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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

At St. James Town Board's brief meeting of October 1st, Dee Gallagher, Sally Lounsberry, Kathy Merrimam, and Sue Welke were appointed inspectors for the Nov. 4 election.

An audit report was due the following week. Preliminary indications were that everything was in order.

The school requested the use of the Government Building until February.

The *phragmites* sprayers sent pictures of their recently concluded operation.

Three seats on the Transportation Authority were awarded to the first applications received: to Bob Tidmore, who had been serving as an interim replacement for Rich Gillespie; to Ed Troutman, to fill the

final 2 years of Larry Malloy's term; and to Larry Hansz, to take the seat previously held by Gary Damstra.

Peaine Township

At a well-attended (23) meeting, Janet O'Donnell, Kathy Ruis, Betty Scoggan, and Donna Stambaugh were appointed election inspectors.

Sandy LoDico resigned her position as Hall Manager. Someone new will be chosen before the next meeting to take on the Hall cleaning duties; the 'independent contractor' position will be posted, and will pay \$14/hour.

The BIRHC asked for a letter of support for its partnering with Drummond and Mackinac Islands to seek a state grant of \$100,000 for operations, which will be split evenly

ELECTION RESULTS

Beaver Island's enthusiastic voters turned out in numbers that exceeded the national average—468 votes were cast for President, 241 in Peaine and 227 in St. James. Obama won, 274 to 194.

In St. James, Jean Palmer was successful in her write-in campaign, holding her seat as Clerk by a 118 to 104 mar-

gin over Pam O'Brien.

In Peaine, Jack Gallagher unseated John Works Jr. by a 136 to 113 count. Larry Kubic beat Jean Kinsley, 158 to 85, for the vacant Treasurer's position. Paul Welke (180) and Pete LoDico (176) retained their Trustee status against challenger Bob Hoogendorn

LETTER FROM JACK GALLAGHER

THANK YOU

Peaine Township Residents, for your spectacular voter turn-out (almost 90%)

Peaine Township Voters, who supported my candidacy for supervisor
Peaine Township Supervisor John Works, for his many years of loyal service to the township

Peaine Township Board Members who ran successfully for another term of service to our local government

Peaine Township and St. James Township Citizens, for their help throughout the campaign season

I am honored to accept the results of the election, and to begin serving you the afternoon of November 20th, 2008.

These are challenging times here on Beaver Island and we will need everyone's help to secure a strong and productive future for us here. I am

committed to working cooperatively with my fellow Peaine Township Officers and Trustees, as well as with Charlevoix County and the St. James Township Board and Supervisor Don Vyse. As promised throughout my campaign—I will strive to provide leadership for:

- open and accountable township government,
- responsible financial management of the township, and,
- increased public participation for responsive local government.

I hope all who read this notice here in the *Beacon*—seasonal as well as year-round residents and visitors—will help us meet these goals and hold us accountable for them.

— John Gallagher

three ways. This approach was suggested by Phil Hoffman, and facilitated by Jason Allen. Chances were said to be good.

A letter to the Department of Forestry from John Works was read. It reminded the State that roads damaged by a logging operation must be restored at no expense to the county. He had met the Head of Forestry on the Camp Three Trail site on 10-2, and at that time had found the road satisfactory. The loggers said that they would probably work all winter. He said the Road Commission would bill the loggers for their expenses.

Asked about the charts being distributed that showed the source and use of Township monies, the supervisor stated that he had paid for them himself and no Township funds had

been involved.

A question was raised as to why the current millage request (for the operating fund) was for 5 years when the previous one had been for 4. The supervisor answered that this would allow it to be on a regularly-scheduled ballot without the need for a special election.

Positions Open

St. James Township has openings on the Planning Commission, Waste Management, Board of Review, Cemetery Board, and Airport Committee for the year beginning on January 1st. Anyone interested in being considered for an appointment should send a letter of interest by November 30th to St. James Township, Box 85, Beaver Island MI 49782.

(70). The vote on Peaine's operating millage reversed the earlier thumbs' down, winning 152 to 97.

Kevin Elsenheimer beat Connie Saltonstall, 109 to 102 in St. James and 138 to 95 in Peaine. Medical Marijuana passed in St. James (142 to 83) and Peaine (162 to 82), and Stem Cell

Research also was approved, 134 to 89 in St. James and 151 to 95 in Peaine. Marijuana won more votes than Stem Cells, and both received more votes than did the contest for President.

The Charlevoix County Road Millage was soundly defeated here, but was approved anyway, 6965 to 6869.

CREATING AN ISLAND INVENTORY

Lately a number of issues have arisen that united people to protect Beaver Island—such as the *phragmites* invasion. As successful as that was, it also started people wondering what might be next. That in turn gave rise to other questions: what do we most value? What should we protect? What *can* we protect?

This line of thinking has led to the creation of an *ad hoc* Natural Resources Committee, with representatives of the Beaver Island Association, CMU, the Town Boards, the Historical Society, the Planning Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, the Trails Committee, and the Eco-tours businesses. This group hopes to develop a list of resources that should be protected and enhanced.

As one might expect, CMU is out in front on this, having conducted exten-

sive research on the Island's unique ecology, variety of plants and animals, and geology. Its continuing effort to identify and locate variants could be helped by the public; a means for giving volunteers a little training and setting them out to discover assets of which we are unaware is being considered.

The first step is to gather information in a central database, and to disseminate it, perhaps on a website or in a booklet or set of maps.

Once a better idea of what we have forms, how best to protect what might be at risk can be considered.

At the same time, the federal government has mandated that the states adopt a plan for the 32,000 islands in the Great Lakes. This Committee may be able to have input into that plan, so that it accommodates our particular concerns.

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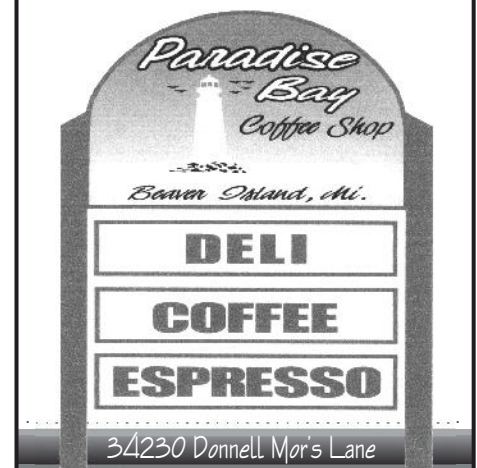
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6. FIRST BUCK

by Todd Lounsberry

This is a story about a father and son.

It was a crisp morning on Opening Day of firearm deer season, about four years ago now. After twenty years of hunting, I had yet to bag my first deer. However, that did not matter much to me; my main objective in going north, year after year, was the chance to sit for awhile in the quiet woods, and also enjoy the company of my dad and friends in deer camp.

We were hunting on my parents' 40 acres on Beaver Island. That day, I was hunting from the "rifle blind," my dad's



favorite spot, a small ground shanty located atop a little hill overlooking woods on three sides and a small marshy pond out the front left corner. This spot would give me the best chance at bagging a deer, so that is why I was there (since I was the only one never to have gotten one). I must say that in previous years I had become apathetic to actually shooting a deer and in fact almost wished that I would not get one—but for some reason this year felt different.

We got up early, and

went out to our blinds in the dark. The daybreak was nearly perfect—cold and crisp, so that any approaching deer would make sounds as they crunched the leaves, and a partly cloudy sky—which should make the deer move. I sat and listened to the woods: the birds and squirrels at a distance, a gentle breeze through the trees and the creaking of tree branches, and that comforting silence that one experiences in the woods. I waited, and listened....

Hour after hour went by that morning, and we saw no deer. Finally, at mid-morning, my dad and I had had enough, and the cold and hunger and lack of sighting anything led us to go back into camp to get warmed and have some lunch. We were somewhat disappointed at the lack of success that morning, but determined and still hopeful. We ate and got warmed, and headed back out to the woods.

Again, we sat in our spot for several more hours. There was nothing but peace and quiet.

My dad was sitting in a tree blind, and thus more exposed to the cold. He was less than a couple hundred yards to my right, but I could not see him through the woods. In early afternoon, he radioed me via a whisper in the walkie talkie that he was going to get down, and walk around the small pond toward me.

After a few minutes, I heard and saw a doe go bouncing across the shallow marsh, most likely kicked up by my dad after he began his walk (she was heading in the opposite direction from where his tree blind was). My

heart began to race. I pulled up my rifle, just in case a buck followed, but alas there was none. In a few seconds, she was gone.

I waited in my blind for what seemed about 30 more minutes, and then started to hear the sounds of heavy walking in the distance from my left. Shortly, I saw a flash of hunters' orange, which identified my dad as he approached my location. As he drew closer, I decided to get out of the ground blind and walk down the hill part way to



meet him.

We talked in whispered voices for a minute. I had told him about the doe. I noticed that dad was out of breath a bit from the hard hike through the thick woods, as he had to travel up and down some hilly terrain, and so I asked if he wanted something to drink (I had a soda pop back in the rifle blind). He answered yes, and so I walked back up the hill to get it.

As I got to the blind, I leaned my



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gun up against the outside; I guess that I figured with the noise we were making, it was unlikely a deer would come by us. I grabbed the drink, and quickly went back down to where my dad was near the bottom of the hill.

We again began talking, about what exactly I do not recall. As we were engaged in conversation, we were startled by some cracking sounds in the distance to the right. We paused for a second, and listened....

Suddenly, from across the pond



opening, there came a spikehorn buck! He was walking along a trail at the far edge of the woods and tall grass and was apparently oblivious to our presence. I could not believe he had not seen nor heard us.

In an instant, dad looked at me—standing there without my rifle which I had foolishly left against the blind at the top of the hill—and he handed me his gun and whispered, “Take him!”

Without thinking, as it happened so

fast, I grabbed the 30-06 rifle with scope (the gun was my grandfather’s), and aimed it toward the buck as he hastily walked. I sighted him in the scope, and at that moment he began to turn into the woods—I squeezed the trigger....

You hear about how things happen in slow motion, like in the movies? Well, in that instant, that is what it felt like to me. So fast, and yet so smooth. I did not have time to get nervous. All the years of hunting, instructions to exhale and gently squeeze the trigger, don’t jerk ... it was almost automatic. But I remember thinking, “is this really happening?” Time slowed down.

The shot jolted my arm, but I cannot say that I even recall feeling it; the smoke filled the air in front of me, so I did not see what happened. It had been a long shot, perhaps 80 yards or more, and I was not even sure if the shot was true.

“You got him! He’s down!” my dad exclaimed. I was still reacting out of instinct, and went to rack another round in the rifle just in case, but I quickly realized I didn’t know how (the gun was a pump action, unbeknownst to me). The buck flinched once or twice, and then just lay there. It was only after a minute or two that I started shaking and heart-pounding from the excitement.... It was quite an experience.

I could not have imagined a more perfect setting to get my first buck, standing there with my dad.

P O S T L O G

There were many other things

which also made it special. The 30-06 gun used was my grandpa Niedbala’s. The wool pants that I had on were my grandpa Lounsberry’s. And of course, I was there on Beaver Island, with my father and friend, Cliff, and also my mom (who was so proud, back at camp).

I had worn the “lucky beaver tooth necklace” for the first time that day, a souvenir I had bought as a kid. It had broken in half when the impact of the gun recoiled against my shoulder. But both parts remained in my clothing, and I glued the beaver tooth back together



for later hunts (it did bring luck to my dad and Cliff, when they subsequently wore it, and also to me in the following two years).

Thus began a new chapter in my life. For many years since I was young, we sons and fathers had gone to the north woods for deer hunting. Some years, someone in the camp got one—and some years not. But we always came back recharged and refreshed, and with memories to cherish.

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Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* feted the 5-story German cruise ship *Columbus* and its 90-passenger tenders, which brought the passengers to shore and back, after its 3rd trip here.

The Fireman's Ball returned, featuring a band of Joddy Croswhite, Joe Moore, Ross Henderson, Dan Peck, John McCafferty, Ed Palmer, and Cindy Gillespie. Thanks to the efforts of the Fireman's Auxiliary, \$1,600 was earned.

Deputy sheriff Mike Russell received many complaints about hunters trespassing on private property, but warned that unless land is posted on all sides hunters are allowed to forage—except for farmers' fields and attached woodlots.

The Hospice welcomed new members Audrey Beilman, Floss Frank, Kay McElwain, Lois Rich, and Shirley Sowa.

Bea Boyle thanked her many friends for arriving to help her celebrate her 80th birthday.

The Rural Health Center received a \$75,000 grant from the state's Public

Health department. It used some of the grant to purchase a condo for use by visiting doctors and staff and for the relief care provider, Josephine Hendrix, who was just hired to give Penny Kiss an occasional break. "If for any reason the condo would be sold, the proceeds would be used to purchase other housing or added to the Endowment Fund."

Dueling poets department: the *Beacon* published a poem by Kay Masini, "Artist Tell Me – How to paint the Air," and an answering poem by Florida's poet laureate, Eleanor LaFreniere, "Artist Tell Me – How to Paint the Breeze."

Twelve new windows were installed in the DNR Building by Karl Kiss.

The township accepted a bid to supply fuel oil at \$1.05/gallon.

The 6th Jose Carreras Benefit Dinner raised \$4,000 for the fight against leukemia.

The 12-member "Talking Quilt Guild" founded by Phyllis Duda celebrated its first birthday. It had produced and auctioned a Christmas Quilt, donat-

ing some of the proceeds to the Historical Society, and planned to create six children's quilts and send them to a pediatric hospital in Kazakhstan, finish some lap quilts for the Health Center, and create a full-size Beaver Island quilt.

Twenty Years Ago Thanks to Ken and Judy Taylor (new exclusive owners of the Beachcomber upon Doris Shirk's retirement), cable TV arrived in St. James, and as far as the Lodge and Stoney Acre. Up to Eighteen channels were available at \$15/month.

The lake level had dropped 36" from its all-time high of two years ago.

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new library, with Vivian Visscher running the spade.

The Wildlife Club's Hunters' Dinner, featuring deer, antelope, beaver, rabbit, and whitefish, raised \$837.

Teacher Jim Stambough, on the job here for one year, was profiled. He was chosen from 40 applicants because he had earned a "Teacher of the Year" award three times and because of his interest in the outdoors through back-

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Rod Nackerman visited Arranmore Island and was delighted to report that everyone he met knew all about Beaver.

The townships' board and officer races were all uncontested.

Glen Borre, in his letter of retirement as the president of the Grand Rapids Bar Association, gave as his reason his desire to spend more time on Beaver Island, and told this story: One time a lively party at the Parish Hall was hindered when the lights dimmed. The piano player got up, excused himself, left, and came back a few minutes later with the lights glowing brightly. When asked what he had done, he said he'd merely pulled the plug on the south half of the Island.

The Charlevoix Bank moved into the old McDonough's Market.

Ed Wojan won "best in show" for appearing as Snow White with the Seven Dwarfs (7 female Gillespies) at the Shamrock's Halloween Party.

John Bolton's camper couldn't come off the *Beaver Islander* until all the passengers got off. He had brought

it from California because he had rented out his Island home, Tim Buck Two. He set it up at Barney's Lake; one morning he awoke to the sound of five loons. On another day he was chased out of the water by an angry beaver.

When the sailboat *Charlott* dragged anchor and went aground in front of the Toy Museum, John Barrett got advice from Phil Gregg before trying to free it. Phil suggested tilting the 30' *Charlott* on its side and then pulling it off the sand with a 17' Boston Whaler—which worked.

The *Beacon* printed a story by Dave Roop about he and his coon hound Shep finally treeing their nemesis, whom they called Old Three-Toes, after chasing him north from Paid een Og's to Egg Lake, turning East to Tight's Hill, and crossing the King's Highway. Treading lightly through a swamp, they caught up to him just before he made it to the safety of a big pond.

An older couple headed out of the harbor in their sailboat during 45 mph winds and 5' waves, but got into trouble when their anchor bounced out of its

nook. It caught on the bottom, and the line fouled the prop. So there they were, stuck and taking a pounding. John Barrett and deputy Allen Muma appeared in the Boston Whaler rescue boat, but could not get close. They went back to shore to call the Coast Guard, but it was tied up with other problems, so the pair went back out. Eventually they got a line to the sailboat, positioned the Whaler in front, and pulled the sailboat around so it was facing into the wind. That enabled them to snag the fouled anchor and pull it up, and then tow the sailboat to the dock for further repairs.

Island resident Dorie Welke went to a garage sale in Gladwin and found a high chair which the owner, Mrs. Karens, said had come from Beaver Island—her mother was Mary McCauley, her grandmother Sarah Green.

At the annual Road Commission's Beaver Island meeting there was talk about delaying the rebuilding of King's Highway from the following spring to the following fall. The attempt to build

continued on page 12.

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

a road to French Bay was abandoned because endangered plants were found.

The passing of Betty Anderson was noted. The mother of Barb Becker, who owned the Shamrock, she had worked there; her husband Buzz had taught shop class to Island students even though he was blind.

Thirty Years Ago After 16 years, Phil and Lil Gregg resigned from the editorship and production of the *Beacon*. Kathy Speck became the new manager.

Darrell and Chris Butler moved here from Wisconsin.

Bill McDonough was elected president of the student council, with John McCafferty as vice-president.

Costumed Ron and Patti Wojan were the hit of the Halloween Party. The Spook House was much enjoyed.

The high school art students held an art show for the public.

Pat Rowley visited the school to offer her counseling skills.

One hundred and fifty people at-

tended the CMU closing party. After a video on the Beaver Head Lighthouse's summer program for handicapped adults, Sweet Adelines from Howell and a local band (Al Dudzik, Vera Wojan, Joe Moore, and Dave Gladish) provided entertainment.

Connie Wojan reported that the addition to the Med Center was finished—thanks to money raised from a summer of luncheons. Skip McDonough was in charge of compiling a history of every doctor to have served here, which would be part of a permanent archive.

Forty Years Ago Twenty-five turkeys were taken, 3 by bow-and-arrow, 22 by shotgun, in the fall's wild turkey hunt. It's not easy: hitting speeds up to 55 mph, they can outrun a dog, and in a pinch can fly. Russ Green took two—one with his truck.

At the suggestion of Civic Association VP Jerry LaFreniere, volunteers from the school began a trash clean-up day.

A scavenger hunt and other activi-

ties at a school party were thought to have minimized the typical Halloween vandalism this year.

Phone service was spotty; with the loss of the telephone building, the equipment had to be set up in the Hall kitchen. A new metal building was being constructed, and an expansion of service was being planned.

A bake sale held at the LaFreniere Store by the women of Holy Cross and the Christian Church raised \$48.

Two hundred hunters attended the Game Club's annual dinner, featuring chicken. After two short movies a talk was given by Phil Gregg.

Passings noted included Clyde Dunbar, a summer resident who had married Island-born Kathryn McCann in 1946, and Joseph Pelletier, who had lived on his farm north of the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop until 1956.

The *Beaver Tale* was about the destruction wrought by the Armistice Day Storm of 1940, which sank many vessels in the Great Lakes and cost many lives. Many boats around Beaver were

GLENN L. WOOD 1934-2008

Glenn L. Wood, 74, of Beaver Island, died Friday, October 24, 2008, at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

Glenn was born September 11, 1934, in Edmore, MI to Elmer and Leora (Stephens) Wood. He graduated from Edmore High School, served with the US Navy, then attended CMU and U of M's Banking School. He retired from banking as Senior Vice-President

of Chemical Bank in Stanton, MI, after forty-two years, and was past president of the Rotary Club in Stanton.

On July 16, 1965, Glenn married Kathleen Gatliff in Edmore. They made their home in Six Lakes and Beaver Island before moving here permanently in 2005. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Glenn is survived by his wife, Kathleen; sons, Chad (Toni) of Lawton,

Coley (Terrie) of Lakeview, Shane (Tracy) of Cedar Springs; grandchildren, Mackenzie, Jacob, Dawson, Devin, and Samantha; brother, Keats (Neoma) Wood of Vestaburg. Glenn's brother Eugene preceded him in death. A memorial mass was held on Saturday, November 1, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating. Interment took place in Holy Cross Cemetery.

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damaged and destroyed; it was said that this storm ended commercial fishing on High Island. Phil's *Tale* focused on Big Art Larsen, who was out in his tug, the *Estonia*, lifting a prodigious amount of fish from his nets off Gull Island when the edge of the storm appeared to the southwest. He and the others plying this ground decided to head for home.

Big Art made it to Paradise Bay and began cleaning fish as Frank Left, Andy Gallagher, and Roland McCann entered the harbor, one after another. Shing Martin on the *Evelyn* barely beat the storm. The *Mary Margaret*, the mail boat which was tied up at the Booth Dock, strained at her lines and threatened to tear up the dock.

As the wind kept building, the struggle to save the boats became a test of stamina and seamanship. As darkness fell the *Estonia* broke free, backed away, and maneuvered to the northeast, gently nosing her bow onto the beach between two old shipwrecks. When dawn appeared, the Island boats were discovered to have been spared—but not the nets that had

been left in the lake. Their loss was a cruel blow, which in many cases could not be made up. The fishermen rounded up whatever old, tattered nets they could find, and returned to the fishing grounds. But the fish, which had been so wonderfully abundant before the storm, had completely disappeared. A long-cherished way of life had come to an end.

Fifty Years Ago More deer were spotted than in the previous six years combined.

An official from the Fish Division counseled the Game Club to provide maps showing where and how to fish the inland lakes. Plans to remove the perch from Fox Lake were being made.

About 18 miles west of Charlevoix Perry Palmer and Jack Connaghan were in Jack's 25' boat, along with 1,500 pounds of fish. Around 3:30 in the afternoon they developed engine trouble and began to drift. By 7:00 people began to worry—incoming boats had not seen them. So the *Sundew* was called out, which used its radar to locate the missing men 26 miles to the north

—3 miles from Skilagalee.

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High winds in October kept the *Emerald Isle* from running. Skipper Clifford White brought the *Detroit*, the first oil tanker to pay a call, into the harbor for protection, and freighters were nestling close in at Sand Bay.

A controlled fire at the airport was left with a smoldering stump, which the wind brought back to life. Before the ensuing blaze could be put out it had burned more than a quarter mile to the south. The extinguishing was helped by 17 members of the Episcopal Boys Club of Grand Rapids, who were camping at Sand Bay.

Holy Cross sponsored a hay ride with Elston Pischner as chaperon.

Sympathy was extended to the families of Mary (Ricksgers) Saul, John Loveland (a Jackson attorney who suffered a heart attack while fishing here), Harry Priest, who built the "doctor's home" and lived here for 7 years, and Emil Pischner, who had served on *Patrol #1* for the Conservation Department.

JERRY GERSTLER 1943-2008

Gerald Gerstler, 65, passed away on September 30.

He was born September 4, 1943 in Ann Arbor, the son of Carl and Vera (Tessmer) Gerstler. He married Barbara Fenker in Ypsilanti on August 28, 1965; she survives.

Jerry was a teacher in the Ypsilanti School System for 31 years, retiring in 1998. He was a member of the T.K.E. Fraternity at Eastern Michigan Univer-

sity. Friends of the Lounsberrys, the Gerstlers have been coming to the Island for over 30 years. Jerry spent his summers building his home in a Pine Grove on Darkeytown Road, and helped his friends (other teachers) build other homes. He loved to fish with his friends and grandkids.

In addition to his loving wife of 43 years, other survivors include one daughter, Tara (Rich) Noffsinger of

Suttons Bay, MI; one son Scott (Michelle) Gerstler of Owosso, MI; three grandchildren, Jake, Lindsey and Theo; one sister, Karen McIntyre of CA; mother-in-law, Cecile "Peg" Fenker of Ypsilanti; two brothers-in-law, Bob (Ruth Ann) Fenker of Indian River and Gary Fenker of Ypsilanti; sister-in-law, Susan Fenker of Ypsilanti; and three nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents.



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14. PAR FOR THE COURSE

by Fairway Frank

One club, two clubs, three clubs, Fore!

That was the call on a warm Oct. 5th afternoon as nine teams participated in the absolute final event of the 2008 golfing season. And, oh, what a finish it was. Three clubs and a putter was all each player was allowed. As an added twist, in what had been first advertised as a two-person scramble format (each player hits their own ball; then they decide which of the two shots they want to play from next) was switched to an alternate shot (players take turns hitting the same ball from tee to the hole) mixed-partner (one male, one female) format.

So there we were, a handful of clubs (rarely the correct one) and hitting only every other shot. Talk about fun. On the other hand, we were on the golf course, and despite being the first weekend of what should be autumnal October, some of us were playing in shorts and t-shirts (the same day my son woke up to a snow-covered landscape in Salt Lake City—you have to appreciate weather).

Despite teeing off from the red tee markers (the ones closest to the green, relatively speaking), some of the guys seemed to have problems using their normally-trusty 7-irons (we from the gruffer side of the tracks were limited to using 7-irons and up, while the fairer players we allowed to drop down to the 5-iron). It must have had something to

do with the idea of needing to hit the ball a long way to start the hole, rather than simply hitting the ball as far as one can with that particular club. As you know, if you've ever played, over-swinging ain't going to make it. Unless making it is defined by slicing, yanking, pulling, or generally messing up what should be a fairly simple shot. Talk about fun.

My choice of clubs included my 7-iron, 9-iron, and sand wedge (effectively skipping the 8-iron and pitching wedge) thinking back to my first 'beginner' set that had only the odd-numbered clubs (3-5-7-9-irons along with a driver and a 3-wood—apparently a young neophyte needs only six clubs to learn the basics of frustration). My partner, let's call her 'Chris' to protect her Yooper-bred identity, opted for the 5-iron, 7-iron, and sand wedge.

'Chris' got us off to a good start, teeing off on hole two, by driving straight into the rough, about 50 yards from the tee box. It was a favor I managed to return a number of times myself before all was said and done. My best shot of the day came on the next tee when I hooked a low, screaming 7-iron (low and screaming? my best?) shot that took a favorable bounce on the side hill approaching the third green and rolled nearly to the groomed putting surface. After a quick tip about using a putting stroke with a mid-iron, 'Chris'

calmly tapped a 5-iron shot through the thick fringe, across the green, and up the small rise to within 18 inches of the pin. You go girl. Even I could make that putt, and there we were with a bird in hand. Talk about fun.

We didn't fair as well the rest of the way, finishing with a 54, one stroke out of a possible playoff for third place. Meanwhile, Jeff Mestelle and Jean Carpenter cleaned up the field with a tremendous round of 47. For those of you who don't know, Jeff is a heck of a good golfer, taking all the fun out of the game by consistently hitting the ball down the middle of the fairway and making difficult putts. And, after putting up with me last year in the inaugural mixed-event, Jean deserved a good round with a good partner.

Larry and Theresa Laurain finished tied for second at 53, then took hard to Larry, Jr. and Pattie Cull on the first playoff hole.

Now the leaves are leaving, snow is on the horizon, and the number of rounds left in the year are dwindling. But they aren't gone. When the sun is shining, the air is warm (relatively speaking, of course), and the wind is less than gale strength, grab the clubs and sneak in a round, or even a few holes. You never know which time may be the last one until next spring.

Speaking of spring, I'll see you back on the fairway then.

AGAINST THE BAITING BAN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LAKE

According to state Rep. Kevin Elsenheimer, Beaver Island should be exempt from the Lower Peninsula ban on baiting or feeding white-tailed deer, due to its distance away from the mainland. Wildlife Club president Jeff Powers agrees that the possible spread of 'chronic wasting disease' is unlikely. Elsenheimer of Kewadin and Rep. Joel Sheltrown of West Branch sent a letter to Rebecca Humphries, Department of Natural Resources director, and the Natural Resources Commission, requesting, for a second time, either the Island be exempt from the feeding ban or the state provide scientific evidence that Beaver Island is at risk.

"The Upper Peninsula isn't part of the ban, and the separation there is only five miles of water at the Mackinac Bridge, compared to 32 miles for Beaver Island and no bridge," Elsenheimer said. "Not only that, the Island doesn't have any *cervidae* farms, which is where the one case in Michigan was discovered. If the UP can be free of the ban, Beaver Island is safe too," he explained in a mid-month visit.

"The Island residents and Northern Michigan deserve an explanation or an exemption," stated Rep. Joel Sheltrown, Chairman of the House Tourism, Outdoor Recreation and Great Lakes Committee.

An attempt to halt the Department of Natural Resources' ban on deer baiting and feeding was tossed from an Ingham County Circuit Court in October. The ban was enacted because of the case of Chronic Wasting Disease in Kent County.

In other hunting issues, the Wildlife Club has responded to a reported diminution of big bucks (some hunters believe our deer herd has dropped from roughly 1,000 to 500) by advising hunters to lay off the small ones. They've put up a number of attractive posters showing a spikehorn with a red 'stop sign' diagonal slash and the caption, "Let 'Em Go, Let 'Em Grow!"





LAKE GENESERATH REFLECTIONS BY JEFFREY L. STEIN



Kristy kicks



Color guard



Maeve cuts

ISLANDERS CAP SUCCESSFUL SOCCER CAMPAIGN

by Frank Solle

The Beaver Island *Islanders* soccer team completed a successful fall run by winning its final four regular season games—two at home against Paradise and two away against Munising Baptist—to finish second in the Northern Lights League standings with a record of 7-2-1.

Following the regular campaign came the second NLL post-season tournament with the *Islanders* hoping

to defend the title they claimed last year. However, the league champs and perennial rivals from Mackinac Island weren't having any of that as the tourney host *Lakers* claimed the championship with a 7-2 win. Mackinac Island advanced by defeating Grand Marais in the other semifinal. Grand Marais defeated Munising in a shootout in the tournament opener.

The *Islanders* earned their third

shot at the *Lakers* by defeating Hannahville 6-1 in their semifinal game. While juniors Dereck McDonough (three goals, three assists), Cameron LaVasseur (two goals, one assist), and Bryan Timsak (one assist) were solid as expected, the highlight of the game came when seventh-grader McCauley Connaghan struck for his first-ever varsity score.

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Patrick shoots



Bryan blasts one



Brigid battles

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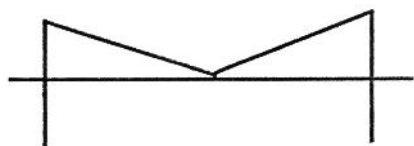


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"Overall, I thought the team fought hard this year," said first-year coach Matt Ritchie. "Given the circumstances of losing a lot of key players from last year's team, and having a younger team this year, we did quite well."

Offensively, this year's team was paced by a strong junior class. McDonough led the team with 17 goals and nine assists. Classmates LaVasseur and Timsak were also big factors in the *Islanders* success. LaVasseur was second on the team with eight assists while Timsak showed his scoring prowess in notching both goals in the tourney finale. In all, 10 players scored

goals for the *Islanders*, showing great team balance as they outscored their opponents 57-34 on the season.

"I am proud of the way our first-year players stepped up and how our older players accepted being moved around, playing positions they might not normally play," Ritchie said.

Defensively, the team was held together by its three seniors as Maeve Green anchored the goal line and guarded the net, with Patrick Cull and Deven Cook providing backfield protection. Seventh-grader Jewell Cushman was the back-up goalkeeper, with hopes of stepping into that role full time next year.

VOLLEYBALL TEAM PREPPING

by Frank Solle



Another strong *Islanders* volleyball season is nearly in the books and, as usual, the Island girls are right in the mix, battling for the Northern Lights League title. So far, the only bump in the road is a home loss to Mackinac Island as the *Islanders* have posted a 7-1 overall record. The deciding matches are scheduled for Halloween weekend as the *Islanders* join the Hannahville *Soaring Eagles* in a trip to Mackinac for a two-day, tri-meet with the host *Lakers*.

The *Islanders* will travel to Pellston for District 123-D action on Nov. 8. They drew the five-team tournament's only bye and will await the winner of Pellston/Harbor Light Christian match. The winner of that match will face the Mackinaw City/Alanson winner in the final. Action gets underway at 10:00 a.m. The host Hornets enter the tournament ranked fifth in the state in Class D. Harbor Light is rated 14th.

This season the *Islanders* participated in a pair of nine-team tournament events. In both events the *Islanders* more than held their own, even when with a split squad at Ellsworth due to the league soccer tournament.

October's action opened with a home set Oct. 3-4 against Paradise which the *Islanders* claimed in exciting fashion, winning Friday 25-21, 26-24, 25-21 and Saturday 25-14, 25-19, 25-13. Friday's win allowed some extra time for a junior varsity game, giving the youngest *Islanders* a chance to play in front of the home crowd. And play they did, winning a hard-fought 15-13 battle.

Ellsworth Invitational

According to coach Connie Boyle, this tournament was "highly competitive." The *Islanders* joined host Ellsworth, plus Central Lake, McBain Northern Michigan Christian, Grand Traverse Academy, Bellaire, Gaylord

Rocking the Rockets

The *Islanders* had little trouble dispatching a young Paradise team, claiming a 10-3 win on Oct. 3 followed by a 7-1 victory the next morning. Nearly everyone got in on the scoring action as junior Alex Kuligoski kicked things off Friday. Freshman Jenna Battle and junior Jenna Butler scored, as did McDonough, but LaVasseur and Timsak each powered in three goals.

Saturday's game was little different, with coach Ritchie giving most of his players a chance to play the front line in the six-goal decision.

Blanking the Bobcats

In a rare weekday series, the

Islanders traveled north to Munising for a Thursday-Friday set against the *Bobcats*.

The *Islanders* prevailed in both games without relinquishing a goal, winning 5-0 in the opener and 2-0 in the second game.

Once again the juniors led the charge with goals by Kristy Bousquet, Timsak, McDonough, and two from LaVasseur on Thursday while Bousquet, McDonough, and LaVasseur added scores on Friday.

Keeping the *Bobcats* clipped were senior Green in the goal with seven saves in the series and young Cushman with a save on Thursday.

FOR DISTRICTS



St. Mary's, and Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian Academy.

Despite lacking a full complement of tested players due to the soccer conflict, the *Islanders* were not lacking in heart and desire. "We played hard and made a lot of successful plays," coach Boyle said. "Although we didn't win many games, we scored a lot of points." One game the *Islanders* did win in the early rounds was against a strong McBain NMC team. "That was one of the highlights of the day," Boyle said.

Once the team reached bracket play they found themselves up against Gaylord St. Mary's, the top team in the field. The *Islanders* three seniors—Caitlin Boyle, Deven Cook, and Heather McDonough—weren't fazed. "That's okay," they told their coach. "That's why we came today—to play." And while they didn't beat the powerful *Snowbirds*, they did hold the lead twice in the early going, forcing the Gaylord

coach to call a pair of timeouts, and held tough until a late run carried Gaylord to a 25-16 win. "We were happy with how we played," the coach said. "And I was very proud of our younger girls for playing so well in a situation that usually requires a lot more experience."

Rounding out the *Islanders'* roster were sophomore Claressa Kenwabikise, freshman Brogan Maudrie, eighth-grader Marissa Crandall, and seventh-graders Olivia Cary and Erin Boyle.

Mackinac Island Invitational

With a full squad raring to go at this annual event, the *Islanders* fared better, winning their opening pool play round and advancing to the tournament semifinals before bowing out. "It was a very challenging day of great volleyball and I'm very proud of all our girls," coach Boyle said. "Our girls showed great team spirit and worked as hard as they could." *continued on page 20.*



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Volleyball, continued from page 19.



Jenna bumps



Deven defends



Olivia delivers

Once again coach Boyle reported that a number of spectators and coaches commented on how impressed they were of the *Islanders'* effort. "By the end of the day, they knew we had come to play," she said.

Completing the field along with the *Islanders* and the host *Lakers* were DeTour, Maplewood Baptist, Vanderbilt, Grand Marais, Burt Lake

NMC, Wolverine, and Paradise. Six of the nine teams moved on to bracket play following the opening pool results. The *Islanders* were seeded fourth.

Advancing to the semifinal round, the *Islanders* faced defending tournament champion DeTour and took the *Red Raiders* to task as best they could. DeTour claimed the first game 21-15, but the *Islanders* fought back in the

second to win 21-19. The match winner was determined on total points over the two games, so DeTour advanced to the final where they defeated Burt Lake NMC to repeat as champs.

Playing for the *Islanders* were: Heather McDonough, Maeve Green, Deven Cook, Caitlin Boyle, Alex Kuligoski, Jenna Butler, Kristy Bousquet, and Claressa Kenwabikise.



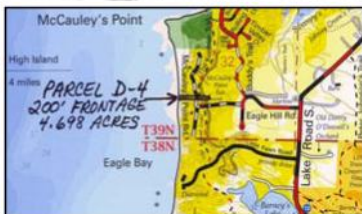
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Heather blocks



Claire corners



Senior Volleyball Team Members — Photograph by Connie Boyle

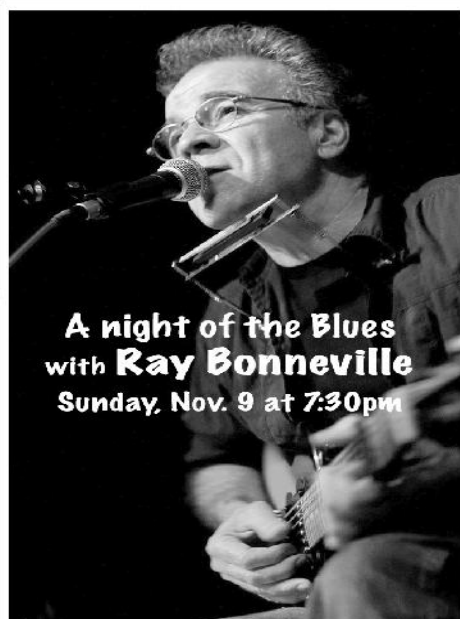
Rockets earn respect

The Paradise *Rockets* proved they were not to be taken lightly as they challenged the *Islanders* in each and every game of their weekend series.

There was never a time the *Islanders* could let down their guard. Paradise rallied from an early 9-3 deficit in Friday's first game before the *Islanders* prevailed 25-21. In the

second game the *Rockets* led 16-13 before earning a shot at the win with a late, 24-23 lead. But the *Islanders* tied them, scored the next point, then claimed the win on a Heather McDonough kill. In the third game the *Islanders* trailed 11-10 before Green "got her Maeve on" during a six-point service run with two aces and two kills by Alex Kuligoski in a 25-21 decision.

Saturday's games were a bit easier for the *Islanders*. A six-point service run by Caitlin Boyle carried the *Islanders* to a game one win, 25-14. Trailing 10-6 in game two, they went on a 19-9 run behind strong net play by McDonough and Kuligoski. Game three started with an eight-point service run by Boyle. The *Islanders* were never in trouble, cruising to a 25-13 win.



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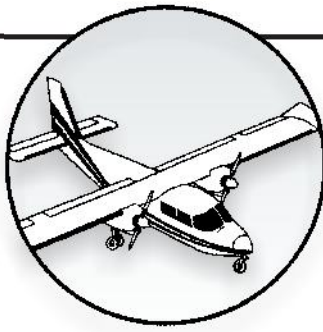
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- Other upcoming improvements to the website will include:
 - Online flight order form
 - Online CHARTER quote form
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THE TUG WENDY ANNE

Many boys grow up dreaming about someday having their own boat—especially boys with a grandfather as able a seaman (and owner of a mighty work boat) as Clyde Fogg. But few show the dedication and effort needed to turn their aspirations into reality. Matthew Fogg proved an exception to the rule.

In courting his wife-to-be, Wendy Harwood, Matt shared his vision and it resonated with her also. After all,

Wendy was born on the Hudson where ships of every size passing day and night had carved out a niche deep in her mind. When he expanded on his dream, it quickly became her dream too.

Matt had already prepared himself, reading every book he could find, talking with every old salt, graduating from the Great Lakes Maritime Academy, and becoming a licensed captain and engineer. Now it was time to act, to obtain his own

boat—the tug of his dreams. But that was not so easy to do.

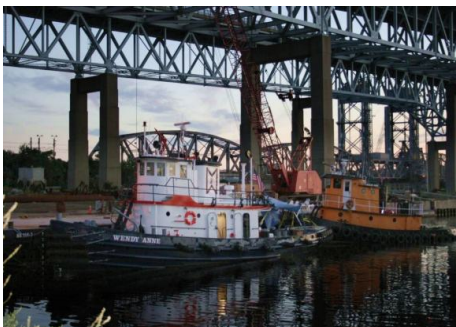
Matt and Wendy kept abreast of every new listing. They traveled to Massachusetts, Florida, and Maine, and twice to Duluth, to look at tugs, without finding what they wanted. Finally, in the spring of last year, they found one that seemed promising—a 75' Army tug on the East Coast.





The *Wendy Anne* started her life in 1954 at Smith Basin Dry Dock in Port Ever Glades Florida, as "Tug ST-2199." Along with two other sister ships, she was put on a container ship and sent to England where the tugs sat on dry dock for nearly 40 years in a ready-to-serve state. They were launched during the Persian Gulf War in case they could be of use. Sometime in the mid '90s, all three made their way back to Fort Eustis, Virginia, where they were used at a naval base to escort ships and barges. In 2003, the U. S. government auctioned the three off to private individuals as surplus equipment. ST-2199 ended up in Boston harbor where the previous owner had hopes of using her





for the construction of the “Big Dig” (the Central Artery/Tunnel Project).

In May of 2007, Matt and Wendy Fogg purchased the tug and had it towed from Boston to D.N. Kelley Shipyard in Fairhaven, Massachusetts, the oldest family run shipyard in the U. S. dating back to the late 1700s.

Then the retrofit began. She needed much work to become a usable commercial vessel again. The old equipment was obsolete, and the interior outdated and designed for soldiers. But the hull and superstructure were in mint condition. The entire interior—engine room, galley, staterooms, and pilot house, had to be gutted, sandblasted, cleaned, and rebuilt. Matt and Wendy





had the ideal talents to take this on, with Wendy handling the interior design and Matt the mechanical and electronic side. New wiring (AC instead of DC), a new generator, new custom bunks and galley, and a modern head were on the agenda.

First, they found a replacement engine (an 800 hp Cat) in Oklahoma, bought it, and shipped it to Fairhaven. They had to prepare her for the new engine, which meant building new engine beds to hold her, removing the fiddly (the area above the engine room, which supports the stack), and lowering the 13-ton Cat in. No problem; there was even $\frac{1}{4}$ " to spare. Removing the old 8-burner diesel army-style stove proved more of a challenge; in the end, it had to be cut up to get it out.

Fairhaven carpenter Tony Macedo did excellent work and became a great, lifelong friend. The entire shipyard team performed wonders, but still much of the work fell on the shoulders of Matt and Wendy.

Even a few of their friends lent a hand. Heather Cary accompanied Wendy to the shipyard for a week of hard work (capped by a weekend of sightseeing in Manhattan), Ken Bruland pitched in by restoring the original wooden wheel into a work of art, and Mike Weede flew out to be part of the crew to sail the *Wendy Anne* home when the work was finally done.

After the christening and launching in July, the tug was ready for sea trials. On August 7th—Wendy's birthday—the Fogg family, Jon, Sally, Matt, and Wendy, set sail

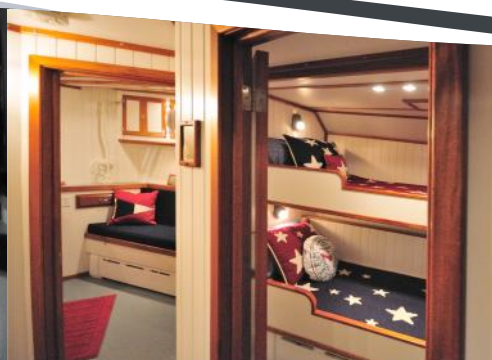
together on a great adventure. That night they tied up at Block Island and were surprised to discover they were surrounded by thousands of squid. A singing "muffin man" came past in the morning, selling his baked goods and fresh coffee from a dinghy.

With such a complex project, there were bound to be kinks. They had to return to the shipyard to replace a failed electronic controller and heat exchanger—twice, the second time causing the engine to overheat. The news from home wasn't good also. In rapid succession they heard that Robert Gillespie was in the hospital, and Jerry LaFreniere had passed away. They pulled their hopes and prayers together as a family and set sail for Beaver Island on August 15th.

Along with Mike Weede, the tug sailed through the night, passing through the Long Island Sound to Hell's



After



Before





Gate and into the mouth of the East River, then all of Manhattan, passing the U.N. Building, Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty, and Ellis Island.

After a quick tour of the city they set off up the Hudson to Troy, NY, the beginning of the Erie Canal. On the way, they were lifted through lock after lock, in each one tying off, untying, and retying as the tug rose. Wendy's job was to tie lines in the locks and check clearance of low bridges, sometimes with only inches to spare, while Captain Matt safely navigated.

They passed by familiar towns, met burly lock-keepers who showed off their neat, flower-bedecked little houses, and found that those who saw the *Wendy Anne* were fascinated. At one point they came upon a bluegrass "concert on the green," where everyone waved. Later, passing by an outdoor restaurant, the pa-



trons stopped eating, stood up, and clapped as the *Wendy Anne* steamed by, offering a series of glass-raising to toast the unique ship. Matt acknowledged the diners with a couple friendly blasts.

Everywhere they stopped, people clamored to come on board. Some drove to the next town to see them again. Water fowl seemed to accompany them—a sure sign of good fortune. Wendy counted 42 blue herons along shore during the trip.

Soon they were in Lake Ontario, with the weather warm and calm. They had been alternating crewmates, with Wendy's parents joining during the Erie Canal and Matt's for most of the trip. At one point when Jon and Sally were aboard, the weather was so perfect that they cut the engine, got into their swimsuits, and jumped in, including the West Highland Terriers.

Packed with freighters which



dwarfed the tug, the 8-locked Welland Canal near Niagara Falls was not as idyllic. These massive locks are designed to accommodate the world's largest ships. At one point in the canal they came upon a small sailboat that had been held up all day to make way for industrial cargo. The *Wendy Anne* took it under her wing, and ushered it through, making yet another friend.

The good weather held until they reached the Mackinac Bridge. After four hours of tossing and turning, Beaver Island came into view, and soon they were tying up—on September 2nd. Four weeks after their departure from Fairhaven, the *Wendy Anne* was home. The best news was that the tug performed admirably all the way back. Now Matt and Wendy are ready to put her to work, hauling whatever needs to be hauled from one port to another.





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DAWN ROLLERS

On a cold, wet morning a handful of bike-riders met before 8:00 a.m. in front of the newly opened Harbour Market coffee shop for the first of what is hoped will become an annual event, a bike race out the Donegal Bay Road, south to the "cut-through," and back to town on Barney's Lake Road.

The sun came out, melting off the frost and turning the day beautiful. Too beautiful not to pay attention to the many morning joys, so before setting off the entrants decided this would be a bike *tour*, and not a race.

That way, they would all win.





EAGLES

"During the past week we've repeatedly seen a bald eagle along the eastern shore of Beaver Island, north of Martin's Bluff. On Tuesday (Sept 30) an eagle took a gull and we captured it on camera and video." —Therese Payne

NOTA BENE

To the man and woman who owned or borrowed a small green tractor with a front-end bucket and took my piles of stones from my Donegal Bay beach lot, not noticing how carefully they'd been stacked: please return them.

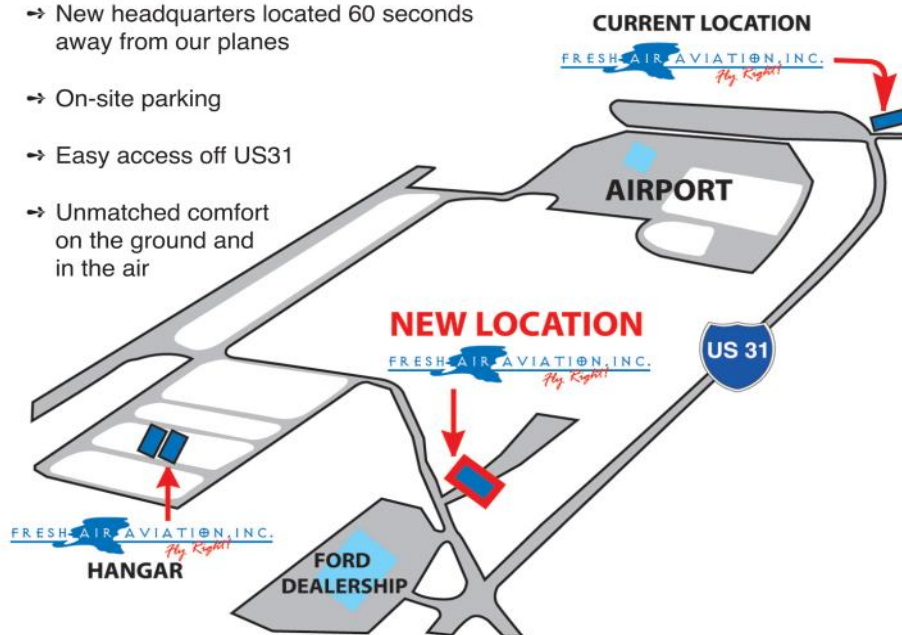
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30. THE BIG BRADLEY

Words and music by Barry Pischner

The *Big Bradley's* pounding and twisting
But she's built to take all of this stress.
We're twenty-three hours from Buffington Harbor
In a fall storm that's not like the rest.

The sea has been holding from out of the southwest
And we're making our way out of lee.
The seas are tremendous, the spray is all over,
When you're watching, it's so hard to see.

Boulder Reef is just off to starboard,
Gull Island is just out ahead.
We'll turn and take lee from the Beavers
And I'll be rid of some of my dread.

I should have called home before we left port,
But I didn't and wish that I had.
My mother and girlfriend will be very worried
For the weather has turned very bad.

But the *Bradley's* a big ship, although she is well built,
She's showing her age just today.
She's popping her rivets, they sound just like gunfire
And the noise just won't go away.

My cabin's way up in the forecabin,
I'll lay down and rest for awhile—
I drift off to sleep and awake with a start
To the sound of the general alarm.

The passageway door is so heavy,
I push hard to open it wide.
With a bang, the stern is sagging
And I wish I had somewhere to hide.

And in Rogers City, our families are worried
For they know that something is wrong.
Oh they've heard that the *Bradley* is sinking,
How could she, when she is so strong?

The number ten hatch cover's missing
And we stand and stare at the crack.
The deck's heaving up in the middle
And the *Bradley* has broken her back.

The first mate's called someone to help us,
But the people are stunned on the land,
He's managed to send out a Mayday
But the radio's gone dead in his hand.

The captain has stopped our big engine,
She's broken behind the deck boom—
The bow's at a sickening angle,
And the water pours into our tomb.

We can't go back aft to the lifeboats
And the lights are going out all around.
It's dark and it's cold, and we're all nearly froze
And the wind whips the sea crest around.

And in Rogers City, our families are worried
For they know that something is wrong.
Oh they've heard that the *Bradley* was sinking,
How could she, when she was so strong?

A man's jumped the gap and is running,
And a sea's coming up from back aft.
Now we know that the *Bradley* is sinking,
So we turn and run for the raft....

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THE BRADLEY GOES DOWN

31.

November 19th 1958

Fifty years ago November 19th the 640' *Carl D. Bradley*, the longest ship in the Great Lakes at the time, left Gary IN to her home port of Rogers City—where 26 of the crew were from. It was her 46th and last scheduled trip of the year.

She obviously needed repairs, but, still, she was a strong ship, strong enough to weather the expected storm. So when the winds picked up enough to send smaller ships scurrying into port, her crew had no reason to worry.

Everything was fine as long as she stayed in the lee of the Lake's western shore, but when she headed out to cross to the Straits at dusk, the squealing and creaking of the 30-year-old steel structure as they ploughed through mountainous waves made the men a little jumpy. Yet when the Captain radioed home, he confidently predicted they would reach their base by 2:00 a.m. A minute after signing off, though, the ship was shaken by a tremendous thud that sent a shiver up his spine. As he and the First Mate looked down the deck toward the stern, the aft section visibly sagged. The two men glanced at each other, each reading



a dire assessment in the other's face. As if they might not have gotten the message, a second loud thud preceded a crinkle in the deck, as if the mighty beams were only toys in the grip of the gale.

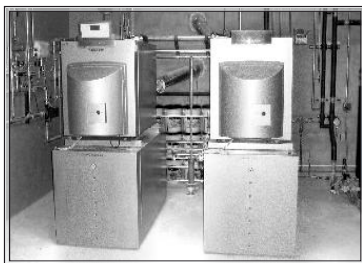
The Captain turned off the engines and sounded the alarm as the First Mate radioed a stream of panic-stricken Maydays, giving the location as off

Gull Island. Most of the 35 men had just enough time to climb into their life jackets. The stern dove under, producing a great explosion as water reached the boilers. A minute later the ship was gone, leaving the men treading icy water in a furious sea, in the dark.

They didn't have a chance. Miraculously four men found their way to a clot of flotsam that kept them afloat. One was washed off; another thought he saw the shore and swam for it, never to be seen again. By the time the remaining two were spotted by the crew of the *Sundew* late the next morning, 17 bodies had already been recovered.

Rogers City was wracked with grief; over 50 children there lost their fathers in the tragedy. Experts began to assign the blame as the Coast Guard searched for the wreck. On Valentine's Day the next year it was found 350' down six miles off Boulder Reef south of Gull Island—where the Historical Society will drop a wreath from a plane on the 50th anniversary. Anyone wishing to go along on this somber memorial mission can call the Print Shop Museum.

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Tuesday Nov. 4th — National, State and Local Elections

Monday Nov. 10th — U.S. Marine Corps Birthday — born in 1775

Tuesday Nov. 11th — Veterans Day - 11th hour — 11th day — 11th month

Friday Nov. 14th — FREE Pancake Supper - 5:00-6:45 p.m. at Peaine Township Hall

1st Anniversary of Lighthouse Fellowship

Saturday Nov. 15th — Opening Day of Rifle Deer Season

Thursday Nov. 27th — National Day of Thanksgiving

Sunday Nov. 30th — First Sunday of Advent

Lighthouse Fellowship meets every Sunday — 9:30 a.m. — at Peaine Township Hall



WINNING THE BOODLE

Although the 34° early-morning temperature kept the 8:00 a.m. bike race from drawing more than a handful of participants, the Boodle drew quite a nice-sized crowd.

Set in motion by the mighty cannon of John Works Jr. (which frightened seventeen nearby dogs), the runners, walkers, and pram-pushers set off around 10:20, with a bright sun providing warmth and inspiration.

Sports Boosterette Diane



McDonough tallied the winners:

5K Men- Runners: The winner of the 5k was Tucker Hogarth. Time-21:55 (keep in mind this route is a little longer than 5K.) Second place: Parker Hogarth. Third Place: Don Siegel.

5K Women- Runners: First Place: Linda Frysinger (Time-26:46). Second Place: Julie Roy (pushing her daughter in the stroller—and pushing her quite quickly) Third Place: Mary Grondin.

5K Women- Walkers: First Place: Meg Works (Time-48:32) Second Place: Carolyn Works. Third Place: Jane Thompson.

5K Men- Walkers: First Place: Rick

Speck (Time-36:58) Second Place: Jim Jones. Third Place: Ric Roane.

“After everything was tallied and expenses deducted, we raised about \$2,000 from the Boodle to go to the Beaver Island Sports Boosters. I was happy with the turnout of participants and the sponsors in these tough times!” said Diane.

Congratulations to all who set new bests and thanks to all who came out and helped warm up a chilly October Island morning.





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THE VIEW FROM ABOVE (LITERALLY)

35.

an occasional series of stories capturing Paul Welke's adventures flying around Beaver Island

The articles I have written in the past year have given historical perspective to aviation on Beaver Island. After the emergency of October 15th, I feel compelled to put forth my views concerning this incident despite the fact that it is neither historical nor aviation related.

Having arrived home just before 6:00 p.m. on this day, Angel and I had no immediate plans for the evening.



Shortly after 6:00 the fire department pager went off. I figured it would be just another random pager test, which usually happens about this time of day. The 911 operator announced a fire report at Rich Gillespie's storage building, located west of Martin's gas station.

Angel and I looked at each other in a moment of disbelief, and then grabbed the fire department radio and headed for the hangar. We got an Islander out and were in the air shortly. We were over the scene literally within seconds (6:15) and immediately realized the extreme seriousness of the situation. We put in a call to central dispatch and informed them that we were over the fire and were available to move any additional per-

sonnel or equipment needed from the mainland, or anything else they thought we should do. I put in another call to alert a pilot in Charlevoix to be standing by if needed. At this point our participation was pretty much negligible and we became merely observers with the best seat in the house to the unfolding drama with potentially disastrous portent.

By the time we arrived, most of the firemen were on the scene. Three pumpers were setting up and had hose run out. The fire was concentrated in the first west-facing bay. It had not come through the roof yet, but was through the overhead door. From the intensity of the fire, the apparently combustible material inside, and the difficulty of fighting a fire in an enclosed steel building, it was evident that this was going to be a long and difficult fight. The building itself was not so much the issue as was the large above-ground propane storage tank set 75' east (downwind) of the burning building. Beyond this was the gas station with its underground gasoline and diesel oil storage tanks. Further east across King's Highway sat Great Lakes Energy's standby generator plant with its above-ground fuel oil tanks, and still beyond that was their propane storage tank. All were directly downwind of the fire.

We watched and listened as all four tanker trucks were brought in from various sites. Then the problem arose of where to fill them with water from the harbor. As we flew over town we could see the difficulty they were having getting through BIBCo's locked security

gate. They soon gave up on that and went to Robert Gillespie's dock where they could use their own pumps and get help from Robert's crew, who were there to operate the pumps from the tugs *American Girl* and *Cisco*. Once they got into a routine the tankers were being filled within minutes. Now it became the battle of moving water to the site and putting it into the building. By 7:15 it was



becoming obvious to us that the fire was coming under control as the east wall was still standing and would remain so as the fire died down and the danger to the propane diminished. Landing at 7:30, we breathed a sigh of relief.

I am certain that if you asked each individual (and there were many) who participated in this event whether they considered themselves a hero, not one person would agree. Yet no one could disagree that each and every one of them participated in a heroic endeavor whose outcome was so fundamentally important that the continued existence of Beaver Island as we know it was for a moment in jeopardy.

— Paul Welke

RICH GILLESPIE'S SHOP BURNS TO THE GROUND

"At around 5:00 p.m. last night a fire broke out at my warehouse just west of the four corners, immediately west of



Martin's propane tank farm," Rich said the next day. "Well, the building, 80' x 68 was a total loss, but Beaver Island's

Volunteer Firefighters put forth a fantastic effort not only to attempt to save it but when that could not be done to focus their efforts on keeping the east wall of the building intact, which deflected heat and flames from a 30,000-gallon propane tank sitting less than 75' away. It was something to see. I virtually lost possessions it took me a lifetime in business to acquire, but that means nothing compared to the sacrifice and courage of these brave men and women. The Beaver Island community should be very proud of these people and those who are not on the fire department roster who showed up and gave their all.

Laura and I and our children want to express our complete gratitude for the effort made, thank you all!"



The building was insured, but not enough to cover the loss. Yet Rich intends to rebuild—somehow, some way.

36. WHERE ELSE BUT ON BEAVER ISLAND?

One sunny afternoon we decided to take a drive to the south end of the Island. Some parts of East Side Drive had washboard ridges, but we didn't think much about it—other Island roads had the same bumps. As we slowed to pass a crew trimming around the power lines we heard an awful screeching from the left front of our beloved Jimmy. We slowed, but the sound got louder. My husband stopped and got out to look at the wheel. He asked me to take the

driver's seat and slowly drive forward and in reverse while he watched. He noticed the brake caliper would shift when the brakes were applied and made a terrible grinding sound as it scraped against the inside of the aluminum rim.

I backed the truck into a nearby driveway that had some interesting metal sculpture in the front yard. As we jacked up the front end to take a closer look, one of the tree trimmers walked over to see if he could help. He offered a spinner

wrench that helped remove the wheel. When we got the tire off, we noticed a groove had formed on the inside of the rim, but a bigger problem was discovering that the upper bolt from the brake caliper was gone (completely missing!)

Just then a young man on a bike came riding down the driveway and came over. He said his step dad was a mechanic and was in the garage working on a car. My husband thought maybe he could get something for a temporary fix to get us

ODE TO THE DIABETIC TRAVELER

Say goodbye to Big Macs
And those delicious shakes,
Onion rings and french fries,
Pies Mrs. Wagner bakes.

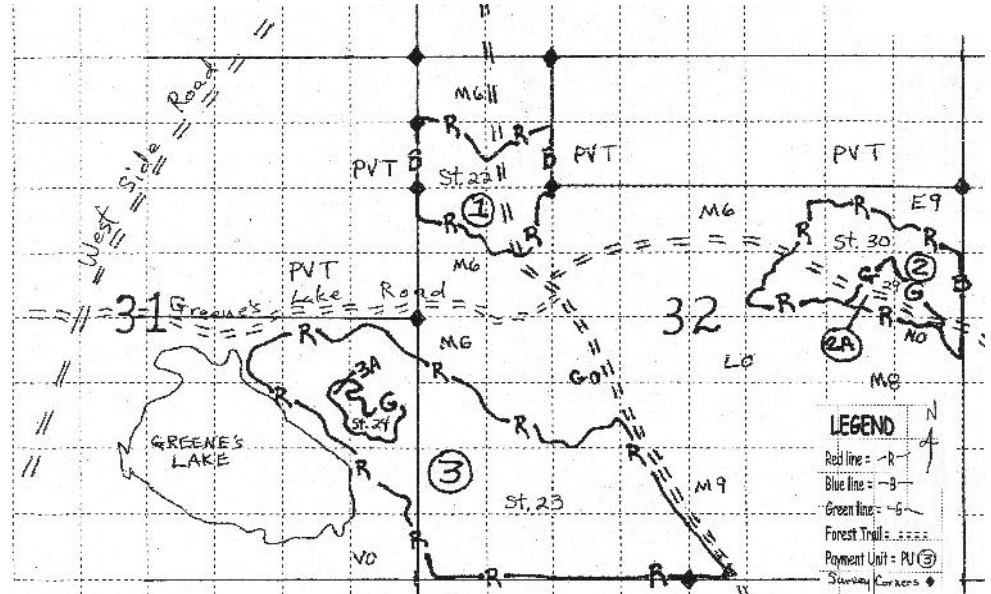
Close your eyes when passing
The Golden Arches sign,
And when your driver says "Let's stop,"
Say, "No thanks, I'm just fine."

Kentucky Fried Chicken
May be finger-lickin' good,
But drink a diet coke instead,
The way you know you should.

So buckle up for safety,
Enjoy your trips down south.
Pop broccoli, carrot sticks,
And wheat thins in your mouth.

—Eleanor LaFreniere

TO THE WOOD NYMPH



The State was paid \$33,000 for the timber on 190 acres on the three parcels shown on the map (\$21/cord). The northern one, "#1," has already been cut and the lumber shipped off.

To the east a large area on the "Tower Road" has been selected, some

for a clear-cut ("2A"). The third and largest plot is northeast of Greene's Lake, of which a small part ("3A") will be clear-cut.

Now that logging is back, efforts are afoot to identify and protect areas of biological or cultural significance.

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back to town. Sure enough, he returned with a roll of wire and a pliers. One at a time he threaded five pieces of wire through the caliper holes and twisted them together. A true Beaver Island fix, avoiding the need for a tow truck.

We returned the wire and pliers, put the wheel back on, and slowly headed back to town. Hoping for a miracle, we watched the road for the missing caliper bolt, and there it was—lying in the middle of the road about a mile from our

“quick fix” site. We continued into town and found Adam in the marina auto shop. He said he had seen the same thing happen before, that the bouncing on the washboard roads can work the bolts loose. We were lucky to find the bolt because he would have had to order a replacement from the mainland.

Our five weeks of wonderful Island life had done its work on the bolt, but everything turned out fine and we got to the south end the next day. We enjoyed

the drive and reminisced about the previous day’s adventure.

We want to thank a group of people for their help. The crew from Trees Inc. for the use of a spinner, the young man on the bike for telling us about his step dad, the step dad for just the right wire and pliers, and Adam for quickly reinstalling the bolt. What would our chances have been of finding this chain of helpful people and finding the lost bolt anywhere else? Only on Beaver Island!

THANKS FROM THE MOONEYS

During our mother’s recent illness, a few people earned our undying gratitude. Our family would like to thank Dr. “Borg” and our fav nurse Donna (you saved her life that night by making her leave the Island to go to the hospital); the Beaver Island EMS (everyone was so compassionate and understanding of mom’s special circumstances; you all know who you are so I won’t name

names); Angel and Paul Welke and all their staff (who not only got us off the Island but made her return as smooth and painless as possible, not only thinking of my mother but also of the family as a whole; we are deeply grateful!); the Charleviox ambulance drivers (who took the time to not just treat her but to talk to her on the way to the hospital; once she got there everyone at the hos-

pital took great care of her.)

Now she is doing much better every day. Like I said before, at times like these you think to yourself “why do I live on an island?” But it is at times like these that you know why you live on *this* Island! Thanks again to everyone who prayed, sent cards, and just gave us a smile when we needed one.

— the Family of Eleanor Mooney

BEACH CLEAN-UP

This year’s Beach Cleanup was a great success. Twenty-seven volunteers participated, patrolled, and cleaned over 27 miles of Beaver Island shoreline. Although Beaver Island beaches are quite clean, almost 180 pounds of trash was picked up by the volunteers. The most common items were plastic bags, balloons, bottle caps, cigarette filters, and fireworks debris. The most unique item was a backscratcher.

The event was a bit different from

last year. While many volunteers participated on the “official” day of September 27, other volunteers cleaned beaches during the September 20 to October 17 time period. No matter when they helped, all volunteers were welcome at the Community Center on Saturday, September 27 for a complimentary hot dog lunch.

Many thanks to the Community Center for hosting the lunch, the Transfer

Station for accepting all the trash, and McDonough’s Market for donating the hot dog buns. But the greatest thanks go to the volunteers who freely gave of their time to help keep Beaver Island the Great Lakes Jewel it truly is.

Look for the 2009 Beach Cleanup next September and volunteer to help!

—Ken McDonald

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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 4, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "Pat Connors left Thursday on business."

"Harold McCann is able to be about again."

"W. J. Gallagher left on a business trip Tuesday."

"W. D. Gallagher was on the sick list last week."

"Miss Nora Boyle returned from Detroit Monday."

"School commissioner Milford returned home on Monday."

"The barge *Wendt* was in port for a load of timber Friday."

"Mr. and Mrs. Biggie left for a week's visit in Charlevoix."

"Charles Cross left on *Hart* for Green Bay to attend business matters."

"Joe Floyd had his hand crushed by a barrel of cider falling on it while unloading freight."

"The A. O. O. G. Dance was attended by a large crowd. Refreshments were served at midnight then dancing resumed to the early hours of the morning."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 5, 1908 **Local News:** "The St. James fishing tug *Violet* is here for recaulking, ironing, and receiving a new wheel."

"The steamer *Beaver* went back to her tri-weekly trips Monday. She will leave here at 8 o'clock a. m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

"Wm. E. Collins, who this season has been engineer on the St. James tug *McCann*, has invented a fine cleaner that is pronounced by those competent to judge as the best yet made anywhere, and is bound to win out when it gets

into use. Mr. Collins has applied for a patent."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 11, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "W. J. Gallagher left on a business trip Thursday."

"Charles Cross returned from Green Bay, Friday."

"Miss Mary O'Donnell returned home from Chicago, Monday."

"W. W. Boyle left for a week's visit at Harbor Springs and Petosky."

"John W. Green has moved with his family to camp in Peaine township."

"The home of P. Gallagher was nearly all destroyed by fire Friday evening."

"Mr. and Mrs. P. Gallagher returned Thursday, from a two weeks visit with their daughter in London."

"Hugh P. Boyle left Thursday for Chicago where he is to take care of his brother Will who is at the hospital sick of pneumonia."

"The little daughter of Peter Gallagher fell into a tub of hot water Monday while the mother was washing. The little sufferer is on the mend."

Just Among Ourselves: "Captain M. J. Bonner of St. James has been spending a few days in the city."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 12, 1908 "W. W. Boyle of St. James was here over Sunday."

"Two and a half tons of trout were brought in yesterday on the first spawn lift, the tug *Parmalee* leading with one ton. While the percentage of spawn is not up to former years, at this date, Mr. Stewart thinks the percentage will come up rapidly. Three steam tugs and six gasoline boats were in the service

yesterday. Two lifts have been made at Beaver Island with about the same results as here. Mr. Stewart thinks the fish are late 'coming on' and that in a few days the fleet will be kept busy. Supt. Clark is expected here today."

"Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Bonner, of St. James, were here over Sunday on their way home from Chicago."

"Attorney Tweedle, of Traverse City, who represents extensive lumbering interests on High Island, went to St. James yesterday. Mayor Germaine, also of Traverse City, and who also has large timber acreage there, came up to take the trip, but one look at the Lake Michigan white caps gave him cold feet, and he took the first train for home."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 18, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "Charles D. Gallagher returned Friday."

"Henry Hardwick left on a business trip Wednesday."

"Taylor Franklin (sic) returned to his home in Chicago, Friday."

"Henry LaFramiee (sic) left Monday for an indefinite amount of time."

"Mrs. Mary McCafferty left Monday for Charlevoix and Petosky."

"Charles P. Gallagher left Wednesday for a few days shopping in Charlevoix."

"Miss Mary Cull left for Charlevoix Monday to prepare for the winter's stay in Florida."

"Lawyer Treodor (sic) was transacting business here for a few days and left Friday for Charlevoix."

"James Gallagher has been wearing a smile this week. A young son hav-



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ing arrived at his home.”

“Fire started in the home of James Martin destroying a lot of clothing and carpets. Children having started the fire while mother was out.”

“Misses Eva and Margaret Gibson left for Charlevoix. Miss Margaret has a sore eye which needed attendance. Miss Eva returned Friday.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 19, 1908 **Local News:** “The steamer *Beaver*, on the Island route, is still running, and will make her mail trips up to January 1st. She had a big load of freight for the Island today.”

“The government trout spawn harvest here and at St. James is progressing satisfactorily. Twenty cases of 7,500,000 eggs came over on the *Beaver* Tuesday for shipment to Northville. About 6,000,000 have been gathered here, and the number is daily increasing. Several lifts of three tons have been brought in, and the catch here is averaging about 7 tons per day. St. James reports about the same. Three steam tugs and seven gasoline boats are engaged in the work here, and at St. James five steam tugs and three gasoline boats are engaged.”

Beaver Island News: “Miss Eva and Margaret Gibson and Mrs. Mary McCafferty spent a few days in Charlevoix last week.”

“Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gallagher, a boy, and to Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCafferty, a girl.”

“Myrtle Douglas has gone to Escanaba where she will attend high school.”

“Fred Nackerman returned home from Escanaba where he had gone to assist in the erection of the chemical

works.”

“Mr. H. Frankel, our tailor returned to his home in Chicago last week.”

“Mrs. Sarah Boyle and family, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan R. Green, the past few months, returned to her home in Chicago.”

“Attorney Tweedle, of Traverse City, was here a few days last week looking after his timber interests.”

“Mrs. J. Stafford and Mrs. J. Mason returned home from a visit at Northport.”

“The schooners *Simmons* and *Belle* made their last trip this week.”

“Miss Mary Cull and Miss Anna and Tissie (sic) Connaghan left last week to spend the winter in the sweet sunny south.”

“Mrs. P. O'Donnell transacted business in Charlevoix and Petosky this week.”

“H. P. Boyle returned from a business trip to Chicago.”

“Mr. Wes Roushorn has accepted the position as engineer on the B. I. railroad.”

“Mr. Alfred Ward has moved into his new home recently erected on Freesoil avenue.”

“Mr. Dan P. Boyle has accepted the position as foreman at Camp 4, and Tim Roddy is filling a similar position at Camp 3.”

“Emmet Gallagher who has had an attack of stomach trouble the past two weeks, is improving rapidly.”

“Ben Langenhoff, of Pellston, is visiting friends here this week.”

“H. P. Parmelee, of Charlevoix, transacted business here this week.”

(Note: H. P. Parmelee, Cx & Gd R, appears in the *Hotel Beaver register* November 16, 1908)

“W. E. Stevens returned from a business trip to Manistee and Milwaukee.”

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 25, 1908 **Just Among Ourselves:** “W. W. Boyle of St. James, was in the city the latter part of last week and the first of this.”

“Captain M. J. Bonner of St. James who has been spending a few days in the city returned home Friday.”

“The steamer *Robert C. Wentz*, one of the oldest boats plying Lake Michigan, was partially burned while lying at the dock in Milwaukee. The after cabin and part of the upper works were destroyed but the steamer will be repaired and again put into service. She has been plying the lakes for twenty-three years and is owned by Gus Kitzinger of Manistee.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 26, 1908 **Local News:** “The steamer *Beaver* keeps plugging along, as weather permits, and will probably make mail trips up to Jan. 1st.”

“Mr. Phillips, in charge of the U. S. Fish Commission's spawn fishing operations here and at Beaver Island states that the work will be wound up by the last of the month.

“While Supt. Clark hoped to secure 75,000,000 trout eggs at these stations, he is quite well satisfied with the result, which aggregates about 50,000,000. The close of spawn fishing means a close of all fishing operation until Dec. 15th, when, if weather conditions permit, everything will be out.”

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CAMERON MARSHALL HOHN

Born October 18, 2008 8 lbs, 4 oz. and 23¼" to cross-country star Brittney Nicole Hohn, new Island resident Cameron Hohn has not yet started to run. Mother and son are resting at Fort Solletude, the home of Brittney's uncle and aunt.

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The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging, in conjunction with the Shamrock and the Beaver Island Community Center, has put together a wonderful luncheon menu for the seniors of the Beaver Island community.

Lunches began on October 1st. The

menu for the first three days included grilled chicken, broccoli, carrots, and peaches for Wednesday; hamburger, green beans, tater tots, and fresh fruit for Thursday; and baked fish, spinach, potatoes, and pears for Friday.

Participants are encouraged to sign up a week in advance to ensure enough

food is planned for. To make sure your meal is reserved for any particular day, please call Ann at 448-2022 by 10:30am. Free senior transit is available for Seniors 6am to 6pm Monday thru Saturday—all you have to do is call Sherry or Lisa at the Boat Dock, 448-2210 and schedule.



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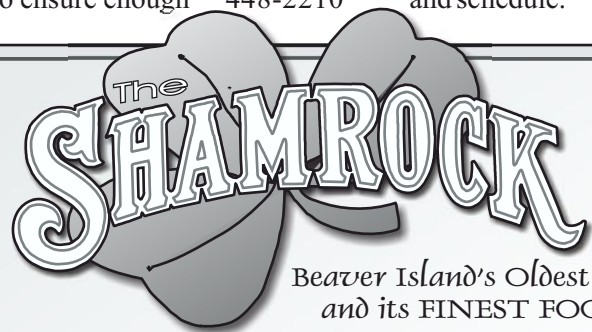
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On a beautiful bright day in mid October, several of the Island's dogs were brought by their owners to the Holy Cross Peace Garden for the annual "blessing of the pets." Father Pat Cawley presided, pointing out that the importance of animals is mentioned in the Bible. The bounty was

administered, even to those who had a yen to bark or fight, or stood on the outdoor furniture. One owner remarked that his dog was "part of the family," and another said she could not take her afternoon nap until walking her puppy. Another said he felt like the pet, and regarded his dog as his owner.

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If you are like me, you worry about all those things that could go wrong.

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right away, and whisked me off to the medical center for evaluation; it was quickly determined that I needed to be flown off the Island to Charlevoix.

Island Airways was called, and I was loaded into the plane with 2 EMS in tow. By 10:30 a.m. I was taken in for surgery, and was back on the Island just

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42. NEW AT THE HEALTH CENTER

A number of new services are now available: a sliding fee schedule to help those without insurance, new equipment, new services, new providers, and new classes are all being offered.

Sliding Fee Schedule to Make Care Affordable

To make health care affordable to everyone on the Island, a sliding fee schedule is available to those without health insurance, and a payment plan can be arranged for those with insurance deductibles who are delaying care because of an inability to pay. "One of the missions of the Health Center is to provide care for all residents regardless of their ability to pay," explained Donna Kubic, Health Center Managing Director. "We don't want anyone to

avoid getting care they need. We want everyone to know we are here to help, particularly in difficult economic times like these."

The sliding fee schedule is based on income and family size and the numbers are determined by the federal government. For example, a single-person household making less than \$20,800 would qualify for a discount. The amount of the discount depends on the actual annual income. A person who has an income of less than \$10,400 would have services provided at no cost. For a family of eight, an income of less than \$71,200 would qualify for a discount. The exact discount is determined by the actual income. An income of \$35,600 would qualify the family of eight for free services.

The entire sliding fee schedule can be examined at the Health Center. Anyone desiring further information on the schedule or needing a payment plan should contact Donna Kubic at 448-2275. All contacts and information are kept confidential.

Digital X-Rays Available

New equipment includes a digital x-ray machine which allows x-rays to be taken at the Health Center and transmitted to Charlevoix Hospital for review by the physician in a matter of minutes. The machine eliminates having to wait for x-rays to reach the Hospital, allows faster diagnostics, and provides a clearer x-ray. The Health Center is set up to x-ray spines, necks, chests, and extremities.

IN MEMORY: MARGARET LYNCH GIBSON

Margaret Gibson, one of the "Rushin' Girls" (so named because when they began publishing a newsletter, they were always rushing around), passed away October 12th in Dearborn Heights.

During WW II, she and four friends who as young women had frequently come from the Pontiac area to Beaver Island for music and dancing decided to give something back. They had heard that several Island men were in the services, and knew how much they had to

be missing their home. So they decided to put together a newsletter and mail it to them to keep them abreast.

Working after their regular jobs, frequently through the night, they wrote and edited and printed twenty copies of the first newsletter, covering the costs from their meager salaries. It was so well received that they decided to keep at it, catching rides to the Island to gather news first hand as often as they could.

By the time the second issue was

ready to mail, the number of servicemen who wanted it had doubled—and it kept growing. People frequently wrote to them, saying, "Someone passed me a copy. Good job. I've never been to Beaver Island, but you've made me want to keep informed about the community there. I'd really appreciate getting another."

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After her mother succumbed to her illness, Chris began to dream about the good times and friends she had enjoyed and made on Beaver Island, and finally decided to pick up yet again and move back to a place she dearly loved—as soon as her existing commitment expires shortly after Christmas.

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New: Chiropractor, Acupuncture, and Yoga

Chiropractic service is now available on the Island, thanks to Dr. Jessica Carden, a licensed chiropractor, who has already met several patients here. The strong interest has led her to set every other Thursday for a trip to the Island throughout the winter. Appointments can be made by contacting Betty (448-2275) at the Health Center.

Nationally board-certified in acupuncture and Chinese herbology, Tamara Graf will be coming on a regular schedule on dates yet to be determined. Ms. Graf, a graduate of SAMRA University of Oriental Medicine in Los Angeles, practices in Traverse City. She

will be offering help in holistic health, nutrition, smoking cessation, chronic pain, headaches, arthritis, and low back pain.

Yoga Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, at 6 p.m. at the Peaine Township Hall starting October 23rd. Cost is \$10 per session. Classes will be taught by a yoga instructor from the mainland. No prior experience is necessary to take the classes.

Preventive Care, Physicals, and Doctors Services Available

Flu shots are available at the Health Center now. There is no charge for Medicare cardholders. Pneumonia shots, which are needed only once every ten years, are also available.

The Health Center is also equipped

to provide Medicare physicals, which much be taken within six months of enrollment in Medicare. The physicals include EKGs and blood tests, all of which can be performed at the Health Center. The Health Center staff can also perform the physicals necessary for a pilot's license and boat captain's license, school physicals, and drug screenings.

The two physicians who come to the Island regularly have announced their November schedule. Dr. Mann will be here Tuesday, November 11, and Dr. Newcomb on Tuesday, November 25. December's schedule will be available in November by calling the Health Center. Appointments can be made by calling Betty, 448-2275.

BEA BOYLE 1919-2008

Beatrice Boyle, 89, of Beaver Island, died September 29, 2008 at her daughter's home in Scottsdale, Ariz. Funeral Mass was on October 5 at Holy Cross Catholic Church, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating.

Bea was born January 25, 1919, in Manistique to James and Elsie (Schmidt) O'Donnell. She moved to Beaver Island at the age of one, and attended the Beaver Island Schools. She married Jack Boyle on Beaver Island February 24, 1936. They lived in the

Chicago area from 1941 until returning to the Island in 1984. Jack preceded her in death on Aug 9, 1990.

A member of Holy Cross Church, she is survived by her children, Daniel Morris (Sally) Boyle, John (Marge) Boyle, Jean (Gary) McDonough, Bernie (Kathy) Boyle, Donald (Chris) Boyle, Theresa Gacek, Steve Boyle, Tim Boyle, Susan (Doug) Heynig, Neal (Connie) Boyle, and Patrick Boyle; son-in-law, Ray Matela; 21 grandchildren and many great and great-great

grandchildren; sisters, Theresa (Chuck) Archer, Patricia Hooker; brother, Ray (Marianne) O'Donnell. Bea was also preceded in death by her daughters, Grace Matela, and M. Sharon and her husband, Neil Simpson; granddaughter, Christine Matella; brother, Bernard and his wife Kay O'Donnell; sisters, Elizabeth O'Donnell, and Katherine and her husband Clifford White.

Bea was an accomplished genealogist. She turned over her extensive notes to the BIHS four years ago.

IN MEMORY JERRIE TURNER

Jerrie Lou (Hendricks) Turner, who summered on the East Side, died October 26th, 2008, at the age of 78. Employed with Felpausch in Williamston for 19 years, she was a member of Williamston's Economic Development Committee for many years.

Surviving are William, her husband of 11 years; her former husband, Thomas J. Hendricks; daughter, Terrie (Thomas) Boggus; sons, Thomas (Patricia) Hendricks, H. Todd (Bonnie) Hendricks, Timothy (Deborah) Hendricks and Trent (Sharon) Hendricks; 7 grandchildren; 2 great-granddaughters; and her brother, David (Natalie) Lucas.



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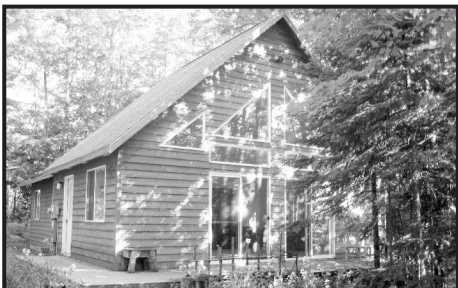
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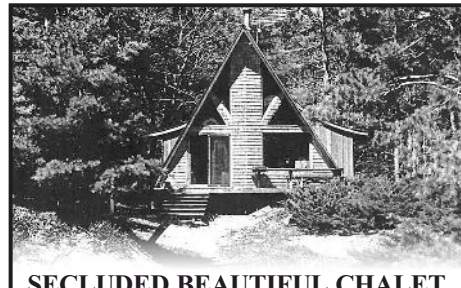
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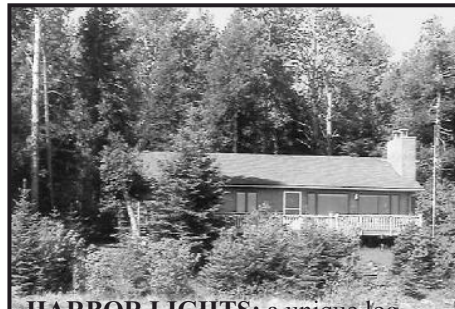


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DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dpluscombe@msn.com

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

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, gas fireplace, dish TV and VCR/DVD player, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Reduced rates for June, September, and October. For rentals, call Bill or Tammy: (231) 448-2733 or (231) 448-2499 or email tammymcd107@yahoo.com.

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

SECLUDED 1940s 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.

7 PINES - Weekly Rental Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, *DOG FRIENDLY*, \$750/week, Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597.

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. **BEACHFRONT** - see page 47.



*The Convent
in the Village
Beautiful Harbor View*

*Full Housekeeping Home
Sleeps 15 - 7 Bedrooms w/ sinks
Fully-equipped Kitchen
Beach Access*

*Great for Multi-Family Groups,
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Open Year Round
Weekly Rental in season
2-night minimum off-season*

**Call 448-2206
(Pam O'Brien)**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A Night of the Blues with *Ray Bonneville* Sunday November 9th at 7:30 at the Beaver Island Community Center.

Veteran's Day November 11th at 11

November 14th **Free Pancake Supper** 5:00-6:45 p.m. at Peaine Township Hall; 1st Anniversary of Lighthouse Fellowship

Hunter's Dinner November 16th 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Beaver Island Lodge. Call 448-2396 for reservations.

Senior Sunday Dinner Sunday November 16th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Community Center

Swing into the Holidays with *Jive at Five* Saturday November 22th, 7:30 at the Beaver Island Community Center.

Holiday **Bizarre** Sunday November 23rd 11 am - 4 pm; Community Center

Christmas **Cantata** December 6th-7th 3 pm at the Beaver Island Christian Church.

Beaver Island Christian Church
Cookie Carnival December 11th 12-4 pm

REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE



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 (Listing ID #: 21207130) or contact Drew & Sarah at (231) 675-3746

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

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

PRIME 20 ACRES NEAR FONT LAKE - close to town, w. apple trees, power and road in. \$150,000 Erik Peterson (616) 240-8980.

THE WALSH 40 - south of the Beaver Island Golf Course - Walk to the Fairway. Make offer. (248) 649-4909 or (248) 515-8746



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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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).

NEW HOME ON SECLUDED

ONE ACRE WOODED LOT IN PORT ST. JAMES

400 ft from north shore. Listen to the lake, see Garden Island when the leaves fall. Open floor plan 1875 ft² on one floor. Full unfinished raised basement with 2 egress windows. Two large master suites, one with large deep jet tub. Half bath in foyer. Smaller third bedroom is used for office. Lots of huge closets. Ceiling fans in every room. Decks on three sides. Two-car attached garage. Outdoor wood boiler with auxiliary propane for hot water baseboard heat. Radiant electric heat tile in bathrooms and laundry room. \$250,000.

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KING'S HIGHWAY LOTS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN - Two beautiful wooded lots right near town, the Brothers' Place, and the harbor. Asking \$40,000 each. Call (773) 646-1424. Odatlo@sbcglobal.net

2 LOTS ON SAND BAY - 3.3 Acres each. 1700' deep. Sandy Beach. Frontage 117' each. (810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257.

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 mfolkenning@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
BEAVER ISLAND
CHERRY WOOD**

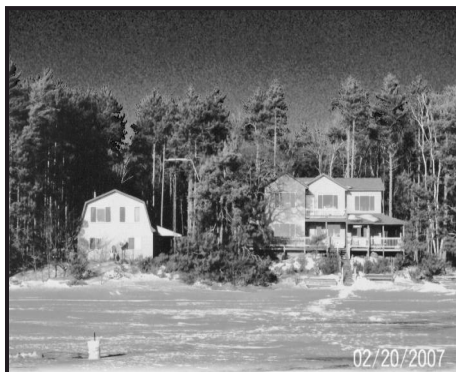
Rough sawn, approximately 1 inch thick various widths and lengths. Air dried for the last two years.
(231) 448-3088



**BEACHFRONT HOME
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

FOR SALE at \$339,900



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 \$525,000.⁰⁰
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FOR SALE BY OWNER:

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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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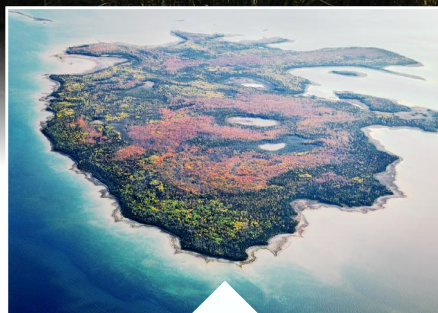
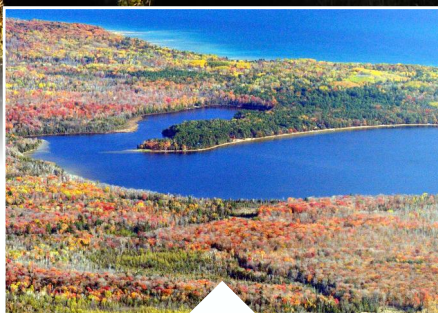
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