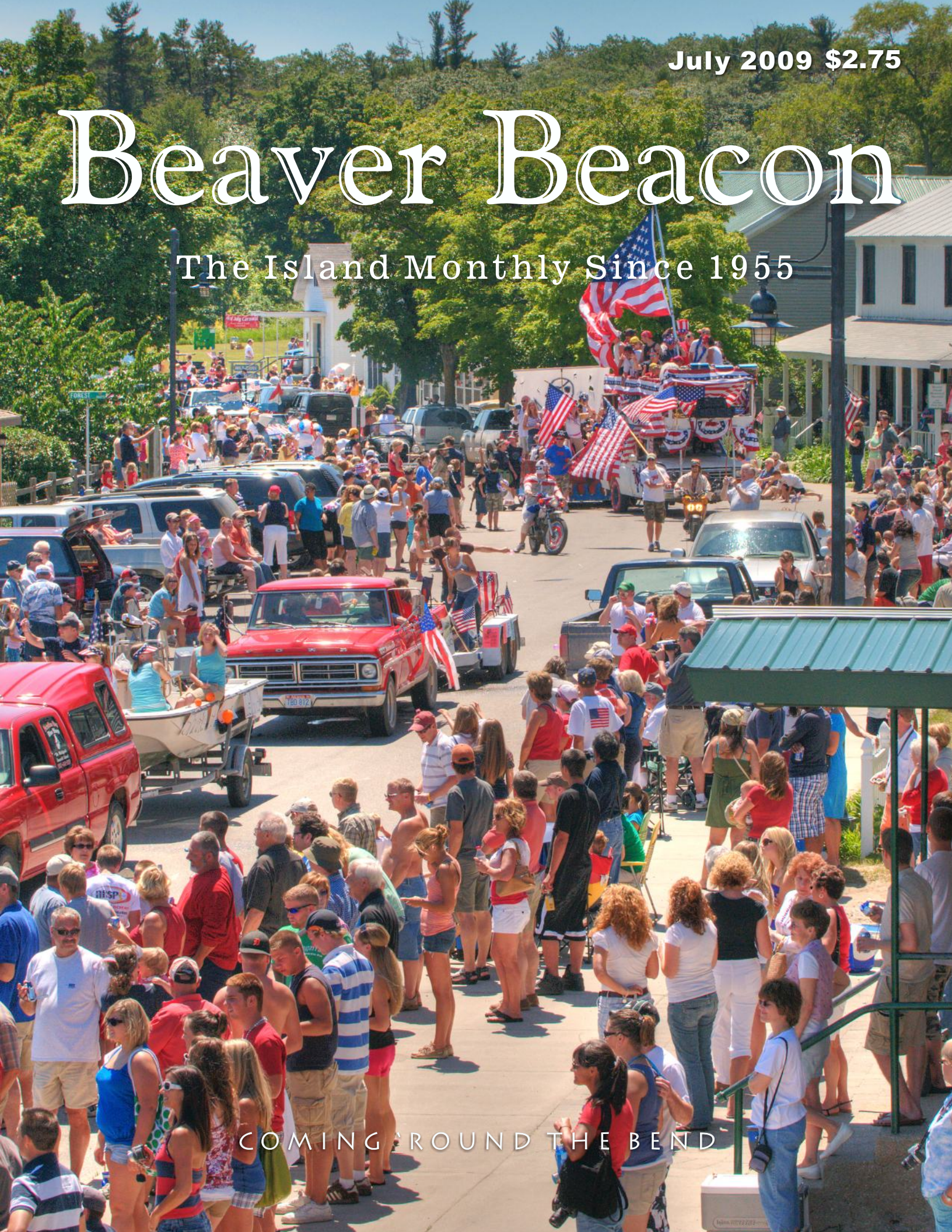


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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

Responding to comments and letters from residents, the St. James Board discussed two drafts of procedures, a Bid Policy and an Ethics Policy, supplied by the Township attorney. The Board had questions about each. With the Bid Policy, it was whether or not to separate services from products (unresolved) and what amount of anticipated cost would trigger the requiring of a bid (set at \$5,000). With the Ethics Policy, it was adjusting conflict of interest concerns to factor in the interconnectedness of a small community, and preventing an interpretation that would curtail volunteers from doing work gratis. Both measures were passed—the latter with a dissenting vote (because the volunteer issue was not settled).

In responding to the Township's request for these drafts, the Attorney suggested that other Township policies should be reviewed, and submitted a list of twenty—including the By-laws and the frequency of inventorying Township properties.

The Supervisor indicated there had been no further development in the relationship with Cherry Capital Connection, a potential blanket of the Island with wireless internet.

The Charlevoix County Road Commission was expected to clean sand off the streets and out of the catch

basins, and to repaint the Highway's center line.

A question was asked about how residents of St. James could get their ORVs to the legal riding areas in Peaine, if Peaine accepted the new County ORV Ordinance. To ride them south, either St. James would have to amend the County Ordinance (which it can) and allow ORVs on the King's Highway, or acquire a 66' easement on the private road known colloquially as Buddy Martin's Trail and build it into a county road.

Two letters were reviewed. One concerned the Open Meeting Act infractions at the Health Center's January meeting, which the Supervisor believed had been sufficiently addressed; he had attended the May BIRHC meeting, where it was discussed.

The second concerned a resident who had attended a Waste Management Committee meeting at which he felt his questions about the cost of billing were not adequately considered. At the WMC meeting he suggested that if people who charged their deliveries to the Transfer Station added \$2,500 in expense, perhaps this cost should be passed on to them, but his comment was given short shrift. He wanted the matter put on the WMC's next agenda.

Just before the close of the meeting a normally docile member of the audience stood up and said that she was

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sick and tired of so many nitpickers criticizing the dedicated and capable officials, who were doing a very good job of managing Township affairs—triggering extra time and the expense of attorney fees. In the days that followed several e-mails made the rounds, pointing out how many important improvements had been made on larger stages because of comments that could have been called nitpicky.

Peaine Township

Attendance was down to 26 for this monthly meeting.

The opinion given at the previous meeting, that Colleen Martin could not vote for herself to be on the Airport Committee, was reversed after consulting the Michigan Township Association. Further, it was pointed out that at least one member of the Town Board had to be on the Committee. The vote was taken again, and this time Colleen was elected unanimously to a 3-year term. Mike Scripps was given a 2-year term, Terry Saxton one year.

The matter of a possible conflict of interest between Paul Welke and the Airport, which was raised in the previous meeting, came up again and led to an audience member asking the Airport Manager, Rachel Teague, if she had signs of this. Her answer was that she never had.

Copies of the resolution creating


the Airport Committee and the minutes of its last meeting were circulated. The resolution calls for the six appointed members (three from each township) to choose a seventh member. Also circulated was a letter questioning whether or not there was a conflict of interest because AC member Terry Saxton was hired to work on the grounds without this being posted for bids. The draft of a Purchasing and Bidding policy, which was circulated for later discussion, would require Saxton to recuse himself when the AC considers awarding the grounds' work contract.

The Board agreed that its members should not ask the Township Attorney for a legal opinion without first getting Board approval.

The Trails Committee was completed by appointing Darlene Dooley, the only applicant for the unfilled position.

The Supervisor was still trying to complete his information on what Township agencies there were, what was their mission statement, what were their responsibilities and limits, and who were their members and what were their duties, terms, and rates of compensation. He asked each agency chair to prepare and post agendas and minutes, to maintain a roster, and to notify the Clerk three months before a vacancy. He wanted each agency to submit a

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
tentative budget by 12-15, and to
review its prior year's accomplishments
and set priorities for the coming year.

The question of the cost of billing
for the Transfer Station will be
addressed by the WMC doing a detailed
study of the Station's operations. Few
documents have been found defining
the Transfer Station's operation (it was
operated by the DNR at the onset, and
then overseen by E. B. Lange). It may
be that billing can be done in free
moments during normal working hours.
Paul Welke recommended the Town
Board form a special committee to
consider the relationship between the
Board and its agencies, and to deter-
mine the extent of the agencies' inde-
pendent authority.

The Supervisor called for a review
of every budget issue before September
30, when the tax rates for next year will
be set. He hoped taxpayers would let
him know which services they felt were
important and how much they were
willing to pay for them.

The recent (5-31) ORV meeting was
discussed. Fifty ORVs were estimated to
be owned by Peaine taxpayers. Peaine
has some options besides accepting or
rejecting the county ordinance. For
example, we could approve ORV use on
the King's Highway from Four Corners
north to the town line, or, conversely,
exempt certain county roads if residents
objected. The Board decided to continue
this matter to the July meeting. It also
deferred making a decision on emer-
gency generators (the previously-



Last fall's logging clearing on Camp Three Trail: the less-than-2-foot-tall scattered tops are supposed to provide wildlife habitat, but they make it difficult to walk and some fear this is also a fire hazard. Should they be chipped?



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arranged grant expired on June 6th).

TDS has promised to cover the Island with DSL by fall, but there was still interest in CCC's proposal of wireless high-speed Internet service. Its CEO, Tim Maylone, has a good reputation, and could provide services TDS isn't likely to. The rules for stimulus spending for this were supposed to be approved by 6-6, but weren't; now we're waiting to see the rules to determine if we might grab some of this money—and won't fund an engineering study unless we qualify for stimulus money and believe the engineering study is a prerequisite.

Both kinds of dust control are being used: 38% everywhere except for seven miles of East Side Drive from McCauley's Road south; on that,

there'll be a double run (both sides, 7. not just the middle) of 26%.

Two letters were received about the logging operation on Camp Three Trail. One was a copy of a letter from a Camp Three resident to representative Kevin Elsenheimer which listed all the violations of proper procedures with the awarding of the logging contract and the enforcement of its provisions. It also pointed out the danger created by leaving log piles on site with people possibly picking them over for firewood. The other was a request for someone to push the Charlevoix County Road Commission to seek reimbursement for its cost of repairing the road (~\$30,000) from the logger (as per the contract), so other work on the Island is not proportionally diminished.



Logging has come to a standstill for now due to wood prices falling. This operation was definitely neater than it could have been, but should an even higher standard be demanded for cleanup as part of the economic equation?

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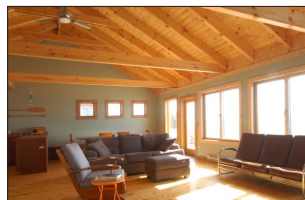
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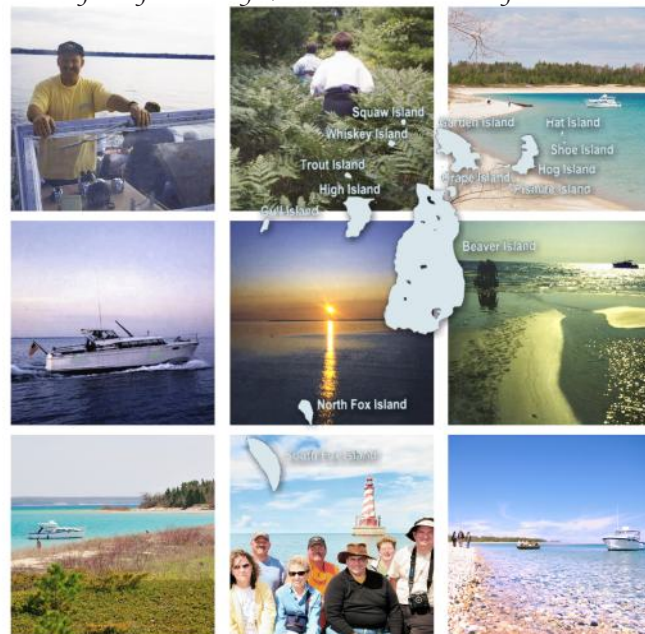
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What's it like to try to enter an artist's world through clues left in their completed work? To some extent it's like playing a game of *Charades* over an extended period. The artist is "it," up on the stage of a gallery wall, signaling something cryptic with each new painting, encouraging us with manic,

silent gestures to offer our guesses as to what is meant but then waving us off, *No, no, no; not quite; here, look at this*, and producing another work in an ongoing series and asking us to please try again.

For some of us, that's the feeling we get in viewing the latest work done by Cindy Ricksgers, one of our serious

local artists. We admire the obvious craft, the professionalism, the subtle and evocative balance of her latest compositions, but we're also left wondering "Exactly what is she trying to tell us? These recurring symbols – is this some kind of calligraphy?"

One such is the triangle. Does it represent a three-fold interchange of



forces, such as between a man, woman, and child – or does it suggest something more spiritual, shimmering through the darkness. Perhaps it isn't abstract at all but harkens back to a half-remembered image, a highway voyage contemplated in youth but not completed because it seems to approach infinity – passing uninterpretable road signs by moon-

light. But, wait, here's a painting with *two* – are we meant to infer that each of us travels our own road, isolated from those with whom we feel the closest bond? And what are these curved edges – does life's path take us through some spacial anomaly? Wait – didn't someone say they represent the gable overhanging her childhood's bedroom

window that framed her view of life?

We can study these paintings all day, until we're white noised into running for a drink or an aspirin. Ultimately what saves us, and justifies the time we spend searching for an interpretation, is that Cindy's unswerving dedication has elevated her collagraphs into the province of Art.



Cindy's Montaage Show Opens July 16

10. DESTINATION: PARADISE BAY

by Larry Hansz



The motor yacht *Fet-Esch* from Clear Lake, Texas was the first vessel of

the season to visit Beaver Island while cruising the "Great American Loop." John and Cyndi Esch are on a multi-year journey from Texas, up the rivers to the Great Lakes, the east coast, down to Florida, and eventually back to Texas. They are hopeful relations will continue to improve so they may visit Cuba prior to returning to their home.

Both of them believe in seeing as much as possible while passing through an area. They are critical of cruisers

who for example run from Mackinac to Chicago in three days then say "We did Lake Michigan." John and Cyndi like to visit as many of the small towns and harbors as they can; if they especially like a village they stay longer, as they did here on Beaver Island.

Their slow cruising philosophy is evident in their logbook. *Fet-Esch* left Houston in 2005 and went to Mobile, Alabama, up the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway to the Tennessee River, to Knoxville, the Little Tennessee River, and then back down to Fulton, Mississippi, where they wintered. The following year was again spent in the Tennessee River system and the boat was wintered in Chattanooga.

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M/V FET-ESCH; HOME PORT: CLEAR LAKE, TEXAS 11.

trip they decided not to return to Texas, but to follow the loop route around the eastern half of the country. So they moved their boat to Winthrop Harbor, the largest marina on Lake Michigan with 1500 slips on the Wisconsin/Illinois border. They joined the yacht club there and cruised to several Lake Michigan ports the last two years.

This year it was time to move again. John and Cyndi are headed to Northern Lake Huron and the North Channel and then down Georgian Bay to Midland, Ontario, where they will enter the Trent Severn-Canal. The Trent leads to Lake Ontario; then it is a short crossing to Oswego, New York and into the Erie Canal. They plan to see New York and upper Chesapeake Bay and winter in Baltimore. That is the plan for 2009.

For 2010 and later there are no time

schedules or real goals other than to slowly cruise the east coast and hopefully include Cuba on their trip home.

Fet-Esch is a 48-foot motor yacht built in Taiwan as a copy of a Hatteras 48. It has twin Cat 3208TA turbo-charged diesel engines and cruises at about twelve miles per hour. It has three staterooms, a large wraparound galley with dishwasher, and a washer/dryer. The live-aboard amenities are very comfortable.



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SUMMER OIL



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U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE SEEKS PUBLIC INPUT ON HAT, SHOE, PISMIRE, & GULL ISLANDS 13.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be hosting open house events to gather input from the public in developing a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for Great Lakes' islands managed as part of the National Wildlife Refuge System, including island refuges in Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior managed by the staff at Seney National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) in the Upper Peninsula.

These island refuges are portions of Michigan Islands NWR (Hat, Shoe,

Pismire, and Gull Islands in Lake Michigan), Harbor Island NWR (in Lake Huron), and Huron NWR (in Lake Superior).

The CCP is a 15-year plan that identifies issues, goals, objectives, and a strategy for refuge management. Ultimately, CCP planning charts a course that best addresses the issues, fulfills the mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System, and fulfills the mission and purpose of each refuge. Additionally, the plan provides neigh-

bors and others a clear picture of what the Service intends to do in terms of managing habitat, protecting wildlife, and providing a place where people can enjoy wildlife-dependent activities.

Planning will begin with an open house event for the Lake Michigan portion of the Michigan Islands NWR, held at the Peaine Township Hall on Wednesday, July 22, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Those who have boated or snowmobiled to, or flown over, these islands can relate what they've seen.



Mid-1980s, south tip of Hat



Mid-1980s, Hat Island photographed from Shoe Island



2008 Photograph showing cormorants and tree damage



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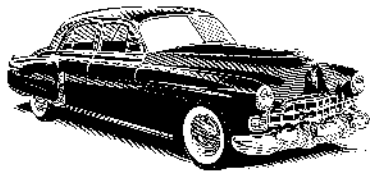
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14. ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2 - **Spiders of BI** See page 23.

July 2-3 - **Shae Laurel Irish** and contemporary music and dance, family-style: Community Center.

July 3 - Fourth of July **Golf Tournament**

July 4 - the **parade**, the **carnival**, and **enter your boat** in the **Clyde Fogg Memorial Boat Parade** (see page 42.); enjoy **fireworks** over the harbor that evening. This year's July 4th parade theme will be "**Our Beaver Island Favorite**" (person, place, thing, time...).

July 5 - **Archipelago Challenge Boat-ing Event** - Poker Run. A PABI benefit with stops around Beaver, Garden, and High Islands. page 43.

July 7 - Robin Lee Berry afternoon Family **Ukelele Music** Workshop and evening solo performance at the Community Center.

July 9-11 - Keith Scott **Chicago Blues** extraordinaire. 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. page 29.

July 10-11 - Boyne **Thunder**. Stops include Beaver Island, Harbor Springs, Petoskey, Bay Harbor, and Sommerset Pointe in Charlevoix.

July 11 - **Glen McDonough Memorial Concert** 7:30.

July 12 - Little Miss Higgins: **Gutsy, spirited country-blues** from Blissfest! at the Community Center.

July 12 - **Golf Course** - Mixed Alternate Shot Outing

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

July 16 - **Wetlands of BI** Walk, page 23.

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

July 18 - **Ladies Golf Tournament**

July 18 - **East Side Drive Yard Sale**: many lower East Side Drive cottage owners put items near their mailbox for the 4th East Side yard sale.

July 20-25 - **Museum Week 2009**: Music, Pet Show, Protar, Shipwrecks, Native wisdom. page 23.

CONCERT

THE **G**len 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 already 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.

QUILT RAFFLE

The Talking Heads Quilt Guild will raffle a beautiful quilt on August 9th. It's been named "Bits and Pieces" in honor of Guild starter Phyllis Duda, an inspiring long-time quilter. After her passing her husband donated some of her fabrics to the Guild, which used them in this quilt. Tickets are \$5/ or 5 for \$20. Proceeds go to BIFD, the EMS, and the Food Pantry. Tickets are for sale at McDonough's, Island Energies, the Resale Shop, and Whimsy—or call Judi Meister at 448-2963.

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July 22-24 - **Art Show** 1:00 - 5:00 at the Gregg Fellowship Hall
 July 22 - Seney National Wildlife Refuge public open house concerning **Hat, Shoe, Pismire, Gull**, page 13.
 July 24 - **Cheryl Podgorski** Native American healing, all day at Peaine Hall—call her beforehand (2930) p.4.
 July 24 - **Switchback Irish-Americana duo** with a unique blend of "Celtic Soul!" at the Community Center.
 July 27 - Mongolian Children's Palace acclaimed **25-children dance troupe** at the Community Center
 July 29 - **W. G. Jackson research vessel: 3 free trips**. To reserve your space, call CMU Biological Station at (231) 448-2325
 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 18.*

July 31 - **Jerry Sowa Golf Outing**
 August 1 - Beaver Island's **Inland Lakes Nature Walk**, page 23.
 August 1 - **Meet the Artists at Livingstone Studio** 12:00-4:00 (or so)
 August 2 - **Golf Course** - Mixed Alternate Shot Outing
 August 7-8 - **Homecoming**
 August 9 - **Quilt Raffle**
 August 23 - **Golf Course** - Mixed Alternate Shot Outing
 September 5 - **Beaver Island Marathon**
 September 13 - **Golf Course** - Mixed Alternate Shot Outing
 September 18-20 - **The Celtic Games**
 October 3 - **The Bite & Island Boodle Farmer's Market** -Thursdays 9:00-11:00
 July, August: Howard Davis at the B. I. **Christian Church**.
Episcopal Mission - Services at 10 a.m.
 July 5 & 12 - Rev. Hugh Dickinson;
 July 19, 26, Aug 2 - Rev. John English; Aug 9, 16, 23, 30 - Rev. Ted Sirotko
AA: meets at Christian Church 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

CALLING ALL WOMEN GOLFERS

Dust off your putters, practice your swing, and get ready for the Sixteenth Annual Beaver Island Ladies' Golf Tournament! Women golfers of all abilities are urged to sign up for this fun event, which includes a nine hole, best-ball competition, followed by a putting contest and a delicious buffet luncheon.

The tournament will be held on Saturday, July 18th at the Beaver Island Golf Club. It will begin with a shotgun start, with the cannon firing, at 9 o'clock sharp. Participants should be at the

course by 8:30 AM. Teams of four will play the best ball on each shot. Winning teams will be awarded trophies, and everyone will take home a prize.

Registration forms are available at the Golf Club. The registration fee, including luncheon under the tent, is \$20 per person. Golfers may register in a team of four or as individually and be placed on a team by the tournament organizers. Call Annette, 448-2542; Nel, 448-2495; Doris, 448-2470, or Ruth, 448-2580 with any questions.

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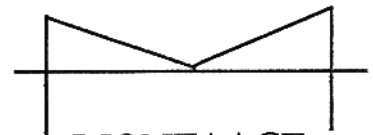
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when we concede that a long-valued but not of the utmost importance project would take more energy than we can

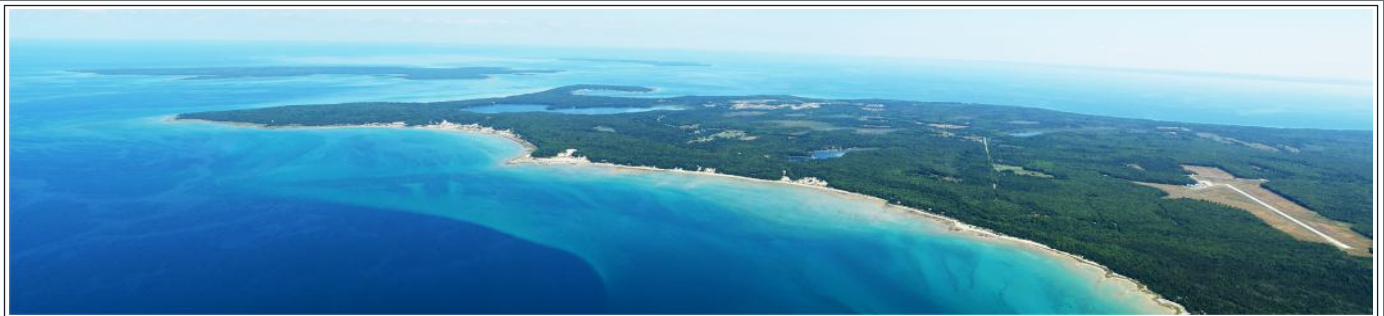
spare. So things just don't get done as regularly as they used to.

Unless you know someone from St. Mike's in Coopersville.

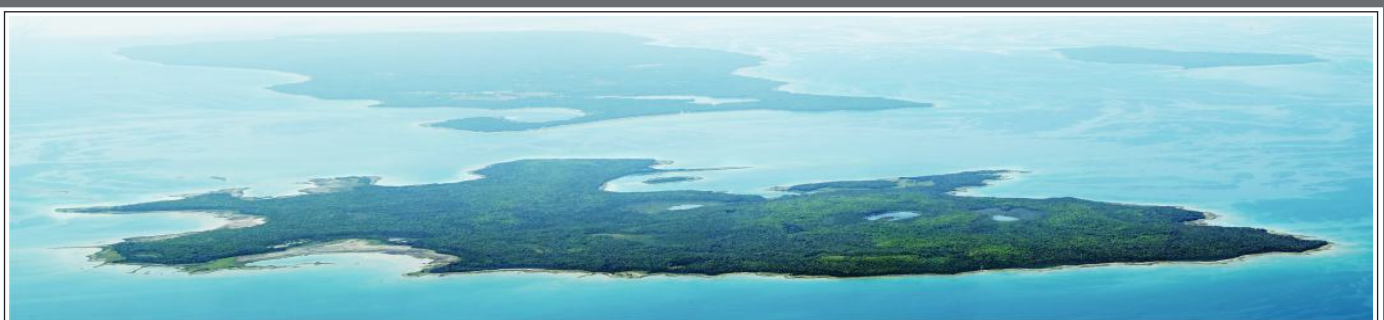


As promised in its mission statement, its members believe in the value of caring—and expressing their care tangibly, as 24 young members and six mentors demonstrated by performing community service for a week on Beaver Island.

They seemed to go everywhere and do everything. Someone said, "But they're



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just kids.” Well, yes, but they wanted to succeed, and there were so many of them, pushing each other, collaborating, persevering. They worked at the Community Center, Heritage Park, Holy Cross, the Christian Church, the Health Center, the school—and private homes. They scraped and painted Lil Gregg’s outdoor swing

—“Phil always meant to get to that,” she said.

It was the worst week for working,



with temperatures reaching 90° but they hung in—except for an hour after lunch when they swam in the Lake. It only took seven



seconds to dry, and then they were back at their various tasks.

The charge for all this? Not a dime. They just wanted to be helpful, to make a difference.

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18. ON THIS DATE

Ten years Ago The Health Center launched a 12- to 18-month strategic planning process. A volunteer task force was formed, containing residents and healthcare personnel, and state government officials.

The hosts of the 1st Annual Celebrity Roast, Bill Palladino and Jayne Bailey, picked on Tim McDonough unmercifully. Phil Gregg, Jim Gillingham, Barry Pischner, Joddy Croswhite, Kitty, and others told several revealing stories about Tim.

The *Beacon* decried the refusal by Medicare to pay the cost of the air ambulance runs of either Island Airways, North Flight, or the Coast Guard.

The Old Rectory introduced a Comedy Night.

The Harborscapers (Marilyn Damstra, E. B. Lange, and Suzie Bonadeo) took on their largest project yet: the creation of a park next to the Ferry Dock.

The St. James Episcopal Mission turned 45, dedicating a processional cross to its founder, Bishop Dudley McNeil—who came to Beaver Island in 1954 to recover from exhaustion. The

Bishop had turned down the chance to stay in Ernest Hemingway's cabin on Walloon Lake in favor of the Erber cabin on Beaver.

PABI completed the demolition of the Dockside Market and was planning an isolated fire pit to dispose of the debris, although boards were being pulled out of the pile for reuse elsewhere—such as in the Marine Museum.

The Community Players were casting parts for three one-act plays.

The *Beacon* printed a poem written by Bussey LaFreniere just outside Mateur in 1943, on the day Tunis and Bizerte fell. It included these two stanzas:

*The Battle for us is over
And we in Victory cheer;
We covered most of Africa
And left some comrades dear.*

*We won't forget those comrades
Who fought bravely by our side,
For they'll be there to greet us
When we cross the Great Divide.*

The *Beacon* printed GM's rebuttal to Bill Gates' claim that if GM had kept up with technology the way Microsoft had, cars would now cost \$25 and get

1,000 mpg. The rebuttal included such statements as "occasionally executing a left turn would cause your car to shut down and refuse to restart until you reinstall the engine." In retrospect, GM's 13 points demonstrate how well they grasped technology; looking back, it seems they should've considered it more carefully.

On 5-19 Jerry Charbeneau hit a hole-in-one on #6, and then on 6-19 did it again—in the same hole!

Twenty Years Ago The new Beaver Island Library opened, with 300 people attending the ceremony. Tom Cole was the librarian. Most of the funds came from Gary Comer, with the townships donating \$9k each, Fred Schutmaat and Glendora Loew Kleppe raising \$6k, and Ed Wojan providing the final \$18k.

Barney O'Donnel's Barney's Lake Farm was deeded to the Nature Conservancy. Barney's 1873 homestead deed was signed by President Grant. Barney and his wife had 14 children there.

The Army Corps of Engineers remeasured the Harbor's depth.

Marguerite Hartmann reported that it was a small world. Moving into a new



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Soloist Martha Guth – Holy Cross Parish Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 2 – Orchestra & Festival Chorus
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condo in Winter Haven FL, she was invited to lunch by her new neighbor, Doris Rathert. They began talking about Michigan. The name of Charlevoix came up, eliciting mention of the ferry to Beaver Island. Marguerite volunteered that her daughter-in-law's mother lived there, prompting Doris to state that she had an aunt who lived there. Same woman, it turned out: Phyllis Townsend.

Henry Hill nominated Dave Gladish as Beaver Island's poet laureate. His poem this month contained a more provocative message than most:

A New Look at Old Glory

Don't burn the flag.

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To treat it like the things it represents:

Wash the flag down the river with the soil,

Or trade it to the Arabs for some oil,

Or saw it down and ship it to Japan,

Or use it for the label of a can.

Send it to Washington to get some graft,

Send it to Canada if there's a draft,

Sell it to South America for some crack,

Then send the CIA to get it back.

Or separate the colors of the flag,

Waving some colors high while others sag.

Strip-mine the flag, soak it in toxic waste,

And flavor it with artificial taste.

Turn it out on the street, and when that fails

Lock it away in over-crowded jails.

The MedCenter raised \$1,150 with a Style Show at the Circle M.

Peaine and St. James could not agree on the type of dust control to use, so its purchase and application was delayed. Finally each township went its own way.

Three EMTs (Bill Markey, Mike McGinnity, and Joe Moore) trained (105 hours), passed exams, and were licensed as EMT-Ss, joining Jerry Sowa as being so designated.

On a routine flight, Paul Welke noticed smoke from the woods near French Bay. Bill Welke went up, and circled the forest fire for an hour to direct firefighters to the spot. Bob Graves and Bud Martin brought in their heavy equipment and cleared a circle around it, containing it.

Two MSU professors, Judy and Perry Lanier, bought the abandoned Paul Rolain home, the largest on the Island at the time, and hired Joddy Croswhite to lead the completion work over the following several years.

The DNR gave its abandoned office on the Harbor to the two Townships.

The Townships passed their own Sand Dunes Ordinance just before the time for doing so expired.

St. James Township passed a 25 mph speed limit for the Donegal Bay Road and was waiting for the Charlevoix County Road Commission's ratification.

Because of the drought, volunteers were asked to water the flowering crab trees around the Harbor.

Seventeen school students completed a video, *My Island Home*, which was to be sold to raise money for editing equipment.

Thirty Years Ago The single issue covering the summer mentioned that George and Martha Miller (she was the clown in the Parade for years) had problems with their boat and needed help from Phil Gregg. Also Josh Broder and friends had their sailboat overturn and needed help righting it.

New Beachcomber owners Ken and Judy Taylor and "Ken's sister" Doris Shirk (she wasn't) opened it as a

continued on page 20.

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20. **On This Date**, from page 19. restaurant and pizza/ice cream parlor.

Public restrooms were opened across the street from the Municipal Marina.

July's (and the summer's) warmest day hit 84°.

The Sam Donlevys held a week-long reunion, bringing family from Florida, California, and many Midwestern States. Jewell Gillespie gave them a ride to High Island on the *American Girl*, and then led the band in the eve-

ning—with Cindy and Danny singing. They held card games and concerts, and feasted on Don Cole's donated catch of whitefish.

Forty Years Ago After a cold, wet start, summer got underway in July. Smallmouth were biting at Hog and Garden Islands.

The late Lawrence Garthwaite donated an electro-cardiograph, allowing Dr. Christie to transmit heart readings to the mainland by phone.

The Great Lakes Cruising Club held a 50-boat rendezvous on Beaver

Island, enjoying a dinner at the Holy Cross Hall.

Father Donahoe thanked everyone for welcoming him to the Island, Father Wren in particular for allowing him to use Holy Cross until the chapel he was building in his home (the stone house on the corner of Paid een Og and the King's Highway) was finished.

The Museum hoped to pass the previous year's visitor count of 1,390, with the help of the "Malloy Room—to hold materials promised by L. J. Malloy, the town butcher who knew an awful lot

IN MEMORY: HELEN GRACE RIES 1919-2009

Helen Grace Ries, born July 21, 1919 to Aaron and Helen Strong in Dearborn, MI, passed away on June 12, 2009 at Mission Memorial Hospital in Asheville, NC.

Helen Grace met Richard G. Ries at

Grace Hospital in Detroit, MI. Following his military service in WWII they were married. They remained at Grace Hospital with Helen Grace being the RN in charge of obstetrics and while Richard completed his residency in

obstetrics, after which they moved to Jackson, MI.

Helen Grace was very active in the Jackson community, volunteering with Meals on Wheels, was a member of the Jackson County Medical Society

THE MUSEUMS OPEN

On the day before Father's Day, both Island museums held an Open House to kick off the season, hosting sixty or so friends each. Volunteer coordinator Joyce Bartels pulled off another miracle by slotting docents for

each of the 26 shifts the operation requires. Changes were evident at both (although most Historical Society work is occurring within the handful of committees, at present), the most dramatic being the removal of the trap

net boat *Gertrude K*, which was too far gone to restore. Now observers are asking what boat the Society will find as her replacement. Two smaller boats have been located, but a trap boat is still needed.

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about Beaver Island's history. A plaque was to be installed on Historical Society land (acquired from the Protar estate) at the site of the train wreck in which engineer David Chase was killed. Helen Collar's pencil sketches of Irish settlers were expected soon.

The passing of Mary Johnston, Elida Elliot, and Billie Evans was noted. Mary was the sister of Peter Johnson; she left Beaver Island in 1919, but came back home for burial. Elida was born Elida Peaine in 1902 on Beaver Island. In 1920 she married Emmet Duley, who

died in 1929; she married Larry Elliot in 1945, and he died in 1967. Billie (55) and her family moved to Beaver in 1962.

Fifty Years Ago This issue was held to two pages because the editor, Father Alexis, was reassigned only six months after arriving here. His replacement, Father Louis, would take over his editorial duties.

Civic Association secretary Dorothy McGregor became ill; her duties were temporarily taken over by Skip McDonough until president Archie

LaFreniere convinced Mabel Roy to 21. accept the post. Mabel's husband A. J. hoped to have the Museum's interior finished by mid-summer.

The Brothers were silently walking around in their robes, coming to Beaver from as far away as Kuala Lumpur.

Archie LaFreniere, his son Alvin, and two visitors were fishing in Garden Island Harbor when an extra pole with its line hung over the side started to jump. Everyone fought to grip the rod, but Alvin went for the line and pulled a 1½# smallmouth into the boat.

Auxiliary, the Ellis Sharp Park Museum, First Presbyterian Church, Winterset, Jackson Country Club, and Nomads.

She loved nature and being on the water and was an avid hiker and birder.

She taught wildflower classes and guided children's school groups at Hidden Lake Gardens.

She had an endless passion for world travel, particularly remote islands. In 1972, they bought a home on

Beaver Island, but warmer winters were enjoyed in Tryon, NC.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Richard, daughter, Kris, son, Granner, and two grandchildren, Emily and Aaron.

CCCCF AWARDS GRANTS TO BEAVER ISLAND

From the Adams Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, three grants were made:

- \$185 To the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association to support cultural arts opportunities
- \$850 To Conservation Resource Alliance to replace a road/stream crossing on Iron Ore Creek
- \$185 To Raven Hill Discovery Center for the Museum To Go K-5 science program

And another was made from the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund:

- \$315 To the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association to support cultural arts opportunities.

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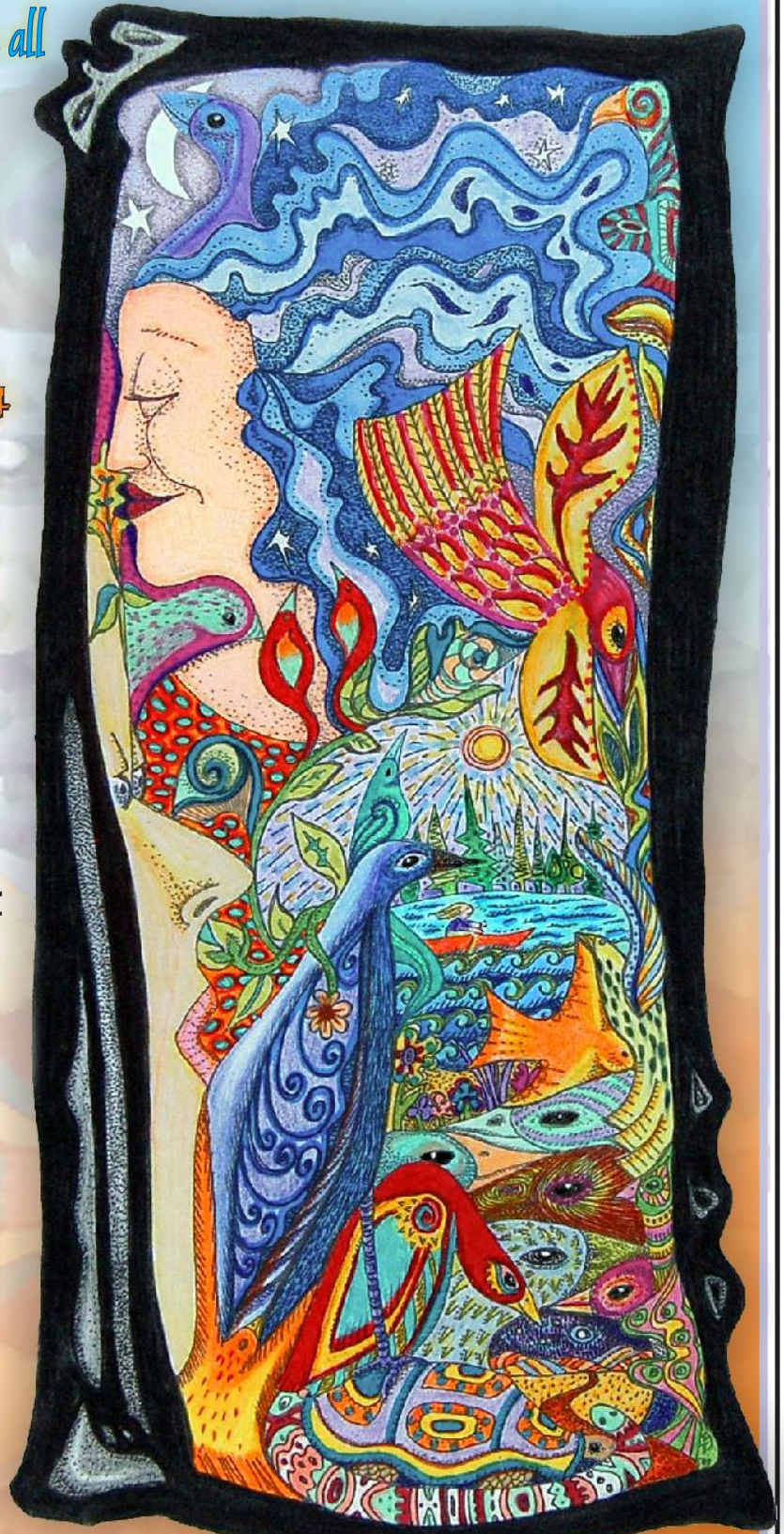
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For the 29th consecutive year the Beaver Island Historical Society is putting on its Museum Week festivities in mid-July, starting on Monday, July 20. Afternoon and evening presentations will entertain the entire family.

The afternoons will include Antje Price opening the Protar Home (1:00 – 3:00) on Monday and Friday. If you've ever wondered what it was like to be the "Saint of Beaver Island," this is your chance to ask "the Protar Lady."

Other Museum Week afternoon events include Seamus Norgaard talking on Wednesday (2:00) about "the wisdom on trees"—old growth forests, their value and current danger—and Barbara Lucas (*A Great Lakes Jewel*) showing her latest films, *Bees*, *Gees* and *Oh oh, mustard garlic* on Thursday (2:00). Both events will be at the Beaver Island Community Center.

On Saturday at noon, Paul and Liz Niehaus and friends will entertain the younger set with their Pet Show on the Print Shop Museum porch (12:00). Kids—enter your pet. A walk up to the porch is an official rite of passage



for Island and visiting pets. As a bonus this year the audience will vote for "Most Interesting Pet" and it will receive a special prize.

Evening shows will begin with "Music on the Porch" on Monday at 7:30, at the Print

Shop, where you can see your favorite local semiprofessionals perform! Two hundred chairs will be set up in the street—typically 100 people also bring their own.

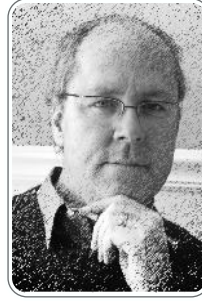
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday events will be held at the Beaver Island Community Center at 8:00. Fred Harrington, an Odawa professor, will show his film

on Odawa wisdom on Tuesday, *The Four Directions*, and talk with the audience afterwards. On Wednesday Kevin O'Donnell will read from his book on growing up

Irish, *Fado*, and talk with the audience; many remember him from when he was part of *Arranmore*, a Chicago band which performed here

to rave reviews in the 20th Century.

On Thursday Mike and Gail Weede



will take you down below the surface of the lake to let you experience their exploration of another of the many shipwrecks around Beaver Island.

Friday and Saturday evening will bring you back up on deck at the Parish Hall. On Friday, George Anthony will read from and talk about his new

book—40 years in the making—about Odawa history and culture on the Beaver Archipelago, *The Elders Speak*. Collecting these authentic stories has been the primary goal of George's life.

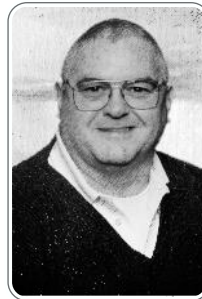
On Saturday Pinky will MC her famous Bingo game at the Hall (doors open at 7:00, "gambling" starts at 8:00). It's not quite the lottery, but you could win a thousand dollars!

Don't miss the 3-day Art Show at the Gregg Center on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Thirty artists will show their best work—plus Kevin O'Donnell and George Anthony will sign copies of their books, and the original painting Kay Masini did for the

cover of *The Elders Speak* will be auctioned at the Show's end. Visitors can rate their three favorite works of art for the "Peoples' Choice" Awards to be made at the Show's end.

As a bonus, the staff at the Lighthouse School will give tours of the Beaver Head Light all week long. There's no admission charge for any event.



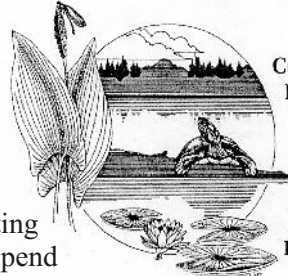
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The Spiders of Beaver Island with Dr. Dave Clark: Thursday **July 2** – Dr. Clark will WOW you with a short PowerPoint presentation on these fascinating creatures before you spend time in the field learning more about the ecology and behavior of Beaver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

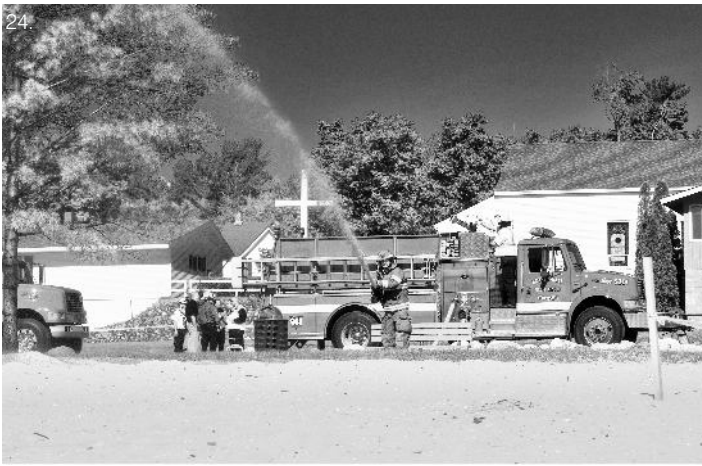
Wetlands of Beaver Island with Dr. Don Uzarski: Thursday **July 16** – Participants will see various wetland



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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.



Photographs by John Works

ISLAND FIREMEN TESTED

Nineteen Beaver Island firefighters finished their training exercises in early June and made history in Michigan by being the first to use video teleconferencing technology to com-

plete the extensive certification.

Jesse Silva, a captain with the City of Charlevoix Fire Department and director of the county's firefighter training program, said all 19 students passed the practical exams and did well

on the written portion of the exam.

The eight-month course meant firefighters attended 348 hours of classes covering topics including firefighting, hazardous materials, weapons of mass destruction, Jaws of

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Being isolated on the Island caused challenges. The videoconferencing

program costs about \$40,000 to conduct but would have been closer to \$107,000 if the same number of firefighters had to travel to the mainland for the classes, Silva said.

During the training, the Beaver

Island firefighting equipment was tied up for the practical portion of the exams, posing a challenge should an emergency arise. Luckily none did. Two engines—one from the City of Charlevoix and one from Boyne Valley





Township—were brought over on the ferry, along with firefighters from area departments. This was the first time a mainland fire department had ever

brought their truck and served on the Island. The 25 reserve firefighters covering the Island during the two days came from departments in the City of

Charlevoix, Boyne Valley, St. Ignace, Readman/Friendship/Cross Village, Alba, Otsego, Traverse City, Springvale, and Resort-Bear Creek.



LIGHTHOUSES

Lighthouse Central brings a group of lighthouse seekers August 22-24, a great event if you want a new perspective on our lights. Or contact Bonadeo's Beaver Island Boat Charters for your own archipelago adventure.



BAROQUE

Baroque on Beaver adds a nice dimension to summer. Four performances at CMU, the Community Center, and the Parish Hall provide refreshing night music to the rhythm of summer on the Island. July 30-August 2.



MW ART SHOW

At the Ray Denny Memorial art show at the Gregg Center you can vote for the "People's Choice" awards, bid on Kay Masini's painting, *An Elder Listens*, and have your book signed by Kevin O'Donnell or George Anthony.

MEET THE ARTISTS

And learn how they perform magic with their brush (it's more than smoke and mirrors) by attending the "art party" at Livingstone Studio; they want to spill their secrets!

ROCK THE WOODS

The Music Festival gives you a chance to discover how good it feels to cut the cords to the workaday world and kick back as great tunes waft through the forest fragrance, carrying you away.

PADDLE THE WATERS

There are mysteries out there on the blue water—none more so than how a person might react when cut off from the bonds that usually hold one in place. Freedom's not just another word.





Officials from Lansing and Charlevoix County were also present as part of the exam. Lansing officials included Joe Grutza, Director of the

Office of Firefighting Training; Gary Crum, Regional Supervisor of the Office of Firefighting Training; and Dick Barnett, exam proctor. Charlevoix

County Commissioner Shirley Roloff congratulated the fire department for implementing such an efficient way of training to help the community in times



FARMERS

Every Thursday bright and early at Paradise Bay Coffee Shop across from the township airport, the Farmer's Market has really caught on with delightful fresh Island produce, unique bread, corn, pies... a great morning.

THUNDER

Hear it? No, it's not just out there; it's in your blood! Catch the fast boats of *Boyne Thunder* July 11. Better yet, get out on the water—enter the Island's own *Archipelago Challenge* July 5!



SHOWS

The Community Center has outdone itself with the July and August lineup of performances. Enjoy a state-of-the-art air-conditioned facility with your friends—including those you'll meet in the next seat.

NATURE

Nature doesn't know this, or care, but we have evolved to be interdependent with it, and experience a rare tranquility by tuning in to it, which the wisest of us often do.



AT THE COURSE

Don't worry about your personal finances, what awaits you back at the office, that slight cough, or the latest outbreak of international hostility. Just concentrate on whacking the heck out of that little white ball—it's all we can do.

MUSIC

Did you know the woman at the Ferry Dock and the man painting your kitchen could sing like that? No? Then you haven't sat in the street in front of the Print Shop and gauged our talent yet.



Photograph by Frank Solle



of emergencies. Also on hand were Peaine Township Supervisor Jack Gallagher and St. James Township Supervisor Donald Vyse.

The Beaver Island firefighters presented department chief Tim McDonough with a white chief's helmet

at a public ceremony—the first time any chief on the Island has received or worn the special designation. In his short acceptance speech before testing exercises commenced, Tim reminisced about when he was a kid and his father was the first Beaver Island Fire Chief. When an

emergency broke out, they would roll the fire truck up to school on their way to the fire and any boys old enough would climb aboard to help. As our Island has grown, Bud would be very proud of how well trained and equipped our volunteer Fire Department has become.



"BEAVER TALES" TO BE PERFORMED ON JULY 10 29.

It was last summer when professional stage directors and summer residents Frank Galati and Peter Amster brought together a "think tank" of Island performers to brainstorm about writing an original show about life on Beaver Island.

"The idea of the show being an Island house party seemed perfect," said co-director Jacque LaFreniere. "We want the audience to feel like we've taken a wall off the house and they can sit back, watch the party and

enjoy all the performances."

Co-director Elaine West says the show will include musicians, singers, and humorous and touching stories about Island life. Frank Galati is assisting with the rehearsals and adding many creative touches to the show.

The title song for the production, with lyrics by West and music by musical director Scott Kausbaum, embodies the theme of the show: "If we don't have it...you don't need it!"

The cast includes John Fiegen and

Lisa Gillespie as the hosts, and "guests" Kevin and Wendy White, Doris Larson, Brian Roman, Susie Fisher, Barry Pischner, Mike and Shelly Scripps, Sheri Timsak, Miranda Rooy, Phil Becker, Bob Bass, Sheri Timsak, and Jayne Bailey.

The show will be performed at the Community Center on Friday, July 10 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 DOS. Several other performances are scheduled throughout the late summer and early fall.

TAKE A RIDE ON THE "W. G. JACKSON"

CMU Biological Station is hosting a visit by the 65' research vessel *W. G. Jackson* out of Grand Valley State's Annis Water Resource Institute in Muskegon. The 13-year-old 68-ton floating lab will visit here on July 29th, and will offer three trips that day, **free to the public**, to demonstrate its research capabilities. She'll depart from the Ferry Dock.

Trip #1: 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Trip #2: 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Trip #3: 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Each will take up to 30 passengers, with no children younger than nine. Call 448-2325 to get on board.

The *W. G. Jackson* is a specially

designed outreach and education vessel that takes over 5,000 people per year on educational cruises. The tour is a project the U.S. EPA's Lake Michigan Forum in cooperation with the AWRI. This will be the 12th year for Making Lake Michigan Great; 31 ports of call in Lake Michigan have been visited.

The purpose of the tour, funded by the EPA's Great Lakes National Program Office, is to spread the word about the Lake Michigan Lakewide Management Plan (LaMP), and gather input on lakewide issues through water quality sampling cruises, open houses on the vessel, exhibits, and public meetings.

Traveling at 12 knots, participants will experience hands-on science as they sample and analyze lake water. There are presentations about the LaMP, the U.S. EPA Lake Michigan Forum, and local issues.

Information gathered on the tour about lakewide concerns helps the Lake Michigan Forum. Its mission is to be a public input group to the U.S. EPA's Lake Michigan efforts.

For details, contact Dr. Janet Vail, GVSU-AWRI Associate Professor and Co-Chair, U.S. EPA Lake Michigan Forum, phone: (616) 331-3048 or vailj@gvsu.edu.



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30. WIND FARMS NOT ALL HOT AIR

Forty-two people attended a June 21st wind power presentation by Dean Solomon, County Extension Director for MSU, who used PowerPoint to present information without taking a for-or-against stand. He talked about the categories of wind towers (individual, community, or utility), PA 275 (which created Wind Energy Resource Zones), net metering (selling excess power to the power company), and siting issues (setback, noise, height, birds, shadow flicker, viewsheds, construction, and de-commissioning), and then answered questions. This was his "one hour show"; he offered to give us his "three and a half hour show" if there was more interest.

He showed us the state-sponsored wind maps that established the most feasible locations for large wind farms. To max out the depicted opportunities would involve a \$2.8-billion construction cost, but create 8,500 ongoing jobs—the number of jobs lost from existing power companies was not factored in. Beaver Island escaped state designation, which stayed a mile back from the shore and avoided airports. But the Lake itself is a candidate, with current technology able to secure a tower in up to 100' of water and designs for floating towers (tethered to the bottom) on the drawing board.

An interesting part of his presentation was an animated three-minute clip

in which the perspective is from a car driving along a wooded road in which 400'-tall "utility" windmills are partially obscured by the foliage. The preparers seemed to want to show that these towers are not as obtrusive as one might think, but the audience pointed out that the animation left out noise, shadow flicker, transmission lines, the swath needed to bring in the giant cranes needed to set the towers, or the winter non-leafy view.

Wind power can't be, by itself, an alternative to grid power, Solomon said, because the wind doesn't always blow. But used in combination with solar and wood, 80% of a home's energy could be provided by renewable means.

RIC AND CARRIE GO BALLOONING



Peripatetic Indian Pointers Ric and Carrie Denny successfully reunited in "Jolly Old"—she had gone on ahead three months ago while he took his time



to wrap up their business. Getting in was easy for her; she has dual citizenship from previous employment abroad, and was able to arrange the

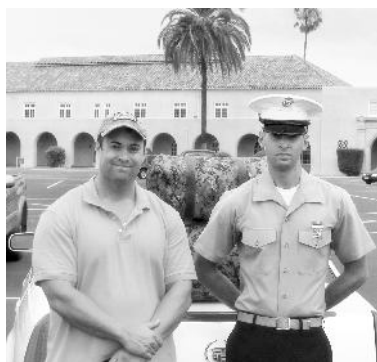


situation to suit his refined taste. "We hated to miss Dad's art show," they said, "But, when the Queen commands, what can you do?"

B.I. MARINE GRADUATES BASIC TRAINING

Grant West graduated from United States Marine Corps (USMC) basic training in San Diego Ca. on June 12. Marine recruit training is the longest and most difficult basic training in the American armed forces. Only after completing the physically and emotionally demanding three month training are recruits called Marines and allowed to wear the eagle globe and anchor insignia of the USMC.

At the conclusion of basic training new recruits participate in a 54 hour event called The Crucible. During this grueling event they cover 50 miles in the mountainous terrain of Camp Pendleton with very little food or sleep.



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West's older brother and father, both Marines, attended his graduation ceremony and parade. The new Marine reported to the 9 week School of Infantry after leave on Beaver Island and brief temporary duty helping recruiters in the Kalamazoo area.

Grant West is a graduate of Beaver Island Community School. He is the son of Steve and Elaine West and the grandson of Helen Pike of Beaver Island.

PHIL LANGE

After a lengthy illness, Dr. Philip F. Lange, 84, of Beaver Island, passed away on June 13, 2009, at Hiland Cottage in Petoskey surrounded by his family.

HOSPICE TRAINING

Munson Hospice and Palliative Care will hold a training session in July for those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer on Beaver Island. Applicants must be at least 18, available for an interview prior to training, and willing to make a time commitment of four hours a week in the patient's home. Beauticians and massage therapists are also needed. All volunteers are trained through a self-study course in addition to a training class with other new volunteers. To learn more about this, contact Judy Goodrich at 1-800-252-2065 or jgoodrich@mhc.net

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32. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday,
July 1, 1909 **Front Page Article**

AFLOAT ON RAFT TWO BEAVER ISLAND BOYS ADRIFT ON LAKE MICHIGAN ALL NIGHT ON TWO RAILROAD TIES.

"Two Beaver Island boys, aged nine and ten years, had a narrow escape from death last Friday night. They live near Sand Bay, and were playing on a raft that contained but two railroad ties. They were paddling it about in the shoal water, the wind being off land. They suddenly found themselves in deep water and rapidly drifting out before a brisk breeze. They drifted near enough to a pond net to grasp it and for a time hung to that, but were forced to let go and drifted rapidly eastward.

They were missed in the early evening, and their situation became known in the neighborhood. Word was sent to the harbor and the tug *Elliot* and other boats started out to search the lake. The boys drifted all night, and early in the morning cable messages were sent to Charlevoix and Cross Village to keep a lookout for them. About seven o'clock the *Elliot* came in

with the boys, having found them ten miles out in the lake.

They had eaten nothing since noon the day before, and were weak from hunger, exposure and fright.

They were sons of John C. Gallagher and Patrick McDonough, respectively."

Local News: "Commercial fishing is being resumed here and at the Island with fairly good catches. At the Island pound net fishing is now the chief source of supply."

"W. E. Stephens, manager of the B. I. Lumber Co., after a week at Manistee and other points returned home by the *Beaver* Tuesday morning."

Beaver Island News: "There are many improvements being made around the Harbor."

"James Gordon leaves for Ashtubula this week with the tug *Badger*."

"John Vincent, of Garden Island, is taking bath treatment at the Petoskey hospital."

"At least eighteen children will receive their first communion on Sunday, July 11th."

Bea Gallagher has returned home

after attending the K. O. T. M. M. celebration at Traverse City."

"The Very Rev. Peter Engler, Visitor of the Sacred Heart Province, made his annual call on the Fathers recently."

"Six boats loaded at the docks of the Beaver Island Lumber Co. last week taking 800,000 feet of lumber and 2,000,000 shingles."

"Miss Ida Gibson of Harbor Springs, and Miss Sarah Bailey, of Mackinaw Island are visiting friends on the Island."

"Farther Norbert is having the grounds around the new St. James hall graded and nicely sodded, making a fine improvement."

"James R. O'Donnell has a large snapping turtle on exhibition in the Harbor. The turtle weighs 60 lbs. If editor Smith was on the Island he would say it weighed a ton."

"M. J. McCann and W. J. Gallagher have made quite a lot of improvements to their premises. Capt. John McCann expects to have his new gasoline boat ready for launching this week."

"C. B. Hill, former chef on the *Manitou*, was a guest of John McCann

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for a few days this week. Mr. Hill goes to Mackinac Island to take charge of the Island House for the summer as chef."

"Frank Dunlap and his friend Frank Plepgras (sic) returned home to Chicago after a two week's visit to friends on Beaver Island. James Donlevy and W. J. Gallagher escorted them to Charlevoix."

"The new St. James hall has been leased by outside parties for the season, and the Islanders will be able to enjoy some good entertainments in the line of moving pictures, vaudeville, and other special attraction."

"R. F. Kleckner, who has been the efficient foreman for the Lumber Co. for a number of years, will leave the Island this week, their final destination being Oregon. The best wishes of many friends go with them."

"Yes, St. James has a band, and, what is more, it is a good one, considering the time it has been organized. The fifteen or more instruments are well balanced, and with practice, they will soon be able to make life on the Island worth the living."

"As these items are mailed we learn that John Vincent (Vansaw) died Tues-

day at Petoskey (sic). His remains will be brought here and buried at Garden Island. Deceased was a French Indian half breed fisherman and boat builder and an old resident."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, July 7, 1909 **Just Among Ourselves:** "Mr. and Mrs. DePeet, of St. James who have been on the mainland for a few days returned home Tuesday."

"Mr. and Mrs. Biggie, of St. James, are visiting Mrs. Biggie's parents Capt. and Mrs. Plum."

Charlevoix Courier July 14, 1909 **Just Among Ourselves:** "Tip Miller, captain of the lifesaving station at Point Betsey, resigned last week, after having been in the service fifty years."

Charlevoix Sentinel July 15, 1909 **Local News:** "John Donlevy, of Chicago, arrived on the *Manitou* Tuesday on his way to St. James to visit relatives and friends for two weeks. Mr. Donlevy is one of the Beaver Island 'Gentile' pioneers having located there fifty years ago this summer, three years after the Mormon exodus. He removed to Chicago fourteen years ago. Mr. Donlevy held about all the county offices during the old Manitou County

regime. There are few of the old pioneers, who can boast of more or better friends than he."

"E. W. Coulter was on Beaver Island Tuesday and Wednesday inspecting the D. M. Ferry Co. pea crops."

Beaver Island News: "Sam Bergsilm is the B. I. L. Co.'s millwright."

"The schooner *Eliza Day* loaded posts and shingles for Ludington."

"The Hart line of steamboats calls at the harbor, four times a week."

"The *Huron City* is at the Harbor with 600 tons of coal for McCann."

"Wm. Radtke of Manistee, is the new foreman at the B. I. L. Co.'s mill."

"Jas. Donlevy and W. J. Gallagher went to Charlevoix the first of the week."

"The *Margaret McCann* went to Charlevoix after Dr. R. B. Armstrong last week."

"Martha Gallagher and Sylvia Sendendurg spent a week at Charlevoix visiting friends."

"Miss Lucie Benham returned to Petosky, after a few weeks visit at Garden Island."

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34. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 33.

"Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Ricks, of Keokuk, Iowa, also Miss Plant, of Chicago are at the Beaver Hotel." (Note: *Martha Plant appears in the Beaver Hotel register June 6, 1909; Geo. E. Rix & wife appear on June 8, 1909*)

"Dr. R. B. Armstrong of Charlevoix was called to Garden Island to Mrs. Mads Jensen, who is very sick."

"Mrs. Marie Enright returned to Chicago after a month's visit with her sister Mrs. James Donlevy."

"Miss Trude Hartz and Mr. C. F. Ackerman and wife of Davenport, Iowa are at the Beaver Hotel." (Note: *Trude Hartz, Davenport, Iowa, and C. F. Ackermann, Davenport, Iowa, appear in the Beaver Hotel register July 10, 1909*)

"Mr. Hartz and family of eight from Davenport, Iowa, joined our resorters last week." (Note: *Several Hartz family members' names appear in the Beaver Hotel register*)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, July, 22, 1909 **Local News:** "M. J. McCann, of St. James, was in the city Tuesday."

"R. M. A. Johnston was at St. James two days last week installing gas lighting plants."

"M. Spencer, for the past ten years keeper of the light at the head of Beaver Island, has resigned to retire to his former home at Nunica, Mich. His successor has not yet been named."

Dan D. Gallagher, 1st asst. keeper of the Beaver Head light, was here Saturday on personal business."

"The steamer *Beaver* had planned an excursion from St. James to Naubinway last Sunday, but high winds prevented."

B e a v e r Island News:

"Mrs. Nellie Cram spent a few days on the Island last week."

"Uri Bursley fell off a load of hay and broke his arm."

"Rev. Fr. Zugelder is on the Island paying a visit to his old friends." (Note: *Alex F. Zugelder, Beal City, appears in the Beaver Hotel register on July 20th.*)

"Miss Bea Gallagher and Mrs. Dr. Graham visited Escanaba last week."

"John McCauley, an old resident of Beaver Island, died last week."

"Under Sheriff Weikel was at the Beavers last week."

"John Donlevy of Chicago is at the Island visiting old friends."

"Mrs. Dave Tillotson is at the Beaver for the ladies' K. O. T. M."

"At the Beaver Hotel, Mrs. Theo Hartz and Family of Davenport, Iowa." (Note: *Mrs. Hartz name does not appear in the Beaver Hotel register, but several of the children's do.*)

"Henry Vincent, Pete Wilson, and Mae Gallagher are at Charlevoix this week."

"Dominic D. Gallagher and Frank Left spent a few days at Charlevoix last week."

"Frank Schied of Manistee, is here visiting his brother at the Beaver Hotel." (Note: *Name does not appear in the register.*)

"J. J. Tweedle and C. C. Green of Traverse City were looking over lands at Garden Island."

"Patrick J. McCauley, of Escanaba, is on the Island – came to attend the funeral of his father."

"One of our resorters, Miss Plant, of Chicago, broke her leg while getting out of a row boat the other day."



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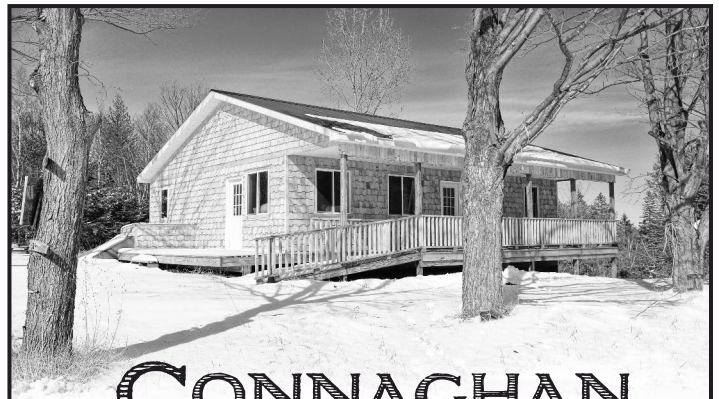
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"Mr. and Mrs. Mads Jensen are at Charlevoix, also Dr. Graham. Mrs. Jensen is going to have an operation performed by Dr. Armstrong this week."

"Our summer visitors James Connor, Ben Hartz, and his son of Rock Island, Ill., also the two Misses Parks and their brother of St. Louis, are here now." (Note: Ben C. Hartz, Ben C. Hartz, Jr., Rock Island, Ill; and Helen, Rena and Leonard Parks, St. Louis, Mo. appear in the *Beaver Hotel register*, July 22, 1909)

"Three Beaver Island girls, sisters of the A. S. D., are at home for a few week's visit, namely Josephine Gallagher, Tessie Douglas and Mary Malloy."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, July 28, 1909 Just Among Ourselves: "Prosecuting Attorney Clirk went to Beaver Island on official business today."

"Sheriff McWain and County Treasurer Payton went to Beaver Island on official business."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, July 29, 1909 **Local News:** "C. A.

Butler, lighthouse superintendent for Lake Michigan was here several days the past week. Mr. Butler was for nine years keeper of the Beaver light, and he has many friends in these parts."

"Rev. Father Norbert Wilhelm, of St. James, was in town Monday, on his way to Petosky to spend this week at the Franciscan Monastery."

"The *Harold*, one of the Booth Co.'s large gasoline boats, broke down at St. James Wednesday and was towed to this port by the *Beaver*."

Francis McCafferty, of St. James, has been in town the past week receiving treatment for a severe acute throat disorder and visiting friends."

Beaver Island News: "James Wachter, of Green Island light, Green Bay, is appointed keeper of Beaver Head light, keeper Spencer having resigned."

"Father Benedict Schmidt, lecturer of theology, of St. Louis, and Father Ulrich Petne, pastor of St. Francis church, Petosky, paid a visit to the Island this week."

"The steamer *Beaver* took an excursion to Naubinway Sunday. The band and baseball club went. In the St. James vs. Naubinway game the score was 6 to 2 in favor of St. James."

"Nally Cram, the Booth Co. agent here, spent Sunday in Charlevoix."

"The schooner *Eliza Day* loaded lumber here this week."

"W. S. Paul, of Racine is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Cornelius Gallagher."

"Joseph Hyland, Bernice Stephens, Ida Bailey, and W. E. Stephens made a trip to Milwaukee last week."

"Mrs. C. T. Ackerman, of Davenport, Iowa, died here last week Saturday. The remains were taken to Davenport Monday."

"Capt. James Kain and wife and W. White and wife are visiting on the Island."

"Father Norbert went to Petosky this week."

"Mrs. James Donlevy gave a Sunday dinner to James Connors, of Rock Island, Ben Hartz, of Keokuk, Iowa, and others."

"Dan C. Gallagher and wife went to Escanaba Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Gallagher's father."

"Mrs. H. R. Boyle and daughter went to Ludington Tuesday on a visit."



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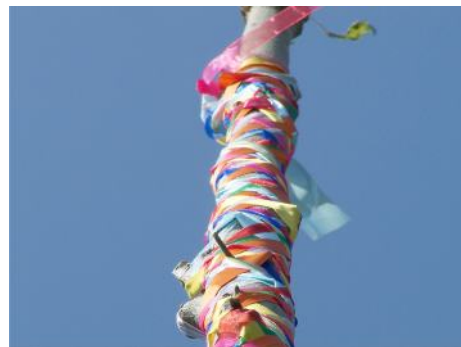
Is there a treasure at the end of the Rainbow? This year's celebration of the summer solstice on Beaver Island found one. Two peoples who had once been at war with each other joined together to exchange stories, break bread, and share old traditions that honor life and creation at the onset of summer.

Members of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Indians joined together with local Islanders and mainlanders for this historic gathering. The activities took

place at Tara's Meadow, site of the old Carpenter's Mill on the West Side Road; and also at the "Stone Circle" off Mrs. Redding's Trail. Old Irish and Celtic traditions for "ringing in the summer," including the colorful May Pole dance, saw the enthusiastic participation of Odawa tribal members.

In this remarkable "first time" occasion, Native Americans and whites danced together around the May Pole to the music of talented Odawa singers and drummers Jeremy and Jannan

Cornstalk. Later white folks were graciously treated by Odawa elders to



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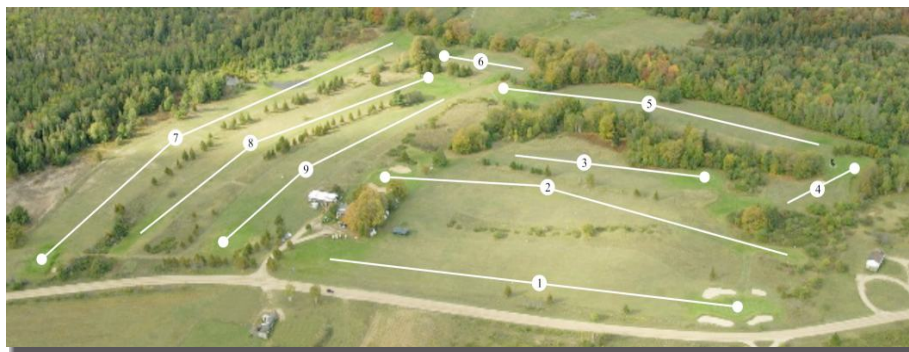
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storytelling and sunrise prayers at the "Stone Circle."

Indian traditions that celebrated the earth and "all its relations" – its two-leggeds and four-leggeds, its waters and stones, its trees and finned and winged ones – were outlawed in the United States from 1910 to 1934. One of these banned events was the summer solstice gathering known as the "Ceremony of Unity," which had to be held in secret



on the Beaver Islands during this time. Tribes from all over the United States



and Canada would travel by dark to not arouse the authorities, gathering here quietly for this seasonal event.

Still honoring this tradition today, brave members of the Little Traverse Bay Band set out on the night before the summer solstice to paddle in the dark across the lake in their 33' "Jiimaam," a large canoe-like craft. This year they made their historic journey from Cross Village to Beaver Island in record time



– approximately 6 hours of steady paddling on calm seas.

Suffice to say that old Irish and Celtic traditions celebrating the beginning of summer were once outlawed also. The dance around the May Pole, now common to many school children, was once banned. In this age of greater tolerance, people from different cultures can come together openly and discover what they share in common. This is exactly what happened on the weekend of June 20-21 here on Beaver

Island. Dancers from different races witnessed the beauty of their many different-colored ribbons weaving together into one common braid around the May Pole. What a powerful symbol of unity was this rainbow of color.

If you wish to know more about the Beaver Island Indians' historic "Ceremony of Unity" and it's banning, you can read George Anthony's beautiful new book *The Elders Speak* (available through the Beaver Island Historical Society at the Print Shop Museum.)



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38. REMEMBERING THE B-25

Seeing the *Yankee Warrior* brought back a flood of personal memories.

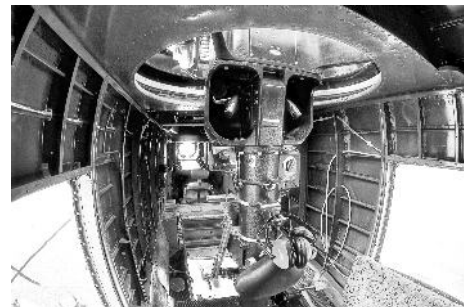
My first sighting of a B-25 came on a trip I took to the west coast after graduating from high school in 1941. In Long Beach I passed the North American and Douglas Aircraft plant, and there on the ramp were a half-dozen B-25s and A-20s. The B-25s were prepared for transfer to England as part of the Lend-Lease Program, and had British markings. The aircraft was designed in the late 1930s, and accepted by the Air Corps as a very stable craft. Using the big Wright R-2600-13 (2,600 cc), it had a lot of power.



After Pearl Harbor, the Government looked for a way to get back at Japan. The Navy had carriers, but no bombers that could deliver payloads of any size to Japan. The only aircraft that might do

the job was the Army Air Corps B-25. Jimmy Dolittle, an old military and civilian pilot, wanted to test a take-off from a carrier, which was done in secret in January of 1942. The B-25 made it with room to spare, so he trained the crews and in April of that year fifteen B-25s took off from the *Hornet* and bombed Japan.

In the spring of 1943 the Japanese were building up their forces in New Guinea and sending convoys from Rabaul. The B-17s had a hard time hitting ships from high altitude, so the planners in the 5th AF tried a new method of low-altitude bombing with B-25s, practicing "skip bombing" from 100' on



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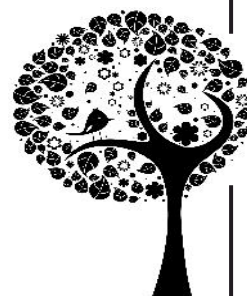
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a beached hull.

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In 1944 the 41st Bomb Group (M) was issued the H-model B-25, which had a shortened nose so a 75-mm cannon could be mounted, extending

from behind the copilot to the opening in the nose. Aiming was done by the pilot, with the cannonier doing the loading and firing. They could get off four or five shots on a run.

checked me out in the cockpit, so I got to be copilot that day. Coming back we dipped down so low over a field of pineapples that I could have reached out the window and picked them. *continued on page 40.*



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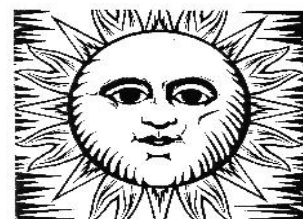
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B-25, continued from page 39.

In 1951 I was stationed at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, and had six or eight B-25s for training. When the Russian subs began showing up in the Gulf,



our crews were assigned to the B-25s. My regular job was ECM instructor, but when we had an emergency I would fly as navigator on our assigned aircraft. I got in around 350 hours. The B-25



was a nice plane to fly, except for the engine noise; the Wright 2600s had short stacks, and were very noisy.

—Bob Pittman, USAF Retired



The B-25 was delayed by 2 hours, but made two great low passes over the harbor on the 26th, the sound of her twin



1700 hp 14-cylinder engines bringing the ground alive. Sponsors included Ric Roane, Robert's John Service, TDS

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Adams Family Home at Innisfree Dunes - 26925 Innisfree Lane

The John and Laurene Adams home on the North Shore of Beaver Island just east of the St. James Township Campground. This house was substantially expanded and improved into a comfortable, year-round retirement home in 1984. The main house is three bedrooms, two downstairs and one upstairs, with 1-1/2 bathrooms (the main bathroom has recently been remodeled). There is an extra room off the dining room that has the capability to be a third, first-floor bedroom; it has been used as an extra bedroom. Right now it is a sitting/reading room. This house has a Pella window greenhouse on its south side plus an insulated, three-season glass porch on the front (lake side) of the house with a large wood deck at ground level in front of this enclosed porch. The view is to the north out over the north shore bluff toward Garden Island. A comfortable wood walkway leads down the hill to the guest house. When you are at the guest house you also get a good view of the pass between Garden and Beaver plus Squaw and Whiskey Islands; you also see sunsets in the summertime. This is a unique location with a fantastic view of Lake Michigan and the islands to the north. The guest house is a two-bedroom cottage with a half bath. Up in front of the living room part of the guest house you walk into the original pilot house of the Bay Queen dinner cruise boat that used to operate out of Beaver Island and Charlevoix. The large deck on the northwest side of it was built in the shape of a boat, that's why the guest house is called the "pilot house." The Adams family and their guests have enjoyed many years of watching sunsets from this steel pilot house and its fore deck. In addition to these two residential structures this lot (Unit #2 of Innisfree Dunes Site Condominium) also has a detached, one-car garage that is 20 x 24. It also has a 24 x 32 steel pole barn with two large access doors and 9-foot high walls for storage of boats, cars, snowmobiles, bikes, and anything else a family needs to store at their Beaver Island home. The lot has 293 feet of lake frontage and is almost 600 feet from the edge of the water to the south lot line. With the raw land value being a minimum \$293,000 (\$1,000 per front foot), this lot with its package of FOUR STRUCTURES has a replacement cost of over \$700,000.

It is therefore a bargain at a package price of just **\$575,000.**



June 27th was a perfect day for the crowds to gather at the Municipal Airport and get “up close and personal” with a B-25. After honoring Paul Neumann, who had seen plenty of B-25s



during his stint in the Aleutians and then, eight years later, Korea, the sponsors were given the first flight, followed by an additional flight of those willing to pay \$400 for a half-hour ride in the



legendary warbird (and put on a show for those on the ground.) After that, the public was allowed to poke their head up and have a look at the cockpit, tail, and squeeze in the slide tunnel between.



Over Eighteen members of the AmVets did themselves proud with a respectful Flag Retirement Ceremony



on Doug Hartle’s beach in mid-June, followed by a picnic for 65 veterans, their families, and friends. Recently

deceased former member Phil Lange was solemnly commemorated for service to country and to the Island.



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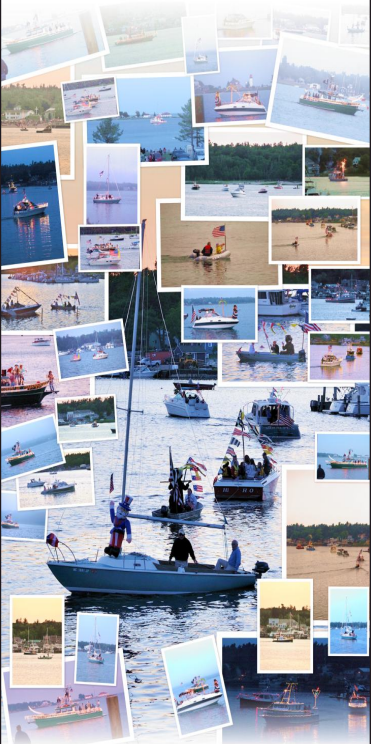
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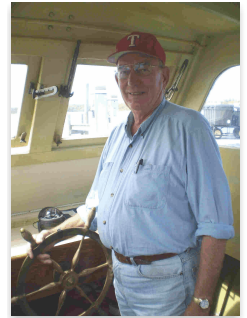
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42. DESTINATION PARADISE BAY by Larry Hansz



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Lighthouse Tender *Chippewa*;
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Bill Hirschey's *Chippewa* is an important piece of Beaver Island history. The *Chippewa* was probably built in Marinette-Menominee in 1937.

There is no documentation or builder's plate to confirm this, but the year is stamped into the rudder. It was stationed at the U.S. Coast Guard Station St. James Harbor to service the offshore lighthouses, including Grays Reef,



Original Bilge Pump

The engine controls are original. The large lever is the gear shift and the small one the throttle.

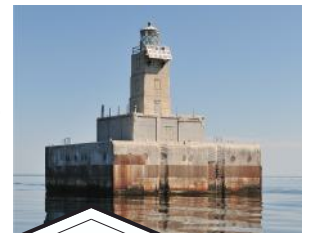
The engine is the original 30 hp Grey Marine. It easily cruises at about 12 miles per hour.



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White Shoal, Lansing Shoals, Squaw Island, and Ile aux Galets.

When the Coast Guard decommissioned the vessel it was transferred to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, which used it to reach

nearby islands to maintain trails and some isolated cabins. Central Michigan University was the next owner, then Hank Jennings, and for the past twenty-two years Bill Hirschey has been the proud owner and captain.



If the main steering cables break, Bill can steer with an emergency tiller attached directly to the top of the rudder.



When seas were running high the Chippewa could be lifted completely out of the water at the lighthouse by attaching hoisting cables to four chain plates. Although he prefers calm waters, Bill has ridden out his share of rough weather and considers her well designed and well built, a "sturdy little craft."



Squaw Island

The original 55-pound fluke anchor is now a lawn ornament in Bill's yard.

Ile aux Galets

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44. GREEN ISLAND: THE EV CAR SHOW



Jeff Connor's 120-volt Dodge Dakota Electric, converted here by Inland Auto, got almost as much

attention as his son Levi's 6-battery electric trike. Traffic on the street in general was slower this June, but the

array of bright cars attracted attention, leading to dozens of test drives, many smiles, and several potential customers.

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A beautiful Thursday morning – the Market's regular day – made customers

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46. BIRHC RECEIVES GRANT

Char Em United Way has awarded the Beaver Island Rural Health Center a \$6,000 grant to offer uninsured residents of Beaver Island an appointment for a physical, which would include a blood work and baseline ECG.

The service is available to the uninsured or those whose insurance won't pay for a routine physical, so they may have chosen not to have any routine preventive care. We are offering screening for diabetes, high blood

pressure, high cholesterol, thyroid disease, prostate cancer and anemia.

Offering uninsured residents an opportunity to receive preventive care is in line with BIRHC's mission statement, which is to provide high quality, cost-effective patient treatment and wellness services to the whole Beaver Island community. Assisting patients with payment for lab tests will entice Islanders to visit the Health Center for a screening and possibly

diagnosis of a treatable condition. There is no time limit on this offer.

In conjunction with the preventative screening offering, Dr. David Wartinger, urologist from Michigan State University, has offered to do men's health screening for Prostate Cancer, Benign Prostatic Hypertrophy, and ED, July 8-10th. Please call the Health center 448-275 for details.

—Donna Kubic, Managing Director
Beaver Island Rural Health Center

WINIFRED MARY CLAIRE (LAFRENIERE) MCDONOUGH 1921-2009

Wini died at her home on Beaver Island on June 8th.

Winifred, "Wini," was born on Beaver Island on December 20, 1921 to Nels and Sophia (Boyle) LaFreniere, the seventh of eight children. She graduated from Beaver Island School and on September 2, 1939 and married Lawrence McDonough, who survives. The couple raised their six children on the Island, and for a number of years ran several businesses before moving to Charlevoix. In 2005 they returned to Beaver Island as full-time residents.

Known for her warm and generous nature, Wini's hospitality was boundless. In the early days of tourism on the Island, Lawrence (then the Captain of the ferry boat) often brought visitors to their home for dinner, knowing that Wini delighted in meeting people and sharing her wonderful meals. In later years, the couple, who were wed for nearly 70 years, was still noted for their hospitality and the many memories and stories concerning Island history they were always happy to share.

Active in the community, Wini



helped launch the first Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church and St. Mary's in Charlevoix, and assisted in the organization of the original Health Clinic on the Island.

Wini and Lawrence together operated the Pine Tree Dairy, and Wini operated an Island laundromat and

thrift shop, worked on countless fund raisers for various Island projects, and still had time to host special teas for the Island ladies.

She was extremely proud of her family and their accomplishments and had close relationships to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Along with her parents, Wini was preceded in death by six of her siblings and their spouses: Eva (Lloyd) McDonough, Patrick (Elizabeth) LaFreniere, Archie (Frances) LaFreniere, Vernon "Dick" (Jean) LaFreniere, Joseph "Bussy" (Alberta) LaFreniere, and Rita (James) Elms.

Along with her husband, she is survived by her children and their spouses: Gary (Jean) McDonough of North Fort Myers; Larry (Kay) McDonough of Grand Rapids; Joe (Tarry) McDonough of Beaver Island; Kevin (Linda) McDonough of Beaver Island; Pam (Brad) Grassmick of Farmington Hills; and Kathy (Tim) Gonyeau of Washington Township, MI, and one sister, Helen (LaFreniere) Pike of Beaver Island; her grandchildren: Lori, Debbie, Eric, Keri, Dan, Michael, Christine, Shane, Erin, Colleen, Keith, Brian, Timmy, Noel, Marty, Bridget, and six great grandchildren.

On June 12, Wini was brought home to her final resting place on Beaver Island aboard the *Emerald Isle*, with her family in attendance. Visitation followed at Holy Cross Church.

A funeral mass was held on Saturday, June 13 at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church, with Father Patrick Cawley officiating. Internment was at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Preferred memorials in Wini's name may be made to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Holy Cross Altar Society, or the Beaver Island Community School's 21st Century Scholarship fund.

AUGUST 4 SCHOOL ELECTION ESSENTIAL RENEWAL

In the August 4th School Election, the only question on the ballot is whether or not to renew the taxes levied on non-homestead property at the level originally approved by voters in 1993, a one year renewal of 15.7980 mills to fund the school's general operation. If you own just your primary residence or qualified agricultural property, you do not pay this tax. For the last 10 years,

this has been renewed each year. Passage is essential to the school as it provides over 90% of the district's operational funding.

In other budget-related business, the school district is watching closely as the state deals with its massive budget problems. The good news for the Island school: much of its revenue is generated locally, so it does not rely on the state for

a big percentage of its revenue. For the past five years, the district has received ~\$115,000 from the state as one of five Isolated Districts. The district will be working closely with the legislature to try to maintain the Isolated Districts funding. The school holds its annual budget hearing and adoption of the budget each June. The district must adopt its 2009-1010 budget by June 30.

While walking in the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve we happened upon a small patch of garlic mustard alongside the trail. The plants were still in flower, but beginning to form seed. I pulled them up and took them to the Bio Station, where their identity was confirmed.

It is likely that this spot is only one of several patches of garlic mustard growing on the Island. This is bad news. Like *phragmites*, garlic mustard ranks at the top of the list in terms of its potential to damage to Beaver Island's fragile ecosystems. It forms a dense monoculture that spreads fast and prevents all other species from surviving. Washington Island, to the west of us, has a terrible problem with it.

It is not surprising that it reaches islands, because garlic mustard is prevalent across much of North Amer-



ica, and its tiny seeds easily stick to the soles of shoes when people walk through infested areas. All it takes is for someone to wear the same shoes to the Island that they wore in an infested area on the mainland.

The seeds also fall off from the tires of bikes, cars and heavy machinery brought over from the mainland. So we should be vigilant along trails, roadsides, and places where vehicles from the mainland have been working. Although garlic mustard loves damp, shady areas, it will grow just about anywhere.

I am writing to urge people to be on the lookout for this plant. Garlic mustard is easy to identify; it is the only plant that has a

white flower with four petals AND smells like garlic when crushed. For more about the identification and control of garlic mustard: www.in-sitevideo.com/wff/garlicmustard.html

If you find any before it has gone to seed, please pull it up and put it in a plastic bag for disposing in the trash. Please don't compost it or leave it on the trail—the plant is so vigorous it can go to seed even after having been pulled out of the ground.

If you find it after it has gone to seed (which happens in late summer) you should stay away from it so you don't spread the seed. But record the location; if you contact me I will make sure to pull it out first thing next spring (greensource@comcast.net).

If we learn to identify and look for it, we might be able to keep it from spreading out of control. I sure hope we can.

—Barbara Barrett Lucas

SPECIAL ED

K-12 Special Education Position posting: Because of the recent resignation of long-time special education teacher Judi Meister, the school district has posted for applicants for a K-12 special education teacher. An interviewing committee will be made up of the Principal/Superintendent, two teachers, two board members, and a parent to interview the top candidates.

The application deadline is July 10.

SCHOOL GRANT

Part of a 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant will come to Beaver Island for new or expanded programs. Char-Em ISD will receive \$749,927/year to conduct and support approved 21st Century Grant programs at the new or expanded 21st Century Program sites. The one-year grant is renewable for five years if the goals established as part of the competitive grant process are met.

MORE WALLEYE

The Wildlife Club continues to be good stewards for Beaver Island by raising walleye fry in "Joe Nuke's" pond, going through the elaborate ritual of capturing them (before they're eaten by the predators who quickly got the message where these tasty hors d'oeuvres can be found) once they came of size (~1¼"), and releasing them in Lake G. The June 16th "catch and release" was the second this year.

AN ISLE IN BLOOM

Those who were lucky enough to be on Beaver Island between late May and mid June were treated to a double explosion of fragrance and plumage as first the apple trees and then the lilacs sprang into life with a surprising and wonderful eruption of flowers. Our lengthy cold spring blocked the passage of sap but not its production, so that it welled up and strained unsuccessfully to rise until it finally burst through and shot upwards through the trunks and into the branches, forming a cornucopia of blossoms. It was as if someone tiptoed into a dark room and silently turned on hundreds of Christmas trees.

The apple trees were the first,

besides the dogwood, to proclaim their vitality in flowers. We never knew there were so many—but there they were, tucked away in groves along the old roads. There were more than could be accounted for by farmers taking their wagon to town, eating an apple, and chucking the pit into the brush; no, there must have been an Island work ethic to plant an apple tree every day for the good of generations to come.

The lilacs were next, a week and a half behind. They too were everywhere, thick clumps blazing purple along the road and sweetening the air. The intense flowering transcended the typical array, which we tend to take for granted—but

this year the lilacs were like the choir member who hasn't caught the conductor's signal to stop and belts forth a refrain into a silent hall: everyone noticed! You could hear thoughts emanating from the passing cars, *Hmph, I never knew it but there must've been an old cabin there too, flanked by those lilac bushes.*

Those who lived here a hundred years ago did this to honor the land they loved. Without being conscious of it, they did it for us, as well. Now they've moved beyond, so the only way we can express our thanks is to do something comparable for our successors. It's what they call "paying it forward."



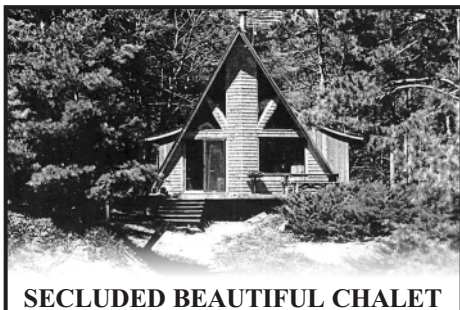
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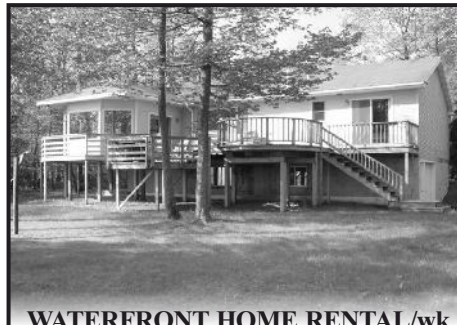
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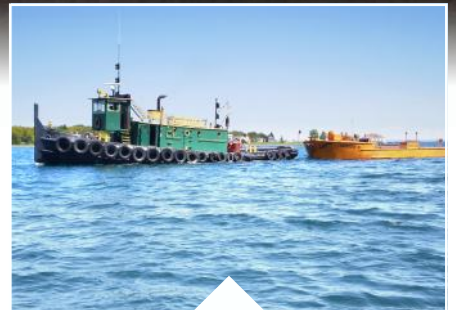
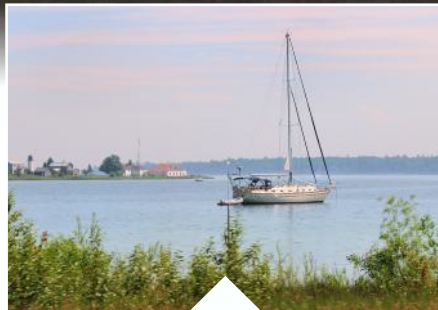
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