

A photograph of a heavily rusted, vintage car, possibly a 1930s model, parked in a field of tall grass and wildflowers. The car's body is dark and corroded, with the paint missing in many places. The driver's side door is open. In the background, there are trees with some autumn-colored foliage under a bright sky with a sun flare.

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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St James Township

At the St. James Town Board meeting of October 7, the AmVets requested a change in their application to erect a monument to Beaver Island's servicemen from the lawn in front of the restroom, which it previously requested, to Arranmore Park, the undeveloped site where the power plant once stood (when permission couldn't be obtained a couple of years ago, the Arranmore Park group's focus shifted to building the Arranmore Grotto on the King's Highway west of the Holy Cross cemetery). A factor in this was the limited parking downtown; now that the restroom is connected to the municipal sewer, its septic field may become additional parking. Concept sketches for the site were passed around (see pages 6 and 7).

A discussion of the fuel oil situation produced some decisions. The tanks at the Government Building and the two Fire Halls will be topped off this fall, but bids to cover twelve months of delivery will not be solicited until the spring because spring prices are generally lower. Mainland firms will also be invited to bid; a 3,000-gallon truck can come over on a regular (non-hazmat) Emerald Isle run.

The Board resolved to give the Airport Committee chairman the authority to accept a grant for tree-cutting.

A five-person Lighthouse Restora-

tion Committee was set up with Don Vyse as its chairman, plus members from GLLKA and the BIHS. A separate account has been opened for this project, and includes a \$6,000 Tribal Grant and other lesser donations.

The CMU Boathouse at Whiskey Point will receive new doors, windows, siding, and a roof this fall. Materials that look old will be allowed, such as metal "permashake" siding.

The investigation into obtaining the DNR building and dock has run into difficulties. The Township had the use of this property on a lease, but it has expired and won't be renewed. Efforts to have it donated are underway, but there is a possibility it will have to be purchased—which will require a bond.

There were four applicants for the two open BITA positions. The Supervisor announced that the Board had decided to appoint Don Vyse and Kitty McNamara because of their prior experience with BITA. (A letter was sent to the sheriff the following week suggesting this decision made outside of the meeting violated the OMA.)

Peaine Township

The Supervisor reviewed the special budget meeting of 9-29, saying that the Board had wanted to keep faith with the voters by setting responsible rates, and, if possible, applying a lower increase than the state's allowed 4.4%.

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It was able to fund all of Peaine's programs with a lesser increase of 1.7%, despite falling revenues and a perceived need to increase its contribution to the Health Center (by \$6,000) and the Library (by \$3,000).

Deciding on whether or not to use the defunct Youth Consortium's funds for Trails Committee projects was postponed because the Township Attorney's preliminary comment was "Be careful."

Last month the Supervisor raised questions about changes the Attorney had made in the proposed airport lease with Fresh Air. After that meeting he asked those questions to the Attorney and discovered the changes had mistakenly referred to the wrong lease—not our previous lease with Fresh Air. Consequently the Attorney submitted a new version based on the right lease. With no substantial changes noted, the new lease was approved.

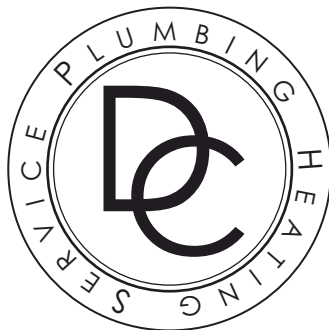
The Airport Committee chairman was authorized to accept the \$75,000 grant for tree cutting, although the Township Attorney gave an opinion that the Committee should be governed by the 1993 Airport Ordinance and not 1983's unsigned memo. The Ordinance called for the Committee to be composed of all ten Board members of the two townships. Since the Committee is not properly composed, either the Ordinance could be amended or the

Committee could be recomposed. The tree cutting cannot begin until the land is acquired, which might require a condemnation process—which could take one to three years.

An examination of the Waste Management Committee's mandate revealed that too has been operating improperly. The document setting forth its duties calls for monthly meetings, not quarterly, and sets its composition as two members from each Town Board plus three appointed at large. In the recomposition Pete LoDico and Jack Gallagher will be Peaine's representatives, and Jim Birdsall and Angel Welke its nominees for the at-large spots. Waste has been shipped on the Ferry, but there has been no contract and rates have been rising—last year \$29,500 was spent to ship waste off. Other shipping options have come forward, and the Peaine members said they hoped to be very aggressive in bringing shipping and other costs down.


The Board renewed its interest in meeting with the St. James Board in the near future to discuss and analyze the operations for which they share responsibility and control. It was hoped these joint meetings might become fairly regular—perhaps quarterly.

After 75 minutes the thirty people in the audience were surprised to discover the agenda had been covered and they could all go home.



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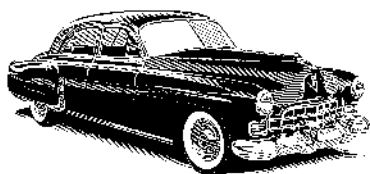
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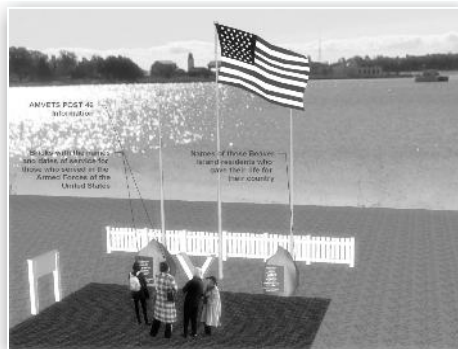
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requested an area on township property in front of the public restroom (near our AmVets sign) of about 900 ft² for a Veterans Memorial. After discussions, Township officials suggested we consider the area where the old power plant was located. The consensus of the Post members is that this is a better location as it is larger and could be used for the annual flag disposal ceremony and other public events. The concept rendering submitted to the Township illustrates the park with these features:

- Three flagpoles.
- A monument to those Beaver Island residents who have given their lives for their country.
- Bricks with the name and date of service of those who served in the

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- Shrubs/fence and maybe a bench.
- Other information or monuments as deemed appropriate.

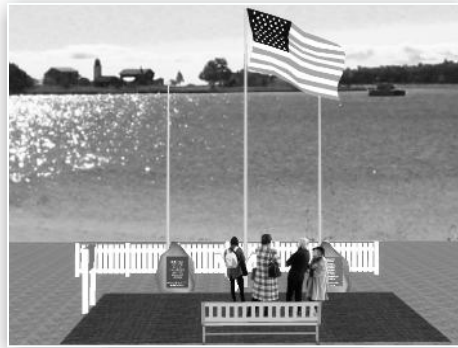
The park concept is based on a similar memorial in Portage that Post member Jack Spanack was involved in.

At our November meeting the Post will form a committee and start the final planning. We would like input from the Beaver Island community. Comments and suggestions can be sent to

AmVets Post 46

Box 319; Beaver Island MI 49782

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In October the St. James Town Board approved the concept of the memorial, subject to approval of a lease with Wolverine Power.

Thanks to St. James Township for letting us proceed on this memorial. We hope to have this park completed by next summer. — Bob Tidmore



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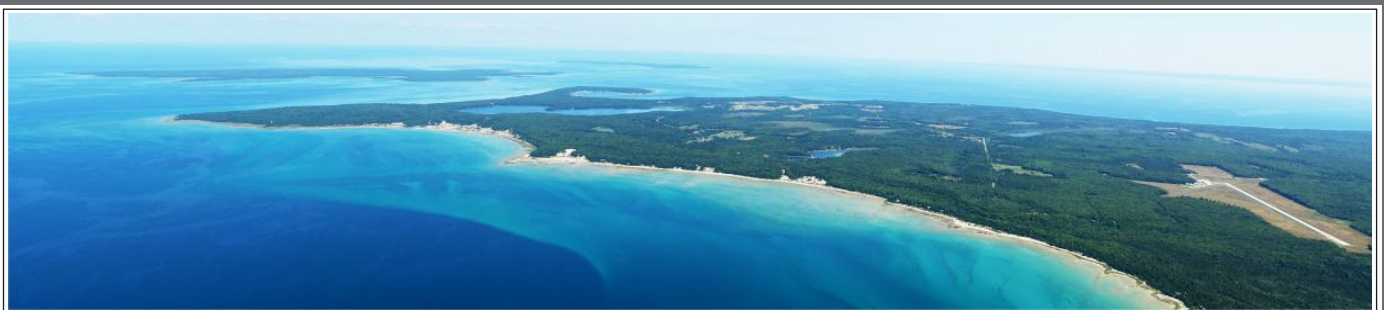
Less than a month after the twenty-six-milers pushed themselves to and, in a few cases, beyond their natural limit, a different, more relaxed band of 84 perambulators tackled the Beaver Island Boodle. Sure, a few participants were intent on winning, but most were either racing against themselves or were just out for a good time.

It was a perfect day, cool enough so the sprinters did not overheat but not so

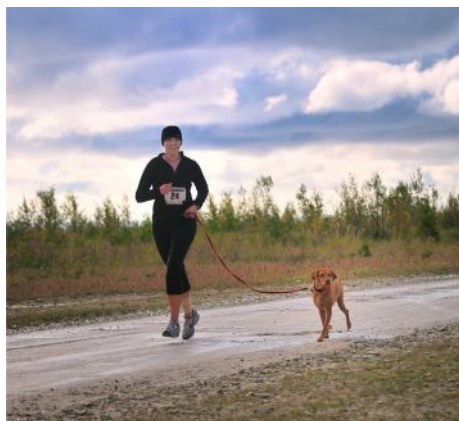
cold the volunteers had to wear mittens. Turns in the route were clearly marked with flour, but that wasn't needed because so many entrants were familiar with the course. The various groups separated into distinct clusters long before reaching Gull Harbor, with voids forming between the leaders and the joggers, the joggers and the power walkers, and the walkers and the strollers, who discussed the issues of the day

as they ambled along. Many met up again at the Finish Line, where they were greeted with cheers as they called on their reserve.

The top three finishers for the runners were: First place—Linda Frysinger with a time of 26.54. Second place—Jim Nielsen 27.34. And Third place—Judy Pollock with a time of 28.02. A great representation for female runners.



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The First place walker was Rick Speck with a time of 37.22. Dennis and Kim Moline tied for Second place with a time of 39.15. And Tina Morgan came in Third place walker with a time of 39.45.

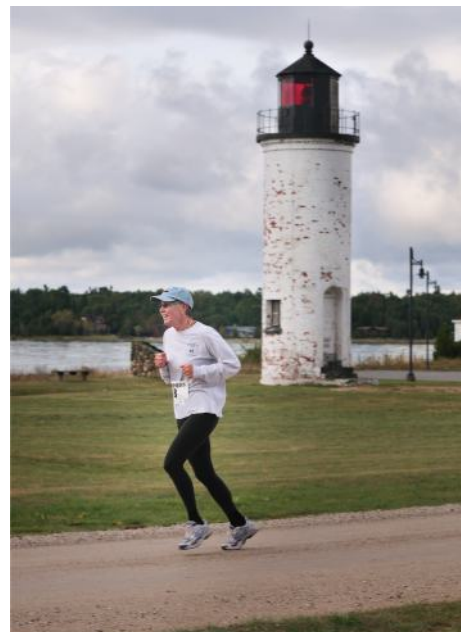
Running or walking the Boodle was the perfect way to work up an appetite for the gourmet offerings available a few hours later at the Parish. Usually there's music, and this year

Mike Scripps provided excellent accompaniment. Good food produces good feelings, and the friendly ambiance had the attendees hanging around after they were full. The weather outside turned blustery, but no one cared; a full belly can make one oblivious to the wind and rain. And, surprisingly, so many were focused on the task at hand that hardly anyone needed an update on the afternoon's football scores. ■

The Sports Boosters and the Chamber of Commerce would like to thank all volunteers, sponsors, and participants of the 2009 Beaver Island Boodle 5K/walk/run. The day was a great success. The Boodle raised over \$2,000 for the benefit of Beaver Island sports.

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12. PASSINGS: DR. RAY MURRAY

Dr. Raymond H. Murray of Lansing died October 2, 2009 at the age of 84.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Grace; son, Jim; and brother, Bob. He is survived by eight children, Maureen Murray of Sarasota, FL, Bob (Merry) Murray of Columbus, OH, Mike (Debbie) Murray of Saline, MI, Peg (Gary) Grauman of Ann Arbor, MI, David Murray of Indianapolis, IN, Lisa Murray of Seattle, WA, Katie (Mason) Soule of Dublin, OH, and Annie (Eric Bode) Murray of Columbus, OH; and their mother, Margaret Murray of Sarasota, FL; 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Ray graduated from the University of Notre Dame, was a graduate of Harvard Medical School in 1948, and served in the Navy Medical Corp during WWII. He trained as a cardiologist and was in private practice in Grand Rapids for seven years. He then began Aero Space Research at Wright

Patterson Air Force Base for Indiana University Medical School. Upon moving to Indianapolis with the Indiana University School of Medicine, he became Director with the Krannert Institute. Following that, he was appointed Chairman of the Dept. of



Human Medicine at Michigan State University until his retirement. Ray will be best remembered for his fantastic storytelling around the campfires on Beaver Island. He was an avid skier, tennis player, and lover of New York and Paris.

His death occurred just after the family celebrated fifty years of Island fun with a reunion on August 7-10, 2009, with 31 people and 5 dogs in attendance. Six family members couldn't make it.

The Murray occupation had begun in 1959, when a friend arranged a vacation on BI for his family. He couldn't get away, but offered to let his family go. They stayed in the a cabin next door to the Allen family house for three weeks.

Ray and his wife had six kids at the time, who had a wonderful time getting to know the Allen kids. The vacation was lots of work for Ray's wife. There was no bath tub or shower in the cabin and no washer/dryer. She had to bathe the kids and do the laundry in the

VIEW FROM THE END (A SUMMER LAMENT)

Haven't been swimming in the lake this summer. The water has been cold and the weather cool. Then Labor Day comes and glorious summer days, one after the other, parade on and on

through one week, then another, and another. The warmest days of the fast fading summer. The lake is gentle and inviting. I may go swimming! Everyone has left. Labor Day ends the season.

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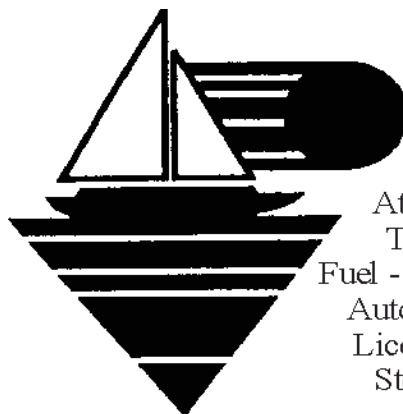
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harbor! As the family grew (eventually, there were nine children), they kept returning, staying in various cottages primarily on Donnegal Bay. They enjoyed going as a family to weekly bingo games at the church hall (whoever won had to treat the rest of the family to drinks at the Shamrock), going on treasure hunts organized by Ray, listening to Ray's stories with characters like Charlie Chipmunk and Minnie the Witch (the grandchildren and great-grandchildren still enjoy these).

The Murrays fell in love with that part of the Island and eventually bought a cottage. They kept it for a few years, but then sold it and rented again for

awhile. Eighteen years ago Ray bought Buzz Anderson's house, remodeled it, and named it "The Colony." There have been some Murrays enjoying BI every summer for the past 50 years—the number has waxed and waned but there have always been some Murrays up

here during the summer.

Today, the family is spread out across the country in Lansing, Indianapolis, Sarasota, Columbus, Ann Arbor, Seattle, Washington, DC, Omaha, North Carolina, and California. We aren't able to get everyone together very often anymore. However, they all made it for the reunion—the last for Ray.

(The people in the totem pole picture - in order, left to right: Peg Grauman, David Murray, Mardi Murray, Katie Soule, Mike Murray, Ray Murray, Bob Murray, Maureen Murray, Annie Murray and Lisa Murray; one of the Murray children is deceased.)

dune grass is parched. The solution I decide is giant sprinklers to water the forest and sand.

I drive to town. The streets are empty. No one is in the market, except

the cashier, who is also tending the meat counter. "Tim's on a golf outing." I check out and, across the street, fill up with gas. At the Community Center I get tickets for Claudia Schmidt.

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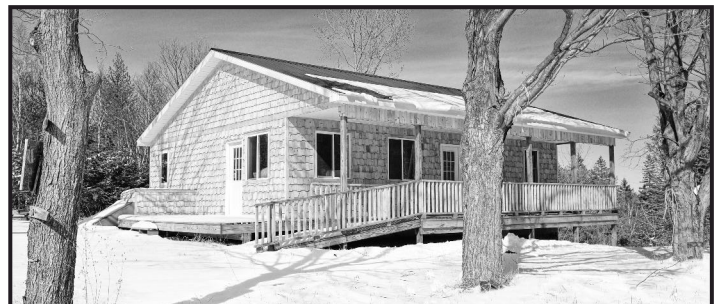
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14. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago Thanks to Chamber of Commerce summer office manager Courtney Moore, the BICS upper classes were given a tour of the *Columbus*, a seven-deck luxury German cruise vessel. A tender took them out to the 90-passenger ship and up to the pilot house.

The Preservation Association moved its office into the "bank building." The latest drawings of the planned Community Center were available. A Board of Directors and an Advisory Board were in place, and a commitment was made to the new Youth Consortium headed up by new resident Elaine West. Prints of the Pat Tinney painting, Beaver Island Montage, were for sale, and blue spruce trees were on their way from Jerry Masek—to be given out to donors. A Christmas Party was planned for Peaine Hall.

BICS students continued to raise money for preserving the Brazilian rain forest. In six years local efforts had saved 52.3 acres of endangered land through T-shirt days.

The Old Rectory designated Monday as movie night, and had an "open mike" night every other Friday.

The Health Center was lobbying the townships to buy a back-up generator for the facility.

The BICS students wrote a letter protesting an article in which Chuck Hooker accused one of them of being behind the theft of the Library sign. He defended himself by citing statistics showing that most instances of this kind of Halloween vandalism are done by kids.

New Island resident Kevin Jeter offered to teach gymnastics at the school. Courtney Moore, reporting on the school, noted that a yearbook committee had been created, and that their

production would include a literary journal as its back half.

Twenty Years Ago Bud Martin unearthed some human skeletal remains 12" under the pavement when digging a trench across Michigan Avenue for a drain pipe at Mike and Patti Fogg's property. They were forwarded to MSU's Forensic Anthropology Department for analysis.

The school created its first-ever safety Patrol.

The Island submitted grant requests for building a transfer station and for closing the dump. The Townships agreed to buy 20 acres on the E-W part of East Side Drive from Jon Bonadeo.

The "Hundred with a Heart" campaign—in which 100 people were sought who would each donate \$100 to buy a \$10,000 defibrillator—was going well, with 88 commitments after only two months.

The CCRC reported that no county road money was available for King's Highway repairs.

Connie Wojan ran in the Chicago Marathon, finishing in 4 hours 21 minutes. Of the 8,000 who started, only 5,700 hit the finish line.

Mary Palmer, Julie, Kathy, and Cindy Gillespie, Patti Wojan, Diane Hetherington, and K. K. Belfy won first prize in the Shamrock's Halloween contest, dressing as penguins.

Butler's Store on Paid een Og Road adopted the slogan, "If we don't have it, we'll get it."

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* did not publish this month.

Forty Years Ago Some Island anglers decided to see if the rumors of Coho and Brown Trout in the Lake were true. Phil Gregg and Perry Gatliff each discovered they were, Phil taking a 9½-

pound brown off the Beaver Haven dock, and Perry hooked three salmon.

Deer hunters numbered 644, with Walt Wojan bagging a 9-pointer opening morning. The count was 71 bucks, 46 does, and 50 fawns. The Hunters' Dinner set an attendance record.

The first Island visit by a Republican governor since Chase Osborne paid a call in 1913 had William Milliken tour the harbor area. He and his wife stopped at the school and shook hands with each student, and then they went to the Museum to meet A. J. Roy.

The *Beacon* commended Grace Cole for keeping the Killarney Inn open through hunting season.

The fourth annual Grand Rapids Party was a success, raising money for the Med Center (which also netted \$157 from the Hunters' Ball at the Shamrock).

The passing of Island-born Arthur Pischner in Two Rivers was noted.

Fifty Years Ago The new public dock in the harbor was completed.

The condition of the two young women who survived the car crash on the King's Highway continued to improve. A benefit party held for them was well attended. Added to the pot was the \$75 won for the closest guess of the number of planes to arrive for the Dawn Patrol.

Electric service was being expanded by adding new transformers to the power station.

Ernie Manthi of Charlevoix was logging on Garden Island "to improve the grouse habitat."

Current Islanders on the Honor Roll: Ron, Jean, and Ed Wojan, and Glen LaFreniere.

Elmer Dudley, former Island Coast Guard chief who married Vickie Connaghan, passed away at the Charlevoix Hospital.

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16. PAR FOR THE COURSE

by Fairway Frank

Well, it's happened. Again. We've reached November and the near end of another golfing season.

I say *near* end, as it is only November and who can say what the final weeks of 2009 will hold for us, weather-wise? If we're at all lucky we'll have a few sunny days above the freezing mark and without a gale blowing, and we'll be out there taking in what may or may not be the final round. A few years ago we snuck in a number of satisfying rounds in both December and then January.

Regardless of what the future holds, it has been another great season of golf on Beaver Island (I know, it really goes without saying, but, hey, someone has to). And with that in mind, let's take a brief look back at what happened

Both the Fourth of July tournament and the Sowa Golf Outing were won with amazing scores of 29. That's six

shots under par and the first time, as far as I can find, that either event saw a score under 30. It can be a little disheartening to shoot a respectable round of even-par 35 on a mixed team and still come in that many shots off the lead. But it does provide motivation for improvement, as if any golfer really needs that from an outside source.

A point of contention did arise at the Fourth of July tournament this year, and is, in my mind, one that should be addressed before next year's event tees off. This tournament is set up as a five-person team

event. Yet each year there are one or two teams with only four players on the card. When this happens, such a team is allowed a fifth attempt, on a rotating basis, at each shot to make up for the missing player. What this essentially allows is a 'do over' or in golf terms, a mulligan. On every shot rotation. What golfer wouldn't like a

few opportunities per round to improve on a shot? Pull the ball left? Here try again. Chip a little short? Why not give it another shot. Didn't see that putt breaking right? Go a little left next time. If that's the way this is going to be played you can bet my team will only have four players next year.

There are two simple solutions to this dilemma: play with five or don't play at all; or play with however many you have with no extra shots.

Turning back to the brighter aspects of play this year, the new Beaver Island Rural Health Center Outing was a huge success, garnering over \$6,000 for the

clinic. There already has been some discussion on how to make this event even more successful next year. Another highlight was the success of the Mixed Partner alternate shot outings. These once-a-month Sunday outings have become



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highly anticipated events. Prize money is awarded for the top four places, and playoffs to determine the final standings are, well, par for the course.

This past month a new twist was added to the final Mixed event as it was played using what is known as the Pinehurst Rules. In this format each of the two players hits a drive but then hits their partner's ball for the second shot.

After that they choose which ball to play and then play alternate shots until the ball is holed. This way both players are more involved in the game and both get more shots, which, after all, is why they are on the course.

Look to see this format in the mix for a few of the Mixed outings in 2010.

A new addition to the golf course was added this fall at the tee box on the seventh hole. A wonderful granite bench was placed there in memory of Norm Banghart by his family. The inscription on the bench notes: He always cherished his time on Beaver Island Golf Course.

Norm, along with his wife Peg a long-time summer resident and golf member, passed away in 2007. Now with your back to the open fields of Don Welke's farm where there are often deer grazing, under the shade of a majestic maple tree, you can sit for a moment, gather your thoughts, and watch your playing partners tee off while enjoying the view down the long, graceful seventh fairway,



across the ball-inviting pond, and out into the infinity of possibility. Thanks to the family for this memorial; to John for getting it placed; and to Norm, this next big drive is for you.

As we again approach another winter, we see how life and golf intertwine, holding our daily activities close to our memories. And it once again gives us

pause to reflect on how things in golf, as in life, rarely work out the way we'd like. We hope for long drives and tight chips and straight putts just as we hope for financial success, little illness, and care-free days. But despite our best efforts we simply get what we get. The real problem in both golf and life occurs when we fail to accept, fail to delight in, the sometimes agonizing struggle along the way to tomorrow or the next shot.

So how do we enjoy the struggle regardless of the circumstance in which it occurs? By giving thanks that we have it, that we have this precious moment to experience. Give thanks for being in

the rough. Give thanks for a flat tire to fix. Just as we should give thanks for being on the green in regulation or for the \$20 bill you found in your pants pocket this morning. The thing we have to remember is neither golf nor life is good or bad; they just are. Accept, embrace, discover, grow. And most of all, enjoy.

Until next season, Fore!



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18. DATE SET FOR MARATHON 2010

Recently the Marathon Principals Committee (made up of the primary event sponsors) met to begin the planning process for next year. The group reviewed comments from many interested parties including runners, business owners and Beaver Island residents contained on 12 single-spaced typed pages. Comments were 95% positive with suggestions for improvement. We hope people will understand that differing interests made it impossible to implement all the good ideas. **September 4th, 2010** has been selected for the 2010 Beaver Island Marathon.

We want to share with the community a few of the many factors which influenced the decision to select Labor Day weekend again and some planned improvements. Frankly, for the last several years prior to this, Labor Day weekend has not been a great one for Beaver Island. In 2009 boat and air travel to Beaver Island during the three-day weekend increased nearly ten fold—**354 Runners plus 435 friends and family for a total of 807 people, 98% staying for 2 or more days**

They came from 16 states and Canada. Most were first-time visitors to Beaver Island. Overwhelmingly they said they had a wonderful time, and want to return; many plan to bring more family and stay longer. For a large number the three-day holiday weekend was a key to being able to come and

spend 2-3 days. The event was a big success because of the warmth and hospitality of the Island and the professionalism of Good Boy Events.

Pushing the event further into September historically risks windy weather not suitable to comfortable travel. Moving back into August bumps into greater likelihood of hot weather and booked accommodations. Other longstanding Midwest running events are also a factor. Late June is a future possibility, perhaps for a triathlon.

Again being candid, some of us underestimated the economic impact and were not completely ready to deal with the numbers. The first event is always a learning opportunity. Planning for next year is already underway, and numerous opportunities for improvement have been identified. To mention a few changes: A new 13.1 mile course that will reduce and shorten the business impact of less vehicle traffic; More participation by businesses along the course; Additional marketing focus on extending the Beaver Island visit.

We believe there is plenty of opportunity to make next year's Beaver Island Marathon bigger and better for the participants, the promoters, and our Island. We welcome questions and suggestions from the community.

—Kathy Speck, president of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, and Steve West, Executive Director

PABI RECEIVES PEOPLE FUND GRANT

The Preservation Association of Beaver Island has received a \$5,000 grant from the Great Lakes Energy People Fund. The grant helped pay for the video projection system at the Beaver Island Community Center. The purchase and installation of the system allows motion pictures, power point presentations, and eventually, video conferencing to be shown at the Center.

With no theater on the Island, residents and visitors used to have to travel to the mainland to take in a movie or experience other high-quality visual presentations. Now, with the help of the GLE grant, residents and visitors can enjoy these activities on the big screen right here on Beaver Island.

The Preservation Association

Board of Directors, Beaver Island Community Center Staff, and all members of the Island Community are grateful to the Great Lakes Energy People Fund for their support. It is admirable when area businesses help their customers reinvest in their own local communities. We thank you, GLE!

Members of Great Lakes Energy support the People Fund by voluntarily rounding up their bills to the next highest dollar. The rounded up amount is distributed to non-profit organizations and charitable activities that benefit people in the communities served by the cooperative. The Island's Preservation Association Board of Directors support the People Fund, and urge other customers to do the same.



20. VOLUNTEERISM ALIVE AND WELL SO FAR, SO GOOD

Sooner or later, everyone who moves here is driven by the satisfaction they find to want to “give something back,” and that has happened again. This time Adam Wirth has been “moved by the Island spirit,” and has responded by creating the “Beaver Island Volunteer Corps” with a simple mission: to assist anyone who could use a little help. So far the Corps has been receiving unbelievable support for its first project, named the “cottage for Karen.”

Karen and Adam made a plan for her new home: a simple structure with nice aesthetics and function, 20' by 24' with a 24' covered porch. A loft upstairs for a bedroom. Many donations have already arrived, but more are needed. Adam is finishing a material list, which will be posted so folks can see what we will still need.

Jeff Powers has set up an account at the hardware store to accept donations and will provide needed materials at an almost-cost price. Thanks, Jeff.

Thanks go to all those who have committed their time and support and materials to this worthy project.

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AIR SHOW IN 2010?

For the last two years the Chamber, with the support of sponsors, has held an air show-like event in June. The main attractions were WWII vintage bombers. Because the Chamber's costs last year exceeded budget by a significant margin we have not scheduled an air show event for 2010. If any member organization or individual would like to partner with the Chamber to develop an air show/fly-in event, we would love to hear from you: (231) 448 - 2505

— Steve West, Chamber Director

At this point the signs are positive, and our gamble to grab some of the stimulus funds may pay off. On October 14th Beaver Island Broadband was included in a group of eight Last-Mile Michigan Applicants for Federal Stimulus funding recommended by Governor Granholm for consideration by the U. S. government. We anticipate hearing from the U. S. government between November 1 and November 15 if Beaver Island Broadband makes the “first cut” at the Federal level.

If we make the “first cut,” we will move into the second phase in which the final successful applicants are selected. The timing for making the final announcements in “phase 2” is unclear at this time. As the timing becomes clear, notification will be made.

The good news is that we are still in the race. The hope is that we will be selected for funding.

—Jack Gallagher





NEWS FROM PORT ST. JAMES

At this year's Port St. James Association's Annual Meeting three Board Directors were elected to fill a three-year term. Dave Adams and Rosemary Burget were newly elected and Kirk McBride was re-elected. The PSJA Board would like to recognize Phillip Hoffman and Karen Whitecraft for their past service to the Board and Association. Additionally we express appreciation to James Birdsall for his service and regretfully accept his resignation as a result of other commitment conflicts. At the regular Board meeting on October 17th, Dan Connaghan was appointed to fill Jim's unexpired term. We welcome all the new Directors to the Board.

Based on recent events, Port St. James Association Board of Directors has a concern for the safety and welfare of members' pets, primarily cats and dogs. There have been several reports of possible poisoned bait being used in PSJA assumedly for the eradication of coyotes. Dogs that have consumed the

bait have become seriously ill and near death. The PSJA Board regrets the loss of any pet as a result of coyotes but also has a greater concern over the illegal use of poisoned bait and the resulting danger to our pets. Based on these regrettable events, the Board is taking the following action:

- 1) Requesting that all pet owners be diligent in the safety and welfare of their pets at all times to protect them from coyotes as well as possible poisoning.

- 2) PSJA is offering a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest of anyone apprehended for the act of bait poisoning or illegal killing of coyotes within PSJA.

Additionally, a PSJA individual member has offered to match the reward, bring the total to \$1000.

PSJA prohibits all hunting on or within its Common Properties. Any suspected illegal activity should be reported to Deputy Williams.

HUNTERS' DINNER

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club is pleased to announce the First Annual Harold Lounsberry Hunters' Dinner (formerly the Hunters' Dinner but renamed in honor of a long-time staunch supporter) on Saturday, November 14, at the Shamrock.

The net proceeds of the dinner this year (and the Dinners we'll hold in the future) will be donated to the 21st Century Scholarship at the Beaver Island Community School. Those proceeds will be matched by the Wildlife Club.

Once again we will be selling raffle tickets on a very special rifle. This year we are offering a Ruger 308 with engraving of our logo. Additional prizes will be two engraved hunting knives, GPS, and a gift certificate from Jay's Sporting Goods.

Be sure to attend the Dinner. It's for a good cause – both the boost for the Scholarship Fund, and to support our efforts to promote and protect the health and diversity of the Island's wildlife.



BICAA'S MINI-GRANT PROGRAM 23.

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association (BICAA) is initiating a new mini-grant program to support the creative work of local artists who enrich the cultural life of the Beaver Island community. Funding for the program is generated by Baroque on Beaver.

The new program was created by the BICAA Board as a means of fulfilling its mission to support year-round cultural arts in the Beaver Island community. BICAA has previously invested proceeds from Baroque on Beaver in the string program and other cultural activities for students at the Beaver Island Community School. Since BICS recently received a major grant to fund similar projects, the BICAA Board decided to refocus on supporting the work of local artists.

Applications may be obtained from BICAA Board member Miranda Rooy, mirandarooy@hotmail.com and will be posted on www.baroqueonbeaver.com. Applications will be accepted electronically and must be received by November 15, 2009. A Selection Committee will

review applications and make recommendations. Awards will be made in mid-December. For more information, please contact Anne Glendon, aglendon@sbcglobal.net. Eligibility requirements for candidates:

1. Year-round or seasonal residents of the Island for at least 2 years;
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4. Agreement to report on, share, demonstrate, show or perform whatever work is produced as a result of the grant during the Baroque on Beaver annual festival, or at another event sponsored by BICAA in association with the festival.

REMEMBERING HAROLD

Some of life's best lessons are learned from those who are dying. Harold took dying to the highest level yet. These are some of the things I learned from Harold Lounsberry.

Openness. As soon as he was diagnosed with cancer he told his family and close friends. This served a dual purpose. It made us more comfortable to be around him and kept us coming for visits that he enjoyed.

Hope. Even though he knew he had a poor prognosis he never lost hope that one or another of his ongoing treatments would save his life. He never gave up.

Staying informed. Harold knew about the medications he was taking and as much as possible about procedures that were being done to him. He asked questions and got answers.

Being involved. Harold never resigned his position with the Wildlife Club as treasurer or his place on the township planning commission. He participated until his death prevented it.

Curiosity. He never lost it! Just this past winter he enlisted the aid of my husband Joe to teach him how to make

and bake French bread, Parker House rolls, and Every Day Peasant bread. He delighted in taking loaves to his doctors. Just a few days before he died he and Sally were out 'Geo Cashing.'

Friendship. You've all heard the saying about being able to choose your friends but are stuck with your relatives – well Harold chose Joe and me and we chose Harold. I count my friendship with Harold as one of life's treasures.

Faith. Harold's faith in God sustained him through his illness. Whatever your faith is, you can learn from Harold.

Humor. I don't think there was a time when we didn't get a laugh or two over something. Harold always had that little twinkle in his eye that suggested he was going to play a trick or tease you in some funny way. Can any of us ever forget him as Frankenstein?

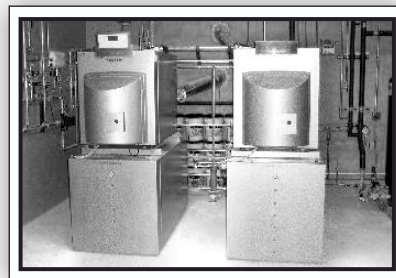
Dignity. This is where Harold gets the prize. He fought until the end; then he died quietly—slipping away in his sleep to eternal peace.

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—Lois Williams

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CAMERON SAYS

It's hard to believe I've been here nearly one full year and that now it's time for my mom and I to move on to a new adventure. It's been pretty fun living with my aunt Sue and gruncle Frank (that's his new word for great uncle; he does stuff like that and makes lots of funny noises too).


Anyway, my mom is ready to go to school and she says I will get to go to school too. Okay, day care, but it will be like school to me. Now that I'm walking I figure it's time to start learning new things, like how to say all these words in my head instead of typing them.

Before I go, however, I wanted to thank all the great people who helped take care of me, who played with me, and everyone who pitched in to make my stay here more fun and comfortable. Since I'm new at this I hope I don't forget anyone.

First of all, thanks to everyone who gave stuff like clothes and toys, especially the toys, to us. Karen and Laura and Rachel passed on what seemed like tons of hand-me-downs. And I liked 'em all, hands down. Then there were all the neat gifts my mom and I received at our recent going away get-together. All kinds of people gave us stuff: kitchen stuff, bathroom stuff, everyday stuff, and, best of all, some more toys. I think my mom sent a thank you note to all those folks, along with a cool picture of me eating some cake.


And in between all that there were all the babysitters who looked after me while my mom was working. Let's see, there was Brigid and Briana; Hannah, Emily, and Michelle; Erin, Avery, and Dave; Meg and Carolyn; and sometimes it seemed like all the kids at the school held me whenever I went there—I liked that. Then there were all the ladies at the Resale Shop, they were really nice, plus they made me stuff. But most of all I want to thank all the Boyles. Judy watched me once a week and Erin and Emily and even Ryan were fun to hang with.

There's other important people I'll miss too. Betty, Chris, Donna, and Mary at the clinic, everyone at the Community Center, and my great-grandmother Ellie. Plus there's Jim and Donna as well as Bryan and Cathy and that cute little Chloe. And Dan and Joe



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So there you have it. Like I said, I'm not even a year old yet (although I went to Andrew's first birthday party so I know what's coming—more cake! and toys!) so I hope I didn't forget anyone. If I did you know I'm sorry.

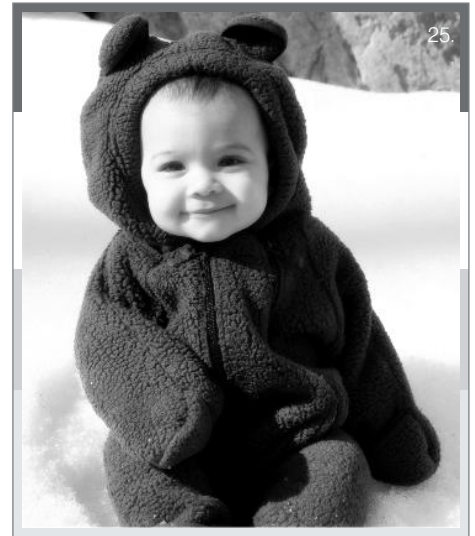
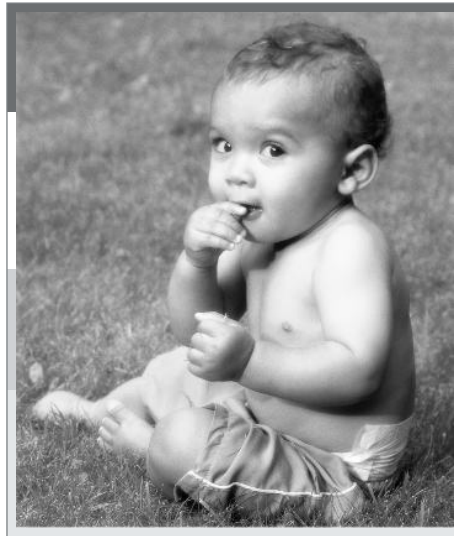
Before I go though I want to share a poem my gruncle wrote about me not long after I came along. I like it because it's about me. He hasn't said if he will write another one about me after I'm gone, but I kind of think he might. I'm taking a copy of it with me along with some pictures of both him and my aunt so I won't forget them, not that I could, they've been around ever since the first minute I've been around after all.

I hope to come back to visit soon. My mom said something about turkey, whatever that means.

Welcome Back Cameron

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baby nature, Buddha nature, natural, vital, vigorous,
vernal — here, now, again, re-emerged in this body,
at this time, to this place, to Brittney, to us,
to the world, re-creating re-creation, completing again
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going, being, excitement, tension, caring,
all emotions wrapped around him, swaddled,
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changed and changed and changed again, and
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NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES AT BICS

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by Frank Solle

Every other year at Beaver Island Community School there is an early buzz in the fifth-sixth grade classroom as the students know that, once again, this is the year.

The excitement, apart of course from simply returning to school after another long, boring summer, is the bi-annual exploration of Native American culture. "This year we are again doing our fifth-grade Social Studies curriculum, and it starts out with our study of Native American cultures," said teacher Debbie Robert. "After we've studied each region every student picks a region to research further," Mrs. Robert explained of the unit. The various regions include the Northwest, Southeast, Plains, Southwest, Northwest, and Northern Inuit.

Each student writes a report on their region,

listing the various tribes located there, what their customs were, why they lived there, the type of dwellings they did, and so on," she added.

Then the students create an example of one of those dwellings in their region of choice. And that's where this unit of study really gets creative.

With all but one finished project on display in the lobby in front of the school's gym, it's easy to see why the students enjoy this program. Using materials as varied as play dough to marshmallows, from wood chips to rocks, popsicle sticks to real sticks, from pine boughs to moss, the students go all out to

create their projects. And the one project not on display? Well, that one was an igloo made of real ice. That's going all out.

"Not only do the kids enjoy working on this," Mrs. Robert said, "but their parents do too. I've spoken with many parents who have had children do this in the past.

They tell me they look forward to doing it again with their current fifth or sixth graders."

Parents aren't the only ones who enjoy this project. "The class received a boost this year when Ms. McNamara told them this is her favorite fifth-sixth grade project," Mrs. Robert reported.

Not one to take the glory, Mrs. Robert admitted upfront that this project was initially started by Donna Stambaugh some years ago. "I believe in giving credit where credit is due," she said. "Mrs. Stambaugh started this tradition and today's project is a knock-off from that."

A knock-out is more like it, as that's the first impression you get when viewing these creative, well-thought-out projects. Or when you imagine what their life must have been like.



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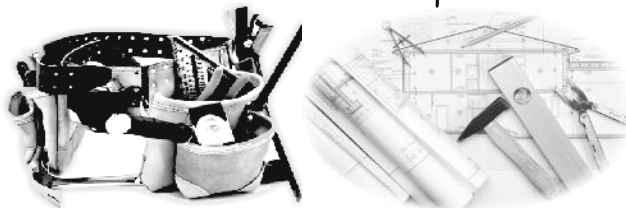
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from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 3, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Miss McCauley, of St. James, visited Charlevoix last Friday."

"D. C. Schweitzer, of St. James, was a business visitor to Charlevoix Friday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 4, 1909 Front Page Article:

BEAVER ISLAND'S OPPORTUNITY

"Under the quickening influence of the Western Michigan Development Bureau interest in agriculture is being stimulated all along the line. Especially is this true of fruit culture."

"Charlevoix county is in the Michigan fruit belt, strongly entrenched, and abundantly able to prove its right to remain."

"The apple crop of Charlevoix county this fall has clinched the claim with copper rivets. The forthcoming Bureau exhibit at Chicago will proclaim to the world that the adaptability of Charlevoix county to fruit culture can never again be challenged."

"It is therefore important that idle acres everywhere within the borders of the county should be made to contribute to the record....Beaver Island is a part of Charlevoix county, and most of its land is as productive as any in Northern Mich-

igan. While there are few orchards on the Island, fruit culture there has been neglected."

"The Island and the Traverse Bay peninsula possess the same climatic conditions, and the latter have for many years been famous for pomology. Owners of land on the Manitou, and even the Fox Islands are to plant great orchards there. Why should not Beaver Island wake up to the importance of the opportunity?"

"There is wealth for the Islanders in apples. It is very regrettable that this matter has so long been neglected there, but better late than never."

"We hope to see many thousands of apple trees planted on the Island with the next year. There should be no hesitation. The profit of an apple orchard is certain."

Local News: "Dr. Auld is at St. James this week, doing dental work." (Note: J.A. Auld, DDS appears in *The Hotel Beaver* register)

"The steamer *Beaver* has resumed her tri-weekly schedule for the Island route."

"The local fish hatchery is being put in shape for the annual hatch, under the charge of Mr. Chas. Cole, of Northville. Mr. A. T. Stewart is at St. James for the spawning season."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. John Floyd is in Charlevoix this week visiting her sister, Mrs. Wideman who is ill."

"Mrs. B. Schied, of Ludington, is here visiting her sisters, Mrs. T. Roddy and Mrs. John C. Gallagher."

"A. T. Stewart, of the government commission, and Mr. Brewer, of Owosso, are here for the spawning."

"Phil P. Gallagher is at Charlevoix this week."

"Miss Kate McCauley went to Chicago last week."

"Gus Kitzinger, of Manistee was at the Island several days last week."

"P. O. Gallagher arrived home from Chicago Saturday."

"Miss Martha French returned to her home in Chicago Saturday after a four weeks' visit with her uncle supervisor W. D. Gallagher."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner and wife returned home Friday from their western trip."

"Six new families were brought here last week by the Beaver Island Lumber Co."

"W. E. Boyle returned here yesterday from his western trip." (Note: November 1 *Thunderstorm!* F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 10, 1909 **Local News Briefly**

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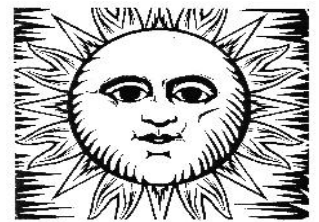
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Told: "M. Stafford, of St. James, was in the city on business Friday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 11, 1909 **Local News:** "Spawn gathering here and at Beaver Island is quite successful. Fully 9,000,000 trout eggs have been gathered and shipped up to date – a large majority coming from the Island."

"A record 'lift' of trout is reported from Beaver Island. The tug *McCann* brought in Tuesday four and three quarters tons."

Beaver Island News: "John Grill is our after his sickness."

"Mrs. J. B. Bonner is on the sick list."

"The houses are all filled; no vacant places."

"The band boys had a dance in the new hall. They have a fine piano in the hall now."

"Dr. J. A. Auld is at the Beaver Hotel doing dental work. Dr. Auld is doing good work."

"L. D. Brewer is in charge of the spawning interest here, with Ed. B. Gallagher helper."

"Arthur J. Gallagher, wife and family moved to Manistique, where he will work for Capt. J. Coffey."

"Ed. Chapman of the Soo, ex game

warden is looking after the state interest in the spawn gathering."

"The steamer *Went* (sic) arrived Friday night with a load of hay and feed for the B. I. L. Co., also took a load of lumber Monday."

"Mrs. Bea Schied and friend Mrs. Holly, left for their home in Ludington after a visit with their friends at the Island. They report a good time."

"The steamer *Chase S. Osborn* with J. B. Eddy, deputy game warden spent Saturday and Sunday at St. James. They took seven cases of trout eggs to Charlevoix." (Note: November 11 Thunderstorm! F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 17, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "George Stevens of St. James, was in the city Monday."

"P. D. Malloy, of St. James, was in the city Thursday."

"John Grill, of St. James, was in the city on business Thursday."

"Mrs. John Wood, of St. James was visiting in the city Thursday."

"Dr. Auld returned home Friday from the Beaver Island where he was doing some dental work."

"John Gallagher and William Douglas of St. James were at Baker's Inn Sunday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 18, 1909 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* missed her regular Monday Island trip on account of bad weather and could not go Tuesday for the same reason."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 24, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "James McCann, of St. James, was in the city the first of the week."

"John Gallagher, of the Beaver Islands, is in the city on business." (Note: November 16 - 20 storms, some snow, 32 to 20 degrees; some ideal fall weather, to 64 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 25, 1909 **Local News:** "John C. Gallagher, John Floyd, Chas. Cross, Capt. Allers and John S. Gallagher of St. James, are in the city."

"The game and fish wardens' troubles began Saturday morning when the closed season for fishing began. It ends Dec. 15th and until that time the deputies will have eyes in the back of their heads."

"For the first time in the history of the local fish hatchery that plant will go into commission this week and work all winter on trout eggs. Mr. A. T. Stewart, who has had charge of the spawn harvest will remain here in charge."

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OPEN SEASON ON WINNING COMES TO A CLOSE by Frank Solle

It was another successful season for both *Islanders* teams this fall as the soccer team completed a clean sweep of the season's 10 games to claim another Northern Lights League title and then added a pair of victories to their

total by sweeping through the league tournament. Meanwhile, the volleyball team completed league action with an 8-2 record, good for second place behind Mackinac Island. The *Lady Islanders* still have a district tournament date

waiting for them on Nov. 7.

Waterfowl Paradise

As the old adage goes: it was a good day if you were a duck. Such was the weather situation when the *Islanders* suited up to play soccer Oct. 2 during



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Olivia at net



Hannah bumps



Brontae receives



their biannual trip to Paradise, as it was cold, wet, and dreary. Quack.

But the *Islanders* didn't duck their responsibilities as they forced the host *Rockets* into the first of what proved to be a pair of goose eggs with 6-0 win.

Saturday's game was played under somewhat drier conditions, but the result was nearly the same with a 7-0 win to improve the *Islanders* to 8-0 on the season.

"There were pretty rough conditions

on Friday," said *Islanders* coach Matt Ritchie. "There was a lot of wind, a lot of rain, and it was cold. There was some light rain on Saturday, but fortunately their field is in a new

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Islanders, continued from page 31. location so mud wasn't much of a problem."

For the weekend Dereck McDonough scored four goals and had one assist, Cameron LaVasseur scored three goals and added an assist, Bryan Timsak netted two goals and an assist, Brigid Cushman scored two goals, Olivia Cary scored a goal and assisted in another, and Doug Campbell scored a goal. Adding assists were Jenna Butler and Kristy Bousquet. In the goal, Olivia Schwartzfisher made four saves on Friday while Jewell Cushman gathered up a pair of saves on Saturday.

The weekend forecast was much better indoors for volleyball, although

many of the girls play both sports and needed to dry out, warm up, and switch uniforms between games on Friday. However, that doesn't mean playing conditions improved much, as the Paradise gym is anything but gymnastic. Instead, it is small, cramped, crowded, and quite difficult to play in.

But again, the *Islanders* created plenty of space between themselves and the *Rockets*, claiming two more league victories with a 25-15 trifecta Friday while claiming Saturday's sweep 25-21, 25-20, and 25-14 to improve their record to 6-0.

"We were able to get our serves in on their short court," said coach Kerry Smith. "We simply executed all our

plays, we hit, we blocked, and we covered well. It's very difficult to play on that court and I'm pleased with how well we played."

Tournament trials

Participating in the 7th Annual Mackinac Island Volleyball Tournament on Oct. 10, the *Lady Islanders* struggled through the opening round of 'pool' play, winning just two of their six games against the other three teams in their division before finding their stride in 'bracket' play and advancing to the tournament's semifinal round.

Wins against Wolverine (20-13) and Burt Lake Northern Michigan Christian (20-15) in the opening round were offset by losses to those teams as well (6-20,



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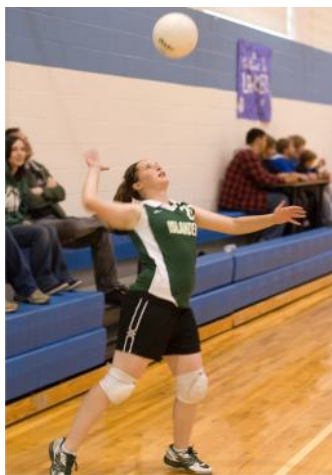
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Claire returns



Jenna concentrates



Jenna serves



Alex attacks

9-20). Throw in a pair of losses to eventual tourney winner DeTour (19-20, 8-20), and the *Islanders* were at the bottom of the eight-team pack in overall points for the round.

But that first round simply determined the bracketing for the second round, which found the *Islanders* up against Posen, who had claimed first place in the other division while earning the second-most points of the opening round. No big deal.

The *Islanders* had the *Vikings* right where they wanted them after losing the first game 13-20. Well, maybe not, but the *Islanders* were undeterred, battling down the stretch of the second game to claim an exciting 22-20 victory behind some fierce

late-game net heroics by senior Alex Kuligoski who slammed home a pair of decisive kills for the win. Kuligoski's efforts throughout the day led to her selection to the all-tournament team.

The final game was a 15-point decider and once again the *Islanders* put themselves in control by falling behind 4-7. What is it with this team? A big service run by senior Jenna Butler that included a trio of aces and a smash by junior Brontae Lemmink put the *Islanders* up 10-7. Posen fought back to tie the game at 12-12, but following a bad serve, a net call went against them as well, clearing the way for senior Briana Maudrie to ice the game with a kill.

The *Islanders* then faced a re-

vamped Alanson team in the semifinal round. Holding unfamiliar early leads of 6-3 and 11-7 put the *Islanders* in trouble, although they overcame that to claim a late, 18-16 lead in the first game. But Alanson pounded out the final four points for a 20-18 win, then kept the *Islanders* at bay in the deciding game, 20-11. "Overall we played well, although our second half was a lot better," said *Islanders* coach Smith. "Without having played nearly as many games as the other teams I think we did great."

A clean sweep

The *Islanders* soccer team carried a broom with them when they visited Mackinac Island Oct. 16-17. And, no, it

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wasn't in order to pick up you-know-what (although there never seems to be a short supply of that special substance over there). This broom represented a clean sweep of the *Lakers* on the soccer pitch as the *Islanders* took care of business 9-1 and 9-0.

"I've got no complaints," said *Islanders* coach Ritchie. "We controlled the play of the game both days, especially on Saturday."

This year's *Lakers* team simply wasn't up to the task the *Islanders* provided. "They lost quite a bit from last year's team," said *Islanders* senior Dereck McDonough. "They just didn't match up with us at all."

Seven different *Islanders* found the net against the *Lakers*, led by Cameron LaVasseur with five, McDonough and Bryan Timsak four each, Kristy Bousquet two, and single goals from Brigid Cushman, Jenna Battle, and

Olivia Schwartzfisher. Jenna Butler, Olivia Cary, and Jewell Cushman each contributed two assists apiece. Taking care of the their own goal were Schwartzfisher with three saves, Jewell Cushman with a pair, and, for the first time at the position, Timsak stopped three shots as well.

The two wins complete another sweep as the *Islanders* finished league play with a perfect 10-0 record to reclaim the league title from the *Lakers*.

The *Lady Islanders* weren't as fortunate at the net as this year's *Lakers* crew is another solid one – they too advanced to the semifinal round of their recent tournament and were third overall in first-round points.

The Friday games were truly battles with the *Lakers* prevailing, just barely, 25-23, 25-23, 25-19. That set up a 'must-win' situation for the *Islanders* on Saturday if they were to claim a share of the NLL crown. And they nearly did.

Despite dropping the first game 19-25, the *Islanders* won the next two 25-21 and 25-19, giving them a chance to take the match in the fourth game. But the *Lakers* weren't ready to give up by any means, holding off the *Islanders* 25-22. That set up a deciding, 15-point, fifth game where the *Lakers* claimed the early momentum and rode it to a 15-9 win.

"We gave them all we had," said coach Smith. "It's not like we didn't have our chances, we just didn't get it done." It's not hard to tell by the scores that this was an exciting pair of matches and the *Islanders* have nothing to be ashamed about.

District dreams denied

With their sweep of NLL play freshly under their belts (drawstrings?), the *Islanders* soccer team was looking forward to their first return to district play since claiming such a title three years ago.

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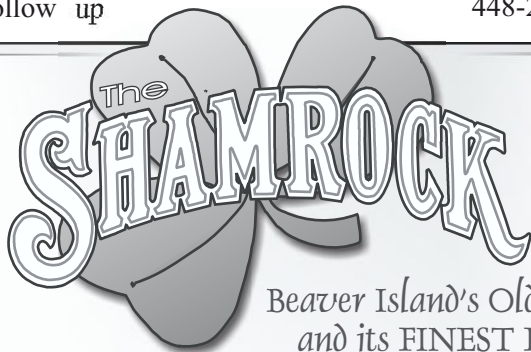
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November came extra early this year. A couple weeks or so. And while there was a chance the team could make the after-school flight to Harbor Springs where they were scheduled to take on the Harbor Light Christian *Swordsmen* (12-2-1), there was no promise or guarantee they could get home again that evening. With no transportation and no place to stay, the likelihood of an unplanned overnigher forced the unfortunate cancellation of the trip. Such are the joys of living on an Island. The team's consolation came a couple days later, however, with a planned trip back to Mackinac Island for the annual NLL tournament.

Tournament trophy time

And they thought the weather in Paradise was bad. Well, Mackinac Island is not Paradise. So to speak.

The *Islanders* found themselves on that other island yet again on Oct. 23, this time for the annual Northern Lights League soccer tournament. And this

time it was a full day of howling winds, hard-driven rain, and cold, wet, miserable conditions. "This had to be the worst conditions. Ever," said coach Ritchie.

Senior Dereck McDonough, who paced the team by pasting three goals on the day, agreed. "It was cold, wet, windy, and just nasty," he said. The only thing that brought any warmth was the team capping an already undefeated regular season with a pair of tourney wins to claim their second NLL tournament championship in the last three years.

But even that left something to be desired, according to eighth-grader Olivia Cary, who added a net-seeker of her own. "It really wasn't fun," she said, even the part where the girls huddled around the hot-air hand dryer in the restroom trying to find some warmth. "Even winning didn't make it fun," she added.

The *Islanders* defeated the host *Lakers* in their first game 5-0 with Doug

Campbell, Dereck McDonough (2), 35. Cameron LaVasseur, and Olivia Cary all finding the goal while *Islanders* keeper Jewell Cushman kept the *Lakers* out of his net. Then, after sitting out the other semifinal game, trying somehow, but mostly unsuccessfully, to stay warm, the *Islanders* faced Grand Marais in the tourney finale. With the poor weather forcing the games to be played in 20-minute halves, cut down from the already cut-down 30-minutes halves (normal games are played with 40-minute halves), the *Islanders* had just enough time to earn goals from McDonough and Jenna Battle for a 2-0 title-claiming victory. This time it was Olivia Schwartzfisher keeping the *Islanders* goal a no-scoring zone.

In the other games Grand Marais defeated Paradise to open tournament play. Munising Baptist downed Hannahville before getting sent packing by Grand Marais in semifinal action.

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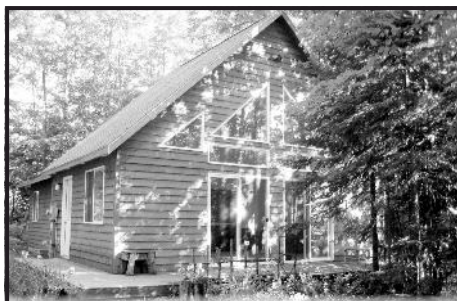


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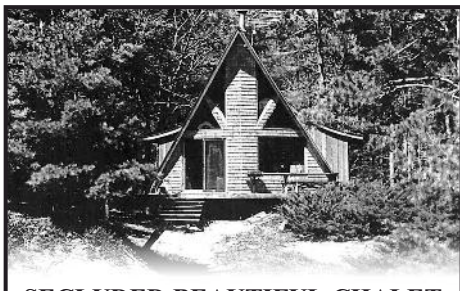
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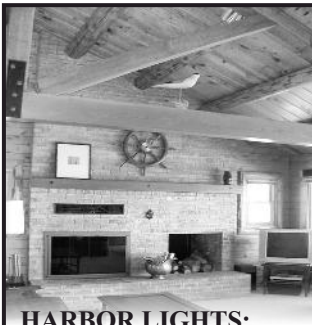
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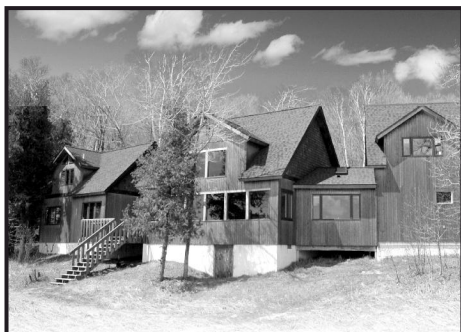
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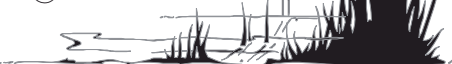
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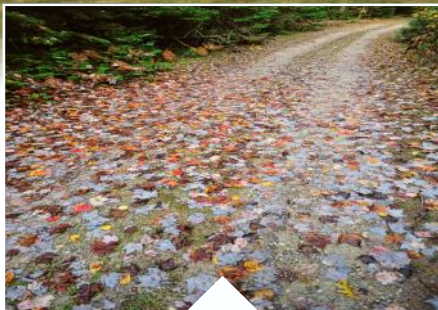
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