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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The Town Board sought input on the question of what to do about the Youth Consortium, which after several successful years has somewhat fallen apart because of the difficulty of finding good management. The Townships initially each contributed \$2,000; lately it had risen to \$5,000.

The state has reviewed and accepted the Whiskey Point restoration plan prepared by the Upper Peninsula Engineers.

There were two applications for the Planning Commission position left vacant by the passing of Harold Lounsbury, Bob Tidmore and Don Tritsch—who was chosen because he had previously served on the PC.

Pete LoDico reported that the seniors' housing project, which had previously received a commitment for a USDA low-interest loan of \$582,000 but was still short of construction funds, was offered a Community Development Block Grant in the \$400 - \$450,000 range—if St. James Township would facilitate it. What it would have to do was create a special account, receive the grant, and then disburse payments for completed work. No Township funds would be involved, so the Township agreed to support this. The first building is to contain four 1-BR units and two 2-BRs, with qualifying income levels of \$31,900 and \$36,500,

respectively.

Doug Hartle mentioned that for the third year the AmVets were rising before dawn to water the flowers along Main Street and Michigan Avenue, using a borrowed BIFD tanker; they do this around 6:00 a.m. so the noisy truck won't wake anyone from a good sleep.

Just before adjournment the 17 members of the audience were stunned when supervisor Don Vyse announced that health problems were forcing him to resign as of August 5th, after 11 years of service. It was remarked that the job wasn't fun anymore. Although taken by surprise, several people stood up to briefly praise his good work.

Peaine Township

As the Board took up the matter of forming an *ad hoc* committee to investigate potential conflicts of interest, the supervisor was repeatedly challenged by a member of the audience, who felt that because so many people in this small community were thickly involved with each other, doing anything beyond relying on the MTA's "Red Book" was a waste of time and energy. A committee was created, with Larry Kubic and Paul Welke (who had asked for such a committee at the previous meeting) offering to serve.

An early agenda item was to review the monthly work performed by deputy officers; when no details were forth-



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coming, a member of the audience asked that they be provided, and was told they would be.

The supervisor asked that all committee/board/commission's budget information be in his hands before the next meeting—particularly for those entities which work in tandem with St. James. He also revealed that his research into budget matters had brought to light an excess of \$31,800 in the current budget (one example: the audit can be done every other year, saving \$5,000; another: unspent emergency preparedness amounts don't have to appear in the next budget), which he suggested be amended downward. Budgetary talk brought up another matter: does Peaine need a second deputy in the summer—or should it save the \$4,000 this costs?


The Board turned to the ORV Ordinance question. If we accept the County Ordinance as it is, we will have five years to change it, giving us time to observe the effects. Or, we could pass our own Ordinance, but that requires time, energy, and money. People generally wanted to allow ORVs on the Highway from Four Corners to the north Township Line, but it was unclear whether St. James would pass its own Ordinance to allow ORVs to continue into town, so the Board decided to indefinitely postpone creating its own Ordinance. Other possible changes might come to light.

The qualification rules for applying


for "stimulus funds" were released on 7-1, and a first reading of the 135-page document indicated we would probably be eligible—but the application had to be submitted no later than 8-14. A member of the audience wondered if the recipient company for any grant would have to be named, saying he did not think it would be wise to insult TDS, which had brought some DSL to the Island and had promised to cover its length and breadth by the end of the summer, by throwing our lot in with CCC. (It was thought that TDS was also filing a stimulus fund request for a much larger amount for a much bigger territory.) Another question concerned the engineering (feasibility) study requested by CCC. The money for this can be part of the grant request, it was said, so no township money will be spent on it at this time. It might have enhanced our chances, but having the towers will do that, and another stratagem will also carry substantial weight: forming a kind of consortium with other Island users, such as the school, the library, the BIRHC, BIFD, and EMS, the Civil Defense safety groups, and the Lighthouse School. A meeting would take place in six days to narrow the focus.

An informal and preliminary assessment of the two kinds of dust control was offered. It seems both the 26% and the 38% are working well—except

continued on page 6.



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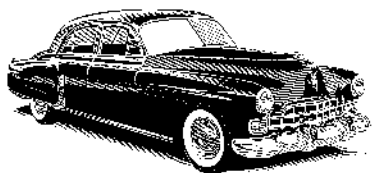
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6. News from the Townships, from page 5.

on sandy stretches, where neither works. A thousand yards of processed gravel have been put down over a thousand yards of bank run material, and the clay shortage has been overcome. It was generally felt that despite some problems the roads were in their best shape ever. A member of the audience suggested the Board write a letter to the

MONEY FOR WIRELESS

Two meetings of the "internet group" were held in July to coordinate Island Internet interests and figure out how we might benefit from stimulus money designated for this purpose.

At the first, both CMU and the Lighthouse school said their bandwidth needs were not being met; CMU's representative said that during peak usage, their T1 connectivity is saturated, and the Lighthouse school representative said its current satellite connectivity costs thousands per month and is not as reliable as they'd like.

At the second meeting, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center's representative said their goal is to be designated as a non-bed hospital by having a "virtual doctor," which would require a solid 5 mbps connection burstable to 30 mbps; this would allow them to double their collectible fees, and, further, would allow the EMS to collect for transporting patients there. Thus the internet stimulus could help these two core-community institutions be sustainable.

A debate took place over whether

Road Commission praising the excellent work done by part-time employee Bob Marsh and suggest his hours be increased. The audience responded, "Hear hear!"

The supervisor recommended we form two commissions, one for Human Services (because Island seniors in particular may not receive all the benefits they are due) and "Natural Resources

we should apply on the basis of those Peaine census blocks which are totally unserved, now and when the grant is reviewed, or whether TDS will definitely have DSL Island-wide soon (as their hundreds of thousands in equipment investment points to) and focus instead on underserved: community, education, emergency, middle-mile (backhaul), and creating a competitive market to insure future health and growth.

The group considered writing the application themselves, but at the second meeting was introduced by Tim Maylone to Jim Selby (featured in 2001 in the *WSJ* as the "Wireless Guerrilla") of Aspen Wireless, who was up to speed and would guide us through the process for \$15,000—split between the Townships. If it is successful, the money is dispersed in December; the plan would be to be operational in May of 2010 with 150 mbps backhaul to the mainland, and a worst-case bandwidth to the home providing 7 mbps for future expansion (with plans initially at 2.5 to 3.0 mbps).



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and Eco-tourism" (to protect and promote our greatest asset). No Township funding will be involved. The Board agreed; the commissions were formed (and hopefully will be augmented by St. James), and members will be solicited by a posting on Peaine's web site (peaine.org). The Human Services will have seven members, and be charged to identify and prioritize the Island's hu-

man needs, identify sources of help, and advocate. The Natural Resources ten-member group will begin a natural resources inventory, consider trail improvements, identify bird-watching sites, and plan for the future.

A first issue of a potential Peaine Township Newsletter was offered to the 28 people in the audience. It could be available as an email attachment.

ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 7-9 - **Homecoming**. The annual August **Dinner** will be held on Sunday, August 9, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall. A chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Take-out orders will be available but must be picked up when placing the order. Basket of Joy! The softball tournament will be held throughout the weekend at the Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Park.

August 8 - BI Christian Church Women's **Bake Sale**: 9-12 a.m. at Greggs' yard; if rain, Gregg Fellowship Center

August 8 - **The Laws** perform at the Community Center 8:00 p.m. *p. 24.*

August 9 - **Quilt Raffle**

August 11 - **Aoife Clancy with Pipeline**; traditional and contemporary Celtic music fuse at the Community Center 8:00 p.m. *See page 24.*

August 13: **BIHS** Annual Meeting, Peaine Hall @ 7:30 p.m.

August 13 - **Pinky Lee** at the Community Center 8:00 p.m. *See page 24.*

August 14 - **Beaver Tales** - if you couldn't get a ticket in July or want to see it

again, now's your chance. 8:00 p.m.

August 20 - **Screaming Orphans** at the Community Center 8:00 p.m. *p. 24.*

August 23 - **First BIRHC Golf Outing** see page 17. Register by Aug 19.

August 29 - **The Wild Turkeys** 8:00 p.m. at the Community Center. *p. 24.*

September 5 - **Beaver Island Marathon** 9:00 a.m. Register online at *active.com* or call (248) 446-1315

September 13 - **Golf Course** - Mixed Alternate Shot Outing

September 18-20 **Beaver Island Celtic Fest** featuring SLIDE.

September 26 - Com Cen: Memorial service/celebration of **Phil Lange**

October 3 - **The Bite & Island Boodle Farmer's Market** -Thursdays 9:00-11:00

August: Howard Davis at the B. I. **Christian Church**.

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8. SISTER MARIE EUGENE 1926-2009

The much-loved last Sister/teacher from the Beaver Island school has passed away at age 83. She was born in Windsor, Ontario, on February 5, 1926. Baptized Jeannette Therese, she was one of ten children of Philemon and Alexine Lemieux Charbonneau. The family had moved to Detroit by the time she began school at St. Ann's, where she was taught by Canadian Holy Name Sisters. "I spent a great deal of time with them because I knew that was what I wanted most."

Jeannette began high school at Melvindale Public High, but when the family moved to Dearborn she transferred to St. Francis Xavier in Ecorse. This entailed riding by bus and transferring to another bus in front of St. Mary Magdalene School. One morning Sister Ursuline came out and invited her to a reception at Marywood. "The friendliness of the Sisters at Marywood convinced me that was where I should be."

Before fulfilling that wish, Jeannette worked as a secretary for the Algo Shutter Company. In September of 1945, she entered Marywood as a postulant. At reception she took the name of Sister Marie Eugene of St. Joseph. At the time of her profession in 1947 there was a shortage of teachers and like many of her classmates she was sent out to teach without further training. After three years at Holy Family, Saginaw, she helped open St. Mary's School in Alma and she taught there for nine years. One of her second-graders and a life-long friend

was Danny Goggin, who years later entertained audiences with the comedy *Nunsense*.

Sister Marie Eugene also taught for eight years in New Mexico at St. Francis, Rancho de Taos and St. Anthony, Penasco. On her return to Michigan she taught at St. Joseph, Pewamo and then in 1978 with Sister Mary Alvesteffer on Beaver Island. They were the last in a

line of Dominicans who had served the parish and the public school from 1899 to 1991. From there Sister Marie Eugene responded to an invitation from the sisters and pastor to teach at St. Michael's, Brunswick. The pastor, Fr. Donn Tufts, gave her Bailey, a large New-

foundland/Black Labrador mix, who moved freely around the school, the convent, and the church.

In January 1999, she taught her last class in Brunswick, intending a low-key departure. But the Muskegon newspaper ran a lengthy illustrated article on her years in the classroom over the half-century. Included were memories by Dan Goggin, who named the off-stage nun in the play after her. "She was a funny nun. She was a wonderful character . . . and certainly part of the whole sense of humor that grew out of growing up Catholic." She was regarded as a master teacher with the ability to motivate children to achieve beyond their grade levels. Other tributes to her include the Third Annual Woman Educator of the Year award from Delta Kappa Gamma

Society (Boyne City) in 1982 and the Salute to Educators Award from the Fremont Area Foundation in 1997.

After her retirement from teaching, she moved to Marywood, where she volunteered in the mailroom, dining room, and Dominican Center. On Sundays she rose early to receive the morning newspapers. She was quiet, unpretentious, and optimistic. She enjoyed reading and playing cards. She was skilled in many handicrafts, and provided the Marywood Health Center gift shop with beautiful crocheted items.

Her colleagues in Brunswick persuaded her to join them on a tour of Alaska. She enjoyed this so much that she joined Sister Nancy Malburg on a 10-day train trip to the West Coast in April of 2004. Both Sisters remember the trip as truly enjoyable. Their adventure included much laughter, beautiful scenery from Chicago to Sacramento, a few days of relaxation on Catalina Island, and riding the Coastal Starlight train along the ocean from Los Angeles to Seattle before returning to Grand Rapids. Recalling their time together, Sister Nancy says, "I could not have had a more delightful companion – and special friendship found! On our most recent visit, at the Marywood Health Center in April 2009, we remembered our trip and smiled again."

In the spring of 2009 she was diagnosed with advanced cancer and chose to go on Hospice care. Residing at the Marywood Health Center, she inspired others with her peaceful and cheerful acceptance of each day of life. Mid-afternoon of June 25 she peacefully and quietly left this life for eternity with the God she knew so well



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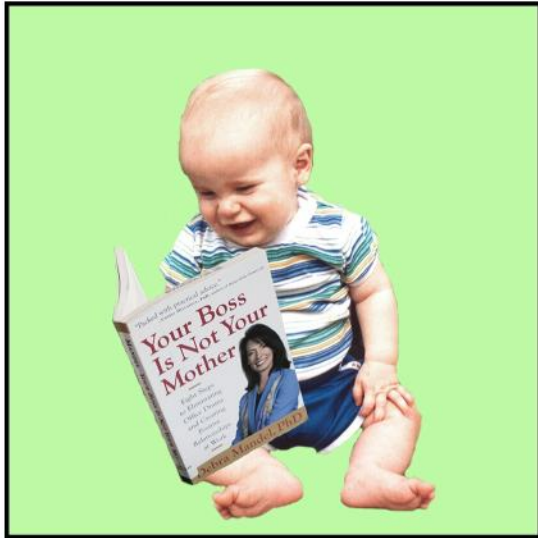
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GALE OF MUSIC, ART, AND GOOD FUN

through the noise of the wind and hold it at bay as the patrons fingered the jewelry, papier-mâché, woodware, paint-

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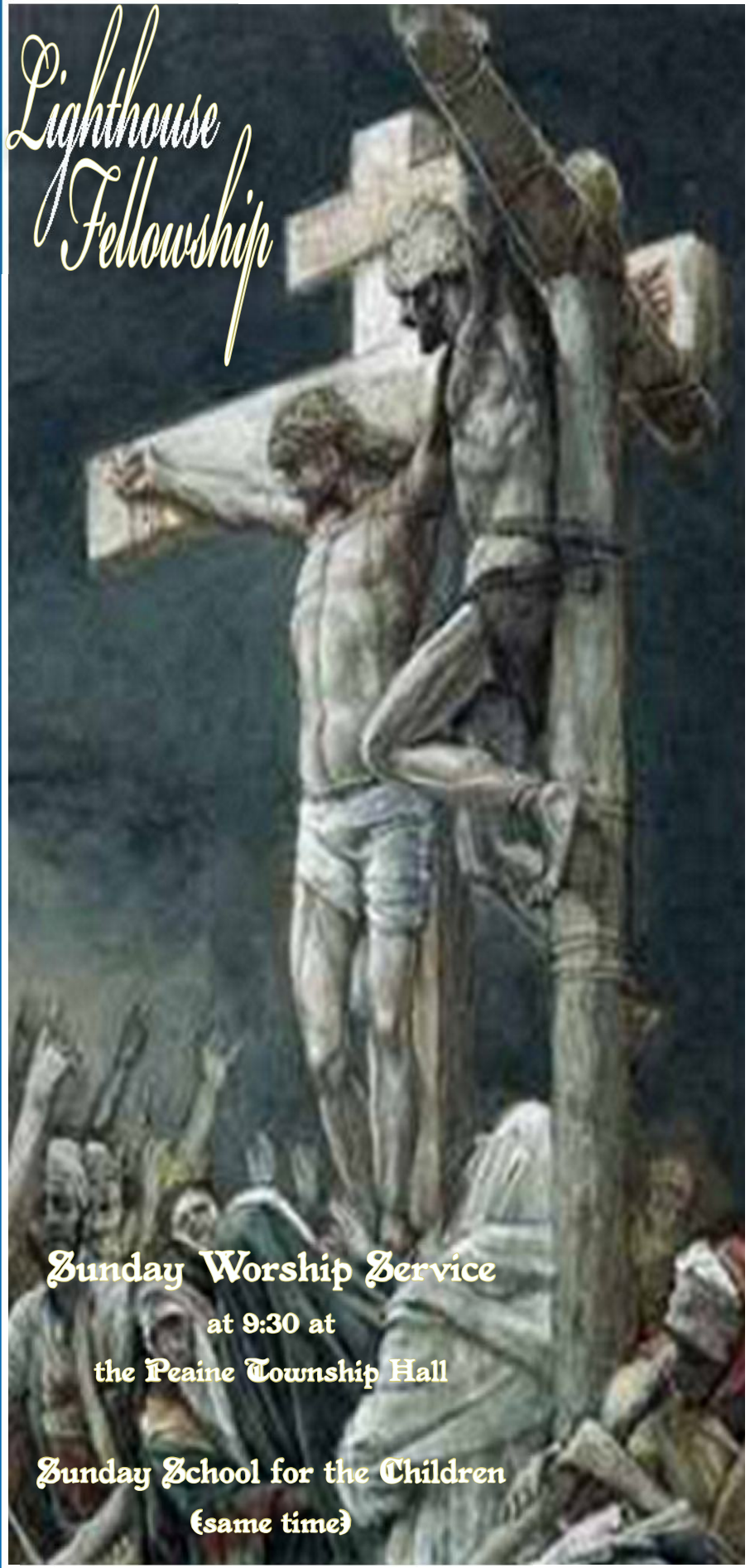
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We have contributed for a water well through Gospel for Asia, donated to International Aid, a Michigan-based Christian health organization, and to World Mission, which distributes "talking Bibles" in African languages. Closer to home, we have also given generously to the Salvation Army for the needs of Emmet and Charlevoix counties, made unsolicited donations to the Beaver Island Fire Dept and EMS, and assisted a needy family.

Throughout the year our activities included a free pancake supper in November, open to the community. In December we purchased small gifts for each Light House School student and staff member. We sponsored a Christmas party, providing a lunch, gifts, and a visit from Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

We are a Bible-based group of believers, accepting the Bible as the infallible word of God. Our attendance over the past year has ranged from 7 to 53, with as many as 15 children in our Sunday School during the summer. We worship at the Peaine Township Hall every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for children is at the same time. We have an informal time together of songs, praise, and looking at a portion of the Bible for instruction and encouragement, followed by coffee and snacks for a get-acquainted time.

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—Kathy Brouard



BAROQUE ON BEAVER



The four performances of Baroque on Beaver once again provided the perfect transition for the first days of August to follow on busy July's heels.

Martha Guth's performances were



powerful, stunning, breathtaking—as expected. With the Island chorus, the visiting musicians provided four days of classical harmony with complexity and sophistication heard only once a



year here but with light spirit introducing each piece, perfectly in tune with the Island. What a thrill to be able to stand three feet from the orchestra a stone's skip from Paradise Bay!



ECO-TOUR SIGHTINGS



On an inland lake eco-tour what might you see? You may encounter great turtles determined to climb a moun-



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14. DESTINATION: PARADISE BAY

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by Larry Hansz

One of the saddest sights for a true boater is that of an old classic boat neglected, rotting, and headed for scrap. On the other hand, one of the most pleasing sights is that of a classic being returned to the condition of its glory years. Walt and Vicky Lach have committed themselves to that course for their 33' Pace-maker motor boat.

The boat was built in 1957 as a sedan sea skiff by C.P. Lee & Sons in Lower Bank, New Jersey. The hull is carvel planked with Alaska yellow pine. Original engines were gas twin Crown six cylinders, which were changed to twin Crusader 270 hp V-8s in the 70s.

Original owners were J.R. and Margaret Upjohn of Monroe, Michigan. The ownership trail leads through several individuals; John Shirk brought it to Beaver Island from Detroit and sold it to Carl Hill. The boat was in rough condition when Richie Gillespie acquired it from Carl. When Richie was going to remove the engines and burn the hull, Don Bair had a vision to restore the vessel. He named the boat *Mad Bair*. Don had restored other wood boats and could do the work; Dennie Madigan was going to be a "silent partner" in the deal but he passed away, leaving Don a huge task.

Work was started in the Cary Concrete warehouse and subsequently moved to a storage building at the Four Corners.

Don worked hard that whole winter

as Richie bet him it would never be in the water the next spring. Don won the bet, but there was just too much work to be done. *Mad Bair* sat at the Yacht Dock with a for sale sign in the window.

That's when dock master Glen Felixson called Walt and told him "Come on down and have a beer with me on this old classic power boat." Over the course of the next three weeks and more than a few beers Walt and Vicky decided to not only save her, but to restore her.

Mike Collins began work on the hull and superstructure that fall. Walt wanted a door cut into the stern for his dogs. Many people told Walt that could not be done in a wood boat. Mike called to say he just could not cut into the stern. Walt sternly said "Just cut it now, then call me back" and hung

up. Now it's usable for dogs and humans, plus very strong.

In the spring of 2008 Adam Anderson's Beaver Island Marine took over the work, which continues to this date. Denis Keehn did much of the finish carpentry. The list of projects includes numerous items: Covering the hull bottom with epoxy and antifouling paint. The upper

hull was recaulked and both hull and topsides painted. Window drains and gutters were replaced. The whole boat was rewired and a 2000 watt charger/inverter added. Two larger fuel tanks were installed. Mechanical steering gave way to Tele-fex hydraulic steering, along with a new autopilot. Many new electronics

were added, along with an electric windlass and search light.

Cleaning up the bilge was one of the most significant tasks. Both fuel tanks were removed, and both engines were pulled, exposing the bilge's aft half.; 52 years of use was evident in the bilge's filthy, oily condition. It was cleaned and treated with Smith Penetrating Epoxy; the bilge frames and planks now look like new wood and are stronger than original.

After many hours, *Island Time* is looking

good again! Walt and Vicky have had at least seven other power boats, but what says it all about *Island Time* is when Vicky says "This is the first boat I've really loved!"

Stop by to admire the project and say hello to Walt and Vicky on the main pier of Beaver Island Marina.



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THUNDER

This year's Boyne Thunder was a bit windy, but much calmer than last year's rough seas. Around 35 boats came to Paradise Bay to claim their card at our stop on July 11th. The \$650 per boat entry-fee raises funds for Camp Quality, and includes lunch, dinner, and slip, for participants.

ON TOUR

We are enjoying a tour of England's western side. Have been camping for the past 10 days and expect to continue thru most of July. From Durdle Door we are heading for Wales, the Lake Country, and Scotland, then we will return to Shere and do major job seeking.

We sent off our Vita to work with the mentally challenged. Currently we are staying at a lovely hamlet along a spring-fed rushing river with friends of ours in North Somerset. We are about 15 miles from Minehead, Somerset.

I have been driving the whole journey—so I've adjusted to the quirky narrow roads, 20' hedges, and so on. In fact we prefer the winding country roads which transverse across the small villages and hamlets. We have done some snorkeling and hope to do more!

—Ric and Carrie; Bury, Somerset

A MNEMONICISM GOLF OUTING 17.

For many years, I have been trying to remember the order of the archipelago islands surrounding Beaver Island. I finally came up with a mnemonic device, a two-sentence narrative, to help me. I have remembered the islands in order (west to east) ever since. I hope that you pass this on, because I know it will help others: "The High Trout fell into the Whiskey, while the Squaw was working in the Garden next to the Hog."

—Linda Lucchesi

THE SOUNDS OF ISLAND LIFE

The boat,
Coming and going in the Harbor.
The mating call of a beer can.
Friends and family,
Talking, singing, and laughing.

The church
Chiming on the hour—
Gulls, crows, jays, ducks,
Waves, and wind in the trees.
A gentle enfolding quiet—
No worries: just listen to the loons.

—Dawn George

There will be a Charity Golf Outing and Picnic Supper to Benefit the Beaver Island Rural Health Center on Sunday, August 23.

Sign in at 12:30; tee-off at 1:00 p.m. It will have a Four-person Scramble Format with three flights: all-men teams; all-women teams; and mixed teams (2 men, 2 women).

There'll be prizes for each flight, plus individual prizes for men and women, for 'Closest to Pin' on 4 and 6 (2 shots for women), 'Longest Putt' on 1; 'Closest to Center' of fairway on 5; and 'Longest Drive' on 9. Afterwards we'll feast and share our stories.

Lots of Door Prizes (including year membership in Beaver Island Golf Course for 2010—a donation by John Works).

Don't Golf?—Join us for the picnic supper following the match. Sign up no later than August 19. Course and Prizes donated—All fees for the outing, except the cost of dinner, are a donation to benefit the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

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18. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* displayed a black-and-white version of Pat Tinney's painting, Beaver Island Montage, prints of which were available at \$75 (full size) or \$10 (mini) to raise money for PABI.

PABI secured a pit on Katherine Ricksgers' property in which to burn the debris from the dismantled Dockside Market.

The Health Center received a \$75,000 grant from the Department of Community Health. Most of the money was to go into a new state-of-the-art X-ray machine.

The growth of use of the Island Hospice's services was reflected in their numbers for the three previous years: 20 in 1996, 35 in '97, and 119 in '98.

The Community Players put on *A Taste of Beaver Island*—stories and songs.

After having to suspend his martial arts training for three years because of back surgery, Bermuda's Dave Avery achieved his 5th Dan Master in TaeKwanDo in Bermuda, where he was doing drywall work.

When the evening flights were

canceled, Libby Struik was stuck on the Island by thick fog, jeopardizing her high school graduation the following night. She hoped the next day would bring clear skies, but no luck, and the only ferry wouldn't leave until 2:30—too late to catch the ceremony in Grandville. But a call to Dan Higdon solved the problem—he killed two birds with one stone by taking her and Perry Gatloff (who needed to be in Detroit by 9:00 p.m.) to Charlevoix.

A benefit dinner for the Health Center honored Phil "Doc" Lange for his many accomplishments: after his family boat was forced into Paradise Bay by a storm in 1958, he fell in love with Beaver Island, bought a lot at Wicklow Beach in 1960, and built a cabin in 1973. When he retired as a family physician in 1987 (after 39 years) he moved here, joined the Historical Society Board and became its president, was the Treasurer for the Christian Church, was a founding PABI member, was a lifetime Community Player, joined the Health Center Board, and became its president.

Twenty Years Ago Sue Howard

became the new managing editor of the *Beacon* because Mary Stanhope Russell moved to Sault Ste Marie with her husband and twin daughters. Interim managers Shannon Heynig and Tom Cole were thanked for their work.

An article entitled "Stone Circle in Danger" pled for funds and volunteers to help protect the landscape artifact at the base of Angeline's Bluff.

The student video, *My Island Home*, was shown during Museum Week. Ireland was prominent, with Kevin Green and Kitty McNamara talking about Northern Ireland one night and John McKinney discussing "Fishing in Ireland" on another. One evening was given over to "Drama, Legends, and Poetry" read by the authors—including Dave Gladish, Frank Ettawashagesik, Josh Broder, and Robert Cole.

A new building at CMU's Biostation was put up by 30 students as part of their Industrial Education class. The Station also added an alligator pen for Choco (9 years old) and 3-legged Stumpy, 4.

Bill Markey became chairman of



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A Boy Scout troop from Kalamazoo spent an afternoon scraping paint off the *Bob S* at the Marine Museum.

The DNR and the Charlevoix Road Commission were to meet with BIPOA to determine a nonharmful route for a road to French Bay.

The *Beacon* printed the lyrics to *When it's Sucker-runnin' Time on Beaver Island*, a song written and performed by Phil Lange, which contained these refrains:

When the Shamrock has a glow

And the Jordan has a flow,

And Mount Pisgah's lofty peak is free of snow

and

As the suckers fight upstream

With love their only theme

So with thoughts of love you fill my every dream.

The *Beacon* revisited some of the homes in St. James, giving their history. One was Ray and Claire Cull's home across from the Post Office, which they built on a lot owned by Ray's father Mike Cull when Ray got back after

WW II. There had been some sheds there; one was a net shed built by Briney Martin that had served as a barbershop opened on weekends by farmer Peter Owen McCauley, and another had become part of Paul Kenwabikise's home up the hill. Another was taken down for its lumber. Trim for the home was pulled off the old Print Shop, owned by Mike Cull. Ray worked as a fisherman for Mike until the lamprey arrived, prompting Ray and Claire's move to Bay City in 1956. He became the Captain of American Steamship's freighters. The home was leased by the Game Club, which set up a restaurant, the Killarney Inn, because there was no place for tourists and hunters to get a meal. Grace Cole ran it for 17 years during the summer and deer season.

Another featured home was the Cruickshank's. Bud and Barb and their five children came camping for a week in 1966, pitching their tent near Beaver Head the first night and moving a couple miles north each day. In 1972 they bought the O'Brien home and stopped up the holes that had allowed birds to nest in the attic. The home had

been built in 1907 by Charlie Tilley for Dr. Graham, who died in 1915. His wife Tellis then married Wilford O'Brien, and they operated a restaurant, rooming house, library, and gift shop until their passing. It was bought by John Malloy (who also owned Tim McDonough's home) from Chicago, who sold it to the Cruickshanks. They began to restore it, eliminating some of the extra doors (it had five), adding bay windows and insulation, and residing it. In 1986 they rented the upstairs to new arrivals Joan and Don Vyse.

Thirty Years Ago The single summer issue contained some August news. The Homecoming Dinner and Dance were very successful. The Island softball team (Rich Gillespie, Mike Green, John Hanley, Mark LaFreniere, Bill McDonough, Dan McDonough, Jim McDonough, Tim McDonough (the home run champion), Tom McDonough, Blake Vance, and Jim Wojan) finished second.

New faces at the school included principal Barb Rakowski and teachers Kitty McNamara and Jacque

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20. **On This Date**, continued from page 19.

VanHolder (LaFreniere), who would also be the librarian.

The Christian Brothers celebrated their fiftieth year of their annual retreat. They began arriving in June for initial ceremonies, and in July came for various lengths of time; the "thirty day retreat" would last into mid-August. At least 21 Brothers were here.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* had one issue for August and September because of a shortage in volunteer help.

Homecoming Dinner saw a record crowd (444) feasting on turkey dinners.

VIEW FROM THE END

Everywhere, people are concerned. Worried about money. The economy. Even on Beaver Island. Now I read there is a food bank for destitute BI citizens. This is an unacceptable situation! Why haven't Beaver Island's power elite been more proactive in this matter? Bank executives and employees need no food bank. They are in no financial crisis. Their salaries are as high or higher than ever, regardless of the solvency of their bank. (You may recall 105 billion of the first 125 billion dollars of TARP money was spent on

The Homecoming Parade started after the dinner, led by the Coast Guard Flag Bearer. Norman Kraft, Archie Minor, and Rhea Christie judged the floats, with "We Pull Together" by the Christian Church and Holy Cross taking 1st, the Vic Miller Family 2nd, and McDonough's 3rd. Rose Connaghan won the Basket of Joy, and Vera Wojan won a painting by Kay Masini.

The deputy sheriff was paid \$40/month, but had his work cut out for him. In the past season there were eight breaking-and-enterings, with a combined loss of \$2,000 for theft and van-

"compensation.") They still fly on company jets to vacation resorts. Why should we on Beaver Island suffer? There is still time for Beaver Island to receive free public funds!

As you may recall, first banks got the money. Then other companies, eager for cash, simply converted themselves to banks (e.g. AIG, GMAC, Goldman-Sachs, etc.). We must follow this example. Beaver Island businesses and organizations must convert also to banks. McDonough's Market Bank, Baroque on Beaver Bank, BIRHC

dalism. Two cars were stolen, one of which was totally demolished, and there were seven auto accidents—not all of which were reported.

A Boy Scout troop from Pontiac stayed on the Island for five days and donated \$25 to help buy an electrocardiograph unit for the Med Center.

Father Donahoe's chapel in the stone house on Paid een Og Road was dedicated, with five Christian Brothers helping.

The Bill Welke family moved to the Island from Walled Lake; they acquired the Mel Gallagher farm, and quickly

Bank, BI Community Center Bank are some possible examples. Even if this does not work out, we would at least become an off-shore banking center, specializing in money laundering, etc, and be prosperous.

Beaver Island is rich in natural resources: cormorants, mute swans, beaver, trees, and Lake Michigan water, for example. These can be monetized for the welfare of BI residents. Look at the Nestle Company, pumping 500,000 gallons of water daily out of the lake and selling it,

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installed a runway for their plane.

Twenty-five school kids got a trip to the County Fair in Traverse City.

The deaths of Island-born Reverend Robert Boyle and Leroy Sendenberg were noted.

Edna McCann sold the Beachcomber to Chicago policeman Jim Janda, who became Supervisor.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* celebrated a particularly beautiful rainbow. Dr. Ivan Walton, a musicologist, brought up 250 books from U-M to give to our library; "now all we need is a library," the editor remarked. The

legally, according to the US Supreme Court. Why don't we start our own pumping station and supply water to the world? As long as we plan to eliminate the cormorant and mute swan, why not sell the meat? Cormorant pasties would go over big. And stuff the carcasses with *phragmites* fronds to sell as souvenir items at Art in the Harbor and the T-shirt shop? And throw in a free stuffed seagull! Who doesn't want a beaver pelt hat or coat? There are also opportunities in lumber, and, of course, off-shore drilling.

Museum finally opened on August 8th.

At the annual phone company stockholder's meeting, it was announced that the original goal of providing 25 phones had been surpassed—there were 81.

The Michigan Conservation Department urged us to bring in more deer hunters because the herd was a little too large. Yet trapper Jerry Jones was being brought over from Gaylord to reduce the "pesky coyotes."

Construction of a new Yacht Dock and Harbormaster's Building was to begin. Our Coast Guard had to rescue

Finally, once the cormorants, swans, trees, and beaver are gone, and the lake is dry, we could propose use of the Island (or what had been an island) as a nuclear toxic waste dump, to facilitate development of nuclear energy. There would be big bucks in this deal for the local residents, if there are any left.

As you can see, the possibilities for prosperity are limitless. Community action is needed now!

—Mitchel Osman, South End Drive

three grounded sailboats in the 21. Chicago/Mackinac Island race.

Chicago entrepreneur Alan Gillespie (28) became the publisher and editor of a new "talking magazine," *Living Music*, which contained 30 minutes of snippets of popular music.

Captain Forrest Pratt returned upon his retirement. Born here in 1894, he left at 22 for the boats. His house was next to the Post Office.

John Ricksgers passed away. Born in 1893, he arrived at an early age and lived here with his wife and family until he had to give up farming in 1953.

SHE'S BA... ACK!

After five strokes and a year away, Ann Zanella has returned home. It wasn't easy; at one point her doctors told her she'd never walk or talk again. But they didn't fathom her resiliency and dedication to recovering.

She struggled to recover her ability to walk and talk. She lived in six hospitals, and put herself through extensive physical therapy. A big help was all the cards and gifts and phone calls and prayers, for which she feels grateful.

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Doris and Lars keep winning

Although our summer has yet to heat up, the same cannot be said for the annual golf action. The ever-popular Mixed Partner Events are increasing in participation, and the annual Fourth of July Tournament had a record-low winning score. And the men's league action is headed for another nail-biting finish. The best news is, the greens have demonstrated their inner fitness by bouncing back from a difficult winter and are now as good, if not better, than ever.

And let me not forget to mention the awesome summer octogenarian Howard Davis is having. He and partner Joe Moore celebrated Howard's 80th by moving into first place in the men's league standings earlier, then shortly after that Howard recorded the second

hole-in-one of his golfing career, this one on the always-challenging sixth hole. Congratulations Howard.

Both Howard's success and longevity demonstrate the greatness of the game of golf. It truly is a lifetime pursuit—and let's not forget that Howard walks the course during his daily rounds with Buck and crew—a pursuit that's always a challenge yet, obviously, a joy.

Now right about here I could easily begin to pontificate on the interrelatedness of golf and life, how one mirrors the other and how they share important lessons as to our inner lives, but for some odd reason I've decided to spare you. You're welcome.

Instead, let's jump into a recap of what's been happening at the course and what the future holds....

Not So Mixed Up

So far in the Mixed Event season it's been the Doris and Lars show as the Larsons have claimed two of the three events and seconded the other. Interrupting the Larsons' attempt for a sweep was the team of Joe Moore and Annette Dashiell who claimed the second out- ing. As a measure of how popular this



4th winners: Lisa, Tom, John, Tim

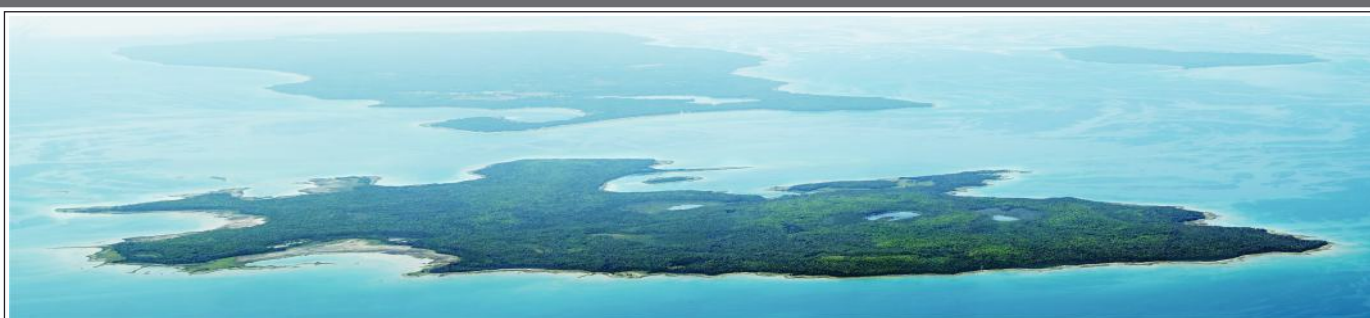
alternate shot format event has become it should be noted that 16 teams participated in the last event, leaving room for two more teams. Also, three teams finishing in a tie for second in the last event shows that while it is grand fun, it is good golf as well. Contact the golf course if you're interested in joining in.

Not in our House(man)

After six years of trying, Team Houseman finally claimed the winners' spot in the annual Fourth of July tournament. And they did it in low fashion by posting an incredible score of six-under par 29. Teeing it up this year were Tom, Tim, and Lisa Houseman, along with John Rademacher who is somehow related in the mix. With long-hitting



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Keeping warm, sort of

Lisa leading the team, the Mixed Event crowd is certainly glad this crew is only on the course for this tourney.

Two teams finished with rounds of 31, a score that normally would be a winner. Four teams carded solid rounds of 32, as again it should be noted the scores are continually improving.

These Chicks are Tough

Other than Lisa, the ladies might not always hit the ball as far as the men. Perhaps they don't power out of the rough as well (they don't always find themselves as deeply in such trouble either), but after this year's annual Ladies' Tournament don't ever doubt their tenacity, determination, or just pure devotion to the game. Because,

baby, it was cold outside. You don't often gather around the fire pit on a mid-July afternoon, but after nine holes in less-than-desirable conditions, that's where many of the participants were found, coats on, hoods up, and with steamy cups of coffee held tightly in both hands. The only other thing warming everyone up was the constant head shaking at the not-so-summery weather.

But it was game day and the game was played. And with two teams carding identical rounds of 42, the game was played well, regardless of conditions. With another exquisite luncheon catered by Carolyn Works awaiting, the ladies were smart enough not to waste time with a playoff, but went instead to the scorecards to determine the tie-breaker. Starting (and ending) with the first hole, the tourney winner was decided by the first low score.

With a par on the opening hole, the team of Nel Worsfold, Sandy Simpson, Jo Ellen McGarey and Floss Frank took this year's honors over the grouping of Florence Neumann, Marilyn Pecott, Kathy Blalock, and Aulene Duffy.

A chipping contest was held as well, once again organized by that crafty



This year's champs: Jo, Sandy, Nel, Floss

duffer 'Bunker' Bob Simpson. Given three tries for one small dollar, the goal was to chip as many balls as possible into a small wading pool, or else into a small roped-off area beyond (Bunker being a firm believer, if not practitioner, of that old golf adage: never up, never in). Marge Boyle took the contest's prize money with one ball in the pool and one inside the roped area.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars on Aug. 23 for the first BIRHC Outing. With divisions for men, women, and mixed teams, this Scramble guarantees lots of winnings. Several contests will sweeten the pot to the tune of \$1000 in prizes! Plus, a picnic will follow, along with door prizes.

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Ken has to get there to teach at the annual kayak symposium, but has chosen to travel by sea in an attempt to raise \$5,000 for the Beaver Island Food Pantry—despite the dangers.

He'll load up his 55# boat with 65# of gear—tent, sleeping bag, and cooking supplies for his six to eight nights of camping. This gear will cut his top speed by 35%, but there aren't any convenience stores along the way.

He'll push off at noon to spend the first night on the east side of Hog Island. After catching a few winks of sleep, he'll set off from Hog Island before dawn to take advantage of the less-treacherous seas, paddling alone in the still twilight heading out of our archipelago for Waugoshance Point, at 15

miles the single longest hop of the trip.

He'll dodge freighters, pass lighthouses, and sit out any bad storms on each leg. After Waugoshance he hopes to make Cecil. The next day he'll glide under the Mighty Mack and make a quick sprint across the mile-wide ship channel — hopefully on Labor Day, praying the thousands of walkers up above don't throw any half-empty water bottles over the rail. If he's lucky he'll spend a quiet night on St. Martin's Island west of Hessel before a relatively relaxing tour of the beautiful Les Cheneaux Islands.

To reduce the risk he's got to buy additional safety equipment, so he needs to pick up a handful of sponsors to underwrite the long trip's cost. He hopes to raise around \$1,000—and immortalize his supporters in the book he hopes will follow.

But everyone will be able to support his mission by donating to the Beaver Island Food Pantry while he paddles away—either by pledging so much per day or per mile (say, a dollar,

or half-dollar) or simply contributing to the special donation jars to be set up during the venture at McDonough's Market, The Station, and the Community Center. Or by writing a check to the "Beaver Island Christian Church / Food Pantry" in support of his expedition - "paddle for food."

Before he leaves he'll be at the Community Center on August 30 from 1:00 to 4:00 to discuss his plans, answer questions, meet with potential sponsors, and hopefully drum up some pledges for the Food Pantry. When ("don't you dare say if") he returns and digests the experience, he'll present a talk in late September, at the Community Center again, drawing on his photos and shipboard notes.

This is the kind of challenge that can be picked up by Hollywood and turned into a George Clooney movie. If this happens (buoyed by Michigan's new thrust for filmmaking dollars), Ken just hopes there's nothing at all in his story that even suggests calling it *The Perfect Storm*.

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Screaming Orphans Thursday, 8/20 8pm \$20/Adv \$25/DOS Friday, 8/21 8pm \$25/Adv \$30/DOS Irish sisters whose music reflects their Celtic roots and pop/rock.



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A WONDERFUL MUSEUM WEEK

In addition to good weather and crowds of people, among whom were several old friends we hadn't seen since last summer, an enjoyable Museum Week was put on by the Historical Society. Each event was well-attended, be it a talk, a film, a conversation about "our heaven-sent friend," a demonstration of the Island's art, or music.

Speaking of music, one of the week's many highlights occurred early

in Monday's Music on the Porch when Doris Larson (who hosted this event for the last time after 22 years) called Joddy Croswhite to the stage. We all knew Joddy's health is not good, which was affirmed by the difficulty he had in walking to the bottom porch step and lifting a leg to start to climb. But we were unprepared for what happened next: he swung his body around and robustly belted out a moving *cappella*

song, "May I suggest, may I suggest, my friend, that you are blessed, my friend, that this is the very highest point of your life," and then took another step toward the unnecessary mike for each refrain. Thrilled to our bone, we had to agree: at that moment it certainly was.

Another fine moment occurred when Terry Bussey, our wandering archaeologist (currently finishing her PhD in New Mexico) played her guitar





Art show photographs by Frank Solle. Presentation photographs by Laura Pratt.

and sang three numbers after a 20-year hiatus. She had first sung publicly at the Shamrock 50 years ago during the wild celebration that followed her older sister marrying Pat Bonner's son—long before she taught at our school.

Although all the presentations were very well received, three must be mentioned. Lois Stipp's 3-day Art Show at the Gregg Hall had 29 artists and 500 visitors spending over \$6,000—plus

the winning \$1,500 bid on Kay Masini's painting for the cover of George Anthony's book. George and Kevin O'Donnell were there to autograph their books, competing to sell the most (George won, 74 to 69), and the patrons voted anonymously for the "People's Choice Awards," with Lois coming in first, Doris Larson second, and Frank Solle third.

On Thursday evening 99 audience

members learned why Mike and Gail Weede take such joy when they face a situation in which "there's nowhere to go ... but down."

On Saturday at noon fifty-some people gathered at the Pet Show.

Pinky's Saturday Night Bingo was a wild affair, with 71 players taking home \$1,100 in cash and 57 door prizes, all (in both categories) supplied by the Island's generous merchants.





JAZZY

"Helping raise and rehabilitate a baby fawn is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity ... and I've been lucky enough to experience it twice." said Signé Thomas as the latest Island rescue reached a successful conclusion.

"Jasper" was injured while someone was clearing a field and accidentally hit the deer, which was hidden in the high grass. Two weeks ago he was brought to Jeff Powers, who first attempted to pin his leg. But the left humerus was crushed and unable to be repaired, although Jasper had sustained no other damage.

Having rehabilitated a yearling deer once with three legs and hearing reports from others who have seen three-legged deer, Jeff proceeded to amputate the leg. There was really no other choice.

Jasper recovered, and the first one to get him drinking well was Jeff's friend, Patti Christie. Others quickly volunteered to help. Mary Cook did some feedings and made a lot of contacts to attempt to find him a good home. Bob Banville brought some grain and offered his assistance. Signé Thomas was a huge help as she did all the day feedings and nurtured "Jazzy," as he was now called, day in and day out. Ella the St. Bernard befriended him and often slept right next to him on the outside of his pen.

Two zoos offered to take him, but Michigan DNR rules prohibit wild deer like Jasper from going to zoos, crazy as that seems. He is now under the care of Julie in the Upper Peninsula, who will be keeping him until next spring.

Maybe he'll be sent to a less restrictive state.

AN INVASIVE TO OUR WEST

Washington Island is fighting a new invasive: wild parsnips, a dill-like plant whose sap can create a blister if it contacts the skin. So far the known patches are small, and the eradication plan involves appropriately-dressed volunteer work parties, which will pull out or dig out the poisonous plant.

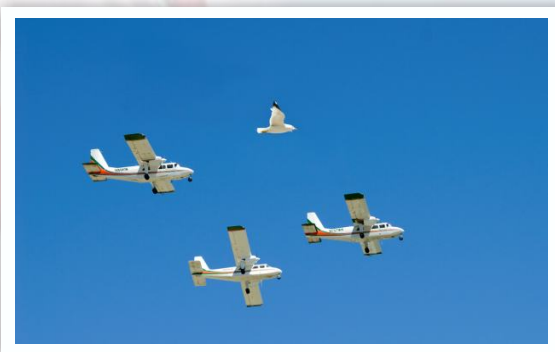
Garlic mustard, parsnips, and dill. Ummm. Perhaps we should simply eat all the new invasive plants.



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Island Airways has been performing memorial "Missing Man Formation" flyovers for about 15 years. I have had many, many heartfelt (sometimes teary) thank yous for doing these formations. As some of you know, I am a World War II collector, history buff, and Army veteran. I would like to take this opportunity to explain why I do this.

The missing man formation is flown to honor those who have given their lives in the service of their country. These people were common, unpretentious, modest men and women who like millions of others, for a brief moment in eternity, interrupted their young lives and with sweating palms held the whole future of mankind in their hands. Most came home, some did not. And they did not fail us.

The photo by Frank Solle shown above was taken during the missing man flyover for my close friend and colleague Paul Baron (June 2008).

– Paul R. Welke

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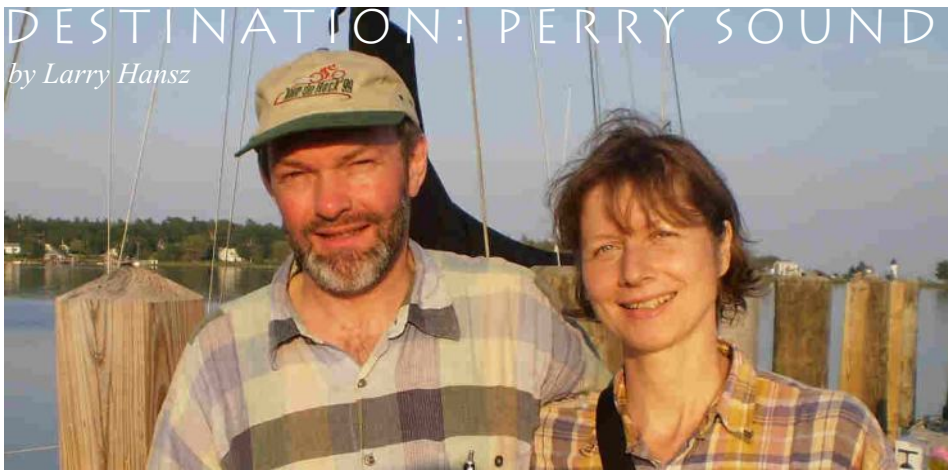
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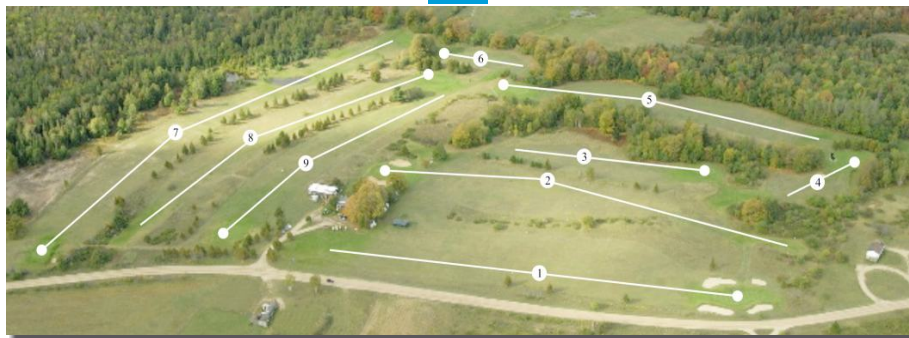
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ONTARIO

Fair well Paradise Bay, S/V *Auburn Angel*

After several years in storage on Gillespie's Dock, the sailing vessel *Auburn Angel* is headed for Perry Sound on the east side of Georgian Bay. Karen and John Warner of Rosseau, Ontario, located in the Muskoka Lakes region, left Beaver Island June 24 and are headed to Sound Boat Works. Their cruise will take them north of Manitoulin Island through the North Channel and then half way down the east side of Georgian Bay.

Karen and John hope to complete the trip in about two weeks as they must return to work at Crofter's Food, Ltd, producers of organic preserves. Both were surprised to find their Full Circle brand of blueberry spread on the shelf at McDonough's Market. John heads the quality control and regulatory affairs department and Karen works in



A COAST GUARD

U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City was called on in rough weather, and medically evacuated a 67-year-old male experiencing breathing difficulties from the Beaver Island Airport at approximately 12 p.m. on Saturday on July 25.

"We initially had some difficulty getting into the Island because of a blanket of fog, but we popped up over the clouds and spotted the airport," said

the business office. They hope to be able to retire in a few years and sail the *Auburn Angel* on a multi-year extended cruise.

Neither had ever heard of Beaver Island until searching the internet for a Tayana 37. John knew Tayanas were designed by Robert Perry, built in Taiwan, are easily sailed by a couple, and are fully capable of worldwide cruising. He saw an ad for the *Angel* more than a year ago but did not pursue it. This spring while still searching for the right boat he came across the ad again and noted the reduced price. Price along with the fact that it was within a few hundred miles of their home brought them to Beaver Island and subsequently their new boat.

We wish them good luck wherever their voyages take them in the future.



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Ensign Daniel Phillips, HH-65C rescue helicopter pilot. "He apparently had very, very low oxygen levels, but he was in good spirits."

A paramedic from Beaver Island's EMS accompanied the flight crew to treat the man—and returned later that day.

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from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, August, 4, 1909 **Just Among Ourselves:** "J. C. Gallagher of St. James was a Charlevoix visitor this week."

"James Dunlevy, (sic) of St. James, was in the city Wednesday night, returning home Thursday."

"W. W. Boyle went to Charlevoix Monday."

"A. Malloy was in Charlevoix the first of the week."

"Mrs. Malloy, of Chicago, is visiting James Dunlevy (sic)."

"Rev. A. Foster, of Iowa, is stopping at the Hotel Beaver." (Note: Does not appear in Beaver Hotel register)

"Under Sheriff Weikel was on the Island the first of the week."

"Gus Hosie (sic) and wife, of Davenport, Iowa, are on the Island for a short stay." (Note: Gus Hasse and wife appear in the Beaver Hotel register, August 2, 1909)

"Mrs. Rix, of Keokuk, Iowa, who has been on the Island, left for home this week."

"The schooner *Rouse Simmons* is loading tan bark on the south end of the Island."

"In the whist game last week, W. J.

Gallagher and Mr. Conner defeated Mrs. Dunlevy (sic) and Mrs. Conner."

"James Conner, of Rock Island, Illinois, and friend Dr. Thomas Lilley, of Chicago are visitors to the Island."

"W. A. Smith, of Charlevoix and officials of the Western Union Telegraph Co., were at the Island the first of the week."

"Theodore Hartz, of Davenport, Iowa, who has been stopping at the Beavers, left for home Thursday. He expects to return in about two weeks."

Charlevoix Sentinel August 5, 1909 **Local News:** "Prof. H. J. Cox, of the U. S. Weather Bureau, is in these parts on a tour of inspection. He is at St. James today." (Note: H. J. Cox, Chgo. appears in the Beaver Hotel register, August 3, 1909)

Traverse City Record: "The Northern Michigan asylum in a short time will receive almost a ton of salt whitefish, the result of Deputy Game Warden Smith's seizer of 22 packages of fish at Manistee Friday. The fish were disguised by having their heads cut off but were identified as small whitefish by C. K. Hoyt of Grand Haven, deputy game warden, and a number of

Manistee fishermen. The shipment was made by James McCann of St. James Island and was consigned to Wolf Miloslawaky, 4801 Prairie Avenue, Chicago, McCann being a sort of a jobber. The shipment was billed as suckers and Menominees; by the color and markings the fish were identified as whitefish. They will be held as evidence and then turned over to the local asylum."

"Twenty two packages of salted menominees and suckers shipped to Chicago by a Northern Michigan Transportation boat by James McCann, of St. James, this week were seized by the game wardens at Manistee as illegally caught whitefish. McCann will fight the matter in the courts. Doubtless the warden called in Manistee fisherman to identify the whitefish. It is well known that menominees are never caught in these waters. No one can make us believe that James McCann has knowingly shipped illegally caught fish. There is not a fisherman on the lakes who more scrupulously observes the law than he. Firm in the consciousness of this fact, he will demonstrate it in court, and we wish him success. It is

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quite evident that the wardens have run up against a proposition that will develop a lively scrap."

Charlevoix Courier August 11, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Rev. R. A. Wright was at Beaver Island the latter part of the week."

"Deputies Ramsey and Coblenz went to Beaver Island Tuesday to complete the organization of a Gleaner Arbor. They report that the prospects are bright for a strong arbor."

Charlevoix Sentinel August 12, 1909 **Local News:** "C. H. Raber went to St. James Monday to do repair work on the boiler of the tug *Margaret McCann*."

"Lou H. Comfort and wife, of Traverse City, were in town a few days last week visiting Mrs. Comfort's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Irwin. Mr. Comfort, who is superintendent of construction and repairs in the light-house service, is doing work this week at Squaw Island."

Front Page Article:

"LO THE POOR FISHERMAN
Always a Victim of Contradictory
Laws and Over-zealous Game Wardens

The Sentinel has always maintained the position that the Michigan commercial fishing laws, taken as a whole, are the product of reckless and unintelligent legislation.

"Tell them for me that if the game warden's department arrests every man who has illegal fish in his possession that there will not be a fish netter in this part of the country who would escape the toils," said Carl Schroeder, a fisherman of Northport, to a *Traverse City Eagle* reporter last week. "It is a fact that the fishermen are placed in a most peculiar predicament in the handling of whitefish and trout, especially whitefish, this being evidenced by the fact that they will not live but a short time when out of the water.

"When we pull our nets and take out the fish there will be many of them under a pound and a half, despite the precaution we take in using nothing but large mesh nets. We throw the whitefish into the lake, and they will not live as would be expected, but will die without a struggle. The whitefish which I sent to this city a few days ago and which proved to be under weight were all about weight, but I did not make an

allowance for their shrinking, as this was the reason I was caught.

He further stated that he would not pay a fine, and had pleaded not guilty, and would stand a jail sentence rather than submit to what he considers the tyranny of the law.

James McCann, of St. James, returned from Manistee Friday, where he went to investigate the recent seizure of 22 packages of menominees and suckers by deputy game warden Allen Smith. Mr. McCann still has 'blood in his eye.' The fish were taken from a M. M. T. C. boat as under-sized whitefish, and were shipped to the Traverse City asylum, to which place Mr. McCann followed them, and where deputy warden Smith resides. Smith acknowledged that he could not distinguish between a whitefish and a menominee, and for that reason called in Manistee fishermen to identify the fish. The matter was submitted to warden Pierce, who promised to investigate. Meanwhile, Mr. McCann has been to large expense and compelled to see his fish deteriorate in this extremely warm weather, to say nothing of having

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

his name published in a dozen daily newspapers as a violator of the law. The latter phase of the case he places more stress upon than he does the loss of the fish, because there is scarcely a man in the entire straits region who does not know that James McCann is a scrupulously honest man and a strict observer of the law. It is bad enough to have contradictory laws without being compelled to submit to such outrages at the hands of officious deputies who do not know a shad from a codfish or a chub from a sucker. Much has been said about Beaver Island fisherman in the papers that does them injustice, and we wish to say in this connection that the percentage of arrests and convictions involving the Islanders is below those of any other fishing center in the straits region. The commercial fishing laws have come to be little less than a standing joke, and some of the deputy game wardens hereabouts nothing less than a bunch of Falstaffian swashbucklers."

Beaver Island News: "James Donlevy was at Charlevoix this week."

"There are several new houses being built here."

"Fred Nackerman has gone to Newberry to work."

"James Connor of Rock Island leaves for home."

"James Donlevy is giving his store a new coat of paint."

"W. W. Boyle is gone to Petosky and Harbor Springs on a visit."

"Mrs. J. P/ Maloney of Chicago, is visiting friends on the Island."

"Capt. John C. Gallagher and Capt. Allers are sailing the *X10U8*."

"Wm. E. Stephens, president of the B. I. L. Co., is at Charlevoix after men."

"Albon Smith of Charlevoix, spent several days on the Island last week."

"Gus Hass (sic), wife, nephew and sister Mrs. Plant of Davenport, are at the Island." (Note: *Gus Hass and wife, Davenport, Ia. And Mrs. Ed. Plath, Davenport appear in the Beaver Hotel register.*)

"Miss Mary E. Jones of Charlevoix and two lady friends from Detroit visited the Island last week." (Note: *Mary E. Jones, Mary L. Walter and Rachel Rogers, all of Detroit appear in the Beaver Hotel register, August 9, 2009*)

"Ben Hartz and Dr. Beckel, of Rock Island, Ill. Returned home after three week's visit on the Island."

"Mr. and Mrs. James Donlevy of Beaver Island, are entertaining as guests Miss Annie O'Malley of Chicago and their nephew, Mr. John Donlevy, Chicago, and Mr. Wm. O'Malley, a student of St. Thomas College, St. Paul, Minn."

"A vaudeville entertainment is being prepared for presentation by the young people of the Island to be given in the new hall Monday evening August 16. Mr. O'Malley, a promising young dramatist, brings with him several of his sketches which he will present, assisted by his cousin, Miss Rae Donlevy, a student of Elocution in Chicago, and Miss Myrtle Douglas and Miss Mabel

Connaghan."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, August, 18, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Levi Shea went to St. James this morning."

"The steamer *Beaver* will run an excursion to the Indian Camp-meeting at Northport next Sunday. Boat will leave Wilbur's dock at eight o'clock. Fare, round trip \$1."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, August 19, 1909 **Front Page Article:**

"McCANN VINDICATED"

Seizure of Beaver Island Fish Declared to be Unjustified – 'Pretty Kettle of Fish' for Deputy.

The *Sentinel* last week gave an account of the seizure by deputy warden Allen Smith, of Traverse City, of 22 packages of fish from the steamship *Mis-souri* at Manistee. The fish had been shipped by Jas. McCann, of St. James, to a Chicago concern. The grounds for the seizure were that they were under-sized whitefish. Mr. McCann had shipped them as menominees and suckers.

We related how Mr. McCann chased the fish to Manistee and from there to Traverse City, where they had been consigned to the asylum for the crazy by a crazy deputy. We also stated that Mr. McCann had reported the case to Warden Pierce, and at this point the second chapter of the interesting story begins.

Mr. Pierce ordered the fish sent to the Charlevoix warehouse of the Booth Co. for inspection, and instructed chief deputy D. M. Smith and the next

IN MEMORY: AARON RYAN ANTHONY 1979-2009

Aaron Anthony, age 29, of North Glenn, Colo., formerly of Traverse City, passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, July 28, 2009. He was born Nov. 29, 1979, in Charlevoix, to George and

Pauline (Kenwabikise) Anthony. He was a graduate of Traverse City High School.

Aaron enjoyed drawing and painting, and was an avid mountain hiker and runner. He was a member of the Grand

Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Aaron is survived by his parents; brother, Andrew (Caiti) Anthony of Empire and their children, Amelia and

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deputy in rank, Mr. Eddy, both possessing brains and sense, to proceed to this city and inspect them. On Friday every package was emptied and every fish inspected, and there were found three small lake trout, which the wardens declared 'did not cut any cheese;' all the rest were officially declared to be suckers and menominees. Then chief deputy C. N. Smith telephoned deputy Smith at Traverse City to come here and fix up matters with Mr. McCann, and 'make him good.' But the measure of justice will not be filled until the resignation of deputy Allen Smith is received and accepted by warden Pierce.

With reference to Beaver Island fishermen, there still lingers in the minds of some people the old, time worn hallucination, based chiefly upon tradition, that 'no good can come out of Nazareth.' That is to say, the stigma of lawlessness has been fastened upon the Islanders by sensational newspaper correspondents and reporters at times when the sequestered location of the Island prevented an adequate defense. This tradition has long since and many times been exploded. Mr. McCann was the victim of this reckless journalism, to which a supercilious deputy warden supplied the backbone.

Much of the undeserved notoriety that has been given Mr. McCann in this case is due to the extreme fondness of deputy warden Allen Smith for himself and the society of reporters. With the dope recently given the scribes was the

statement that 'the heads were cut from the fish to disguise them.' There is not a fisherman on the entire chain of lakes who does not know that from the days when St. Peter set his gill-nets in the Sea of Galilee up to the present, fish have never been salted with their heads on—at least not on these waters.

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Since writing the above, deputy warden Allen Smith has called at the editor's office. He feels hurt at our last week's criticism of his action in the matter, and remarked that we said things 'that do not look well in print.' The deputy warden is right; we did. But there were things said last week in at least half a dozen daily papers concerning James McCann, an upright man, that did not look well in print. What about that? In the light of a recent event in the Booth warehouse, will deputy warden Allen Smith write a statement to these several daily newspapers that in the McCann seizure case he made a monkey of himself?

We have no apology to offer for anything we have said wither last week or this. We are not influenced in any way by Mr. McCann. It is a public matter, in which not only every fisherman but every lover of justice is interested." (Note: *Weather generally 64 – 88 degrees, except - 20/21, 31 degrees Cucumbers lost, everything suffered.*" F. Protar)

Local News: "Fourteen Charlevoix Lady Maccabees went to Beaver Island

Wednesday morning of this week 35. on a fraternal visit."

"A. T. Stewart, of the Northville fish hatchery, has been in town for a few days. He came to plant 600 pretty well grown small mouth black bass in Barney's Lake, Beaver Island."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, August 25, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Under sheriff Weikel went to the Beaver Islands on official business Monday, returning Tuesday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, August 26, 1909 **Local News:** "M. J. McCann, of St. James, was in town Saturday."

"Under Sheriff Weikel was at Beaver Island two days this week on official business."

"James Donlevy, of St. James, was in the city Tuesday on his way to Chicago."

"The 22 packages of Beaver Island fish, concerning which there has been so much trouble lately, were returned from consignee to shipper last week as spoiled. Mr. McCann will now proceed to add the original value of the goods to his bill."

"The U. S. dredge *Gen. Gillespie*, on Tuesday, dredged out the U. S. B. I. cable, and communication with the Island will be interrupted for some time. The chief of the service at Washington has been advised by wire, and the local official in charge is awaiting instructions." (Note: *28 – 30, down to 38 degrees.* F. Protar)

Margaret; a sister, Amrena "Amy" (Karl) Kitchen of Peshawbestown and their children, Adam, Brendan, Cameron, and Evan; a sister, Angeline (David) Avis of Traverse City and their daughter, Jillian;

a brother, Alec (Katrina) Anthony of Traverse City; girlfriend, Jennifer Haflich and her son, Logan; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Aaron was preceded in death by his

maternal grandparents, Paul and Isabelle (Wabanimkee) Kenwabikise of Beaver Island; and paternal grandparents, Amos and Eva (Gammel) Anthony; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

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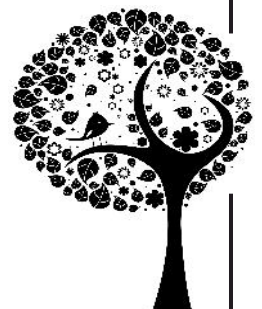
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36. JUMPING FOR MONGOLIA

Another First took place at the Community Center on 7-27: a troupe of youthful dancers from Mongolia put on a show to an over-packed house—162 enthusiastic members of the audience, who whistled and clapped loudly after each of the sixteen dances presented in rapid succession by 25 9- to 15-year-old kids. The performers were all lithe and handsome, smiled constantly, and knew their parts in all the complex routines.

Each dance was a sequence of well-orchestrated movements, many of which were unfamiliar to our Western eyes. There was much undulating limbs and coordinated foot stomping in these

numbers; from our limited experience we assumed each action, as in Tai Chi, symbolized something from their culture—perhaps from hundreds of years ago—but, not being Mongolian, we did not have a clue as to what. To our eyes the weaving and jumping youthful bodies were a weave of “body calligraphy” acted out in an unknown language.

The bright and colorful costumes enhanced our sense of glimpsing a truly foreign world. The dances came in rapid succession, so that the rushed costume changes, occasionally visible in snatches that poked out from behind the curtain, made it seem like a second

recital was being presented to a parallel gathering behind the Great Black Wall. After the “Latin Dance Set,” which included American blues and early rock (Elvis Presley’s *All Shook Up*) with a samba and tango, the finale called all hands on deck for the kind of kaleidoscopic interchange we were thrilled by at the Beijing Olympics.

Afterwards their shy translator peeked out from behind the dark curtain to graciously thank us in her stuttering English. The audience erupted in heartfelt applause—its way of thanking the troupe for having come 15,000 miles to perform on Beaver Island.

NEW ART STUDIO/GALLERY OPENS

The *Honest Gull* is the latest occupant of the former Malloy Meat Market on Main St. as Keith Grassmick has moved in following the relocation of Whimsy to the former Beaver Boat-tique location.

Keith, a recent graduate of the Rhode Island School of Design where he earned his BFA in Illustration, is using the new space as both his working studio and as a gallery featuring his

original oil paintings, including his recent portrait of King Strang and his powerful Moby Dick interpretation, among many others.

This is where he’ll work on the graphic novel for children he’s doing with Patrick McGinnity.

A number of Island-based artists also have work on display, including Frank Solle of StillPoint Photography who is joining Keith in manning the

gallery while displaying his brand of Island photography, various notecards, and a black-and-white photo chapbook of winter scenes, *A Season of Snow*.

Keith gave an appropriate artistic spin when asked about what hours the gallery will be open: “We’ll be here sometime in the morning until we close later in the day.” He added, “As long as the door is open or the lights are on, everyone is welcome to come in.”

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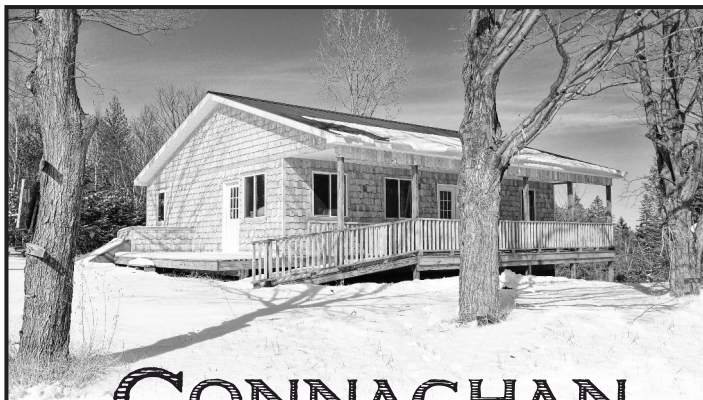
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When you look at a nautical chart, sometimes you wonder "who actually measured that depth or located *this* rock?" When you read studies of this or that new invasive, or articles about fish population or water quality, one wonders what kind of person actually looks at the bottom of our lake or checks the water on a trip between here and Charlevoix? Well, these people.

On a rare day when the Island's

Internet was down and the Island was cut off from the collective yet incorporeal knowledge of the web, July 29th, the 64' *W.G. Jackson* docked at the Ferry dock and then took four groups of thirty-odd passengers, members of the general Island public, and CMU students and professors, out along the east side of the Island to demonstrate their outreach program and equipment and allow passengers to sample water and

scoop a sample off the bottom and analyze pH, conductivity, turbidity, alkalinity, dissolved oxygen, clarity, biotics, and temperature.

Launched in 1996, the 68.5 ton *W.G. Jackson* is operated by Grand Valley State University's Annis Water Resources Institute from its home port of Muskegon. Beaver Island was her 33rd port of call, a good "ticket to ride" for tomorrow's Lake Stewards.

LETTERS: FORTUNATE TO HAVE EMS

Beaver Island is fortunate to have the special talents and expertise of its medical emergency team. I recently had need to use the skills of the EMS, Medi-

cal Center and Island Airways teams to carry me through a medical crisis and get me to the Charlevoix hospital. Each and all performed at a high standard,

and my wife and I truly appreciate their skills and care.

Our deep thanks to them all.

— Matthew Hill

WHILE STANDING ON GREENES' BAY BELOW THE MCFADDEN POINT HILLS

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Sweeping the length of the Bay,
Standing up keeping watch,
Protecting the Bluff above,
Defining the broader
Reckless waters below.

Gallant Dunes,
I implore you,
Hold fast against the surf,

Spite those fickle grains of sand
Slipping free
By the draw of the waves
Diserting your foothold
Ambivalent to your purpose
Answering now a different call.

Hold fast,
Though your crown of tufted grass,
Golden straw by winter,
Be too short

To protect your face
From theft
By the wind
Which serves
To move you in time
By scattering.

Dunes, Oh gallant Dunes, resist.

— Christopher Gibbons
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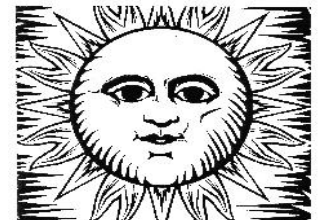
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The sound of the approaching mummeters raised the level of excitement even before the mighty cannon signaled with Island Airways' Flyover following a moment later—and their moving "Missing Man" enactment on the second pass.

The floats were expansive—there

was the sheriff, the AmVets, the Fire Department proudly sirening and flashing ahead of the EMS and BIRHC raffle car. There were bikes and scooters, baby carriages and in-line skates, and a unicycle. The Music Fest was represented, and the Cady Clan, the Lodge with "Cole's Cabin" in tow, and Kevin Barry on his

tractor. Commercial fishing, the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop, the friends of Bob Bliss, and the Hurkmans' Karaoki ORV. CMU had a big butterfly with flapping wings and live snake, chased by the winners of the High Island Toboggan Slide challenge. The McDonough's flatbed with candy throwers and a Stanley Cup



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Parcel D-4 of McCauley's Point Subdivision

A 4.7-acre parcel with 200 feet of Lake Michigan frontage in the McCauley's Point "Subdivision" just south of the State land at the south end of Donegal Bay. This parcel is near the north end of the long sweep of beach called "Eagle Bay" (it's half-way between the tip of McCauley's Point and the lodge known as Deerwood). If you count the area out front of the survey markers to the edge of what was al-

ways the ordinary water's edge this is a 5-acre parcel. It has a good driveway in to the two building sites on the ridge just inside the tree line. Power is installed underground up to the building site and part of the view from either building site is already opened. From the large turn-around and parking area at the end of the driveway there is easy access to the main structure building site and/or the guest house site. On either side of the driveway from McCauley's Point Road there is a lot of flat area for accessory buildings. Part of this property is on top of the west side bluff; the bluff-top building site is about 360 feet deep and 200 feet wide. There is an easement for a road to be built up from the main road in from Eagle Hill Road to this bluff-top building site. (This parcel could actually be split into two lots - a lakefront acreage parcel and a bluff-top 2.5-acre parcel.) The old railroad grade known as the Kuebler Trail runs through this parcel half-way between the bluff bottom and McCauley's Point Road. You can walk out your back door and walk for about two miles on this very natural, very scenic walking trail. The beach on this parcel always had a wide sand strip between the edge of the fore dunes and the water. With Lake Michigan being so low the last ten years a lot of rocks on the bottom have been exposed out front because no sand has been washed into the beach edge for many years. When the lake finishes its low cycle this lot will again have what we call "sandy beach." When you get into the water you can go north a little bit and find larger areas of pure sand bottom. The elevated building site is a very easy site to build on under the Critical Dune Act. This elevated site also will give a homeowner fantastic views of High, Trout, Whiskey and Gull Islands to the Northwest and West. It's part of the Island where you see fabulous sunsets year-round. Seller wants to buy other property out of family holdings on the North Shore of the Island; otherwise this parcel would not be for sale. A 1031 exchange of properties is seller's intent and timing is of the essence so make an offer.

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truck; Jon Bonadeo in his GTO convertible; the Emerald Isle Gallery with "Big George and the kids"; and Mike Martin in Charlie's again-restored Model A. The Ambassador from Hog Island doffed his cap ahead of the Hogath gang (including costumed superbugs). The Turners' little green truck was ahead of one of the two



RTVs and Adam Anderson's Beaver Island Marina wrecker. Gillespie Enterprises' truck carried Rich, Rich, Danny, and Danny playing, with Jack Erber and a walking engine, followed by Kayak Ken and the "Luck of the Nelsons." The Evans double-decker carried 30 revelers, *Born in the U.S.A.* Bud Martin (with Katrina



and six young sailors) carried a lighthouse and a booming boat horn—everyone thought the *Emerald Isle III* must've been launched. And Everything in its Place had a float about its wedding planning—with a wedding: a preacher administering vows to a bright and cheerful couple as their entourage stood hopefully by.



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A panel of judges were polled, and the first-place winner (of the much coveted wooden plaque) was Mike Weede's *Resolute*. Second place went to Jon and Sally Fogg, and a tie for third

was between the Welters and the Wojans. Entry fees go to next year's Fireworks.

We all enjoy the boaters' efforts.
See you next year!

— Lisa Gillespie



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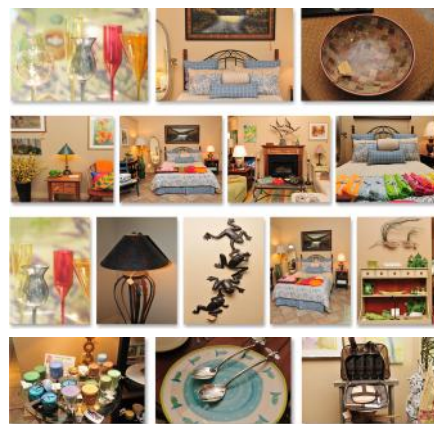


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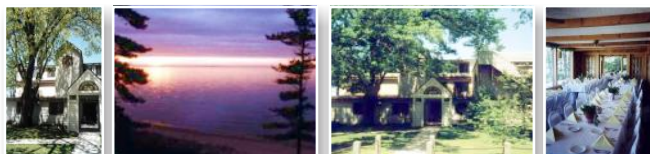
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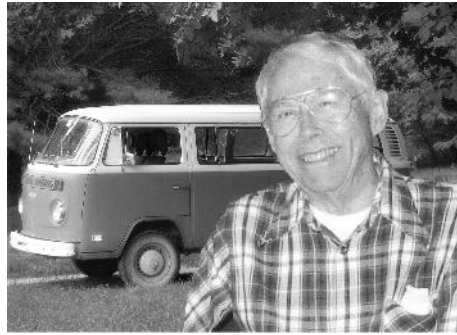
This is to notify the friends of William (Bill) Conn of his passing on January 23, 2009 due to a severe stroke.

He did not suffer and we thank God for that. He was preceded in death by his wife, Norma "Sherle" Conn. He lived in West Bloomfield (North of Detroit) for many years, and in 1974 moved to Bloomfield Hills.

His company, Conn Manufacturing, was located in Ferndale, MI until he sold it in 1992. He was also a WWII Vet as an Army Machine Engineer for the Air Corp.

In 1964 Bill earned his pilot's license and soon was the proud owner of 3929W— a Piper Cherokee 6. He flew the family to Beaver most every summer until he turned 79. His family still

owns the beloved cottage "Bittersweet" on the southeast end of Beaver Island. In recent years, unable to fly to the Island, he would hitch a ride with daugh-



ter Cindy and her husband Joe Allen.

Never willing to give in to his years, last summer found Bill up on the roof with his son making repairs at age 86!

Bill hosted the entire family for post-Christmas swimming parties, where he saw his only two great grand-babies.

Survivors include Cindy (Conn) Allen and Joe Allen (son of Agnes Allen) of Washington, MI who visited Beaver Island for vacation every summer with their children and two grand-babies; Candice (Conn) Bader and Rev Michael Bader, missionaries to the deaf and hearing-impaired currently living in KY; Chris and Karen Conn of Royal Oak and two children who vacationed at Bittersweet 15 years with Bill; and Corey Conn, now at Univ of Illinois in Chicago, who traveled several time a year to see his father at home or when going to Beaver. His sister Betty Horton lives in Waynesville, N.C.

OUR CHAMBER TAKES ACTION

The Chamber board unanimously took a strong stance against the cormorant proliferation.

It urged the management of the Seney National Wildlife Refuge to make the reduction of the double-crested cormorant population and future control of their numbers a principal aspect of the Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) — because responsible management of the Seney Islands in the Beaver Archipelago means reducing cormorants so other species of plants and animals can thrive. The Chamber believes large reductions in bass and perch here and the resulting damage to Beaver Island's economy is in large measure the result of cormorant predation.

After a decade of research, CMU scientists—primary Seney advisors—say they don't know if cormorants consuming 10-12,000,000 pounds of fish each year impacts the population of smallmouth bass living in the same general area. Local sportsmen say it is likely they will never know simply because the population is now so small they don't show up in samples in any

significant numbers.

Cormorants consume over a pound of fish a day, and they are long lived, smart, and opportunistic predators. They can dive very deep but fish more produc-

tively in shallow water. After reviews of the available research data, the Canadian Ministry of Natural Resources and the DNRs of Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and New York have concluded that large numbers of cormorants have a significant negative impact on sport fish numbers.

A recent study in the Georgian

Bay answered the question: are cormorants responsible for declining fish stocks? "We found a significant return of smallmouth bass as a result of oiling the (cormorant) eggs."

The cormorant

control efforts in Lake Huron's Les Cheneaux Islands, where a decline in yellow perch numbers coincided exactly with a huge increase in cormorants, worked: the perch population rose with the reduction of cormorants from 5,500 nesting pairs to 500.

"We are glad so many Michigan legislators are supporting our efforts to



control the cormorant and push for a regional management solution to the challenges they present," said MI DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. Dr.

Russ Mason, says his agency is working with U.S. Fish and Wildlife to renegotiate a larger cormorant depredation order. The DNR now considers the cormorant problem in the Beaver Islands so severe that they call for redistribution of unused federal depredation numbers to the archipelago. Senior DNR leadership is now convinced cormorant predation was

the primary cause of the perch collapse in the Les Cheneauxs and the bass decline in the Beavers."

Support for a much lower Great Lakes cormorant population in

growing. State Senator Jim Barcia toured the Beaver archipelago said of the cormorant nesting areas, "These islands look like they were napalmed." Hat and Pismire Islands are no longer suitable for human enjoyment. Cormorants have nearly exterminated all life there other than their own. Gull Island is now threatened.



46. GHOST SHIPS OF HIGH ISLAND

by Mike Weede

The House of David, a religious sect, bought 90 percent of High Island in 1906. The sect, based in Benton Harbor, was founded by Benjamin and Mary Purnell in 1900. They offered a simple way of life, similar to the Shakers. When new members joined, they donated all of their worldly possessions and wealth to the group; they also vowed celibacy. In return, personal needs of food, shelter, and clothing were provided by the sect. They were a society of craftsman and craftswomen who became economically successful. Their colony on High Island was active from approximately 1907 to 1929. During this time most of the staples they needed were shipped from Benton Harbor on some sort of ship. The early days of the colony were probably the most successful. Land was cleared, and vegetables and fruit were grown on the island. Lumber and wood products were also shipped from High Island.

The High Island population ranged from 120 to 150 members. With the increased trade, the need for a boat to transport these items became apparent. The answer was a steamship called the *Minnie M*. She was built in 1887, and purchased in 1914. The boat was 133' long with a beam of 26' and draft of 11'-7". This wooden steamship was a well-kept vessel maybe a



little past its prime. The House of David changed its name to the *Rising Sun*.

The *Rising Sun* worked well for the next four years. The colony was stable. The members had transportation back and forth from High Island to Benton Harbor. The *Rising Sun* offered them comfort and convenience as they traveled. On October 29, 1917, on a late season trip, the *Rising Sun* was overtaken by a severe storm. While in the Manitou passage, she was blown into shallow water. The *Rising Sun* hit a rock

and tore off her rudder. The boat became caught in a trough of a wave and blown ashore near Pyramid Point by Sleeping Bear Dunes. The crew and passengers got to shore after a mild ordeal, but the boat was wrecked. Her remains can still be seen from the nearby bluff.

It is unknown if there was an insurance claim, but the colony still needed some way to transfer goods to Benton Harbor. The

economics of the island began to deteriorate, and it became clear that High Island was not a "Garden of Eden." The very sandy soil and the short growing season (four to six weeks shorter than that of Benton Harbor) and the dwindling amount of standing timber indicated a loss of purpose and finances for the island. In response to this recession, an older ship was purchased to take the place of the *Rising Sun*. The *Rossa Belle* was built in 1863, it was over 20 years older than the *Rising Sun I*.

This must have been quite a disappointment to the Islanders. They now traveled in a very old and decrepit sailing vessel, which offered little privacy. People put up old sails and used them as curtains to give the ladies privacy. The life of this old sailing ship was about to come to an abrupt halt. On a trip during September of 1921, the old *Rossa Belle* became very overdue. The lake had not had



The Rising Sun

The Rising Sun off Pyramid Point

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any major storms in the last week, so the weather was not suspect. A search was begun and the wreck of the *Rossa Belle* was discovered mid lake off Manistee. There were no survivors. The stern of the vessel was very badly damaged. At that time there were two theories as to her unknown fate.

Theory 1: A short time before the trip a gas bilge pump was adapted for use on the old girl with a fuel tank located in the stern. Could it have been a gas leak, ignited by some spark to cause a major explosion? (Gas fumes are heavier than air so they settle in low areas like the bilge) This could have caused the extensive damage, but where did all the people go? Did they have time to abandon ship, or get to a piece of wreckage? Most old sailing vessels kept a yawl boat on the stern; was the yawl destroyed by the explosion? That would explain why they could not abandon ship.

Theory 2: Was the old boat run down by another vessel? Did a large 400' steamer accidentally run them down during the night, never even seeing the old boat? Fog or haze could have obscured the sails and the noise of the engine could drown out the cries of people on board. During the night most people would be below sleeping and an accident could have rolled the ship over so quickly, that no one had a



chance to escape. No ship reported a collision at that time, nor did anyone stop to help.

The wreck was finally drug ashore in Wisconsin and sold for \$300. The rigging was stripped and the rest left to rot on the beach. Once again the small colony was left without a means of waterborne transportation. Like many other desperate situations, someone took initiative and addressed this dilemma. There was a sawmill and skilled workers on High Island. One



man, whose name is lost, also had some boat-building experience.

Over the next two years, two men built a 40' longboat that ended up looking a lot like a fish tug. All of the planks needed to be planed by hand. They did not have proper tools, only a sawmill to make planks. It was to be a power boat, but they did not have an engine for it. On High Island, they had some old cars;

one was a Model T. The car was cannibalized for its engine, which went in the vessel. What a sigh that must have been! A homemade boat with a Model T engine put-putting around the island, creating its own wake! (When I first read about this I thought it was an "old wives tale," but while hiking on the island I found a Model T without an engine, not far from the harbor.) The name of this boat was, appropriately enough, *The High Islander*. It served as a useful link to the other island, even though it was very underpowered. The House of David members were able to trade with their local fishermen and native Americans to acquire some of the items they could not get or make. As the colony diminished over the 1920s, most of the members returned to the Benton Harbor base. By the late 1920s there was not much left on the island and the *High Islander* was lost in the mists of time.

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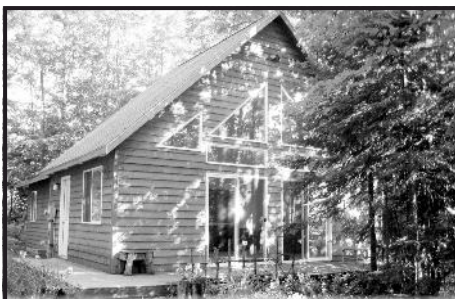
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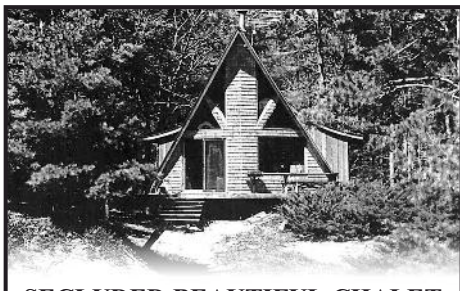
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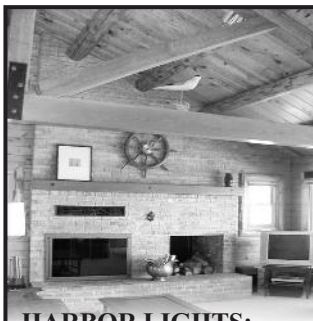
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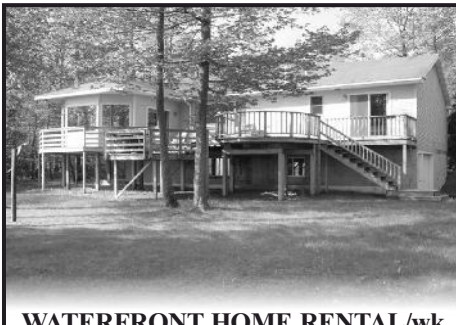
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Close to town with a beautiful view of the harbor and water access, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sleeps 6. Dalwhinnie and McDonough's within walking distance. \$1100 per week.

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WATERFRONT COTTAGE - On the east side. Available by the week or weekend. One BR, full kitchen and bath. Enjoy the water and the woods, year round. Off-season rates. Complete privacy. (231) 448-2907.

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LOCH WOOD SHORES - Located on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedroom, 1 ½ bath, W/D, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, fireplace, dish, and a gorgeous view. tammymcd107@yahoo.com or call (231) 448-2733 or (231) 448-2499.

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

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

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

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

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3 bedrooms and loft – total 5 beds, gorgeous views, solitude, wood stove, May-Sept. \$900. Off-season \$795. \$50 gas card with week's rental. Call Perry at (313) 530-9776 or e-mail pgatliff@hotmail.com

FOR SALE at \$339,900

SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL -

Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry, East Side Dr.—only four miles from town. This home is only two years old. Awesome sunrises—walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. Please call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Home is full for summer of 2009-taking reservations for Fall 2009 and summer 2010. Web: bayhaven.beaverisland.net

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

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

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

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TWO BEDROOM 1½ BATH HOME ON MAPLE STREET - Short walk to harbor and McDonough's. Open floor plan with front and back decks, full basement with furnace, washer and dryer. 24x36 pole barn. Photos available. \$157,000 For more info email DMSweet2@bellsouth.net or call (770) 664-9494.

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

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

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www.edwojanrealty.com**Units 7, 8, 9, 11 of Innisfree Dunes Condominium**

Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces located on the north side of Donegal Bay Road just four-tenth's of a mile from town and the Emerald Isle Hotel. These lots have access to their interior (north side) off Innisfree Lane but Lots 9 and 11 also have access to Donegal Bay Road. The new bike path runs along the south line of these lots. All four lots are zoned and restricted to single-family residential use. They are very close to town and just about 3/4 of a mile from the public access at Font Lake. Lot 11 is immediately adjacent to Ed and Connie Wojan's home at 26765 Donegal Bay Road. Lot 7 is on the west side of Innisfree Lane and Lot 8 is just toward town on the east side of Innisfree Lane. These large homesites are really hard to find close to town; the nearest anyone will find something like these are 10-acre parcels much farther down the Island. One-half acre lots in the Wojan Plat a little closer to town than Innisfree Dunes Condominium have been selling for \$42,000 to \$45,000 for a number of years. These 2-1/2 to 3 acre lots are therefore really a bargain at

\$45,000 each**FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:**

Four bedroom, 1 ½ bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. Asking price is \$189,000.

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