Dalwhinnie
The meeting place

Fresh bakery items daily, espresso, cappuccino, deli salads, sandwiches, pizza, ice cream, soft drinks, and much more!
Eat in or take out. (231) 448-2736.

McDonough’s Market, Inc.
Since 1933
On America’s “Emerald Isle”
38240 Michigan Avenue
Beaver Island, MI 49782
(231) 448-2733

Full line of groceries. Custom-cut meat.
Movie rentals. Post cards. Beaver Island clothing,
Hardware, Toys, Public Telephone.
Small & major appliances, Greeting cards,
Notary service. Michigan lottery.
Fax, Money orders & transfers, Island maps.
www.mcdonoughsmarket.com

CARY CONCRETE LTD
GREG CARY - OWNER  LICENSED BUILDER

- Automated Batch Plant
- Driveways
- Basements
- Block Work
- Mig

- Batch Plant Sidewalks Fireplaces
- Concrete Unlimited Masonry
- Rock

- Concrete Pouring Masonry Systems
- Garages
- Fieldstone

- Foam Poured Walls
- Garages
- Cement Supplies

CALL NOW FOR A FREE ESTIMATE
231.448.2242

SCHWARTZFISHER
STONEWORKS
Quality Work Done on Time

EXCAVATION
- Site Clearing
- Driveways
- Basements
- Block Work
- Mig

MASONRY
- Septic Systems
- Roller Reclaiming Walls
- Rock

WELDING
- Pump Back Systems
- Chimneys
- Plasma Cutter

- Screened top Soil
- Stone Work
- Steel Fabrication

David Schwartzfishe, Owner
27540 Barney’s Lake Road, Beaver Island MI 49782
(231) 448-2706 OR 448-2102
News from the Townships

St. James Township

The St. James Township Board considered its appointees to the 6-person (three from each township) Library Board at its May meeting. All three current Board members' terms had expired, but Patti Cull, Lil Gregg, and Sally Loussberry were willing to serve again. Two other candidates for these positions were Audrey Beilman and Kathy Tidmore. Since the Library had been functioning well, the Board decided to reappoint the current members.

A single bid was received for posted jobs involving lawn care (Jean Wierenga) and gardening (Pam O'Brien), and were accepted.

The posted position at the Transfer Station had eight applicants. The Waste Management Committee pared it down to two, who were called in for interviews. One of the candidates withdrew his application, so the job was given to the other finalist, Amy Burris, who had worked there before and knew how to operate a forklift.

The Board had received a policy for competitive bidding from its attorney, who recommended it be reviewed every five years.

Some recommendations for improvements at the public restrooms were reviewed. The toilet fixtures should be replaced with handicap-accessible fixtures. Some cement blocks could be replaced with glass blocks to bring in more light. Air dryers might replace the paper towel dispensers. New doors were recommended. The Board will put together a set of specifications so the work can be put out on bid.

The Board anticipated a (half share) bill of around $2,800 for needed plumbing work at the Deputy’s home.

The MTA stated that revenue sharing will be reduced to 2007's level and will probably be reduced again, and property taxes may also drop.

Dana Hodgson and Karen Johnson finished first and second in the three-person election to the School Board.

Pam Grassick asked the Town Board to consider two resolutions for a) creating a 7-member Human Services Commission, and b) creating a Natural Resources Commission. The HSC might draw members from BICS, BIRHC, CoA, Hospice, the Townships, the Food Pantry, and other organizations. It could help coordinate and facilitate grant applications by these organizations, and address such problems as the county services available everywhere in the county except Beaver Island. “We have groups to protect cats and dogs, but not people,” she said.

The NRC could include Jim Gillingham, the DNR, and the Tribe (now that new interpretations of the original Treaties are being made), and focus on eco-development as well as resource protection. It might push Beaver Island as a site for making ecological films because of the wide...
variety of habitat here.

She distributed three memos on the Phragmites program. One was a month-by-month timeline. It called for copies of Landowner’s Guide to Phragmites Control available and Peaine and the BIA’s websites updated by June and the shoreline survey (Beaver, Trout, Hog, High, and Garden) underway by June 15. A second was a 15-point list detailing the nature of the shoreline survey, which would also identify the location of any Purple Loosestrife. This indicates the people, equipment, and time that are needed. The third listed other matters to be discussed during the 2009 treatment year.

Supervisor Don Vyse reported that an ad hoc committee had met with Cherry Capital Communications’ CEO Tim Maylone to discuss his interest in providing high-speed wireless internet to Beaver Island.

**Peaine Township**

Pam Grassmick appeared at the onset of the Peaine Town Board meeting to request it consider joining with St. James to appoint two commissions (Human Services and Natural Resources) to allow their member organizations to have a united voice.

A letter was read from Kirk McBride criticizing the BIRHC’s January meeting for having renewed the dentist’s lease in a closed session. A letter from the BIRHC indicated its attorney had told them there had been no damage.

A bid from Robert’s John Service for work on the deputy’s home was tabled to give an opportunity to other potential bidders. Jean Wierenga’s bid for grass cutting was accepted.

The Zoning Board of Appeals had two vacancies. One current member, Donna Stambaugh, offered to serve again, and was re-appointed. The ZBA was asked to find an additional member.

One person, Krys Lyle (a current member), applied for the Planning Commission vacancy and was re-appointed.

There were five openings on the Trails Committee, and four applicants: Tina Morgan, Tina Walker, Sharon Hurkmans, and Darrell Butler Jr. All were appointed.

Information about vacancies on the Cemetery Committee was incomplete.

The only applicant for the Phragmites Administrator was Jacque LaFreniere, who was appointed to this post at $20/hour. This year she'll work with volunteer Pam Grassmick.

Amy Burris was ratified as the third employee at the Transfer Station at $12.75/hour, to work up to 38 hours/week during the summer.

Before the Airport Committee was discussed, Clerk Colleen Martin presented an opinion from the Township Attorney that indicated Paul Welke should recuse himself from voting for AC members because of a potential conflict of interest.

continued on page 6.
Paul spoke out to dispute that, pointing out that he had been in favor of the Municipal Airport acquiring additional land and so moving. He challenged the Clerk’s authority to ask for an opinion (and indebted the Township) without first coming to the Board for its approval; she countered that she had brought the matter to the supervisor’s attention three or four months earlier because taxpayers had asked her, and she had felt she had to act when no response was received and taxpayers continued to ask. Township supervisor Jack Gallagher believed the wording of the legal opinion was too vague and generalized to be usable to guide action in this specific case. Furthermore he said he had seen ample evidence of Welke detaching his views about Township matters from his personal business interests. Bud Martin said that because the small number of Islanders were so interconnected this type of potential conflict was impossible to avoid. Rachel Teague, Airport Manager and CEO of Fresh Air Aviation, stated that she felt letting Welke vote on AC members would give him an unfair advantage, but the supervisor disagreed. Bob Hoogendorn asked about the danger of ignoring a legal opinion. Welke wondered if anyone thought there was a conflict of interest with Colleen Martin on the AC and it buying fuel from her husband; she pointed out that the purchase had always been from the lowest bidder.

With that settled, more or less, the matter of the three vacancies on the AC was addressed. The three current members (Colleen Martin, Terry Saxton, and Mike Scripps) had asked to be retained, but there were also five others seeking a seat. The supervisor recommended the Board appoint three new members, Kevin Boyle, Don Langford, and Bob Tidmore, to the AC, saying they “should not turn away people of this caliber.” Their resumes were included in the packets distributed to the 32 people in the audience. Kevin Boyle had dealt directly with the FAA; aviation enthusiast Don Langford was a Board member of AeroMetric and is on the Executive Committee of Camden Aviation; and Bob Tidmore, as a fire protection engineer, was part of the design and project management of hangar fire protection systems at several airports. Treasurer Larry Kubic pointed out that the three new people could attend AC meetings and help with Airport projects even if they weren’t on the AC. Jim Wojan, an AC member from St. James, said the current members had been very helpful and done a good job, adding, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.”

The Board voted separately on, first, the current members, and then the three suggestees. Scripps and Saxon were continued with 3 yes votes (Kubic, LoDico, and Martin), but Martin could not vote on her own nomination, which
was deadlocked at 2 – 2 (Gallagher and Welke voting against). But the three new candidates were each defeated, 3 – 2 (Kubic, LoDico, and Martin voting no). So one seat went temporarily unfilled.

The supervisor urged the Waste Management Committee to begin an analysis of costs associated with the Transfer Station immediately in order to reduce cost and improve service.

The supervisor said that an investigation of the possibility of acquiring an RDA grant for wireless internet learned that we would not qualify because there is already DSL service on part of the Island. However a different federal grant might be obtained. If we can document that wireless will benefit the economy we might get some stimulus money; the rules will be finalized by June 1, and there will be 60 days in which to apply. Having an engineering study done would assist our application (as will our ownership of the towers), so he will discuss this with Cherry Capital Communication’s Tim Maylone to see if the study he proposed could be done for less than $20,000. Spending money on this study was approved.

The question of what dust control to use (Bay Dust Control’s 38% at 88¢/gallon or St. James Marine’s 26% at 53¢/gallon) was examined. Paul Welke had talked to two engineers, each of whom thought the 26% was a better deal because a local applicator would not have to put it on in bad conditions in order to get equipment back on the boat (last year some of the 38% was put on during the rain and washed right off), it contained a wood fiber additive, and it was less corrosive to cars. Others were in favor of using the 38% solution.

It was mentioned that tapping our own brine with a deep well might cost a million dollars.) The question of road gravel was examined. The CCRC provides some gravel, but the Township intends to purchase 2,000 yards for its own applications; it wants 23A with adequate clay (15 – 20%). The CCRC buys its gravel from Gillespie Enterprises at $13.50/yard, but Gillespie has no more clay and will have to buy it, adding to the price. No one else is currently able to provide the needed gravel.

Sheets outlining operating procedures for all boards, commissions, and committees, and for purchasing guidelines, were distributed for study before the next meeting.

Charleviox County passed an ORV ordinance making them legal (under certain conditions) on county roads—except Main Street from Four Corners to Whiskey Point on Beaver Island. Our townships can close any (or all) additional roads to ORV traffic, beginning on 7-17. So we have an opportunity in the next few months to observe ORV use and decide if we want to forbid them from any other roads. A public meeting at the Peaine Hall was set for 5-31-09 to discuss this. (See page 27.)
Thanks

Heidi Vigil-Connor, Owner, Operator, Plant Entrepreneur

Premium Potting Mixes - Select Seeds

Planters - Trees - Flowering Shrubs - Vines - Roses - Geraniums - Petunias - Perennials - Hanging Baskets - Fantastic lineup of Vegetables - Herbs - Annuals - Begonias -

Commercial & Residential Construction specializing in custom wood homes

Ernest Martin
Beaver Island Office
Phone 231-448-2074
Fax 231-448-2047
email: info@kmcontractorsinc.com
web: www.kmcontractorsinc.com

Bonadeo’s Beaver Island Boat Charters

Enjoy hiking, camping, swimming, beach going, geo-cache and boating while exploring the beautiful, wild islands surrounding Beaver Island.

We provide half-day and full-day Guided Tours, memorable Sunset Cruises, as well as Water Taxi service for campers. jbonadeo@tds.net

(231) 448-2489

www.BeaverIslandBoatCharters.com

Bonadeo’s Beaver Island Boat Charters

while exploring the beautiful, wild islands surrounding Beaver Island.

Enjoy hiking, camping, swimming, beach going, geo-cache and boating as well as Water Taxi service for campers. jbonadeo@tds.net

We provide half-day and full-day Guided Tours, memorable Sunset Cruises, as well as Water Taxi service for campers. jbonadeo@tds.net

(231) 448-2489

www.BeaverIslandBoatCharters.com


Open — Lots of Vegetables

“I dig Beaver Island Gardens”

BEAVER ISLAND GARDEN

Open — Lots of Vegetables

“I dig Beaver Island Gardens”


BEAVER ISLAND GARDEN

Open — Lots of Vegetables

“I dig Beaver Island Gardens”


BEAVER ISLAND GARDEN

Open — Lots of Vegetables

“I dig Beaver Island Gardens”


BEAVER ISLAND GARDEN

Open — Lots of Vegetables

“I dig Beaver Island Gardens”

PAR FOR THE COURSE — B.I. GOLF COURSE TURNS 50!

by Fairway Frank

Springtime golf. Can it get any better? You’re finally outside without extra layers of clothing, heavy coats, boots, hats, gloves … and you’re moving free and easy, strolling down the fairway, the air is crisp and clean, the sun is shining, the birds are singing; life is good.

And here on Beaver Island in May it’s as though you are playing on your own private course. Sure, you might see Mike Bailey teeing off on number four while you’re walking the first fairway, or you’ll see Nel and Annette finishing up on the fifth green while you’re headed for the rolling putting platform of number eight, but mostly you and your group have the course to yourselves. What a great thing. No waiting for another group to finish putting or no one behind you waiting for you to advance. Simply no waiting. Step up and swing. Or stop and look and listen as you soak up the unfolding beauty around you. What a great thing.

At this time of year the only thing waiting at the golf course is the rest of the season ahead, there for the playing, the league play, the tournaments, the mixed events, the enjoyment (or frustration) of the next hole. The great swings, the great hits are all out there; the chips from off the green into the hole, the long putts, the towering drives, the saves from the rough, the lucky bounces off the trees – it’s all out there waiting for you to experience the joys of the game.

And as the headline says, this is the 50th year for our little, pardon the expression, slice of paradise. Fifty years since Pete the Swede and young Gary McDonough began carving out bunkers behind a horse-drawn scoop, discing fairways, and hand-tossing grass seed here and there under the direction of Matt Melville and his ever-present assistant Freckles. Since then the course has seen a number of owners and many improvements. Over the four years since John Works, Jr. assumed ownership the course has seen tremendous improvement as the greens have been greatly enhanced, the trees in the rough have been trimmed, the heather has been mowed, and an enclosed driving range has been added. Every year it seems more events are planned.

This year will see an expansion of the popular, alternate shot ‘mixed partner’ events to six such outings – the next is scheduled for June 21st. Once again there will be two Ladies Leagues (Tuesday evenings and Thursday mornings), plus the annual Ladies Tournament (July 18th). The annual Mens League will again meet on Wednesday evenings. The always popular Fourth of July Tournament will tee off on July 3rd this year, and the annual Jerry Sowa Outing will be held the evening of July 31st. New events proposed for this year include a four-day BIGC Open, along with a Health Center Scramble set for August. More information on these events will be available as they take shape. Another new program this year is ‘Grandparents Day’ which allows a member grandparent to share the golfing experience with a grandchild without green fees. Contact the course (231.448.2301) for dates and more information.

CONCERT

The Glen McDonough Memorial Concert will be held on July 11, at 7:30 at “Red Deer,” Patrick and Jenny’s front yard at 37670 King’s Highway.

The concert is a benefit for the Glen McDonough Memorial Music Scholarship Fund. Several scholarships have been awarded for guitar, piano, violin, and other instruments.

Glen was born here in 1934, and played many instruments with Island musicians Pat Bonner and Jewell Gillespie—and played with other Island musicians until his passing in 2004. For many years Glen was an active member of the Original Michigan Fiddlers Association, and the Jordan Valley Fiddlers Group.

THANKS

The Dolores Gallagher family thanks everyone who brought food to the Convent when we came to bury Mom. A special thanks to Sherri Timsak for singing at the Church and the cemetery. A very special thanks to Pam O’Brien for all of her help to get me through this whole thing. —Vicki Gould (Doney)

The family of the late Phil Gregg would like to thank the Island community, family, and friends far away for their outpouring of love.

Your prayers, hugs, flowers, cards, visits, phone calls, memorial gifts, food, use of motels and cars were such a tremendous help during this sad time. You made us realize that not only did we lose a husband and father, but you lost a good friend.

We extend very special thanks to the ladies at the Beaver Island Christian Church for the lovely luncheon after the services, to Island Airways’ Paul Welke for the moving missing man fly-over and Mary Delamater for helping get Ron home in time to say good-bye, Heidi Conner for the water wreath, the AmVets for their salute, and Ron Winchester for his kind help. You all helped make a difficult time much easier to bear. The love and support from all of you has, and continues to, ease our hearts. Thank you.

—The Gregg family; Lillian, Phyllis and Joe Moore, Ruthie Gregg, Ron and Ann Gregg
In the middle of May, 18 CMU honor students enrolled in a course on designing community service projects came to Beaver Island to experience what it’s like to perform community service. They offered themselves to various Island organizations, such as the school, the Community Center, and the Health Center.

Their help at the Historical Society was exemplary. They divided into four groups, two of which accepted routine tasks. One concentrated on the Heritage Park, where they raked the grounds, bagged and hauled the debris (21 large sacks); when that was done, they swept out the barn and then hauled out, repainted, and restacked the 21 8’ x 8’ display boards for the Art Show.

For decades the back attic has been where things were put when no one had a better idea. Few BIHS members ventured up the narrow, winding stairs, and ducked under the low roof to look at the donated artifacts there. These students were warned: “if you don’t want to do this, we'll understand.” They didn't flinch. They took everything down to the main floor (where it completely filled the “kitchen addition”) to

---

Ed Wojan Realty

Your Key to BEAVER ISLAND

Edward B. Wojan - Broker
26300 Buck Highway
P.O. Box 86
Beaver Island, Michigan 49782

231-448-2711 or toll free 1-800-268-2711
view on our web site at: www.edwojanrealty.com

Masini Lane Lots

(Two Donegal Bay Rd. lots of 2.9 acres each and one Lake Michigan lot of 2.5 acres - all 200 feet wide off a new road known as Masini Lane that will run straight north from Donegal Bay Rd., halfway between the Beaver Island Lodge and the St. James Township campground.) This new road not yet constructed will be put in before Fall 2009. The lakefront Parcel A has 200.62 feet of shore frontage, is well over 500 feet from the shoreline to the south property line, with a building site on a bluff-top area that provides a fantastic view of Hog, Garden, Squaw and Whiskey Islands. At night you can see the flashing light of Lansing Shoals nine miles out and lighthouse points in the Upper Peninsula. A set of steps is needed down the bank to the shoreline in front of the house like you will find in front of the houses on the north side of Chipmunk Trail to the east. Secluded, nice tree cover, elevated lot almost in town and yet very quiet and private. Parcels C and D off Donegal Bay Rd. have the bike path along their southern line. These lots are 200 feet wide and 634 feet deep north to south. These inland, wooded lots are the best lots you’ll find this close to town for a nice, wooded homesite and at a bargain price. Although solid woods right now they could be opened just like Ed and Connie Wojan’s house site which shares a common line with Parcel C. See the survey copy stapled on the trees at Donegal Bay Rd. and the north side of the bike path at the Masini Lane sign.

Lakefront lot (Parcel A) $225,000. Inland wooded lots (Parcels C & D) $45,000 ea.
clean the space, and then clean the artifacts and bring them back up the stairs. Once that was done, the students finished the day by cleaning the rest of the Museum.

The fourth group had the greatest challenge. They went to the Marine Museum, moved shakes, raked away dozer tracks, and relocated a boat—and then were presented with the opportunity to roll a 500#, 9'-high rusted old hand-made iron buoy up the hill and stand it upright by the road. They could use a pry bar in the steel loops at the top and bottom to turn the 3'-diameter cylinder, with two students manning large blocks to, hopefully, keep it from rolling backwards. The faculty adviser asked, “Isn't this dangerous?”

“It certainly is,” she was told. “Be very careful.”

“I don't know … this isn't what we had in mind,” she stated; but the students, all for it, convinced her they would be ready to jump out of the way in time if it started rolling backwards. So inch by inch, up the bank she came.

At the top, the gang could not lift the small end of the buoy. So two lines were grabbed. One was looped over a branch and attached to an old station wagon. But the limb’s position was not directly overhead, so the second rope was attached to the CMU van at right angles. Then the task became to verticalize the buoy by keeping the ropes taut as one vehicle went forward and the other backward, and vice versa. It worked fine, and the impossible was done. The students were so pleased that they came back the next day and painted a sign for the Marine Museum on the buoy.
Inland Auto
Mobile and Land Based Repair
29 years experience in the business
Friendly Service
Michigan master certified in automotive light and heavy trucks
We repair heavy equipment.
We Build and Service
Electric Vehicles too!
Jeff Connor Proprietor
231-448-3132

In the dour economic climate, providing physicals to the uninsured. And a link has been established from the BIRHC to the C3F, creating direct access for on-line donations to either the BIRHC Endowment Fund (which took a hit from the bad economy) or the Special Projects Fund.

The tension between BIRHC and PABI seemed to be resolved. Tempers had risen when PABI decided to raffle an off-road RTV, and a protest was made, but Judy Gallagher pointed out that no disrespect was intended, that the PABI board had volunteered to sell BIRHC raffle tickets in the past, and

GORDON’s AUTO CLINIC
- Full Service Auto Repair
- Winter Storage
- Winter Snow Plowing
- Vehicle Pick-Up & Delivery Service
- 24-hour Wrecker Service

GORDON HEIKKA, OWNER (231) 448-2438
Michigan Certified Master Mechanic MI10391
P.O. Box 175, St James, MI 49782
enter your boat in the Clyde Fogg Memorial Boat Parade; enjoy fireworks over the harbor that evening.
July 7 - Robin Lee Berry afternoon Family Ukelele Music Workshop and evening solo performance at the Community Center.
July 10 - Beaver Tales An original BI production of songs, poems, and anecdotes of Island life and history, performed by Island folks at the Community Center.
July 11 - Glen McDonough Memorial Concert 7:30. See page 9.
July 12 - Little Miss Higgins: Gutsy, spirited country-blues from Blissfest! at the Community Center.
July 13 - Beaver Island Association Annual Meeting 7:30 Peaine Hall
July 16 - Wetlands of BI Walk, page 27.
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.
July 24 - Switchback Irish-Americana duo returns with their unique blend of “Celtic Soul!” at the Community Center.
July 29 - Carol Johnson Uplifting family-folk, Community Center.
July 30-August 2 - Baroque on Beaver! 7-30 Small Ensemble Performances at CMU. 7-31 Orchestra at Community Center. 8-1 Orchestra and Chorus at Holy Cross. 8-2 Orchestra and Chorus at Holy Cross. See page 30.
August 1 - Beaver Island’s Inland Lakes Nature Walk. See page 27.
August 1 - Meet the Artists at Livingstone Studio 12:00-5:00.
August 7-8 - Homecoming
September 5 - Beaver Island Marathon September 18-20 - The Celtic Games October 3 - The Bite & Island Boodle

FOCUS ON that there was enough of a difference between its Kubota and the Health Center’s Cobalt for the raffles to not detract from each other.

Of course there was some negative news. The alliance with NMH will not, after all, lead to a quick reduction in our insurance cost. Quite the opposite: NMH’s review of our policies indicated we might be underinsured in some areas. But one aspect of NMH’s ongoing search for funds for its operation involved a grant request for assisting the three islands under its umbrella, Mackinac, Drummond, and Beaver.

Another negative: the request for community members to help by joining committees did not produce results. Yet work awaits, so committee members are being asked to solicit others to help.

The Board also dealt with Kirk McBride’s notice that in his opinion the OMA was violated, conceding that under the pressure of the moment (created when three executives connected with NMH agreed to attend the January meeting, forcing a last-minute early start) a mistake was made, and agreeing that more care will be exercised in the future.

MONTAAGE
Making Art A Part of Everyday Living
With Special Gifts for June’s Special People
• Father’s Day – June 21
• Many Proud and Relieved Graduates
• And the Many June Brides and Bridegrooms

Ryan Smith Construction
Licensed Contractor
Remodels Integrity
Additions Efficiency
New Construction Quality Craftsmanship
Roofing, Siding, Replacement Windows

Ryan Smith
P.O. Box 331, Beaver Island, MI 49782
phone 231-448-2601 cellular 231-620-0243
e email ryanandkerry@tds.net
A day like this must be made in heaven: perfectly blue sky, crystal clear lake water, gentle breezes of cool air. Gazing at the lake this Memorial Day, I feel blessed, even though I am sick and lying in bed. The bedroom’s double doors open onto the lake and a humming bird feeder, hanging patiently for a customer. Any will do.

Looking out over the lake, with nary a cormorant in sight, I picture millions of baby perch swimming feverishly, no longer afraid. Our Lake Michigan will soon again be teeming with fish, thanks to the Wild Life Club and its leaders. The Beaver Beacon highlighted efforts to exterminate the cormorant in a story about harbor noise creation, even, if necessary, recruiting local citizens to collectively discharge weapons into the harbor air to keep the birds at bay. What an inspiring thing, to see the community come together like this!

Hmmm. Still no humming bird. I wonder if snakes could have eaten them? A friend visiting a few years ago suggested the sparsity of humming birds was due to snakes. They could leap into the air snatching in their jaws the humming bird in mid flight. Having seen a few yellow-striped snakes on the property, this made perfect sense, and would surely account for the lack of humming birds.
birds. I resolved forthwith to rid the property of snakes and to destroy their nests. I plan to notify the Wild Life Club of this plan, as it seems a logical way to restore ecological balance.

I notice, curiously, swarms of gnats, mosquitoes, and flies outside the screen door. I was hoping that with the elimination of Island beavers, standing water would also disappear and so too the bugs. No doubt there are still a few beavers left alive! Perhaps a community effort here too is needed.

I rely on the Beacon to catch up on Island news. Memorial Day weekend gives me time to read. I was happy to note that my most favorite people got the “Persons of the Year” award. Also, the “trout” stream at the public beach near my property is to get a new culvert. (There are trout in this stream? I thought beavers had eaten all the trout?) TDS is supposed to provide internet service to the South End? When I called a few weeks ago, the guy who answered said something like, “Internet service? I don’t know nothing ‘bout no stinking internet service.”

Oh well, still no humming bird. Time to get out the rake and kill a few more snakes! Hope you had, as I did, a great weekend.

—Mitchel Osman, South End
This little project started on an early, crisp, winter morning. I had gone to town in an attempt to capture a January sunrise at Whiskey Point. On the way home I stopped to shoot a series of shots at the old ‘Salty’ Gallagher home on King’s Highway. With the morning sun rising in golden delight behind the abandoned structure, I set up my tripod across the highway, framed what seemed an interesting shot (including enough extra space for later cropping), and began shooting the frames necessary to create a final HDR image.

HDR (high dynamic range) is a photographic technique that has been around for many decades, albeit as a somewhat complicated darkroom modus. But today, due to the amazing possibilities at hand with the ever-changing and growing world of software offerings, it has become the latest rage among digital photographers. The modern HDR process involves shooting a series of frames of the same image while adjusting the exposure value of each image. Typically, this is done with a series of three to five frames, ranging from two stops over-exposed to two-stops underexposed, at either one- or two-stop intervals, although some photographers shoot many more frames at smaller intervals—as with anything in the digital photography world there are a multitude of ways to accomplish the same thing. The series is best shot in the RAW file format to avoid any in-camera adjustment of the images as is done when shooting in the JPEG mode. The RAW series of images is then imported to a program such as Photomatix where they are combined into a single image. Then the fun begins as this program allows multiple adjustments in multiple combinations in order to achieve a nearly-finished image. Further adjustment/manipulation in a photo program such as Photoshop is just icing on the cake as you come closer to realizing the digital adage: it’s not the photo you take, it’s the photo you make.

The theory behind HDR photography is that cameras, printers, and computer screens are unable to fully capture or reproduce all the colors, hues, and tones (the dynamic range) that can be seen by the human eye. Using multiple images at differing exposures allows greater control over bright and dark contrast areas in a scene. Of course, computer operators have their own individual views and ideas of what makes a good or interesting final product, and often extend the range of tonality, contrast, and radiance to push the limits of what a final image may look like. To paraphrase a much older adage: beauty is in the eye of the photoshopper.

My interest in HDR photography has been inspired by the work of fellow BICS-grad Jason Lome (www.flickr.com/photos/lomeranger) whose abilities and results far outstrip my own—thus the inspiration—plus the never-ending search for improvement and understanding of the seemingly limitless world of digital capture and creation.

Regardless of the photographic technique involved, the most important aspect of even a small project like this is to capture the beauty and history of Beaver Island as places and events around us continuously change.

—Frank Solle
his little project closer to realizing the digital "crisp, winter morn- take, it's the photo you make." I had gone to town in an attempt to capture a January photography is that cameras, printers, and computer screens are unable to fully capture or shoot a series of shots at the old 'Salty' Gallagher home on King's Highway. With the morning sun rising in golden delight behind the abandoned structure, I set up my tripod across the highway, framed what seemed an interesting shot (including enough extra space for later cropping), and began shooting the frames necessary to create a final HDR image.

HDR (high dynamic range) is a photographic technique that has been around for many decades, albeit as a what complicated darkroom modus. But today, due to the amazing possibilities at hand with the ever-changing and growing world of software offerings, it has become the latest rage among digital photographers. The modern HDR process involves shooting a series of frames of the same image while adjusting the exposure value of each image. Typically, this is done with a series of three to five frames, ranging from two stops over-exposed to two-stops underexposed, at either one- or two-stop intervals, although some photographers shoot many more frames at smaller intervals—as with anything in the digital photography world there are a multitude of ways to accomplish the just icing on the cake as you come —Frank Solle

A Salt y Study in HDR

B E A V E R  I S L A N D

www.inlandsaskayaking.com

half-day, full-day, & overnight sea kayak trips, sea kayak instruction new this year: full moon paddle & new moon stargazing nights inland lake eco-tours - held weekly and by special appointment

inlands easkayaking.com

Photographs by Frank Solle
BIRHC RAFFLE CAR

On May 7th the highly fuel-efficient 2009 Chevy Cobalt arrived on Beaver Island. This snazzy vehicle is a beautiful gray green, comes with ON Star, and gets terrific mileage. As of the May 14th early bird ticket purchase deadline, 141 tickets had been sold. The early bird drawing for a $1,000 cash prize took place on May 26th, with Ginger McMillan the lucky winner. Tickets continue to be available at the Health Center office after May 15th.

Beginning the last weekend in June, BIRHC Board members and friends will be selling tickets at McDonough’s Store. This year our goal is to sell 600 tickets —and remember, ticket purchases are tax-deductible. Thanks to all who have already helped us to that goal by purchasing early. We really appreciate your support. Good luck to all!

PINKY’S TREE

Pinky was gone for two weeks, and what did she miss? Only an excellent Memorial Day concert, an AmVets pancake breakfast, the arrival across the street of school groups from CMU, WMU, and the Black River School, and several boats entering her harbor despite gulls warning away all those not captained by Skip Duhamel.

Oh, and one more thing: the explosion of her tree, which finally paid her back for all the care she and her family have put into it since its babyhood. Those who know the real Pinky know many times she sung to this tree during the night, or reassured it during a lightning storm. They know how many times she shooed gulls out of its branches, gathered suckers from the Jordan River and buried them against its roots, or took a boat ride to Hog Island to gather guano. All we can say to the tree is, “Couldn’t you have waited? It was only two weeks!”

ANDERSON AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

e-mail aap.mba@charter.net phone 231-947-4598
A I R  S H O W
Who wouldn’t enjoy seeing a WWII-era B-25 at the June 26th - 28th Beaver Island Air Show?

The plane coming, the “Yankee Warrior,” was manufactured by North American Aviation in Kansas City, and delivered on 12-17-1943 to the USAAF. On paper it was assigned to Lend-Lease program for the RAF as “KL148” in January, 1944. But instead it departed Hunter Field, GA, on 1-19-1944 on the southern route through Brazil to Africa. It flew seven combat missions from Corsica over Sicily and through the Brenner Pass with the USAAF in 1944, carrying the tail code “634 9C.” After the war she was used in Canada, twice put into storage, and came to America in 1968. She was restored in 1976, now at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run, sleeping in an original Henry Ford Hangar.

M U S I C  F E S T I V A L
Mark your calendars for the Beaver Island Music Festival July 16th, 17th, and 18th. The festival continues to grow, with this year’s lineup including Black Jake & the Carnies, Lake Effect, the Ragbirds, the Mossy Mountain Band, P-A-U-L, Pinky Lee, Rootstand, Ultraviolet Hippopotamus, Dave Boutette, Squeaky Clean Cretins, For Heaven’s Sake, Ernie Douglas, Whitey Morgan, Strings n’ Things, Jan Day/Doris Schlockman, Sowa Bros, and Shifting Souls. Also in the works is music on the ferry ride over.

For more information and tickets, visit www.bimf.net or (231) 838-2883.

E L E C T R I C
June 26, cars arrive on the 10:45 ferry and will be available for demo drives. Jeff Connor will show his new Beaver Island electric pickup. Last year “over 400 people came out to see the cars, with over 200 test drives taken,” Dan Wardlow said. “Six cars were sold, doubling the number on the Island.”
Electric

In front of the Shamrock Bar & Restaurant & the Harbour Market

Global Electric Motorcars
A Chrysler Company

Test Drives!
Financing options available.
Federal tax incentives on new cars.
Two, four, and six seat cars available

* A selection of new and gently used cars available.

SPONSORED BY FOX MOTORS OF CHARLEVOIX AND THE SHAMROCK BAR & RESTAURANT.
Car Show

Be an Ambassador of Climate Change and save $6,000 off the 100% ELECTRIC ZENN

100% Electric AC Drive

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ZENN AMBASSADOR PROGRAM and the current 10% Federal Tax Incentive to Save $6,000 off the purchase of a ZENN car. This limited time offering is only available until June 30th, 2009 so contact your local Retailer today for complete program details and to schedule your test drive of the earth friendly, fully featured ZENN electric vehicle.

www.ZENNcars.com

* Lightly used ZENN Factory Demo cars starting at $5,950!
Over 210 people gathered at the Beaver Island Community School for its official dedication, an event that featured several speakers—including past graduates from 1933 (Helen Pike), 1959 (Bev O'Donnell Cantwell), 1984 (Kathleen Green Dvoracek), and 2009 (Maeve Green).

Principal and superintendent Kitty McNamara welcomed the crowd to the gym—ironically, the only part of the old school left unchanged—remarking that the nurturing of Island youth had been done on this spot for over a hundred years.

She thanked the Grand Traverse Band for a grant for stained glass windows and playground equipment, and commended all those whose help had been needed to bring the project this far: the Visioning group; the parents, teachers and staff, and students; St. James Township, and the Beaver Island Christian Church; and the architect (Bret Kronlein of Beta Design), construction manager (Tom Sloan), and contractor Beaver Gems (Robert Gillespie and Kevin Barry and Theresa McDonough were lauded for their many extra efforts and attention to detail).

Helen Pike told a story on herself, how each day a student at the McKinley School 80 years ago would be appointed to ring the bell to announce that class was in session, and ring it until everyone was at their desk, when classes would begin. But this became an opportunity for venting petty quarrels: if someone you didn’t like was still coming up the hill, it was understandable if you only gave them a few rings, followed by silence and a mark in the nun’s “late” column.

Bev Cantwell, a country girl, had started at Sunnyside before joining a class of nine at McKinley. But wherever the Islanders went to school, they benefitted from a strong pro-education Island tradition. John Fiegen, ten years on the school board and 41 years a teacher, added a perspective from the front of the class: teachers do their best to impart information, but always wind up learning more than they could ever teach. To round out the comments, teacher (and former school graduate) Deb Robert read remarks from several third-graders which showed that they were very aware, and appreciative, of the gift of the community represented by the new building.

Christie Heller Perdue used her allotted three minutes at the podium to talk about the Twenty-first Century Learning Scholarship program, whose vision is to provide at least the first year of tuition for every Beaver Island graduate. This is modeled on programs begun in Kalamazoo and Northport, which are spreading across the country.

To succeed, tax-deductible donations—made to the BICS 21st Century Scholarship Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation—are required; they may be made for immediate redistribution in scholarships or to build an endowment, which theoretically could extinguish the need for constant new donations. Packets were passed out to all attendees as they left.

The crowd moved outside for Beaver Gems’ presentation of the original McKinley School Bell and a flag-raising ceremony by the AmVets on a beautiful sunny day. Then everyone went back inside for the official ribbon cuttings, followed by tours of the facility and a picnic lunch laid out on tables behind the beautiful new school.
Over 210 people gathered at the Helen Pike and told a story on herself, signed by the new building.

Beaver Island Community School for how each day a student at the McKinley Christie Heller Perdue used her official dedication, an event that School 80 years ago would be allotted three minutes at the podium to featured several speakers—including appointed to ring the bell to announce talk about the Twenty-first Century past graduates from 1933 (Helen Pike), that class was in session, and ring it Learning Scholarship program, whose 1959 (Bev O’Donnell Cantwell), 1984 until everyone was at their desk, when vision is to provide at least the first year (Kathleen Green Dvoracek), and 2009 classes would begin. But this became an of tuition for every Beaver Island (Maeve Green).

She thanked the Grand Traverse Band for a grant for stained glass windows and playground equipment, and benefitted from a strong pro-education Island tradition. John Fiegen, ten years on the school board and 41 years a teacher, added a perspective from the front of the class: teachers do their best to impart information, but always wind up learning more than they could ever understand if you only gave them a few rings. To succeed, tax-deductible donations—made to the BICS 21st Century Scholarship Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation—are required if someone you didn’t like was still begun in Kalamazoo and Northport, which are spreading across the country.

Principal and superintendent Kitty McNamara welcomed the crowd to the coming up the hill, it was able if you only gave them a few rings, To succeed, tax-deductible donations—made to the BICS 21st Century Scholarship Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation—are required if someone you didn’t like was still begun in Kalamazoo and Northport, which are spreading across the country.

Hurry, space is limited!

Call us for more info at 448-2235 or 448-2050

We are more than just a laundromat and carwash!

We store boats, cars, campers, household items, construction materials...

YOU NAME IT, WE CAN STORE IT!

We have affordable month to month rates, 9 month rates, or yearly rates.

Offering Quality Architectural Design Services to Beaver Islanders for over 25 Years

WENDY S. WHITE, D.D.S.

BEAVER ISLAND FAMILY DENTISTRY

P.O. Box 218

37304 King’s Highway

Beaver Island, MI 49782

(231) 448-2100

Hours By Appointment
With the donning of caps and gowns and the earning of diplomas comes the responsibility of moving on to life’s new adventures. And so it is with the five graduates of the Beaver Island Community School class of 2009. Ready now for whatever life brings their way, here’s a brief look at the plans for each of our matriculating scholars.

Caitlin Marie Boyle, daughter of Neal and Connie Boyle, is planning on attending Michigan State University to major in Animal Science. She has long-term goals of becoming either a large animal veterinarian or a manager of a horse barn. “I’m really excited to be going off to college,” she says, “but I will miss the Island.” Caitlin also says she would like to thank “our wonderful community for being so supportive.” One of her lasting memories is being made fun of for being a reporter back in Kindergarten.

Deven Rae Cook, daughter of Denny and Mary Cook, is planning on attending Baker College at Muskegon in order to participate in the two-year veterinary technology program with the goal of eventually obtaining employment as a veterinary technician. Looking back at her years at BICS, Deven says her favorite memories are of eating lunch with her best friend Heather.

Patrick Martin Cull, son of Bruce and Patti Cull, will attend Central Michigan University where he will study history with the long-term goal of someday becoming a college history professor. Patrick will look back fondly on his years of participating in the sports programs at BICS as well as the friendships he made. Patrick adds, “I know how lucky I am to have gotten my initial education in such a unique place as Beaver Island.”

Maeve McNamara Green, daughter of Mike Green and Kathleen McNamara, will be attending the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in Traverse City in the fall. “I plan on earning both a captain’s license and a business degree,” she says. Maeve’s long-term plan is to someday be a captain on an ocean-going ship, following in the footsteps of both her father and grandfather, who have captained the Island’s ferries for many years. Maeve recalls that her favorite times at BICS were those spent playing sports.

Heather Nicole McDonough, daughter of Kevin and Theresa McDonough and Tamara Wisner, plans on attending Grand Rapids Community College in order to obtain her basic education, then transfer to either Central Michigan University or Grand Valley State University. While her eventual plan is to teach history at either the high school or college level, Heather adds, “I plan on traveling the world at some point in my life.” One of Heather’s many memories at BICS is providing entertainment, “whether it was falling in the hall or doing other funny stuff.” She says, “I’d like to thank my dad and my step-mom for letting me move in and helping me get back on track with my schooling. I’d also like to thank my mom for supporting all my decisions.”
BICS Grads Ready to Move On

by Frank Solle

The time has come for the five graduates of the Beaver Island Community School Class of 2009 to move on to new adventures. Ready now to take on the world are Maeve McNamara, Patrick Martin Cull, Caitlin Marie Boyle, Heather Nicole McDonough, and Deven Rae Cook.

Maeve McNamara, daughter of Mike and Kathleen McNamara, will attend Michigan State University to major in Animal Science. Maeve's long-term goal is to someday be a captain on an ocean-going ship, following in the footsteps of both her father and grand-father, who have captained the Island's ferries for many years. Maeve recalls that her favorite times at BICS were those spent playing sports.

Patrick Martin Cull, son of Bruce and Patti Cull, will attend Central Michigan University in Traverse City in the fall. He plans on earning both a captain's license and a business study history with the long-term goal of obtaining a degree. He says, "I plan on traveling the world at some point in my life." One of Heather's many memories at BICS is providing entertainment, "whether it was falling in the hall or doing other funny stuff." She says, "I'd like to thank my dad and my step-mom for letting me move in and helping me get back on track with my schooling. I'd also like to thank my mom for supporting all my decisions."

Caitlin Marie Boyle, daughter of Neal and Connie Boyle, is planning on attending Michigan State University to major in Animal Science. She has long-term goals of becoming either a large animal veterinarian or a manager of a horse barn. "I'm really excited to be going off to college," she says, "but I will miss the Island." Caitlin also says she would like to thank "our wonderful community for being so supportive."

Heather Nicole McDonough, daughter of Kevin and Theresa McDonough, plans on attending Grand Rapids Community College in order to obtain her basic education, then transfer to either Central Michigan University or Grand Valley State University. While her eventual plan is to teach history at either the high school or college level, Heather adds, "I plan on traveling the world at some point in my life." One of Heather's many memories at BICS is providing entertainment, "whether it was falling in the hall or doing other funny stuff."

Deven Rae Cook, daughter of Denny and Mary Cook, is planning on attending Baker College at Muskegon in order to participate in the two-year veterinary technology program with the goal of eventually obtaining employment as a veterinary technician. Looking back at her years at BICS, Deven says her favorite memories are of eating lunch with her best friend Heather. "I'd like to thank my mom for supporting all my decisions."
Take a walk on the wild Side

Knowledgeable about ecology and horticulture and land... Beaver Island's... more than willing to answer your questions.

The CMU Biological Station, Dr. Beth Leuck: Saturday Thursday July 16. Participants go to the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve, hiking to Lake Michigan to explore the diverse flora and fauna, including a thriving population of the endangered Michigan Monkey Flower. Walking some distances may be required; participants are encouraged to wear knee-high rubber boots.

The CMUBS, and conclude at 12:00 with a lunch in the BioStation cafeteria.

The Spiders of Beaver Island with Dr. Don Uzarski: June 27. We'll be offering interesting and informative talks on the spiders of Beaver Island with Dr. Don Uzarski.

Trees and Shrubs of Beaver Island with Dr. Dave Clark: Thursday July 2. Mr. Dan Benjamin: Saturday August 1.

Dr. Ed Leuck: Thursday June 18. Dr. Clark will WOW you with a short PowerPoint presentation on these fascinating creatures before you spend about 3 hours in the field learning more about the water chemistry and natural history.

Home Baked- Scones, Muffins, Cookies    Jim’s Pizza & Sandwiches
Beer, Wine, Liquor, Soda
Candy
Cigarettes & Ice
Free Wi-fi
Smoke Free Atmosphere
Hours: Monday-Saturday 6:30am-9pm
Sunday 8am-9pm
Free WI-Fi
Daily Specials

Peaine: On 5-31, 72 residents of Peaine allow an ORV to leave an approved road and strike out on private or state ORVs. Even the BIA eased off its initial objections, taking a “Let's wait and see” attitude and urging all members to watch for and report violations.

Everyone had a chance to speak during the 90-minute meeting, including the deputy, who answered the environmental objections by saying that nothing in the ordinance would damage the environment. Some people thought that shouldn't dictate a cutback of proper ORV use. Some people claimed legal SUVs, 4-wheel-drive trucks, and log haulers do far more damage to the environment than the relatively slow and lightweight ORVs.

After 40 people stood up, gave their name, and voiced their opinion, the Board would digest what it heard before making any decision.
Take a Walk on the Wild Side

The CMU Biological Station, partnering with the BIHS, is again offering interesting and informative field trips. The fee is $30; folks should sign up at the Museum in advance. Trips are limited to 28, begin at 9:00 at CMUBS, and conclude at 12:00 with a lunch in the BioStation cafeteria.

Trees and Shrubs of Beaver Island with Dr. Ed Leuck: Thursday June 18. A trip to a variety of habitats to see many of Beaver Island's diverse tree and shrub species. Dr. Leuck is extremely knowledgeable about horticulture and landscaping with these and other plants, and is more than willing to answer your questions.

Little Sand Bay with Dr. Beth Leuck: Saturday June 27. Participants go to the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve, hiking to Lake Michigan to explore the diverse flora and fauna, including a thriving population of the endangered Michigan Monkey Flower.

The Spiders of Beaver Island with Dr. Dave Clark: Thursday July 2. Dr. Clark will WOW you with a short PowerPoint presentation on these fascinating creatures before you spend time in the field learning more about the ecology and behavior of Beaver Island's diverse spider populations.

Wetlands of Beaver Island with Dr. Don Uzarski: Thursday July 16.

Participants will see various wetland types. Wetland structure, function, and values will be discussed. Walking some distances may be required; participants are encouraged to wear knee-high rubber boots.

Beaver Island's Inland Lakes with Mr. Dan Benjamin: Saturday August 1.

A popular trip to most of Beaver Island's inland lakes with information about their formation, current status, water chemistry and natural history.

P E A I N E R S D I S C U S S O F F R O A D V E H I C L E S

On 5-31, 72 residents of Peaine Township attended a meeting (including eight who came on their ORVs) to express their views on the new Charlevoix County ORV ordinance.

Everyone had a chance to speak during the 90-minute meeting, including the deputy, who answered the environmental objections by saying that nothing in the ordinance would allow an ORV to leave an approved road and strike out on private or state land. People conceded that there have been occasional problems with ORVs on beaches, dunes, or private land, but thought that shouldn’t dictate a cutback of proper ORV use. Some people claimed legal SUVs, 4-wheel-drive trucks, and log haulers do far more damage to the environment than the relatively slow and lightweight ORVs. Even the BIA eased off its initial objections, taking a “Let’s wait and see” attitude and urging all members to watch for and report violations.

After 40 people stood up, gave their name, and voiced their opinion, the supervisor said the Board would digest what it heard before making any decision.
The first annual (we hope) Beaver Island Archipelago Challenge Boating Event - Poker Run will be held on July 5th sponsored by PABI to benefit the Beaver Island Community Center.

Entry cost is $100 per person. Boats will leave the harbor at 1 pm to pick up their cards; boats will be stationed at various locations around Beaver Island with hors d'oeuvres at each. After all stops, dock boats, and dinner will be provided at the Shamrock, with the prize awarded, as well as a silent auction. The prize will be well worth the ticket price.

This will be a fun and safe event—no speed required, just a winning hand.

All proceeds go directly to the Community Center so it’s a great opportunity to have a great time on the water and benefit a great cause at the same time.

St. James Marine Co. hauls:
- general freight and cargo
- heavy equipment
- stone products
- cement products
- topsoil
- boats
- livestock
- storage containers
- building materials
- garbage dumpsters
- modular homes
- automobiles
- trailers
- semi-trailers
- junk cars
- and much more!

In addition, St. James Marine Co. executes on-water fireworks shows, barge hauling-services for logging, commercial assistance towing, dust control, salvage search and diving, working boat repair, dredging, marine improvement and dock repair.

St. James Marine Co.
Serving Beaver Island and the Great Lakes for your hauling and freight needs. Delivery to your location available.

St. James Marine Co. hauls:
- general freight and cargo
- heavy equipment
- stone products
- cement products
- topsoil
- boats
- livestock
- storage containers
- building materials
- garbage dumpsters
- modular homes
- automobiles
- trailers
- semi-trailers
- junk cars
- and much more!

In addition, St. James Marine Co. executes on-water fireworks shows, barge hauling-services for logging, commercial assistance towing, dust control, salvage search and diving, working boat repair, dredging, marine improvement and dock repair.

You call, WE HAUL!
Office: (231) 448-2235  Cell: (231) 838-0254
www.stjamesmarine.com

Four of our Beaver Island Community School students played in the May 17th concert at John Hall in Bay View, Petoskey.

Katie LaFreniere and Erin Myers played in the beginner group. Michael McCafferty played in the Intermediate group, and Caitlin Boyle played in the Symphony.

These students should be very proud of their accomplishments and their dedication to playing music. We hope that in later life, no matter where they go, they come back on occasion and play for their earliest fans.

LADIES FORE PLAY

The annual Ladies’ Golf Tournament will take place on Saturday, July 18, this summer. The nine-hole competition will begin with a shotgun start at 9 o’clock, and end with a luncheon, served under the tent at the golf club. All levels of players are encouraged to participate in this fun-filled day. Registration forms are available at the Beaver Island Golf Club.
WHO IS A REAL CELT, AND WHO’S A “WANNA-BE”?  

“Yes, we can now reveal the answer to this question,” Celtic studies professor Seamus Norgaard admitted. “We invite the bravest Beaver Islanders to Tara’s Meadow to put their suspicions to rest.” Scientific examinations will be conducted at noon on June 20th, during Tara’s Meadow’s 5th annual open house and “welcoming in the summer” celebration. Other activities include live Celtic music with Linda Hammond, an “all-ages” dance around the May Pole, Irish International Spud Hurling playoffs and Irish road bowling, and a Celtic cow toss. There will be a Chili Feed, more music, and storytelling around the campfire in the evening. The festivities are free, with “pass the hat” donations towards the music and food.

“Folks will have to remove their shoes,” explained Professor Norgaard. “Determining Celtic heritage is painless, but requires a foot exam by a professional. You see, during WW11 when the Germans were bombing the British Isles, storms of refugees flooded into Hereford. Some were true Celts, others were of Anglo-Saxon descent. The Gloucestershire Podiatrist Phyllis Jackson made a crucial discovery—Celtic feet are different than Anglo Saxon feet! The trait that makes all the difference will be revealed at Tara’s Meadow on Saturday June 20th.”

Folks should arrive at noon. Bring 25' of colored fabric ribbon for each person dancing around the May Pole. Also bring: a lawn chair or blanket, a musical instrument, and a special stone for our cairn—with a story about your own favorite natural spot. Bring service ware for the 5pm Chili Feed. The mission of Tara’s Meadow is “to uplift” to celebrate community and our connections with the beauty where we live.

Tara’s Meadow, the site of the historic Carpenter’s Mill on the West Side Road, is located a mile north of Miller’s Marsh. Call Seamus Norgaard for more information: 231.448.2477, or 231.347.7957.

Choking on Dust?

Tired of this view from your window?

Call

St. James Marine Dust Control

231-448-2235

Dust Control for Driveways and Roads.
Using Environmentally-Friendly Non-hazardous Products
so you can enjoy your spot on the Island without the dust!

Working with Northern Michigan Dust Control Inc.
The cormorant count doesn’t look bad from the harbor, either because the cormorant harassment program has been successful or because there aren’t many fish left; but there are still a lot in the archipelago.

“70% of the cormorants in North America reside in Lake Michigan... good luck being a fish.”

Staff Sgt. Michael Cherette, the son of Donzell Anthony and the grandson of Alvina Napont, has left Wasau WI for Military Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca in Arizona, where he will receive more extensive training until the end of September. Then he’ll return home for two weeks before being stationed at Fort Wainwright in Alaska for three years.

His family is very proud of him, and wish him the best in his travels.

We would like to thank this amazing Beaver Island community. All of the love, support, compassion, gifts, prayer, and well-wishes have left our family feeling humble and truly blessed.

To all of you who share this wonderful Island treasure, which we are lucky enough to call home, we thank you from the very depths of our heart.

With blessings of love,
— the Croswhite Family, Beth, Stryder, Saygan, and Joddy
and our dog Saiah would like to thank Jade and Tray
**PABI RTV RAFFLE**

The Preservation Association of Beaver Island is now holding an RTV Raffle for a Kubota RTV1100. The winner will be announced on November 21st, Thanksgiving Weekend. Special thanks to the PABI Board for funding the purchase, and to Ginop Sales of Alanson Michigan for delivery. Only 800 tickets will be sold for this street-legal vehicle, and your $50 will help the Beaver Island Community Center.

**IN MEMORY**

Mary Gatliff: 6-26, 1897; 5-18, 1994

*If roses grow in heaven
Lord please pick a bunch for me
Place them in my mother's arms
And tell her they're from me.*

Tell her I love her and miss her,
And when she turns to smile
Place a kiss upon her cheek
And hold her for awhile.

Because remembering her is easy.
I do it every day.
But there's an ache within my heart
That will never go away.

We love and miss you.
—Grace, Audrey, Kathleen, and Ann

**LUCK OF THE DRAW**

When Coldwater's Ginger McMillan got the call, she assumed it was yet another friend phoning to wish her a happy birthday—after all, this was a special one, her fiftieth. It was from BIRHC, telling her she had just won the “Early Bird” drawing. Of the 141 who had qualified by buying a ticket for the Labor Day car drawing (for which they all remain in contention, including Ginger), her name was pulled from the jar at the Shamrock at 7:00 on 5-25.

---

**New Office Open In Charlevoix!**

Please come enjoy all the wonderful amenities that Fresh Air Aviation's new facility has to offer. A warm, comfortable, and relaxed atmosphere with a fireplace, full kitchen, outdoor patio, plenty of on-site parking, and a Wii system!
Young kids are amazing. After attending a dress rehearsal the day prior to show time, I was amazed at, well, how awful things went. Costumes were missing, props were either missing or not put in the correct place, and lines, if remembered at all, were mostly mumbled toward the back of the stage. I began counting the hours until actual curtain time and didn't like the results.

But with a little more practice early on show day and the great burst of nerves that comes from facing a large audience and the dimming of the footlights, the young cast came together, fed off the energy of a nearly packed house, and placed the props spot on, delivered their lines loud and clear and to the audience, and in general pulled off a performance of near Broadway-esque perfection. Like I said, young kids are amazing.

The play, Wingin’ It!, written by Stephen Murray, follows a child’s path from infancy to the day she leaves home for college. Along the way we meet all kinds of baby-sitters, witness the terrible days of teasing in school, the dreadful gym teacher, the joys of having a substitute teacher, and the less-than-tasteful time in the school cafeteria. We move on to the challenge of driver’s ed (for both the student and the teacher), the responsibilities of tackling a new job, the horrors of towing siblings along on a date, and the day to pack up and head off on your own.

We also were treated along the way with tremendous efforts and stage presence by the cast. Hannah Robert knew all the tricks as the ‘good’ sitter, while her counterpart Emily Boyle had mastered all the ins and outs of being the ‘bad’ sitter. Not to be outdone was ‘Sarge’ Jordan Marsh who put his charges through the paces as the military sitter. Sarah Avery magically played the clone, Carrie Coppins (that’s Mary Poppins for the younger set—I was in sixth grade when she charmed us on the big screen).

And those sittees? Trace Butler, Zack Bousquet, and Ryan Boyle were all equally rotten little kids as the script...
that comes from facing a large audience. Young kids are amazing.

and the dimming of the footlights, the young cast came together, fed off the energy of a nearly packed house, and show time, I was amazed at, well, how

placed the props spot on, delivered their awful things went. Costumes were missing, props were either missing or not put and in general pulled off a performance in the correct place, and lines, if remembered at all, were mostly mumbled towards the back of the stage. I began

The play, Wingin’ It!, written by Steven Murray, follows a child’s path from infancy to the day she leaves home for college. Along the way we meet all kinds of teacher, the joys of having a substitute teacher, and the less-than-tasteful time in the school cafeteria. We move on to the challenge of driver’s ed (for both the student and the teacher), the responsibilities of tackling a new job, the horrors of towing siblings along on a date, and the day to pack up and head off on your own.

We also were treated along the way with tremendous efforts and stage presence by the cast. Hannah Robert knew all the tricks as the ‘good’ sitter, while her counterpart Emily Boyle had mastered all the ins and outs of being the ‘bad’ sitter. Not to be outdone was ‘Sarge’ Jordan Marsh who put his charges through the paces as the military sitter. Sarah Avery magically played the clone, Carrie Coppins (that’s Mary Poppins for the younger set—I was in sixth grade when she charmed us on the big screen). And those sittees? Trace Butler, Zack Bousquet, and Ryan Boyle were all equally rotten little kids as the script called for. Liam Hodgson, Emily Burton, and Sarah Avery were charmed by the good sitter while the sitter comparison was outlined by Meg Works.

In his role as the gym teacher, Liam Hodgson perhaps found his calling. He was born to whistle and shout orders, or so it seemed. He took no excuse or excused anyone from doing as he saw fit.

The same could be said for Emily Boyle in her performance as the substitute teacher, although she needed a bit of work in following the lab directions. Her facial expressions were award-worthy as she ordered the class to run before the explosion.

Trace Butler wouldn’t be caught dead as a real driver’s education teacher, not after his experience with this crew.

Ryan Boyle proved much too nice and polite to be a robber after trying to take advantage of Emily Burton on her first day on the job—it was Ryan’s first robbery attempt as well. Good thing Hannah Robert was there as Emily’s mother to send him to the nearby doughnut shop for his next attempt.

Zack Bousquet and Liam Hodgson were a couple of cool dudes ready for a night at the movies. They had their yawn-first, arm-around-their-date moves down to perfection. Too bad Sarah Avery and Jordan Marsh were “tag-along toddlers” with big sisters Hannah Robert and Meg Works. As you would expect, the date didn’t work out so well.

In the midst of all this commotion and growing up, the play was held together by the narrator, the newest member of the fifth grade, Nick Williams, who did an outstanding job as a veteran movie preview announcer.

Directed by Deb Robert, with help from fellow teacher Kim Newport along with student Lindsey Kenwabikisie and volunteer Pam Moxham, the play was once again a great success.

Following the performance numerous donated prizes were raffled off with all the evening’s proceeds going for another glorious 5-6th grade expedition to Camp Hayo-Went-Ha.
Where's the best place to . . .

Fish (for answers)

Surf (the internet)

Play (music)

Get Lost (in a book)

The Beaver Island District Library

It’s all Free at the Librareee!
One Hundred Years Ago
from Joyce Bartels
Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 3, 1909 Local News: “The Beaver began her daily trips to the Island Tuesday.”

“The steamer Beaver shipped a new smokestack Saturday.”

“Excursion of Charlevoix Odd Fellows on steamer Beaver to East Jordan Friday evening, June 4th. Fare, round trip 25 cents.”

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 9, 1909 Local News Briefly Told: “W. E. Stevens of St. James was in the city Monday.”

“John Quinlen of St. James is a guest of Frank Scopp and family.”

“Mrs. Hugh P. Boyle, of St. James, visited Charlevoix friends last week.”

“Charles O’Donnell of St James has been spending a few days in the city on business.”

“George Sisco of St. James has been spending a few days in the city on business.”

“Miss Eva Gibson, of St. James, and Miss Ida Gibson, of Petosky, visited at W. E. Campbell’s (sic) Friday.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 10, 1909 Local News: “At St. James, Mrs. C. C. Gallagher has opened, across the street from the foot of McCann’s dock, a very neat and fully equipped restaurant that will be pleasing to the many Charlevoix visitors to the beautiful Island. An elegant marble soda fountain has been installed and John- son’s famous ice cream goes over by about every trip of the boat.”

Additional Locals: “A quarter million wall-eyed pike fry were put in Beaver Harbor Friday.”

“Miss Eva Gibson of St. James, was in the city Friday on her way to Petosky and Harbor Springs to visit relatives.”

“Mrs. James Donlevy and daughter Ray, of St. James, and her sister, Mrs. Enright of Chicago, were in town yesterday on their way to the Island.”

“James McCann, the St. James fisherman, has hauled out his Gill nets for a time, but he, with others, are setting a string of pound nets on the Island reefs. Gill-net fishing is reported light.”

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 16, 1909 Local News Briefly Told: “James C. Gallagher, John W. Green, James and Eddie Martin, of St. James, were in the city on business Tuesday.”

“Levi Shea went to Beaver Island on Monday on business expecting to return Friday.”

“A letter received from St. James says they are living the simple life on the islands and so far no deaths can be laid to the effects of local option.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 17, 1909 Local News: “James C. Gallagher of Beaver Island was in the city Tuesday.”

continued on page 36.

Notes from F. Protar’s diary with the help of Antje Price
Deputy warden Eddy was here Tuesday on the steamer Chase S. Osborn and had several commercial fishermen in justice court for failing to take out a license as the law provides. Mr. Eddy complains that the fishermen are becoming very careless about complying with the requirements, and he has been instructed by Warden Pierce to do a little shaking up. The law fixes the license for sailboats at $5; powerboats $10; with lifter $15. It cost a bunch of the boys $12.75 each.

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 23, 1909 From Beaver Island: “W. J. Gallagher went to Boyne City Tuesday.”

“James Donlevy was in Charlevoix Monday.”

IN MEMORY: ART JOHNSTON

Word has been received that after a lengthy illness Art Johnston has passed away.

His initial residence came about when his family decided to build the Beaver Lodge in the mid-1950s. He became the construction manager, and then, with his wife Dorothy, the completed Lodge’s first manager. An “idea man,” he was active in the Civic Association, and in 1955 suggested its new newsletter be called the Beaver Beacon. But Dorothy’s poor health forced them to give up their dream and leave.

After her passing he moved back
Mr. Eddy complains that the fishermen engaged in surveying most of the on the Islands Monday. "H. P. Parmalee, of the New York Register, June 5, 1909提现 the fishery." After her passing he moved back to the family farm.

His initial residence came about when his family decided to build the man. "Mr. Gallagher went to Boyne City from Manistee." His daughter, Mary, is a guest of the family. Monday, returning Tuesday morning. "Pierce to do a little shaking up. The law will be on the Islands Sunday, July 12th. "Deputy warden Eddy was here and confirmed a class." The life-saving service this district, "W. J. Gallagher went to Boyne City on the Islands." and will spend ten days here and on a bunch of the boys $12.75 each."

An agent of the United States bought his wife and had several commercial deals with land owners. "An idea to give up their dream and leave." D. C. Nettleton returned from Charlevoix and spent their honey-moon on the Island. And will be seen on many days chugging around St. James, a smile on his face and a ready greeting for all. Now Mr. Webster will have to find someone else to serve as the living embodiment of the word “spry.” Lots of luck, Noah.

**VAN & GEO RENTAL**

**PICK UP AT BOAT OR PLANE**

**Multi-Day Discounts**

4 HR. Rates available

**Call: 448-2300**

**BEAVER ISLAND MARINA**

E-MAIL: Pat@BeaverIslandMarina.com

---

**BEAVER ISLAND MARINA**

**At Your Service:**

- Transient Slips
- Fuel - Charts - Shipstore
- Auto & Boat Repair
- Licensed Mechanic
- Storage & More

**Gas Station and Car Rental**

Gold Card Savings

Check out our ship store: Gifts, Bait, and More.

25860 Main - P.O. Box 76 - Beaver Island, MI 49782

(231) 448-2300 - FAX (231) 448-2763

www.beaverislandmarina.com
Signé Ashley Thomas, formerly of Beaver Island, is Mariner High School’s Valedictorian, Class of 2009. In 2005 she moved from BICS and a class of 5 to Mariner High School in Cape Coral Florida with a class of over 500. Since then she has been a whirlwind of accomplishments.

Graduating with a GPA of 5.66 and 30 dual enrollment hours from Edison State College, Signé was recognized as Mariner’s top student at her Senior Awards ceremony.

Her awards include: Member of Mariner High’s Captain’s Table, President Student Government Association, 2009 Presidential Volunteer Service Award, top 10% in Florida, 2009 Presidential Spirit of Community Certificate of Excellence, Cape Coral’s ‘Do The Right Thing’ Award, March 2009 Overall Winner, Bruce Scheiner 2009 ‘Make a Difference Award,’ Most Likely to Succeed, Senior Superlatives, Prom Queen 2009, National Honor Society Member, 1st Place Thomas Edison’s Inventors’ Fair, Founder and President of ‘Adopt a Grandparent’ Program, Preliminary title holder, Miss Florida Teen USA 2009, International Model and Talent Network 1st place, Student of the Month—January 2009; Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society—12th grade.

Scholarships received include: Florida Bright Futures, Florida State University Merit, Cape Coral Kiwanis, Cape Coral Mayor’s, Rotary Club of Cape Coral, Elks National Foundation, John and Mary Shanley Memorial, National Honor Society, and the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts Summer Scholarship.

When Signé was asked about her future plans, she said she was so excited to be in a large school with countless opportunities that she seldom got in bed before 2:00 a.m. but loved every minute. “I kept myself busy with extracurriculars too—such as school plays, track, and competitive dance. Mariner has a lot of excellent students so achieving my goal while participating in volunteer work and other activities did not come easily. Having the honor of representing Mariner High as their valedictorian is an honor I will never forget.”

Her future academic goals include graduating from Florida State University Honors Program in Economics and International Relations, in preparation for Law School. She plans to participate in FSU’s ‘study abroad’ program in England. FSU gets 2 out of the 10 spots allotted to the United States for internship opportunities with the British Parliament, and she plans on securing one of them. After law school she plans an extensive political career in the federal government. Signé is the daughter of Eula and Bill Thomas, owners of the Emerald Isle Hotel on Beaver Island, and the grand-daughter of Bill and Ruth Thomas, Traverse City, MI., and Elsie and the late John Ferguson of West Liberty, KY. Congratulations, Signé!
Signé Ashley Thomas – Valedictorian, Class of 09
BETH WINS OPIE AWARD

This year, after only twenty years of intense, dedicated effort at the Island School, Beth Croswhite received the annual OPIE (outstanding person in education) award.

Here’s what former fellow teacher Jim Stambaugh had to say about her:

“Having combined kindergarten teaching and K-12 school counseling, Beth Croswhite has developed the ability to communicate with almost anyone and at every conceivable level. From celebrating the joy of Kwanzaa with the little ones to mourning the death of a recent graduate with high school students, Beth has demonstrated time and again an uncanny empathy for others. Discovering the flexibility of being a “random—abstract” rather than a “concrete-sequential” personality, encouragement or concern. Beaver Island students have been lucky to have Beth Croswhite as a mentor, and I feel privileged to have worked with this delightful ‘abstract-random.’”

She came here after teaching for 9 years in Wisconsin when her husband, guitar maker Joddy, was hired to build Claudia Schmidt’s 3-hexagon house. At our school she taught the younger kids, and serves as counselor for all grades.

SUMMER ISLANDER MAKES TCC’S HALL OF FAME

Jim Anderson, a 1961 graduate of Traverse City High School, will be inducted to the Traverse City Central Hall of Fame.

Part owner of a cottage off the West Side Road, he has been married to Jan for 44 years, and has two children, Deborah (Dave) Prichard and Mike (Allison) Anderson.

As a student athlete, he was on the varsity football, basketball, and track teams. He attended NMU, where he played basketball and tennis, earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in speech and language pathology from CMU, and worked for the Mt. Pleasant Public Schools as a speech pathologist from 1966-67.

He was employed by the TBA-ISD as a speech pathologist from 1967-1997. He served as TCAPS elementary athletic director, TC Central boys junior varsity basketball coach, Suttons Bay boys varsity basketball coach, TC Junior High girls basketball coach, TC St. Francis varsity boys basketball coach and the TC Central girls varsity basketball coach earning five district titles with an overall record of 159-64. He was also the TC Central football radio announcer, and is currently the assistant girls varsity basketball coach at TC West High School.

He served as director of the Northwest Michigan Girls Basketball Team, the All-State Girls Basketball Camp, the Northwest Michigan Basketball Academy, and was the coordinator of “The Road to the Breslin.” He has been a MHSAA boys and girls basketball official for 20 years.

Continuing his father’s passion for aviation, Anderson obtained his pilot’s license in 1968, is a commercial pilot and is the assistant National Cherry Festival Airshow director. He established Anderson Aerial Photography (his stunning aerials of Beaver have been displayed in many locations on the Island) in 1990.

HANNAH CONNOR

Hannah Conner, the former BICS student who wowed audiences with her singing (think Proud Mary) and later enjoyed a year abroad in Germany, graduated with honors from the Glenwood Springs High School in Colorado. She soloed in the school musical, and won the “Heart and Soul” award for her work with the Varsity Choir. She began her senior year at her grandparents’ home, but when philosophical differences developed she moved into her own apartment for the last three months.

She got a sweet deal from the Air Force, and will report to the Lackland Texas base in two weeks. She hopes to earn a BS during her four years of service, and intends to become a doctor of chiropractic afterwards.
Summer Islander makes TCC's Hall of Fame

CMU, and worked for the Mt. Pleasant basketball coach at TC West High School. In 1990, she earned a bachelor's and master's degree in Central education. She was the TC Central girls varsity basketball coach and is the assistant National Cherry Festival director. She has been married to Jan for 44 years, and has two children, Suttons Bay boys and girls basketball officials. She was employed by the TBA-ISD State Girls Basketball Camp, the North-Michigan Basketball Academy, and the Mid-Season All-State Girls Basketball Team, the All-District Girls Basketball Team, and the All-State Girls Basketball Team.

Beth wins OPiE Award

As a student athlete, he was on the varsity boys basketball coach and the TC Central boys varsity basketball coach. He attended NMU, where he earned a master's degree in Central football radio announcer, and is the TC Central boys junior varsity basketball coach. The TC Central boys basketball coach, Pete Anderson, has been the coordinator of "The Road to the Breslin." He has been a MHSAA boys basketball coach for 44 years, and has two children, Suttons Bay boys varsity basketball coach, and is the assistant girls varsity basketball coach. He was employed by the TBA-ISD State Girls Basketball Camp, the North-Michigan Basketball Academy, and the Mid-Season All-State Girls Basketball Team, the All-District Girls Basketball Team, and the All-State Girls Basketball Team.

Jim Stambaugh had to say about her: "Having combined kindergarten and one- in-one education) award."

The overly confident student.

This year, after only twenty years of teaching, Beth, early on in her teaching career, found she was able to make students feel comfortable being with her, relating to everyone from the most fearful to the overly confident student.

At our school she taught the younger kids, and serves as counselor for all others. Discovering the flexibility of "concrete-sequential" personality, she the head of the counseling department. There, she is the counselor for the MEAP tests, and making cup-scholarship applications. She will greet each student and teacher she passes in the hallway, ready to offer words of encouragement or concern. Beaver Island Community School, Beth Croswhite received the annual OPiE (outstanding person in education) award. The "concrete-sequential" student is she the head of the counseling department. There, she is the counselor for the MEAP tests, and making cup-scholarship applications. She will greet each student and teacher she passes in the hallway, ready to offer words of encouragement or concern.

Ride the boat ... to Beaver Island

The best way to discover Beaver Island... by sailing past the lighthouse and into Paradise Bay aboard the Emerald Isle or Beaver Islander from Round Lake in Charlevoix. Affordable transportation to the Island for people, freight, and vehicles. And the best way to arrive on the Island!

BEAVER ISLAND BOAT COMPANY
102 BRIDGE PARK DRIVE, CHARLEVOIX, MI 49720
PHONE 231-547-2311 TOLL FREE 1-888-446-4095
WWW.BEAVERISLANDBOATCOMPANY.COM INFO@BIBCO.COM
231-448-2500 for Island Tour information & reservations

B eaver I sland C onstruction

• Custom Homes
• Garages/Additions
• Remodeling/Siding
• Painting, In & Out
• Decks/Roofing
• Handyman Service

KEVIN WHITE, GENERAL CONTRACTOR
State Licensed & Insured
call (231) 448-2571
“No Job Too Small”

Nina's Restaurant

Where the Cuisine is as Wonderful as the View

231-448-2396
www.beaverislandlodge.com
42. **Ten Years Ago** Almost 100 Islanders attended a joint township special meeting to consider the GLE proposal that we agree to pay 60% of the $2,600,000 cost of a new cable—over the next 30 years, at 12%. After much discussion the measure was passed.

Katrina Martin graduated from law school with a Juris Doctor degree. She planned to stay in San Diego and take the California bar exam in the fall.

The Margaret Erber Nature Preserve at the mouth of the Jordan River was created on land donated by Tom and Sue Erber of Charlevoix.

Montage announced its Grand Opening.

A group of CMU researchers formed the Michigan Water Research Collaboration to evaluate surface water in lakes, streams, and wetlands.

The Waste Management Fund paid Bob Morgford’s costs ($5,100) for hauling scrap metal off the Island.

A letter was printed from Henry Hill, who had been visiting Beaver Island for 81 years. He felt we tended to take its appeal for granted and were not proactive enough about protecting its delicate ambiance. He recommended forming a Historic Districts Commission to work with the Planning Commissions to preserve what is unique.

**Twenty Years Ago** The Beaver Island School finished 1st among 524 schools in Michigan’s MEAP scores, which included 580 out of 600 in math—ten points higher than East Grand Rapids, the #2. The students enjoyed a concert by the Prism Saxophone Quartet, and a lecture about Michigan’s birds of prey by Dennis Laidler, who brought along several vicious owls.

Island leaders visited Lansing and convinced the legislators to ease back a little on the sand dune protection law, using pictures of a Ron Wojan-built home at Greenes’ Bay as an example of well-sited construction providing a view without damaging the dune.

The Island school only had one graduate—Jamie Martin. Mike Moore provided music for the ceremony, but fog kept the commencement speaker from attending so the address had to be delivered by Rob McPherson, a 10th-grade student in Sparta who was visiting his good friend Jamie.

“Third Coast Beer,” which had a picture of the Beaver Archipelago on its label, began appearing on the Island.

New Island resident Pam O’Brien opened a store called “The Whistle Stop” and began selling her crafts in the new “Propeller Place” across the street from the King Strang Hotel.

The Wildlife Club mailed a solicitation to property owners and received $1,600 from 80 new members.

After a year in Wheatland Wyoming operating their trucking company there, three generations of Butlers moved back to Beaver Island, complaining of the high winds (100 mph) that tip over dozens of trucks each year.

Fifty crab trees supplied last year by Barney Gleason burst into bloom around the Harbor.

The passing of Katherine Wilson was noted. She and her husband Dave were summer residents for over forty years, and helped their kids operate a laundromat.

**Thirty Years Ago** The Beacon released one issue to cover the summer. It included the story of Moe Teeter fishing with friends on Hog Island and having mechanical problems. Phil Gregg at the Marina heard about it and
set out to offer help, but had the wrong information—which sent him to Garden Island. Tim Timsak at the Yacht Dock got the right location and sent Terry VanArkle to Hog, who brought Moe back. But Phil encountered engine problems of his own while searching Garden’s bays, and didn’t get home until after midnight.

Connie Wojan, secretary of the Medical Auxiliary, reported that Vivian Visscher’s luncheons raised $520, allowing the Med Center to purchase additional equipment.

Tom McDonough was commended by new deputy Jim Peacock for his “exemplary courage and strength” for his help with Don Burke, who had fallen between his wood stove and a wall and become wedged in. Former deputy Jeff Alexander, who served a year, thanked the Island people, and promised to return often (but didn’t).

The Brothers’ Lodge celebrated 50 years of operation, although it was no longer being used as a Retreat. The original plan was drawn in 1918 for a building in Joliet, and amended for Beaver Island by Joe King, an assistant principal. Head carpenter Joe Burke was given a pencil sketch and told to get to work—producing a nod. The materials were acquired in Chicago and sent from the Navy Pier in May, 1929, on board the S. S. Puritan. The first Mass in the chapel was held on 6-16-29.

The passing of Alex Washagensic was noted. He had been born on Garden Island in 1917, and raised on Beaver. He had been working in South Haven.

Forty Years Ago Fishing was good at Garden and Hog Islands, not just for largemouth but also for big perch. One of the pheasants planted years ago and thought to have died out was seen strutting on the beach near Cable’s Bay, looking awfully cocky.

The Rustic Villa Grill was set to open, but with a new rule: no one over 21 could enter (they could buy burgers and malts at the drive-by window).

Five passings were noted: logger Neal Gallagher, born in St. James in 1891 but living in Newberry since 1923; Alfred Pratt, born here in 1897, who sailed the ore boats until 1963; Mack McClintic, who summered at Lake Geneserath; Ed Boyle, born here in 1919 who had been living and working in Manistee; and Wilfred O’Brien, who had moved with her husband to Beaver Island and purchased Dr. Wilkerson’s home and drugstore—after his death in 1915, she married Wilfred O’Brien, taught school on Garden Island, and as an active artist painted many pictures of Island life.

Fifty Years Ago Former Island pastor Father Joseph was reassigned to Louisville, where he formed a Sportsmen’s Club, copying the constitution and by-laws of Beaver’s Civic Association, of which he was a past president.

The Island school had six seniors on the honor roll: Caroline Kenwabikise, Loretta LaFreniere, Sally Martin, Gary McDonough, Beverly O’Donnell, and Eleanor Pischner. Lower grade awards went to current Islanders Ed Wojan, Sandra LaFreniere, and Ron Wojan.

Visitors were assured that the free-range cattle grazing on the Island would be curtailed soon.

The CMU Biostation was springing to life.

A group of Holy Cross parishioners planted cedar trees around the church.
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.alenfoggcottage.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 suzigg16@comcast.net home.comcast.net/~loonlookout/site/

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

SAND BAY COTTAGE - ON THE LAKE:
with great beachfront. Sleeps 6. Two bedrooms and loft, 1 bath. Modern kitchen, fireplace, washer/dryer, grill.

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

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

WEEKLY RENTAL - Lakefront.
“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).
WEEKLY RENTAL - Harbor Beach
Two-bedroom Condos. $550/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.

Subscription:
☐ New ☐ Renewal
Name _______________________________
Address _______________________________
City __________________ State ______ Zip ______

$30.00 / Year (Standard Rate Mail)
$45.00 / Year (First Class Mail)

Please Mail to: The Beaver Beacon . Box 254, Beaver Island, MI 49782
Give a Gift Subscription:

Name ____________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________
City __________________________ State ________ Zip ________

[ ] $30.00 / Year (Standard Rate Mail)  [ ] If you would like a gift card sent: 
[ ] $45.00 / Year (First Class Mail)   [ ] A Gift From ____________________________

Message ____________________________________________

Please Mail to: The Beaver Beacon . Box 254, Beaver Island, MI 49782
46. REAL ESTATE, FOR RENT
continued from page 45.

HARBOR LIGHTS: A unique log home looking out over Paradise Bay. Beautiful views of St. James harbor, Garden and Hog Islands. Enjoy the boat traffic from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. Home is very secluded, sitting among lush cedars and pines. 3 bedrooms with 2 queens and 2 double beds. One large bathroom and one half bath. All the amenities you could ever need. Immaculate home with “spectacular” views. Our rate is $1,200.00 a week. This year we are offering a “Harbor lights stimulus package” offering a 10% discount for a week’s stay.
harborlightsbim@aol.com
Home (630) 834-4181
Cell (630) 995-0507 We know you’ll come back to Harbor Lights!

SPARKLING HARBOR VIEW: Welcoming cottage perched on a bluff overlooking the harbor. Less than a mile south of the ferry. This up-to-date cottage is comfortably furnished and contains 1 full bed, 2 twin beds, plus a daybed. Short walks to beautiful beaches and the activities and amenities of town. Two bikes, tv/vcr, microwave and Weber grill. Sorry, no pets.
$675 a week.
Call Mike at (734) 769-7565 or (734) 475-6178 or email mschroer@a2mich.com

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

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

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

NEW HOME ON SECLUDED ONE ACRE WOODED LOT IN PORT ST. JAMES
400 ft from north shore. Listen to the lake, see Garden Island when the leaves fall. Open floor plan 1875 ft² on one floor. Full unfinished raised basement with 2 egress windows. Two large master suites, one with large deep jet tub. Half bath in foyer. Smaller third bedroom is used for office. Lots of huge closets. Ceiling fans in every room. Decks on three sides. Two-car attached garage. Outdoor wood boiler with auxiliary propane for hot water baseboard heat. Radiant electric heat tile in bathrooms and laundry room. $250,000.
For more info call (231) 448-3010, or e-mail kopperud@ads.net

REAL ESTATE, FOR RENT


PAINTED LADY - Waterfront cottage on the west end. 2 BR/ 1 Bath. Old style cottage. Excellent view. Plenty of room for a kennel. Quiet area of island. Perfect for 4 or 5. (616) 399-5067.

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.

HAGGARD’S SUMMER RENTAL HOMES - Beautiful home overlooks Paradise Bay across from the Maritime Museum. A comfortable custom home sleeps 8-10 with 3 baths. Sunset view of the harbor and the village of St James is a winner. Public sand beach is close by.

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

REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

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

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

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

VALHALLA:

FOR SALE – 26190 ISLAND WOODS RD: 3 Bedrooms; 2 Baths; Built in 2005; Immaculate with loads of character; For details and interior photos, go to www.realb2b.com or URL in ad. Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email mschroer@a2mich.com.
SECLUDED 1940s LOG CABIN JUST ONE BLOCK FROM LAKE and market on one acre - Sleeps 4-6, pets welcome ($100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available $700/wk; weekends available. (219) 863-2655 or email cehlah@urhere.net.

LOCH WOOD SHORES - Located on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, W/D, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, fireplace, dish, and a gorgeous view. tammymed107@yahoo.com or call (231) 448-2733 or (231) 448-2499.

APARTMENT FOR RENT - $550/month, Fully Furnished, Near Four-Corners, Year Round availability. Call (231) 448-2074 or (231) 922-0000.

FOR SALE: YAMAHA snowmobiles with covers. Located on island. $1000.00 for both. Call 448-2708.

SHORTY’S PLACE: Close to town with a beautiful view of the harbor and water access. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sleeps 6. Dalwhinnie and McDonough’s within walking distance. $100 per week. Call Patti Fogg: (616) 399-5067. Website: www.alenfoggcottages.com Email: pfogg@charter.net

BEACHFRONT HOME FOR RENT: 3 bedrooms and loft – total 5 beds, hot tub, gorgeous views, solitude, wood stove, May-Sept. $1050. Off-season $795. $50 gas card with week’s rental. Call Perry at (313) 530-9776 or e-mail pgaiff@hotmail.com

FOR SALE at $339,900

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/beach access. $775/ July & August $800 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dana.luscombe@gmail.com

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 Home is full for summer of 2009-taking reservations for Fall 2009 and summer 2010. Web: bayhaven.beaverisland.net

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

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

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

10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD Beautiful, wooded, great building site; $39,000 M U S T S E L L. (231) 409-1214.

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

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

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

FOR SALE – HARBOR-AREA HOUSE: Four bedroom, 1 3/4 bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. Asking price is $195,000.

Ed Wojan Realty:
Real Estate Office: (231) 448-2711
Toll Free Number: 1-800-268-2711
view our web site: www.edwojanrealty.com