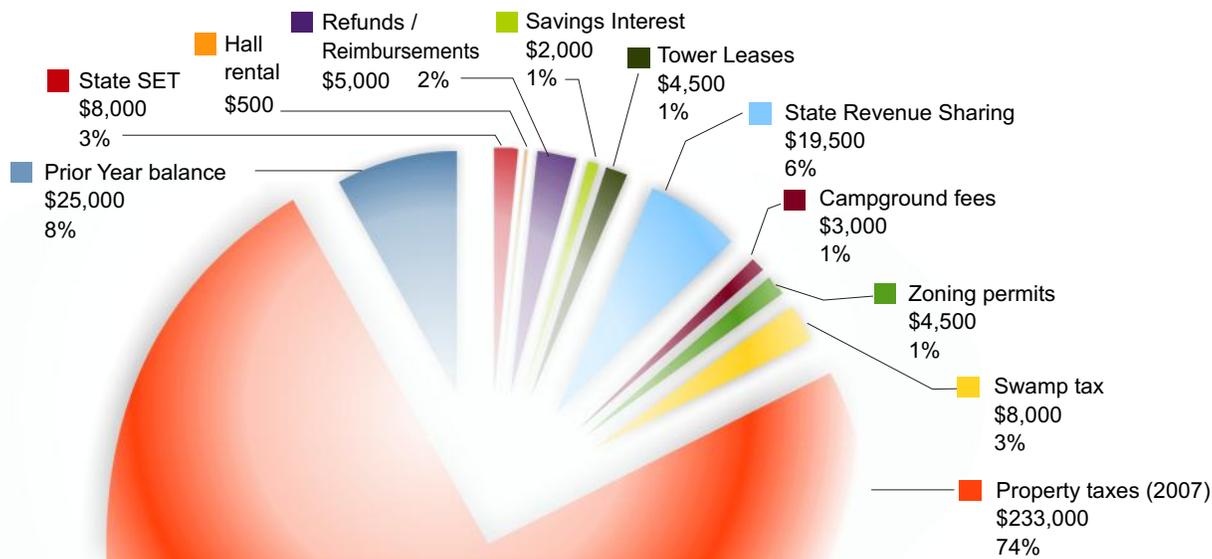
## Allowable vs. Levied Property Tax



## Peaine Township Budget for the Operational Millage



## Township Income from all Sources



## 10. ON THIS DATE

**Ten Years Ago** The "B. I. Commission on Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" continued its work with a session attended by 15 people, including representatives from the planning commissions. The education implications of the 1994 Master Plan were discussed, and its differences from the earlier Wade-Trim report, by a panel. Talk focused on ways to improve the general quality of life and the opportunities for diversifying the Island's economic base.

A letter from Jane Maehr recounted a conversation she overheard in which a visitor complained that all she saw were "trees, trees, and more trees." This made her take stock of what Beaver Island was and was not. It was not a place of manicured lawns and cutesy attractions, but instead offered a rich history, a sense of community, and a wonderful and varied environment. Yet its assets are fragile, and require protection, she continued; something like a code of behavior would help. It would stress the importance of good zoning and responsible logging and hunting, the necessity of pitching in to help the many infrastructure organizations,

such as by volunteering at the museums, and the value of bringing in more cultural activities, such as theater, music, and presentations. It might call for greater respect for keeping the beaches and roadsides clean, the construction and maintenance of more trails, and the appearance of more guides to lead groups into enjoying our natural assets.

A group of ham radio operators arrived as guests of Art Johnston, and set up in his back yard. They made over 200 contacts, including to England, France, and Indonesia.

Under the direction of volunteer Doris Larson the Sheryl Struik Memorial Garden at the library began to take shape, implementing a design drawn up by Susie Bonadeo and Betsy Borre.

A September 12<sup>th</sup> Fly-In was graced by two Hercules aircraft from Selfridge, planes with four turboprops and 132' wingspans which flew over twice. Airport manager Bob Banville reported that 60 planes touched down—a number held down because parts of the state were socked in. Snacks and merchandise were sold in a hangar. The Chamber and the Fire Department divided the \$441

earned by the event.

A new business appeared, the "Beaver Island Car Company," located in front of the Livery.

Don Vyse was forming an Airport Committee as an alternative to the proposed Airport Authority.

Rose Connaghan resigned as Peaine Treasurer, a position long held and well served.

Jon Fogg was allowed to proceed with his planned elegant B & B by the planning commission, stating he would keep open the Kuebler Trail. BIPOA obtained agreement from other property owners not to close the Trail.

New PABI Board member Anne Glendon hosted a Board and Leadership Retreat for the Island's non-profit organizations.

Passings noted included Carlene Runberg, Don Willis, and Robert Ricksgers. Carlene Runberg was the sister of Claire Cull and Bud Left. She had been married to the younger brother of John Runberg, who had passed away eleven years earlier. Don Willis was the son of Jim and Dorothy, and worked as a plumber and well-driller on Beaver



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Island from 1982 until the mid-90s. Robert Ricksgers, an electrician in LaPeer, was one of the six (of seven) children of George Ricksgers to be born on Beaver Island. Cindy Ricksgers was one of his thirteen children.

**Twenty Years Ago** Jim Owens moved here from Hastings to become the new deputy sheriff.

Roy Ellsworth found a dead eagle in the doorway of his home. It carried a radio transmitter, and bands on its legs had been applied in Georgia.

A pair of piping plovers nested at Donegal Bay for the first time; only 40 plovers come to Michigan each year. Two chicks appeared, and were successfully fledged.

Bob Cava, an amateur astronomer, brought his family here to take advantage of the clear air and lack of light pollution, meeting with local astronomer Bill Markey to view Saturn's rings, globular clusters, and planetary nebula at 3:30 a.m. at Sand Bay.

The Fly-In saw 172 planes. 412 adults and 37 children enjoyed a whitefish dinner at the Hall, driven back and forth in a school bus. \$1,200 was

raised for the Fire Department.

Island quilters Gwen Marston and Joe Cunningham were profiled after running their 5<sup>th</sup> Quilting Retreat.

Another profile covered the 5-year-old fox farm run by Mark Valente, who started out with 5 pairs and now had 60 females and 20 males.

Alvin LaFreniere showed the Historical Society board charts of the "stone circle" made by Professor Heldman.

The Chamber reported 1,382 office visits during the season, and 158 phone calls. It had total expenses of \$2,324.

The *Beacon* published a list of things purchased for the Fire Department with funds from the Resale Shop; they totaled \$18,221.

Peaine Township declined to designate any roads for ORV use.

St. James Township decided to buy two beach lots at Donegal Bay if the Port St. James Association agreed to its use plan.

Gary Damstra submitted the low bid to build the library: \$183,770.

Bill Markey was in his yard looking at the stars through his 60M telescope at 11:05 p.m. when he saw a fireball so

bright it cast a shadow. It seemed to slow down, and disappeared beyond the tree-line in twenty seconds, but then there was a sonic boom and a gust of wind. He later learned a Russian satellite had crashed north of Lake Superior.

Pat Hough and Josh Broder completed their Beaver Island Arts Project: six weeks of art and theater instruction for kids, culminating in a vaudeville show at the Circle M.

A letter was printed from Chris Speck, who was stationed in Korea.

The Chamber created a Wildlife Club to replace the inert Game Club. They hoped to set out mineral blocks, prune orchards, get a deer count, improve trails, and plant various crops for game.

Greg Larson completed his Seattle-to-New Jersey bike trip in 47 days.

The great-great-granddaughter of the Mackinac Island sheriff at the time of Strang's assassination gave the Historical Society one of the four Strang chairs he had confiscated after the shooting.

The 1951-built research vessel *Cisco* stopped by on a trip from its home port of Saugatuck. *Continued on page 12.*

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12. **On This Date**, continued from page 11.

**Thirty Years Ago** The Fly-In recorded 148 planes landing, with their occupants ferried to St. James for a charcoal-broiled whitefish dinner. Civic Association president Mark LaFreniere had to overcome a series of last-minute problems, such as the fish supplier not having any fish (a Naubinway fisherman came through; Garrett and Jimmy Cole filleted them, Mark and Phil Gregg scaled, and Ron Gregg washed).

Bow hunters were out collecting deer. Rabbits were scarce, but partridge and woodcock were being taken.

Joy Green, Skip McDonough, Ruth Nackerman, Maria Boyle, and Lil Cole took part in their Mercy Central School of Nursing's 25<sup>th</sup> reunion.

Linda Wojan, Bernadette Green, Michelle Arden, Mike Green, Mary Kenwabikise, Shane Delamater, and

Laurel Cole went off to college.

The Historical Society was delighted to have the finished Post Office Addition available for its winter work. While it was hoping to restore the Protar Home and stock the Marine Museum, it said that a warm place to plan the details of these projects was at the top of its list of needs.

Passings noted included Annora "Nonie" Gallagher, Edward Green, Dick LaFreniere, and Bea Townsend. Born here, Nonie was the Island's oldest resident at 98; although blind, she knew more about what was going on than anyone else. She had married Patrick Gallagher here in 1932, and was widowed eleven years later. Edward Green was born here in 1886 and lived here for 75 years. Dick LaFreniere spent his entire life on Beaver, running his store, promoting the Island, and being active in politics. He was the first manager of

the airport. Jerry LaFreniere was his son. Bea Townsend was the widow of the man who bought High Island after the Israelites left and raised cattle there.

**Forty Years Ago** Hunters were arriving; archers took 8 deer. Partridge and woodcock were plentiful, but able to foil their adversaries because of the full foliage. Goose hunting was reopened— bounteous rains created ponds everywhere for the waterfowl.

The new Convent was closed in, and the interior finishing was underway. The students at the school across the street were dreading the Sisters moving in because that would mean an end to days off when they were snowed in out in the country. Austin Malloy, who won \$250 in the 50/50 at the Grand Rapids Party, donated his check to the Convent Fund.

Dr. Christie, the Island's new doctor, and his family, who had moved here

## BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Paradise at Beaver Island - October 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>** Home games: enter the soccer field behind the library, parking in the boat company lot, historical society lot and at the library after 5:00. Soccer begins at 5:00 Friday nights and volleyball follows in the gym around

7:00-7:30. Saturday mornings volleyball begins at 9:00 and soccer follows at about 10:30 am.

**Bite of Beaver, the Boodle 5k Walk/Run** and new for **2008 Bike Ride October 4<sup>th</sup>**—see page 23 for schedule. Beaver Island at Munising Baptist-soccer. October 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.

BI varsity volleyball at Mackinac Island tournament October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Northern Lights League soccer tournament and BI volleyball at Ellsworth tournament. October 18<sup>th</sup>

**Pinky Lee Release Party** at the Shamrock **October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**  
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from Harbor Springs when Dr. Haynes passed away, were feted at a dinner at the Circle M.

Dr. Sorensen brought 16 golfers to the Island, 12 of whom had never been here before, for a tournament hosted by Matt Melville.

Plans were afoot to organize a snowmobile club. Snowmobiles were touted for their advantages to coyote hunters, and for creating cross-country ski trails in their wake.

Passings noted included Sister Mary Isabel Malloy, who was born on Beaver in 1893 (her twin also became a nun), Donald Washegesik, Isabel Kenwabikise's nephew, Captain Clyde Gallagher, master for several years of the Hanna Fleet flagship *George M. Humphrey*, and Ralph Rutt, who summered in his cottage on Lake Geneserath's South Arm for many years.

**Fifty Years Ago** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Dawn Patrol brought 329 planes to the Island. Meals were served at both the Parish Hall (358), the Lodge (232), and the King Strang (208). Activities included fishing in the harbor, which was dotted with boats—including the *Emerald Isle*—hunting ducks and grouse, horseback riding, and Island tours.

The Game Club was opening roads for hunters: Angeline's Bluff Road, Greenes' Bay Road, the winding two-track to Pfeiffer's Orchard, and Buf-falo's Camp Trail.

The Historical Society held an auction of donated items in the Parish Hall to raise money for the restoration of the Print Shop.

The year's first archer to get his buck was J. Finder of Indianapolis.

The son of Mr. Tuttle, an engineer on the Island railroad, returned to buy

property.

The Civic Association was looking for volunteers to put up signs at historic places, such as "Eagles' Nest" and the Protar Spring—as well as at several beaver dams.

Bea Townsend's dog Sandy was kidnapped by an Island ne'er-do-well, who demanded libation for her safe return. A posse to go after her formed at the Shamrock, but before it could be dispatched the doctor drove up with the pooch in his car.

The perch run was on, with many joyous anglers pulling in their fill of 12-inchers. Duck and goose hunting was also in full swing.

Mrs. Grossel, a summer resident from Harper Woods, dropped a silver mermaid in Barney's Lake. Several people were trying different means to recover it, to no avail.

**October 25<sup>th</sup>** 5:30-8:00 at Nina's Restaurant. Reservations recommended and take-out is available. Meat & meatless sauces, salad, garlic bread & dessert. (Free Will Donation)

Beaver Island at Mackinac Island for volleyball trimeet with Mackinac & Hannahville. October 31<sup>st</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Whitey Morgan performs Halloween October 31<sup>st</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup>** at the Shamrock; **Halloween Party** - Prizes for the best costume!

**CMU Closing Pot-Luck Dinner November 1<sup>st</sup>** 6-10 p.m. Pig Roast. Students in Costume. Academic Center tours from 5-7 pm. Everyone invited—

bring your own beverage and a dish to pass.

Volleyball districts November 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
**Christmas Cantata December 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>**. Rehearsals start soon—call director Kathy Speck.

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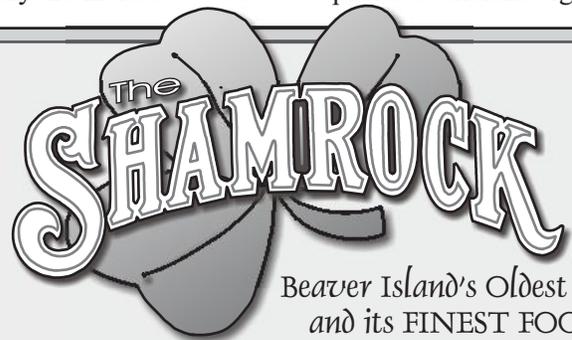


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Finding a few sunny meadows in the middle of an expansive woods is always an exhilarating experience. For

example, the old clearing to the south is a wonderful spot.

But this particular operation, which seems neater than those done 10 and 20 years ago, has raised concerns about the proximity to wetlands, the danger of fluid leakage from equipment in what has for decades been a pristine natural area, noise and dust levels affecting neighboring property owners, the disposition of the left-over parts of the felled trees, and damage to the roads and the burden of repairing them.

Some assert such clear cutting and

thinning is necessary for a healthy ecosystem since we no longer allow raging fires to scorch great stretches of land—careful logging allows light to reach the forest floor for new habitat.

Others question the short-term effect of such clear-cuts on the natural environment we have taken for granted. Perhaps Islanders should examine which unprotected trails and woods we hold precious in their fully natural state and what we can do to maintain them, since so much of what we take for granted here is owned by the state.









## A WORKING SUNDAY AT THE DOCKS

In mid-September the logs that had been piled high at the EW Marine dock by a steady procession of logging trucks were loaded back on the trucks to be moved closer to

the water, once the huge barge and tug *Gregory J Busch* had maneuvered (and been guided and pushed by the *Cisco*) into place. Then the day-long loading of the barge began, with its onboard crane grabbing eight to twelve at a time from the newly close pile and setting them in three rows on the barge.

Two Gandy dancers nimbly skittered over the piles, using short-handled pee-vees to keep

the logs straight as another man worked the crane and two men loaded and unloaded a pair of log trucks. Mike Weede went about the unloading of his boat as the action surrounded him, and the *Cisco* stood by to guide the barge away from the dock and help in the harbor as soon as she was loaded. A handful of cars stopped on Main Street to observe the well-coordinated activity.



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After three months of construction, the Harbour Market reopened to strong reviews as a coffee shop and internet café, a place to sit around, have lunch, breakfast, or a snack, and meet



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by Fairway Frank

It was one of those evenings. Early fall. Cool, but not cold. Actually, in the sunny, open expanse of the first fairway it was still comfortably warm. It wasn't until reaching the shadows of the tucked-away third green that I could feel a change in the temperature.

It was calm with a clear blue sky slowly taking on the warming colors of the setting sun. With the recent autumnal rains, the fairways have recovered from their sere August hardness, and once again are green if not fully lush. But lush could almost describe the greens which have achieved, at this late stage of the season, a fullness perhaps not seen here before. John's work on these nine small patches of torment over the past few years is truly paying dividends. And in the evening's softening light the entire course glows.

Having decided to go out alone, I shared the course only with the rabbits, the turkeys, the deer, the crickets chirping in the grass, the squirrels chirping in the trees, a muskrat swimming in the front half of the pond on the seventh fairway, and a Great Blue heron standing solitary in the back half of the pond.

It was one of those evenings to let go, to completely relax, to completely embrace the game of golf. In baseball we are taught to "see the ball." In basketball the mantra is to "be the ball." And while golf certainly involves a ball, it is all about the swing. Be the swing. That's the thing. But on a night like this it's also about the walk, the experience.

There is a practice in Zen called *kinhin*, or walking meditation. Its focus is on complete mindfulness while walking slowly, integrating the breath with the steps while being present in the moment. It was one of those evenings. Paraphrasing the great teacher, Maezui Roshi: when we golf, we just golf.

There was no success or failure this evening; no judgement. Just golf. And it was, not-so-surprisingly, wonderful. A drive pulled to the left was there along



the edge of the fairway, just as was one pushed to the right. It was one of those evenings. There was no disappointment over 'taking a trip to Wisdom' off the fourth tee and finding myself in the 'Big Hole,' as I knew the next shot would be a sand wedge towards the pin. And it was, leading to a par.

Nor was there great exaltation over a laser-like drive off the tee on number five—either by myself or the 24 turkeys lined up across the fairway thirty feet away from the tee box. Just as life presents ups and downs, in golf there are better shots and, well, shots like my second one on five that glanced hard right, and fell short. But then I floated a lob wedge over the apple tree, on the green, and nearly sank a 12-foot putt for par. I headed to the sixth tee with a smile. It was one of those evenings.

A poor hit off number six gave me the opportunity to try a near-impossible second shot, from a down-hill lie, over the right side of the large maple just to the left of the notorious heart-shaped bunker, and plop, on the platter. Okay, impossible. But I gave it a run, catching just enough branches to drop into the sand. Another wedge shot lifted me out of the sand and on the green where I again nearly made a long putt.

I was four over par after six holes, yet the score wasn't a reflection on my play, or more importantly, my enjoyment "of the design of the event in

which I was occurring," to borrow a favorite phrase from martial arts author Peter Ralston. It was one of those evenings.

If you've never experienced a solo autumn evening round of golf, in the natural quiet of the setting sun, alone in the moments of the game, each shot a part of the whole, embracing the peace and solitude; if you've never experienced one of those evenings, there are still a few out there, catch one if you can.

### *Season Endings*

The Ladies' season wrapped up on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> with the annual tournament sponsored by Trudy Works. The rain held off

until the rounds were through and everyone was gathered at Doris Larson's for lunch. This year's event was won by the group of Sharon Scamehorn, Annette Dashiell, Ruth Kelly, and Jane Maehr with a solid 42.

What may or may not have been the final Mixed Partner Event was claimed by the team of Taffy Raphael and Howard Davis with a 48. Chris Heikka and Joe Williams carded a 51 for second, while Nel Worsfold anchored our team to third place with a 52. Tentative plans were made for an Oct. 5 event with partners to be drawn out of a hat once everyone shows up. Check with Buck Ridgeway (2680) if you're interested in wrapping up the 'Bite of Beaver' weekend with a Bit of Golf.

Men's Fall League wrapped up after five weeks of play with the team of Ron Wojan, Jeff Powers, and Leroy Fockler earning the title. Joe Williams, Larry Laurain, and Buck Ridgeway were second, one point ahead of Joe Moore, Johnny Runberg, and Frank Solle. Jeff Mestelle, Ryan Smith, and Rob Latimer finished fourth, with Howard Davis, Elwood Baker, and Larry Kubick rounding out the field.

Meanwhile, there should be many, many days before the snow flies (and hopefully some even after that) to get out and enjoy the course, the game, the moment.



ISLAND AIRWAYS FOURTH OF JULY FLYOVER IN MEMORY OF PAUL BARON.

Photograph by Frank Solle.

## HIGH FLIGHT (AN AIRMAN'S ECSTASY)

By John Gillespie Magee Jr.

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air...

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew —  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.

We have received many calls, questions, and comments about the above poem which ran in our August ad / tribute to Paul Baron. Following is additional information about the author and the poem.

“John Gillespie Magee Jr. wrote the most famous inspirational poem about aviation. He was born in Shanghai, China, in 1922, the son of missionaries. He was an American, but like thousands of other young Americans he served with the Royal Canadian Air Force before the United States officially entered WWII. He had a scholarship to Yale, but after high school he enlisted in the air force, and he was sent to combat duty in England. A month or maybe two months later, he wrote a sonnet, “High Flight,” and sent it to his parents on the back of a letter, saying “I am enclosing a verse I wrote the other day. It started at 30,000 feet, and was finished soon after I landed.” Three months later, the U.S. entered the war, and just three days after that Magee died in a plane crash. The sonnet was widely copied and distributed, and it is still referenced in novels, television shows, and political speeches. All first-year cadets at the United States Air Force Academy are required to memorize and recite it.”

Excerpt above from “The Writer’s Almanac with by Garrison Keillor” from National Public Radio.  
This was played on June 9, 2008. The following address takes you to a link with this poem read by Garrison Keillor:  
<http://writersalmanac.publicradio.org/index.php?date=2008/06/09>

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## WHAT CELTIC STRONGMEN DO IN THE FALL

### A BOODLE AND A BITE

A full day of events is planned for October 4<sup>th</sup>, starting with an 8-mile bike ride this year (a shorter distance for youngsters) at 8 a.m. Sign up at the Island Booodle registration area (free will donation requested) and you'll be back in time for the annual Island Booodle, the 5 K Walk/Run along beautiful Paradise Bay. Registration forms/fee schedule for the Booodle are available online at the Chamber website or at the Shamrock the morning of the event. Both the bike ride and the Booodle benefit the Island Sports Boosters.

After the Booodle, awards will be given to the top runners in various categories of the Walk/Run.

The Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival will be held at Holy Cross Hall from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Those interested in providing wonderful and tasty "Bite-sized" portions of food should contact Steve West at the Chamber. Tables are \$30, which assists the Chamber with festival expenses. The Community Center will

also be utilized, with additional tables inside (and out, if the weather is good) for Bite of Beaver food vendors and artisan booths.

Beer and wine will be available at the event, along with the ever-popular apple press making homemade cider! The students at Beaver Island Community School will again be involved in the Bite of Beaver Island poster contest, with prizes for various age groups.

"Bob Banville (Executive Chef at Shanoule) has confirmed that he will prepare his famous Beaver with Toast Points for this year's event. Joan Banville will serve the beaver at the Island's new Community Center. As the story goes, "many guests return year after year to Shanoule to enjoy Beaver with Toast Points" says Director Steve West.

The Apple Pie Contest will be held during the festival, with the top two pies being auctioned (with proceeds going to the baker's favorite Island charity or organization).

Pies (with the baker's name on the bottom of the pie tin) should be dropped off at the Hall kitchen no later than 1:00 p.m. Judges will do their sampling at 2:30, with the winners being announced (and the apple pie queen or king being crowned at 3:00 p.m.)

Prizes for the Apple Pie Contest are being donated by Montage and Whimsy.

There's also a new event this year—a Harvest Dessert Contest! Participants are asked to bring their dessert to the Hall kitchen no later than 1:00 p.m. Put your name on the bottom of your dessert and please bring one copy of your recipe to hand in with your favorite dessert.

Bite of Beaver organizers are laying the groundwork to start work in the near future on a Bite Cookbook—filled with recipes from food vendors and the best of autumn's tasty sweets! A panel of judges will sample the desserts and a prize—provided by Dalwhinnie's Kitchen Shop—will be awarded to the first-place finisher.





## THE CELTIC GAMES—AND DANCES

The mighty (and sturdy) Celts braved the threatening and cool weather to conduct their annual Celtic Games at the Ball Field, this time rigging up a moveable crossbar as the target for many of their tosses. The audience kept changing but was usually a hundred

strong—or more. People brought their dogs, and ate the snacks and lunches that were provided by the Sports Boosters, sitting comfortably around the perimeter as the contestants strained to lift, charge, and heave.

The highly-anticipated caber toss

(demonstrated to perfection by Dale Gehman — fifth-ranked Celtic-Games athlete in the world) took place right after lunch. The Highland Pipers from Traverse City were protected under a tent between their numbers. Finally the rain began—just in time to add weight



## SLIDE FROM IRELAND TO THE BEAVER ISLAND

The five-man Irish band Slide appeared before a full house at the Com-

munity Center on a Monday night after a weekend show in Traverse City. Play-

ing fiddle, guitar, whistle, bouzouki, flute, concertina, keyboard, and drum,





## WITH THE GRAND TRAVERSE PIPES

to the baled hay the athletes were hurling for height. Local favorite Jeremy McBain, an editor at the *Petoskey News Review*, beat out Pat Cameron to finish second, overall, behind Gehman.

That evening the six pipers put on a concert of traditional Scottish bagpipe

music at the Community Center, directed by their Marshall-at-arms. They were all in matching kilts, tartan vests, white shirts, leggings, and black, lace-up shoes. Standing with heels together and toes apart before each number (whose history was explained to the

audience), they hoisted their bags on cue and puffed up a storm before cutting loose in thrilling unison. Their youngest member, a lefty, joined with one of the women for a dance number, a lithe blonde who seemed to hover like a butterfly during her kicks and jumps.



## COMMUNITY CENTER

the group played (and sang some) contemporary versions of traditional Celtic

tunes, some newly written by them. The audience was greatly pleased.

Slide is the first Irish band to perform here, and should return next year.





## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, October 1, 1908 **Local News:** "W. E. Stephens, of the Beaver Island Lumber Co., was here from Saturday to today storm bound on his way home."

"The steamer *Beaver* left here early Sunday morning for Sturgeon Bay, Wis., to go into dry dock for recaulking and reironing for the fall and winter run. She will be there all this week. The steamer *Silver Spray* takes her place on the Island route, but made no trip this week thus far on account of heavy weather."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, October 7, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Parcel a daughter Saturday. The funeral of John Boyle was held Sunday forenoon from

the Catholic Church. Mrs. Heath of Charlevoix, was here to attend the funeral of her brother, John Boyle."

"Mrs. Tillotson and Mrs. Young have returned to Charlevoix. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Latinien (sic) have gone to Chicago for a two weeks visit."

"Misses Hattie Gallagher and Laura Saninburg (sic) returned from a two weeks visit in Charlevoix. W. W. Boyle left Friday to meet the remains of his brother, John Boyle who died at the Soo."

"William Underwood who has been spending the summer with his uncle, W. D. Gallagher, has returned to his home in Chicago. Saturday, the remains of John Boyle arrived accompanied by W. J. Gallagher, W. W. Boyle and many friends.

The deceased had been gone from the Island eight years."

**Too Late For Last Week:** "Editor Smith returned home Monday."

"A new bridge is being built in Sand Bay. The infant daughter of D. S. McCanley (sic) is very ill. Captain Allen (sic) returned home with a cargo of peaches and apples. Miss Mary J. Gallagher returned home from a two weeks visit in Escanaba."

"Charles Parron (sic) returned Tuesday with his wife and two children from Traverse City."

"The Lady Maccabees met Sunday and had photos taken, after which the organizer was presented with a beautiful souvenir. The Maccabees were organized Fri-



# SUMMER'S GIFTS

We see Autumn clouds pushing out our Summer  
And we know it's time to leave the Island—  
To change our view;  
Time to resume our faster mainland pace.

But oh, the moon is full,  
Shining on the harbor,  
And the lighthouse beacon's rhythm  
Marks protection for the bay.

We've been so rich  
With our stars in the millions,  
With diamonds sparkling on the water.  
We have laughed at the gentle kisses  
The breezes blow,  
And the smile of every dear familiar face  
Is better than gold.

On this northern island this summer  
I became a little more of what  
I can truly be,  
And I'll take a magic spring of life  
With me when I go.  
That is the Island's gift to each of us.

And what have I given in return?

—Kay Masini

# HIKING HAIKU II—AUTUMN

Sunlight on birch trees  
washing pure gold onto white.  
Autumn comes slanting.

Beech leaves and maple  
fall thickly in the verges.  
Forest paths narrow.

Skies full of bird flight;  
shuttered windows, empty shores.  
All is goodbye now. —Ruth Kelly

day evening. After being entertained with recitations and music, refreshments were served. Dancing was enjoyed until the small hours of the morning. All report a good time.”

“The infant son of C. C. Gallagher, died Monday afternoon. Funeral was held from the Catholic Church Wednesday forenoon.”

**Just Among Ourselves:** “W. W. Boyle, of St. James, was in the city Monday night on his way to the Soo. Miss Lizzie Johnson, of St. James, and Deputy Coblentz spent a few days last week at Mrs. Provost's on Antrim Street.”

“Rae McCauley, Minnie Gallagher and Annis Boyle of St. James, were in the city Monday night on their way to

Chicago. Mrs. James Dunlevy (sic) and Annie O'Malley of St. James, were in the city Tuesday on their way to Harbor Springs to visit Mrs. Gibson.”

“Nellie Colbentz who came over Boyne Falls enroute for St. James returned Thursday, the wind preventing the *Silver Spray* making the trip. Deputy Colbentz is organizing for the A. O. O. Gleaners at Boyne Falls.”

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, October 8, 1908 **Local News:** “Ralph Washburn made a Beaver Island trip Saturday. Charles Novak, of the Charlevoix cigar factory, went to Beaver Island Monday.”

“John Boyle, of St. James, died at the Soo last week, of typhoid fever. The body arrived here Saturday and was taken to St.

James, where the funeral occurred Monday afternoon. Deceased was a brother of W. W. Boyle, of St. James, and of Mrs. J. A. Heath of this city. He was a young man of more than usual intelligence and of sterling character.”

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, October 14, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** “Miss Mary Boyle has returned to Chicago. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pat Malloy a daughter.”

“The *Hyacinth* lay in port Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Barry has been on the sick list the past week. W. D. Gallagher returned from a business trip Friday.”

“D. F. McCauly returned from Manistique Tuesday. Mr. Franklin had a  
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28. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 27. short stay in Charlevoix last week. James Gallagher spent a few days in Charlevoix last week" The infant son of Ed Pratt is seriously ill of pneumonia. W. J. and W. D. Gallagher have gone to Charlevoix to attend the meeting of the supervisors."

"J. Burke has been making improvements on his home" Miss Mae Gallagher spent last week with Mrs. Allard. Chas Roddy has purchased the home of Capt. D. F. McCauley. Ed Gallagher returned from the funeral of a cousin Thursday."

"Mrs. Gus Milkey (sic) has been suffering from tonsillitis for the last few weeks. D. T. Gallagher went to Charlevoix to attend the funeral of his cousin. Mrs. James Donlevy and sister Miss Annis O'Malley left for Chicago Monday. Mrs. Porter of East Jordan, arrived with a stock of hats and trimmings, Wednesday." (Note: Mrs. L. M. Porter; East Jordan appears in the Hotel Beaver Register)

"A horse belonging to Lou Briggs became very ill while on route home from the country, causing a lady some fright."

"The tug *Annabel* arrived in port Saturday to remove Capt. McCauley to Manistique, where he has bought a beautiful residence. Capt. McCauley has accepted a position with Mr. Coffey for the future. The tug left Sunday forenoon." (Note: The tug *Annabel* was the largest fishing tug in the Great Lakes at this time. She eventually sunk in Beaver Harbor

where her rudder was retrieved several years ago and is now stored in the Historical Society's Heritage Park Barn, awaiting final plans for display.)

**Just Among Ourselves:** "Mr. Bonner of the Hotel Beaver, St. James, is spending a few days in the city. W. W. Boyle, of St. James, was in the city the first of the week. Mrs. James Dunlevy (sic) and Anna O'Malley of St. James were in the city the first of the week. The steamer *Beaver* arrived home from Sturgeon Bay where she had been for repairs and is again making her trips to the Beaver Islands."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, October 15, 1908 **Local News:** "Miss Nellie Connaghan, of St. James, who has been in Grand Rapids since August, has accepted a position as saleslady in a Chicago department store. Miss Connaghan, while in the city, will reside with Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Gurney, 1102 West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street."

**Marine Notes:** "The steamer *Beaver* arrived here from Sturgeon Bay Friday morning and has resumed service on the Island route. The *Beaver* was in dry dock eleven days, and was thoroughly overhauled and strengthened where required. There is not a stauncher steamer on the lakes than the *Beaver*."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, October 21, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "Dan Boyle is preparing to move to their farm. Mrs. Olson of Charlevoix is visiting friends here."

"Charles Roddy's (sic) are now settled in their new home. Miss O'Malley

and Mrs. James Donlevy have returned from Chicago after a week's absence."

"Charles Johnson and mother are visiting relatives here. Miss Alice Johnson is very ill of inflammatory rheumatism."

"Nellie Coblentz and Fred Stenton spent Sunday with Laura Gagnon."

"John Burns Sr. Has moved into W. W. Boyles house on the corner."

"Little Ernest Pratt who has been very ill of pneumonia is gaining."

"Mrs. Lillie Green left Friday for Detroit where she will spend the winter."

"Miss Leonora Ailer (sic) spent a few days in Charlevoix last week, returning Thursday. Mrs. John McCann and son Harold, wife and son of Capt. McCann, are on the sick list. W. W. King is again seen on our streets arriving on the *Beaver* Saturday. Cupid's call."

"Wm. Gibson is wearing a smile these days since a young lady arrived at their home, Friday. Mr. L. M. Gagnon, Nellie Coblentz and Fred Stenton spent Friday evening at Frank Staffords."

"Miss Tina Gilispi (sic) returned Saturday from Chicago where she has been visiting the past two weeks."

"Mrs. Ward of Manistee, came Thursday to spend the winter with her husband, foreman in the B. I. Co. mill."

"A social hop will be given Friday evening, October 30, by the A. O. G. Refreshments will be served. Everybody dance. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Lafranire (sic) and little daughter returned Saturday from Chicago where they have been

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spending the last two weeks with relatives. Fred Stenton, District Deputy for the Gleaners, paid the Island a visit Thursday. Mr. Stenton wrote several applications for Norbert Arbor while here. Norbert Arbor A. O. O. G. convened at Gallagher's Hall Thursday evening with a large attendance. Deputy Stenton and Organizer Nellie Coblentz were present."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, October 22, 1908 **Local News:** "Capt. M. J. Bonner and wife, of St. James, were in town yesterday."

"Miss Rachel Donlevy, of St. James, was in town yesterday on her way to Chicago, where she will enter a commercial college for a winter course. C. H. Moore, statistician of the Michigan Fish Commission, was in town this week, and went to St. James yesterday, on his annual tour of work." (Note: C. H. Moore appears in the *Hotel Beaver Register*.)

**Beaver Island News:** "M. J. Bonner made a business trip to Charlevoix last week. Harold McCann who has had an attack of pneumonia is reported out of danger. Mrs. Frank Left is visiting friends in Charlevoix this week."

"Miss Lillian Green and Miss Nora O. Boyle have gone to Detroit for the winter. Mrs. M. Cram, of Charlevoix, spent a few days on the Island last week."

"Mrs. John Ward, of Manistee, is an Island visitor this week. Another Gibson girl has made her appearance at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Will Gibson."

"Mr. Nels Lafreniere and wife re-

turned from a two week visit in Chicago."

"Mrs. Peter Olson and child, of Charlevoix, is visiting friends here this week. Miss Leonor Allars returned from a visit at Petosky. Mrs. James Donlevy and sister Anna, visited friends at Harbor Springs last week. Miss Mary D. Gallagher has gone to Escanaba for the winter. An epidemic of pneumonia has been going the rounds of the Island for the past two weeks."

"Mr. Gus Milke (sic) made a business trip to Petosky and Charlevoix last week."

"A. T. Stewart was here this week looking to the taking of spawn this fall."

"Mr. J. A. Timmer, of Charlevoix, transacted business here last week. The Misses Susie and Nellie Malloy have gone to Grand Rapids for the winter."

"Mr. Gus Kitzinger, of Manistee, spent a few days on the Island this week." (Note: Gus Kitzinger, Manistee appears in the *Hotel Beaver Register*.)

"A company from Bay City are erecting a mill on the south end of the Island. We are informed that they have a number of years cut."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, October 28, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "Miss Margaret Donlevy arrived here Saturday. Sheriff McWain, R. A. Emery and Mr. Harris returned home Sunday. Miss O'Malley and her niece Rachel Donlevy have left for Chicago. Miss Rachel intending to continue studies at that place."

"The tug *Shamrock* had considerable trouble in entering port Friday."

"William Green had the misfortune of cutting one of his fingers last week."

"Miss Nellie Coblentz and Deputy Fred Stanten of the A. O. O. G., returned home Monday. Supervisors W. D. & W. J. Gallagher returned home Saturday after an absence of two busy weeks."

"Sam Floyd had the misfortune to fall over a log, Sunday forenoon, and was seriously bit by a number of pigs."

"Owing to the terrific gale Saturday afternoon and evening the steamer *Beaver* lay in port all night returning at an early hour Sunday."

"Judge Harris, Sheriff McWain, Register of Deeds Emery and commissioner of schools Milford came over Saturday to attend the Republican rally at Gallagher's Hall. Dr. Springer and wife of South Haven, arrived here Wednesday. They will make their home here for the winter. In the meantime they are making their home with Mr. and Mrs. Gus Milky (sic) until their goods arrive."

"Have received a statement from Nellie Coblentz, organizer of A. O. O. G. Of St. James, that she has accepted a position as deputy in the Modern Brotherhood of America. But she is still a Gleaner, weather permitting she will attend the social hop Friday next."

**Just Among Ourselves:** "After this week the steamer *Beaver* will make three trips weekly to the Beaver Islands, leaving Wilbur's dock at 8 a.m. Monday's (sic), Wednesday's (sic) and Saturdays."



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The Beaver Island Community School *Islanders* soccer and volleyball teams opened their seasons on the road (in the air?) with nearly a pair of dual weekend sweeps at Hannahville and Grand Marais. The only slip was a tie in the second soccer game at Grand Marais, but the *Islanders* came home undefeated nonetheless.

Those wins set the stage for the only two home series: against Mackinac Island (see accompanying story) and against Paradise Oct. 3-4.

The shortened home schedule is due

to the ongoing construction project and is a one-year inconvenience that the players and fans and coaching staff are dealing with knowing it is just this year, and knowing what light is shining at the end of the building tunnel.

**Happiness at Hannahville**

In the first action for new soccer coach Matt Ritchie (with the gentle assistance from long-time, but now retired, coach Mike Myers) the *Islanders* responded with a pair of solid wins, besting the *Soaring Eagles* 5-1 and 8-2 at Hannahville on Sept. 12-13.



Junior Dereck McDonough led the way with three goals on Friday and two more on Saturday. The Jennas—Battle

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and Butler—joined in with goals on Friday while the freshman Battle added another Saturday along with two assists. Junior Alex Kuligoski scored three times on Saturday, with Junior Kristy Bousquet contributing two assists.

“Both games went well for us,” said coach Ritchie. “Our younger players played quite a bit,” he added.

Things were a little more tense at the net against the *Eagles* with the *Islanders* flying higher Friday 25-20, 25-23, 25-20 and on Saturday 25-23, 25-22, 26-24.

“We had two days of some of the most exciting, high-level volleyball in the Northern Lights league,” a proud coach Connie Boyle reported. “Both teams played very hard, and almost every point was a long rally with lots of great hits.”

Senior Maeve Green had a great weekend, compiling 10 aces out of 28 good serves, six kills, 10 good hits, and eight assists. Kuligoski added seven

Deven extends

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Dereck drives



aces, 17 good serves, five kills, 12 good hits, and three assists. Junior Jenna Butler led the team with 17 assists, while

Heather owning the net



Photographs by Desiree Duhamel and Frank Solle

senior Heather McDonough dominated the net with 18 good hits and 14 kills.

“All the *Islanders* showed they have worked hard to improve their skills,” Boyle said. “And that hard work paid off as no matter how tough the game got, the girls never gave up. It was great to start the season with two wins.”

### Grandeur at Grand Marais

The *Islanders* continued their success the next weekend at Grand Marais with the soccer team winning 6-1 on Friday before coming from behind in the closing seconds to notch a 3-3 tie the following morning.

McDonough again led the charge with four goals on Friday and two assists on Saturday. Junior Cameron LaVasseur showed his offensive skills with two goals and an assist on Friday and another goal on Saturday. Junior Bryan Timsak added an assist on Friday and a pair of goals on Saturday.

The biggest goal of the weekend

came in the final minute of play Saturday as LaVasseur headed in a throw-in from McDonough to earn the tie. The pair had a number of break-away opportunities during the game, according to coach Ritchie, but the GM goalkeeper was up to the task.

“We played reasonably well on Friday, but were a little outplayed on Saturday,” Ritchie reported, “but we never gave up.”

The volleyball matches were again close and hard-fought, with the *Islanders* prevailing 25-21, 25-15,

21-25, 25-9 on Friday and 25-20, 25-22, 25-14 on Saturday.

“We had a few problems in game three on Friday,” coach Boyle said, “but we straightened them out for game four to win the match. All our players, from the oldest to the youngest, played well.”

Green again paced the team with 12 aces, 30 good serves, and six assists. McDonough had 12 kills, 15 good serves and eight aces while fellow senior Deven Cook added four kills, six aces, 14 good serves, one block and one tip. Jenna Battle dished out three assists.

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by Frank Solle

It wasn't quite the outcome the undefeated *Islanders* soccer and volleyball teams were looking for when they played host to an undefeated Mackinac Island *Lakers* volleyball team and a soccer squad with just one non-league loss as the *Lakers* took three of four contests over the weekend of Sept. 26-27.

Mackinac Island claimed both soccer games in convincing fashion, winning Friday 7-3 then shutting out the *Islanders* 7-0 Saturday morning. "They got some 'through balls' past us and ran on our defense," said coach Matt Ritchie. "We needed to help each other more on offense also."

Those results dropped the *Islanders* to 3-2-1 on the season while a strong *Lakers* team improved to 10-1 with its only loss coming to non-league Alcona.

In volleyball action the two teams were quite evenly matched. The *Lakers* prevailed in a dramatic five-game match on Friday, winning 20-25, 25-21, 25-22, 14-25, 15-12. The *Islanders* earned a measure of revenge in handing the *Lakers* their first loss of the season the following morning in an equally exciting four-game outcome: 25-20, 18-25, 25-22, 25-21. "The loss on Friday was disappointing," said coach Connie Boyle. "But the win on Saturday was encouraging."

The *Islanders* improved to 5-1 while the *Lakers* dropped to 9-1.

The *Islanders* host the Paradise *Rockets* Oct. 3-4 in their only other home action of the season. Be sure to come out and support your teams. Please remember that access to both the soccer field and the gymnasium is from the public library due to the ongoing construction.

#### ***Lakers bring a storm front***

The always-fast and always-talented *Lakers* soccer team proved that and more in claiming their two victories in dominate fashion.

It took a few minutes for each team to find its footing and its rhythm on the pitch, but the *Islanders* did so first as junior Cameron LaVasseur scored 14 minutes into Friday's game on an assist from fellow junior Dereck McDonough. But what proved to be a troubling pattern quickly emerged as the *Lakers* answered back in two minutes to knot the game at 1-1.



The *Lakers* added two more goals before halftime, but the *Islanders* retaliated early in the second period as McDonough and LaVasseur exchanged roles on a McDonough score. But again the *Lakers* answered quickly to push their lead back to 4-2.

McDonough added a solo goal at the 25-minute mark, but the *Lakers* struck back minutes later before adding the final two goals of the game.

"We didn't play poorly," Ritchie said of the team's effort. "We hung in with a good team."



Unfortunately, Saturday's game had less hanging in as the *Lakers* tagged the *Islanders* defense for five first half goals as they controlled the tempo, the ball, and the outcome. The *Islanders* threatened a few times late in the game, but could not find a way to find the back of the net.

#### ***A weekend of net highlights***

The weekend's two volleyball matches resembled an ESPN highlight reel as long rallies, great saves, hard serves, and strong net play marked a pair of great matches. If it's hard to beat exciting volleyball, then it will be hard to top the show the *Islanders* and *Lakers* put on as both teams held leads, both teams battled back, and both teams left it all on the court.

The *Islanders* found their backs to the wall Friday after winning the opening game but dropping the next two. They stormed back with a strong effort in the fourth game behind a huge service run from senior Heather McDonough that stretched an 11-7 lead to a commanding 19-7 margin. Junior Jenna Butler wrapped it up with a pair of aces to send the match to the deciding 15-point finale.

The deciding game was back and forth up to 9-9 when the game ball bounced behind the partition between the bleachers. A new game ball seemed to bounce the *Lakers* way as they claimed the match with a 15-12 win.

Things went much more to the *Islanders* liking on Saturday, starting with coming from behind 13-18 to claim the opening game. Despite the *Lakers* taking game two just as they had done the night before, the *Islanders* were determined to get over it and they did as McDonough again served out the final points.

Game four was all *Islanders* as they build a 21-12 lead before withstanding a late *Laker* rally at game point.

"We played hard both days and I'm proud of our girls for never giving up," Boyle said.

Senior Caitlin Boyle led the team with 13 aces and 42 good serves, along with nine assists. McDonough continued her strong net play, notching 16 kills and 22 spikes to go with 10 aces. Maeve Green added 18 assists, 11 aces, and three kills.





S/V FILAUVENT (SLIPPING BY ON THE WIND)

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AROUND THE WORLD IN FIVE YEARS; BEAVER ISLAND FOR NINE DAYS

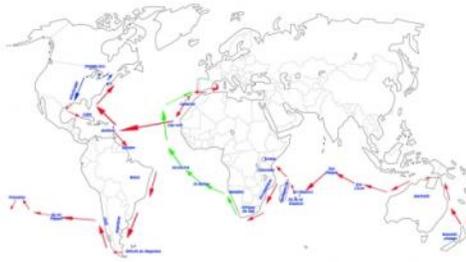
The family crew of the French sailing vessel *Filauvent* spent nine days on Beaver Island on their around the world voyage. On board were father Franck Asset, mother Nathalie Duplaix, and children Tristan (age 15), Sarah (13), and Nathan (11). They left France in October 2006 after selling Franck's numismatic business (coin shop) and expect to spend five years underway.

Eight years ago when planning began for the cruise it was decided to let the children select the countries they would visit. So after leaving France they visited Spain, Gibraltar, Morocco, and the Canary Islands. After crossing the Atlantic, landfall was made at Martinique, and then they island-hopped up through the Carribean to the Dominican Republic and the Bahamas, and crossed the Gulf Stream to enter the United States at Port Canaveral, Florida. Port Canaveral was one of the kids' important destinations due to its proximity to the Cape Kennedy Space Center and Disney World.

*Filauvent* followed the ICW (Inter-Coastal-Waterway) up the East Coast to Chesapeake Bay. They had several favorite stops, including Norfolk/Hampton Roads, where they felt so insignificant in a forty-foot boat passing several gigantic aircraft carriers. While in the Chesapeake they especially liked visiting Baltimore as there was so much to do. They took Amtrak to Washington, where they toured for several days.

Then it was underway again to New York City, where they stayed at the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Marina, and from there they walked all over Manhattan. When asked what they liked about NYC the kids said they saw all the sights but liked the movies the best. They saw so many movies, sometimes two or three a day in huge beautiful theaters.

The next leg of the voyage was from New York City to Montreal. About 125 miles up the Hudson River the masts were lowered at Troy in order to pass through the Champlain Canal, Lake Champlain, the Richelieu River,



and the Chambly Canal to the St. Lawrence River at Sorel, Quebec. The Champlain Canal consists of 12 locks from Waterford, N.Y. to the lake. Lake Champlain is about 110 miles long and about 12 miles wide, and was designated as "The Nation's Sixth Great Lake" by President Clinton in 1998. The Richelieu meanders about 110 miles, including the 12-mile Chambly Canal, which bypasses rapids at St Jean-sur-Richelieu.

After reaching the St. Lawrence River it was just a short hop upstream to Montreal, where *Filauvent* was hauled out for the winter and the family rented an apartment. Also, Montreal was one of the locations where the children were to take their school exams. All three of the kids continue their education via correspondence courses, and periodically must be tested. The organization providing the courses arranges for someone to proctor the examinations in locations near the intended track of the voyage. Thus winter and spring exams were taken in Montreal; fall exams will be in St. Louis, Missouri; and next winter the tests will be in French Guiana in South America. The school sends course work for the following period to the test site. Franck says the children's education is superior, and all three are performing much higher than their expected grade levels. On top of that they are receiving the education of a lifetime, traveling and experiencing things that most only read or dream about.

From Montreal *Filauvent* sailed Lakes Ontario, Erie, St. Claire, and Huron, and finally reached Lake Michigan and Beaver Island on August 27.

Franck and Nathalie both commented on the difference between sailing in the ocean as compared to the Great Lakes. "The ocean is much easier; swells are far apart. The Lakes, especially Lake Erie, are rough; the waves are so close together and steep that the boat crashes into each, not smoothly rides up and down like in the ocean." He said he would rather be in the ocean than the Lakes.

Franck wanted to wait here at Beaver Island for a three-day northwest to northeast wind to sail directly to Chicago. The wait ended up being nine days, during which they enjoyed the Island. The kids especially appreciated the Community Center. All three spent hours there on the computers and playing games, and said it was one of the neatest places for teens they had seen.

*Filauvent* left Paradise Bay on September 3 with the intention of sailing directly to Chicago—however the remnants of Hurricane Gustav dumped rain and brought high winds so they pulled into White Lake just north of Muskegon for a few days. Following Chicago will be "The Loop" rivers: Illinois, up the Ohio to Paducah, Tennessee, Tombigbee, and Black Warrior Rivers to Mobile, Alabama. From there they'll go to Cuba, and then across the Carribean to French Guiana and down the east coast of South America. Eventually, in about three years, they will return to France, completing a "360" around the world.

Their progress can be monitored at their website. The site is in French so the easiest way to obtain a translated version is to Google *Filauvent*; then on the first result click "translate this page." They post comments and pictures almost daily; there are numerous pictures and comments regarding Beaver Island; especially interesting is the entry about Jerry LaFreniere's party at McCafferty's barn, which they attended and enjoyed.

Everyone who met Franck, Nathalie, Tristan, Sarah, and Nathan wishes them well and knows they will remember their days on Beaver Island.

## 36. HEALTH CENTER BENEFIT DINNER GREAT SUCCESS

One hundred and fifty-two people made reservations to attend the August 19<sup>th</sup> Health Center benefit dinner at Nina's Restaurant. The event resulted in a check from the Beaver Island Lodge for over \$3,000 and additional checks made out directly to the Health Center totaling \$2,000. The Staff and Board of Directors couldn't be more grateful for the generous support of all who attended.

This was the third time Ray and

Nina have held a benefit dinner for the Beaver Island Rural Health Center. In addition to donating the proceeds of the dinner this year, they also footed the bill for a custom Mary Blocksma painting that was put up for silent auction. The high bid of \$1,100 for the painting was submitted by Marie and Marty Tuohy, who are looking forward to the completion of a rendering of their favorite vacation rental on Beaver Island: Allen's on the harbor. As a result of Ray and Nina's

generosity the Health Center collected a total of over \$6,100 from the combined events.

Like all business owners on Beaver Island, Ray and Nina must cope with covering twelve months of expenses with revenue from a season that lasts just a few months. Despite this challenge, their level of support for the Health Center puts them in a league of their own and qualifies them for membership in the Health Center's Legacy Tree Society. Thank you Ray and Nina for your outstanding support over many years! We look forward to honoring you with an acorn on our Legacy Tree.

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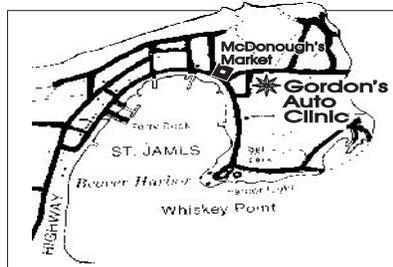
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## LETTERS:

### ROBERT'S HEALTH

I wanted to update everyone on Robert's condition after his heart valve replacement surgery. He is doing better every week. The only problem is trying to keep him from working the way he is used to working. I knew I should have grabbed some of that medicine they kept him sedated with.

We want to thank everyone who called, visited, and sent cards and prayers our way. The doctors and nurses did a wonderful job, but we are sure that you helped just as much—and more!

Special thanks goes to our family, the co-workers who kept covering for us, Angie Wojan who was there when we newwed her most, Kevin and Theresa McDonough and crew who ran everything with such skill and expertise, and especially Father Pat for laughs, support, and comfort. You helped us more than we can ever express!

Thanks for all the Island's love and care,

—Robert and Lisa Gillespie

## AT THE POLL

In the August primary, a funny thing happened in the race for St. James Clerk: incumbent Jean Palmer and challenger Pam O'Brien finished with the same number of votes. Naturally a coin was flipped, and Pam was declared the winner. Not giving up without a fight, Jean will run as a write in this November.

## BURRIS MASONRY

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Through the cooperation of many the annual BIRHC SUV Raffle resulted in 415 tickets sold and a profit of about \$22,000 that will go directly into the Health Center's operating fund. The winner was long time ticket buyer Molly Resnik

Each year the Health Center must raise 25% of its budget from donations. We count on our raffle for about one half of the total we need. As in the past, the success of this year's raffle would not have been possible without the help and generosity of many. First and foremost everyone at the Health Center would like to thank all those who bought tickets, especially those who bought more than one ticket to help out.

In addition, thanks to all those listed below who played indispensable roles:

McDonough's Market— for the seventh year in a row let us use their parking lot for sales, and sold 55 tickets (\$5,500 worth) for us when we were not there;

Ken Slater— for the sixth time allowed us to use his GM employee discount;

Dave Kring Chevrolet— donated back the commission on the Equinox sale;

Beaver Island Boat Company— donated carfare to Beaver Island;

Sarah McCafferty, Sandy Birdsall, Denny Cook, Anne Glendon and Brad Grassmick— current board members who sold tickets;

Sally and Harold Lounsberry— for

**NEW CD**

"Pinky Lee," the group that had some national radio exposure earlier this year and features Island songstress Jenny Bousquet, is releasing a new CD, titled *Don't You Know*.

There will be a "release party" at the Shamrock on October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at which Pinky Lee will play and the CD will be available.

**100 AND COUNTING**

Longtime Beaver Island summer resident Dale Boyles will turn 100 on October 30. A surprise birthday party is being arranged at the Clinton Commons, where he lives. Send a card to 1105 S. Scott Rd, St. Johns MI 48879.

the third year faithfully sold tickets once a week all summer;

Joe Reed— Board Member Emeritus who sold tickets for the seventh straight year and picked up and stored the vehicle for us until it went on display.

Barb Murphy— Ex Officio board member who sold tickets for the seventh year even though she is no longer an active board member;

Leonor Jacobson— Helped sell

during the last important week;

Ed Wojan— was a great help with last day sales—making calls and going to homes to sell tickets.

Pete LoDico— board member who deserves the most credit for the success of the raffle. Every year Pete takes responsibility for researching and negotiating the purchase of the vehicle, buys it in his own name, makes arrangements for insurance and, most important, is always a high ticket seller.

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# LETTER TO PEAINE TOWNSHIP TAXPAYERS, VOTERS AND RESIDENTS

I write as a candidate for the office of Peaine Township Supervisor. You deserve to know what I stand for, as well as my commitments and beliefs about governing and leadership. So I describe my general positions here, along with comments on some **specific issues regarding Peaine Township**.

**My General Belief and Platform:** Governing and leading should come from those who are capable and committed to serving the interests of the people, along with respect for the minds and hearts of the public. I will bring these commitments and qualities to Peaine Township government, along with hard work and careful examination of the facts and issues. My goals are to provide **1) open and accountable government; 2) responsible financial management; and, 3) increased public participation.**

I have written about this platform—describing what I would recommend and do to live up to these commitments, and I will make that material available to all interested residents by mail or direct delivery. I would like to meet and discuss the issues with any and all Peaine residents. We can talk anywhere, anytime—in person or by phone. I will make myself available.

**My Stand On Some Specific Issues:** I especially want my positions clear on two issues of public interest now being discussed around the township. One concerns Peaine voters' rejection of the millage renewal proposal this past August, and the other concerns questions about the Beaver Island Airport budget.

**Renewal of the operating millage for Peaine Township:** First, I urge a “Yes” vote for renewal of the township's operating millage. Our failure to renew the millage at this time would threaten the Township's provision of essential services, and it would require yet another millage election—requiring added expense and delay. **A YES vote for renewal would avoid these consequences and provide time to address and correct the conditions which led to voter rejection.**

In reviewing voter rejection of the August renewal, Supervisor Works said it went down because “people didn't understand it.” I don't agree. I believe the voters did know what they were doing—and they were sending a message they wanted more fiscal restraint and better use of their tax dollars—maybe even a tax reduction. But Works didn't consider any of those possibilities, and he led the charge to place the millage request on the ballot again at the same 4 mil rate. There was no discussion of any reduction—and now it is too late to be modified. *We must approve the current request or risk key jobs and services. We can't let our government come to a halt.*

But if I am elected, I will change this approach for the future. At the September meeting, I was told that the actual operating millage had averaged less than 2.5 mils for the past four years. When I asked why he was asking for 4 mils, I was told, “we might need it” and to “trust us.” It seems the Supervisor wants to determine our level of taxation instead of the voters, and I do not consider such practice to represent “**responsible financial management.**” The voters need to be involved—and I will work with the Township Board to limit spending and have the Board agree not to spend at more than the current 2.5 mil rate without voter approval.

**The Beaver Island Airport:** Many of you know I have questioned the Township's revenues and expenditures. I have sought simply to get information—not to pass judgment. The largest single expenditure in the Peaine Township budget is for aviation gas at the Airport, and I assumed it was reasonable to ask about gas prices and profits. However, the questions led to a “firestorm”—where I learned about how closed some of our leaders are and how hostile they can be to questions. Unfortunately, some people indicated that I was “against” the Airport and Fresh Air Aviation. I assure you *that is not the case! Both organizations have provided many benefits to Beaver Island.* However, I will continue to look for more meaningful information on the Airport budget.

**In Summary:** I am committed to serve the public and to achieve the (3) goals listed above. I do not believe, however that they can be achieved under the leadership of the current Supervisor. I ask for your support and your vote in the upcoming election. Please call me at home (448-2441) for any further information or to discuss the issues.

– John “Jack” Gallagher, Candidate for Peaine Township Supervisor

by *Connie Wojan*

Forty-nine years ago, my father, John Adams, realized his long held dream to build a cabin on Beaver Island. He named that cabin "Innisfree" after the William Butler Yeats poem entitled "The Lake Isle of Innisfree," which describes an island where "peace comes dropping slow." Dad's been gone almost 15 years now, Mom just over six. So this summer my siblings and I began the sad task of readying their beloved home for sale.

In the course of this often tearful process we were also surprised to experience some moments of genuine Island mirth, which prompted my clever sister Molly to suggest in jest that it might be appropriate to change slightly the name my father chose for our family home so many years ago.

Like anyone who has embarked on the oft-recommended strategy of "decluttering" before putting a home up for sale, my siblings and I soon became weary of the agonizing decision-making involved in going through 45 years worth of accumulated parental possessions. In order to organize our daunting task we initially settled on three basic categories: keep, trash, and donate. But as the days of sorting, trucking loads to the transfer station, and discovering yet another jam-packed closet wore on we began to lose our decisiveness. Somehow our existing three categories did not seem to be adequate. We kept coming across items that could be best described as "someone might want it." But most did not meet the resale shop's criteria of "like

new" or "gently used." So what to do then with the intact but dust-and-spider-web-encrusted beach toys and flowerpots, an even dustier wooden chaise lounge with a broken wheel and a large box of...could it be clay pigeons? What about the perfectly good ladder to the bunk bed set that had been thrown out years ago, or the rusty bicycle with two flat tires and no chain, or that still functional forty-year-old golden arm chair?

Our answer for these unclassifiable items: Create an "It's for Free" pile at the end of our driveway (Innisfree Lane on Donegal Bay Road.) Our expectations were not high, but we figured we had little to lose except the time it took to make the "free" sign. All we really hoped for was to save the cost of a few green bags. Well, the appeal of the "It's for Free" strategy exceeded our wildest imaginings. For an entire afternoon the stuff we put out was gone almost as quickly as we could return with another truckload. Things we didn't believe anyone would touch were plucked from their cardboard box display case with lightning speed. Dizzy with success, at one point my brother John threatened to put a green bag full of garbage next to the free sign just to see if anyone would actually stop and look through it. Considering our location, it wasn't a big surprise when the dusty beach toys disappeared first on the hot sunny afternoon. But when the dilapidated bike vanished almost as fast we were amazed at our good fortune. (It's hard to stuff a bike into a green bag.) When my brother-in-law from

California witnessed someone toting the broken chaise lounge to their truck with a mixture of gratitude and glee he suggested our motley piles were actually providing a community service by brightening the lives of Donegal Bay Road passers-by.

Soon the whole process was brightening our mood too as we placed friendly bets on what would or would not be taken or how much time would elapse before we were rid of a particular object. The height of the laughter occurred on Labor Day weekend when my sister and I lugged the aged velvet armchair to a spot in the gravel next to the bike path. After about four hours we returned from town to find it gone and in its place ... a broken down wood chair! This was a development we had not anticipated that left us a bit perturbed. But not to worry: a few hours later the wood chair was gone and along with it a CD player whose owner had apparently dropped it off and penned his own "Free CD player/Works" sign. It seemed others had noticed our success and decided to join in the fun. As it turned out we saved a mint in green bags and transfer station fees. Almost everything we put out over a period of weeks was "recycled."

When it was all over I couldn't help but smile and think that the chain of events would have amused my father, an attorney known for finding humor in human idiosyncrasies. And I'll bet he was pleased to see that the Island he so loved and in which he now rests was still bringing enjoyment to his children.

## "BIGGEST GARAGE PARTY EVER" NEW HOURS

Many thanks to Beth McCafferty ...who had this amazing idea...who decided that "Our Poppy...Our Dad...Our Jerry" deserved one final, blow-out "Safety Meeting"...Garage Party.

To Beth McCafferty who put a smile on his face just thinking about this. To Beth and John McCafferty, who put in countless hours organizing and preparing for this amazing party...and to all of you, who donated time, supplies, money, auction items and energy to make this possible...thank you.

When Beth McCafferty ap-

proached us about the party, Jerry insisted on being a part of the meeting. He had only two requests... #1...he wanted the children to be allowed to be there so that he might see them dance and enjoy the party ...and #2...that he wanted to be able to thank all of the musicians personally. Unfortunately, Our Poppy...Our Dad.....Our Jerry left us sooner than we all expected. He would have LOVED the party. And a great big thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate Jerry's life.

God love ya,

The Jerry LaFreniere Family

As of November 1<sup>st</sup> the Transfer Station will be open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. It will be closed for the opening day of deer season, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years. Wood chips are for sale for \$6 for a truckload (if you load up yourself; otherwise \$8).

Island Treasures, our Resale Shop, will be open from Thursday through Saturday this fall. Gently-used items can be brought in—especially fall clothing. New items are on display every week. Sales benefit the Beaver Island Fire Department.

## 40. BRINGING A FAMILY TRADITION TO BEAVER ISLAND

by Frank Solle

Beaver Island Community School's newest faculty member brings not only a world of experience to his first classroom assignment, but also a long family tradition of teaching.

"Everyone in my immediate family has a teaching degree—my mother, my father, both my brothers, and my sister," said Tim Eaton when asked during our interview about his motivation to teach. "I come from a teaching family."

But while teaching is his family's tradition, Eaton didn't come to the profession in a traditional manner. "I did my undergraduate work in history and anthropology at University College Cork in Ireland," Eaton said of fulfilling a dream of studying abroad. He followed that up by earning a Master's degree in International Relations at the prestigious London School of Economics and Political Science. Eaton followed his overseas studies with obtaining his teaching credentials at Grand Valley State University.

Asked about his studies at UCC, Eaton explained the emphasis on testing. "It's a different system than here," he said. "There was a lot of studying for



high-stakes tests." As for his post-graduate work at LSE, he simply said it was "extremely challenging." One gets the impression talking with Eaton that he is more than willing to extend such challenges to his current students.

Settling into a teaching routine has not exactly been routine this year at BICS either. While Eaton adjusts to teaching, his students are adjusting to life at the CMU Biological Station as work continues on the school remodeling project. As it is, Eaton's routine includes teaching the 7-8 Exploratory Class, which has been making use of the nature trails around the campus in order to complete an outdoor education unit; a 7-8 History class; Global Studies for juniors and seniors; a Government class for freshmen and sophomores that will convert to a study of economics during the second semester; and a physical education class.

One additional thing his studies abroad included was finding and marrying his wife Lena who hails from Germany, but studied in London, earning an undergraduate degree in economics and mathematics. While the Eatons are settling in to life on the Island, Lena is looking into career/employment options. "She is open to different possibilities," Eaton said. "In this technological age there is so much you can do on-line." Yet Eaton quickly points out his wife's other

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### Daniels Home - 38076 Limestone Ridge Trail

Like new 1,104 square foot home with an additional 120 square foot screened-in porch area, near the northeast corner of the island. It has a large, very nice deck on the "front" (lakeside) of the house and a 24' x 24' detached two-car garage; the garage is wired with good lighting and has a small workshop area in it. The house has two bedrooms, but it also has a study/office area that could be used as a third bedroom. It has one full bath, an excellent kitchen with dining area and picture window on the lakeside of the kitchen. It has a large living room area with sliding glass doors onto the front deck, a door from north side of the living room out to the screened-in porch and the main entry door and picture window on the west side. There is hardwood flooring over

the whole interior finished area, a free standing stove/fireplace, a lot of finished cedar interior paneling and cathedral ceilings. There are built-in book shelves and a lot of other decorative touches throughout the house. This home is just north of Gull Harbor and south of Lake Drive at the northeast corner of the Island. The home is secluded on a four acre parcel with 211.84 feet of Lake Michigan frontage and yet it is only one half mile to the Marina, McDonough's Market and Dalwhinnie Bakery & Deli; you can walk or bike into town in less than 5 minutes and yet feel like you are on a secluded shoreline. The house faces east to northeast with a view of boat traffic that goes over to Garden and Hog Islands with these Islands very visible across the water. The current owners have done some very nice clearing of the view and landscaping that gives this house a large and very pretty front yard. The nearest house to this Parcel #5 of Lighthouse Point Subdivision is 600 feet north because the nearest neighbor has three parcels with 18.5 acres and over 600 feet of frontage. You have to see this house to appreciate the quality of the construction, all of its windows and the nice layout. This house's view of Lake Michigan is spectacular. Because it can come to you fully furnished it is really a bargain at

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# ISLAND SON MOVES UP

*Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> class Garrett W. Hirschey*

talents. “She is an artist, that’s her first passion,” he said. “She also loves to do crafts. She sews, she quilts, she is a woman of many talents.”

So how did such a diverse young couple find themselves on Beaver Island? Originally from Oakland county, Eaton’s family spent many summers in the small Leelanau county village of Northport. “I love northern Michigan in the summer,” he stated. Eaton said he had been to the Island once as child and has traveled around the northern part of the state as well as the Upper Peninsula. Both he and Lena enjoy outdoor activities such as biking and hiking and have been doing their best since arriving here to explore and discover the Island’s treasures. “We found the big birch and the big rock,” he said. “And we really like Cable’s Bay.”

And winter? “We’re really enjoying the weather right now,” Eaton said. “When winter comes around I think it will be beautiful. We would like to try some cross-country skiing, and I’m looking forward to seeing the lake frozen over, and walking to the other islands.”



Navy Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> class Garrett W. Hirschey, frequent summer Islander, son of Karen Hirschey and grandson of Bill Hirschey and the late Ruth Hirschey, recently graduated from Nuclear Power School.

During his time at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Charleston, SC, “he displayed the integrity, determination, and commitment of a model operator.” (Only one in ten make it through this tough program.) “In doing so he met the demanding academic standards and proven trustworthiness necessary for the safe operation of nuclear-powered vessels.”

He will soon report to Nuclear Prototype Training in Ballston Spa, NY.

## BIG SOUND

The Ransom Street Big Band won a lot of hearts during their September weekend on the Island. First 18 members put on a workshop at the school, with several students being included in the rhythm section for a 1:00 p.m. performance at the Hall. Then an audience of 150 listened to an evening concert, in which several couples could not resist the urge to get up and dance. Conductor Nancy Summer led the experienced musicians—brought here through the efforts of the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association.

Donegal Bay Sunset

Beaver Island, Michigan

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I am very honored to share a few thoughts with you about the life of Br. Kevin, and I appreciate that many others here can share memories and stories about this wonderful brother. We'll all be doing that after our liturgy tonight. For now, I'll try to give you one man's observations on a life well spent.

A famous Hollywood personality once said, "My biggest regret in life is that I am not someone else." This is not something that Br. Kevin would have agreed with. If there is one thing we can say about Kev, it's that he knew who he was, and he was at peace with who he had become over the years.

I met Kevin when I was a candidate for the Brothers at Lewis College, now Lewis University, 41 years ago next week. He was part of the staff that supervised the community of 60 young men who were aspiring to be brothers, and the Director told us that Kevin, as the oldest staff member, represented the kind of man we could become if we were fortunate to live so long. And he was only 52 at the time! Even then, his cheerfulness and good humor were most evident, and we all enjoyed having him around as an example of a man who was happy in his vocation.

Kevin joined the brothers in an era when they took 'em young, so he left for the brothers' junior novitiate in Glencoe, MO from St. George H S in Evanston when he was just a sophomore. He began his educational career in Kansas City at De La Salle Academy, and over the next 51 years worked in

twelve high schools across the Midwest. He was one of the lucky brothers who got to work at Boys' Town in Omaha, and spoke fondly of his time there. He was a teacher, a bus driver, a maintenance man, a coach, and a Principal. But mostly, I think you could say, he was a brother.

When I finished my degree at Lewis, I was assigned for practice teaching to St. Paul H S on the southwest side of Chicago, and Kevin was one of my supervising teachers. Under his tutelage, I managed to survive, and even thrive. It was there that I also learned the importance of spending quality time with the community of brothers. Among other things, he taught me the intricacies of cribbage, and how to mix a good drink. Living and working with Kevin, I came to appreciate his warmth and genuine interest in me as a person, an interest he extended to everyone he met.

I moved on to De La Salle the next year, and the following summer I was assigned to a retreat at Brother Domnan Lodge on Beaver Island, MI, which turned out to be a life changing place for me, as I believe it was for Kevin. He had first visited the Island in the 1930s and made his final vow retreat there in 1939, and the place and people had captured his heart. By the time I got there Kevin was well-established as a favorite of the Islanders, who weren't always so forbearing of visitors.

After that introduction to Beaver Island I spent many summers there, first

visiting, then working with Kevin on the Island. It's hard for me to sum up all of the things I learned from him over the next 20 or so years, but I'll try.

There is an old hymn that encourages us to be "fully present, fully faithful." To me, these four words are a good start to describing how Kevin approached life. It's how he worked, and how he dealt with people.

On the Island there was always an abundance of things to do, and one of Kevin's jobs was keeping the hundreds of wood screens on the house in good repair. I've tried repairing screens, and the results weren't pretty. For Kevin, on the other hand, every screen was a masterpiece, guaranteed to protect you from the fierce mosquitoes and flies that threatened to rob you of sleep. This meticulousness translated into everything he did.

From Kevin I learned that a job worth doing was worth doing right. I also learned that every job has its dignity, as Kevin often did the least desired chores, like laundry. He is still the only person I ever knew who could perfectly fold a fitted sheet.

Fully Present, Fully Faithful. One of Kev's great strengths was his wonderful memory for names, faces, and families. Politicians are often good at this, but he wasn't interested in a vote—he was interested in the person. Mary Beth Lyons, who is with us tonight, told me that a few years ago she ran into Kev after a Driscoll-Montini game. They hadn't seen each other for a

## IN MEMORY: TIM DWYER

Timothy James Dwyer, of Beaver Island and formerly of Traverse City, passed away suddenly Friday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2008, after cutting firewood in his own yard. He left his loving wife and best friend Jane; his mother, Mary; his brothers and sisters, Joe (Kathy), Bill (Carole), Mike (Laurie), Pat (late wife Molly), Allys Dreviers (Bruce), Bridget Bailey (Dave), Jean Bugia (Dave), and Linda; and many nieces and nephews and lifelong friends.

Tim graduated from Wayne State University with a B.A. in Psychology and a B.A. in Business Administra-

tion. He spent several years working as a systems analyst for the automobile industry in Detroit before opening his own consulting firm, Traverse Technology. On the Island he had a good reputation for system work and troubleshooting personal computers.

In 2001 Tim and Jane moved to Beaver Island, and lived in a guest house while building their own home. He served on the Planning Commission and enjoyed hunting (both game and morels), fishing, geology, photography, gardening, sailing, and swimming in Lake Michigan. He brought a

refreshing perspective to all his endeavors.

He doted on his indoor pets, Cozette, Mikado and Cali-cat, and his outdoor deer herd. Tim was light-hearted, friendly, fun, and had a contagious laugh. He truly enjoyed every day of life.

After researching several Island business opportunities, he seemed to have a bright future in front of him. He will be sorely missed by all who had the privilege to know him.

Memorials may be directed to Jane Dwyer to be used for charitable causes in Tim's name.

few years, yet Kev knew where each of her children were going to school and even that their youngest had doubts about going to Montini, but had decided to give it a try. Amazed, she asked how he knew all this? He said, "I have my sources."

Kevin had little patience for one class of people: those who suffered from what he called "the Irishman's disease." Wanting to be somebody else living someplace else doing something else. I believe this is because of his own ability to find purpose and being right where he was. You might not know that Kev's master's degree emphasized psychology, and maybe because of his studies he was a practitioner of Victor Frankl's famous line from his book, *Man's Search for Meaning*: "He who has a why to live can bear with any how." Kevin always had a why, so he could bear with the how, even when things became more difficult for him toward the end of his life.

After he retired from the classroom, Kev took charge of keeping the Driscoll Brothers' house clean and maintained. I remember that on one of my visits from Montana we spent our first 15 minutes together trying to figure out how to change a recalcitrant light bulb. We finally did, and I recall thinking how good it was to be doing a project with Kevin once again, however small.

The last few years Kevin had an unlikely task added to his duties. He was responsible for heating up the brothers' dinner that was supplied by

the school food service. He had always discounted his abilities in the kitchen, and I found it amusing and ironic when he went into great detail telling me about the various times and temperatures required for the trays that were delivered to him. Did I mention that Kevin liked to tell stories?

How he loved to tell stories! Kev may have been the last of the great storytellers among the brothers. It seemed to me that sometimes the details would change, but that wasn't important: it was the entertainment value that mattered.

Kevin was the epitome of a gentleman. He once told me that anticipation was the gentleman's art, and so many times I witnessed him observing some need of a guest on the Island and taking care of it immediately. Unfailing courtesy, fully present to those around him. Fully faithful. I feel a little presumptuous speaking about Kevin's faith life, but I think it is safe to say that it was very sound, and uncomplicated. I am sure he was at peace with God. If our faith is reflected in how we live our lives, his was strong, and sure.

He also had a very deep love for the Brothers and our colleagues and the work that we do. I was personally very touched at his interest in De La Salle Blackfeet School and that he made it his personal business to support it—and me—as best as he could.

Kev was honored at this summer's District gathering for his 75 years as a Christian Brother, but I'm sure he didn't

know his reward would be an eternal sabbatical in heaven. However, I AM sure he was ready for it, and prepared to be told. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Twenty-five years ago Kev reached his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and typical of him, insisted on no party. Typical of his friends on the Island, we planned one anyway. We arranged for some of his family and seemingly all of his Island friends to come together for a mass of celebration. We even had his suit stolen from his closet at Driscoll so he couldn't use that as an excuse. It was a great day, and at the liturgy Kevin renewed his vows and gave a short speech. He said that he considered himself a very lucky man. All he had ever wanted to do was to be a Brother and work with kids, and he had been granted that and so much more. I don't think his speech, had he given one this year, would have been much different. Kevin was a person who had a sense of fulfillment because he always recognized that what he did, whether great or small, contributed to the building of the kingdom of God, and that was more than enough.

Fully present, Fully faithful. As Kev would have said, "That's the whole of it." We will miss you, Kev, but we understand it was your time.

It always pained you to be late meeting the Boat on Beaver Island since you might keep a guest waiting. We pray that you will be waiting for us at the dock when each of us make that final trip over to the other side.

## BEAVER ISLAND LIBRARY NEWS

It's been a very busy summer at the Beaver Island District Library. Not surprising is the fact that our book circulation goes up in spite of all the computer users. With four public machines, patrons have to wait for a turn on a busy day and when they do, they peruse the books and videos.

The automation project is moving right along and will, hopefully, be online shortly. Just before the turnover we will have to close our doors for a few days to make the adjustments. Those patrons who have over-due books must return, or pay for them, to receive a new

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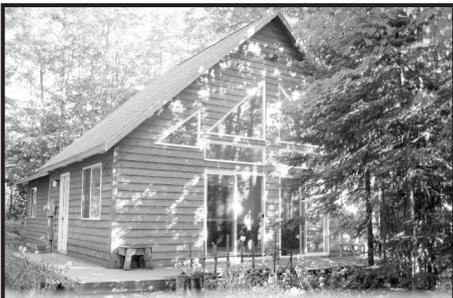
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Very special thanks this summer to the Langford family for the new picnic tables and planters; to Heidi Connor for the beautiful flowers; Cheryl Podgorski for her plants; to Pam Moxham for her loving care of all the plants; to Ryan

MacDonald and Steve Turnbull for raking and cleaning the back garden area.

If you noticed a new face at the library, it's M.G. Roe, a permanent Island resident and our newest employee for the summer months. M.G. helps out at the front desk and in the stacks.

So what's coming? Be on the lookout for new books, new DVDs, new recorded books, and new music CDs. Remember to check out the ongoing book sale—there are some great deals and new books.



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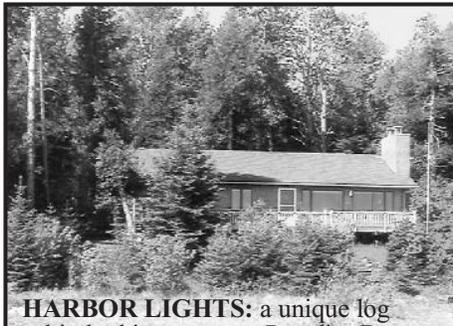
**ALLEN HARBOR-LAKE FRONT:** One block W. of marina. Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. \$1,300/week. Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net or www.allenfoggcottages.com



**LAKEFRONT** 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1 double and 6 single beds, washer/dryer, wrap-around porch, views of sunset & over-looking Garden & Squaw Islands. \$1200/week. (616) 405-8926 Website: www.whatproperties.com/PL48480 E-mail: Info@whatproperties.com



**BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT:** Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1 1/2 baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (941) 921-2233 or (317) 769-6563



**HARBOR LIGHTS:** a unique log cabin looking out over Paradise Bay. Enjoy the boat traffic from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. 3 bedrooms w/ 2 queen sized beds, 2 twins and 1 1/2 baths. All the amenities. Spectacular views! \$1100.00 per week. (630) 834-4181 E-mail to harborlightsbim@aol.com



**JUDE'S RENTALS:** Pleasantly situated in the heart of it all! Jude's house is nestled among the peaceful nature of Beaver Island in addition to being just walking distance from the harbor, historical museums, shops, restaurants and the beach. Call Jude Martin (231) 448-2673 or (616) 340-5339



**LOEW'S LODGE ON LAKE GENESERATH:** 6 BR (queens in 4 BR, bunks in 2 BR), 2 shower baths, 2 screened porches. laundry facilities, linen and bedding provided. Fully equipped kitchen. Boat available. \$1050/week. (231) 448-2809



**SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL** - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry, East Side Dr.- only four miles from town. This home is only two years old. Awesome sunrises- walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. Taking reservations for fall 2008 and for the season in 2009. Please call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be viewed at bayhaven.beaverisland.net

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

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

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

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

**DONEGAL BAY** - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$1,000 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.



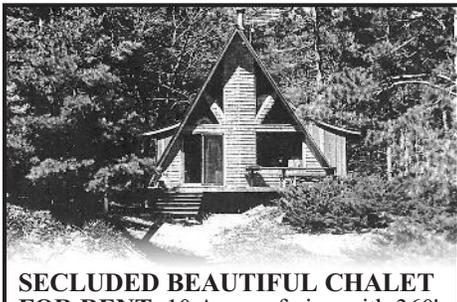
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**SECLUDED BEAUTIFUL CHALET FOR RENT:** 10 Acres of pine with 360° of sandy Lake Michigan Beach. 2-BR (including loft), one bath, Great Room with 2 sofa sleepers. Fabulous views of the Lake. Large decks. Sleeps 7. Across from state land and hiking trails. Satellite TV. No pets. No smoking. \$800 per week. Call Ed or Connie Eicher (231) 448-2257 or (810) 629-7680.



**DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE:** 3 BR, 2 BA, full kitchen, W/D, fireplace, secluded patio & deck surrounded by pines and bluff and overlooking one of Beaver Island's best beaches. \$850 per week June-September; winter rates available. Call (734) 996-3973 or [suziqp16@comcast.net](mailto:suziqp16@comcast.net)



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

**SECLUDED 1940'S LOG CABIN JUST ONE BLOCK FROM LAKE** and market on one acre. Sleeps 4-6, *pets welcome* (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$700/wk; weekends available. (219) 863-2655.

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

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

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

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

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

**DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE** - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or [dpluscombe@msn.com](mailto:dpluscombe@msn.com) *Continued on page 46.*



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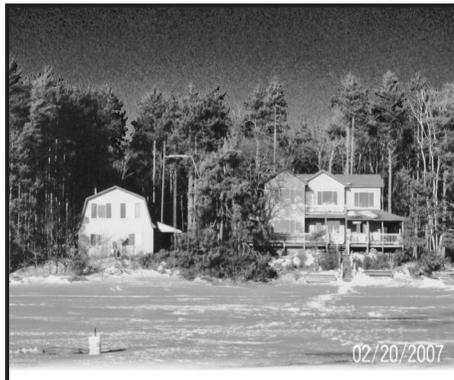
**FOR SALE, 1990 CHEVY 4WD 1/2 T PICK-UP**, 16,000 miles on new engine; and **1997 CHEVY BLAZER**, 4-door, 142830 miles. Both well-maintained and have new tires. Each is \$2,500. Call **231-536-7942** (Charlevoix).



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FOR RENT:**

3 bedrooms and loft – total 5 beds, hot tub, gorgeous views, solitude, wood stove, May-Sept. \$1050. Off-season \$795. **\$50 gas card with week's rental.** Call Perry at (313) 530-9776 or e-mail [pgatliff@hotmail.com](mailto:pgatliff@hotmail.com)

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**LAKE GENESERATH:**

2700 sq. ft. House with Wrap Around Porch and Full Basement. Interior to be finished. 28 x 40 Carriage House and 32 x 48 stick built storage building. 200' Sand Beach. Appraised at \$525,000.<sup>00</sup>  
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**LOCH WOOD SHORES** – Located about four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. Three bedrooms, two with double beds, one with two twin beds, one and a half bath, washer and dryer, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach,

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**FOR SALE, 11 ACRES ON EAST SIDE DRIVE** - good land, 357' on road, 1373' deep; \$28,900. Phone (231) 448-2545

**FOR SALE - 1300 SQ. FT. HOME** with 12'x12' out-building on Font Lake Court \$99,900.00 Call Mike Collins Island Properties (231) 448-2923

**LAKE GENESERATH** - Lot For Sale Parcel # 15-012-015-013-10, Hemlock Point Road; 140' lake frontage on the North Arm of beautiful Lake Geneserath; lot approved for building on w/o restrictions. (616) 772-9783; (616) 283-7227; [cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org](mailto:cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org)

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

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

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

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

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

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



**FOR SALE: 28190 ISLAND WOODS RD:** 3 Bedrooms; 2 Baths; Built in 2005; Immaculate with loads of character; For details and interior photos, go to [Forsalebyowner.com](http://Forsalebyowner.com) (Listing ID #: 21207130) or contact Drew & Sarah at (231) 675-3746



**FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:** Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. Asking price is \$215,000.

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**LAKE MICHIGAN:** wooded 100' lot w/premium sandy beach—no bluff near Pt. LaPar. Contract or exchange possible. Realtor/Owner Maryanne Jorgensen. (231) 632-2412 or [mjorgensen@miexit.com](mailto:mjorgensen@miexit.com) Asking \$189,000.



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**Units 7, 8, 9, 11 of Innisfree Dunes Condominium**

Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces located on the north side of Donegal Bay Road just four-tenths of a mile from town and the Emerald Isle Hotel. These lots have access to their interior (north side) off Innisfree Lane but Lots 9 and 11 also have access to Donegal Bay Road. The new bike path runs along the south line of these lots. All four lots are zoned and restricted to single-family residential use. They are very close to town and just about 3/4 of a mile from the public access at Font Lake. Lot 11 is immediately adjacent to Ed and Connie Wojan's home at 26765 Donegal Bay Road. Lot 7 is on the west side of Innisfree Lane and Lot 8 is just toward town on the east side of Innisfree Lane. These large homesites are really hard to find close to town; the nearest anyone will find something like these are 10-acre parcels much farther down the Island. One-half acre lots in the Wojan Plat a little closer to town than Innisfree Dunes Condominium have been selling for \$42,000 to \$45,000 for a number of years. These 2-1/2 to 3 acre lots are therefore really a bargain at **\$45,000 each**

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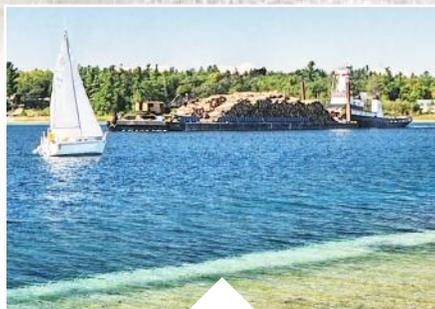
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