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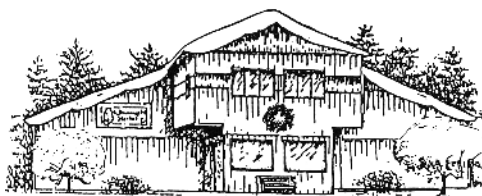


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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

Tim McDonough announced that at a recent safety class the Fire Department discovered that its emergency equipment was not capable of breaking into a modern car built with composite materials, and a rescue would require a new cutter/spreader, which cost over \$20,000. No problem! The McGlocklin Fund provided half, and the Auxiliary provided the rest, which was made possible by the Island Treasures resale shop taking in \$29,000 this year.

The Auxiliary also bought jackets for each fireman.

Jean Palmer announced that the Waste Management Committee would meet for an hour each month to review freight options and study its by-laws.

Wolverine Power was moving closer to accepting the AmVets plan for a memorial on their former power plant property. They wanted a scale drawing, and an agreement not to place the intended flagpole on the former foundation, not to penetrate the ground by more than 3' (for guy anchors), nor to remove any dug-up dirt. Jim Wojan offered to help the AmVets erect their displays.

The Township's hopes to acquire the DNR building and beach were supported by some positive news. The supervisor spoke with the DNR and was assured that there was no plan to put

this land on the Excess Property list, which is a prerequisite for a sale. And Kevin Elsenheimer told Jim Wojan that he would try to convince the DNR to transfer it to us.

Appointments were made: Dave Adams and John Fiegen return to the Board of Appeals; Jayne Bailey (returned) and Ray Cole (to fill Rick Speck's term) to the Planning Commission; and Jim Wojan returned to the Airport Committee. Openings on the Library Board and the Human Resources Commission will be posted.

The Wildlife Club asked St. James to act as the receiving agency for funds being collected from sportsman's groups and other nearby counties for a definitive study of the impact of cormorants, similar to a \$40,000 study done in upstate New York. It agreed, and will write a letter of support.

The supervisor spoke about the plan for upgrading assessments. After conferring with the State Tax Commission, he had sent them a proposal in which St. James would hire an outside firm to reassess every property. St. James planned to solicit bids for this from five or so firms, asking them for a price to visit every parcel, take digital photos of all dwellings, and enter the data in the proper forms. He had spoken with a few firms, one of which had held out the possibility of the Township com-



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pensating them over two or three years. The current assessor would be retained to complete the 2010 assessment role. The supervisor would work with the firm, and possibly take over as the assessor. Three days later the State replied, accepting the plan.

Jim Wojan was thanked for having brought his crew to the Library to reset the memorial tree in the center of the driveway loop.

Minutes of a special meeting held on 12-16-09 were also distributed. They showed that the Township accepted the recommendation to appoint a Board member (Rick Speck) and an alternate (Ray Cole) to meet with Peaine counterparts to mediate any conflicts while maintaining dual representation by the law firm of Young, Graham, Elsenheimer, & Wendling.

Jack's Letter

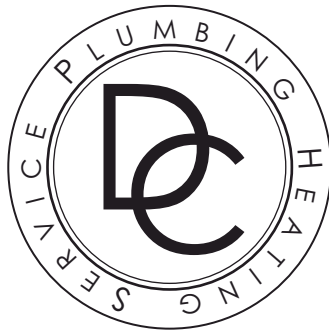
Some buzz was created on the Island by the posting on the Beaver Island Forum, Charlevoix County, and various websites, and the circulation in booklet form, of a 5-page letter from Jack Gallagher discussing differences in his point of view regarding financial accountability, the way committees should perform, and the need for tough questions and healthy disagreements. "I want it clear that it is not personal," he said. "Today's issues are about real

differences in how people want local government to operate on the Island."

He said he "believes good government" calls for "accurate and easily accessible financial information, appropriate and timely reports, compliance with state law, careful budgeting, and competitive bids for Township work." He cited some things he felt were in need of repair, and discussed some recent improvements in them. In one example the problem stated was, "The townships and committees operate without monthly financial statements and without the quarterly statements required by law," and the fix was, "Peaine has developed a new monthly financial reporting policy for 2010."

He chastised the Airport and Waste Management committees for what he claimed was a failure to follow state law, a failure to keep good records and quickly provide them, and a failure to follow their own rules.

He said "probing questions, disagreement, and argument are important aspects of developing creative solutions to difficult problems. They are valuable tools—and the Townships' struggles on how best to organize for more productive work together are actually good struggles. If handled constructively, we can resolve our differences and come out with legal and mutually satisfactory operating agreements." *continued on page 6.*



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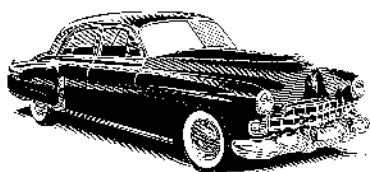
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6. *News from the Townships, from page 5.*

Joint Township Meeting

Forty-eight people were in the audience on 1-11, facing three tables placed end to end along the north side and around the front of Peaine Hall, for the two town boards and four members of the Airport Committee.

Ostensibly, the meeting was intended to "discuss the issue of the airport committee composition and to review the related documents prepared by the township attorney." Neither happened. Instead, the agenda, prepared by the Peaine supervisor, focused on a "presentation of current Airport expansion plans." This did not happen either, although the Mead-Hunt report on terminal and paving ideas was distributed. The second agenda topic was a "discussion of alternatives to existing Airport Committee and Waste Management Committee governing documents." This also did not happen, and yet the meeting, which lasted two and a half hours, raised everyone's understanding of the issues involved.

At the start of the meeting, Peaine supervisor Jack Gallagher, affirmed his belief in the vital importance and necessity of the Municipal Airport. Sheets containing eight questions about Airport expansion had been placed on the counter next to copies of the agenda, minutes, and the Mead-Hunt expansion plans. Answering these questions required specific information (for example, the first was, "What data was provided for development of the Mead-Hunt plan—and

what data did they ultimately use to reach the conclusions they did?"), and when Don Vyse was asked to speak to them as the acting chairman of the Airport Committee, he said he wished he had been given the questions in advance so he could have researched his notes to provide the answers. A person in the audience took up the complaint, asking Gallagher why the questions had not been provided in advance. Gallagher replied that he assumed these were questions the Committee members must have asked themselves time and again, and that he had personally raised them last summer.

Don Vyse was prepared to speak to the whispered accusation that the Airport Committee had operated secretly. First he stated that all of their business had been conducted in posted open meetings, but very few of those who were now so curious had bothered to attend. Special meetings to inform the public had been called, such as one on January 31, 2001. The Airport Committee never had the power to sign documents to effect plans, and had to approach the Town Boards for approval every step of the way. Vyse cited several examples of the Airport Committee coming to the Township Boards with specific plans, answering all questions, and asking for approval; he gave dates, and named those casting unanimous or near-unanimous yeas.

Don Vyse spoke about the sequence of events that had led to the possibility of a taking of property, saying that the issue

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of extending the runway was first raised in 1995. Six years later the repaving of Downtown created an opportunity to get asphalt installed at a lower than usual price, and the E/W strip was extended from 4,000' to 4,300'. At the same time, the state and federal airport guidelines were evolving, and this 300' extension required more tree clearing to meet them. The Airport Committee considered buying adjacent land from the Calhoun Foundry, but before it could act the land was purchased by the Albins. With the help of former Township Engineer Gary Voogt, the Airport Committee began to negotiate with the Albins, and hired a certified airport land appraiser to set a value on the desired plot. This was the accepted procedure, but negotiations reached an impasse.

With evolving standards, the state felt the 300' extension did not meet its requirements, and said that one resolution would be to shorten the runway back to 4,000'. They wouldn't actually remove paving, but would simply move the lights. However, the estimate for the cost of doing this was \$50,000, and we would have to pay it all ourselves—much higher than what we would have to spend to acquire the disputed land, considering our out-of-pocket cost would only be 5%. In addition, Don Vyse read two emails from pilots who flew in with planes requiring that added 300' to land; they came several times a year, and had started businesses here and contributed greatly to the community in several ways, but the runway reduction would

greatly limit their future participation. 7.

As for the Expansion Plan, he said it was required by the state and was needed for the state and federal budgets. In fact the requirements just changed, and what was a five-year plan had now been stretched into a ten-year plan, without new items being added. We are required to create and provide them with this kind of document.

Fellow Airport Committee member Mike Scripps, a flight instructor at Baker College who has had a long-term involvement with the Grand Haven Airport, said we had been declared to be a Tier One facility, which meant we were considered to be a vital and necessary component in the national air transportation system. He would not comment on details of the property negotiation because standard practice was to confine them to the Airport Committee's executive session. He said that nothing they had done was improper; even if there was a question about their governing document, their actions were done openly and in good faith.

An audience member stood up to say that she had expected the Township Attorney to present a list of pros and cons about the two main alternatives for airport management, an InterGovernmental Agreement or an Airport Authority. Jack Gallagher said the attorney had sent him some information, giving rise to some questions, which were answered—but the answers led to more questions.

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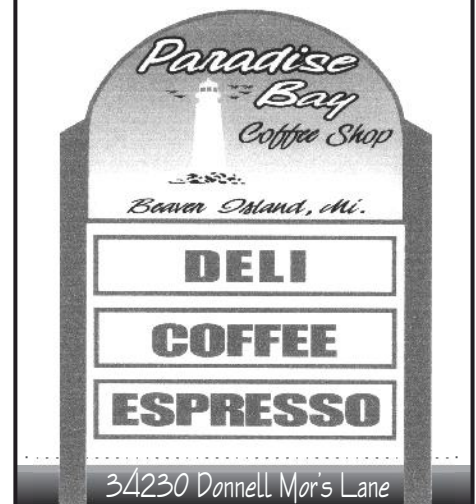
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8. *News from the Townships*, from page 7.

St. James supervisor Rick Speck said that after looking over this information his Board felt the Authority would be the better option—if they could find a way around the Authority's requirement that the assessed millage in both townships be the same, rather than identical totals raised by each. He implied that the main advantage of an Authority over an IGA was that it indemnified the Town Boards against claims lodged by accident victims.

A member of the audience corrected

the misassumption that an Airport Authority had been voted down a decade ago, saying it was withdrawn after loud accusations that it would raise taxes—which were inaccurate because it contained safeguards protecting against that.

Both boards approved motions to create a temporary committee of Jack Gallagher, Paul Welke, Rick Speck, and Ray Cole to interact with the Township Attorney to create a document for airport management which could be brought to the Town Boards for discussion and,

hopefully, approval within two months. They also agreed to let Don Vyse continue to make day-to-day operating decisions.

Peaine Township regular meeting

On 1-13 only 24 people attended the regular meeting, at which the supervisor said that the joint meeting of two days earlier had demonstrated the imperfect communication that left questions about financial data unresolved, but was hopeful that all the parties involved in the Airport controversy were getting a feel for each other, and the issues could be settled.

He reported that the townships' attorney had pointed out some deficiencies in the Transfer Station's operating agreement and suggested three alternatives for correcting them. The supervisor thought the Board should identify what it feels is important before responding to the attorney.

The proposal for rectifying the assessment problems, which was sent to the Michigan Tax Commission on December 16, was accepted. It calls for us hiring an outside consultant for guidance but continuing to use Kevin White to do as much of the work as possible, while the state's investigative division monitors our progress for each step

2010...

February 20 - Beaver Island Community

Players: *A Bad Year for Tomatoes*

February 27 - Beaver Island Club of

Grand Rapids Party

March 6 - 4-6pm **Quality Deer Management** Association talk at the Community Center. *page 39.*

March 11 - **Chili Cookoff** at the Shamrock

March 17 - 7 pm **Cara** - nominated for "Best New Irish Music Award" at the Community Center

March 19 - **Elevation** at the Shamrock *page 31.*

March 20 - **St. Patrick's Day Celebration** on Beaver Island

April 24 - **Citizen of the Year** Banquet

June 18 - 20 - **Beaver Island Celtic Fest**

June 19 - **Open House, both Museums**

July 15 - 17 - **Beaver Island Music Festival**

July 19 - 24 - **Museum Week 2010**

July 28 - August 1 - **Baroque on Beaver**

August 6 - 8 - **Homecoming 2010**

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along the way. A list of 75+ assessing firms was being studied, and the intent was to ask three to five to bid on our situation; their proposals would be due by the end of February.

The question of how the assessment problem had arisen came up, leading to the supervisor saying that first we would work to solve the problem, but then we would thoroughly investigate the matter. Kevin White, who was present, was asked to speak. He said that roughly two full years of extra work were required to implement the system, and that an initial \$7,000 payment was approved from each Township—but nothing more. He was reluctant to assess blame at the meeting.

In other matters, Pete LoDico was reappointed to the BIRHC Board. It was decided to: post the opening for a Hall-cleaning person but to expect applicants to ask for more than the \$14/hour previously paid, to have the agenda for future Board meetings distributed at least 48 hours in advance, to spend the \$1,000 previously approved for a phone system but to raise the amount approved for microphones from \$1,000 to \$1,800, and to meet with Doug Tilly and Tim McDonough at the East Side Fire Hall to measure the power required before choosing a stand-by generator. A plan

FINDING GOLD

Many people vacationing on Beaver Island bring their metal detector to give them an excuse to do some beachcombing. Every once in a while we hear of a valuable artifact being found, sometimes the kind of thing that might be investigated by the PBS TV show History Detectives.

Brendan Keenan ran across a posting along these lines on YouTube (search *Beaver Island History Detectives* or click the link from our website) In this case, though, it did not turn out to be what it at first seemed.

WHOSE WATER?

Mark and John Zientek (B & Z Well drilling) are warning about Dan Scripps' House Bill #5319, which would make ground water the property of the State and require landowners to buy it back instead of just pumping it from the ground as reasonable use from their own property. They urge homeowners to protest.

was also mentioned for publishing month-by-month financial income/expense comparisons with the budget so we would know where we stand.


To Your Health

The Health Center Board was delighted when its notice of Board opening produced six talented applications.

Other news was mixed. The three-island grant approved by the Governor was in jeopardy; it would have provided around \$38,000. But a \$35,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation appeared

out of the blue and may go through, 9. thanks to Susan Katz.

Plans were initiated for our community walking to the moon—by adopting a local variant of the “Let's Get Moving” project. Pedometers could be distributed to various groups, which would compete for prizes, with the goal being for all the groups combined to walk ~220,000 miles. Other upcoming events will be an Open House at which to show off our telemedical link with the Charlevoix Hospital's Emergency Room, and a seminar on estate planning.



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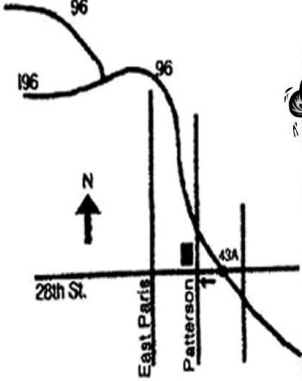
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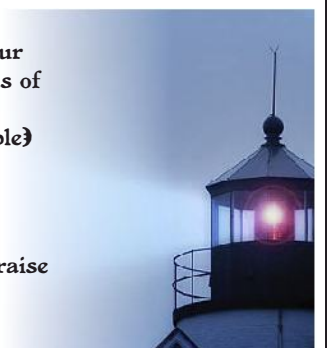


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AN OPEN MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF BEAVER ISLAND

There has been a lot of information and misinformation lately regarding the state of property assessments on Beaver Island.

I have so far chosen to not speak publicly about this issue because I didn't want to get into finger pointing and lately it seems that any public exchange is decided by whomever can talk the loudest. I had also hoped that the one individual who knows best why we are where we are would come forward. To my disappointment this has not happened, and it has become far too stressful for me now to not speak.

The State of Michigan is presently requiring Peaine and St. James Townships to do a total reappraisal of all properties on Beaver Island, to be completed in a year's time. The reason for this is that the current assessment computer database does not have certain information entered into it. I believe the current assessed and taxable values to be accurate, but the specific information used to back that up is still on hard cards and handwritten form. This is unacceptable to the State in the age of computers.

Several years ago the Townships upgraded the assessment computer software from the existing DOS-based system to a new Windows-based system which the Equalization Department in Charlevoix had switched to. After this changeover occurred in December of 2004, I learned to my dismay that none of the land or building information automatically converted. I had previously worked five years in the old system to bring that information up to date, only

to find myself having to start over.

In checking into it I learned that I was not alone in this and that entering all this information by hand could be a two-year (per township) undertaking, above and beyond the scope of my regular duties. The work would involve detailed data entry and also a site visit to every property on Beaver Island. This would also include taking digital photographs of every building on the Island since the new program allowed for only digital pictures.

I brought this to the attention of both township supervisors. Agreeing with the need, they then brought this to their respective township boards. Neither township board was happy with the situation, but they agreed that I would be paid to begin this work. The pay granted amounted to compensation for seven weeks work. They, and myself, grossly underestimated the amount of time this task would take, and the time allotted wasn't nearly enough to get the work done. This was 2006. When I discussed this with both supervisors I was told that it would be difficult to get any more compensation from the Township Boards.

Knowing the need, I continued to press, and a couple of years ago the St. James Township Supervisor took over the project, telling me that it would be easier to concentrate on St. James first and then use that success to persuade Peaine. I wanted at that time to write a letter regarding the urgency of the matter and send a copy to each member of both Township Boards, but was

told by the St. James Supervisor to not write a letter because they "most often don't help and can be misread." At that point I put my trust in him and he took it upon himself to carry the ball.

To my disappointment, in 2007 and 2008, even with my pleading, nothing was done. At the Supervisor's last Township Board meeting he brought the issue before the St. James Township Board, where the Township Treasurer immediately shot it down. The Supervisor then resigned, and the issue died. I found myself at that time back at square one. In fact it was worse than square one because now I suddenly had two new Supervisors in office who knew nothing of what had transpired over the past three years. Their Boards were also in the dark.

Now the State has come in and said this information must be entered by March 2011, and they don't care why it hasn't been done.

This data entry was going to cost taxpayers money regardless of whether I had been allowed to do the work three years ago or outside people are hired now. The difference is that now taxpayers will pay much more than I would have charged to get the same job done.

I know that this letter will most likely incite a whole new round of denials and counter accusations. I, however, have nothing to lose, since I recently learned that my employment with St. James Township would be terminated as of March 31, 2010.

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12. NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Since the Townships appointed a Natural Resource and Ecotourism Commission, its members, under the chair of Sandy Birdsall, have been focusing on several issues suggested to them, and starting to zero in on solutions.

One issue it is tackling is the garbage left on Garden Island. The NRC plans to charter a boat and begin hauling it off this summer, and has raised some of the necessary funds (DNR and the Tribe). This is dangerous work because of the old propane canisters buried in

one of the pits.

Another project, headed by Carol Burton, is the creation of a brochure for free distribution showing the "top twenty" Island trails and describing some of the birds, animals, interesting plants, and cultural resources to be found along them.

The NRC is also involved with the effort to investigate and improve the cormorant situation, and is discussing how to develop and enforce better rules for logging on the Island—primarily by

educating land owners about how to create a protective contract if they have their land logged. It would like to create replanting guidelines.

It is concerned about the deer herd, and hopes to determine its proper size, the role of predators (coyotes), and the amount of food it requires. It's interested in evaluating the need for fresh genetic stock, and acquiring what is recommended to improve the herd.

And it's concerned with invasives, the latest being spotted knapweed.

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GORDY HAYS

Gordon "Gordy" R. Hays, 63 of Central Lake, died Tuesday, December 29, 2009 at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey.

He was born October 6, 1946, in Highland Park, the son of Don M. and Helen (Sper) Hays. He spent fifteen years living on Beaver Island's east side, just north of Pebble Beach.

Gordon proudly served his country in the United States Army in Germany during the Vietnam Era. He was a member of the American Legion/American Legion Riders, AMVETS, Patriot Riders Guard, Harley Owners Group-Northern Chapter and 45th Parallel Chapter. He was the past president of the Southwest Oakland Lodge 128 Fraternal Order of Police and past president of the Oakland County Deputy Sheriff's Assoc.

He was also the former board president of the Beaver Island District Library.

He was a strong supporter of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club, always ready to pitch in when help was needed.

He is survived by his son Matthew (Christina Reneski) Hays of Grand Blanc, his mother Helen Hays of Villa Grove, IL and sister Gail Conner of Central Lake. He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Beaver Island District Library, PO Box 246, Beaver Island, Michigan, 49782.

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Erin Zindel-Moore in a Real Detroit Weekly Interview.

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from Joyce Bartels

Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

No Beaver Island News in February 1910 *Charlevoix Courier*.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 3, 1910 **Local News**: "The meat Market of Anthony Malloy, at St. James, was totally destroyed by fire Monday noon. No insurance. The fire originated in a back room where they had been trying out lard."

"Ice conditions are rather confusing. Tuesday morning everything was clear both here and at Beaver Harbor. Wednesday morning the lake was clear of ice off this port, but St. James reported no water in sight. Weather mild. It looks like our St. James friends will have to wait until navigation opens for their mail. (Note: 4th & 5th - Snowstorms 6th - 10 degrees below 0. F. Protar)

MIXED BLOOD TROUBLE

ALL TOLD 3,168 PERSONS ARE TRYING TO GET IN AGAINST THE PROTESTS OF CHIEFS AND HEAD MEN OF THE OTTAWAS AND CHIPPEWAS

A Washington dispatch to the *Grand Rapids Press* says:

"A tremendous tangle has developed in the government's effort to pay the Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan what the courts have found to be their due. Lawyers have been hired to make a fight. The big question is whether the mixed bloods shall have a share in the distribution.

"All told, 3,168 persons of Indian extraction are trying to get in against the protests of the chiefs and head men of the sure enough Ottawas and Chippewas of Michigan. If they succeed, the roll will be brought to the total of 8,608, and the per capita distribution will be just a little less than \$14. If they fail the rolls will aggregate 5440, and the per capita distribution will be more than \$22.

"The question of mixed breed is one of the most perplexing which the government has faced in its whole history of trying to square accounts with the noble red man. Supposedly, the rolls made for the distribution of 1870, which was the last distribution under the treaty of 1855 with the Michigan Indians, furnish the basis for this new distribution. The head men assert their willingness that such half breeds as actually were enrolled and paid in 1870 should share in the present distribution, but they decline to admit

the right to distribution on the part of the children of those half breeds.

"The difficulty is made all the greater through a peculiar tribal custom which the Indian agents have found exists among the remnants of Michigan Indians. That is, an Indian of half breed marrying into their tribe be accepted as a member of that tribe according to the will of the chief or head man. And the children or persons not originally belonging to the tribe are admitted to membership according to the will of the same tribal authority. In some cases parents request that some of their children be admitted to tribal membership and do not make the same request for their other children. Consequently in the same half breed family the agents found some children were accepted members of the tribe by the Indians themselves and some were not. The best evidence available indicates that membership often has been conferred through favoritism.

"Those mixed breeds whose rights are questioned number 1,655. Many of them are not even half breeds. It would be difficult to tell them from your next door neighbor. But they put themselves into evidence as soon as they learned that Uncle Sam had some money to hand out.

"The Indian Bureau has almost completed the roll, and it will be passed along to Secretary Ballinger, soon his decision as to participation will be made according to the act of congress. Accordingly the outlook is that there will be a hard fight before him, with oral arguments and the filing of briefs. The total to be divided is about \$120, 000. Most of this was found by the court claims to be due the Indians under old treaties. According to those treaties the Indians, in considerations of money to be paid, agreed to give up a great deal of land, and to break up their tribal residences."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 10, 1910 **Local News**: "It looks like a repetition of last winter's record in the matter of Beaver Island mail communications. The mail carriers left St. James last Sunday afternoon for Cross Village but returned after reaching Hog Island - water showing itself to the northward and east ward. The cold snap of Sunday night / Mon-

day tempted them to make another effort Monday afternoon, but they returned to St. James again Tuesday night. Only the stiffest sort of freeze up can bridge the channel this late, and it looks as if our Island neighbors will have to wait for spring before they can get their mail, of which there is a good dray load waiting here and at Cross Village." (Note: 11th - Snowstorm, 12th - 12 below 0, 15th - Snowstorms. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 17, 1910 **Local News**: "The latest cable information from St. James states that there is nothing new or particularly interesting at the Island. Everything is wagging along in the same old way. The fisherman are busy with their nets and ice cutting is on at all harbor points of storage. Lumbering is active, and now and then a dance enlivens the long winter evenings."

"The mail carriers started out from St. James again Thursday afternoon and for the third time returned, having encountered open water. There will probably be no further effort made to get across. This is the second successive winter that Beaver Island has had no mail by the ice route. Fishing tugs will probably be in commission in about two weeks, and an effort will be made to land the mail at some point on the Island. The Islanders have had no mail for five weeks." (Note: 18th - First ice mail, dogsled. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 24, 1910 **Local News**: "We fear the *Sentinel* will be written down as a poor prophet about its last week's prediction that there would be no communication with Beaver Island this winter. Even as we wrote, the mail was well across the channel, arriving at Cross Village Wednesday evening, leaving for the Island again Thursday morning, and arriving at St. James the same evening. Both ways the carriers were compelled to take the circuitous route via Crane Island and Waugochance, on account of open water. They left the Island again Friday morning making a successful crossing and reaching St. James again Saturday night, which indicates better ice conditions. We shall make no more predictions, but there will undoubtedly be several more trips made." (Note: 25 - Snowstorm. F. Protar)



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Eagles Feast off Garden



the mainland: just a thin line



Ice fishing



COMMUNITY PLAYERS PRESENT COMEDY ON FEB. 20

17.



The Beaver Island Community Players will present "A Bad Year for Tomatoes" on Sat., Feb. 20, 8 p.m., at the Community Center. The comedy takes place in a rural community on the East Coast (a stand-in for all rural communities, including ours). A former TV

personality wants to find a quiet place of little distraction where she can write her autobiography. Despite what it seems like at first glance, this Beaver Haven does not fit the bill. It's full of funny, quirky characters whom Islanders will love—and in some cases recog-

nize. In the spotlight are Jan Day, Jeff Powers, Phil Becker, Bob Bass, Joan LaFreniere Banville, Wendy White, and Elaine West. The production is being directed by Jacque LaFreniere, and the assistant director is Lisa Gillespie. Tickets are \$10, at the Community Center.



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WINTER CARNIVAL

The frigid weather but lack of snow at the end of January prompted the moving of the Winter Carnival into the Community Center, where several dozen kids had a good time. They tossed rub-

ber fish for prizes, tried to pick up items with long-handled grabbers, bowled, made and painted unique snowmen from clay, and had rides on a polar bear. Even the parents had a very good time.

BEAVER ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society has taken another step toward being able to build an addition on the back of the Print Shop Museum by acquiring the 50' x 66' corner lot next to Daddy Franks and across the street from the Emerald Isle Hotel. It hopes to trade this for a comparable piece contiguous to the

Print Shop property—a swap made complicated by the presence of a small storage building and the Daddy Franks deep well on the land it desires.

It doesn't plan to build on this additional land; its addition will fit completely on the

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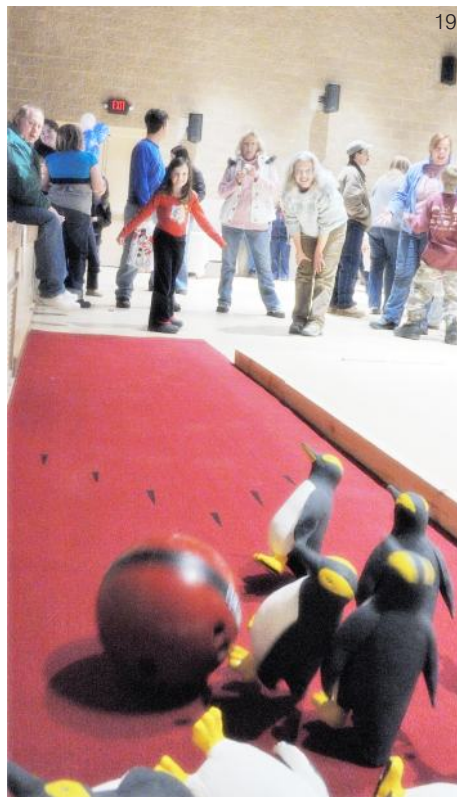


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class will cover tempering chocolate, chocolate truffles, and chocolate mousse. Classes are \$20 a person, not including the cost of food. Please call Deborah at 448-2697 for more details.

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property it has owned for over fifty years. But the additional land will allow it to come closer to meeting the stringent zoning requirements, which call for a 35' rear-yard setback—in the Museum's case, the rear yard is the area to the west.

In the meantime it is making plans

for the old 20' x 32' large-log Mormon cabin (which became the Early Home and the Doney Home) at Little Sand Bay. It may restore and preserve the building there, move it to the Protar land or to town, or dismantle it and put it back together as another of the exhibits planned for the Heritage Park.



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Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* announced that Dr. Wendy Widmayer had purchased Dr. Suckert's dental practice and would be our first full-time dentist.

The Health Center was awarded an \$8,000 grant from GLE's People Fund.

The old Yacht Dock building was leased to the Chamber as its new home.

The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service promised to study and report on the cormorant problem.

The *Beacon* printed poetry by Robert Neff, Eleanor LaFreniere, and Kay Masini.

The loss of George Egbert was noted. He had been a staunch advocate of the Island's pristine natural beauty for almost fifty years. A gregarious and affable man, he worked as a newspaper reporter, in public relations for Oldsmobile, for the Department of Conservation, and as a writer and editor.

Twenty Years Ago Beaver Island was proud to have its first Boy Scout Troop.

Jon Barrett helped teach a hunters' safety course, required for any first-time-licensed hunter in Michigan. Jim Stambaugh, Lois Williams, and Joe Moore also made presentations during the 3-day event.

The school's drama class was preparing to put on a comedy based on Indiana Jones: *Hurricane Smith and the Garden of the Golden Monkey*.

The *Beacon* published the second part of the Pittmans' European adventure, *Paris by Bus*. It also reprinted the log of what was said to be the first automobile trip off the Island—in 1925, in a 1912 Ford, which had served as a taxi and then was sold to Tom Gatliff, who ran a garage. Willy John Gallagher, Matt Melville, and Joe Floyd went along. They carried long boards, and had to use them several times to cross cracks and chasms. They went around the north end of Hog, and straight across Hat Island, proclaiming themselves to be the first car on the little spot of land. Nearing the mainland, they came upon the mail carriers, who were struggling through falling snow. It took them 3 hours and 20 minutes to reach Cross Village; on the way back they jumped the cracks and shaved a full hour from their time.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss

of Kenneth Ricksgers, Tom Allen, and Frances LaFreniere. Mr. Ricksgers, Katherine's brother, was born here but had moved to New Jersey. Mr. Allen was the oldest son of Henry and Agnes, and was killed in Iowa when an approaching pick-up came across the line. Mrs. LaFreniere also died as a result of an approaching car crossing the line and hitting her car head on, causing injuries to her daughter and husband Archie; they were a few months short of celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Thirty Years Ago Rose Connaghan found a balloon on the beach marked "Priebe's Shoe Store," and wrote them a letter to Menominee, and they sent her a calendar but no free shoehorn.

The school students decided to put out a yearbook.

The Civic association, the *Beacon's* parent, was planning a walking tour of the harbor's historic places.

Snow and ice were below normal, and no snowmobilers were scooting up to Naubinway—but a group of six toured the Island. At the Yacht Dock a dog, Slugger, fell through the ice near a bubbler, but was rescued by Glen LaFreniere.

Cindy Gillespie was part of a group that headed for an Ernest Tubbs concert but changed its plans when he had to cancel. Nosing around Charlevoix before deciding to go to Bay City to party with the Culls, the group went into the Flight Deck, where Cindy made her off-Island singing debut and wowed the audience.

The passing of Freda McCafferty, Norma Murray, Josie Ann (Lewis) Leitelle, and Florence Louis was noted. Mrs. McCafferty was the widow of Peter McCafferty, who died in 1941; she had lived outside of Chicago. Mrs. Murray, 81, born on Beaver Island, was the last of the Roppa Boyle clan. Mrs. Leitelle, born here, was the daughter of Harry Lewis; Mrs. Louis was her sister.

Forty Years Ago Rabbit hunting was doing well, but the experimental ice-fishers were not having any luck. Sheldon Parker and George Miller were trying their luck on Fox Lake, and Karl Kuebler was pushing his shanty onto the ice near Indian Point in the hope of hooking a lake trout.

Snowmobilers reported the deer herd was down, and blamed the large

numbers of fox and coyote. The *Beacon* reported that a study was conducted at the Cusino Wildlife Station: an 11'-high fence was put around a square mile of swamp/forest mix, and 39 deer were set free inside. Later, six veteran hunters were asked to try locating them. It took four days to spot a buck. In the next few years the stalkers got it down to 51 hours.

The March of Dimes party at the Shamrock raised \$138.

After repeated checks of the ice depth found it to be around 10", a party of intrepid snowmobilers (Archie LaFreniere, Russ Green, Bill Wagner, Sheldon Parker, and Phil Gregg) set off on February 16 from Indian Point for Whiskey Island. The ice was very rough, and the trip took over two hours. They found a path to get through the shoved ice slabs near shore, and were delighted to find many rabbit tracks on the shore. After building a fire to warm up they set off for Squaw Island, where there was no trace of the bunny. They raced over to Garden next, and could have gone on to Hog except it was starting to get dark. So instead they went to the Shamrock.

The passing of Bertha Spaulding was noted; she and her husband Fred had owned and run the King Strang Hotel.

Fifty Years Ago Archie LaFreniere was completing his Isle Haven Tourist Court—and next door Walt Wojan was finishing up his Harbor View.

Larry McDonough was giving sleigh rides from his riding stable.

Beaver Island venison shot by Bernie O'Donnell was served at a party for Ann Gatliff and Darlene Schmidt in Chicago.

The March of Dimes party raised \$120.

The Civic Association reminded *Beacon* subscribers of the work it did: it donated \$500 for Airport Improvement and another \$500 toward the much-needed new public dock. It helped with the Med Center upkeep, worked on Conservation projects, provided picnic tables and trash barrels, and sponsored such activities as the July Fourth Parade and the Dawn Patrol. It paid for Island advertising, including the Business Guide. All this on a budget of under \$2,700/year.

Clarence Sikorski, the former head of the Island Coast Guard Station, drowned in the Pine Lake channel.



22. MODERN TIMES ON BEAVER ISLAND

by Peter Plastrik

The following article introduces a future volume of "The Journal of Beaver Island History" devoted to essays about Island modernization in the 20th century. The Beacon is publishing this draft by the editor of the journal-in-progress to encourage other Islanders to share their thoughts and information about the topic of modernization. You can connect with Peter at pete@in4c.net.

Summitting our Island's Everest, Mount Pisgah, on New Year's Day 2010 reveals the enduring past: From the windswept top—covered in a thick blanket of snow-and-sand "latte swirl"—the view to the west is much as it was a century and a half ago. Back then a girl climbed the towering dune, named Pisgah by Mormon settlers for the Biblical precipice from which Moses first saw the Promised Land, and memorialized a scene of inspiring beauty. "Lake Michigan, with its dark blue waters," recorded Elizabeth Whitney Williams in a memoir, "with so many pretty islands covered with green trees, and the white pebbly and sandy beaches, where the white sea gulls are constantly soaring about or resting upon the water." The view is time-

less—continuing somehow beyond the repeated cycles and long arrow of time, beyond the reach of change. Today my eye descends hundreds of feet to rolling dunes and beach, then across Donegal Bay's bands of icy blue water punctuated by whitecaps, and on to forested High Island, four miles away on Lake Michigan's horizon. And it's not just the view that carries on. A young family arriving by ferry in the Village of St. James in the early 1990s could look around—at the dusty, rutted streets and scattered weather-beaten homes and stores and the quaint demeanor of the place—and conclude it had sailed from the modern-day mainland back into an earlier, simpler time, say, the 1950s.

Of course Beaver Island's timelessness is also an illusion. Nothing escapes nature's entropy and very little escapes man's forward "progress." What is not perceived at first from Pisgah's windswept height reveals the forces that modernized—transformed—Island life in the 20th century. Look again and what you see everywhere is change.

Look west to High Island—within living memory it held an Indian fishing community and a religious sect, the House of David, but now is uninhabited, a state-owned preserve visited

occasionally by campers and boaters.

Look up. The skies, once owned exclusively by an array of migrating and local birds, are shared by air machines connecting Islanders to the globe and the globe to the Island.

Look at the lake—supporting only a fraction of the historic fishery and containing hazardous industrial pollution and alien species.

Look across the watery passage to the northwest, stretching roughly 30 miles beyond Trout and Squaw Islands to the northern rim of Lake Michigan. Here, nearly four centuries ago, Jean Nicolet paddled through in a canoe with seven Huron Indians and a red, embroidered "mandarin" robe in storage—expecting to find China on the western shore of the "sweet sea" he was exploring. Nearly two centuries later and a few years before Elizabeth Williams' Island stay, Alexis de Tocqueville, the young French nobleman and astute observer of American ways, crossed through this view on the 200-passenger steamboat *Superior*, cruising to the U.S. Army's Fort Howard (at present day Green Bay) and gathering information for *Democracy in America*. Today, the marine vessels chugging through the same channels would dwarf those of



earlier times. Super-freighters a quarter-mile long, they carry the raw material of a national economy not established until after the Civil War. And they are fueled by energy—petroleum—untapped until the birth of the combustion engine at the beginning of the 20th century.

Look east, down the wooded backside of the dune. The inland lake that Elizabeth Williams passed on the way to her climb—Long Lake, she called it—dried up long ago, gone the way that the Island's remaining lakes are going.

Look down to the foot of Pisgah. Unseen thin wires cross the landscape, pulsing electricity to scores of houses just out of sight. Satellites above beam invisible signals to radios, televisions, and computers. A barely seen road carved out of the dunescape guides gas-burning vehicles. The land is invisibly divided into small, privately owned lots—a real-estate development begun in the 1960s when the Island, faded as a hub of fishing and lumbering, sought an economic future in seasonal tourism, hoping to attract harried urbanites from Detroit, Chicago, and Indianapolis to its soothing, well, timelessness.

Roughly 100 years ago, the historical record shows (drawn from Joyce

Bartels, "One Hundred Years Ago" articles in the *Beaver Beacon*), daily life on Beaver Island involved much that would be familiar to the 18th century's Elizabeth Williams or the 21st century's hardy residents.

A November 1908 gale damaged a storm warning tower. Ships carried groceries and fuel (coal) to the Island. That December, a child was born to the Gallaghers and the Parcels had a 12-pound boy. Several families returned to the Island and settled in for the winter. Islander Fred Nackerman had to be in Charlevoix to serve on a jury. Salesman arrived on the Island and a fishing tug delivered the mail. A few Islanders came down with pneumonia. Island businessmen went to the mainland to buy supplies. (Anthony Malloy, the meat-market man, left to buy hogs to relieve a pork shortage on the Island.) Rough weather limited fishing and endangered several boats, their crews, and cargoes—requiring emergency runs.

Travel, illness, commerce, delivering newborns and the mail, combating winter—these human experiences happen in all times and in all places. But Beaver Island in late 1908 was a place before the Ages of Industry, Energy,

Development, and Information swept through the nation. Before cars, highways, airplanes, penicillin, email, "Made in Japan" and "Made in China," electric heat, Goretex.

Beaver Island spent most of the 20th century catching up with the leading edge of society's progress — Electrification! Paved streets! A health center! Airports! A library! A community center! A comprehensive land use plan! Cell phones! A public school taught by government certified teachers rather than nuns! The internet!

Modernization involves a tricky balance of adopting the new while preserving the old. It can be understood as the result of outside forces such as new technology (electricity and automobiles, for instance) or government policies that offer incentives, provide programs, or impose requirements. But the story of how Beaver Island became what it is today—what has changed and what has been preserved—is also the story of choices made by the men and women who have lived here, and the skill and determination—aided by serendipity—with which they pursued those choices. That is the story this volume of *The Journal of Beaver Island History* seeks to tell.





MADONNA'S EULOGY

25.

I would first like to thank Father Pat for all his years of service to Beaver Island. Father Pat had a special place in my Mother's heart; her faith was the cornerstone of her life, and having a spiritual leader as good as Father Pat is was very endearing to her. When she spoke of only the good things of a person I knew how much she cared for them. So Father if my Mother never mentioned any of the not so good traits of a person I knew how much she cared for them. Thank you Father Pat.

Monday night after many grueling hours of trying to get the funeral arrangements in order, Karen asked me if there were any more songs that would be appropriate for this service. I said, "yes, at least 100 more." Trying to fit 60 years of history into 4 or 5 songs is a daunting task. The grace and elegance of Bing and Madonna as they glided across the floor will be forever engraved in our memories. The exact pauses, the turns, and my Father on the top of his toes was a sight to behold. Edward Palmer, Jewell Gillespie, Ed Sobie, Glen McDonough, Danny Gillespie, and all who followed all added to those special parties that were so special to our parents.

So often Edward would tell me of striking up a song just for Bing and Madonna. They gave us a joy that will forever remain in our memories. My Mother told me once I should take dancing lessons so I could dance like my Father. I said Mom nobody could dance like Dad, no matter how many lessons they took.

So many stories go through your head preparing for this. I was warned not to tell the bad ones, and "remember you are in church." So in that regard this will probably be quite short; you can thank me for that later.

When Loie Connaghan was caring for Mom, she was attempting to give her her meds. "I asked Aunt Madonna if she could open her mouth, and she

replied *I never close it.*" After getting the pill Loie asked if she wanted a drink, and she said, "Always."

The love and caring for her family was the driving force in my Mother's life. Donna, Colleen, Karen, John, Lynn, Dan, and I are so fortunate to have had a Mother with so much passion for our upbringing. The loss is great but the memories are strong enough to overcome that loss.

The grandchildren were a special joy to my Mother. Jaime, Katrina, Erin, Nathan, Travis, Adam, Justin, Brendan, Kendra, Kyle, Jared, John, Jessica, Geralyn, Brianna, Trevor, Cameron, Michael, Erin, Susie, and little Maggie all are blessed with Grandma's love. To survive the ravages of time to enjoy your greatgrandchildren is also a small miracle. Violet, Ivy, Lily, Brach, Zander, McKenzie, Allsion, Madison, Hadley, Andrew, Logan, and Rialyn will also carry those special genes from Grandma.

With my encounters these past few days, the selfishness comes out as well as the heartfelt memories. "Who am I going to sit on the porch with now?" Aunt Rosie said. But the following statement was "At least she is not suffering anymore." Amy says, "Here is your apple pie – not as good as your Mother's, of course." "Oh those rolls she would bake were the best," commented Blythe. Memories that will carry us through these times and be treasured the rest of our lives.

Too many people whom I could speak about—it would take the rest of the afternoon and then some. But I would like to include Danny Gillespie's request. I commented about the news program I saw of Danny, my brother John, and other musicians going to people's homes during St. Patrick's Day weekend and playing music for them. He said Madonna was the next stop but she had gone into town when they got there. Madonna was just a few minutes

shy of being a television star, he said.

A cook who could prepare a meal for 30 as easy as 3. Everyone says their Mother is the best cook but not all were as fortunate as us to experience a truly great cook. She was passionate to please and entertain her friends and family; she united us all and made us dance and laugh.

As a Mother's Day present my brothers and sisters decided to send Ma to Ireland. I was elected the travel companion because I was the most Irish. It was a memorable trip and very special to Ma because she was reunited with the Duffys. After a night of drinking in an Aranmore pub I took Ma back to our bed and breakfast around 3 a.m. About 5 a.m. I heard a voice calling me to wake up. Jimmy, she said, Cindy is not back yet. I said Ma this place is half the size of Beaver Island; she is still at the bar. Go and find her, she ordered. I am not getting out of bed, I said. Needless to say I lost that argument.

A few hours later after retrieving our lost travel companion, we went to the cemetery, where I had seen some common surname headstones I wanted to take pictures of. Cindy was asleep in the rear seat of the car with her eyes closed and her mouth open. Ma commented, "You know when they get in that state you are supposed to put pennies over their eyes."

Always witty, sometimes sarcastic, but always honest. Hard not to love her even if you disagreed with her. A person who enriched us all. Made us laugh and now makes us cry. Made us dance with and alongside her. We will miss you but we will never forget you.

Death leaves a heartache

No one can heal.

Love leaves a memory

No one can steal.

I am who I am because I knew her.

—Jimmy McCafferty

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The Beaver Island Human Services Commission is seeking individuals interested in forming a steering committee for the purpose of developing a Human Services-Health Fair for the Fall of 2010.

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HEY, PATRICK!

Patrick Cull, son of Bruce and Patti Cull, made the fall semester's Dean's List at Central Michigan University, where he is enjoying his freshman year after graduating from the Beaver Island Community School.



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AN ENGAGEMENT

Joe and Sheri Timsak, along with David Ferguson and Cathy Garland, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Royce Ferguson and Krystle Timsak. A wedding is being planned for the late spring of 2011.

A BOOK AWARD

Helen Kleczynski, owner of Helen's Art House in Vicksburg and who brought her art class to the Island last summer so they could create small books of water color paintings, entered her own hand-bound book, in a Carnegie Center's juried art show.

The book, "Tales of Beaver Island: an Artist's Journal," won a Jurors' Award.



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28. LEONA SCHELLENBERG

Leona Mae Schellenberg, aged 84, loving wife of Charles, of Breton Woods, went home to be with her Lord on Monday, January 11, 2010.

Displaying seemingly unending energy, she was always creating something, and her donations of jams, baked goods, and crafts benefited friends and charities from Beaver Island to Orlando. She played an important role in several Island organizations, such as the Library, Historical Society, and Christian Church. She strove to always be helpful, and earned the love and admira-

tion of her many friends.

A few years ago she and her husband sold the Wicklow Beach home they had owned for forty years. When they returned the next summer they drove down to look at it; sitting there remembering all the good times they'd had there with so many good friends, she could not stop crying.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Sheryl Struik in 1998. Leona will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 64 years, Charles; her children, Larry Schellenberg, Mary and Todd

Weston, James and Julie Schellenberg; son-in-law, Bruce Struik; grandchildren, Marika and Adam BeVier, Elizabeth Struik, Julie and Mike Bacon, Matt and Kim Weston, Paul Weston, Sari Weston, Kevin Schellenberg; great-grandchildren, Keaghan, and Ava Bacon, Kady, and Kennedy Weston, Addison, Montana, and Tripp BeVier.

Cremation took place, according to her wishes. A memorial service was held in Grand Rapids, with Rev. Howard Davis and Rev. Ann Conklin officiating.

OPERATION COAL SHOVEL

On the back cover, two photographs from Lake St. Clair provide an interesting juxtaposition with our mild

January weather here where winter didn't arrive until the last week. In the back cover photos by Ensign Guillermo

Colom, the U.S. Coast Guard Cutters *Mackinaw* and *Neah Bay* break track lines for a commercial vessel, Jan. 12.

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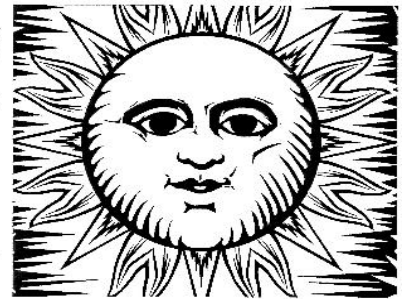
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THE ADVENTURES OF GABLO

When Jeff Powers went through his attic he found several old newspapers, including a partially chewed-away *Detroit Times* from February 16, 1948 which included a story about Beaver Island Native American fisherman Francis Gablo.

"Charlevoix—Being marooned 20 hours in bitter temperatures on an ice

floe in Lake Michigan was sized up as 'comfortable' today by Francis Gablo, 33, in the warmth of his living room.

"Gablo told a Coast Guard crew which rescued him late yesterday that 'I wasn't worried at all.' He was taken off a drifting floe near Beaver Island, on which he had been trapped while ice fishing after a Coast Guard plane had

spotted him.

"I spent a comfortable night," he said. "I moved my shanty next to an unoccupied shelter and I just cozied up and waited for somebody to find me."

"Gablo wasted no time in plowing into a hot meal. Afterward he admitted he hadn't been comfortable enough for a repeat performance."

LETTERS: TO ALL MY FRIENDS

I have been in Florida for twelve days now. We've had chilly weather, but there is no ice on the roads. And the skies are blue, making me feel very fortunate.

Two or three years ago I put notes in the Island papers, of congratulations for

all occasions; I am doing this again instead of sending cards to everyone.

This note goes out to all who are celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions, including Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, and Easter.

Please know you are all special, and

I will be thinking of you and remembering you in my prayers.

You young people, keep up the good work in school and in sports—I'm proud of you!

Blessings and love to all,
—Skip

BICS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Notice of Filing Deadline for BICS Board of Education: Candidates have until 4 p.m. February 9, 2010 to register with the St. James township clerk's office.

One four-

year term will be up for election at the annual school election on May 4. Incumbent board treasurer, Barbara Schwartzfisher plans to seek reelection. Other interested candidates must be regis-

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January was not only a busy month for the two *Islanders* basketball teams, it was a highly successful one as well as the teams combined for a perfect 12-0 sweep over three weekend series.

February will prove to be just as busy with three crucial series, an interesting non-conference challenge, plus the Northern Lights League tournament at Hannahville on Feb. 26-27.

The *Islanders* open with their final

home stand of the season against Mackinac Island the weekend of Feb. 5-6. Following the Mackinac weekend both *Islanders* teams will travel to Northport on Feb. 9 for non-conference games against the *Wildcats* with the girls tipping off at 6 pm and the boys at 7:30. The Northport boys were 5-5 at press time, while the girls were 1-6. The *Islanders* wrap up the regular season on the road, traveling to Grand Marais (Feb. 12-13) and then Mackinac Island on Feb. 19-20.



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With January's wins the *Lady Islanders* improve to 8-0 overall and 7-0 in NLL play and are tied atop the league standings with Mackinac Island. The *Islanders* are alone in first place in the league at 5-0, thanks to a Hannahville win at Mackinac Island, and are 6-0 overall.


If you add in the scrimmages against Hannahville to open the season and, for the boys, the recent scrimmages against Bear River, each team is 9-1 on the season.

In like a lamb, out like a lion

The *Lady Islanders* took to January like the proverbial March saying, sacrificing both the Ojibwe *Eagles* and the Paradise *Rockets* to the dual alters of 30-0 runs and running clocks, providing the only storms of the month.


In both games against the *Eagles* the *Islanders* scored the first 30 points, en route to wins of 36-2 and 59-13. The Friday game was called just after halftime as one of the Ojibwe players

continued on page 34.



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34. **A Clean Sweep**, from page 33.
 was suffering from an allergic reaction and needed to be transported to the Heath Center. Fortunately, her condition proved not to be serious and she was suited up the following morning.

Paradise failed to provide much more resistance to the speedy *Islanders* in a pair of games that each finished under running clock conditions. The *Islanders* claimed a 56-21 win Friday and a 54-8 win on Saturday.

"We played very well in all our games," stated a pleased coach Diane McDonough. "Different players stepped up at different times and we had the kind of teamwork you like to see."

There were times in all four games that the *Lady Islanders* demonstrated

their teamwork by running plays to perfection—setting screens, sending crisp passes to cutting players, and finishing with accurate shots—and the results showed it.

Perhaps it was that experience that aided the *Islanders* against the roar of a three-overtime challenge in their first game at Hannahville to close out the month. "Talk about heart failure. It was sheer craziness," McDonough said of the tension-filled 64-62 triple thriller against the *Soaring Eagles*. "I wasn't prepared for this at all," the first-year coach added.

After a back-and-forth first half, the *Lady Islanders* built an 11-point lead in the third quarter only to see it slip away as the game wore down, allowing the

Eagles to knot the score 41-41 at the end of regulation. The first overtime period stayed close over the four-minutes of play, with the game tied 50-50 at the end.

The *Eagles* took a six-point lead during the second OT. But eighth-grader Olivia Cary came up with a huge steal and coasted in for a layup. Sophomore Jenna Battle hit her second basket of the game and senior Kristy Bousquet followed with a steal and a layup to send the game to its third extra session. Still trailing by four with just 10 seconds to play, things had looked bleak for the *Islanders*.

This time it was the *Islanders* taking the early lead by six, but the *Eagles* clawed back within two before time finally expired with the *Islanders* cling-



Cameron pressured



Tip-off



Photographs by Frank Solle and Erin Boyle

Dereck soars above

ing to the slight lead. "Our defense saved us in the end," McDonough said. "The girls just didn't give up," she added. Hitting timely free throws also played a big role in the extra periods the coach said.

Four *Islanders* finished in double figures, led by Claire Kenwabikise and Olivia Schwartzfisher with 13 each. Alex Kuligoski and Bousquet each finished with 10.

Expecting more of the same in the Saturday game, McDonough told her charges, "Now is not the time to slow down." And they didn't. Pulling away in

the second quarter behind a tenacious full court press, they breezed to a 60-30 win. "Figure that one out," the coach challenged. Kuligoski and Brighid Cushman paced the *Lady Islanders* with 10 points each.

Boys take charge with big wins

The *Islanders* boys started the new year with a stiff challenge from the Bear River *Barnstormers*, a traveling club team made up of students from Petoskey High School who were unable to make that Class B school's varsity team. All the boys played ball through middle school and some on freshman

and junior varsity teams, so it's not like they didn't know the game. They had height, speed, and talent, and provided the *Islanders* with much-needed, high-level competition.

The biggest challenge for the *Islanders* came in the first game, where they pulled out an exciting 38-37 win, after holding off a furious comeback attempt by the *Barnstormers*. Late baskets by seniors Bryan Timsak and Dereck McDonough prevented the visitors from grabbing the lead down the stretch and preserved the win. "That's

continued on page 36.

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36. **A Clean Sweep**, from page 34. what you expect from your senior leaders," said *Islanders* coach Dan Martell.

The Saturday game turned on a big third quarter by the *Islanders*, led by three triples from Timsak, as the home team transformed a 21-20 halftime deficit into a 40-32 advantage. A 13-0 run to open the fourth quarter sealed the deal on a 53-39 win and weekend sweep. Timsak finished the game with 27 points. "We couldn't stop him, he's a big time player," the Bear River coach said of Timsak.

"These were fantastic games for us," Martell said. "We can learn a lot

playing an athletic team which doesn't give up."

The games against Paradise weren't quite as challenging, although the *Rockets* had the *Islanders* on their heels for much of the first half in the Friday game. A 15-11 *Rockets* run in the second quarter gave the visitors a four-point lead before *Islanders* sophomore Matthew Cull drained a trey at the buzzer to close the half with the *Islanders* trailing 19-18.

The game, and the weekend, turned on an impressive 26-0 *Islanders* run over the third quarter keyed by a full-court press. Paradise never recovered in what proved to be a 60-37 *Islanders* win

that night, or in a 65-18 *Islanders* victory the next morning as the home team burst out on a 23-2 first-quarter run and never looked back. "Our press got us working hard at both ends of the floor," Martell said of the defensive effort. "It let us create enough turnovers to take control."

Junior Doug Campbell had a big weekend for the *Islanders* with a pair of double-doubles. Campbell scored 12 points Friday while pulling down 20 rebounds. On Saturday he scored 14 to go with 15 rebounds.

The *Islanders* wrapped up the month by taking care of business at Hannahville in a pair of league con-



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tests, winning Friday 66-63 and Saturday 65-58. The wins give the *Islanders* a two-game cushion in the league standings, or, as coach Martell put it, "We are the only undefeated team left in the league and that puts us in the driver's seat."

The *Islanders* seemed to be driving backwards during the early going of their opening game at Hannahville as they found themselves trailing 37-26 at the half. But an increase in effort at both ends of the court carried the *Islanders* to the win. "They hurt us early with their shooting," Martell said of the eagles-eyes. "We learned that with any separation they were burying their shots. They

hit eight three-pointers in the first half."

Stepping up to shut down the *Eagles* shooters, the *Islanders* outscored the hosts 40-26 over the second half. "By playing really aggressive and tight man-to-man defense we held them to just six points in the fourth quarter," Martell said.

The *Eagles* jumped out to a 6-0 lead Saturday morning, but the *Islanders* warmed up, took the lead, and held off any Hannahville comeback hope. "We chipped away at the lead and then saw-sawed through the second quarter," said Martell. "Then we took control, and they never got closer than three points the rest of the game."

Timsak led the offense for the 37. *Islanders* with 24 points on Friday and 33 points on Saturday. Fellow senior Cameron LaVasseur snatched 12 steals on Friday and hustled throughout the weekend according to the coach. "He never gave up and never came out," Martell said of LaVasseur's scrappy 64-minute weekend effort. "He was on the floor scrambling for loose balls constantly."

With three league contests remaining in the season, that's the type of effort Martell is looking for from all his players. "Every game is a must win for us from here," he said. "We don't want to have a let-up."

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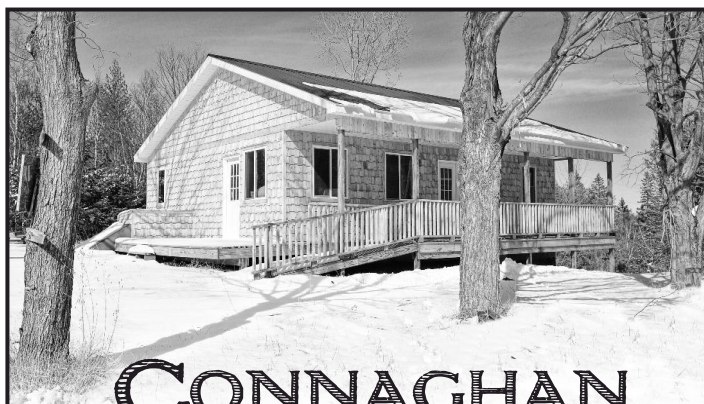
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ESTABLISHMENT OF THE BEAVER ISLAND CONSERVATION CLUB

39.

We are pleased to announce the formation of the Beaver Island Conservation Club (BICC). The BICC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded by Jared Pike, Todd Ireland, and Gavin West, which is open to all people who live, vacation, fish, and hunt on Beaver Island. Its mission is to "rehabilitate, expand, maximize, and sustain the wildlife, forests, and fisheries of the Beaver Archipelago by promoting scientific management concepts, responsible harvest, proper land use and sustainment, and public / private land owner cooperation."

The BICC will concentrate its efforts in 10 areas:

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- Develop, maximize, and sustain

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- Expand, maximize, and sustain the wild turkey population in the Beaver Archipelago.
- Serve as an island liaison to state and national governmental agencies and private conservation agencies on wildlife, forestry, and fisheries issue affecting the Beaver Archipelago.
- Serve as an umbrella organization of Island chapters of national hunting, fishing, conservation, and conservation, and forestry organizations including, but not limited to, Quality Deer Management Association, Trout Unlimited and Ruffed Grouse Society.

The BICC will launch its efforts by hosting the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) on Saturday, March 6th. Bob DuCharme, QDMA Director for the Great Lakes Region, will speak on the issues facing the Whitetail Herd on the Beaver Island and the important part that Quality Deer Management can play in rehabilitating and expanding our deer numbers, health, and size. A public informational session will be held from 4-6 pm at the Beaver Island Community Center. The Beaver Island Conservation Club will look to establish a QDMA branch on the island during 2010 and work with the Michigan DNR to establish regulations supporting that effort. Detailed information on the Quality Deer Management Association can be found at www.QDMA.com.

The BICC will also be initiating a fund raising effort to support the Beaver Island Wildlife, Fisheries, and Forestry Endowment (BIWFFE). The BIWFFE is intended to become a renewable source of funding supporting the mission of the BICC. As a non-profit wildlife organization the BICC will have the ability to petition for state, federal, and private grants as well as raising funds thru private donors. Erin McDonough, island native and Executive Director of the Michigan United Conservation Club (MUCC) states, the "MUCC appreciates the passion and enthusiasm that one of our newest affiliate clubs, the Beaver Island Conservation Cooperative, is showing in promoting our outdoor heritage in Michigan. We welcome them aboard and look forward to working with them." The BICC looks forward to working with the MUCC, as well as the newly revamped Michigan DNRE, to maximize the support for Beaver Island and its surrounding waters.

Please visit our website at www.beaverislandconservation.org for membership information as well as up to date information on meetings, events, and BICC initiatives. You can also contact BICC leadership at the following email address and phone numbers.

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gavin.w.west@gmail.com

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40. THE BEAVER ISLAND WILDLIFE CLUB

Yes, the Beaver Island Wildlife Club is alive and thriving. In light of recent questions raised as to our viability, we will attempt to bring you up to date.

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club has been in existence since the 1940s (it was called the Game Club but later changed to Wildlife). It was organized for charitable, scientific, and educational purposes—more specifically to preserve all wildlife on Beaver and Garden Islands.

Upon review of years of minutes there is a common thread: everything takes time and moves slower than we hoped, and every project requires hours of physical labor and/or conferencing.

Our concerns include the Double Crested Cormorant (DCCO) overpopulation and its effect on the smallmouth bass fishery; establishing a walleye fishery in Lake Geneserath to augment fishing opportunities; habitat for whitetail

deer, grouse, and turkeys; management of whitetail deer; and management of the wild turkey population.

We first voiced concerns about DCCO in 1995. The USDA Wildlife Service became involved in 2006 along with our first public hearing on Beaver Island with the state legislature. Because of the undying efforts of the Wildlife Club the Beaver Island Archipelago is now slated to receive the state's largest degradation order in 2010. Data has shown that with this type of control, the Les Cheneaux Islands has seen a return of their perch fishery. We hope to see the smallmouth bass fishery recover in much the same way. This was only accomplished by countless hours of commitment on the part of our members, and our president, Jeff Powers, attending many meetings in Lansing. DCCO control, in addition to our club's successful

effort to get the opening of smallmouth seasoned changed to July 1st in 2001, will add to the recovery of the fishery.

The conception of walleye rearing began in 2000. Original sites and plans had to be discarded but the pond became a reality on property on lease from Jon and Sally Fogg. The first fry were released in the pond in 2003. The *Beacon* did an article on the project. Bill wrote that four members rose to the challenge and spent 10 hours a day for 5 days shaping a half-acre hole in the ground to fit the requirements. Twenty two volunteers showed up to put the liner in place and 16 students with Jim Gillingham finished the work with shovels and rakes.

Habitat for wildlife has always been high on our list. We requested clear-cutting as early as 2000 but it wasn't until 2006 that the first clear-cutting was done near Camp #3. According to

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Brian Mastenbrook the DNR would like to do 100-150 acres per year but we have not seen that forthcoming. In 2005, the last time we had a DNR officer here to do deer checks, he told us he was going to push for timber harvest. In 2003 the DNR sponsored material for 8 acres of food plot planting. We have encouraged private owners to establish food plots on their acreage, and that has moved along, but we could use more.

When it comes to management of whitetail deer, it seems that wildlife biologists we never knew existed come out of the woodwork. Even the experts disagree but most do agree that island management is special—much different than mainland management. In 2005 we sponsored a Quality Deer Management (QDM) discussion at Peaine Hall. Perry Russo, North Central Regional Director, spoke about measures aimed

at improving herd quality. Following this the club decided to implement a volunteer effort to encourage non-harvest of small bucks in a campaign to “let him go—let him grow.” As of late most land-owner deer hunters have implemented their own regulations to take only bucks with at least 3 points on one side. The consensus was to keep it voluntary. To further compliment the liaison we have established with the DNR (mostly through Brian Mastenbrook), we do a yearly deer drive-by census, and our trained volunteers check our own deer, mostly Jacques LaFreniere and Jeff Powers. We have been praised by the DNR for the information we provide to help them determine health, population, and the future of the deer on this island—they never had access to the kind of information we are gathering.

Wild turkeys were reintroduced in

1995. The population is now estimated at nearly 800. They require complementary feeding in the winter, which we have assumed. The first year we provided 1,000 pounds of corn. We now purchase and distribute 10 tons of corn in the winter to our feathered friends. We encourage more turkey hunters, to reduce the population.

Last November we celebrated our first annual Harold Lounsberry Memorial Hunter's Dinner at the Shamrock. Proceeds of the dinner will be matched annually and given to the 21st Century Scholarship Fund at the BI Community School.

So you see, we are well and living here on BI. We are a dedicated group of non-residents and residents who have the Island's wildlife at heart. We need to protect those things that we hold dear and continue to work hard to preserve them.

—Lois Williams, Wildlife Club secretary

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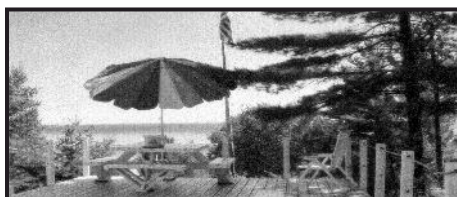


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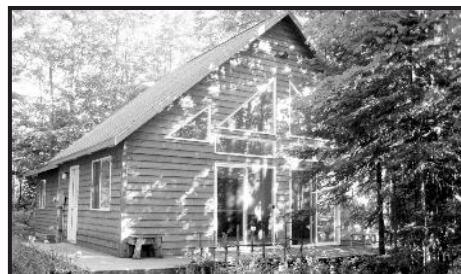
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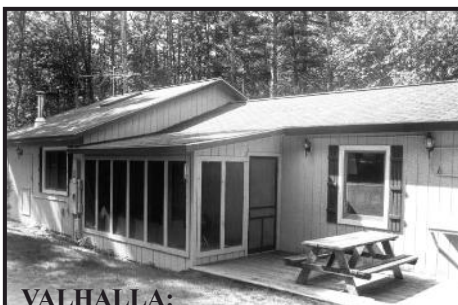
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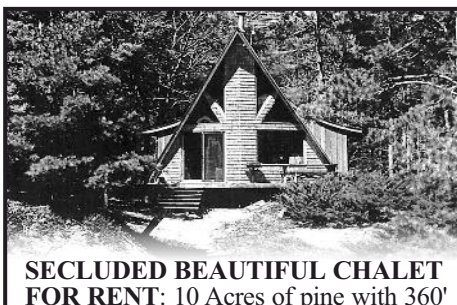
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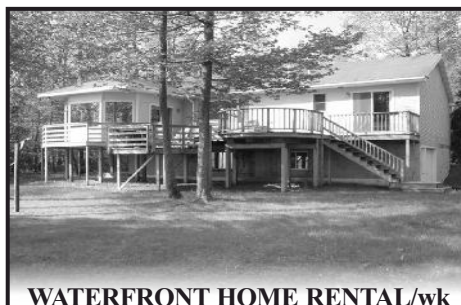
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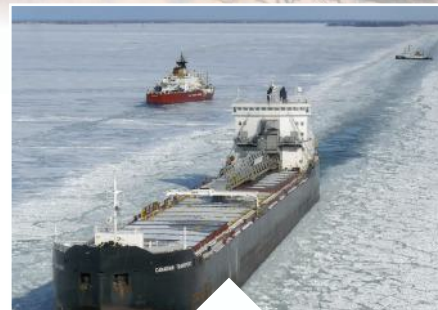
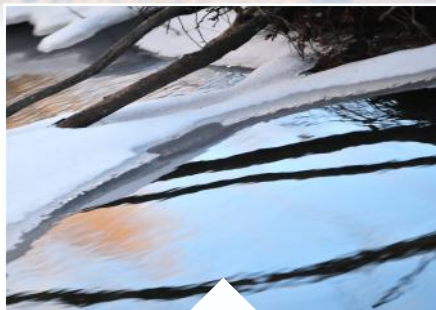
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