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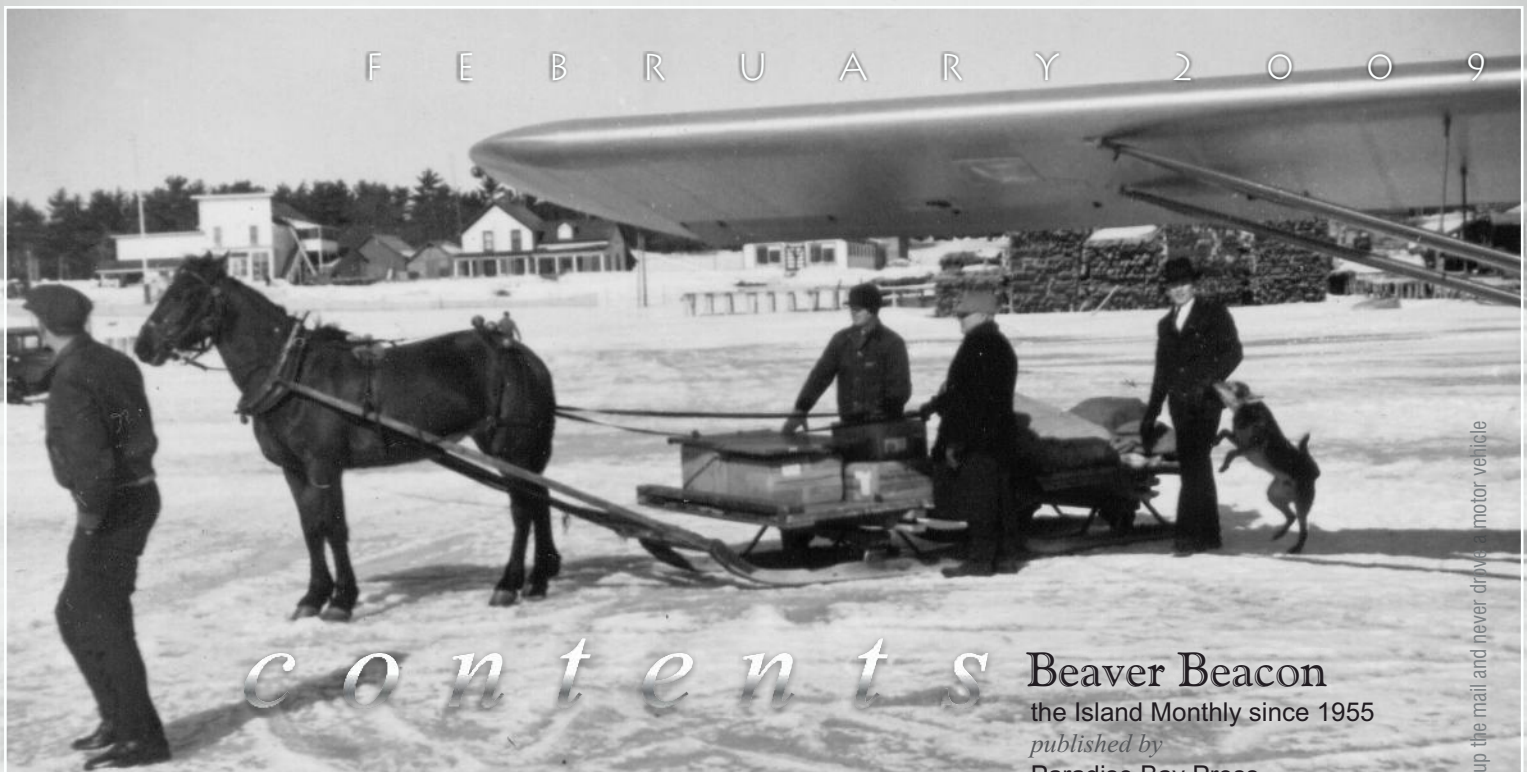
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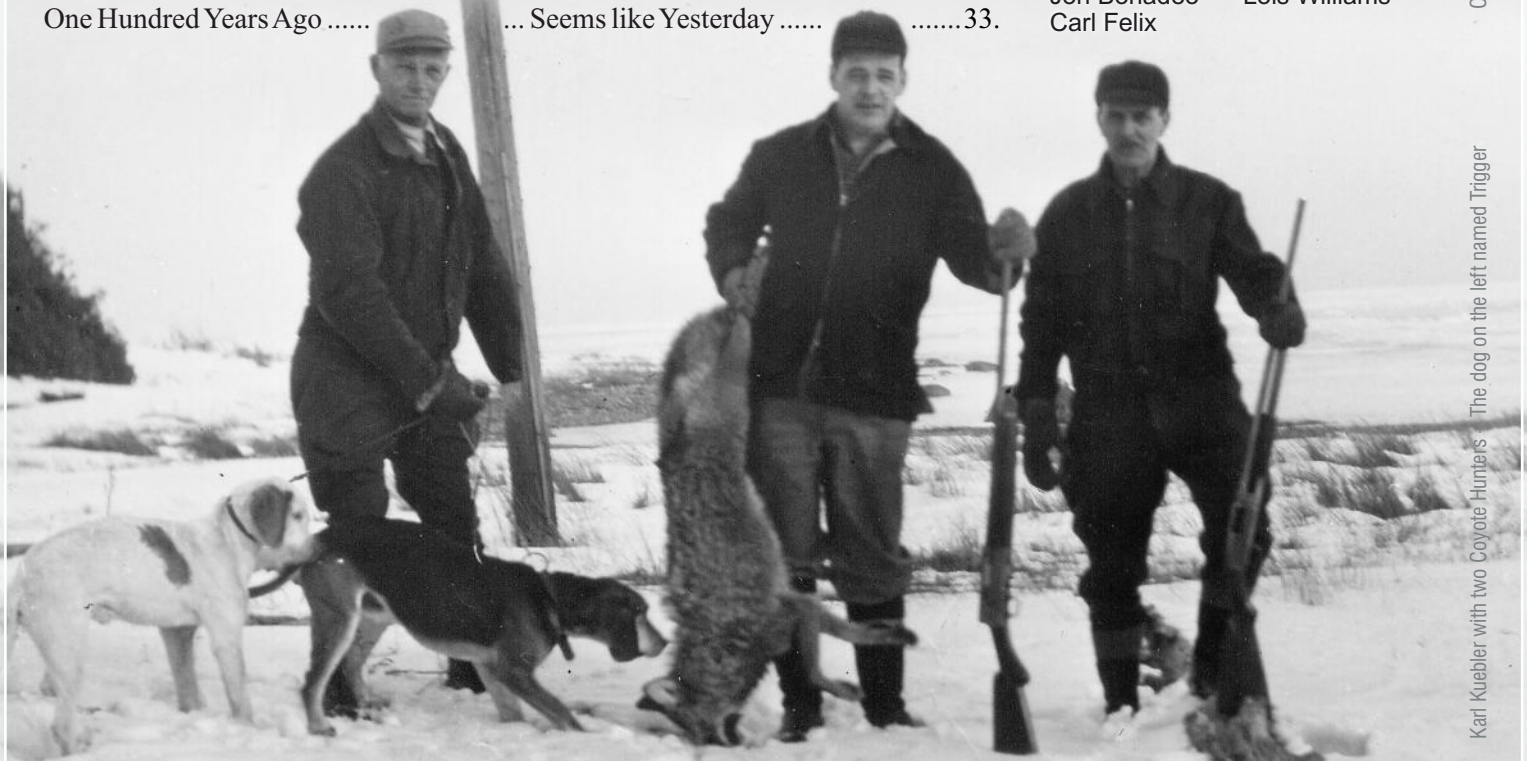
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The St. James Board received a letter from the Charlevoix County Road Commission indicating that the newly-expanded Federal Government stimulus package should allow it to fund the construction of a new Beaver Island garage. The existing garage is no longer adequate, plus its location funnels unnecessary traffic through the downtown. It hoped to build a 10,000 ft² structure, and wondered if a verbally-conveyed offer of four or five years ago to provide some land next to the Transfer Station could be explored anew.

EMS Director Sarah McCafferty reported on 2008's activities and 2009's plans. Last year the EMS had 91 calls—6 fewer than 2007. Of the 91, 53 involved Advanced Life Support patients, 27 Basic Life Support, and 11 were either assists or standbys (such as for the Fire Department). Both ambulances were sent over for work by a certified ambulance mechanic, and both were fixed. A Basic EMT class was begun, and two Islanders are expected to graduate in May. A CPR class had ten participants. Next year the EMS hopes to upgrade its defibrillators, send its members off-Island for interactive training, and offer a Specialist program to EMTs.

Sarah also announced that Island Airways had obtained its FAA certifi-

cate to use its new Air Ambulance Cot. The Board commended Angel, Paul, Neal, and Mary for their efforts.

Several appointments were made, Ed Troutman to the Planning Commission, Elaine West to the Airport Committee, and Ron Stith and Joan Vyse to the Cemetery Committee. Jean Wierenga, Don Vyse, and Tim McDonough were reappointed to the Waste Management Committee.

Heavy snow has made downtown parking a problem, with a bottleneck near the Community Center reducing traffic to a single lane. Bob Tidmore and Don Vyse agreed to investigate.

Ed Welter's offer to give the Donegal Bay tower to St. James Township was discussed. He will maintain ownership of the third tower (at Greene's Lake), but could make it available if it is needed. A group is taking shape (and met twice) to consider how high-speed wireless internet and cell-phone coverage might be brought to the Island.

The upgrade of the Island Treasures resale shop has been completed—and paid for through its operation.

Peaine Township

A packet was distributed with the agenda, containing Sarah McCafferty's EMS report, a letter from Pat Harmon (CCRC manager), Jean Kinsley's



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resume, and statements of duties for the deputy Supervisor and Treasurer.

Tina Morgan, appointed to the Board of Review to fill Arnie Rich's seat, decided that she could not accept because the proper procedure had not been followed. Consequently Jean Kinsley was appointed instead.

Information was arriving that would enable the Board to create a comprehensive statement of who works for the Township and what their duties, terms, and compensation are.

The naming of the trail at Sunset Ridge as *Poppe's Path* was accepted.

The gift of Ed Welter's two towers was accepted by each township. Peaine's reasoning was that Island-wide access was important (for economic, educational, and safety reasons), and that their talks with TDS offered little hope that its broadband service would be extended farther. The value of each tower was put at \$160,000, and it was estimated that the equipment needed to offer Island-wide service might cost \$150,000—for which grants were available (such as from USDA). Discussions have been held with three major providers, but none of them were helpful. It seems likely that a start-up enterprise will be required. The ultimate goal is to provide broadband, cell-phone, and VoIP service everywhere

on the Island. The Townships released EW Marine from the land-lease contract that had been signed.

The purchase of two auxiliary generators (for which a USDA grant will pay about half) was put on hold until the use requirements at each location (Peaine Hall and East Side Fire Hall) can be calculated.

The Board wanted to know if the current road equipment garage could be obtained from the CCRC in exchange for a few acres adjacent to the Transfer Station. Bob Hoogendorn pointed out that relocating the equipment there would put much heavy usage on the East Side Drive, and suggested that any attempt to get the King's Highway repaved also include paving some length of this road. There was also a call to consider improving Hannigan's Road to ease the arrival of fire trucks to the west side.

The supervisor called for and will spearhead a thorough consideration of each line-item in the budget, which will go into effect in April.

Compensation for and duties of the Clerk's, Treasurer's, and Supervisor's deputies was discussed. The Board decided that all three should be paid at the rate of \$20/hour and that each salary be capped at \$3,000/year, with monthly work reports submitted to the Supervisor.



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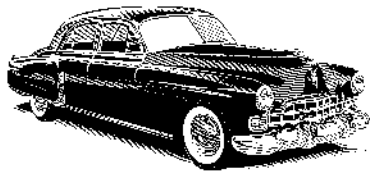
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On January 31st term limits will bring to a conclusion Anne Glendon's eight years of exceptional service on the Board of Directors of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center. Despite her petite stature, Anne leaves huge boots to fill and will be sorely missed. Her interest in the Health Center arose initially out of her role as a professional consultant to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Task Force project, which was completed in August of 2000. She joined the Board in October of 2000 and ever since has devoted countless hours and her expertise as a well-recognized non-profit consultant to improving the governance and financial well-being of the Health Center.

During her years on the BIRHC Board as both Board Secretary and Resource Development Committee chairperson, Anne has played a key role

in drafting many important documents and policies essential to the great progress the Health Center has achieved during her tenure. Examples include the Beaver Island Medical Care Assessment, a report which was crucial in securing \$1.5 million in state funding for the new Health Center building, and the Capital Campaign Policy, which outlined the process by which the BIRHC Endowment would grow from \$100,000 in 2003 to almost a million today—and continue. In partnership with Don Spencer and Bill McDonough Anne has also repeatedly lobbied our state legislators to restore operational funding to the Health Center. These efforts, which included many trips to Lansing at her own expense, resulted in several grants from the Michigan Department of Community Health, which totaled \$45,000.

It was Anne who taught her fellow



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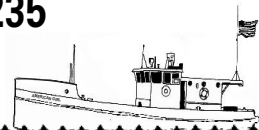
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If you have any questions or would like additional information on this, or any service provided by Island Airways, please contact us at 231 448 2374 (Paul & Angel Welke's home phone number) or via e-mail (angel@islandairways.com or pwelke@islandairways.com).

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Board members how to polish the content and format of the Health Center's Annual Appeal letter. In the early days she did most of the work involved in putting out this 1,000-piece mailing herself. Under her supervision the balance in the Special Projects Fund to which most of the Annual Appeal donations go rose from \$12,500 in 2000 to over \$100,000 today. While urging others to support the Health Center Anne has always set a personal example of generosity as her and husband Paul's membership in the Legacy Tree Society attests.

The peak of Anne's commitment to the BIRHC came during a period of historic transition in 2003-2004. Despite the fact that she lived off-Island and was working full time at her consulting business, Anne never missed a monthly meeting and constantly did all she could from home to support her

fellow Board members. During this demanding period of time she proved herself to be a fearless agent of change.

New and veteran members alike highly respect Anne's writing skills and knowledge of governance best practices. Most recently she was one of the leaders in the completion of the latest BIRHC strategic plan. In recognition of all these contributions and many more unmentioned, the Board will award Anne a plaque and elect her Board Member Emeritus for life. The entire BIRHC Board looks forward to having continued access to Anne's wisdom as she has agreed to serve on Board advisory committees after her retirement. On behalf of everyone at the Health Center, Anne, thank you for leaving it so much better and stronger than you found it!

— Connie Wojan, BIRHC Board President

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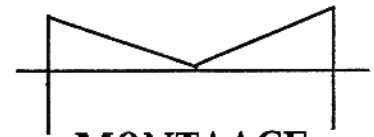
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8. A SEASON OF INCONVENIENCE

by Frank Solle

Heading into this year's sporting seasons at B.I. Community School, everyone involved knew that with the on-going construction project the entire process would be a juggling act with a tight balance. All it would take is...

A cancellation here, a storm there. While the fall seasons came off without much difficulty, suddenly the winter is whisking by (better make that shivering by, as it's been a cold one here by anyone's standards) and we've still to see either *Islanders* team in action on the home court.

The Ojibwe *Eagles* were unable to field enough players to make their early-January trip viable. Then the Grand Marais *Polar Bears* were dented up due to an ice storm along the frozen coast of Lake Superior. In between those dates the *Islanders* did travel to Paradise for two sets of games, but even then Paradise turned into an extra night away at Newberry as more stormy weather surfaced.

What makes this situation even worse is that the final three weekend series, two slated to be played here, are crucial ones in light of the league standings, and players need playing time in order to be ready. The *Islanders* are booked for a trip to Mackinac Feb. 6-7 where the *Lakers* boys are the team to beat. The Hannahville *Soaring Eagles* are due here Feb. 13-14 with a girls team that leads the league. Capping the season is a finale against Mackinac here Feb. 20-21.

In addition to determining the final Northern Lights League standings, these final outcomes will determine the *Islanders* post-season fate as well. A first- or second-place NLL finish is needed to make a trip to either the boys or girls district tournament worthwhile. Season-ending NLL tournaments are scheduled for March 6-7 for both boys and girls, but a final site determination has yet to be made.

Tough trip through Paradise

Just saying the name conjures up

visions of palm trees and warm lagoons. Just entering the actual Paradise gym erases that vision in a single step. It's small. It's dark. And it's never been overly friendly as far as the guys in the striped shirts go.

On Friday, Jan. 16, the current *Islanders* boys team learned that lesson the hard way, dropping a hard-fought 65-61 decision to the host *Rockets*. Cold shooting and hot whistles kept the *Islanders* from earning their first win of the season. Even so, they nearly pulled off the win in the final seconds as they were within two with 10 seconds to play but couldn't gain possession of the ball.

The Saturday game started off poorly with the *Islanders* trailing at the half. But they found their stride after intermission and really played their game as they stormed back to a 71-58 win, their first of the season.

"It's nice to get that 400-pound gorilla out of the room," coach Dan Martell said of breaking the team's five-game losing streak. "We got out quickly

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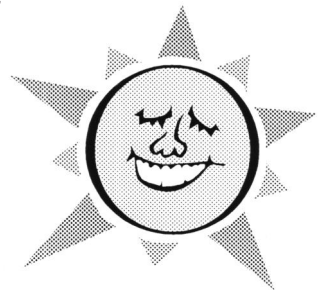
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in the second half and controlled the game the rest of the way." The win improves the *Islanders* to 1-5 overall.

Junior Bryan Timsak led the *Islanders* in scoring both games, sinking 23 on Friday and a career-high 38 on Saturday. He also grabbed 10 rebounds in each game. Senior Patrick Cull also tallied a pair of double-doubles as he scored 20 and 16 points, respectively, and pulled down 18 and 15 rebounds. Junior Dereck McDonough was hampered by foul trouble on Friday, scoring just six points, but the big center swatted away eight shot tries by the *Rockets*. On Saturday he netted six more points while grabbing 18 rebounds. Junior Cameron LaVasseur had a strong weekend with eight points and boards on Friday while adding four points and 12 rebounds Saturday. Sophomore Doug Campbell also was big off the glass, swiping 16 rebound Friday to go with three points while earning 13 rebounds and another three points Saturday. Freshman Billy Lemmink notched one point and two boards Friday, then

reversed those numbers on Saturday.

Paradise Found

My apologies to Mr. Milton, but when you sweep a series on the road it is, indeed, paradise. At least that's what the *Islanders* girls learned as they claimed a pair of victories over the *Rockets*, winning 55-19 on Friday and 45-21 on Saturday to improve to 3-3 overall on the season.

"We had a very good effort all weekend. That's why we were able to take them quite easily," said coach Mike Myers. "But we were hitting our shots and that's what made the difference."

The leading shot maker on Friday was junior Alex Kuligoski who led the team with 17 points. Senior Devon Cook added 14. The pair combined for 25 of the team's 31 first-quarter points, spurring the *Islanders* to a commanding lead. Rounding out Friday's scoring were Juniors Briana Maudrie with seven and Kristy Bousquet with six. Senior Heather McDonough and junior Jenna Butler each netted four while

senior Maeve Green added three.

Green led the way on Saturday with 10 points, followed by Cook with nine, McDonough with eight, Butler six, Kuligoski five, and Maudrie and Bousquet each with two.

The balanced scoring is a sign coach Myers likes to see. "We've got 11 fairly equally-talented girls," he said of the squad. "That makes for a good, solid team."

Now if only the rest of the season solidifies into games being played as scheduled.

Sports Schedule Update

The Ojibwe Eagles girls basketball team will visit BICS on Tuesday, Feb. 3 for an afternoon tipoff at 2:30 pm.

Plans are also in the works to make up the missed games against Grand Marais. The problem at press time is finding officials. Tentative options are for a regular evening-morning series for both boys and girls on either Feb. 10-11 or Feb. 17-18. Check the web or school office as those dates approach.

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Beaver Island's Dwarf Lake Iris, the beautiful purple and yellow flower found on our shores, was named Michigan's wildflower—thanks to the efforts of Roger Sutherland, Jeff Powers' father-in-law.

On his way to Florida, Joe Reed appointed Rich Gillespie the new chairman of the Airport Committee—in addition to his duties as chairman of the Transportation Authority and the Beaver Island Road Commission. Rich sent a letter to the Charlevoix County Commission protesting the doubling of parking fees at the Charlevoix Airport (said to be to pay for the planned paving), which was also inserted into the *Beacon*.

Henry Hill donated \$1,000 to the Historical Society so it could start a building fund to pay for its intended Print Shop addition. Manuscripts for *Volume 5* were arriving, but no date was set for its publication.

EMS provider Joe Moore wrote a letter of concern to Peaine Township about the dangers of storing hazardous material at Four Corners, urging the Planning Commission to create an emergency evacuation route.

Karl Heller took over the Old Rectory kitchen to put on a special Austrian Night.

The debris from the Dockside Market was disposed of, shipped in dumpsters to Charlevoix at no freight charge by BIBCo. Membership in PABI reached 302.

Lois Williams taught a class on how to create and maintain a herb garden.

Passings noted included Esther Ricksgers, widow of Harold, Ann Bast, wife of the former summer minister at the Episcopal Church, and Eileen Martin, widow of the jazz aficionado who founded the Circle M.

Twenty Years Ago The B. I. Economic Development Plan was taking shape, with public meetings held to provide input to Wade-Trim-Granger. An architectural unification of harbor development was high on the

list, plus an executive retreat, possibly at Little Sand Bay, to feature a lodge, conference center, golf course, and home sites. Another part of the plan called for an industrial park near the Municipal Airport. The study was also considering what to do about the dump, an Island-based energy system, and retiree facilitation.

Dennis Clarkson organized the year's Winter Games, held on the harbor. The big event was "broom ball," played with a soccer ball and brooms on the ice. The Chamber provided hot cider and donuts.

Once again Pat McGinnity organized the annual Talent Show, with 19 acts featuring 30 performers. Ellen Welke was MC. The evening opened with the Goo Goos (Heather Cary, Kelly Gillespie, Hillary Palmer, and Katie Scripps), a hula team in grass skirts and bikini tops (at some point the skirts were ripped off and the dance continued with bikini bottoms) and closed with the Beaver Island Rockettes (Lindsey McDonough, Angela Thundercloud, Kendra Wojan, Lori Gozalka, Holly Burris, and Tara Palmer).

Irish dancing was to be taught at school.

Dr. Jeff Porter provided free dental care for children on one particular day.

Beaver Island's first basketball team to play matches against other schools finished a winless season.

The Historical Society announced it would restore the gill-net tug *Bob S*, creating a walk-in exhibit within two or three years.

The Wildlife Club responded to criticism by stating that walleye planting in Fox Lake should have no effect on the lake's viability as a loon nesting site.

Connie Boyle's team was in first place in the 6-team Adult Volleyball League, with 25 wins and 5 losses. Other teams were headed by Jon Bonadeo, John Robert, Chris Heikka, Ed Maudrie, and Becky LaFreniere.

The McCann House B & B got seven pages of coverage in the Dow magazine, *Brinewell*, with 19 photos of John and Joyce Runberg and three grandchildren enjoying Christmas.

Howard Ellis was hired to provide counseling to BICS students once a

week, coming over from Charlevoix.

The "Friends of the Library" planned a Claudia Schmidt concert to raise money. Drywall was being finished in the new library. Astronomer Bill Markey volunteered to serve as evening librarian.

Archie LaFreniere pointed out that the first hospital bed was designed here by Frank Miller, who lived here for years and ran a small machine shop on the beach in front of the new Rectory. He did not apply for a patent.

The Kalamazoo Brewing Company chose a map of Beaver Island for one of the labels on its new product, Third Coast Beer.

A poem by Paul LaFreniere, *Thirty-two Miles Away*, closed the *Beacon*, concluding with,

Yes, it's so nice to see an old friend
And pass the time of day
Talking about the home land
Thirty-two miles away.

Thirty Years Ago Printed in green, the *Beacon* reported on the Winter Carnival, which began with a pancake breakfast at the Circle M, put on by the Brownie Troop. Next were hayrides on a cold day, organized by Dennis and Bill Wagner, followed by a kite-flying contest. Chili and hot chocolate were served in Ernie Martin's building, the former Coast Guard bunkhouse. The school kids created snow sculptures at the school and in front of McDonough's original store, where other activities were located. Cindy Gillespie and her friends won a cash prize awarded to her "green dragon" by the judges.

The Brownies and the Girl Scouts had a taffy pull at Marge Wagner's. At a potluck supper the Cub Scouts were presented with the first awards handed out by their troop since it began.

As part of a project to preserve and display material concerning the Med Center's history, its Auxiliary began a campaign to list all the babies born there. The Center's fund drive was declared complete after thirteen months, during which the goal of \$50,000 was exceeded. Twenty thousand of this went toward buying a new X-ray machine.

Jerry Siudara organized a 20 machine snowmobile safari. Robert
continued on page 12

12. **On This Date**, continued from page 11. Gillespie's machine broke down at Greenes' Bay and he had to walk to Cheyenne Point, just missing a lunch most notable for Diane Hetherington's attempt to "cook" hot dogs by dropping the entire package, wrapper and all, into the pot of chili. A few days later eight riders made the obligatory annual trip to Naubinway, this time not getting wet: Ed Wojan, Bud Martin, Buzz Anderson, Jon Bonadeo, Jim McCafferty, Jim Wojan, Steve Crandall, and Rick Speck (see page 14).

Armed with a gun, Joe Timsak, Mark LaFreniere, and Garrett Cole headed across the ice for Garden Island but met and shot a coyote midway, after which they turned around and brought the carcass back to Beaver to collect their reward.

Newly-planted turkeys were thriving around the airport.

The Beaver Head Lighthouse was put on the National Registry.

Passings noted included the skilled dancer Patsy Doney, Patrick Gallagher, a "character" born on the Island in 1910, and William Schmidt, born here in 1906. Willie was the last full-time farmer, producing sweet corn treasured by all.

Forty Years Ago The continuous bone-chilling winds of a bitter winter eased back somewhat, and the low of minus four was balanced by a fifty-degree high.

A snowmobile expedition by members of the Game Club found no large groups of turkeys, although Karl Kuebler's feeding stations were getting action. After stopping to grill burgers at

Lake Geneserath, another expedition of 11 machines found evidence of a large and healthy deer herd (and put out mineral blocks). That led to worries about the growing coyote population. the "coyote hunters" Roy Chambers and Roy Vincent came from Indian River to help with that, dropping one on the ice at 500' on their first afternoon.

Fifteen shanties decorated the harbor. The DNR was concerned about litter on the ice, and also reminded snowmobilers that it's illegal to chase wildlife. The Parkers were fishing Barney's Lake for bluegills, taking one measuring 11½". Ron Wojan and Dennis Wagner set up a luxury shanty on Lake G, and were taking pike with their bluegill.

The annual "Polio Party" at the Shamrock raised \$209.

IN MEMORY: ANNIE HAYHOE 1928-2009

Annabelle Mae Hayhoe passed away at a nursing home in Grayling.

Annie and her husband Tink were Island mainstays in the 1970s. He worked on the roads, and she did bookkeeping work and

opened a flower shop in their home—which now belongs to John Haggard.

After Tink passed away she bought the house now owned by Jim and Donna Stambaugh across the road from

Rose Connaghan in order to run a foster care home. It took quite a bit of work (and expense) to get the home qualified, but she stuck with it, finally announcing she was ready for charges. But the state's ability to supply and pay for



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An Irish priest, Father Dennis O'Keefe, put on a slide show in a packed multi-purpose room at the school.

Charlie Martin and his crew were busy cutting and putting up ice on the harbor, hauling out 200+ large blocks and covering them with sawdust.

Fifty Years Ago After four years of editorial services, upon his transfer to Louisville, Father Joseph had to relinquish his position on the *Beacon* to Father Alexis.

Father Joe was commemorated at a dinner in his honor, with speeches by Archie and Dick LaFreniere, Doc Luton, and Frank Nackerman and a musical program performed by the Island students.

A line of Sisters ice-skating on the harbor toward dusk either did not see or saw but did not understand what

Charlie Martin was doing, which was using a long rope to string nets under the ice. It was stretched straight in front of a hole, which the Sisters managed to avoid, but they all hit the rope, and, one after another in rapid succession, fell down on the ice.

Heavy snow led to claims of this being the worst winter in years, with 18" common and temperatures down to five below.

The Game Club gave an oyster dinner to retiring DNR man Karl Kuebler. It purchased nine old wrecks and towed them onto the ice so they would sink in the spring and become fish habitat.

Several hunters arrived, including former Islanders Edwin McCann and Joe Perron. They were mainly after rabbit, but took fox as well; four fox were

hanging at Archie LaFreniere's.

13.

Four men from the Conservation Department flew over and spent four days checking on the grouse, but did not report their findings.

Lawrence McDonough, captain of the *Emerald Isle I*, was spending the winter cutting trees and clearing land for "Henry Allen's airport" near Pagetown, a mile west of St. James.

Gary McDonough and Loretta LaFreniere were valedictorian and salutatorian.

Dick LaFreniere was in charge of the Polio Party, which raised \$110.

After a month-long power outage, new parts for the generator arrived and were installed by Jewell Gillespie and Joe Dillingham.

The passing of Island-born James O'Donnell, 88, was noted.

guests had diminished considerably, and only one arrived—an elderly man who could only mumble, who followed her about through the house, day and night.

She moved back to town in the late

80s, buying the home LaDonnis Mooney had built, which now belongs to Phil Becker, and renting rooms there.

She had many talents—she could sing, and write, and tell excellent stories. She had some Native blood, and

her wide experiences before arriving here gave her a broad perspective that had her welcomed into many different Island circles for almost twenty years.

She leaves siblings Jack Ames, Arlene Bailey, and Charlene Theisen.

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My first real snowmobile trip started, as so many wonderful experiences do, while lunching at the Shamrock Bar. Richie Gillespie asked if I wanted to go to the U.P. on his old 340 Ski Whiz snowmobile. I said sure, and went home for heavier clothes and my wallet.

I met Richie back at his house, where he showed me the basics of snowmobile operation. After the two-minute course, and a road test for a couple yards on a county road, I was ready to go.

We met about a dozen other Beaver Islanders at the rendezvous point, the Shamrock, of course. Jimmy McCafferty, Bud Martin, Rick Speck, Ed Wojan, Jim Wojan, Steve Crandall, Richie, and me made up the group. Buzz Anderson (a legally blind cabinet maker with a total of seven fingers) intended to go but didn't show up, so we decided to head west on Donegal Bay Road toward his home. He passed us going east, but kept on going, fast. He never saw us. That was not a good sign.

We finally caught up to him and left the land, sliding out onto the ice between Beaver and Garden at the Beaver Lodge. We skirted the shore of Garden Island to the west, circling to Golden's Cabin, Kee's refuge on the north shore, where I would return the next summer to try driving a shallow well. Richie saw a freighter headed west from the Straits of Mackinac and said we had to leave right away in order to beat it. I did not know what that meant, but followed along obediently. Having the fastest sled, Buzz quickly took the lead.

Unfortunately, he couldn't see, and constantly mistook Squaw Island for the freighter, or Lansing Shoals or the U.P. or a beer can. In any event, he was way off course. Buddy Martin was dispatched to chase him down, but caught him too late. The freighter had crossed just in front of us, effectively putting a 30'-wide slice of 2'- to 3'-thick chunks of broken ice and open water between us and the U.P.

I thought that would end our trip to Naubinway, but OH NO, not for the stubborn Irish. They tied a rope around Buzz (who didn't just volunteer, but

insisted) and sent him across the broken, floating floes, searching for a route to "the land of cold bubble up and Rainbow stew." Two things became obvious to me:

1) The less expendable went across first; and

2) The rope/safety device was futile, because if you fell between the ice floes, pulling you back through the giant cakes would be a crushing experience.

The process for crossing was relatively simple. Accelerate to as close to the middle of the floe. Let it settle down to level or above the next floe. Then accelerate from one to the next until you either a) crash and drown, or b) make it to the other side of the freighter's path.

We all made it, proving the existence of Irish Luck.

After some bravado and beer to celebrate our fjording, we all took off like bats from hell. My Ski Whiz was the slowest machine, so I slowly got left well behind. I could see some small dots on the horizon in front of me and then ... nothing.

Being on my first trip, I was a little concerned but I had the tracks of the others to follow. It was a nice day, and all was fine—until I was jumping snow moguls in the ice for a mile or so and landed unevenly. One of my skis broke off—KAPOW ROLL TUMBLE SKID STOP—leaving me on my backside, alone on frozen lake Michigan.

Suddenly all I could hear was the cracking and grinding of the ice. I knew it was just the sound of the expansion and contraction that had to be occurring all the time, but the knowledge didn't stop the hair on the back of my neck from standing up. I took stock, picked up the sled, rolled it back on its track, found the ski, and determined I was in deep trouble — NO FIXY.

I considered waiting, walking, laughing, or crying. None of my options sounded good.

I took a stab at starting the machine. Surprisingly, it ran. Through trial and error I discovered that if I put all my weight on one side I could go forward, gingerly, but I had to avoid bumps, moguls, or deep snow. That was pretty

much all the visible terrain.

After a few exhausting hours of what could not always be called progress I reached the Magical Land called the U.P. at the shore of its capital, Naubinway. But I could not sled into Naubinway because of the steep snow bank mother nature had built around the crystalline city. So near, and yet so far.

Having no choice, I left the machine on the shore and started walking to town. The gatekeeper stopped me and asked where I was going. When I told him "the Bar" (I wasn't sure which one, but thought I could recognize the gaggle of snow machines of the Beaver Island caravan) and explained my predicament, he helped me load the Ski Whiz on his pick-up. To be hospitable he took it to his shop and welded the ski back on before letting me repay him by buying him a beer—that's how I met Clarence "Below" Maudrie, who moved to Beaver Island a few years later.

The rest of the trip involved the usual drinking, fighting in the middle of US 2, and getting alternately kicked out of and feted in various bars and hotel establishments.

Blind Buzz ran a machine into our motel's metal arch and broke it off the building. It seems he had taken the wrong sled home from the bar, thinking it was his own. His sled had the brake and throttle reversed to accommodate the seven-finger configuration that his bad luck had brought him, and on the new sled he'd sped up when he should have slowed down.

On the way home we had some breakdowns. We left the broken sleds on the ice, doubling up riders to get home—repair crews with the right parts would be dispatched the next day. Clarence's weld held fine, and was still intact when the rest of that sled wore out. Once the sleds were fixed, the guys decided to run over to Mackinaw Island, and offered me the chance to come along. But I'd had enough, and didn't ride another snowmobile for 27 years.

Still, if I had to sum up that first trip, I would say, "A good time was had by all!"

— Jon Bonadeo





AN ISLAND OF WRITERS

17.

Beaver Island is renowned for the inspiration it provides, which stimulates artists and writers, and the peace it bestows, which allows artists and writers, once stimulated, to commit their ideas to canvas and paper. The *Beacon* has done a fair job of presenting the Island's visual artists, but a flurry of new books by Jim Jones, Bob Hoogendorn, and Frank Solle reminds us that our writers have been equally productive. Consequently here are some reviews.

Last year Jim Jones' *Reflections for my Grandchildren* was released by BookSurge Publishing. This is a very readable, well-thought-out collection of two kinds of essays, which through their alternation enhance each other. On the one hand Jim includes thirty epistles to his grandchildren, sent out each Christmas to detail the personal events and thoughts Jim and Judy shared during the years.

Shuffled in are his reflections on the issues of the day, epitomes of clear thinking drawing on Jim's broad background. Ranging from education, the environment, and fine arts to tactics of war, information theory, and cosmology, these sections explain complicated matters in easy-to-grasp, up-to-date terms. The interchange between the two forms presents an idealization of the modern man: immediately concerned with all the details of a large family, while also coming to terms with the increasingly complex issues of the day.

This is the kind of good book that can be read in an intense sitting or parceled out over several days.

Another good book that also imparts a high degree of satisfaction is Bob Hoogendorn's memoir of his early days, *Reflections of a Grateful Grandpa*, also published by BookSurge. After a preliminary overview of his first fifteen years growing up around Kalamazoo, Bob tells the reader, in the bulk of the book, what he can remember of the next fifteen years—his marriage to Peg, graduation from college, joining the marines, serving in Viet Nam, and returning to raise his family. The book

has a conversational grace, as if Bob were sitting across the table and telling his stories—and not objecting if his audience has to shut him up for awhile and go do some work.

In the last few decades the genre of personal narrative has been growing in popularity because of its authenticity and honesty, qualities Bob's book has in abundance. This is a good read, and not just for those who have "been there, done that."

Another kind of book, one full of deep reflections about life on Beaver Island, is the latest collection of poems by Frank Solle, *work / study : love* (Fort Solletude Press, solles@tds.net). Frank's stature as our resident poet has been growing, and this slender volume of 26 meditations shows why. To the question of "What do you do in the winter," one answer can be, "Why, write poetry", and, in Frank's case, write it well.

Beaver Island is always present in this book, sometimes by implication but at other times more explicitly. For example, in the poem *Elephant Island*, which hypothesizes different tourists, like the proverbial six blind men, trying to describe Beaver Island from their limited and partial experience. This excellent observation closes,

Meanwhile those who know the elephant

in its entirety, know it is what is, and smile,

having, over time, experienced all its grey and

wonderful wrinkles.

An accurate sentiment, although the longer one spends here, the more one learns that there will always be another wrinkle.

Another poem, *Still*, evokes the Island's stillness:

*Snowed in, again,
we go about our chores
as with any day in our
distant isolation.*

*We visit neighbors, travel
to town, look out across the harbor,
through the thickening white,
unable to see past the point,
yet in the distance we hear
the rumble of waves.*

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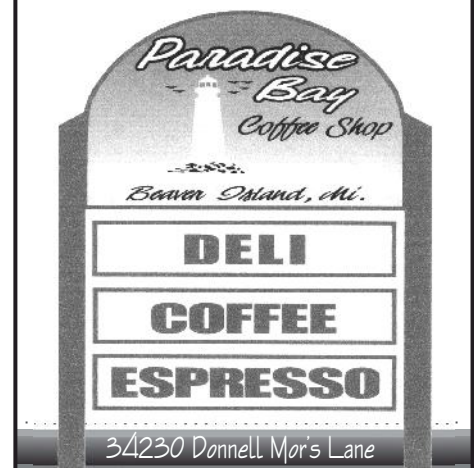
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STATE WANTS TO DROP SHIPWRECK CASE

Michigan wants to protect its control of a disputed find purporting to be the wreck of the *Griffin*, saying it has seen no additional evidence to support a claim that a famous 17th century ship is buried in northern Lake Michigan.

This October divers searching the site found nothing besides a single timber protruding from the lake bottom, a piece of wood that was photographed in 2003 or 2004, Assistant Attorney General Louis Reinwasser said. The disclosure was made in documents filed in federal court in Grand Rapids.

A group formed by Steve Libert called Great Lakes Exploration discovered the timber in 2001 and believes it may be the wreck of the *Griffin*, a vessel built by French

explorer La Salle, which sank in 1679.

La Salle's other ship, *La Belle*, was discovered in the mid-1990s off the Texas coast. With approval from France, Texas archaeologists recovered nearly 1,000,000 artifacts, from human bones to muskets, and publicly displayed many.

Great Lakes Exploration wants to be appointed custodian in the Michigan case, but the state is asking U.S. District Judge Robert Holmes Bell to dismiss the lawsuit, saying it controls any shipwreck that is embedded and abandoned. The precise location has not been publicly disclosed, but it's believed to be between Escanaba and the St. Martin Islands, near Wisconsin.

Divers working on Oct. 21-22 "found nothing ... that could possibly be

the remnants of a 17th century sailing vessel, with the exception of one wooden timber," Reinwasser said. In addition, an affidavit by state maritime archaeologist Wayne Lusardi was filed under seal. An attorney for Great Lakes Exploration said divers from the group were not invited.

"There's not just a piece of wood there. The wreck was scattered over time," Rick Robol, the attorney for GLE, stated. "Their arguments are not new, or relevant."

No one stepped forward after notices were published in The Grand Rapids Press and The Mining Journal in Marquette. But Robol said France has contacted the U. S. State Department about filing a claim. La Salle was sailing under the authority of a king.



ANTARCTICA DRAWS CLOSER

The Community Center has scheduled an afternoon (February 22nd) for a film and discussion on Sir Ernest Shackleton's 1914-16 Antarctic expedition, presented by filmmaker Rand Schackleton, an accomplished artist and writer from Cross Village and great grand-nephew of the expedition's leader.

This expedition started out well, but when the explorer's ship, the *Endurance*, was trapped in the ice, the situation the 28 men found themselves in seemed hopeless—yet they endured.

Many remember the first video on Beaver Island done by Rand a dozen or so years ago and sold at the time (2,000

copies) by the Chamber of Commerce. His second equally-graceful video elegy is available at several local outlets.

His other videos include one on Great Lakes freighters, with giant boats pounding through high waves, cracking pack-ice, and drifting in and out of fog banks on the St. Mary's River. It shows 45 different ships, including 1,000-footers and ocean-going vessels, which glide past farms, marshes, villages, and Beaver Island.

Six years ago Rand went south—way south—and created *Pure Antarctica*, which recreates his great-uncle's adventure—said to be the greatest survival story of all time. His

expedition carried a replica of the 22' *James Caird*, which took the original party from Cape Wild on Elephant Island to Cape Cove. Launching it allowed them to stage a re-enactment.

At one point a minke whale swam under his zodiac, and stayed within sight for over an hour, nudging him as if it wanted to play. Finding a pool warmed by a volcanic eruption from 40 years earlier, he took a bath.

At Grytviken, now just a mass of rusting whaling equipment, Rand found the small cemetery where Sir Ernest was buried in 1926, and conducted a memorial ceremony, followed by one more joyous, his marriage to his long-time friend Laura at a whaler's chapel.



THE CIRCLE OF LIFE

A mid-January day on the Island brings extraordinary peacefulness and quiet, a time to read, and think, and enjoy the solitude of being surrounded by the sparkling snow.

But the 18th brought a great opportunity to observe the archipelago from above. On the west side the ice bridge was just solidifying to High Island, with water still open on both sides.

Further north the ice was much more expansive. Despite the windswept temperature of 10°, tracks were visible on the shores of Garden, where cunning

coyotes often herd a deer from the Indian Harbor orchard down the narrowing open space and out onto the slick ice so it can't get traction and can be taken down for a much-needed meal.

None was observed today, though. Rounding Squaw, prints and a dig were spotted, but as anticipated, not the coyotes. Then passing Hog, and its seeming longest-point-on-earth, a lone coyote walked the archipelago. At the head of its endless track, its shadow was as long as its walk on this bone-chillingly cold day.

The next afternoon the opportunity of a lifetime presented itself as a pair of coyotes were spotted having taken down a deer on Garden's northern ice shelf. The skillful coyotes were smart enough to drag the carcass back off the glass-thin ice, where it had fallen, to a safer spot for their lunch.

As an eagle circled above, one coyote was spooked by the sound of the machine, but the other was too confident in its hunger to leave his dinner. Not a scrap would be wasted here in winter.



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 - ▶ Special fare and events for St. Patrick's day
- ▶ We are in the process of adding a "History" page to the Island Airways website. We have started this with multiple historic pictures of early aviation on Beaver Island as well as several articles about pioneering aviation to the Island. Do you have any information on the early years of aviation on Beaver Island? We would like to share as much information on this interesting topic. Please call (800 524 6895) or e-mail the information (angel@islandairways.com).
- ▶ All three web cams (two in Charlevoix and one at Welke Airport) are up and running. We have had a tremendous amount of positive feedback regarding these cameras. Please check them out and let us know what you think.
- ▶ There is a new business on Beaver Island: Beaver Island Business Growth, Inc. (BIBGROW). Check out the website (bibgrow.com) and look at Beaver Earth, leave your comments, or purchase a "My Beaver Island Gift Bag."



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DEFENDING OUR MONARCHS



Everyone knows our monarch butterflies, along with hundreds of millions of others, wing their way down to Mexico for the winter each November. Their migratory route is believed to be thousands of years old, and legends about the butterflies are rooted in native Mexican culture. Because the monarchs arrive around the Day of the Dead, many villagers believe they carry the souls of the departed revisiting the homeland. We worry about them, and are overjoyed when they return, frazzled and worn, in late spring.

Sitting here on Beaver Island, we aren't completely aware of how bad their life down there can be. A new report indicates that illegal logging is

making our monarch's winter vacation even more precarious. A dozen sawmills are processing illegal timber, fir and pine trees that came from forests in the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, where the butterflies spend the winter roosting in trees in concentrations so dense that their weight can snap off branches.

As the situation deteriorated, the butterflies refused to change destinations—even when their starting point was changed. In 1975 we learned that the monarchs continue to settle in the same forests their grandparents or great-grandparents had been in the year before, often staying in the same trees. In the 1980s loggers felled trees in the middle of the butterfly mating season, when tree branches and trunks were covered with tens of thousands of monarchs. It was brutal.

The monarchs in the Biosphere Reserve spend the coldest winter months huddled together in the trees, which provide just the right amount of humidity and warmth. As the weather warms in February, they become active. With a low-pitched whir they darken

the air as they fly around to mate and rehydrate. Remarkably, although they're concentrated at roughly 20 million per acre, the butterflies somehow manage to avoid bumping into each other.

In March they head off to Texas and other Gulf Coast regions to lay their eggs, after which they die; their offspring eventually head north to Michigan and beyond, repeating the cycle of mating, laying eggs and dying. The butterflies that return to Mexico next winter could be three or four generations removed from this year's occupants of the reserve, but somehow they'll know the route and even the precise groves of trees to land in.

This year might be a little better. When federal police and army soldiers moved into the monarchs' remote winter home in a rugged, mountainous region in Michoacán State, about 60 miles west of Mexico City, they didn't just put a small dent in Mexico's crime syndicates. They also made an important contribution toward preserving the world's biodiversity—and to allowing our butterflies to return with a smile.

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2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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February 5 - *Amelie* (page 9.)

February 19 - *Blue Velvet*

February 28 - Beaver Island Club of
Grand Rapids Party (page 32.)

March 4 - Chili Cook-Off (page 31.)

March 14 - St. Patrick's Day Games

June 26-28 - Beaver Island Air Show

featuring a B-25

July 16-18 - Beaver Island Music
Festival

July 20-25 - Museum Week 2009

July 30-August 2 - Baroque on
Beaver! - A Festival of Classical
Music

August 7-8 - Homecoming

September 5 - Run Beaver Island
Marathon and Half Marathon

October 3 - Bite of Beaver Island and
the Island Boodle





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FANNY

Have you ever been loved by a dog? If your answer was “no,” it’s really too bad. You still have time to change your mind, however. If you’ve never been loved by a dog you may not wish to read this story. On the other hand, maybe you should read it anyway—it might even make you smile. Dogs love you period. They don’t care what color your skin is, what religion you are, what political party you belong to, what you wear, who you sleep with, or what language you speak. In other words, dogs love unconditionally. Now isn’t that a nice concept? How about that for a friend and buddy?

Do you believe in angels? I do, even if they’re in the shape of Labrador Retrievers. Angels, dogs—what difference does it make; they both watch over you and make you feel good. I had such a dog for 12 ½ years. She died recently and I am starting to make my recovery from her loss.

Fanny was a Black Labrador in the style of the Old English Labradors—block head, heavy chest, incredible thick rudder tail, and a thick shiny coat. At her heaviest she was 75 pounds. Her eyes were more round than oval and were like liquid peanut butter. She had a pretty face accented by velvet ears. She came to live with us when she was eight weeks old, and my primary goal was to raise her to be a good house pet with manners.

She did not disappoint us. Fanny was not hard to live with. Unlike the now famous Marley (*Marley and Me*), she never gave us any grief. She did not get on the furniture, chew anything up, or disgrace us in any other way. She did, however, worm her way into the hearts of several of my friends, neighbors, and caretakers. At one time we had a rivalry over who would be her best “Fanny Nanny.”

She may not have been as entertaining as the sensational Marley, but she was a funny dog with goofy antics that kept us laughing through most of her life. When she came to live with us our Vet was Dave Norton. He told me to take her everywhere as a puppy that we wanted her to go as an adult dog. So, at three months she went salmon fishing with us on Lake Michigan for the first

time. What an experience! Once we had a double header and it was a Chinese fire drill getting two salmon landed and keeping one inquisitive pup out of the landing net before she ingested a fishing lure.

The following spring she was introduced to small-mouth fishing. I eased over the side of the boat to wade and cast and she dove in after me. I still caught fish!

Fanny loved to dive for rocks at the beach. She never really cared much for sticks and balls in the water, but rocks were high on her list. She would spot the one that caught her eye, roll it into the shallow water, and dive under to get it. This was, of course, very hard on her teeth. Every trip to the beach resulted in a rock delivered to the deck. Her cue to going to the beach was the question, “Do you want to go swinnin’ with bare-naked women?” She would tear across the deck and down the forty stairs to the beach, across the dune, and hit the water.

Most of the reason I live on Beaver Island is because I can ski, hike, snowshoe, and enjoy the out-of-doors. My buddy was Fanny. We got to know the Kuebler Trail in every season. She kept up with me whether I was on skis or foot. One of her favorite things was picnics in the woods in the fall and winter. Joe and I would build a fire and cook sausage sandwiches, and Fanny always knew she would get two especially-made homemade dog biscuits on that day.

Fanny had her favorite soft plush toys and she knew them all by name—her spider, pig, Charlie (who was a hedgehog), pheasant, duck, and blanket. She would drag one or two out every evening and parade around the table. We would lavish attention for a few minutes; then she was content for the rest of the evening.

The best thing about having a dog love you is the attention YOU get when you come home after an absence (this could be five minutes, five hours, five weeks, or five months). This is also the hardest thing when your dog leaves you permanently. You still hear them bark or think you hear them during the night, or look for them in the yard. When you open the door you expect them to be

there, and they aren’t.

I don’t know how you measure the impact a dog has on people other than the family. I do know that Fanny had a lot of fans and hence the cards, visits, phone calls, and gifts following her death. One card in particular had a message that spoke to me. It was sent by a dear friend. The card had a Native American verse on the cover:

There is no death

Only a change of worlds.

Enclosed in the card was this story:

“I can just imagine Fanny in Black Lab Heaven playing with all of those other labs. There are whites and chocolates too, but the black dogs dominate. They get to play whatever they want and the others have to go along with them.

“Fanny is the leader of the group. She knows the names of all the toys and games. The other dogs recognize her high intelligence. She is also kind and generous. Sometimes she gives them a bone, so they all love her.

“I am so sorry that Fanny has changed worlds and that we can’t be in her world anymore.”

A neighbor checked a book out of the library for me, titled *Dog Heaven*. It’s actually a book written for children to ease their mind about what has happened to their dog. In this book the dogs are in a heaven made especially for dogs—unlimited spaces to run and play, dog biscuits, etc. At one point an angel brings a dog back to earth to check on his owners, to sniff the yard and make sure everything is all right. Satisfied, the dog returns to dog heaven.

You can see that I have had lots of help. The best was yet to come, though, and that was on Christmas morning. As it was getting daylight I walked to the laundry room and looked outside to the back deck and yard. There in the sparkling deep fresh snow were a set of large dog prints.

The prints came up the driveway, up the steps to the deck, to the back door, and then continued off the deck out through the garden and away. I called to Joe to come and see. “Look,” I said, “Fanny came to visit us last night.”

Was it an angel, or was it Fanny Claus?

— Lois Williams

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28. COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE PLAN

Notice of Public Hearing

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing to accept public comments on the Draft Charlevoix County Future Land Use Plan at 7:15 p.m. on Thursday, February 12, 2009 in the Pine Lake Room at the Charlevoix County Building, 301 State Street, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Both written and verbal comments will be accepted at the Public Hearing. Written comments will also be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on February 12, 2009 by hand delivery or mail at the Charlevoix County Planning Department, 301 State Street, Suite 11, Charlevoix, Michigan, 49720; by fax at 231-547-7246 or by email to planning@charlevoixcounty.org.

Planning Department staff will also be available to discuss the Draft Plan at the Peaine Township Hall, 36825 Kings Highway on Beaver Island from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2009; at the Melrose Township Hall, 24289 M-75 N., Walloon Lake on Wednesday, February 11, 2009 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Copies of the Draft Plan are available for review at each of the Public Libraries in the County, at the Charlevoix County Planning Department, and online at www.charlevoixcounty.org. For more information, contact the Charlevoix County Planning Department at 231-547-7234 or planning@charlevoixcounty.org.

CATHERINE
GATLIFF
1923-2009

Catherine (Connaghan) Gatliff, "Georgie," passed away at age 86.

Georgie was born on Beaver Island on January 8, 1923, one of the "dancing Connaghan girls," and died on January 21, 2009. Georgie resided in Grosse Pointe Woods and was the wife of the late Paul "Danny," loving mother of Linda (the late Michael) Wearn, Gail (John) Craig, James, Carol Gillespie, Anthony (Margaret), and Perry. She was the beloved grandmother of Patrick, Thomas, Anthony, Timothy, Daniel, Bridget, and Brian. She was the great-grandmother of Mackenzie and Alyssa.

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CCRC GARAGE 29. INFRASTRUCTURE

The Charlevoix County Road Commission has planned projects worth over \$9.4 million to be part of president Obama's \$775 billion economic stimulus plan.

The CCRC is planning three major projects for 2009: a \$6.8 million road rebuilding of 13.65 miles of the Boyne City/Charlevoix Road, a \$1.8 million Ellsworth Road project on 3.79 miles of road from the Charlevoix/Antrim county line to East Jordan, and rebuilding the Road Commission garage here.

The CCRC is proposing to replace the white maintenance garage behind Beaver Island Marina, a long-cherished plan. The new garage would be between 9,000 and 10,000 ft², and would cost \$760,000. The current 2,000 ft² garage is 80 years old.

We will see if the new president's infrastructure stimulus package brings some construction to Beaver Island.

SCHOOL BOARD

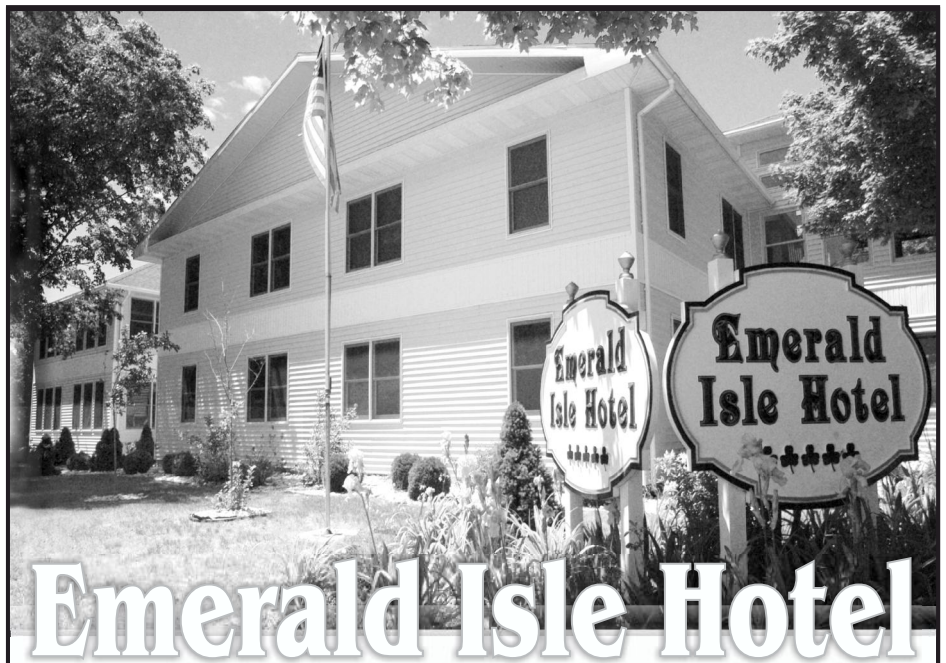
The filing deadline for open positions on the Beaver Island Community School Board is 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 10, 2009, at the St. James Township Clerk's Office. On May 5, 2009 voters will elect candidates to two four-year expired terms. Incumbent Brian Cole will be a candidate for reelection.

DOLORES GALLAGHER 1931-2009

Dolores Gallagher, 77, who with her husband Peter Doney turned over the southern half of Little Sand Bay to the Little Traverse Conservancy even though higher offers were on the table, passed away on December 2, 2008.

She was born in 1931 in Lansing to Frank and Mary Kraai. She operated a press at Metal Craft for 29 years, and then spent four years at Ligon in Almont until she retired.

She is survived by her daughters, Sharon (Kenneth) Wilcox, and Vickie (Alan) Gould, her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren. She will be buried at Holy Cross Cemetery next to Peter in the spring.



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VOTE EARLY AND VOTE OFTEN

Starting in 2002, the Chamber has now designated nine Beaver Island Citizens of the Year. The award is given each April for the person, couple, or organization who made the Island a better place to live,

work, and visit. In 2002 Don Vyse was named as the first Citizen of the Year 2001. The Beaver Island EMS was named in 2003, followed by Connie Wojan, the Beaver Island Hospice, Lil and Phil Gregg, Jim Wojan, John

Fiegen, and Pam Grassmick and Father Pat, co-designees in 2008. Each year some nominators have been frustrated that their candidate was not chosen, but the Chamber urges everyone to keep submitting and don't give up! After all,

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Jim Wojan - 2005 Citizen of the Year



Pam Grassmick - 2007 Citizen of the Year

GET COOKING!

if it wasn't challenging to pick a winner each year, if it were an easy giveaway, it wouldn't be an honor. So if you've already nominated someone who is long overdue, submit again! If not, put on your thinking cap and submit! (page 36.)

The Chili Cook-Off has been scheduled for Wednesday-March 4th 5:30-7:30 at the Shamrock Restaurant. Please have your chili entries there by 4:00 at the latest. Judging will start at 4:30 sharp! You can

either call Diane McDonough at 448-2164 with your entry, or take your entry to the Shamrock by 4:00 (please bring a ladle).

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Take me home
To the place where
I belong.

Emerald Island
Yours and my land
Gentle seas
Take me home.

All my mem'ries
Gather round her
Like the reefs
That surround her.

Beaver Island
My emerald island
Take me home,
Take me home.
—Carl Felix, 2009

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February 8: Pastor Roger Kleinheksel,
from Holland MI
February 15: Pastor Joseph Fox
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from Eastport MI
March: Pastor Howard Davis
April: Pastor Howard Davis

OUR MARATHON

The *Boodle* may have started a big thing on Beaver Island—just a couple weeks after being announced and in the heart of winter, 30 runners have already paid their entry fee for the September 5th *Beaver Island Marathon*!

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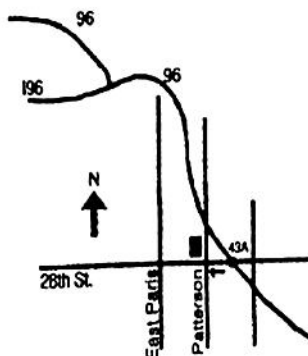
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from Joyce Bartels

Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

Since F. Protar's 1909 diary, beginning with February, exists, his weather notes will resume.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 4, 1909 **Local News:** "The St. James tug *Margaret McCann* is a victim of the *Violet* job. In an effort to make a landing at the Cross Village dock, she struck a sunken crib, breaking a chunk out of one of the buckets of her wheel and bending her shoe. She came here Thursday for repairs, Capt. McCann hoping to reach home before the wind changed, but on Friday a cable message stating that the ice had come down from the north and entirely blocked the east shore of the Island. Monday afternoon, however, the ice opened up on both shores, and the *McCann* started out at eight o'clock that evening, reaching home safely at midnight."

Front Page Article:

"TUG VIOLET

IN CHARLEVOIX HARBOR"

NORTHERLY WIND BREAKS TUG LOOSE

— BROUGHT IN BY TUG *PARMALEE*

SAID TO BE DAMAGED VERY LITTLE

The tug *Violet*, which was imprisoned in the ice of Cross Village a week, lies in Charlevoix harbor very little the worse for her rough experience.

After several unsuccessful attempts

by three tugs to release her, she was abandoned Friday. The crew was taken off by the tug *Parmalee*. They arrived here Friday night. All live at St. James.

Saturday a high northerly wind broke the ice loose, and about 10 o'clock the *Violet* was seen drifting and rolling heavily to the northward of this port. At noon she was a mile off the pier, and the tug *Parmalee* went out and picked her up.

She was very little damaged. On board was some miscellaneous freight and a lot of household goods, which were put off on the ice. Ed Martin was her master; Barney Martin engineer. Charles Cross was a passenger.

And here follows another strange feature of the case. Sunday morning the household goods were discovered in the ice about two miles off this port. The cold snap of Saturday night had frozen the ice solid for miles out.

The owner of the goods is here with his family, having come with the hope of reaching the Island this winter. He represents the concern that is building a sawmill at the head of the Island.

Later — The *Violet* left here under convoy of the *McCann* Monday evening, and arrived at St. James at Mid-

night. (Note: February 9-10 Snowstorms, even layer 20" F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 11, 1909 **Local News:** "The tug *Geiken*, Capt. Geiken, made a Beaver Island mail trip Friday, encountering no ice to speak off."

"Cable advices from St. James state that there are but nine inches of ice in the harbor, and the ice harvest is not yet begun."

"It is intended that an effort will be made Friday or Saturday of this week to make a Cross Village mail trip. Everybody was well on the Island yesterday."

Beaver Island News: "Well, Well! Beaver Island is to have a brass band. The instruments are expected almost any time now. 'Begorra' who would O'thought it?"

"Not within the memory of the oldest resident has the perch fishing with hook and line been so good as it is at the present time. Some fine catches are being made. Not a few of the finny beauties measure fifteen inches and weigh upwards of two pounds each."

"Capt. Ed Martin takes this means of thanking the inhabitants of Cross Village for their kindness during the

continued on page 34



34. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 33. time his tug was fast in the ice of that port."

"The rag-time dance given last week for the benefit of the band boys, was a decided success. Miss May Gallagher capturing the lady's price (sic) and Will Gibson the gent's."

"E. C. Ledtkie who has been on the sick list the past two weeks is reported to be improving very rapidly."

"Oscar Martin has cut his gas launch in two and put five feet into her. When completed she will be the trimmest little craft in the harbor."

"Capt. C. C. Allers, is confined to the house with an attack of pneumonia."

"Born to Mr. And Mrs. Herman Pishner (sic), February 1st, a girl."

"Daniel R. Green came very near losing a valuable team one day last week by getting in the ice."

"Skating is excellent so far this

winter. For several days last month the whole harbor formed one vast rink."

"Mr. Frank Donlevy, who has been on the sick list for several days is reported better."

"We are under the impression that the fastest time ever made in fitting out a tug was made by Capt. John McCann. Three hours from the time he started he had his tug ready and was on the way to the assistance of the tug *Violet*."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 12, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Rev. Clement J. Strang will occupy the Congregational Pulpit Sunday." (Note: Clement J. Strang was the second son of James J. 'King' Strang and Elvira Field) (Note: *February 12 Last boat mail. F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 18, 1909 **Local News:** "The post-master at St. James on Monday ordered the Beaver Island mail sent to

Cross Village, the mail having left there Monday morning. The carriers, however, were unable to cross the channel and returned to Beaver Island Tuesday." (Note: *February 19 Steady snowfall 13" 28 degrees F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 25, 1909 **Local News:** "No mail from Beaver Island by the ice route, and there is very little prospects of getting one this spring. It is the first time in many years that this has occurred, and the Island people are walking the floor."

"Cable advices from Beaver Island yesterday stated that, although the entire Island coast from the north channel to the head was hemmed in by ice, open water could be seen about six miles from the harbor. No water can be seen in Lake Michigan from this port. A few more cold nights like that of Wednesday will bridge the Cross Village channel and open mail communications."

EDWARD NEUROHR 1930-2009

Edward "Bah" Neurohr, 78, of Traverse City, formerly of Atlanta, Ga., and Beaver Island, passed away suddenly on Jan. 21, 2009.

Eddie was born in Flint on Aug. 8, 1930, to John and Augusta Neurohr. He married Merriam Neurohr. After completing an apprenticeship at General Motors, he worked at Lockheed, eventually opening Bella Pizza restaurant in Sandy Springs (Atlanta). He and

Merriam operated Bella Pizza for 24 years.

Upon retiring, they traveled extensively in their motor home, vacationing and visiting family. Despite recent health challenges, Eddie's lifelong love affair with cars continued, and he loved to spend time behind the wheel, often driving all over Michigan to visit family or his favorite spot for lunch.

He is survived by his daughter and

son-in-law, Susan and Dennis Winslow of Traverse City; son and daughter-in-law, Rich and Debbie Neurohr of Las Vegas; son and daughter-in-law, Avi and Tresa Neurohr of Chicago; grandchildren, Allison, Rachel and Jessie Winslow, and Ella and Langston Neurohr. Eddie was preceded in death by his wife, Merriam; daughter, Ellie; and siblings, John and Joe Neurohr, Helen Vlaz, and Marge Jackson.



Art Cam's' mail plane

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Nomination Form

Two possible awards: Individual and Organization

The award(s) will honor an individual, couple or community organization that has made a significant contribution to making Beaver Island a better place to live, work or visit.

My name is _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I would like to nominate _____

- ✓ Please write 3 or 4 paragraphs, typed preferred, see criteria above
- ✓ Mail to: Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 5, Beaver Island, MI 49782

Deadline is Saturday April 4, 2009

Questions: Call Steve West, Mon. – Friday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00, at (231) 448-2505

Banquet will be Saturday, April 25 at the Beaver Island Lodge
For Banquet info contact the Lodge at (231) 448-2396

Limited seating, reservations recommended.

ICE CLASSIC

The tower for the annual Beaver Island Ice Classic is sitting on thick ice next to the Beaver Island Marina. Tickets are available at McDonough's, the Beaver Island Community Center, and from board members.

This year you get 6 (six) guesses for \$20. The one closest to the month, date, hour and minute the tower goes into the water shares in 50% of the total amount; last year's winner received over \$1,000. The net proceeds go towards the operation of the Center.

HELP REDUCE FERAL CAT POP.

Urgent call for donations!

The Beaver Island Animal Fund has paid for so many free spay and neuterings, medicine, food, shots and surgery that we've depleted our funds.

100% of all funds go directly to paying for animal care. We have donation boxes at Fresh Air Aviation, the Health Center, Montague and the Hardware Store. Or you can talk to Cindy Ricksgers (our treasurer).

We are so pleased with all those who have brought in wild cats in support of our goal to reduce the feral cat population on the Island. We cannot thank Jeff Powers enough for all the reduced rates he's provided. The funds have gone a long way to helping the critters. Thanks to all who have supported in the past and we ask for your help again.

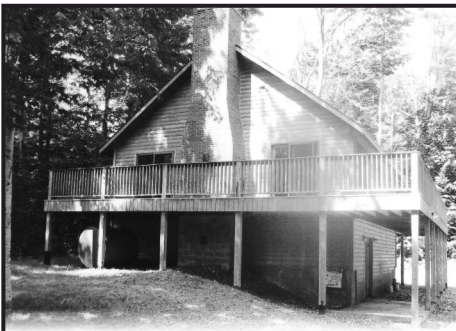
If your business would like to have a donation box, just let us know.

Thank You,

Adam Wirth and Cindy Ricksgers

OLD EPIRBs GO THE WAY OF OLD TVs

Beginning February 1st, 2009, the U.S. Coast Guard and other search-and-rescue personnel will only receive distress alerts using digital 406 MHz Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons. Search and rescue satellites will no longer process older model analog EPIRBs that only transmit on 121.5 or 243 MHz.



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

Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces
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Road just four-tenth's of a mile from town
and the Emerald Isle Hotel. These lots have
access to their interior (north side) off Innis-
free 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 imme-
diately 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 Innis-
free Lane. These large homesites are really
hard to find close to town; the nearest any-
one 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 Condo-
minium 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

LAKE GENESERATH - Beautiful
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40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD -
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LAKE GENESERATH - Lot For
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Properties (231) 448-2923

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TWO LOTS IN THE PORT ST. JAMES
- near Font Lake. Perked, wooded,
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PROTECTED HARBOR SITE -
60' Lake frontage by 250' deep. North of the
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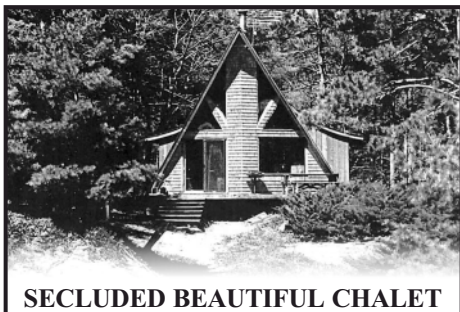
ALLEN HARBOR-LAKE FRONT: One block W. of marina. Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. \$1,400/week. Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net or www.allenfoggcottages.com



BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT: Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1½ baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (941) 921-2233 or (317) 769-6563



DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE: 3 BR, 2 BA, full kitchen, W/D, fireplace, secluded patio & deck surrounded by pines and bluff and overlooking one of Beaver Island's best beaches. \$850 per week June-September; winter rates available. Call (734) 996-3973 or suziqlp16@comcast.net



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

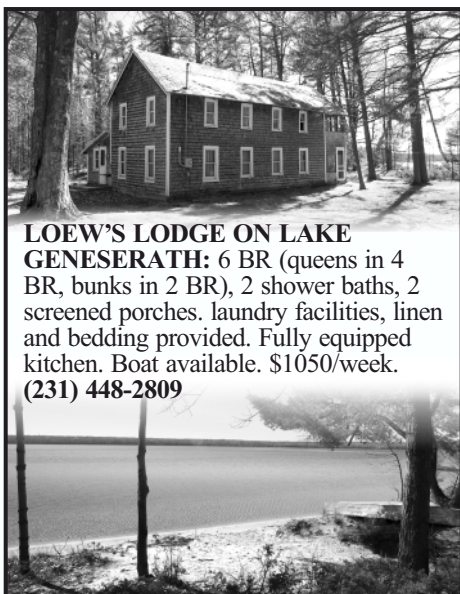


BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE on a wooded lot. This chalet-style cottage is new, bright and airy with a large front room and cathedral ceiling, lots of windows, and double sliding glass doors. Convenient access to the best beach on the island. Only \$675/week. Off-season \$425. Call (517) 927-2374 nprawat@yahoo.com



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HOUSE ON WICKLOW BEACH FOR RENT - sleeps 6. \$875/week weekly rental. Contact Ryan or Kerry Smith ryanandkerry@tds.net or (231) 448-2601.



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

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

WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake front. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1 ½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

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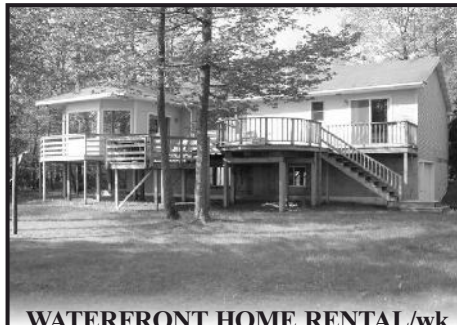


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www.islandaerie.net . Jan@islandaerie.net

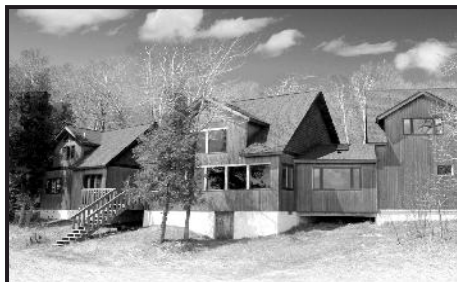
THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. 4 BR/2 Bath; W/D; Four bedrooms, three rooms with double beds and one room with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer/dryer, TV,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

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

WEEKLY RENTAL - Harbor Beach Two-bedroom Condos. \$600/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.

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