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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

St. James held its monthly meeting on April 1st as the Coast Guard's ice-breaker was making three passes from the edge of the ice well inside the harbor mouth to the ferry dock and back.

The just-passed budget had to be amended to include two \$2,500 hangar payments instead of one. \$1,500 of the needed \$2,500 will come from a reduction in the *phragmites* outlay; landscaping, lawn mowing, and restroom work were slightly reduced to provide the other \$1,000.

There are three vacancies on the Library Board, which will be posted as staggered terms.

Gerald LaFreniere and Garrett Cole appeared, asking for support from the Township for a Coast Guard Appreciation Day, tentatively set for June 20th. Not only has the Coast Guard been of historic importance, but they continue to perform vital services, evacuating medical emergencies and replenishing fuel supplies. The plans are being formulated, hopefully involving a morning demo/training water rescue section, a lunch at the Community Center, a tour of their equipment, and the presentation of letters of support and a plaque.

An audience member said he had spoken with the Township's auditor, who had said that townships should have a maximum figure for the cost of work done without bid, and wanted to know if St. James had such a figure.

The answer was "no."

Another audience member said that he thought the Township's budget should include the fund balances at beginning and end of the year, and remarked that the total current balances seemed unnecessarily high; he wondered if millages could be reduced.

The name John Adams gave to his access road, "Innisfree Lane," was formally approved.

Peaine Township

Thick packets of information were distributed at the Peaine Town Board meeting. One was a five-page comparison of budget versus actual for the twelve months ending on 3-31-09. In terms of revenue, the Airport Fund and the Road Fund fell short of projections (by \$19,182 and \$9,665, respectively), but the General Fund and the Waste Management Fund did better than anticipated (by \$31,974 and \$2,345), so that the ~\$800,000 operation was over \$5,000 in the black. Expenses ran \$110,000 under the budget en toto; the Airport came in at \$36,650 under, Roads \$35,780 under, and the Township Board's operations \$20,270 under.

Another report listed all of the fund balances. Those solely within Peaine were the General Fund (\$163,084), Roads (\$88,987), Fire Hall (\$31,874), and Liquor Enforcement (\$604). Those shared with St. James were the Airport (\$78,586), EMS (\$52,030), and Waste Management (\$132,181).

The meeting began with a public



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comment session. The same question about when bids were required was asked, to which the supervisor assured the audience that the Board would work on establishing a threshold. Kathy Tidmore spoke about the Townships' cemetery (see page 10), saying that it could hold another 300 patrons, so if the current burial rate of one or two a year was maintained there was not much need to acquire additional land. Ken Taylor commented on a letter he had written, which had been included in the packet, saying that many taxpayers would like to see a reduction in millage if the current rate isn't needed.

The supervisor turned to the matter of vacancies, in particular the Waste Management Committee, to which each Township appoints three members. St. James' were all Board members, so it had a quorum present at every Committee meeting. Peaine had Pete LoDico, but its other two seats were vacant. There were two applications for this, from Jim Birdsall and Tom Kludt, and they were unanimously approved—and asked to get to work immediately on reviewing the WM systems, particularly freight costs. The Board agreed to develop rules and guidelines for what the WMC could and should do.

Next came the Airport Committee, also with three members from each Township. All of Peaine's appointees' terms had expired, so three openings will be posted; some former members

may reapply. The Zoning Board of Appeals had two expired terms, and these openings will be posted. The Cemetery Committee has two members from each Township. From Peaine they had been John and Carolyn Works, with John also serving as sexton. But the Supervisor's study of the Township minutes for the past twelve years, which led to the discovery of so many vacancies, also unearthed the fact that John had not been re-appointed within the past three years, so his term also was technically expired.

Pam Grassmick spoke about the need for the Townships to appoint a *Phragmites* Administrator to work on the problem of invasives; a list of 18 duties was included in the packet. The estimate of time included weekly updating of the master map from letters giving spraying permission, which arrive every day (633 requests were mailed), perhaps 55 hours walking the Island's perimeter, time working with the spraying crew, and unknown time spent getting permits, checking on results, instigating legal action when it is needed, and corresponding with all the other communities just awakening to this universal lakeside danger. The Board voted to post this job opening.

Krys Lyle requested the Planning Commission purchase a computer and flat-bed scanner so she can stop using her own, especially now that she's been assigned the task

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
of digitizing (and also protecting the digitized copies offsite) Township records. The projected cost was \$2,647.95.

There was a discussion of dust control, of whether to accept the CCRC's feeling that the mainland's

TDS PLANNED DSL EXPANSION

TDS is planning a launch of DSL to the entire Island. Several major projects are being implemented in an effort to get DSL to the businesses and residents of Beaver Island as quickly as possible.

First, TDS has to upgrade all of the DSAs on the Island (there are 5 additional DSAs to be converted).

TOWNSHIP HEARS ISLAND-WIDE

On April 28th another high-speed Internet option, this one wireless, was described by Cherry Capital Connections' CEO Tim Maylone to an informal group of 14 Beaver Islanders at the Peaine Hall. Maylone's company, based in Elk Rapids, has been linking high-speed coverage in northwest lower Michigan during its eight years of operation. He has had his eye on Beaver Island for over five years as part of his overall network.

He spent the morning looking at obstacles presented by our geography on an Island tour given by Kevin Boyle and Bill McDonough. Afterwards he spoke with the group about the feasibility of his plan, which involves using our 180' towers and several "repeaters" to transform selected homes (perhaps 15) into rebroadcasting stations. He would connect to the mainland at two points

38%-calcium chloride solution at 88¢ is a more prudent expenditure than a local contractor's 26% 60¢ solution. The decision was to get more information about the options.

The matter of road gravel was also brought up. A broader search for bids to provide gravel will be undertaken.

Second, TDS has to upgrade the Island microwave to accommodate the needs of additional DSL subscribers.

Lastly, TDS has to add additional backhaul to the Island via the microwave to transport the data to the mainland and out to the Internet.

This DSL conversion is a major

(the north end to Good Hart; the south end to the St. Mary's cement plant in Charlevoix) to provide redundancy.

He could provide up to 3M/3M high-speed Internet service to almost everyone on Beaver Island—plus SIP-based VoIP and, 1½ - 2 years later, TV, at a monthly cost and with download speeds comparing favorably with the current TDS DSL service and higher upload speeds—except DSL is connected for free whereas the wireless system would require the installation of antennas at a cost of ~\$450. (Perhaps some portion of this could be subsidized by other funding.)

CCC is part of an effort to bring high-speed internet to 19 northern lower Michigan counties through a \$40,000,000 grant, and if this happens it will set up here and hope for at least 30 customers (his goal is 200) to justify its

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Garrett Cole and Gerald LaFreniere asked for a letter of support for a Coast Guard Appreciation Day, which was approved.

The Wildlife Club plans to frighten cormorants in the harbor and Lake Geneserath (see page 24.)

Terry Saxton resigned from the

Trails Committee, which is now 7. down to two members (Doug Tilly and Jim Luteyn). The Board would like to increase this to seven, and plans to post the five vacancies.

The Board resolved to conduct all Township business in compliance with the Open Meetings Act.

ISLAND-WIDE

project. As a result, the time from an approved engineering plan to delivery to the customers is longer than the initial install of DSL in 2008. TDS is planning to have DSL to the entire Island sometime in the summer months. Of course, this is a large window. However, because of the detail

involved within the projects a better timeline can't be provided at this time.

TDS is committed to Beaver Island's businesses and residents. It has committed the necessary capital to deploy DSL throughout the Island. The costs of the total project will exceed several hundred thousand dollars.

INTERNET PROJECT POSSIBILITY

effort. If this mega-grant does not happen, three numbers were put forth: \$20,000; \$125,000; and ~\$40,000. CCC would begin work on "lighting up" the Island immediately if \$125,000 appeared (completing installation might take four months).

Part of the needed \$125,000 is the \$20,000 mentioned, the cost of an engineering survey, which would take a month to identify whatever areas can't be reached with repeaters; from his past experience, Tim Maylone thought there would be a few problem areas, and an additional \$40,000 would be required to implement special strategies to reach every single household. Thus for about \$165,000 every location here could have broadband service.

The mega-grant won't be determined for some time. If we want to jumpstart the process we could provide

the needed funds ourselves, either through a grant to the Townships, a loan to the Townships, or private investment. With the current economy, CCC would not invest this themselves. On Mackinac Island their provision of profitable service to one major commercial facility allowed them to reinvest in providing connectivity to the rest of the Island, but there is not currently such an opportunity for them on Beaver.

The value of such an investment is difficult to project because the start-up is a business of hard work and relatively lean margins for later market share and return. The competition could be beneficial for all Islanders, though. Broadband appears close for south-enders.

Both Township supervisors were at the meeting, and another meeting of Island powers will be held to discuss how to proceed.

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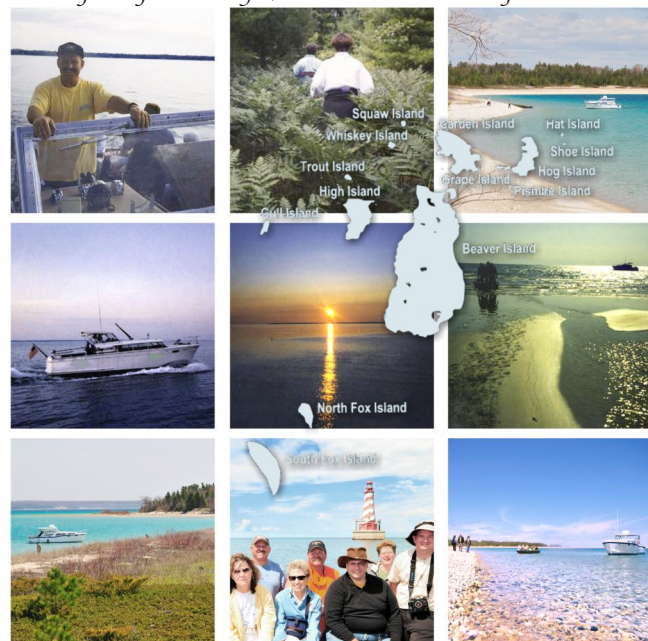
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A WHIZ OF A QUIZ TEAM

by Frank Solle

Being the smallest of 32 teams from across the state to gather at MSU on April 24-25 to participate in the 2009 Class C/D State Championship Quiz Bowl? Just the way it is when you're from Beaver Island.

Facing a team from a school nearly seven times as large as yours in your first-ever appearance at this yearly event? Daunting, but not undoable.

Claiming a win in your first-ever contest at the state level? Oh yeah, that's priceless.

"It was a great experience," said BICS senior Maeve Green, a member of the Island's Nerd Herd—otherwise known as the school's National Honor Society, of the trip downstate and the opportunity to participate at the top level of quiz bowl competition.

Joining Green were fellow seniors Caitlin Boyle and Patrick Cull, along with juniors Alex Kuligowski and Kristy Bousquet. The team is coached by teacher Connie Boyle.

"We were all very proud of our performance," coach Boyle said. "It was

great to qualify for the state tournament and a lot of fun to win our first match."

The Island team faced Kingston in its first match, another of only a handful of Class D teams in the field, and bested them quite easily 350-160. "When we beat them like that, we said, 'Cool, we can actually do this'," said team member Caitlin Boyle.

Caitlin also explained there were a wide variety of questions involved, covering topics such as math, chemistry, geography, history, art, and literature. "We had five seconds to answer once we buzzed in, except for math questions which we had 10 seconds to answer."

Being one of only two Class D teams to win its first match (Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart defeated Rudyard in its first match), the *Islanders* advanced to face a strong Class C team from Dryden, victors over St. Philip Catholic Central of Battle Creek, last year's second place team. St. Philip recovered from that loss to finish tied for fifth in this year's double-elimination tournament, the top Class D finish.

The experience of Dryden proved to be too much as they claimed a 445-205 decision over the Nerd Herd. After the match the Dryden coach explained that they compete every week throughout both the fall and spring seasons. "We put up a good fight," Caitlin said of the Herd, "but they were really fast with the buzzers."

The loss to Dryden put the Island kids up against another strong Class C team, Fulton, on Saturday morning. Fulton opened the Saturday action by easily topping Rudyard in a match the *Islanders* watched. "We were a little worried when Rudyard spent most of the first half in negative numbers," coach Boyle said of watching the Fulton kids in action. "But we were ready when our time came."

The Island team jumped out to a big 70-0 lead, causing a number of worried looks between the Fulton team and their coach. Fulton eventually closed the gap and took a lead, but the Herd kept the game close before the final 495-375 decision went Fulton's way. *continued on page 10.*



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10. *Quiz, continued from page 9.*

"It was an excellent game," coach Boyle said. "Both teams answered a lot of difficult questions." Kalazamoo

ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Starting May 5 - **Computer Classes:** Tuesday and Thursday at 7:00 at BICS (\$25).

May 10: Tim Locker **leads worship** at B. I. Christian Church

May 17: Ron Geschwendt **leads worship** at B. I. Christian Church

May 17: **Scrabble Season Playoff** 2:00 pm at the Community Center

May 17: **Sunday Dinner** at the Community Center 11:00 -1:00

May 16 Community **Swing Lessons, Swing Dance and Performance with Jive at Five**

May 23 - Formal **Dedication of the New School** 11:00 a.m.

May 24: Harold Kruse **leads worship** at B. I. Christian Church

May 30: Summer Season Kick-off at the Community Center! **Whitey Morgan and the 78s with P-A-U-L and the Harper Woods Heroes**

Christian was the eventual winner, needing a rematch against Nouvel Catholic Central from Saginaw to claim the title. White Cloud finished third. All three

May 31: Harold Kruse **leads worship** at B. I. Christian Church

June, July, August: Howard Davis at the B. I. Christian Church

June 13 - Health and **Wellness Fare:** 11:00 to 2:00 at BIRHC

June 20-21 - **Solstice Weekend at Tara's Meadow:** live Celtic music; Irish Olympics; May Pole dance; Blarney Tales around the campfire; Tara's Meadow center "open house"; Small Sunday tour of Beaver Island, and more

June 22 - **Wind Farm** Presentation, 7-9 p.m. at the Peaine Twp. Hall.

June 26-27 - the second **Beaver Island Electric Car Show**

June 26-28 - **Beaver Island Air Show** featuring a B-25

June 30, July 1, July 2 - Please Join Us for a **Rockin, Stompin Bayou Blast at Vacation Bible School** 9:30 11:30. For children ages 3-12 at the

TAKE CARE OF THE CEMETERY

There is some talk about planned work at the Township Cemetery. I live right in front of it and often wander through it because of the cool serenity there in the summer. I also have a few relatives there who I like to visit. There are number of Unknowns buried there, some of them Native Americans. I also see summer strollers pause there and inspect the old headstones. The fence is in need of replacement due to rust and

heavy snow, but I would not like to see too much done over there. The same fencing is still available. The trees need drastic trimming by somebody who knows what they are doing.

The ground is cushioned with a comfortable layer of moss accumulated over the many years. The ground undulates in a series of dips and rises with the natural changes of time. I would not like to see these altered with

THANKS

Thanks to everyone for the cards, letters, phone calls, and visits I received while in the hospital. Most of all I thank you for all your prayers. God is good! The leukemia is in remission.

Special thanks to the organizers from Holy Cross and the Christian Church for the "Sweets for Sweetie" silent auction held at the Easter Brunch. Thanks to all who brought desserts and candy, and to all who bid on them. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated.

—Laraine and Larry Dawson,
and Sweetie



schools are Class C with enrollments over 340 students. Two other area schools, Charlevoix and Northwest Academy, competed at the state tourna-

ment, with both bowing out in two matches. "No one was disappointed we lost," Caitlin said. "We really did well for our first attempt at state."

B. I. Christian Church. Family Picnic following VBS on Thursday, July 2. No charge, sponsored by: B. I. Christian Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, and the St. James Episcopal Mission. Register early: Debbie 448-2048 or debbier@beaverisland.k12.mi.us or Jayne Bailey 448-2933 or jaynekb@yahoo.com

July 4 - the **parade**, the **carnival**, and enter your boat in the **Clyde Fogg Memorial Boat Parade**; enjoy **fireworks** over the harbor that evening.

July 13 - **Beaver Island Association Annual Meeting** 7:30 Peaine Hall

July 16-18 - **Beaver Island Music Festival** - www.bimf.net

July 20-25 - **Museum Week 2009**: Music on the Porch; Three-day Art Show; see the Protar Home; learn about shipwrecks; and meet authors George Anthony/Kevin O'Donnell.

fill and a coat of new grass that would require much more mowing and would destroy the unique character of this piece of Beaver Island patrimony. It would also not make any sense to add property as there are currently 300 open sites for burial.

Whenever there is need to work on any of the historical sites of the Island, I would like to see a committee of historical society members and some of

July 30-August 2 - **Baroque on Beaver!** - A Festival of Classical Music 7-30 Small Ensemble Performances at Gillingham Auditorium. 7-31 Orchestra Performance at Community Center. 8-1 Orchestra and Chorus at Holy Cross Hall. 8-2 Orchestra and Chorus at Holy Cross Hall. (Martha Guth performs Fri., Sat., and Sun.)

August 1 - **Meet the Artists** at Livingstone Studio 12-5

August 7-8 - **Homecoming**

September 5 - **Run Beaver Island Marathon** and Half Marathon, slated to be certified as a Boston Marathon qualifying event.

September 18-20 - The **Celtic Games** return: bagpipers, drummers, dancers, artisans, demonstrations, fabulous food, fun, and feats of strength! Irish group **SLIDE** Friday night at the B. I. Community Center!

October 3 - **The Bite & Island Boodle**

our outstanding Island contractors who could study projects and advise the best modifications when necessary.

Beside the fact that we love the connection we feel to our past here, our community is dependent upon visitors to move our economy, and we must take care not to destroy that which makes us unique. There is still some aura of our past history here. Let's not destroy it by fixing it or filling it. —Kathy Tidmore

WHITE LOONS

On the cover: Did the loons get extremely large this winter? Do they turn white in the winter? Well, no. This year the loons that always nest on the small Island on Barney's Lake returned to find that Island real estate values had gone dramatically up this year. A pair of white swans had moved in and decided they'd take the loon's Island home. Hopefully the loons will be able to find a suitable new protected spot.

On the back cover: the beginning of the month brought great eagle sightings on the south side of the harbor as the ice melted away from shore.



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On April 29th, Phil Gregg, 84, quietly entered heavens' safe harbor.

Born on February 2, 1925 in Allegan, Michigan to O.I. and Irma (Muzzall), Phil was the youngest of five. He attended school in East Lansing but joined the United States Navy on his 18th birthday. He served

proudly as a member of the crew of the *USS DeHaven* DD-727, seeing much action during World War II and experiencing the basis for many of his fabulous stories — typhoons, tattooing, shore-leave. He received an honorable discharge on his 21st birthday.

Upon his return home he worked in bridge construction. On a blind date he met his future bride, Lillian MacDonald, and proposed on the grounds of the Michigan state capitol building as he was walking her back to her apartment. They were married on June 21, 1947 in Richmond, Michigan.

During the ensuing years they began their family in East Lansing, Michigan, where Phil worked for Michigan State University as a master locksmith, with the arrival of daughters Phyllis and, three years later, Ruth Ellen. In 1960 they pulled up stakes and with all their belongings, plus a sailboat, moved to Beaver Island where Phil and his partner, Walker Hill, had purchased an old sawmill and a large portion of harbor frontage to build a marina. For over 25 years they operated Beaver Haven Marina where they



provided for boats, Island tours, bike/car rentals, tire repair, snowmobile sales, a taxi, and water rescues—which gave Phil more fuel for Island stories.

It wasn't long after moving to the Island that they added another member to the family with the addition of Ronald Stuart, whose birth alone provided some great tales.



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Like most Islanders, Phil held a variety of jobs throughout the years besides being a husband and father: harbormaster, St. James Township clerk, Charlevoix County Road commission worker under Donald Cole, Walt Wojan Construction, Charlevoix County deputy sheriff, Beaver Island Boat Company crew member, Boys Club, Beaver Island Boy Scout troop leader, one of the founders of the Beaver Island Christian Church and a board member there, St. James cemetery sextant, served many years on the Beaver Island Community School board, treasurer for the Beaver Island AmVets, president and long-time Historical Society member, and locksmithing.

Despite suffering a severe heart-attack, he surprised the medical community by continuing his adventures at record pace, giving us 35 more years of wonderful stories.

Phil is survived by his loving wife, Lillian; children Phyllis (Joe) Moore of Beaver Island, Ruthie Gregg of Charlevoix, and Ronald (Ann) Gregg of Clarksville, Tennessee; grandchildren



Angela (Kevin) Mogford, Philip (Jessica) Moore, Michael (Danielle) Himebauch, Courtney Moore, Thomas Gregg, Kayleigh Gregg, and Andrea Moore; and three great-grandchildren: Victoria Mogford, Philip Mogford and Lillian Moore.

A memorial service was held at the Beaver Island Christian Church

officiated by Reverend Howard Davis on May 6th at 11:00 a.m. Memorials may be made to the Beaver Island Christian Church or to the Gregg Fellowship Center.

THANKS

We would like to thank everyone for the wonderful support during Phil's last illness. The outpouring of cards, letters, visits (both in the hospital and at home), meals, gifts, phone calls, the help with whatever needed doing, the home visits by Chris, Sue, and Donna from the Rural Health Center, the use of the hospital bed by Hospice, and especially the prayers.

The love from this wonderful community has made us all realize what a loving place it truly is. Because of all that has been done for us, we are unable to send individual cards, but please know that we truly appreciate all that you have done while Phil was ill.

And thanks to the EMS drivers who took Dad for a last ride past the Lighthouse on his final departure.

—The Gregg family, Lil, Ruthie, Phyllis and Joe, Ron and Ann



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14. CITIZEN OF THIS YEAR

Eighty-eight people crowded into the Shamrock on April 25th for the unveiling of the 8th Citizen of the Year. The food was great, the buzz animating, and the camaraderie tangible from this good cross-section of a tightly-knit community.

Dianna Stampfler gave the crowd a pep talk about taking the next step forward in promulgating the "Beaver Island is Beautiful" message digitally to the world at large. She was ready to help each Chamber member, and met with several after the featured presentation.

After Director Steve West showed off the new brochure, President Kathy Speck took the mike, and thanked all those who had helped bring the organization to its current level of success.

She started by reading an excerpt from one nomination, which she thought summed up the reason they had gathered. "It has been my privilege to submit nominations for this prestigious honor since the Chamber began the annual award to someone who makes Beaver Island 'a better place to live, work and visit'," she quoted. "I heartily support the acknowledgment of those who make a difference and make the Island such a unique place."

The Chamber received 17 nominations this year, a record number, which indicated that people notice the good that these people do in our community. Kathy presented the nominees, and read excerpts from each one:

For Jayne Bailey:

"Jayne epitomizes what others see in our Beaver Island Community. She is optimistic, warm, caring and exhibits a true joy for all the Island offers. Beyond that, she involves herself and commits herself to the community in many ways: her work at her church, her service on the Board of Review, the Community Choir, a leader in the community Bible School program, a business owner who saw a need and works tirelessly to fill it, one who launched and supported programs at the Community Center such as offering lessons to those interested in learning to play the recorder. Beyond that, Jayne 'walks the walk' of an individual who sees what her fellow community members need and steps in to help. If that means driving to the far end of the Island to give a beauty treatment to an elderly lady—that's what she does. If she's asked to MC a roast or a fashion show—she's there. If she notes the need for laughter — she dons her clown outfit

to march in the 4th of July parade. In honoring an individual like Jayne, you honor many others who give of themselves and you are demonstrating that each person who 'goes beyond' in their daily life has a direct impact on the very special spirit of the Island."

For the BICS Staff and Teachers:

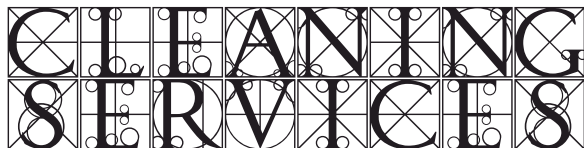
"During this school year they have shown cool, calm, and collectiveness during the school's construction project and transition. They have had to work all together in each other's rooms and spend some days traveling to and from the various schools. They have had to brave the cold weather—in Mr. Myers' case spending time outside making sure the kids got off and on the school bus in a calm fashion, or Mary Palmer having to haul freight for the school to different locations. All the teachers and staff have made sacrifices to be sure our kids still had a stable environment to learn in. Now with the CMU and Christian Church Fellowship Center stays winding down, they have to make time to put their classrooms and offices in order. I would like them to be recognized for all they have endured."

For Jeff Cashman:

"Let's cut to the chase: 1. Jeff



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Working behind the scenes, or at the edges of every important Island scene, is Jeff Cashman, cameras and lenses dangling from his neck and shoulders, recording Island history as it happens. He works tirelessly, creatively, inspiringly to put together the monthly *Beaver Beacon*; he has lent his talents the past five years to printing the school's year-book; he recently printed the Catholic Church Directory; on his own 11 years ago he created www.beaverisland.net to give Beaver Island its first internet presence, and he also has created and maintains numerous Island-based websites; he published the full-color book, *Discovering Beaver Island*; working with Ed Wojan, he produced the all-color 'Wojan-Cashman Map,' as much a piece of art as it is informative; the number of posters, brochures, and advertisements Jeff has created using his graphic design expertise is nearly countless, yet each of his efforts is new, innovative, creative, and eye-catching, as well as informative. Jeff's talents extend beyond Beaver Island as well, as his two personal boat design websites are the top two such sites on the internet.

No, he doesn't greet every ferry that docks during the summer, but through his efforts he touches the Island experience of nearly every visitor, as well as nearly every resident. Regardless of what project Jeff undertakes, his love of Beaver Island shines forth in the finished product and everyone here benefits. I told you he was a genius!"

For Laraine Dawson & Judi Meister:

"Laraine and Judi are Island Musicians in the classical sense. Not only do they provide music weekly for the Beaver Island Christian Church, they also accompany the Community Choir for the Christmas Cantata, the 4th of July celebration, and Museum Week. Several theatrical productions have been enhanced by their playing. Laraine often provides the music for Masses and weddings at Holy Cross Church. She opens her home to the Camp Quality kids every year – and bakes cookies for them and for the Historical Society's Open Houses. Judi provides many extra opportunities for the BICS students, and provides leadership for the members of the Christian Church. I believe these two women have, and are, contributing to making Beaver Island a better place to live, work, or visit."

For Anne Glendon:

This nomination quoted an article in the *Beaver Beacon*, which refers to her retirement from her several years of exceptional service on the Board of Directors of the BIRHC: "She has played a key roll 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 building, and the Capital Campaign Policy. Partnering with Don Spencer and Bill McDonough, Anne has repeatedly lobbied our State legislators to restore operational funding to the Health Center." Many other things were written about Anne's participation on the BIRHC Board, but this nominator wrote a personal note saying, "PLUS, she makes good martinis."

For Dusty Cushman:

"Dusty is a true volunteer when it comes to our youth in the community. We have worked side by side with him for benefit dinners for the Beaver Island Sports Boosters Club, the annual spaghetti dinner, and the Chinese dinner.



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16. He volunteers his time 'in the kitchen' for these events and makes it fun instead of work for the kids. The Chinese dinner was a very popular Sports Boosters benefit—an evening at a Chinese restaurant—with decorations and all the kids dressed in Chinese costumes. Most diners know we organize the dinner and prepare the food with a lot of other volunteers, but what they don't know is that the person who organizes the serving process and puts it out the door is Dusty. He is very organized and takes the pressure off all of us—especially the serving part for the kids, by joking and talking 'Chinese' to them! For the last few years he has also organized, prepared, and served the meal for the Junior-Senior Banquet. The parents of the Junior class traditionally are the ones to do this, but we know they have welcomed Dusty and his expertise with open arms! This past year, while working full-time and taking care of his family and donating his time to help the kids, he somehow found time to study for and take the State's master plumber's exam, which he passed; this is quite an accomplishment! We think he interacts well and is a champion for the youth of our commu-

nity, and is truly a volunteer who works behind the scenes without any recognition."

For the B. I. Fire Department:

"Although we feel they should be recognized every year, this is certainly the year to honor our unsung heroes of the 'all-volunteer' Fire Department. Presently they are going through rigorous training, studying and testing for certification. Firefighter 1 classes started last October for the firemen who had not previously taken it and new trainees, which included one female, and some of our firemen who had already passed this course decided to go through it again. Firefighter 2 classes began in January for all firemen and trainees. Over 400 hours of classroom time is required for each. They have put themselves under the mental stress of taking tough written tests and the physical stress of practicing with the very uncomfortable and potentially dangerous (heat stroke, heart attack) hazardous materials suits. In 2008 there were several acts of heroism performed by the BIFD, particularly the extraordinary efforts to contain the fire at the Four Corners. Without their willingness to put their own lives at risk, this inci-

dent could have ended up with an explosion and great loss of human life and property. Their efforts benefit everyone who lives on or visits Beaver Island. The least we as a community can do to say 'thank you' is to honor these people as Citizens of the Year."

For Donna Stambaugh:

This letter was written and signed by several women who work at the Resale Shop: "Donna was and still is the backbone of the Resale Shop. She spent countless hours getting it started and putting it together, and worked every day at the shop and spent many hours there when it is closed. If it weren't for Donna we would not have the Resale Shop. Besides her time spent with the Fire Department Auxiliary, she was a wonderful teacher at Beaver Island for many years. We'll all remember the 5th-6th grade plays she started years ago to fund her classes' annual 'Camp Hayo-Went-Ha' trips. While doing all this she has found time to participate in community plays. For these reasons, we support her nomination as Citizen of the Year."

For Diane McDonough:

"For those who have had children in the school sports program, you know

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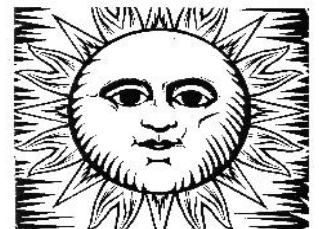
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the extent and benefits of students being involved in those activities. Sports programs build character and the physical activities build healthy bodies. Teamwork builds an integrity that just studying does not. Friendships develop that last a lifetime; cooperation in a positive way lends to a sense of belonging and of being part of a group that does its very best. Since making her home here, Diane has been a prime mover in building our children's character. It is not always easy to get the whole community involved. She has been tireless in her efforts to raise money for sports activities. She has also been the leader behind the successful summer softball league—which involves people of all ages. She has promoted enthusiasm for the Sports Boosters program along with summer softball, and been an overall leader for an integral part of our children's whole life experience in this realm. I'm sure you realize the importance of her work. She surely would be an ideal candidate for Citizen of the Year; many thanks and accolades to Diane McDonough."

For Ed and Willie Welter:

"There are many ways to make Beaver Island a better place to live,

work, or visit. Many donate their time. Some help with time and money. When it comes to supporting Beaver Island financially Ed and Willie are the undisputed leaders. An investor once said that Harvard Business School uses Eager Beaver Clean and Store as an example of how to invest a million dollars and not get a return within an average human lifetime. The Welters did it because Beaver Island needed it. We have an outstanding Medical Center and Community Center in large measure because of them. Each Township owns a 180' communications tower that will benefit our Island in many ways for decades to come because of their generosity. The list goes on and on! Mr. & Mrs. Welter are truly Citizens of the Decade. Their contributions to Beaver Island have been huge! (Ed and Willie could not be present, but their response to being nominated was, "thank you for considering us for this high honor; we would be grateful if this honor is given to one of the many unselfish.")

For the Beaver Beacon:

"We would like to nominate the *Beacon* for its outstanding journalism every month of each year. Just when we think Jeff can't find any greater pictures

to take to represent life on Beaver 17. Island, the next issue is better than ever. We subscribe to other monthly publications, but this is the one we look forward to at the beginning of each month. Bringing the past into the future is so uniquely represented by the old-time photos at the beginning. Then at the back, the transfer of properties, the homes and land for sale, passing on to the next Beaver Island wannabees, and rentals where people from all over the US come for their little bit of Paradise each summer and return again and again. What a great job it does! We appreciate it; we just open it with great expectations and anticipation of what surprises it has for readers. We'd like to see it receive an award for its outstanding work, community involvement, participation in every event in the Beaver Island Community, and just for a job well done and then some."

For Ed Wojan:

"In the 35 years I've known him, doing the best for Beaver Island has always been a factor in his decisions. He sees the Big Picture, and is willing to make sacrifices to move us forward. Everyone praises Ed for his selfless dedication to making needed things

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18. happen involving real estate, for cutting his commission time and again, for going the extra mile to bring off a deal and make sure it's done right. He is commended for taking large amounts of time and money away from his business to critique and comment on the various plans and ordinances our governmental agencies draft. But I'm taking a different slant in this nomination. Tourism and eco-tourism are logical choices for our direction. We all enjoy driving around and seeing the animals and migrating birds. But how many of us have taken the time to help them, such as by planting something for them to eat, or thought, long-range, about how they'll survive in the winter? Well, Ed Wojan did, and in 50 or 100 years, when we are gone, the wildlife will still

which Jim was a driver. When he could no longer use the transit bus service, Jim would pick Budger up at his house on his own time and in his own vehicle. He would take him to the Post Office, grocery store, and wherever else Budger needed to go. Budger isn't the easiest person to be with, but he is one of God's children and Jim Willis treated him as Jim and any of the rest of us would like to be treated: with dignity."

For Jim Gillingham:

"As Director of the CMU Biological Station for 24 years, Jim has made it a priority for the Station to participate in, and contribute to, Island life. From running floats in the 4th of July parade to events like the annual snake round-up and the Biological Station closing party, Jim and the people at the Station

trails were accessible and there was no flood damage to the endangered Michigan monkey flowers. There is the community service section of the job...the Museum Week's reptile show, the field trips for children and adults to make them aware of Beaver's special environment and the responsibility we all have to make it available to the next generation. Jim and his wife always make it look easy—the service they have given toward the future of education and research on this Island cannot be measured. They also host the annual 'Closing Party.' When the bids went out for the new academic center building project, Jim went to bat for the local firm so jobs could be kept on the Island. He also worked with CMU administrators to make sure the Beaver Island School could use the new academic center at the Station for classes until their school was finished; he is proud that the new facility has and will host again this year Baroque on Beaver."

For Island Airways:

"Truly outstanding citizens go beyond what is required or expected of them as part of their work, family life, or elected office. They give of their time and talents in ways that consistently make their community a better place for others. Paul and Angel Welke—as well as their ground and air crew—are there for others more often than most people know. Among many other things, they started and now continue in Ellen Welke's memory the 'Toys for Tots' program that brings Christmas gifts for all kids here. Then there is all they do for the health needs of us here. They started and continue to generously support the Ellen Welke Fund to pay travel expenses for seriously ill people. When someone in our community is in need, Island Airways steps up to the plate. We don't often hear about it, because they don't bring it up; they're not looking for any recognition. A neighbor helping a neighbor, no questions asked. The work that Mr. and Mrs. Welke put in to make sure Beaver Island is safe and stays safe should be commended. They equipped the Islander aircrafts to fit stretchers for the patients of Beaver Island. They funded with their own money the engineering, certification, and purchase of the stretcher. Also Neal Boyle, Director of Maintenance at Island Airways,



be thriving at Beaver Island's south end, thanks to Ed's dedication at Applewoods, his extensive nursery and orchard. All landowners on Beaver Island should do just a little of what has become his obsession: planting fruits, nuts, or berries for the good of our wildlife for generations to come. So on behalf of all of God's creatures, I nominate Ed Wojan for focusing on the Island's future and planting for it."

For Jim Willis:

"Jim has not only been a good citizen, he has been an outstanding citizen in regard to Perry (Budger) Palmer. As most Island residents know, Budger has been banned from almost every business here. He was even banned from the County transit bus, of

enhance life on the Emerald Isle. Over the past years CMU has had great success with fundraising that has enabled it to not only purchase and preserve Miller's Marsh, but also the Whiskey Point boathouse, the Egbert farm, and most recently, another 80 acres adjacent to Miller's Marsh. None of these things would have happened without Jim's leadership and commitment. When it comes to helping Island residents and visitors, Jim and his crew have always been there. For example, Jim enlisted the help of his faculty and students in building the first boardwalks and bridges at Little Sand Bay. When beavers flooded the area and kept people from using these trails, Jim and the crew went to work to ensure that the

actively pursued FAA approval of the new stretcher and air ambulance service. When I was about eight, I was flown off, and it was scary. Now I am glad Mr. and Mrs. Welke and Mr. Boyle have done all this to make it more safe and comfortable for the patients who have to be flown across. Having a real air ambulance service gives us all peace of mind. They have made a major investment and gotten certified for air ambulance service. This is not apt to be a money-maker, but they will continue to help anyone here from this community who is in need. They understand that living on an island is not always convenient and they do their best to ensure us the best possible service."

For PABI's current & past Directors:

"These people worked for a decade to create our new Community Center. They faced open opposition from a few and indifference from some but continued to work hard to develop the support of many. Our wonderful Community Center is now a reality and they are still working. I watch each day as board members come in for their various shifts. They guide visitors, sell pop, clean bathrooms, shovel snow, do what's needed and in general use their intellect and tireless devotion to our community to make the center work. The senior meals program is a huge success. The community entertainment options are way beyond what one would expect in such a small community. Thanks—Well done! You have without a doubt made our community a better place to live, work or visit."

For Jeff Powers:

"Jeff works with cormorant control, and supports the Beaver Island Animal Fund with dirt-cheap vet services. His leadership and selfless service to all these causes is above reproach. He tirelessly strives to persuade State agencies and the State legislature to adopt policies that make sense for Beaver Island's environment and wildlife. While he's running three businesses on the Island, he's also preparing detailed analytic powerpoint presentations based on evidence he gathered to persuade government officials to change policies about cormorants and deer feeding—while also helping to guide the Island's Wildlife Club. He testifies in Lansing and is always looking for evidence and ways



to persuade officials that the Island's situation is unique and can't be just lumped in with mainland politics. Jeff represents the sort of 'steward of the environment' that Beaver Island really needs as development pressures and policies made far away challenge our ability to live in nature without ruining it."

Those were the nominees. "Every individual, organization, or business nominated here is deserving of this award and should be very proud of what their community thinks about them," Kathy concluded. After a "secret meeting," the Chamber Board chose co-winners: the Beaver Island Fire Department, and Jim and Mary Gillingham.

Kathy read from the many letters written about Mary and Jim: "In the twenty-plus years they have 'lived' on Beaver Island, their contributions have had and are still having an enormous positive impact on the community. When speaking to former students they tell me their time on Beaver Island was the best in their entire college career and they all want to come back and visit. Many do, which helps the Island economy. They are wonderful ambassadors for the Island and because of their wonderfully welcoming personalities people are glad they came and want to come back."

And she repeated a comment made about them in one of the letters: "He is a world-class scientist, a generous





volunteer, a caring member of the community and a great guy. He deserves to be honored as Citizen of the Year and, unless I miss my guess, he would like to share that honor with his wife, who has been with him every step of the way and deserves half the credit."

Surrounded by Biostation staff, Jim

and Mary graciously accepted their award, after which Kathy recited more of what had been said about our heroic firemen: "I have seen their dedication – One mighty woman cut off her hair just so she could get her gear on easier (within the required time). Yet another is devoting time to weight-lifting and

body building just so he can better handle the equipment. One guy brought his ropes and lines so he could practice 'knot tying' for his test.

"Beyond the many hours of studying on their own, due to the difficulty of these courses many are getting together in group study, and these 'volunteers'





are squeezing all of this in around their work schedules and giving up family time. I'd like to read all the letters received in nomination of this group, but I think they know how we feel about them. This community and its visitors are fortunate to have such a group of giving, self-sacrificing, dedicated

bunch of volunteers, who ask nothing in return. Our Beaver Island Fire Department more than deserves our nomination; they deserve our respect and gratitude for a JOB WELL DONE!"

The Firemen rose to accept their award: Tim McDonough, Jim Wojan, Dave Adams, Brian Bousquet, Joe

Bousquet, Tony Bousquet, Darrell Butler Jr., Dillon Butler, Rory Connaghan, Steve Crandall, Bruce Cull, Tammy LaFreniere, Bob Marsh, Jim McDonough, Ryan Oliver, Jim Stambaugh, Joe Timsak, Tom Whitman, John Works, Jr., Kevin White, honored as this year's Citizens of the Year!





ON THIS DATE

23.

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* reported CMU's purchase of a 230-acre tract including Miller's Marsh, which has long served as a field laboratory for the 200-250 students who study biology at CMU each summer. During the past 20 years over a dozen CMU grad students have used this wetland for the completion of their Master's Degree. It's the location of one of CMU's regular summer Nature Walks. The land became available two years earlier, but CMU's money did not, so the Little Traverse Conservancy bought it and held it until CMU could raise sufficient funds, which came in large part from Island donors. Before the transfer, the LTC staff flew over twice to take ~80 BICS students on snowshoe walks on the property—thanks to grants from the CCCF.

Drawings for the expansion of the Municipal Marina showed three additional piers.

St. James Township applied to the Coast Guard for a 10-year lease of the Whiskey Point Light.

A zebra mussel alert was issued. So far Lake Geneserath had not been affected.

The girls' volleyball team finished

its season with a 13 – 4 record and a 3rd-place finish in the Tournament.

PABI planned to hold a membership meeting at the Beaver Lodge, at which Pat Tinney would be available to sign prints of her painting, *Beaver Island Montage*. It hoped to gather input on its options for dealing with the requirements of the parking ordinance.

Criminal Justice student Kendra Wojan made the Dean's List at Ferris.

The loss of Matt Hohn, the longtime (1966-83) head of CMU's Bio Station, was noted.

Twenty Years Ago The Economic Development Committee heard a report from Wade-Trim recommending a sewer system for the harbor area, which would cost an estimated \$1,300,000 to install and \$31,000/year to operate. It was thought that some grants for construction might be available.

Both Town Boards were against the Michigan House's Sand Dune Protection and Management Act, which required homes to be built completely behind sand dunes, eliminating some lake views—building behind the tree line considered adequate here.

Pat and Mike McGinnity were

building a home to replace the one they lost to fire. Another fire torched Dorothy and Jim's chimney only hours after they returned home. The Island Firemen were praised for their response by an insurance adjuster from TC.

The Chamber adopted Fantasy Island as the theme for its July 4th parade. It staged a tree sale, selling 50 flowering crab trees.

Frank Ettawageshik taught a class at the Island School on Indian pottery-making. He gave a slide show about his recent trip to Russia, where he demonstrated his craft and donated art to the Leningrad Museum; his father had donated three peace pipes to the Potsdam Conference. Before leaving Beaver Island he taught people how to make corn soup and fry bread.

Debbie LaFreniere made the Dean's List at Grand Valley State.

The first morels were found by Glenn Arden on April 24.

Jerry LaFreniere and Al Dudzik were driving around the Island when a partridge flew in Jerry's window, knocked the beer can from his hand, knocked Al's pipe from his mouth, and

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24. **On This Date**, continued from page 23.
crashed into Al's window, killing itself. Their reaction? "Hmph. Well, I'll be darned."

Several years back Rich Gillespie was digging a hole for a septic tank for Walker Hill's Rustic Villa, and found three skeletons under 12" of sand. The teeth were quite worn, indicating to deputy sheriff Bill Welke that the bones were Indian. They were sent to Lansing, and finally Sheriff Lasater secured the funds needed to have an MSU anthropologist examine them. They dated to ~1830, but were not Indian: a 50+-year-old woman, about 5'1", a 25-35-year-old woman, about 4'11", and a child, aged one to two.

The school's 30-minute video about Beaver Island life, directed by Heather Gillespie, and facilitated by the Keva Partnership of Flint, was shown.

Dick and Arlene Bailey moved here, as well as Joan and Don Vyse.

A group of professional archaeologists and their students spent a weekend

studying the "stone circle."

The passings of dentist Thomas Smallwood (the husband of Audry Gatliff), Mary McCann Pischner (born here in 1907), and Jimmy Lee Martin (brother of Margie, Ernie, Emmett, Mike, and Buddy) were noted.

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* opened with an 8-stanza poem by Escanaba's Tom Shivery McDonough, who was born here. It began,

Last night as I retired
I had a troubled mind
But as I slept I had a dream
And things turned out just fine.

Needless to say, the dream took him back to his childhood, where the Jordan River flowed, the church glistened on the hill, and the birds followed the fish boats, chirping their heads off.

Sister Dennis Marie Kirt prepared to leave after three years as a teacher and principal of our school. She was thought to be the last Sister to serve as a principal in a Michigan public school.

The Superintendent of the Char-Em

District conferred degrees on six Island students: Tom Cole, Val Delamater, Tina DeRosia, Beth Ann Green, Bill McDonough, and Ann Wojan, who finished with a 3.74 GPA. At the baccalaureate service, presided over by Father Gabriel Fox, music was provided by the Sweet Adelines, with Karl Bruder playing the organ.

Spring was in the air, with suckers in the streams, flowers blooming, a team from Louisiana Pacific logging, and Denise Stout and Tim McDonough becoming engaged.

Two bond proposals would be offered to the voters. One was for an Industrial Arts addition for \$160,000; the other was for a Multi-purpose room for \$215,000.

The Dump was cleaned up, but people were aware it would soon be a mess when the ever-expanding crowd of summer people arrived and began making room in their cabins for their new possessions.

The passing of Joe Grossel (the

B L O N K I N G T H O S E B L E E P I N G B E L L I C O S E B I R D S

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club and the USDA Wildlife Services will institute a cormorant harassment program in the Beaver Island harbor this spring. The goal is to not allow the

birds to feed in the harbor, which should lead to a restocking of the fisheries. This has been the case in other areas where this program was done.

The harassment program will

involve boats in the harbor using pyrotechnics to chase the birds from the feeding areas. In some cases where the birds will not leave, lethal methods (shotguns) will be used outside the

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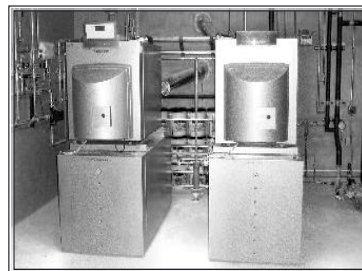
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former mayor of Harper Woods), Peter O. Gallagher (born here in 1885, he married Vivian Roddy in Chicago and then joined the Lighthouse Service), Geraldine McCafferty Shearer (she was born here, but moved to Chicago as a girl), Marie Hall (Rita Gillespie's aunt), Russ Hoffman (cofounder, with A. J. Roy, of the Historical Society), and Daniel Greene (born here to Johnny Greene 68 years earlier, he was a sailor for most of his life) was noted.

Forty Years Ago A rare smelt run filled the Jordan and Shoemaker's Creek, with the little fish so thick people got all they could handle in two dips. The run lasted a full week. The rainbows in Fox Lake and bluegill in Barney's were biting as well.

Six graduates of the Island school were feted at a banquet: Ed Connaghan, Marie Connaghan, Mary DeVogel, Judy LaFreniere, Bud Martin, and Ron Wojan. The principal, Sister Rita Wenzlick, announced that leading student Ron Wojan had won an award from

Readers' Digest.

The new Holy Cross Convent was to be dedicated at the end of the month. An auction was planned for June in the Beaver Haven boathouse to fund its furnishings.

A new telephone antenna was being constructed off "the airport road" to improve service. It promised to offer six circuits to the mainland instead of the current two—of which "only one ever works."

Students in grades five through eight went to a music festival in Boyne City. The Coast Guard station opened for the season.

Peter Johnston's house off Darkeytown Road burned to the ground while he was in the hospital.

Passings noted included Mary (O'Donnell) Gibson, 82, Joseph Schmidt, and Anna (Greene) Drescher.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* responded to an article appearing in several newspapers, which claimed Beaver Island was in danger because food and

fuel supplies were almost gone. It 25. disputed this claim, saying fuel had been low until the Coast Guard brought a load, and Lloyd McDonough and Dick LaFreniere had stocked their stores and everyone was eating well.

The *Acacia* broke the ice on April 4th. Then ten days later it brought in a load of gas and fuel oil. The crew was given a tour of the Island—and the run of the Shamrock.

The search for the sinking site of the *Bradley* brought some U. S. Steel big-wigs to Beaver, where they turned to Charlie Martin to give them the lay of the land. Rumors ran rampant.

Larry McDonough's riding stable opened with eight well-trained horses. The perch were biting in the harbor. Doc Collins ran a taxi service. The Killarney Inn was open for business.

The Civic Association presented its financial report: they took in \$1,960 and spent \$2,101, reducing their reserves to \$616. The Game Club paid out \$5 in coyote bounties.

harbor, past the second buoy if required. The program will operate from mid-April to mid-May. All participants will be deputized and follow federal rules.

A meeting was held on April 15th

conducted by the USDA Wildlife Services and the Beaver Island Wildlife Club.

Two types of rounds will be used: one makes a bang and the

other is a screamer. The pyro will be used so as not to disturb the community too early or late. (8am-6pm).



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Each spring, as April turns to May and thoughts turn to graduation and the end of another school year, students, athletes, coaches, parents, family, and the community take an evening to look back on the sports seasons and honor the effort, commitment, and results of the players and teams that represent Beaver Island Community School.

As principal/superintendent Kitty McNamara stated in her opening remarks to a packed commons area in the remodeled high school on April 29, "all our student athletes represent the Island very well," while pointing out that 90% of the middle- and high-school students participate in the school's sports programs. "We are here to celebrate the com-

munity and our parents who keep these programs going," she said. "And to celebrate the student-athletes who are involved both in the classroom and on the field of play."

One other celebration occurred this night. "Tonight we are passing the torch," McNamara said of long-time volleyball coach Connie Boyle, who is stepping down after 28 total years of coaching. "The founder, the builder, and the supporter of our volleyball program, she is now turning over the reigns to former player Kerry Smith."

With this being her last night of involvement with *Islanders* sports, coach Boyle was the night's featured speaker. She recalled her first practices, held in

the unheated Holy Cross Hall, her first team's joy in how they played in their first match, despite a losing result. And she brought to mind the joy experienced by herself, her players, and the community when her team brought its first of what would prove to be many trophies back to the Island. She also spoke of the role of sports in the scholastic setting. "Sports give students incentive to do well in their academics," she said, pointing out again how many of them participate in various sports throughout the year. "We may wish for more games each year, or for more travel, but here everyone who wants to play can."

"Athletes learn that if they work hard good things will happen," she continued. "And they gain self-confidence while they develop as individuals and as team players."

After thanking all the parents and the community for supporting her and her teams over the last 23 years at BICS, Boyle closed with some advice. "For the seniors, I want you to remember all the good times," she said. "And all the things you learned about yourself."

"For the younger players, I encourage you to challenge yourself in the time you have remaining here to play."

Boyle's talk was followed by a five-minute slideshow highlighting her career with photos of many of her early teams, teams, and players in action, as well as photos of the coach with many of



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her senior players.

Then it was on with the awards, distributed by the coaches of each sport. In soccer, coached by Mike Myers and Matt Ritchie, All-League status was awarded to senior Patrick Cull and junior Cameron LaVasseur. Junior Dereck McDonough earned an honorable mention. LaVasseur was also named the team's MVP-Offense, while senior Maeve Green earned MVP-Defense for her willingness and abilities in playing goalkeeper.

MVP-Offense in soccer went to Dereck McDonough, while Cull was named the MVP-Defense.

In V-ball, coached by Connie Boyle, All-League honors went to seniors Caitlin Boyle, Deven Cook, and Maeve Green. Senior Heather Mc-Donough was tabbed honorable mention as the *Islanders* claimed the league title. Cook and Mc-Donough were named the overall Most Improved Players, while Green and Boyle were named the MVPs.

In girls basketball, coached by Mike Myers, Deven Cook and Maeve Green, along with junior Alex Kuligoski, were named All-League. Heather McDonough received honorable mention. The *Lady Islanders* also claimed first place in the league in basketball and won the NLL post-season tournament. McDonough was named the Most Improved Offensive Player with Cook earning Most Improved Defensive Player.

CTE AWARDS



Jenna Battle and Olivia Schwartzfisher received their Career Tech Education award at the Boyne Mountain CTE Awards dinner. Their selection was based on their work in BEST class (Business Education, Services & Technology). The top 10% of students in each career program in each of the Char-Em ISD schools are recognized at this dinner.



Kuligoski got MVP-Offense, while Green took MVP- Defense honors.

In boys basketball, coached by Dan Martell, All-League nods were awarded to senior Patrick Cull and junior Bryan Timsak. Junior Dereck McDonough was named honorable mention. Timsak earned the 'Mr. Hustle' award for his hard work throughout the season. Junior Cameron LaVasseur was the teams' Most Improved Player. The MVP/Captain's Award went to Cull, who also earned the praise of coach Martell for his work ethic and the example he set for younger players.

The final award of the evening was the annual Bill Burns Memorial Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, given to

the player, or in this year's case players, who most demonstrate sportsmanship and commitment on the playing field. This year's honorees were seniors Maeve Green and Caitlin Boyle.

In presenting the award to Caitlin, coach Mike Myers said, "She embodies sportsmanship and leads others by example. She encourages younger players and is supports all the sports at the school."

Noting he has watched or coached Maeve since first grade, Myers said, "She has participated in every sport that has been offered here and she is a true leader in every sport. She is a leader for her peers and has developed great life skills, which is what this award is all about."

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The BICAA (the non-profit sponsor of "Baroque on Beaver") helped support the trip, and was pleased that the 29 students enjoyed seeing *Twelfth Night* at Navy Pier's Shakespeare Theater.

During the 08-09 school year, the BICAA provided string instruction for 11 BICS students. For the first year, the BICAA will provide several "scholarships" for students who would like to attend MAD Camp on Beaver Island.

When the musicians arrive for "Baroque on Beaver - 2009" they will look

forward to performances at CMU, the Community Center, and Holy Cross Hall. And this year they will also look forward to including interested local and visiting students in musical instruction and providing an opportunity for them to take part in an informal performance.

BICAA recently received partial support from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cheboygan Area Arts Council. More information is available on its website, baroqueonbeaver.com.

HAROLD E. LOUNSBERRY 1940-2009

Age 68, died Friday, May 1, 2009, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. A memorial Mass was held at Holy Cross Church, Father Pat officiating.

Harold was born November 23, 1940 in Ypsilanti, the son of Harold "Ted" and Anita (Eckert) Lounsberry. He graduated from Ypsilanti High School in 1959, and earned a Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan University. He spent his career working in the Ypsilanti Public

School system, retiring as Principal of East Middle School in 1990. On April 16, 1966, he married Sally Niedbala in Ypsilanti. They began spending their summers on Beaver Island in 1973, and then moved here permanently in 1995.

Harold was a member of the Holy Cross Church, Saint James Planning Commission, and was Treasurer of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club. He is survived by his loving wife Sally; sons Todd (Renée) Lounsberry of Livonia,

Jeff (Kathy) Lounsberry of Ypsilanti; grandchildren, Grace, Ava, and Blake Harold; sisters, Beverly (Laurie) Howley, Ellen (David) Magee, Kathryn (Del) Martin, sister-in-law Donna (Jim) Mulso, and many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. His sister, Barbara Davidson, and parents preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ellen Welke Memorial Fund or the Beaver Island Wildlife Club.

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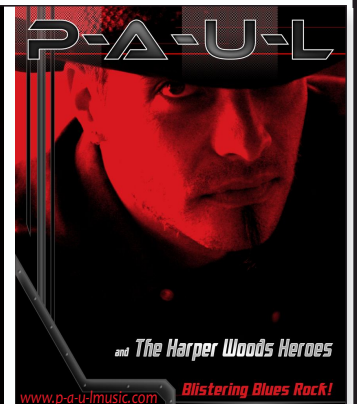
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30. COUNCIL ON AGING PRESENTS INFORMATION

by Frank Solle

An informational session sponsored by the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging (CoA) was held at the Beaver Island Community Center on April 8 as part of that program's marketing process. Led by director Sue Bergmann, the session was highlighted by a powerpoint presentation detailing the offerings of the program and its plans for the future.

While the nifty slideshow and flashy brochure handed out both portrayed a rosy picture of CoA offerings, a number of the 30 attendees had questions concerning services available to seniors on Beaver Island. "We realize your uniqueness here on Beaver Island," Bergmann stated, but added, "We are serving all of the county, not just Beaver Island."

One gentleman asked a number of times about the snow removal reimbursement program. Not wishing to get into any specifics, Bergmann reiterated the best course of action was to, "send in an application."

While admitting that a number of seniors on the Island receive economic assistance, Bergmann also noted it is up to those desiring services to seek assistance on their own, pointing out that not all of the CoA offerings are publicized. "We try to prevent abuse of the services," she stated.

In conjunction with a pilot program offering free transportation, another gentleman asked if transportation funds would be available to defray the cost of boat tickets. "If there is a medical need to come across from the Island, we would probably ask that you fill out an application," Bergmann replied.

Two other related areas of concern for a number of those in the audience were the apparent shift in focus of COA



services from assisting seniors in their homes to providing more social activities at the Community Center in conjunction with the COA's substantial financial contributions to the Center, and the difficulties the CoA has faced in retaining home care givers.



"We have a history of Certified Nurse Assistants quitting here after a short period of time," said one attendee. "Social programs are fine, but I'd like to see more effort put into retention."

Bergmann stated retention problems appear to revolve around both pay and



work hours. She was then asked if the local CNA could increase her hours of assistance to those with greater needs to make sure she fulfills her full-time position, especially during the slower winter months. "It's difficult to take away services once they are begun," Bergmann said, although she allowed the CoA could take situations such as this under consideration "on a case-by-case" basis.

In defense of the Island CoA programs, board member Nancy Tritsch spoke up from the audience, "Over the past couple years we have built up and Beaver Island is now equal to what the county gets, except for adult day care."

In response to the statement that the CoA does not own any of the facilities in which it operates but leases them at \$1 to \$12 per year, the question was raised concerning the large CoA contribution to the Community Center's kitchen which, at this time, is not being used to prepare senior meals. "It may be used in the future," was Bergmann's reply.

Board member Don Tritsch of the Preservation Association of Beaver Island, the group that oversees the Community Center, spoke up to say, "The essence of that agreement was that the whole Community Center be available to the seniors."

The final question of the day turned to the need of a heart defibrillator on the premises when the CoA begins its senior exercise program. Community Center events coordinator and part-time CoA employee Ann Partridge, who recently participated in the Arthritis Foundation training to conduct the exercise program, said such equipment wasn't specified as a need to host the program, but was on the next PABI board agenda.

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Doctor (MD) appointments are available at the BIRHC two times a month with Dr. Mann or Dr. Newcomb; call BIRHC for schedule and an appointment, call 448-2275.

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participating in WIC. Each person's food package is valued at \$50 per month and includes milk, eggs, cheese, cereal, juice, peanut butter, and infant formula. Medical, nutritional and financial needs are reviewed to determine eligibility.

Dental Care: call Dr. Wendy White at 448-2100 to schedule an appointment (office is at the BIRHC).

Mental Health Issues: North Country Community Mental Health comes every other Wednesday; call 1-800-834-3393 for an appointment.

Acupuncture (Tamara Graf) and Chiropractor (Dr. Jessica Carden), are at BIRHC every other Thursday and Friday; call 448-2275.

Eye Care: Dr. Molter is at BIRHC 4 to 5 times a year; call 1-877-304-7115 to get on the schedule.

For Hospice (Health Care) and Hospice Helping Hands (other in-home services), call 448-2275.

BIBCO AND MONEY

Thanks to the intense and watchful guidance of its Board of Directors, employees, and officers, BIBCO had a successful year, despite the economy.

Its recently-released financial statement showed a \$280,000 increase in assets, which prompted the issuing of dividends. Some interesting facts were contained in a comparison of last year

with the year before. While some revenues were down (bicycles and pets' fares declined slightly), most were up: freight (by \$28k), vehicles (by \$126k), and passengers (by \$114k).

One surprise was the low cost of fuel, only \$27,075 in 2008, only 1½% of its operating expense—less than utilities, property taxes, maintenance of

property, and advertising. Another surprise was that non-crew wages topped crew wages (\$389k to \$331k).

The report also summarized the past four years of BITA's grant requests. In 2005 it obtained \$256,725, \$297,875 in 2006, \$233,000 in 2007, and \$222,222 in 2008, all from the Michigan DoT—and each requiring a 10% match.

BICS MEAP SCORES AMONG TOP IN STATE AGAIN

Statewide MEAP results were released to the public in April, and, once again, Beaver Island Community School was among the top state schools! Results were posted in 28 categories covering 7 grade levels and 6 content areas. BICS scores are higher

than state averages—by anywhere from 6% to 25%—and are also consistently higher than all the other school districts in Charlevoix and Emmett Counties. Of 28 categories, in only one category (one grade, one subject) did one area school district, Harbor Springs, score higher

than Beaver Island. Average % of Beaver Island Community School students who meet or exceed 2008 MEAP standards (grades 3-8): 94% to 82 for math; 87 to 81 for reading; 85 to 66 for writing; 98 to 79 for ELA; 100 to 80 for science; and 100 to 74 for social studies.

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A NEW SHERIFF

Beaver Island has a new Deputy, a new family, and four new students in school, thanks to the appointment of Travis Wilson.

He and his wife grew up in Jackson, where he spent the first ten years of his career. When daily events began recycling, they decided to move north, and contacted sheriff Don Schneider. The only opening was for Beaver Island.

He was warned that the usual non-stop adrenaline flow would not happen here, but Travis didn't mind; he'd been there and done that. Now he wanted a place to raise his family, and this place is perfect; he grew up on the water,



Stoney Acre Grill & Donegal Danny's Pub, and the Toy Museum.

Very special thanks also go to the CMU Biological Station, JoAnne Cashman, Shirley Detwiler, Sandra Fries, Sharon Hurkmans, Gary and Tina Morgan, Cheryl Podgorski, Betty Scoggin, Doug Tilly, and Myrtle Walker



becoming a good barefoot skier, and loves nature. The Wilsons enjoy snowmobiling (the boy/girl twins are 7, the other boys 10 and 11), and are taking up dirt-biking. As a self-taught musician (and owner of amps and 8 guitars), he'll fit right in. But he's not a Boodler.

He won't be too concerned with the petty stuff, but if he's needed he'll be ready to help, 24/7. "If you need me, just call," he said.

Beaver Island seemed familiar—as if he was back in Jackson but a hundred years ago. He's already learned how to catch suckers in the Jordan, and been recruited to play third base.



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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May 5, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Captain M. J. Bonner of St. James was in the city the first of the week."

"J. C. Gallagher of St. James was in the city on business the first of the week."

"Mrs. J. N. O'Donnell of St. James was in the city the first of the week on legal business."

"The Str. *Beaver* went to Cross Village Tuesday with a load of peas for D.

M. Ferry Co." (Note: May 1-4 extremely raw snow, 28" F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 6, 1909 **Local News:** "James, C. Gallagher, of St. James, came over on the Monday trip of the *Beaver*."

"The change from saloons to no saloons at St. James was marked by no incident worthy of note. The two places closed up promptly at nine o'clock Friday evening. 'The boys' all had a good

time during the day and evening, but nobody got hurt, and there was nothing smashed."

"Capt. Manus Bonner, of St. James, was in town Tuesday on his way to Sheboygan to fit out the schooner *Rouse Simmons*, which he will sail this season." (Note: May 5-14 raw, stormy, rainy, 30-39 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 13, 1909 **Local News:** "Mrs. John Donlevy, of St. James, came over last Thursday on her way to Chicago to visit relatives and friends."

"The residence of W. E. Stephens, of the Beaver Island Lumber Co., at St. James, was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday morning, with all its contents. Partially insured. A spark from the locomotive is supposed to have been the cause."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May 19, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "W. E. Stephens of St. James was in the city Tuesday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 20, 1909 **Local News:** "John C. Gallagher, of St. James, was in the city over Sunday."

"On the off days Capt. Campbell has a force of men re-painting the *Beaver*; fore and aft, and she looks like a new boat."

"The steamer *Beaver* will resume her daily trips to Beaver Island June first. And that reminds us that there is no

GRAVEL PLANT

I would like to thank Richard Gillespie for his foresight in purchasing a gravel processing plant, an item that was very much needed on the Island. Without it we would still be dodging rocks left in the road from the use of the bank run, the previous gravel supply.

I know the capacity of the plant he has far exceeds the needs of Beaver Island, and it represents a long-term investment for him at best. We are lucky to have citizens concerned with what's best for the community.

—Thanks again, Terry Saxton

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"W. E. Stephens, manager of the Beaver Island Lumber Co., was in town last Friday on his way to Manistee."

"The Ferry Seed Co. has shipped 1400 bushels of seed peas to Beaver Island this spring, and 1000 bushels have gone there from Cheboygan. This is the largest amount of seed peas that has ever before been sent to the Island."

"B. C. Lane, the Charlevoix well contractor, who has several well contracts on B. I. came over to spend Sunday with a young son which came to the home last week."

"*The Wayne*, a large gasoline boat, was in port Monday, hailing from Bayport, on Lake Huron, on its way to the head of Beaver Island, where her owners expect to do extensive pound net fishing this summer."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May, 26, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "The str. *Beaver* will resume her daily trips to the Beavers June 1." (Note: May 15 - 26 pleasant 40-51 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May

THE NEW WHIMSY

Past color schemes of pink are making way for a vivid citrus zing as Whimsy moves into its larger new southern digs next to the Municipal Marina. What other color would visitors and Islanders expect from a fun and exuberant Island business?

Whimsy's new location will enable the owners, Linda McDonough and Pam Grassmick, to expand lines their customers have previously enjoyed, such as gourmet foods, beer, wine, and specialty gifts. Remember, if you don't need it, we have it anyway. That's Whimsy.

New lines of Beaver Island-logged resort wear and items will be added to enhance the shop. The Grand opening will take place on Memorial weekend, with extended hours being planned.

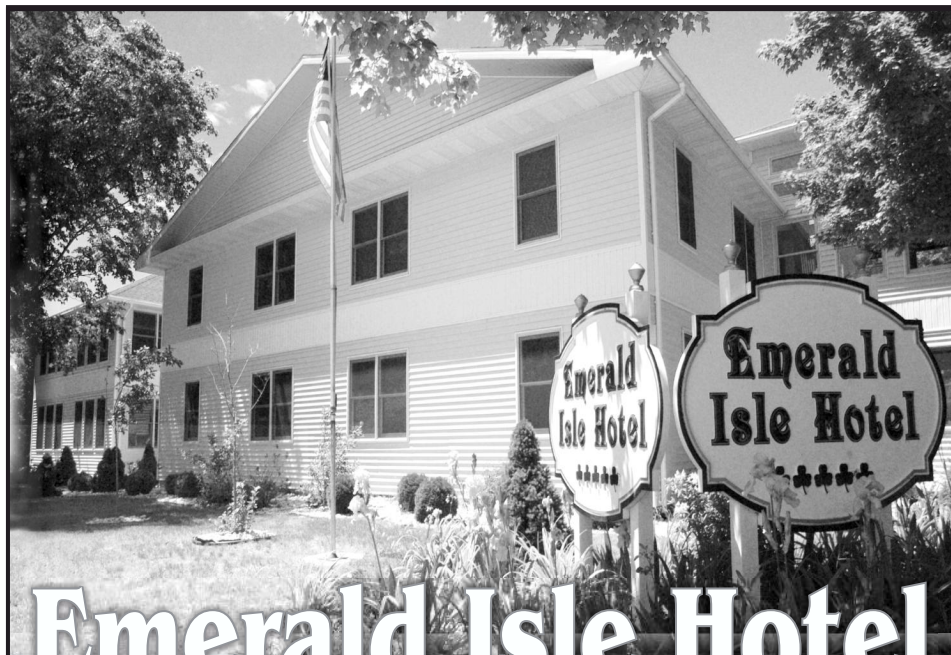
27, 1909 **Local News:** "In the raffle for the colt at St. James last week. C. C. Gallagher got the colt."

"The Robert Beutel Co. last week received a consignment of perch from Beaver Island, 74 of which weighed 100 pounds."

"W. W. Boyle, of St. James, was in the city Tuesday on his way to Petosky."

"The A. Booth and Co. wholesale fish concern went out of existence last

week, the Booth Fisheries Co., a Delaware corporation, having bought all the property and assets of the old concern. The business will be conducted along the same lines as formerly, in the same territory, which is pretty much everywhere in the United States and Canada. Mr. Olaf Nordrum will continue as the Northern Michigan manager." (Note: May 27 - 31 raw, stormy rain 38-50 degrees F. Protar)



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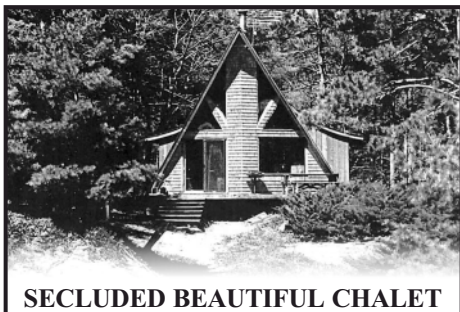
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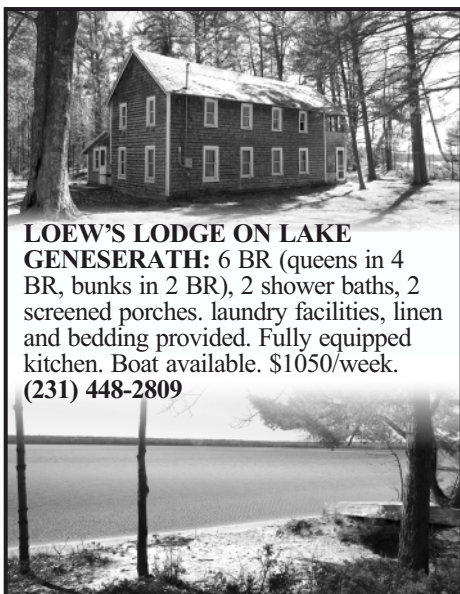
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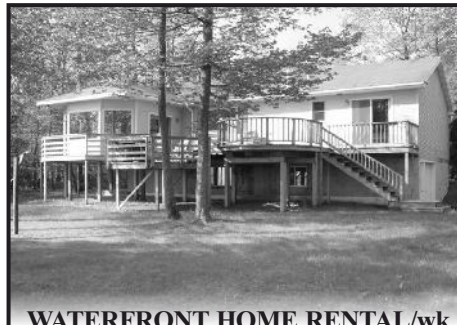
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Units 7, 8, 9, 11 of Innisfree Dunes Condominium

Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces located on the north side of Donegal Bay Road just four-tenth's 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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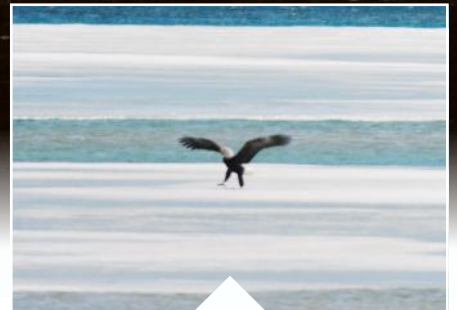
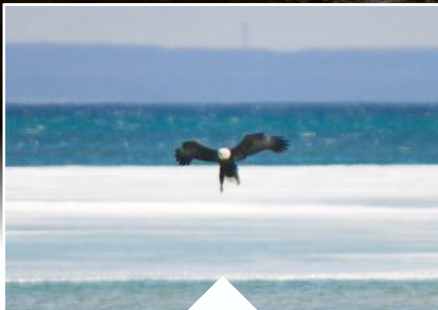
Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. Asking price is \$195,000.

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