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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

This meeting was moved up a half hour to allow Charlevoix dignitaries Shirley Roloff, Pat Harmon, and Don Schneider to come over on the 6:30 and leave on the 8:00 planes, and it began with them honoring the outgoing supervisor, Don Vyse, with brief speeches and a plaque.

A group to organize the restoration of the Lighthouse was created: *Friends of the Whiskey Point Light*. Members will be appointed.

St. James Township, which has been making extensive repairs to the former DNR building, is trying to obtain title to the property (which it currently leases) but is having difficulty because no one seems to know the appropriate transfer methodology. The Board approved a resolution to continue the effort.

The question of refining our approach to assessing Island properties was taken up. Cases of insufficient analysis were alluded to, and situations in which additions or extra buildings went unnoted were mentioned. Although the situation has improved markedly in the last two years, several shortcomings were said to exist, but asking the Assessor to spend the extra time needed to correct these anomalies might increase his pay by \$3,500 a year.

Toward the end of the meeting the Board announced that after careful de-

liberation it had decided to appoint Trustee Rick Speck interim Supervisor until the election in the fall of 2010, and to ask (by posting) for applications for a Trustee to take Rick's place on the Township Board.

The meeting wrapped up with several comments from the floor about the wonderful job Don Vyse has done. Ed Wojan said his brother, other relatives, and friends had held the position, but Don was "the best I've ever seen." Gary Voogt lauded his ability to wade through chaos and noise and get things done—like the Parish Hall corner parking lot. Pam Grassmick praised his leadership and vision, and Jerry LaFreniere appreciated his support of the EMS, calling him "a great asset to the Island." Don remarked that he always has had an ear to the rumor mill, and recently he picked up intimations that a few people believed his stepping down had the aura of a secret conspiracy. "Let me tell you," he said, "getting cancer is not a part of any conspiracy."

Peaine Township

This meeting began with a reminder that the annual beach clean-up was scheduled for September 5th (rescheduled to September 12th as we go to press), and that after the morning's effort there would be a free hot-dog lunch at the Community Center.

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a second Island deputy was not sufficiently digested to present until the next meeting.

The two new commissions are to each have 11 members, with each township appointing one to each. Peaine appointed Pam Grassmick to Human Services and Sandy Birdsall to Natural Resources/Eco-tourism.

A detailed explanation was made of how the budget is, and should be, created. Too often, it was said, previous millage rates were simply carried over without sufficient analysis of the situation—which requires a vision of what the Township's role should be in providing various services. Consequently there has been a gradual but regular upward creep of taxes. But Supervisor Jack Gallagher felt he was elected, in part, to bring some organization and evaluation into this matter. To do so requires information, so he has continued to press the Township's boards, commissions, and committees for facts about their operation. In particular he wanted to see their provisional budgets before the Township budget has to be set in late September.

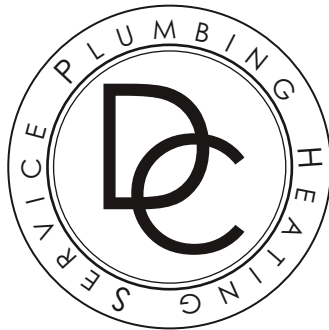
This led to two contentious topics. The first was represented by a clutch of letters back and forth between Jack and Jean Wierenga, St. James Clerk and Waste Management chairperson, which were circulated to demonstrate the difficulty of getting information. The se-

quence began in late July with Jack requesting information on the operation of the Transfer Station, the Airport, the Fire Department, the Municipal Marina, and the Cemetery. Jack said that the information would enable "the possibility of reducing the millage rates for each Township to be evaluated, discussed, and decided on." His deputy, Jim Birdsall, a member of the WMC, added that the WMC had asked him to prepare a tentative budget, but had resisted providing him with sufficient information.

Jean replied two weeks later, saying the Fire Department, with the high cost of continued training, has run close to its budget every year so no change is needed. The Marina is self-supporting; no millage is required. The Cemetery is creating a long-range plan and will not make any expenditure until it is completed. The Transfer Station is operating on used equipment that frequently needs repair; unexpected breakdowns are a regular occurrence, and it needs several upgrades, so reducing its millage "would be a disaster."


The final letter in the packet was Jack's, taking issue with Jean's interpretation of his request and repeating and justifying it. He wanted details about anticipated needs and expenditures, about a mechanism for the Transfer Station getting competitive bids on its supplies and services, and the

continued on page 6.



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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
possibility of a comprehensive
review of all of its practices.

Another point of contention grew out of this discussion: because St. James sets its millages a week before Peaine, it effectively determines Peaine's tax rates for those matters in which both Townships share the cost. This led to a question from the audience of why we had to match, with the implication that Peaine could study each agency independently, decide how much was needed for its operation, budget that amount, and let the agency adjust. Another suggestion was to invite or require the managers of each agency to come to the Peaine Board to make a budget request and answer questions. Some thought it was unlikely the investigation could be concluded by the 9-30 deadline this year, but thought it could succeed by next year.

The Transfer Station became the focal point of this discussion. It was said that the WMC has not had an election in ten years. The tub grinder became a "case in point": had a study of its need (vs. alternatives) been done before a substantial outlay was made? If so, information leading up to that decision should be made available. Jack said that a commitment to purchase it had been made in June 07, but no record existed in the minutes until November 07. Clerk Colleen Martin defended the past Board, saying there

had been much open, transparent public discussion at meetings before the decision was made, as those who had come to meetings could attest.

Doug Tilley brought the discussion back on point by stating that the Peaine Planning Commission was nearly done assembling the information Jack requested, and had taken a very close look at how and by how much its budget might be reduced.

Jack announced that the two Townships had agreed to each invest \$7,500 to hire Cherry Capital Communications (through its subcontractor) to help it prepare its application for a "stimulus funds" grant to bring high-speed wireless broadband to the Island. The application would be submitted by August 14. The Townships created a 5-person 501c3 Internet Consortium, with each appointing a member and the other three chosen from the community. The applicants will be weeded down by late September; those making the first cut would be scrutinized, with approvals given by early November. If we pass, our request would be sent to Michigan for its approval; then funds could be released in time for work to commence by the end of December. Bart Stupac, Kevin Elsenheimer, and Jason Allen were on board, and support has come from BICS, CMU, the Fire Department, Library, and Rural Health Center. Jack's opinion: Because we have the towers in place, "it looks extremely good."

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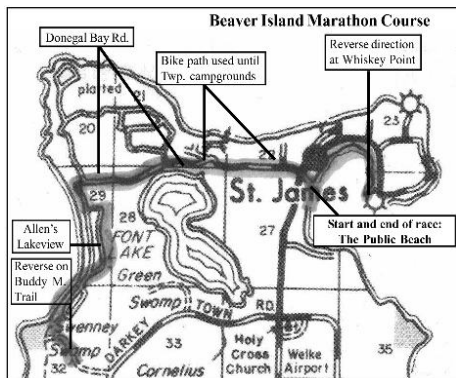
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it will not be necessary to drive on the marathon course between the hours of 8:00am-2:00pm on Saturday September 5th. Also please don't park downtown on Main Street from 8:00am -10:00am on Saturday morning. We want the runners to

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The marathon course (see map) will not be closed to vehicular traffic. It's what is called a semi-closed course. Cone placement will encourage drivers not to use the roads the marathon will cover. The participants are aware that the course is not closed to traffic. Center-of-the-road cones will make drivers aware of the marathon course and to use caution.

Please try to plan in advance so that

have full access to Main Street at the 9:00am marathon start; 9:15am half marathon start and 9:30am for the 5K start.

Let's work together to make our first marathon a big success. If you have any questions please give the Chamber of Commerce a call at (231) 448-2505. Thanks in advance for your help!

—Steve West, Executive Director
Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce

The numbers: 281 runners are registered, with 27 coming for the 5K and 254 running a marathon; 44 runners are flying in, bringing 60 guests (104 flights). On September 4th: 180 total runners + 202 guests = 382 boating. On September 5th: 52 runners and 71 guests are returning. On September 6th: 137 runners and 166 guests are returning = 303, not counting our 10.



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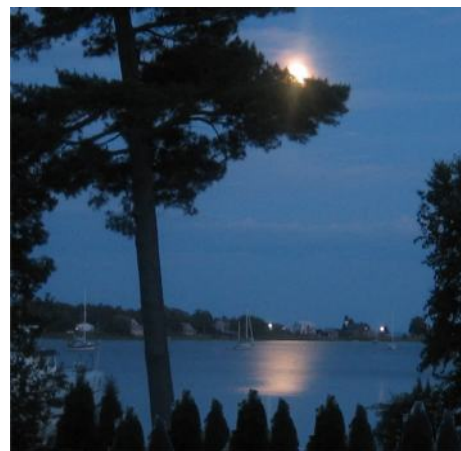


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On behalf of the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association, Board member Jayne Bailey presented a check for \$2,000 to Beth Crosswhite at the *Baroque on Beaver* concert. This is for educational activities in the arts at the Beaver Island Community School.

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Below: A big barge and small tug tucked in from the storm at the beginning of the month.



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VIOLIN LESSONS THIS FALL

Sheri Richards, wife of the incoming social sciences teacher, will be teaching Suzuki violin this fall. (Suzuki pioneered the idea that a pre-school age child could play the violin if learning steps were small enough and the instrument scaled down to fit their body.) She began this program at age four, and has been a certified Suzuki violin teacher for eleven years.

And more good news: she'll be affordable: sixteen dollars for a private half-hour session, and only five for the 45-minute-long group class (held once a week).



VYSE HONORED

Dignitaries from the County Commission, the Sheriff's Department, and the Charlevoix County Road Commission made a special trip to Beaver to tell outgoing supervisor Don Vyse how highly he was regarded. This was not one of those cases where the degree of loss is not evident until after a person has left his position—although many suspect our realization of how much he did will grow when others try to fill his shoes.



STALWARTS OF THE ISLE

Congratulations to Jim and Dorothy Willis, who are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

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10. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The Med Center acquired a new X-ray machine with a film-processing time of only 2 minutes, compared to the previous 20.

The Historical Society was surprised when 51 people attended its annual meeting and voted out the three incumbent Board members who were seeking reelection.

St. James Board heard complaints from an Indian fisherman docked at the Municipal Marina. The Grand Traverse Band's Tribal Council was to be asked to mediate the dispute.

The Community Players presented a forerunner of the *House Party* performed this month: stories and songs by Beaver Islanders with the title "A Taste of Beaver Island." Performers included John McCafferty, Joddy Croswhite, Charlie Green, Cindy Gillespie, Phil Lange, and Doris Larson.

At the school Julie Soule replaced Shaun Markey, Mary Palmer took over for Jim Willis, and Elaine West came on board as the AmeriCorps member—something being introduced throughout Northern Michigan.

The *Beacon* ran a picture story on the volunteers who helped clean up the demolition site at the former Dockside Market. Sixty people were thanked.

Britta Cieslak and Jonni Presler

organized a car wash with help from BIRHC, which raised over \$800 to help with Margaret Comfort's medical expenses.

The Rita Gillespie Blood Drive set a record with 115 donors.

Margaret Hanley's passing was noted. She and her family had moved here in 1945, but her husband was killed in a traffic accident while driving a buggy and she struggled to make ends meet for her five children. She wrote a regular column for the *Charlevoix Courier*, but the pay wasn't what she had been led to believe so they moved to Milan in 1951, but kept their log cabin in St. James. She was the sister of Agnes Allen, whose family also moved here at the same time.

Twenty Years Ago Bud Martin and his son Jamie installed the Island's largest septic field (33' x 67') at Beaver Island Marine, after which Jamie left for his freshman year at Lake Superior State.

Master Chef Bruce Struik created a highly-praised gourmet dinner for the benefit of the Christian Church.

Thirty-one people came to the Historical Society's annual meeting, which featured a talk by Nancy and Richard Hodgson (archaeologist and archaeoastronomer) on the "stone

circle," whose age they put at 1900 years. Phil Gregg said that a roof over the *Bob S* had to be quickly built.

Lawrence and Winnie McDonough celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a grand party.

At the Property Owners' Association president Bill Schneider informed the members of his testimony in Washington about the special needs of islands. The BIPOA was protesting the Wade-Trim development plan calling for condos and a marina just north of Pebble Beach. Wade-Trim's final report recommended harbor development, a second golf course, retirement housing, an airport industrial park, and specialized agriculture on the Island. Rumors abounded that W-T had an interest in some of the recommended projects

A Las Vegas Night was held four days after the Homecoming dinner (serving 400+) and dance. The Island team finished second in the tournament; Bill McDonough was the homer champ. Besides Tim, Todd, Jim, and Bill McDonough, the team had Greg Cary, Kevin Green, Neil Boyle, John Robert, Jesse Kenwabikise, Ed Maudrie, Mike Green, and Chris Graves.

Thirty-two McCanns got together here for a reunion, coming from as far away as California, Washington, and

RHIZOME SWAP SET FOR SEPTEMBER 9

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A grant request was submitted for funds to close the landfill.

Alvin LaFreniere coordinated the planting of winter wheat for the Wildlife Club, helped by Dave Roop, Tom Kelso, and Tom's tractor.

The second summer of the Beaver Island Arts Project culminated in a show at the new Library, attended by 150 people.

The school held a goal-setting session and decided the completion of the expansion study was of the highest importance. Establishing a Safety Patrol, establishing a Student Council, and acquiring a fax machine were also on the list.

Bill Markey, chairman of the EMS, appealed to the townships for funding; its unpaid bills were to be paid. Problems with ORVs were discussed.

The Medical Auxiliary held a highly successful style show.

The new Library was dedicated and declared open for business.

The passing of Lano McCafferty (Ladonis Mooney's half-brother) and Butch Left (Bud Left's half-brother) were noted.

Thirty Years Ago The single summer issue mentioned that Tim McDonough was the home run champ for the softball tournament. The Island team (Dan, Tim, Tom, Bill, and Jim McDonough, Jim Wojan, Rich Gillespie, Blake Vance, John Hanley, Mike Green, and Mark LaFreniere) finished second.

Three new faces greeted the students when school opened: principal Barb Rakowski and teachers Kitty McNamara and Jacqueline VanHolder.

The Sweet Adelines began weekly rehearsals at the school.

The passing of Island-born Great Lakes sailor Don Burke was noted. Tom McDonough was nominated for an Emergency Service award for the help he provided Mr. Burke, who had collapsed in such a way as to become wedged behind his roaring wood stove.

Forty Years Ago Fox Lake received 500 3" rainbow trout. The Game Club seeded 10 acres along the Fox Lake Road with rye and sweet clover.

A record crowd of 444 had a turkey dinner at the Parish Hall for homecoming. Vera Wojan won an awe-inspiring painting by Kay Masini.

Bill Welke and his family moved to the Island, occupying the Mell

Gallagher farm. Ernie and Jackie Martin moved back as well.

American Central, the developers who created the Port St. James, treated the school kids to a swimming and hot dog party.

The passing of Joe M'Fro's brother Leroy Sendenburgh was noted.

Fifty Years Ago CMU's Lodge opened, as did the Mormon Print Shop museum—thanks to the help provided by Walt Wojan and James Carpenter.

The Municipal Pier, the new pleasure craft dock, was being built.

Jerry Jones trapped six coyotes. There was to be an open season for grouse on High Island.

Joe Balsano was camping on Hog and Garden while doing research for his PhD thesis.

The school was down to 54, its lowest number ever.

Lifelong Island resident Walter Burke (Don's brother) passed away. John Martin, Charlie's brother, drowned when he and Charlie were returning in their fish tug from servicing the barge tethered above the sunk *Carl D. Bradley*. A former Beaver Island Coast Guard, Cyril Jones, drowned near Cheboygan when a strong current pulled him into the deep; he had married Lila Lee Connaghan.

three (or more). This works like a cookie exchange. I have seen different colors around town that would be fun to

share. Whomever plants for the Main St., at the Library, Historical Society, etc., is surely welcome. Anyone wish-

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Best in Show – Storm over Walmart – Chuck Simmons



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WATERCOLORISTS STORM BEAVER ISLAND

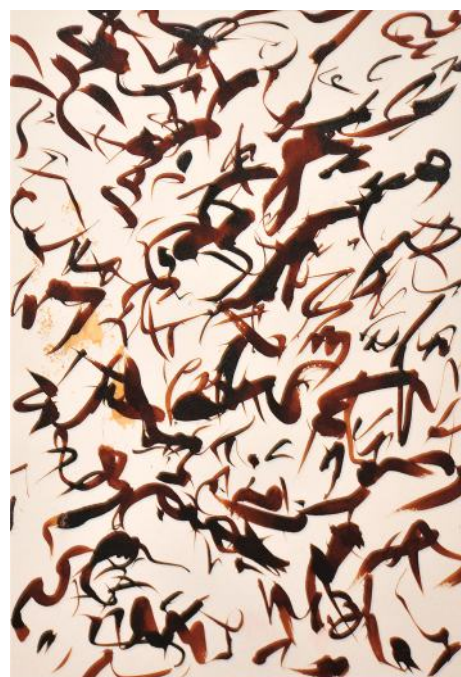
Like the swans returning to Capistrano, the water color artists taking CMU's summer class here settled in around all the picturesque Island landmarks to paint, paint, paint. A few of them drove them-

selves and others to the Harbor, or to Iron Ore Bay, while others set off by themselves or with a buddy, up and down the beach, into the woods, or up the road to the Golf Course and Nature Preserve. Then on 8-21, the work they

created during their "two weeks in paradise" was displayed in the Gillingham Auditorium.

The public began arriving around 12:30. Cookies and punch were available, but were mostly ignored as the

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Paula Blackmer



Paula Blackmer



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patrons circled the large room, examining each painting, making discreet comments to friends, or seeking out an artist to ask the price of something eyecatching—although almost everything was for sale, no prices, as usual,

were marked.

The art showed a continuing mastery of technique; most of the artists have been coming for ten years, on average. The depicted scenes were familiar: gulls, geese, and cows; the

American Girl, the *Wendy Anne*, and the *Beaver Islander*; flowers blooming, mist rising in the fenn, the setting sun giving peace a chance. Chuck Simmons won “Best in Show”—one patron joked his painting’s title,



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Arlene Cleveland



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Rainstorm over Walmart, had won him the prize. Another artist tried speed painting—a little like speed chess combined with flip sheets: fifteen to twenty-five rapid-fire sketches were made of a scene as the sun rose or set,

illustrating how dynamically the colors change under the control of this natural event.

Another contest was billed as the “Chicken Challenge.” In it, 14 artists each had to depict one or more chick-

ens. Some were shown pecking at pebbles or proudly strutting their stuff. There were chickens in foxholes, desperately reading the manual; chickens were perched atop the playground slide, using it as an egg-



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Pamela Wilburn



delivery system; another chicken was boxing with an egg to finally settle their age-old dispute. The winner was a precisely-drawn set of three eggs captured just as the chicks inside were breaking free—one entering the world

foot-first, the other two leading with their feathers (harbingers to their approach, later in chicken life).

The chicken winner scored a double victory. A few days earlier she had padded down the beach and set up

to paint an attractive cottage caught in perfect light. The owners came out, and were so impressed they bought it on the spot and commissioned another, a different view. We should all be so lucky as to find an artist on our lawn.

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OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ADVICE BOOTH

by Bayard Kurth

In a season where everyone is cutting back and you find yourself getting a little less than expected, this year's Beaver Island Music Festival ran counter to the current and offered up more than 33% more music and 19.5 % more fun than previous years. Now the fun Quotient is pretty complicated so I will spare you the abacusistic details and let you know that people who have fun all the time said that this was the most fun that they had in recent memory. So as I was saying, it was a pretty good time to embark on a Mitten-shaped state stay-cation.

Thursday was a no-excuses night at the festival, tickets were as cheap as five bucks in advance and even if you bought them the night of the show they were only ten dollars and about 400 people came out and saw some of the top bands playing in Michigan on the playbill.

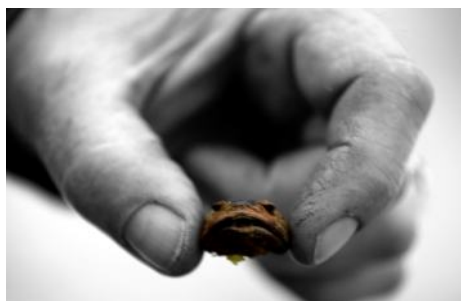
The music was kicked off as in years past with an Island band, this year the Shifting Souls took the honor and played a set of good vibe Americana with a richness element that seemed to me like they were pretty geared up for this event. I liked the musical interplay within the band and thought that the vocals were strong and distinct.

Pinky Lee were up next and brought it right to the front and center for everyone to see and hear, these are very talented musicians that can't be taken lightly, two women who have had a ton of accolades tossed upon them lately and

they showed it off, full of energy and sincerity easy on the ears with the mandolins and strummy guitars just like you like them mixed with the tight harmonies that sound like they knew where they were going before they got there.

Everybody, the whole six to sixty and beyond crowd, was pretty geared up at this point for the Ragbirds, who make it their business to not let people down but lift them up where they belong (dancing and clapping). So the weather is a little drizzly, wait a minute there is a giant canopy up in front of the stage, and if we the crowd, crowd in there, we the crowd will be dry. Dry, man. This stuff is so simple it boggles the brain. The Ragbirds are an awesome band who have played the festival in the past and if you haven't seen them by now you owe it to yourself to do yourself a little favor and go see and hear them already (a little bit later they will perform heroic feats) (stay tuned).

Ultraviolet Hippopotamus. If you told me a year ago that I would love a band named Ultraviolet Hippopotamus I would have suggested that perhaps you do not get enough oxygen to your brain when you sleep. But then a year later Mr. Smartypants would be correct (as he always is). UV Hippo are from the Grand Rapids area and they rip it up all over the state in a very funky manner and I for one came away impressed by their musicianship and sly eighties grooves that they threw about and layered with



huge jammy guitars over the top.

Rootstand, I know these guys sneak up to the Island every chance they get and it seems to me that their immersion program is paying off in spades. For a roots music band, they are not bound by any strings that can't be strummed or plucked and Thursday night they had their funky ensemble thing going on a lot of familiar material that pays tribute to the Beaver Island and Michigan state of mind and before you know it the night is getting later and everybody is happy with a Beaver Island Rootstand show.

This year in between acts, a trio of talented folks handled the MC work and performed songs and comedy routines, returning Festian Ernie Douglas and first timers Dave Boutette and Janet Day were all so terrific and made the change-over a special thing that stood on its own.

Ernie Douglas was his usual blend of showman and yeoman, ready at the drop of an anvil to bound on stage with an old acoustic favorite or a stage announcement. It wouldn't be a festival without him.

Dave Boutette is a singer / songwriter from these parts and is a hugely gifted artist mixing in funny shaggy-dog story songs and real heartfelt tributes to regional institutions like northern Michigan blue-plate diners and bluesy belter Thornetta Davis. The chef recommends.

Janet Day from what I understand is a recent resident and brought a new twist to the festival with some tight comedic



chops; appearing in character as the long suffering Doris Schlockman, she delivered both a PG-13 and R rated blast of schtick. Pretty cool me thinks.

So Friday is the new Black and of course there is a run on the advice booth ala the Bailey Brothers Building and Loan....

Overall the mood is Festive....

Strings and Things roll out the big acoustics so the serenades can begin and simple as that the evening is rolling. Folk Music, harmonies, pretty smooth stuff. They also performed a set of kids' music for the kids Saturday, pretty nice.

Next up is the Mossy Mountain Band from the Bluegrass bastion of Kalamazoo and they really are a pretty fun group slapping along filling the grounds with age-old sounds that are perfectly tireless.

Everything is coming together so far like a neatly planned puzzle game, all the pieces are splayed out on the surface and you find a piece that you recognize and then you find where it goes (inside you).

Ear to Ear has become the preferred grin mode.

Squeaky Clean Cretins (dramatic pause): there were squeaky clean cretins on the Island and in case you missed 'em here is the lo-down...they were really good. They had a nice polished folk-indie thing going on that had me re-imagining what UPer music is, all of their songs had an easy catchy quality.

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18. *Observations, from page 17.*

Rootstand threw out a completely different set for their Friday encore. There is a ton of music on the stage, these guys are steamrolling through the stuff like they own it. I like that with only (pretty much) acoustic instruments they can create a wall of sound with melodies and grooves that flow like ribbons.

I like the sight of a large framed man in a washboard vest. I like what seems like Undertakerman's wear. I Like Black Jake and the Carnies. The stage was bucking with punky-bluegrass, it was total fun. And much kudos to this band and the other folk who stayed out all night playing around the fire pit.

Lake Effect returned whatever they owed to us with interest. Wiser and more talented than their years, I'd say fleshed out pop-soul, groove-rock. Boom. One perfect tune after the other. The real cool thing about this festival is the varied styles of these bands and how they reflect and transition. Seems seamless

Everyone is having fun. Things are chugging along. Might even say rolling.

For reasons that will become clear soon, the closing act is not going to be electricity dependent. The Ragbirds pick up exactly where they left off and as previously noted, things are chugging along. Then the generator that powers the festival starts acting funky sometime in the neighborhood of 12:30-quarter to 1, first only slightly funky and then increasingly funkier until it is full on pitch black funky. "No power for the music fest" is met with the fact that the band is highly skilled at leading a drum rhythm shakedown by the light of 3 flashlights and powered by arms.

The next morning a crack team of spelunkers got to the root cause of the generator failure; a wing-ding sized toad with the devil's own grin. After replacing the plug that had failed the night before the CSIs determined that there was a large amount of sediment in the gas tank. So the gas was drained and a final shaking revealed "something chunky" which turned out to be four limbs and the inscrutable mug of an American Toad. Instant lessons included toads and gas do not mix and this gem from the erstwhile internet: "toads dig backwards into their summer homes or may choose another site in which to hibernate." Oh. So....

Saturday afternoon traditionally



features the open mic portion of the festival and after a bit of hemming, hawing, and final bug chasing, this year's fest had a cool group of folks come up and sing a song or two and there were some neat standouts including Kathy Nugent's ode to the festival that managed to hit all perspectives from the musicians comparing gear to the food combinations available from the vendors.

For Heavens Sake ushered in the program nicely with a warm folksy set that covered some spiritual music and some old-timey songs and a couple of seventies classics.



Black Jake and the Carnies and the aforementioned Cretins did bang up second sets to round out the afternoon.

The Sowa Brothers Band are electric and there is no doubt about it as they charged through a guitar-boogie jam that had strong songs anchoring the whole thing. Young people from Beaver Island evolving the tradition.

Another taste of the Lake Effect and full on gear shift to the Whitey Morgan, again it seemed to blend right and that has to go to the talent of the players involved. From the first tune to the last this is perfected craft, right on three-guitar outlaw country music. Songs you have known all of your life. Songs that feel like you have known them as long.

More Island music follows with P.A.U.L. as he opened up the old trick bag for a Jimi styled Happy Birthday and then destroyed all with the full rock blues package. Make mine extra raspy please. With hot sauce.

OK. I have shuttered the booth for the weekend and chowed on some prime chuck-wagon style "summertime will last forever" hot-dogs and hamburgers. I wipe the last dabs of ketchup from the corners of my mouth with the back of my hand then wipe the last bits of ketchup from the back of my hand on the leg of my sweet baby powder blue jumpsuit. Sorry kids that's how I roll.

Now UV Hippo charges headlong into an awesome display of bounce with lyrics chasing notes in a race along the north coast of the mighty mitten. Totally infectious.

The knuckle-head factor was also the lowest ever so that, coupled with the fun quotient, made for some pretty good times.

I haven't gotten the exact figures on donations from the various raffles and giveaways but the participating charity this year was the Beaver Island Animal Fund. They provide a great service in spaying, neutering, and emergency services for needy pets. They have zero overhead, all the money goes right for the services and if you didn't get a chance to slip them a five spot it's never too late to be a top rate human.

To the Burtons and the volunteers and vendors who worked marathon shifts to keep it running smooth, a doff of the ten gallon hat.

Hope to see everybody next year.
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20. LETTER TO THE EDITOR RE: EMERITUS RECOGNITION

I want to thank the BIRHC board for designating me as emeritus director for life—the first time I've been an emeritus anything! It is one of the finest, most effective and dedicated that I've worked with, and since I've served on several boards and consulted with many more, that's saying a lot.

Although I was singled out for recognition, I want everyone to know that the Health Center's transformation over the past decade was a team effort. Every person on the staff and board gave their time and talents willingly,

occasionally at great personal sacrifice, but it was worth all the effort.

Today, the Health Center is truly a cornerstone of Beaver Island's infrastructure. Having round-the-clock access to professional care providers makes a big difference in the way the community lives and works. BIRHC is an essential component of the local economy, providing good jobs and supporting the health and well-being of local families, seasonal residents, and visitors. Care providers stay on top of new treatment options and best prac-

tices, working in partnership with regional hospitals to provide access to specialists as needed. The Health Center's management is constantly seeking funding for new and better services and exploring reimbursement options that will benefit everyone.

But, the Health Center can't rest on its laurels. Despite efforts to build a larger endowment, BIRHC will always need the financial and moral support of the local community. The community must be informed about the facts: every clinic in the country basically loses

LETTERS: COA CONTINUES WITH NEW DIRECTOR

To all Charlevoix County Seniors, friends,

Sadly, this will be my last letter as your director. Having served over ten years at the CoA, I am passing the torch and moving on in a big way! I will be moving back to Alaska after 18 years here in Charlevoix to work as a Public Health Nurse. This is a career move for me as well as moving closer to my family/daughter in Juneau. My husband

and I are very excited about the move.

Change is good, but not easy. The older I get, the more I realize how difficult it can be to secure a new job, move to a new town/state, and downsize 30 years of accumulations.

Change is also occurring at the CoA at a faster rate. There are over 20 developed programs, with very capable people to carry on the vision and the mission of the CoA. I am confident the orga-

nization will continue to serve seniors in this county and provide quality care and programs.

We have the greatest staff of compassionate and dedicated people at the CoA. Some have been here for 27 years (Debra Peck), 17 years (Denise Lundy), 16 years (Joan Turnbull), 14 years (Marge Krchak), 10 years (Pam Clark), and 7 and 8 years (Gale Binstadt, Susie Boggeman, and Terri Powers), making

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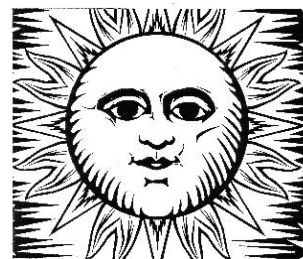
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money on each patient, regardless of insurance or ability to pay; small, remote facilities are most at risk because their numbers are so low; and, fundraising events and annual giving are critical to balancing the budget. In return, BIRHC must be steadfast in seeking the very best care providers, management staff, and board members—people like we have now, who make community healthcare a personal priority: board members who are prepared at every meeting and reflect the values and idiosyncrasies of the Island; care pro-

viders who treat everyone with respect and compassion, always mindful of their holistic healthcare needs; and, management that ensures all systems are efficient and effective.

As the Board looks ahead, I urge it to resist the temptation of being satisfied with merely surviving in the current economy. They must be alert to future trends so BIRHC can thrive regardless of economic or political realities. Now is the time to think and manage strategically; to watch for opportunities that will improve the quality and variety of

care; and, to seek out creative, mutually beneficial partnerships like those we've developed with Charlevoix, Munson and Northern Michigan Hospitals that will help them prepare for the future.

Again, please accept my heartfelt gratitude and best wishes for the future of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center. I cherish the many friendships made over the past decade of working together. And, although my board tenure is over, I will always be a staunch BIRHC supporter and volunteer.

—Anne Glendon

the average length of employment among 35 staff over 4 years.

This says a lot about loyalty and commitment to such a great organization, which gives back to the seniors much-needed services that are appreciated. I thank them and all the staff for continuing to do such an honorable job, and will sincerely miss working with people I have grown to love as a family.

I also want to thank the seniors of

Beaver Island and the rest of this county, who make our work possible, rewarding, and fun, and encourage the citizens and collaborative partners throughout the county to support the senior millage that funds our programs and senior centers on Beaver Island, in Boyne City, Charlevoix, and East Jordan.

It has been an honor to serve the seniors of this county. North to Alaska!

—Susan R. Bergmann RN, BSN

THANKS

To Beaver Islanders—

Thank you for all of your prayers and kindness during our time of great sorrow. They helped us cope with our devastation.

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—the family of Aaron R. Anthony

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THE MANY FACES OF BEANS

by Frank Solle

It all began on a summer's day in 1972. That's when Michael 'Beans' Gardner walked off the *Beaver Islander* for the first time and into Beaver Island history.

When I met Beans that day I only knew him as Rocky DeVogel's cousin. Little did I, nor any of us young 'boodlers' on the dock that day, know what was to unfold.

From that very first day Beans has embraced and expressed the spirit of our Island home like few others. Over the years as he came and went his musical talents blossomed through hours of sidewalk strumming and small-gig playing in his never-ending quest to achieve true 'traveling minstrel' status. Around late-night summer campfires at the township campground to chilly autumn evenings at

the old convent where we gathered one fall. With a washtub bass and an old washboard, spoons, harmonicas, and happy tapping feet, we joined Beans in belting out 'Dust on the Saddle,' 'Dudzik's Wine,' 'Driften,' and many, many others, embracing the moment and enjoying ourselves. Forever young.

But as the years quickly passed those young boodlers did their own drifting as we all went our separate ways. Yet despite wherever time and travel took us there was a shared constant — knowing Beans was out there, somewhere, singing, entertaining, staying the course.

On occasion our paths crossed again. In 1979 my wife and I returned for a Hickory Beaver Flat-tail Fest and reacquainted with Beans, gaining a copy of his first album as well. In 1985 I returned for my step-father's funeral. And who, of all people did I find once again on the *Beaver Islander*? Beans, of course, hand on his guitar. Add another chapter to a friendship and another album to the collection.

A much longer gap ensued over the following years, but after making the move back in 2003 we've seen the



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Beaner on a nearly annual basis. Although there never seems to be enough time to fully reconnect, we do what we can. We exchange CDs, poems, and photos, plus a few stories. And my wife and I take in at least one of his shows on the porch of the Shamrock each time.

And oh those shows. If you haven't stopped by to hear and see Beans perform, then you haven't experienced the fullness of Beaver Island. It's that simple. Although he spends the bulk of his time in the sunny, warm Caribbean, Beans is an island boy and this is his first island. And it shows. Through and through. Whether he is once again singing about the beautiful feeling brought on by an early morning here or spinning one of his many Pirate tales, his openness, caring, and spirit show through in both his enthusiasm and gift for entertaining.

As he once sang many years ago, "When a poor man helps another he always gets back change," so it is when Beans performs in front of a boisterous crowd, sharing his shakers, establishing a clapping, laughing, singing cast of shipmates. Right then and there he is helping everyone with all he has to give and it

comes back to him in spades. It becomes an Event. A Being. And if you could somehow stop a few of these precious moments during one of his shows and look at them, at him, you would see it in his ever-changing, smiling, laughing, glowing, face.

But since it just isn't possible to clap, sing, shake, cheer, toast, laugh, cry, enjoy, and stop time while in the midst of

it all, I give you a few snapshots from his most recent show. Hopefully, these will take you back, make it all come alive again. And if you've never gone, then perhaps next time you will. And you too will come to know the many faces of Beans.

ed. note: Beans will be playing at the Shamrock September 5 and 7

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24. GOODBYE TO OUR RENAISSANCE MAN

When Phil "Doc" Lange passed away a few months ago, not everyone was aware of how much the man had accomplished during his life, nor what a treasure Beaver Island lost.

The bare facts are that he lived in Saginaw, and moved to Detroit when he was eleven. After graduating from Cooley High, Albion College (where he met his wife, E. B.), and Wayne State Medical School, he interned in Lansing and after a year set up his practice there. He was drafted for the Korean War, after his attempted enlistment was denied for medical reasons, and he began his service at Heartbreak Ridge. A true doctor, he cared for everyone he saw—including civilians (30 to 40 a day), for which he was threatened with court marshal.

While serving he received a several-weeks-old telegram saying both his sons had polio and were not expected to live through the night. Luckily they both survived.

His career advanced after his return, and he received numerous awards, becoming an instructor at MSU (for 18

years). Before he "retired" in 1987 (after delivering 2,000 babies) he became Chief of Staff at the E. W. Sparrow Hospital, and was made president of the Michigan Academy of Family Physicians.

As a child he had accompanied his father, a phone company supervisor, to many northern Michigan towns. He was curious about the spot on the map called Beaver Island, but



his father had no time to go. Finally in 1958 he and his family were boating, and a storm forced them to take refuge in Paradise Bay. Walking with his sons around Gull Harbor and Lookout Point, they fell in love with the pristine land.

They bought a lot at Wicklow Beach in 1960, and built a cabin there in 1973. In 1987 they left Lansing and made Beaver Island their home. He thought he had retired, but the Island had needs he could not ignore. He was made Treasurer of the Christian Church, and

President of the Historical Society. He became a Lifetime Member of the Community Players and the AmVets. He went to a Medical Center Board meeting—and at the next was made President.

Yet he was still retired—until the Gulf War called PA Mike McGinnity to Iraq and he became the Island doctor, (and served without pay because his liability insurance exceeded his salary.) He was the last in a long line of "real doctors," and was so loved by his patients that many would stop by his home for advice rather than go to the Med Center for years afterwards.

We knew him as a raconteur par excellence, a man who told fascinating stories and wrote and sang wonderful folksy songs. Now we'll have a chance to celebrate all he has given us at a Memorial Service party on

September 26 at the Community Center—another baby to which he helped give birth.



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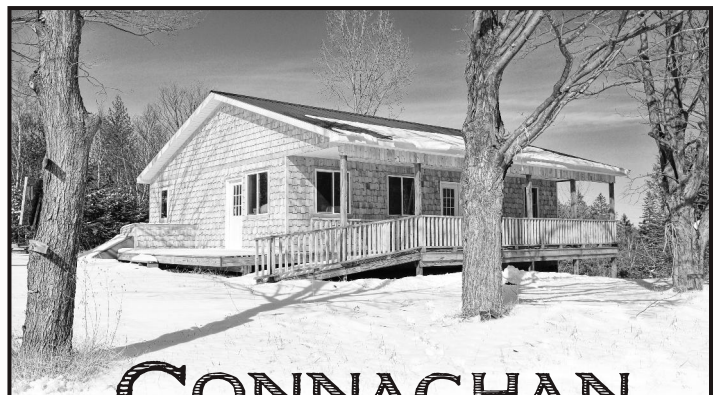
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Is it the romance—the idea of people once stationed in these outposts on the very edge, alone, as points of light against the power and vastness of the sea? Is it the architecture—form based on function to create such soaring

towers and spectacular views? Or the history—the opportunity to see these icons of our grand- and great-grandparent's era left behind largely as they were when active and crucial—portals back in time scattered around every lakeshore and channel?

Probably.

But maybe it's also just about the journey itself.

Once again this year, author Jerry Roach of Lighthouse Central brought a

wonderful group of lighthouse-seekers to our archipelago on a 3-day trip, teaming up with Bonadeo's Beaver Island Boat Charters to visit Squaw Island, Lansing Shoal, Skillagalee, Grays Reef, White Shoal, Old Waugoshance, and South Fox Island, as well as touring our own Whiskey Point and Beaver Head Lighthouses. Last year the lake was flat clam, so mirror smooth our game was spotting fish on the way, but this year the weather whipped up the sea in the days



Lighthouse Central 2009
Group: Front row kneeling;
Dennis Swan (IL), Jon
Bonadeo, and Jerry Roach

Back row: Suzanne
Munger (TN), Jill Swan (IL),
Tammy Joy (MI), Kathy
Johnson (MI), John Holliker
(OH), Mac MacFarland (PA),
Ron & Pat Bandock (NJ)



preceding the group's arrival. So the first day provided some great stories of adventure in place of last year's more reflective conversations and pure photo-



graphic endeavors. But on the second day, the trip from Beaver to South Fox, the sea calmed for a relaxing cruise.

Sitting next to Suzanne on the stern,



I learned she had begun her lighthouse quest nearby around Mackinac, having seen 116 of the 120-odd Michigan Lights (depending on what you qualify



Jersey Lighthouse Challenge, now celebrating its 10th anniversary, a two-day marathon where challenge souvenirs are placed at each lighthouse and

participants try and collect all 13 this year. It's been so successful that there are now a number of these challenges on the east coast. Don't forget, the journey can

sometimes be as fun as the destination.

But as South Fox came into view, something odd stood out—two boats with a raft and an object indiscernible





as a lighthouse) from 2005 to 2007. She moved to Tennessee, but just “had to return to Michigan this summer to finish” her quest.



As North Fox came into view, the sun broke through the clouds and illuminated the shoreline, as if by magic. But we still had to make our way to the south



of the pair of Islands.

Siting next to Suzanne was an interesting couple from New Jersey, Ron and Pat, who had started the first New



through the binoculars in between. Jon was first to identify it as an overturned boat. One could imagine the voice “I told you it was rough yesterday.”

As we got closer we saw it was a labeled tow boat just off the point where a 20-some' boat had overturned. A diver was in the water, and float bags were on

the stern. We were surprised to learn that they would soon be towing the boat back to the mainland *upside-down* because it was cheaper for them to tow her upside-



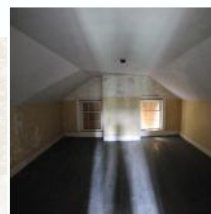


down and right her with their crane rather than using the floats, diver, and a boat to right her in place.

We stayed clear of this operation, and made our way ashore, where we were greeted by a group who were working on South Fox for the week, the

Greg and Pamela Nickerson family and their friends. Last year we wondered who cleared the paths and sidewalks, so surreal cutting through the raw woods—as if the ghosts of the lightkeepers kept them clear all these years. It was interesting this year to get to meet those who

were spending their time to do the hard lifting, who rebuilt the boathouse, and work on the lighthouse itself. Three years ago, Pamela said, they started making this their summer vacation, joining other volunteers who spend their free moments here. Her family had



owned property on South Fox where they had a logging camp, and she had first started visiting in the 60s.

At this point we asked what they could tell us about the overturned boat, and they said, “she’s ours.” A family friend, Kathryn, explained on the walk along the new path to the west side that they had been camping during the fierce storm, and when dawn broke they found their boat overturned. Another friend

sailed *Lightkeeper* to pick them up so all was well. I suppose when you embark on big projects, you learn to take any little setbacks in stride, and they did.

Despite their boat being towed toward the horizon, Pamela graciously gave us a tour of the light, carefully holding the “finger breaker” steel hatch as each of us ascended. The view from the top was spectacular, well worth the climb. We overlooked the lighthouse

campus, though the trees did not quite permit sighting the west shore.

All in all, the lighthouse trip was once again a nice chance to go on a little adventure close to home—but one that felt like we had slipped 100 years into the past. I suppose it *is* about the journey, and what better trip for that than to these beacons, whose rich history brings diverse groups of people together in a shared quest.



The BIHS held its annual meeting in mid-August, and departed from the usual format after presenting generally positive reports from the President, Treasurer, Director, and Volunteer Coordinator. Museum Week had been quite successful, thanks to all the help; George Anthony's new book was selling well; the railroad grade at the Heritage Park looked good, and ties were on the way; the Publication Committee was reorganizing and moving forward; and a redesign of the Marine Museum displays was being implemented.

Before reconstituting the Board of Trustees (appointees Barbara Kenwabikise and Cindy Ricksgers were ratified; continuing members John Runberg, Jim Dunbar, and Doug Hartle were approved; and new candidates

Elaine West and Doug Tilley were confirmed), the floor was opened up for a discussion of the merits and wisdom of contracting with the design team of Hopkins/Burns, Ann Arbor architects specializing in historic buildings. They had proposed a 5-phase process for organizing all the issues related to a large addition for the Print Shop museum, and offered a contract for the first two phases at a cost of ~\$21,000.

To engage them would exhaust the Addition Fund and draw \$7,500 from the \$25,000 "Reserve" (not the Endowment Fund, which stands at ~\$42,000). Two criticisms of this plan were made: first, that in these questionable economic times it might be more prudent to hold off until the economy turns around; and, second, that the BIHS

already has taken on so many projects that other endeavors may suffer if it adds this to its list. "First finish what you've already got underway" was said.

The matter was to be decided in a business meeting that followed (in which the officers were kept in their posts, and up to \$2,500 was approved to build a wall behind the stern of the *Bob S*). At the onset it seemed the contract would be turned down, but in the discussion that ensued the initial favorable reasons returned: the addition is sorely needed; fund-raising for it can not get far without architectural input; and the architects' involvement should release the Board from pushing forward on this and allow them to invest their energy in the other projects. So the matter passed with one abstention.

QUILT GUILD'S RAFFLE

The Talking Threads Quilt Guild proudly announced a winner of its latest raffle, "Bits and Pieces," constructed mostly from fabric donated to the Guild by Dave Duda. Phyllis Duda was instrumental in organizing a quilt guild on Beaver Island.

Jordan Marsh drew the winning

ticket at the Homecoming Dinner. And the winner was ... Sandy Howell. Congratulations, Sandy!

Guild treasurer Ann Miller reports a profit of more than \$2,000, which will be divided equally among the BIFD, the EMS, and the Food Pantry. The Fire Department will be helped in

purchasing turnout gear for the new crew; BIEMS will upgrade life-support equipment.

Congratulations to everyone who helped make the Talking Threads raffle a success! And those who are curious should come to the next sew-athon.



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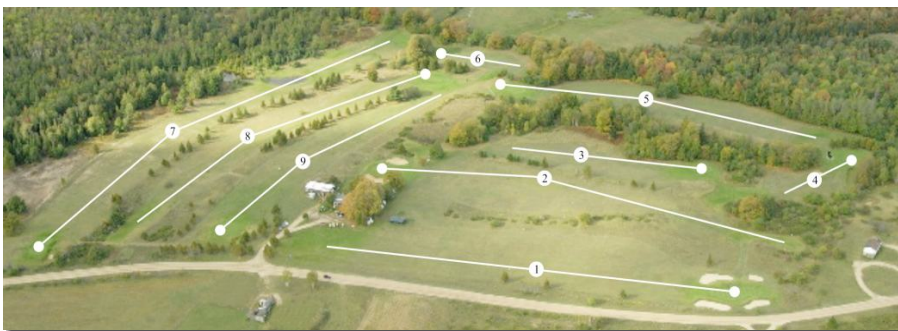
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AMVETS AWARD SCHOLARSHIP

AmVets Post 46 announced the results of its \$1,000 scholarship award program, and this year's recipient is Brenna Green. Brenna graduated from the Beaver Island Community School in 2007 and is currently attending Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Michigan, where she is majoring in Communication Studies.



A WEDDING

Deb and Peter Plastrik of Beaver Island announce the marriage of their son, David, and Gabrielle Lensch, both of Madison, Wisconsin. David is a graduate student at the U of Wisconsin. Gabrielle is an English teacher. Their wedding was held at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art and attended by Ryan Wojan and Melissa Marzella McDonald. The newly-weds honeymooned at Glacier National Park.

THE DIAL-UP ERA'S OVER

The old BIIP dial-up, our first on-ramp to the Internet which Great Lakes Energy took over and subbed out the management of to TransWorld Network, is scheduled to end service on Beaver Island on December 8th of this year. Ah, poor old Dial-up; you were so important to us once upon a time, but lately we'd hardly heard from you.

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32. FALL SPORTS START KICKING AND SPIKING

by Frank Solle

With the winding down of summer comes the winding up of *Islanders* fall sports at our Community School.

A couple of coaching changes mark the fall seasons this year. On the soccer pitch Matt Ritchie will be going solo as head coach after receiving a helping clipboard last year from former coach Mike Myers. Ritchie, who also assisted Maryann Brown during her year as head coach, says he is excited about the upcoming season. "I'm looking forward to shaping the team and trying some new things."

Inside, at the volleyball net, former *Islanders* standout Kerry (Speck) Smith assumes the mantle as the second head coach in school history following the coaching retirement of Connie Boyle, who started the program in 1985. "I'm excited to be taking over," Smith said, "but I'm nervous too. I know the game, I played for Connie, but coaching is

different than playing."

Aside from the coaching changes, there will be the ever-changing faces on the teams themselves. The biggest challenge for the soccer team will be replacing goalkeeper Maeve Green who did an outstanding job last year. Two players look to take turns stepping into that crucial role: eighth-grader Jewell Cushman who spent some time in the box last year, and sophomore Olivia Schwartzfisher, who looks to make the switch from on-the-field to in front of the goal. Offensively the team will be secure with a solid core of seniors, most of whom have played throughout the last four years. Leading the team are Dereck McDonough, Bryan Timsak, Cameron LaVasseur, Alex Kuligoski, Jenna Butler, and Kristy Bousquet. While all have spent time on the offensive side of the field, Ritchie said he is looking for one of

them to switch to the defensive side to replace graduated Patrick Cull.

The other returning players are younger, including sophomores Jenna Battle, Brigid Cushman, and Matthew Cull, and eighth-grader Ron Marsh. New to the team are junior Doug Campbell and eighth-grader Olivia Cary and possibly seventh-graders Hannah Robert and Meg Works. Ritchie is hopeful the youngest players turn out and help the team with practice while learning the ins and outs of strategy.

"We'll have a lot of young players and will have a pretty short bench," he said of his squad. Despite that, the coach is optimistic his team will be competitive in the Northern Lights League. "As long as we work hard and grow through the season we should be able to compete with all the teams in the league," he said.

An even larger challenge looms

CELTIC GAMES BECOME THE CELTIC FESTIVAL

This year the Celtic Games will expand into a Celtic Festival, with SLIDE, the Irish quintet everyone loved last year, giving a concert on Friday evening, September 18th, at the Community Center—during which the

star athletes will be introduced. Tickets are \$15/Adv, or \$20/DOS.

On Saturday at 10 am the GAMES will begin at the Bud McDonough Ball Park. The athletes will "warm up" with the 16# Stone Throw, followed by the:

56# Weight-for-Distance toss, 28# Weight-for-Distance, 56# Weight for-Height, and then ... Lunch!

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inside for new coach Smith as she will look to replace four team-leading seniors from last year's squad. Maeve Green, Caitlin Boyle, Heather McDonough, and Devon Cook were integral to the team's success the past two seasons.

"We do have four huge gaps to fill, but we have a strong group of seniors this year," Smith said of Alex Kuligoski, Jenna Butler, Kristy Bousquet, Briana Maudrie, and Lindsey Kenwabikise. Junior Claire Kenwabikise has played varsity for the past two seasons as well, and brings a good understanding as well as net presence to the team.

Smith is also looking at a talented trio of sophomores returning in Jenna Battle, Brigid Cushman, and Brogan Maudrie. The three youngest players, freshman Marissa Crandall and eighth-graders Olivia Cary and Erin Boyle, all

saw action last year as well. "We're kind of starting from scratch," Smith said as she begins to learn the ins and outs of coaching and the players start to learn to work with someone other than coach Boyle. "I will have to build a different relationship with the girls and they will have to adjust to playing for me."

Yet Smith is confident the *Islanders* can come together to defend the NLL title they claimed last season. "This is a good group of kids and Connie molded them well," Smith said. "They all have great behavior and sportsmanship and they have the skills they need in order to win. It's just going to be a whole new dynamic for us."

The action on the pitch and at the net gets underway when the Hannahville *Soaring Eagles* visit over the weekend of Sept. 11-12. These two teams have begun to develop a good

rivalry and it should be a dynamic way to get the year's sporting action underway.

The fall season for both soccer and volleyball will play out as follows: (home games begin at 5 pm on Friday and 9 am on Saturday)

- Sept. 11 & 12 Hannahville at Beaver Island
- Sept. 18 & 19 Grand Marais at Beaver Island
- Sept. 25 & 26 Munising Baptist at Beaver Island
- Oct. 2 & 3 Beaver Island at Paradise
- Oct. 10 Mackinac Island volleyball tournament
- Oct. 13 & 14 Ojibwe at Beaver Island
- Oct. 16 & 17 Beaver Island at Mackinac Island
- Oct. 24 NLL soccer tournament at Mackinac Island

The Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums (with Dancers) will perform during the noon break. The masters of the Great Highland Bagpipes will "preview" the evening's concert fare!

At about 1:00 the Caber Toss will

showcase athletes who heft, balance, and toss an 18-foot, 150# cedar tree end-over-end—or at least try.

Then there'll be the 16# Hammer toss, an audience participation event, capped off with the grand finale "Hero

Stone" competition.

At 8pm the Grand Traverse Pipes and Drums will hold a concert at the Community Center, a powerful, majestic show, full of legend, lore, history, color, and dance!

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Basketball at Beaver Island Community School took a big bounce forward this summer as the first-ever roundball camp was conducted at the school gymnasium July 28-30. Open to students in grades 4-12, the camp, conducted by coaches Jeremy Macejewski and Kevin Callahan from Carsonville-Port Sanilac High School, attracted 25 participants who worked hard and built skills over the three days.

The younger players gained instruction on the fundamentals of shooting, passing, and ball-handling, according to BICS boys coach Dan Martell, who organized the camp. The older players received instruction on rebounding, defense, and taking care of the ball on offense, as well as learning a few new offensive and defensive plays/sets.



"This was a great experience for the kids as well as for me," Martell said of the camp. "Having different coaches

come in and present both new and old skills in different ways really helps. It lets players know these skills are important for players everywhere."

Coach Macejewski enjoyed his time on the court with the Island players. "This has really been fun," he said during a short break in the action. "The kids here are great,

very open to learning, and very enthusiastic."

Coach Martell was encouraged by the players' willingness as well. "Building enthusiasm for the sport is just as important for these kids as learning how to play," he said.

In addition to three days of learning basketball skills, the camp emphasized personal responsibility for academics and behavior. Each player also received a t-shirt and basketball as part of the camp package.



ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

First week in September - **Paddle for Food** - Ken Bruland's solo kayak trip to raise funds for the Beaver Island Food Pantry. Please consider donating: jars at McDonough's, The Station, and Community Center or online from our website.

September 5 - **Marathon** - See page 7.

September 9 - **Rhizome Swap** - page 10.

September 10 - Beaver Island **Comedy Group auditions** - 7pm at the Community Center. Janet Day 2145

September 12 - **Beach Cleanup** - page 46.

September 13 - Mixed **Golf** Outing

September 17 - **Historical Society** meeting, Emerald Isle Hotel, 7 pm.

September 18 - **SLIDE**; September 19 - **Celtic Festival** - See page 32.

September 20 - **Senior Appreciation Picnic** at the community center 11am - 1pm

September 23 - The Beaver Island Christian Church invites everyone in the whole community to a **pot-luck supper** on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Gregg Fellowship Center. This pot-luck is a "**Welcome to Beaver Island**" for Pastor Ed Campbell, the new pastor for the Beaver Island Christian Church. Please bring a dish to pass. Beverage and table service (dishes and silverware) will be

provided. Everyone is welcome.

September 25-27 - **Legendary Horse Whisperer/Gentling Trainer Jim Rea** is coming to Beaver Island to do a 3-day "Gentle Solutions" **horse clinic** at Unfinished Farms. Sept 25, Friday Night: free demonstration/Clinic open to the public 7 pm with Jim and his Mustang "Cash." 448-2639

September 26 - **Phil Lange Memorial** 5-9 open house at the Beaver Island Community Center.

October 2 - **Beaver Tales** final 2009

October 3 - **The Bite & Island Boodle** AA meets at Christian Church 7:00 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.



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The Annand Family celebrated the 50th Anniversary of first acquiring property on Beaver Island with a reunion and party on August 1 at Pebble Beach. Nineteen family members

attended, including Ruth Annand, her four daughters, Sara Bisard, Linda Leslie, Nancy Irvine, and Rosemarie Perrone, and their cousin, Patty Rowland Taubenslag, who came from

New Jersey. Dozens of friends joined them for this rare get-together, including Skip and Bill McDonough, Russ and Mary Green, Jeff Connor, and Bob Pena. Another longtime Island family,

FOOD PANTRY PREPARES TO RESTOCK

As the summer breezes are cooling down we'd like to remind any of you who may be packing up and leaving the Island for your winter sanctuary, that the Beaver Island Food Pantry is gladly

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40. PAR FOR THE COURSE

by Fairway Frank

August. The height of summer. Heat. Sun. Beach time. Company. Homecoming. Oh, and yes, golf.

This August kicked off early with the annual Jerry Sowa Memorial Golf Outing on July 31. There was another Mixed-Partner event (also one in late July after last month's deadline), an amazing, unbelievable ending to the Men's League playoff, and the first of hopefully many more Health Center golf outings.

Banging out a victory

With the stage set at the annual Fourth of July tournament, the foursome of Alex, Jim, Steve, and Chad Banghart were up to the challenge and matched the low winning score of that earlier event, winning this year's Sowa Outing with an outstanding round of 29. Not only that, but seven of the 12 teams in this year's field came in under par, with two teams each at scores of 32, 33, and 34. While it's still true it doesn't get better than golf on Beaver Island, golf on Beaver Island is getting better all the time.

Mixing it up

In the same sense of golf getting better, the field of the monthly Mixed-Partner events keeps getting larger and scores keep coming down.

At the July 26 event the dynamic duo of Jim and Kay McElwain topped the field with a round of 42, the lowest winning score to date in this challenging, alternate-shot format. Larry and Theresa Laurain

finished second followed by Chuck Ridgeway (Buck's son) and Taffy Raphael in third and Howard and Sally



Davis in fourth.

On August 16, with a field of 14 teams competing, Mike and Jayne Bailey carded a strong 45 to sneak past the pesky Laurains, who always seem to be in the mix, by one stroke. Newcomers Denny and Linda Truhn found



themselves tied for third with Nel Worsfold and Frank Solle. Having already shared the round together, the

two teams headed to the first tee for one more hole to determine the final two places. Nel set the stage with a towering drive down the center of the fairway, leading her team to clinch third with a par performance.

There will be at least one more such event, scheduled for Sept. 13, so tune up your short game and sign up your team for an entertaining and fun round of golf.

That's why it's called a playoff

After holding down the top spot in the annual men's golf league for most of the season, the team of Joe Moore and Howard Davis went into the final playoff night with a 10-point hold on first place, leaving the rest of the league facing the three ghosts of golf: woulda-coulda-shoulda.

But as that wise old sports guru Yogi Berra once said, "It aint over until it's over." And the summer golf season wasn't due to be over until Joe and Howard played one more round, this one against the second-place team, and 2003 league champs, Larry Laurain and Joe Williams.

All the leaders needed was to garner six of the 20 possible points on the round to complete their championship season. The previous week they had bested the then second-place team of Jeff Mestelle and Ryan Smith 13-7. The situation really didn't look promising for Larry and Joe.



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After halving the opening hole Joe and Howard won the second hole to take a 3-1 lead in points; they were halfway to the title. But Larry and Joe are not a pair to be taken lightly. From the third hole on they took charge of the match, giving up just two more points the rest of the way to finish the round with a 15-5 victory and tying the would-be champs at 132 points apiece. A pair of chip-ins from off the green by Larry paced the charge.

The end-of-the-round knot required a further playoff in order to determine the ultimate league winners. The first playoff hole resulted in a pair of pars and it was on to sudden-victory hole number two. With both teams reaching the green in two shots, Joe and Howard appeared to have regained an edge as their ball came to a stop just eight feet from the cherished cup while Larry and Joe's ball was a lengthy 20-feet from the hole.

First to putt was Larry, but he was unable to sink the long shot. That put the weight of the outcome on his partner Joe's steady shoulders and he responded by sinking the long birdie putt. When both Joe and Howard failed to make their shorter putt the unexpected became the reality. Congratulations to Larry and Joe. Condolences to Joe and Howard.

Golf for a cause

As if playing golf weren't rewarding enough in itself, this year golfers from near and far were offered the

opportunity to golf and give in the first Beaver Island Rural Health Center Golf Outing.



While some were tempted to balk at the \$75 per person charge, that fee included green fees for the day, a picnic luncheon afterwards, plus the opportunity to play for \$1,000 in prizes on the course, and a chance to claim one of 40-plus door prizes, not to mention a



chance to participate in a drawing for a year's membership at the golf course. All while contributing to the BIRHC.

I'm glad to report that the community came out in force for this event with 16 teams signing up and battling it out. The largest contingent was the mixed, two men and two women, flight which was claimed by the team sponsored by McDonough's Market that included the Laurains, Joe Williams, and Mary Ann Ridgeway. The all-mens flight found the brothers Schurberg—Dave, Steve, and Nate—carrying course owner John Works, Jr. around the course in winning shape. Team Doris claimed both the all-womens and best-dressed flight as Doris Larson, Nel Worsfold, Ruth Igoe, and Annette Dashiell came in matching outfits and with their game on. And with Annette claiming the membership prize for next year it's a good bet she'll be ready to play again.

Only nine of the ten \$100 prizes along the course were claimed as none of the men were able to land a shot on the sixth green off the tee. It was a small embarrassment for all of us, but no more than having young Kate Wojan claim the women's prize of the longest putt by nearly doubling the longest effort by any of the men at just over 49 feet. You go girl!

So, it's a tip o' the golf cap to John at the course, Sandy Birdsall from the BIRHC board, and golf coordinator Buck Ridgeway for putting together what can only be hoped as the first of many more successful events to come.

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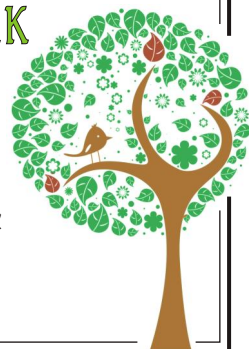
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42. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 2, 1909 **Local News:** "The U. S. Beaver Island cable which was broken last week by the dredge, was raised and spliced by J. H. Martindale, assisted by the life saving crew last Saturday, and the communication with the Island is now fully restored. The landward section was found to be buried fully five feet in the sand, and it required the services of the tug *Taylor* all day Saturday to release it."

Beaver Island News: "Carl Hellpenstell and a friend, Mr. Peck, from Rock Island, are on the Island for a week," (Note: *C. Hellpenstell & Warren H. Reck, Rock Island appear in the Hotel Beaver register August, 26, 1909*)

"Theo Hartz, of Davenport joined his family here this week." (Note: *Theodor Hartz, Davenport, Iowa appears in the Hotel Beaver register August 28, 1909*)

"James Donlevy, returned Monday after a week's stay in Chicago."

"McDonough's house was destroyed by fire Monday night. No

insurance."

"Judge Herman and wife, of Kansas, are visiting the Island."

"A young man, name unknown to this writer, had his foot badly mutilated by falling on a saw at the mill Monday. He was taken to the Petosky hospital on the tug *Ryan* and his foot amputated."

"The Thomas Green Dramatic Co. was at the Island all last week." (Note: *Francis Greene & wife, and seven other people comprising the Francis Greene Co., Chicago appear in the Beaver Hotel register, August 23, 1909 with this note added - 'call bunch in time for breakfast'*)

"The Schooner *Rouse Simmons* is loading ties at McCann's dock."

"Mrs. Mads Jensen returned home last week after four weeks' stay in Charlevoix under the care of Dr. Armstrong."

"Misses Ida and Irene Gallagher have returned home after a week's visit with friends in Charlevoix." (Note: *Sept. 2 Mrs. Gibson died - F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday,

September 8, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "John McCann and M. J. Bonner, of St. James were Charlevoix visitors the last of the week."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 9, 1909 **Local News:** "James McCann, of St. James, was in the city Monday on his way to Milwaukee and Chicago."

"The steamer *Beaver* brought over the fist load of Beaver Island peas last Friday — 400 bushels. They are coming now every trip."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, September 15, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Lawrence J. Malloy, of St. James, was in the city Thursday."

"Mrs. M. J. McCann and Mrs. Frank Left, of St. James, were in the city Tuesday." (Note: *'Black' Dan Green died - F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 16, 1909 **Local News:** "Ben Gallagher, a Beaver Island boy, and the son of Neill (sic) Gallagher is now master of a big steel trust steamer running between Buffalo and Duluth."

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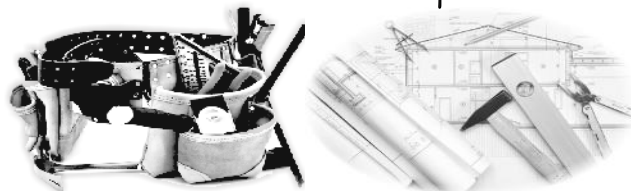
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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, September 22, 1909 **From Beaver Island:** "W. J. Gallagher is spending a few days at home."

"W. W. Boyle left Monday for Portland, Oregon."

"Gus Wilkie (sic) and mother were in Charlevoix last week."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shield (sic) have returned home from Manistee."

"Mrs. Margaret J. Boyle and Grace M. Boyle were in Charlevoix last week."

"H. Frankel, the tailor, attended the Jewish holidays at Petosky last week."

"Peter Gallagher, Hugh P. Gallagher, Charles Bonga (sic) and Mike Cull arrived home Saturday."

"Josie Laffernier (sic) returned home from Grand Rapids where she has been visiting friends."

"Mrs. Lizzie Guarnon of Chicago, who has been the guest of C. C. Gallagher, returned home this week."

"Captain M. J. Bonner and wife left for Seattle Monday where they will spend a couple of months visiting and

attending the Exposition."

Local News Briefly Told: "W. E. Stephens and wife of St. James were in the city the first of the week."

"Eugene Gallagher, father of Mrs. Joe Hyland of Beaver Island, formerly of this city, died at Traverse City Friday. The body was brought here for burial Sunday."

"Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hyland returned home to the Beaver Islands, Monday, after visiting friends and relatives in the city."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 23, 1909 **Local News:** "Eugene Gallagher, better known as 'Montana', died last Friday at the Traverse City asylum, where he had been the past year. He Claimed Beaver Island as his home, where he had a son and other relatives. For many years he traveled extensively as a peddler of spectacles."

Beaver Island News: "Miss Nora Berry is teaching Peaine school district No. 2."

"Miss Mary Creedon is spending a

few days on the Island."

"Mrs. Hogarth, of the Soo, is at St. James giving painting lessons."

"Mrs. Archie Lafreniere went to Grand Rapids this week."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner and wife left Monday for Seattle, Wash."

"Mrs. Dan Gurney, of Chicago, paid a visit to the Island last week."

"Miss Lizzie Gallagher returned home Monday, after spending the summer at Charlevoix."

"Mrs. C. C. Allers returned home last week after a two weeks visit with friends at South Haven."

"Will Scheid and wife returned home last week after a ten days visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Scheid of Manistee."

"Gus Mielkes returned home last week after a two weeks visit with friends in South Haven, Chicago and Milwaukee."

"Mrs. Joe Hyland was called to Traverse City last week to attend the funeral of her father, Mr. Eugene Gallaher."

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44. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 43.

"Hugh P. Gallagher, Peter O. Gallagher, Mike Cull and Charles Belonga have returned home after sailing on the lake all summer."

"The gasoline boat *Vincent Bros.* of Manistique, went ashore Saturday at Kelly's Point. She had a load of fruit from Northport to Manistique."

"The schooner *Mary A. Gregory*, of Benton Harbor went ashore at light-house point Saturday night. She is out high and dry. Local tugs are making an effort to release her. She came here after a cargo of cedar."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, September 29, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told**: "Patrick J. Malloy, of St. James, was at Baker's Inn Monday."

"W. W. Boyle of St. James was in

town the latter part of the week."

"Rev. Father Wilhelm, of St. James, and Rev. Father Ladislaus Czech, of Petosky were in the city on church business the latter part of last week."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 30, 1909 **Local News**: "M. J. McCann, of St. James, was here Friday in attendance on the school officers convention."

Beaver Island News: "The schooner *X-10-U-8* has arrived from Green Bay with a cargo of hay."

"Mrs. John Floyd and daughter, Kate, are visiting friends at Charlevoix. W. W. Boyle left Monday for Seattle, where he expects to spend the winter."

"Mrs. John King and son spent last Sunday in Charlevoix, also Nally Cram, of the Booth Co."

"Mr. Edwards, of the Cheboygan Seed Co., is here after peas raised by the Island farmers for that company."

"W. E. Stevens and wife returned home last week from Freesoil, where Mrs. Stephens spent the summer."

"Miss Martha French, of Chicago, is visiting her uncle, Supervisor W. D. Gallagher, of Peaine Township."

"W. Preston, of Berrien County, is here to open a store in the Green building. He will also buy cedar." (*Note: The Green building is the present-day post office*)

"Miss May Gallagher returned home from Charlevoix Saturday with a teacher's certificate. She will teach the Garden Island School."

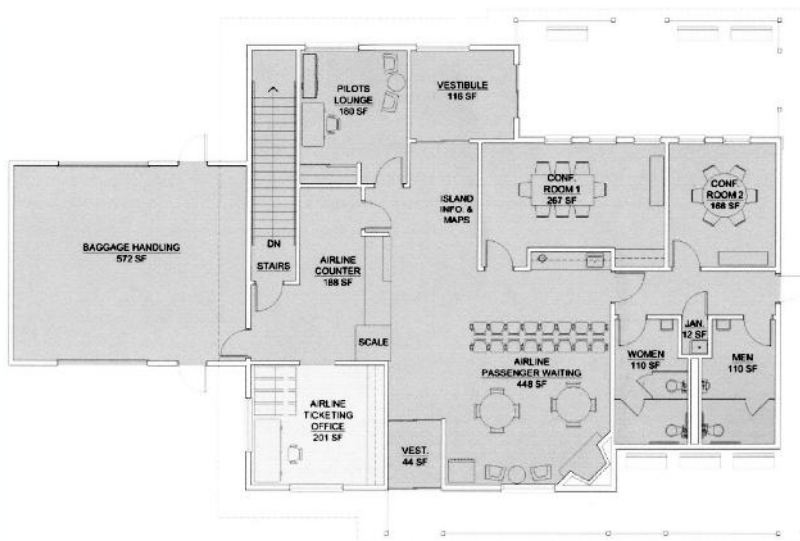
(*Note: Sept. 1-8, 12-14, 16-18, 22-27 raw weather; much rain—F. Protar*)

BIG THINGS AT THE MUNIPORT

Not to be outdone by the planned Charlevoix Airport expansion, our own West Side Muniport has created a six-year plan of its own. These steps involve the acquisition of land, the design and construction of a new terminal and 80 x 80 storage hangar, and the expansion and paving of the parking lot and erection of a security fence.

The terminal building might be designed within a 45' x 78' rectangle, have a pilots' lounge, a ticket counter, a baggage processing center, and two conference rooms.

In the preliminary development plan, the upgrade will begin with a



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\$240,000 purchase of adjacent land, followed by the design and construction of a new terminal (\$665,000). In 2010

the apron will be extended and a tractor/snow-blower will be purchased (\$542,000). 2011 will see a new parking lot and entrance road, plus a storage hangar (\$690,000) and, in 2012, new fueling facilities and a paved crosswind runway. Then the apron and parking area will be expanded, and a security fence built.

All together the upgrade will cost almost three million dollars. With the FAA paying 80% and the state 17½,

our share will amount to only 2½%, or almost \$75,000—split between the two Townships, each will pay around \$6,250 a year (on average).

IT COULD HAVE HAPPENED HERE

Last days of July 08, some people just off the *Emerald Isle* talking to a man on the dock:

"Do you live here? Can you tell us where to go?"

"Yes I do. You want to go on the tour? Get some lunch? To the museum? There's a concert, but not until tonight."

"None of those, thanks. Just wherever *he's* going to be."

Another disembarkee chimed in:

"My mother heard about it on the radio, so we jumped on the first boat. This is exciting! Are we on time?"

The other added, "We wouldn't want to miss it for the world!"

The confused Islander asked for clarification: "I'm not sure I know what you're talking about..."

"Why, *Barack on Beaver*, of course."

—Antje Price

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Dragonflies in formation.
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Dragonflies in the beach sky:
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—Dawn George

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46. THE LIVE YANKEE

by Mike Weede

The loss of the old sailing vessel, the *Live Yankee* during the years from 1870-1900 was barely noteworthy. In addition, there was very little loss of life, and most of the cargo could easily be replaced. This made the event even more trivial. Everything has a useful life span and the cost of a wooden sailing vessel could be recouped in four or five years—with prudent management. Some of the older boats with care and a lot of luck could last well past forty years. Many vessels spent time being repaired during their career because of minor accidents, such as grounding. In an ironic way, this sometimes would lengthen the life of the boat. When a boat was in the shipyard for a minor repair, its owner would invest enough money to correct potential problems, therefore extending the vessel's life.

The *Live Yankee* was built by E. Bates in Milan, Ohio for a shipping concern in Detroit. The owner was

E. Whittaker. (This name is seen frequently in shipping papers.) Construction started in the spring of 1871 and the *Live Yankee* was launched in April of 1872. High water from the snowmelt helped ease the first launching. It turned out to be a lucky ship with few accidents and good cargos. The owners were able to make a handsome profit, and kept the boat for twelve years before it had a change of ownership.

It did not take a large mechanized yard to produce a 150' x 20' sailing vessel. The abundance of wooden shipwrights was adequate enough to build a boat anywhere there was water and a supply of wood that could be used as lumber.

Usually, a variety of wood was preferred for ship building. White oak was used for the hull timbers and ribs (any place where great strength was desired.) One of the wonderful characteristics of white oak is that the pores in the wood are not hollow and water cannot be absorbed through the wood

easily. This means it would greatly reduce wood rot. Red oak has hollow pores and water is absorbed, hence red oak has a greater problem with rot; therefore it was an unfavorable wood for ship construction. White pine was used for masts and spars; when dry it was relatively light and strong. In Michigan there was a surplus of white pine; it was the wood of choice for these applications.

Following the Civil War, shipping on the lakes was very brisk and the new settlers coming to the region kept the freight business strong. Every boat that wanted work could be employed.

In the fall the fruit and grain business was always robust. Moving this cargo was profitable but the lakes at that time of year were unpredictable and due great respect. There was money to be made and bills to pay; so many times taking a chance on the weather was a necessary economic strategy.

The *Live Yankee* could haul about 260 tons of grain, which means that she

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was not a big ship. She was only 115 feet long with a beam of 24 feet and a draft of ten.

At the beginning of November in 1869 the proud little ship was loaded with wheat in the bustling port of Milwaukee. She carried a crew of nine with a special guest on board, the daughter of a friend of the owner. This young lady was 14 years old and named Sarah Barnstable. She was going home to Buffalo, NY, looking forward to seeing the friends to whom she'd been writing weekly letters all summer long.

The *Live Yankee* left the dock at 4:30 the morning of the third of November 1869. The weather was normal for late fall—40 degrees and blustery. The captain was anxious to complete this trip because the season would end December 1. If all went well the *Live Yankee* would soon be docked for the winter. Unfortunately, the storms of Lake Michigan were already making other plans for the small grain ship.

As the *Live Yankee* slowly moved

up Lake Michigan, the weather worsened. On November 4, the wind was a steady 25 knots from the southwest. In the late 1860s navigational charts were not as accurate as today; the only available aides were a compass and a barometer. Somewhere in the dark of the night of November 5, the *Live Yankee* found the Gull Island shoal. Gull Island shoal is located about 3½ miles south of Gull Island; it is about ¾ of a mile long and ¼ of a mile wide. The *Live Yankee* needed at least 10 feet of water to sail and the shoal raised itself within 7' of the water's surface. Therefore, the *Live Yankee* was facing a serious problem.

By now the wind was blowing 25 knots and the waves were six foot and more; the thought of staying on board was not an option. The little ship was already taking on water and settling fast. The crew and the passengers took to the yawl boat and made for the only land in their view, High Island, which was revealing its outline in the gray and windy morning.

The temperature was hovering around the freezing mark. Everyone knew they had limited options, so in the small yawl boat they struggled for about 2½ hours to reach the east side of High. The trip was a frightful nightmare of crashing waves and occupants bailing to save their lives and keep the small boat afloat. When they were finally in the lee of the island, they found a small community of Native American fisherman and their families, who provided food, shelter, and warmth to the survivors. The weather had been so extreme and cold, exposure claimed the life of the steward.

When the weather abated and the *Live Yankee* survivors were once again safe on the mainland, a tug was hired to salvage the boat. Unfortunately, water entering the hull of the *Live Yankee* caused the grain to swell and she had split her hull. Her sailing rig was the only part to be salvaged. The hull was destroyed, and is scattered to this day on Gull Island shoal.

RIC AND CARRIE IN STOURBRIDGE

All's well with our itinerant Islanders in England—Ric and Carrie Denny have settled in west of Birmingham, in Shropshire, having found quarters in an

old, historic neighborhood in an area of glass-makers, near where the first train to run in America was built.

Those wishing to visit (they'll be

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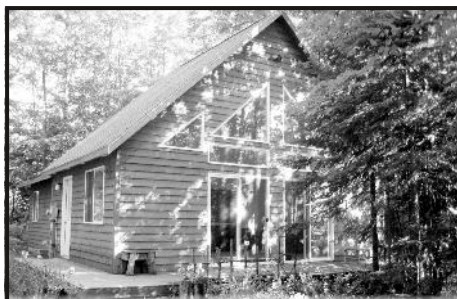
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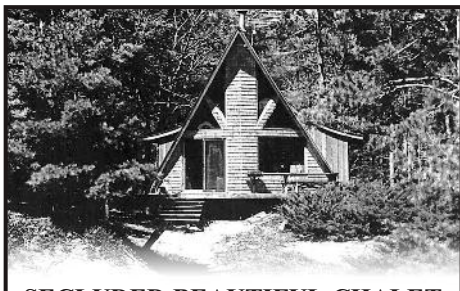
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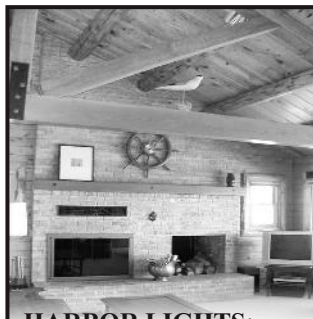
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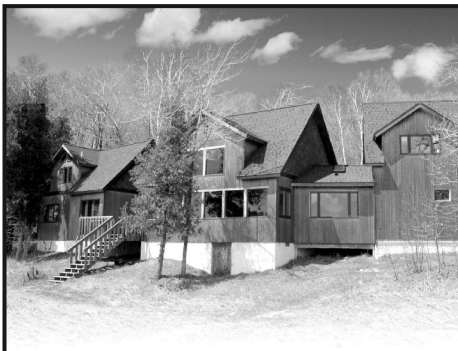
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