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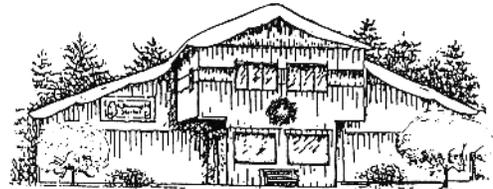
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Big Art Larsen's tug Estonia hauled onto the ice for repairs

The old "Booth Fishing Company" dock, which passed to their agent James Gallagher when they left and was torn down to make space for the Yacht Dock. The *North Shore* is in the background—after it was trimmed into tug-size by Forest Montgomery

The Beacon welcomes Island Stories, Articles, Photos, and Letters to the Editor. Thanks to all who call & email with news!

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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

Much of the regular meeting was devoted to the solution to the assessment problem, but the necessary regular business was also taken care of. The Board passed resolutions fixing their salaries for next year at the current rate. The schedule for the Board of Review was established (March 8 and 9, both mornings, the afternoon of the 8th and the evening of the 9th). The Board approved a grant application for the senior housing facility, and agreed to open an account for funds for the proposed cormorant study.

Three people had offered to serve on the Library Board. Conversations with the staff had produced a recommendation for Lori Saunders, who the Board then confirmed. Kathy Tidmore was appointed to the Human Services Commission.

Proposals from Tim Grimm (\$91,090) and AD Assessing (\$68,800) were distributed and read. AD's owners, Amy Jenema and Dawn Plude, were present to talk about the situation and answer questions. They said a number of townships had run into difficulties when the new state guidelines were established, and they had helped some of them by doing similar reappraisals.

These two women proposed to visit

all 1,859 taxable parcels, record front and back digital images, and draw site improvements using Apex, a low-tech CAD system. They estimated this would require ten long days (including the outer islands), and could be done this April. They would enter the information in the Equalizer Assessing System, and then begin creating the information analysis that would allow them to fine-tune the assessing. They would pay for their own expenses, and guarantee that their results would be accepted by the state (they had passed every one of their many previous 14-point revues).

The Board felt their proposal would provide more "deliverables" at $\frac{3}{4}$ the cost of the other proposal, and voted unanimously to accept it.

At the end of the meeting the previous supervisor made some comments regarding the letter written and circulated by the former assessor. He said he had not taken notes of the many conversations they'd had, and felt he'd been too easy-going. He said he had resisted acting on some complaints about the way assessing was being done, feeling the problems could be resolved. He said that between 2001 and 2004 the assessor had requested extra pay for specific extra work four times but had only turned in time slips



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to receive \$4,040 of the \$8,800 which was approved. And he said the assessor could have come to the Board at any time but had not.

After a few members of the audience reported that they'd had complaints about the assessing, Trustee Ray Cole said the discussion was becoming unproductive, and suggested moving on.

Peaine Township

Several important matters were addressed at this meeting, primarily the status of upgrading Peaine's assessment practices to meet state requirements. The supervisor hoped to be able to use Kevin White in some capacity to take advantage of his knowledge and keep the cost down, but had already begun to meet with mainland firms who were being encouraged to submit proposals for taking the lead—which the Board would evaluate. These firms were being encouraged to submit two bids, one for using Kevin White to help and the other for working without him.

The hope was to “build a foundation for continuing properly into the future.” A member of the audience said that when recent improvements to a few dozen parcels were belatedly added to the assessment role, enough additional tax might be generated to cover this

extra cost over the next few years.

The supervisor had purchased a copy of the Apex drawing program for the township (\$545) to allow for local modification of site plans submitted by a mainland assessor.

The supervisors of the two townships will share budget information for the jointly-owner facilities, which will be considered before the Budget Meeting on 3-27 at 11:00 a.m.

Correspondence was continuing with the townships' attorney to refine the proposed authorizing documents for the Airport and Waste Management committees. Both townships agreed that the three non-Board members on the WMC would be Ed Troutman, Jim Birdsall, and Angel Welke.

A person was hired to clean the Town Hall at \$18/hour for time spent there; usually this comes in small increments, which can be less than the driving time.

Tests at the East Side Fire Hall determined that its emergency generator should be between 17kw (~\$3,500) and 22kw (~\$5,000).

The supervisor wanted a statement added to the minutes that the eight questions he had asked the Airport Committee at the 1-11 Joint Meeting had not been answered, but the Board resisted on the grounds *continued on page 6.*

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6. *News from the townships, from page 5.*
that everyone had been surprised
by the presentation of these questions.
The supervisor briefly excused himself
to retrieve a memo from 7-18-09 in
which he had asked similar questions in
an attempt to better understand how the
current expansion plan was generated,
but the Board held its ground.

The news of the USDA turning
down our application for stimulus
money for high-speed wireless internet
implementation under the American
Recovery and Reinvestment Act was
delivered. On 1-25 it was determined
that we did not meet the definition of
being "unserved" and so Beaver Island
Broadband Inc. would not be funded in
round 1.

Other funding for our project might
be available through the Department of
Commerce's NTIA's (National
Telecommunication Information
Administration) BTOP (Broadband
Technology Opportunities Program).
The application process is complicated;
an attempt will be made to assess
whether it would be worth the effort and
expense to apply.

ANOTHER BRAIN

Andrea Moore, a graduate of the
BICS and daughter of Phyllis and Joe,
was on CMU's Dean's List.

She's a sophomore majoring in psy-
chology, with a minor in American Sign
Language.

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7.

Proposed State Application For Capital And Operating Assistance

All citizens are advised that the Beaver Island Transportation Authority has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2010, as required under Act 51 of the public Acts of 1951, as amended.

The Beaver Island Transportation Authority is requesting \$222,000 at an estimated cost of capital assistance, and operating assistance, in the total amount of \$672,310.

The proposed application is on file at BITA, 26195 Main Street, Beaver Island, Michigan, and may be reviewed

during a 30-day period beginning March 1, 2010. Between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Written comments on the application are invited. Any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic, and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or requests must be received by March 31, 2010. Should a hearing be requested, notice of the date, time, and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to BITA at Post Office Box 426, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782

WHO WILL IT BE THIS YEAR?

The Citizen of the Year banquet will be held at the Beaver Island Community Center on Saturday April 24th. The price of \$25 includes appetizers, dinner, desert and entertainment. A cash bar will be available. Reservations will be accepted in mid-March.

For additional information about the banquet please contact the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce at (231) 448-2505. For reservation contact the Community Center at (231) 448-2022.

The deadline for Citizen of the Year nominations is April 1. (*see page 38.*)



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8. LETTER TO THE EDITOR: DUPLICATING EFFORTS?

Two articles caught my immediate attention in the February 2010 issue of the *Beaver Beacon*. It appears that property owners and regular visitors to the Island will have two wildlife organizations to financially support that are working to achieve the same goals. This clearly does not make any sense.

Competition in the commercial world usually provides a public benefit by improving services and reducing the cost of products. I do not see any benefit

to the Island populace in two wildlife organizations duplicating efforts and competing for funding.

Reading between the lines, I see two factions that were not engaged in constructive dialog. The factions have instead split apart to perpetuate two organizations. These two organizations will have to speak as one voice for the Island to get attention from the DNR or any entities that can help the Island wildlife.

I think we would like to know about the issues that have driven these two dissenting groups apart. Having to sit out the winter in Warren, MI makes it hard to follow what really happens on the Island. The *Beaver Beacon* helps somewhat. However, the story behind the perceived need for a second wildlife organization needs to come to light.

—Robert Trudgeon

CHILI COOK-OFF

It's hard to believe, but only a few years ago Beaver Island had yet to be discovered as one of the world's great gourmet chili sites. Now everything has changed—and if you don't believe it, you can come to the Chili Cook-off to witness the intense competition between our new breed of master chefs.

It will be held on March 11th, at the Shamrock (where else) between 5:30 and 7:30, with the judging by internationally acclaimed experts set to start at 5:00 sharp.

Yes, there'll be red chili, and white chili, and this year something new: blue chili, to complete the patriotic motif

—and pay homage to the *Beacon* cover. (If you're entering, be sure to have your chili there by 4:30—and in a crock pot. Please supply a ladle.)

It's for a good cause, the Sports' Boosters. For more information call Kathy Maudrie (231-676-0826) or Kerry Smith (448-2744, days).

EMMA LEE'S COMING HOME!

After 99 days of anxiety and prayer, KK and Brian's daughter is about to be discharged, so the family will soon be home. She's still weak, and the brave

little trooper's treatment will have to continue, but at least she's over a hump that not everyone crests. The family sends their thanks to all the friends who

were right there with them, praying.

The Antkoviaks are scheduled to arrive on Island Airways 4:30 flight on March 5th. Hooray!

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Terry Pepper, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association, says "with more lighthouses than any other state in the union,

Michigan's love affair with lighthouses is immediately evident — and perhaps nowhere is this love demonstrated more than by those dedicated volunteer groups who step up to literally save these icons of our maritime heritage from being lost to weather, ice or just plain neglect."

Sally Frye, Secretary/Treasurer of the MLA, notes that "the information to be presented and discussed in this conference will be invaluable to anybody involved in lighthouse preservation, or anyone ready to take their interest in lighthouses to the next level."

Buzz Hoerr, MLA President and Harbor Beach Lighthouse Society head, states: "This is an opportunity to meet with everyone connected with the lighthouse world. This conference traditionally attracts

participants and speakers from all over the US and Canada."

Themes include hands-on training sessions, museum focus groups, technical assistance, moisture control, selecting proper interior and exterior coatings, insuring Fresnel lenses, organizational development, and many more, including a full day trip to the South Manitou Island Lighthouse for classes, all included in the registration fee. For those interested in obtaining a lighthouse or those already involved in lighthouse preservation, this conference will be an educational must.

For more conference and hotel information and to register, please visit www.michiganlighthousealliance.org or call Sally Frye at 231-590-4004 or info@michiganlighthousealliance.org. Space is limited, so please reserve the date and plan on attending now!



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Bicyclers can pedal almost everywhere here, year around—you don't

have to wait for the Bike Fest to warm up! The Road Crew has done an excellent job on the roads, and the Trails Committee is busy opening, improving, and expanding the Island's trails. It's great exercise, so dig out your Schwinn and come feast on the quiet natural beauty.

Contact John or Lisa online at www.beaverislandbikefestival.com or the Chamber of Commerce for more information on the new event.

SUNDAY MARCH 7th Junior Class Fundraiser - Alfredo Pasta Dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Please Join Us!

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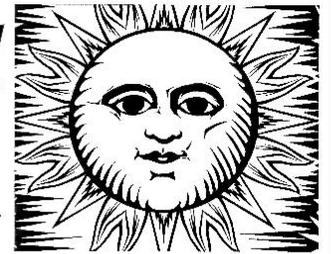
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They'll make their way across the Big Pond and a Great

Lake to include Beaver Island on their fifth US tour in less than three years. They have appeared among top Irish acts at major festivals, including Boston's Irish Connections Festival as well as in Ireland. "When somebody like John Doyle or Paddy Keenan come up to us after the concert and say, 'Well done,' we certainly stand a little prouder," says Gudrun Walther, lead singer and chief fiddler, in an IRL article.

Cara will appear in a St. Patrick's Day concert at the Beaver Island Community Center the 17th at 8pm. Tickets are \$20 for Adults and \$10 for Students and are available at the Center.

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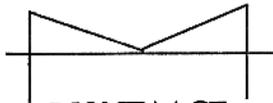


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EMS EXPANDS

Eight Beaver Islanders (Garrett Cole, Deb Bousquet, Kevin White, Instructor Sarah McCafferty, Danielle Dedloff, Rory Connaghan, Cameron LaVasseur, Tammie LaFreniere, and Dan Burton) made it through a tough Emergency Medical Responder program taught by Sarah McCafferty, paramedic and instructor. The successful students passed the practical skills exam on Monday, February 1, and

passed the written exam two days later. They will now leave the Island to take the computer-based National Registry Examination to become certified Emergency Medical Responders.

After successful completion of the NR Exam, they may apply to the State to be licensed as Medical First Responders. Congratulations to all of them for their excellent work and dedication to helping others!

CORNERED BEEF RAFFLE

The AmVets Post #46 Ladies Auxiliary will raffle off a Corned Beef Dinner on Friday, March 19. The Dinner will include everything needed for a boiled corned beef dinner. Ticket sales will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Shamrock, Beachcomber, and Donegal

Danny's Pub, with the drawing shortly after 7:00 at Donegal Dan's. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5. Look for these ladies to buy your chance on a good old-fashioned Irish meal. Sorry, you have to cook it yourself!

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We should view the organizations seeking to manage the natural resources on Beaver Island as a benefit to the Island with their good ideas and hard work aimed at improving the Island's natural resources. I personally feel it is important to manage natural resources. Indeed, there is evidence that human societies have manipulated this very Beaver Island ecosystem for centuries to improve their lives.

The important thing about natural resource management is that you must work in harmony with nature, nurture the entire ecosystem and the cycles within it that have evolved over millennia. Societies that have not followed this practice have failed, every time.

Clear-cutting a beech-maple forest is not working with nature. Clear-cutting is only necessary as a tree removal strategy to allow trees that have minimal shade tolerance to regenerate, like aspen and birch. Historically, MI had a small amount of aspen forests but today it is a more dominant forest type due to clear-cutting. Historically, Beaver Island was dominated in the interior by a beech-maple forest. It is important to know what was here before because then we know what type of biological community can sustainably exist here.

A beech-maple forest is a complex community, the habitat for many of the food webs that sustain the natural systems over all Beaver Island. Clear-cutting (when foresters completely remove the entire tree community) destroys this valuable biological community. In a mature beech-maple forest you find logs and snags (standing dead trees) which may seem useless but in fact are of the utmost importance.

Logs and snags are the base of many food chains. This means all the critters that live in and under them are food for other things, which feed additional things, etc. If you get rid of the logs and snags there are no critters to feed the many things that are linked to them as a food source.

Most important and often overlooked is the water reservoir that logs and snags provide. Turn over most logs in a beech-maple forest here and you will find red-backed salamanders and countless other animals, and you will also see white growing roots from

neighboring trees.

These logs, which can have 50% water content, provide a stable source of water to the trees. Remember the drought a few years ago when the trees started losing their leaves in the summer? A mature forest with lots of logs and snags is less susceptible to drought and able to support animals through these hard times. Moreover, those soggy logs and snags and the cool shade mean that a beech-maple forest is one of the most fire-resistant communities in Michigan.

Increased clear-cutting will have consequences that could degrade or even destroy the natural beauty on Beaver Island. Clear-cut areas have increased soil erosion, lowering the productivity of future forests. Most soils here are not the best to begin with, and clear-cutting makes them worse.

Besides degrading the soil, clear-cuts are disturbed areas which invasive species tend to thrive in. Moreover, beech-maple forests that have been clear-cut were healthy communities which evolved over centuries to be more resistant to insects and disease.

Clear-cutting is like amputating a healthy limb. I think everyone agrees that aesthetic views are compromised by clear-cutting. This means clear-cutting is not good for tourism; who wants to take a vacation to look at it?

It also is not good for many song birds, and therefore bad for bird watchers who, according to the Audubon society, spend millions on ecotourism.

Furthermore, it has been shown logging wastes left behind after clear-cutting increase fire, insect, and disease problems. Sunshine in the open area (clear-cut) dries out the wood, making it easier to burn.

Every time you clear-cut you have more soil erosion, increased fire risk, and all the down sides of clear-cutting. Regardless, I am sure someone will say there is plenty of beech-maple on the Island; we can remove some (insert x% removed here). Something similar was said about the passenger pigeon.

Besides, beech are already suffering, most likely from beech bark disease, which is a fungal disease transmitted by a scale insect. The last thing we need is to indiscriminately remove healthy disease-resistant beech trees.

To recap: clear-cutting goes against the natural system that exists on the Island, causes soil erosion, is ugly to look at, removes healthy disease-resistant trees, provides a place for exotic plants to grow, increases fire risk, and with snow fails to feed deer in winter when food is most needed.

Clear-cutting a beech-maple forest does not seem like a wise use of the resource. Does clear-cutting cause aspen to grow in place of beech and maple? Yes. Can deer and roughed grouse eat or use aspen some of the year? Yes. In the long term is clear-cutting a good thing for the Island? No. I hope that no organization on the Island would condone clear-cutting as its advantages are far outweighed by the many disadvantages. Don't get me wrong, clear-cut logging is easy to do and the most efficient way to convert trees to CASH, but it puts the need of the current users ahead of the future users. Our current clear-cutting technologies conflict with nature's way of doing things. People who want to help Beaver Island in the short and long term need to protect remaining beech-maple forests. If everyone takes a scientific look and sees the Island as a whole ecosystem as well as parts we should all end up happy

I know what you are thinking, "Sure, it is easy to complain about something but what about providing workable alternatives."

The need for an early succession sere (that means young, sun-loving, growing plants) for wildlife is well documented. Much of this need is met as Beaver Island becomes more developed and private land owners create clearings and have their property logged. However, if it is deemed that more of the ecological benefits of a young forest are needed, this can be accomplished by using many silvicultural practices other than clear-cutting. Harvesting practices like selective cutting, strip shelter wood, seed tree method, and others, would create young growth without the many limitations and environmental problems of clear-cutting.

One example would be to create strips of 'clear cut' to provide forage and/or young growth. This is not clear-cutting 30 acres at a time like what was done at Camp #3 Trail, but is termed

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Forest Management, from page 14. strip shelterwood. This type of harvesting would be written in a management plan as ‘removing of trees in parallel strips not to exceed the height of adjacent trees,’ NOT as clear-cutting.

The orientation of the strips can be changed from more N-S to E-W to manage the type of plant growth that occurs in the strips. To continue with this, designated areas could be divided into plots of 10 strips. This plot would have one main access road on the side; 10% of the total plot will be in a growth stage from 0-10 years through one century. This is sustainable forestry. Each 10-strip plot can be recreated over the Island as part of a comprehensive management plan. This provides the young growth, buds, nesting sites, bedding sites etc. of a young forest without destroying the connected-ness of the surrounding mature

forest community that also supports many organisms. This is just one possible way to manage our forests. There are countless other ways, but I hope it’s apparent that clear-cutting is not needed.

The hard part is that the area to receive strip shelterwood harvesting will have to be evaluated before being logged. The real advantage about clear-cutting is anyone can do it without any forestry training. The problem with this is that a great many environmental problems result from attempts to oversimplify nature’s complexities. I hope no one would say, “We thought about doing things right but it seemed hard so we did what was easiest.” We are talking about our forests, AND our children’s forest and their children’s in aeternum.

Using silvicultural methods other than clear-cutting does take a bit more time and knowledge but opens up so

many new possibilities. For example, during evaluation it can be planned to leave some healthy straight trees (with their ‘good genes’) in some strips as a seed source, or leave some snags for housing animals, or removing diseased trees in adjoining strips to cut down on the spread of the disease. These types of tactics would increase the forests value to wildlife, and monetarily.

Good forest management in a beech-maple forest is more about what is left behind than what is taken out. The benefit of this is that large healthy trees and snags (biological legacies) can be left in the forest. This means we will be improving the habitat for all creatures over time. This should be the goal of Island management to use AND improve our resources.

—Eric. R. Myers, Ph.D. Forestry
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BIODIVERSITY AND THE NEW CONSERVATION CLUB

I noticed the large ad for the new Beaver Island Conservation Club. It’s great that there is an increased interest in land management issues on Beaver Island. But I have to question the inherent contradictions contained in the new club’s mission, which as stated is to “Rehabilitate, expand, maximize, and sustain the wildlife, forests, and fisheries of the Beaver Archipelago....”

I find part of the club’s stated mission – “rehabilitating wildlife and forests” – good and worthy goals. One of the biggest assets the Island has is the richness, beauty, and biodiversity of its natural heritage. The film “Beaver Island: A Great Lakes Jewel” says this clearly, in its welcoming message to every passenger riding over on the *Emerald Isle*. The Island is “a jewel” precisely because much of its biodiversity is still intact – meaning it has many pieces left of the living landscape that are so hard to find, or are just plain missing on the mainland. Your own personal part of this treasure may be seeing the rare Michigan monkey flower or the dwarf iris, hearing the barred owl’s call or watching the bald eagle soar on a pristine beach, taking your kids to explore the rare Fen by Barney’s Lake, or hunting the edge of a mature forest, where grand old growth trees still stand. We all value something different, something that has been left intact here that is missing on the mainland.

This is why I am concerned when I see the new club also wants to “expand and maximize” something. You just can’t “expand and maximize” your favorite game species without degrading something else. If you are pushing for more logging on the Island because you want to see larger populations of deer or roughed grouse, you are trading off someone else’s treasures for your own.

Of course we could choose to selectively manage our forests to increase deer and grouse forage. We could do more heavy cutting, and this would produce a temporary spike in the deer herd size. But this would not be true conservation. Nor would it lead to the club’s other long-term goal of “rehabilitating wildlife and forests” in general.

If there was a key lesson learned in the last century of the conservation movement, it was that there is an inherent conflict in managing to maximize a game species while also trying to manage the landscape for the good of all. You cannot manipulate the landscape for one or two species without doing harm to others.

There was no better teacher of this lesson than the father of Land Stewardship himself, Aldo Leopold. Leopold, our nation’s greatest conservationist, founded our modern Wilderness system, and is universally recognized as the father of modern ecology and today’s “Land Ethic.” He is also a favorite son of the Great Lakes (from Wisconsin.)

In his beautiful classic book *Sand County Almanac*, Leopold writes about what happens when the well-intended manager makes plans to “expand and maximize” the deer herd by controlling the wolf population: “I have lived to see state after state extirpate its wolves. I have watched and seen south-facing slopes wrinkle with a maze of new deer trails. I have seen every edible bush and seedling browsed, first to anemic desuetude, and then to death. I have seen every edible tree defoliated to the height of a saddlehorn. Such a mountain looks as if someone had given God a new pruning shears, and forbidden Him all other exercise. In the end the starved bones of the hoped-for deer herd, dead of its own too-much, bleach with the bones of the dead sage....”

Beaver Island is now looking ahead. And it should be proud of its residents, for they have a history of caring about what makes the Island so different and special. Now is the time to think carefully about everything that makes it special for so many different folks. This “Great Lakes Jewel” draws people to its shores not just for one or two game species, but for its rich biodiversity not often found on the mainland.

True conservation means managing the Island for all of its treasures – its flora and fauna, its mature forests and pristine wetlands, and its game and its non-game species alike.

—Seamus Norgaard



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I FEEL LIKE

For the last several days I have been looking at the ice in the harbor of Paradise Bay. It sure looked solid enough for skating, and smooth enough too. So this afternoon I got out my skates, went down to the public beach, sat on a milk carton, and put them on. For the next 35 minutes I was a kid again.

When I really was a kid I grew up in a small town in central Michigan. I lived on a street called Mill and at the end of that street was a mill pond. It was the happening place to be on a winter day, to skate the afternoon away with a noisy bunch of kids. We had a warming shack with an old wood stove in it, but I never remember getting cold enough to use it. There were kids of every description there but we always seemed to get along. I even learned to tolerate the silly boys my age who seemed more bother than they were worth (I changed my mind when I was 16, however).

Today when I skated, totally alone on the harbor, there were no shrieks of laughter and a howl when someone went





A KID AGAIN

head over heels on a bad turn. There was no wood smoke, no games, no races, and no hockey pucks. I skated over clear ice; clear enough to see the rippled pattern of sand on the bottom. I saw a few clam shells, rocks, a decaying log, and the ubiquitous beer can (Budweiser). It was kind of eerie but not scary. I was never over water that was over my head.

Where is everyone, I wondered? Am I the only person willing to take advantage of this opportunity to skate on natural ice? There are only a few times the conditions are conducive for this, and the last time was in 2007 at Font Lake. That was also where I took a fall and ended up living on Ibuprofen for months because of a banged up shoulder. Oh well, skating is not for sissies.

As long as this weather holds I'll be out there on the ice taking long strides, trying not to hit little pockets of snow-covered bumps, and taking advantage of Mother Nature's gift to us this winter. Hope to see you out there too.

—Lois Williams 2/4

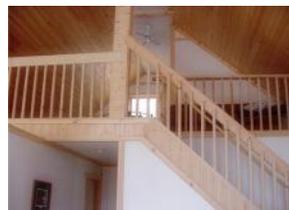


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20. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* touted the Little Traverse Nature Conservancy for its facilitation of 210 acres at Miller's Marsh purchased by the State for CMU.

Heather Cary, 15, woke up after midnight and discovered her home was on fire. She woke her sisters and got them out a window, woke her father from sleeping in a downstairs bedroom, and then called the Fire Department from the garage. She was credited with saving the lives of her family.

GLE had ordered two large generators for the Island. To pay for them \$10.50/month would be added to all Island bills. The Health Center's new stand-by generator was running. It was planning to install telemedical capability as a pilot project.

The Wildlife Club supported a federal proposal to establish an open season for shooting cormorants. It would allow individuals to take up to ten a day. Club president Gordy Hays lobbied the Fisheries Division to close five smallmouth spawning areas until July 1st.

Skip McDonough's Florida granddaughter Jordan played drums at their All-state Band Competition—after having to teach herself when her band teacher quit.

Thanks to a \$10k grant from the Grand Traverse Band and \$16k from the Ladies Auxiliary, the BIFD was able to purchase a LifePak 12.

The second Leadership Retreat was being organized.

Thanks to Elaine West, Jacque LaFreniere, and Judy Meister, rehearsals for a presentation of *Nunsense* by the Community Players was moving right along.

The passing of two long-time Islanders was noted, Mary Bert McDonough and Ray Cull. Mary Boyle married Bert McDonough in 1925; he worked at the Beaver Head Lighthouse.

Ray was the son of Mike Cull and his wife Mabel Connaghan; he worked as a Captain with the American Steamship Company for 40 years.

Twenty Years Ago Grant applications for closing the dump and building a Transfer Station were approved, and the Town Boards agreed to contribute the Island match.

The Chamber of Commerce held its first Business After-hours and was again offering pink flowering crab trees for planting around the harbor. Patti Wojan was coordinating its July Fourth parade.

A chart showed that Beaver Island teachers' salaries were the lowest in the area in several (but not all) categories. The students were increasing, with 18 more than the previous year, requiring 11 full-time and 6 part-time employees.

Linda and Kevin McDonough were promoting a program bringing two children from Northern Ireland (one Catholic, one Protestant) to an Island host family for 6 weeks during the summer.

The Historical Society intended to sponsor a conference of archaeologists to discuss the "stone circle."

The 4th annual Talent Show was directed by Pat McGinnity, and included two songs sung, with a "beautiful voice," by Derrick Burris.

Both Gus Schmidt and Curt Petrak were interested in becoming licensed assessors.

Sympathy was extended to the families of Thelma Hunt, who had lived here for three years, and Judge David Wilson, who had helped advance many Island projects over the previous 50 years.

Thirty Years Ago In February the Island's lows averaged 7.5° and reached -12. There was 11" of snow.

Terry VanArkle earned an award at a Florida fishing tournament for snagging a 36# kingfish on 12# line.

A Women's R & R at Annie

Hayhoe's home (now the Stambaugh's) featured a séance.

Forty Years Ago Some Islanders were doing what they could to reduce the coyote population. Archie LaFreniere and professional hunter Roy Chambers got two, and Sheldon and Bea Parker, using Archie's dog, got two more.

The Island was anticipating good smelt runs at the East Side creeks. Father Donahoe was collecting and boiling sap from two dozen maples he'd tapped (producing 25 gallons of sap a day) near his stone house on Paid een Og's corner.

Dick LaFreniere called in to Bill Supernaw's talk show on the radio and proposed that Beaver Island secede from the Union and then apply for foreign aid.

Monsignor Victor Gallagher reported that on a trip to Arranmore he was made to feel right at home, and met many friends and distant relatives.

Sympathy was extended for the loss of James Carpenter and Vivian (Roddy) Gallagher. He had run a sawmill on the lower West Side Road, and owned the Willis house. She married an Island sailor in Chicago and lived here for awhile before moving to Charlevoix.

Fifty Years Ago Bill Hannon, who painted the pictures for Isle Haven, was a finalist in the GM national scholarship exam and won a four-year ride at Loyola.

The Boat Company put up three large billboards on the highways leading to Charlevoix.

It was a light winter, but the rabbit hunting was excellent.

Larry Collins' home on the Highway (near the Grotto) was destroyed by fire; it had previously belonged to Bridgie Gallagher.

Current Islanders who made the honor roll: Ed, Jean, and Ron Wojan. The other twelve moved away. How smart was *that*?

DISTANT

The face of the rock
Glowing from the sky
A pearl of beauty
Set there for the eye.

Is it magic or music?
Can we call down its brightness?
What causes the wolf to howl?
Is it worship, or the beauty's glare?
—Dawn George

2010

Easter Brunch: 12:00 at the Christian Church on Easter Sunday

March 6 - 4-6pm **Quality Deer Management** Association talk at PABI

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

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

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

June 11-14 - **B. I. Camp Quality**

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

June 25 - 27 - Beaver Island **Bike Festival**

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**

September 4 - Beaver Island **Marathon**

October 2 - **Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle** 5k Run/Walk

FRESH AIR THROWS A PARTY

21.

While ago Keith Teague and Phil Wyckoff were in his garage talking about ski planes. Keith said he would like to invite a few people down to the lake to give rides, and maybe have a pot of chili out. Have some fun on a Saturday afternoon on Beaver Island. Well Phil thought that would be fun and so did BJ, so she began to talk to some friends and neighbors in the Hemlock Point community at Lake Geneserath about having a little party—build a bonfire, and

roast hot dogs. Word got out, and soon the invitations were opened to everyone. Keith and Rachel Teague offered to give rides to the kids in their ski plane, and Jim Wojan said he'd set up an ice-fishing demonstration. Jim and others brought their snowmobiles down and offered rides—on the back, in a cart, or in a towed canoe. The food was expanded, with several good cooks pitching in.

People came and went all afternoon, with between 50 and 75 there

at any one time. Some parked at the North Arm boat-launching ramp but others drove across the frozen ice to near the North Arm's south shore, where there were 35 cars in a small grid. Some speculated that the North Arm was frozen clear through to the bottom, but others guessed that if people kept coming, sooner or later the combined weight of cars would reach the ice-breaking point.

What could be better than a sunny winter afternoon with the laughter of



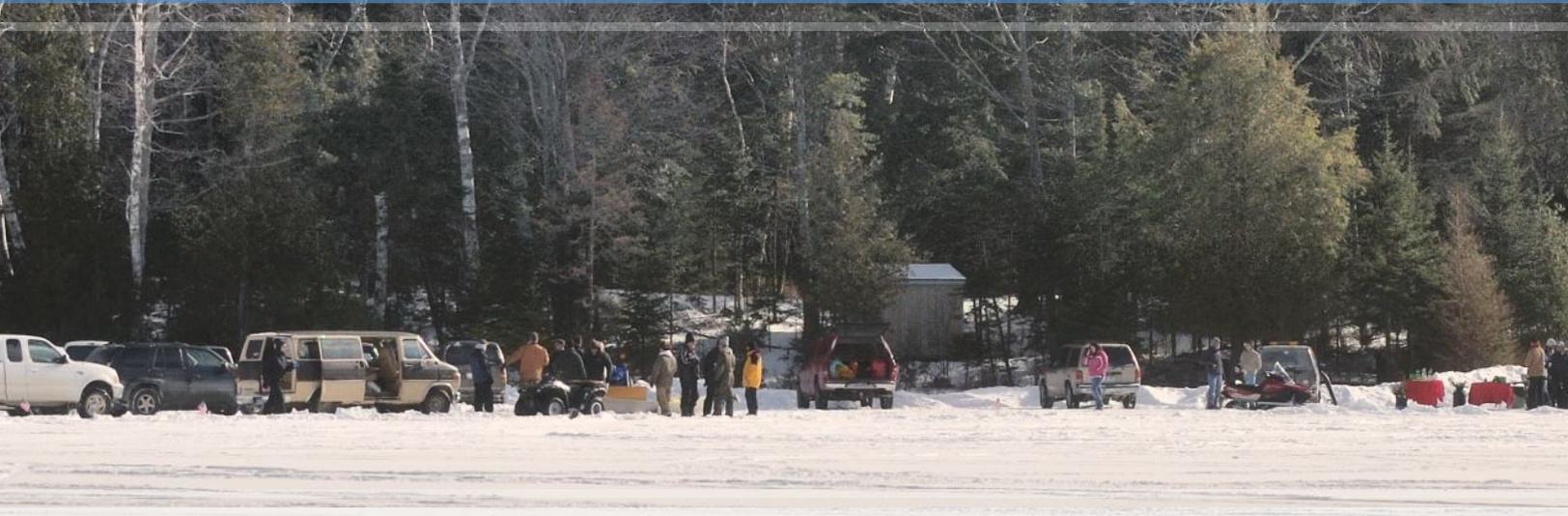


dozens of kids filling the air.

Thanks from the entire community go to Rachel and Keith, Phil and B. J., Barb Murphy, Darrell Butler Jr. (who moved all the picnic tables and moved them back again), Bruce and Jean Kinsley, Terry and Dale Keyes (who

provided the coffee stand), Peg and Bob Hoogendoorn, Sue and Dave Avery, Tina Drost, Terry and Nancy Saxton, Gary and Tina Morgan, Kathy and Jim Jones, Barb Murphy, Cathy and Al Brouard, Tom Whitman (who spear-headed the clean-up), Cathy and Jerry

Jones, Jim Luteyn, McDonoughs' Market, Bill and Shirley Detwiler, Judy Meister, Karen and "Canoemeister" Jim Wojan, Loretta Slater, new residents Tim and Trish King, Ruth and Dalton Cothran, and of course to the smiling Gods of weather.





The only unfortunate occurrence followed Dr. Fred Kelleway's demonstration of high-tech model aerial wizardry. He set up a generator and radio transmitter to fly his 30" plane, which was equipped with a camera that relayed amazing real-time video to the ground.

Once it was in the air, people huddled around Fred at his base station to see Keith pass beneath the doughty plane, and to watch the approach of a curious eagle.

But the insurgent machine took advantage of a sudden gust of wind to

slip beyond radio control. People on the ground implored it to turn back, but it resolutely headed out over the lake, using wing dips to signal its last proud message, "I'm free!" It disappeared into the wild blue yonder, disappointing its many fascinated fans.





by Steve West

If our Island's white tail deer society was a human one it would look something like this. Let's say 1,000 people lived on Beaver Island. Eight hundred, 80%, of them would be females ranging in age from very young to elderly. Two hundred, 20%, would be males. The vast majority of males would be teenagers. The chances of a male teen surviving to age 40 would be very small.

Three hundred years ago in northern not-yet-Michigan the white tail deer roamed. The ratio of bucks to does was one to one (1-1). Logic, birth data, and examinations of Native American sites tell us that this was so. Three primary predators dined on deer, cougars, wolves, and Native Americans. Wolves kept coyote populations in check. Natural predators are motivated by hunger; they don't sex select animals to kill.

Soon Caucasian Europeans arrived and started to screw things up. They extirpated the wolf and cougar in Michigan, darn near killed all the deer, and weren't at all nice to the Native Americans. Eventually market hunting was stopped and limits and regulations imposed. The deer recovered and were introduced to some areas like Beaver Island.

Now comes man's first attempt at "modern" wildlife management in the early 20th century. It was predicated on having the largest possible number of deer to harvest and eat each year. This management plan was in essence, shoot bucks and maximize the number of does because a buck can breed with many does. The ratio of bucks to does quickly got out of balance. Next came "doe permits," that is, let's shoot some does to get closer to 1-1 balance.

Next wildlife managers encounter a combination of trophy mentality, lack of hunter education, and a lack of understanding human psychology. A great many hunters seem to think it's somehow better to shoot a young buck (spike) than a mature doe. Many hunt for a trophy for that den wall. As a result the vast majority of "doe permits" voluntarily don't get filled and way too many immature bucks get harvested. The result – too many does – too few bucks, Beaver Island today.



In the late 20th Century, the most current white tail management plan, Quality Deer Management (QDM) was developed. Through QDM we can move the Beaver Island ratio closer to the natural state of 1-1 and have as many as 500 bucks on the Island with a 1,000 deer herd! By protecting younger bucks we can create a herd with many older and larger bucks. Under normal hunting pressure only 5% of bucks make it to 4½ years of age or older. However, deer don't reach their maximum antler size



until at least 4½ years. By protecting bucks until age 2½ or older we allow more deer to grow and become true trophy animals. QDM is not about more deer. It's called "quality" for a reason.

With more mature bucks in the herd, less immature bucks breed. This results in less stress on them through the winter, and it allows more of them to survive in a tough northern climate. In the natural state mature bucks challenge each other for the opportunity to breed. Bigger, stronger, and larger antlers win, and those genes are more likely to be passed on.

By better controlling the overall number of deer we keep the herd below carrying capacity, the maximum number of deer for a given geographical area based on the amount of food available. This helps keep the deer bigger and healthier, enables fawn survival, and helps prevent the winter die-offs that have plagued the Island. Once again, QDM is about quality in the right number for an enhanced habitat, in a closer to natural 1-1 deer society.

Habitat Management to maximize the nutrition available to deer is also part of QDM. Food plots provide both summer and winter forage for deer and other wildlife. A food plot can provide as much as 10 tons of additional food per acre! Imagine what only 40 or 50 acres could do for Island wildlife! Proper forest management can provide both food and cover for deer. By conducting limited and responsible forest harvest it allows new growth to be generated that can provide food and bedding habitat for not only deer, but turkey, small game, and countless songbirds.

Nature put a fence around Beaver Island. We are responsible for management. The senior leadership of the DNRE favors QDM. The Island's Chamber passed the following resolution: "The Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce endorses adoption of Quality Deer Management as defined by the Quality Deer Management Association." (www.qdma.org)

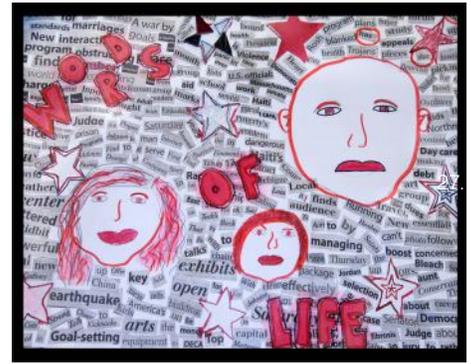
Come to the Beaver Island Community Center on March 6th from 4:00-6:00 to learn about Quality Deer Management. It is a win – win for everyone living on and visiting Beaver Island.



Jenna Battle - The Lost Answer



Jenna Butler - Politics Black & White



Lindsey Kenwabikise - Words of Life

that was adorned with shards of both broken glass and mirrors. "It's a statement against war," she said. "And the broken glass represents the shattered lives of innocent people." Brontae said the rough idea of a globe arose in a class discussion about possible group projects, "but then everyone wanted to do their own things instead, so I went with it."

The JRAC, with financial assistance through the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, provided help to the various schools in purchasing supplies required for this project.

The show, which was judged on Feb. 14, will be on display from 1-4 pm daily at the JRAC at 301 Main St., East Jordan, through March 12.

Island students last participated in the JRAC show two years ago. Examples from that show are hanging in the 'Hangout' at the Community Center.

In another forum for displaying their work, our local budding artists have been participating in ongoing displays of their work throughout the school year following the conclusion of the various class topics. "All the students (pre-K-K-12) as well as staff are given the opportunity to vote for one project they like best," Rooy said.

Some of the different projects students have experimented with this school year include turning everyday objects into art, using india ink to explore the interplay of light and dark,

constructing mandalas and optical illusions, twisted wire sculpture, and, similar to the JRAC project, creating global issue collages. The current project, which started Feb. 22 is watercolor techniques. An upcoming project will involve turning song lyrics into art, just another example of how Rooy's students are exploring and experiencing the world around them and how it relates to the world within them, giving them a variety of opportunities to express their creativity and imaginations.

Rooy added that the top three vote-getting artworks from each project throughout the year will be on display June 3 during the annual awards ceremony.



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28. ISLANDERS SWEEP LEAGUE TITLES

by Frank Solle

photographs by Frank Solle and Erin Boyle

Another busy month of basketball for the *Islanders* boys and girls teams wrapped up nicely with a pair of Northern Lights League titles. The boys secured theirs in big fashion at the tiny Grand Marais gym with an exciting 74-70 win in their next-to-last league game, while the girls ended their run mildly disappointed by sharing the title with rival Mackinac Island when the host *Lakers* took the *Lady Islanders* to task 37-30 in the league finale.

Despite that small setback for the girls, when the team planes landed back at home the *Lady Islanders* were 9-1 with a share of their third league title in as many years as the league has been in existence, while the boys, with a 61-41 season finale win over their *Lakers* counterparts, were a perfect 8-0, and alone on top of the standings.

"It really was a good year," said *Lady Islanders* coach Diane McDonough. "Especially given this was my first year and the third year in a row the girls have had a different coach." The *Lady Islanders* wrapped up the regular season with a 12-2 overall record, 14-3 if their three scrimmages are counted in the mix.

Boys coach Dan Martell was all about his team as well. "This is a great group of guys and I am extremely proud of them and what they have accomplished," he said. The boys closed out their season 11-1 overall, and also 14-3 if their five scrimmages are added in.

Now the task at hand is to repeat that championship play at the annual NLL post-season tournament Feb. 26-27 at Hannahville. The *Lady Islanders* are the tournament's defending title holders, while the boys have yet to claim such honors. Having claimed the top league spots, both *Islanders* teams earned first round byes, meaning their first action was in Saturday's semi-final battles. The boys opened play against either Grand Marais or Paradise, with the girls facing the winner of the Hannahville-Mackinac Island game.

Following the league tournament, each team will also compete in district tournament games. The *Lady Islanders* will travel to Pellston on Mar. 3 to face

Alanson-Littlefield at 6 pm for the first district contest in team history. The boys will be back in district action for the first time in two years when they face 18th-ranked Harbor Light Christian at Petoskey Mar. 8 at 7pm.

Draining the Lakers

The *Islanders* kicked off the month by hosting their favorite opponents, the *Lakers* of Mackinac Island. The only thing they like better than playing the *Lakers* is beating them, and the weekend of Feb. 5-6 they did—four consecutive times.

The boys had little trouble against a *Laker* team that came in short-handed due to injuries, winning 66-53 Friday and 73-35 Saturday. "It was a good final home weekend for us," Martell said, although with a tough schedule ahead he saw room for improvement. "We need to be able to execute our press better. At this point it's not a great weapon for us."

Bryan Timsak led the team in scoring, netting 18 on Friday and 20 on Saturday. Dereck McDonough added 17 and Doug Campbell 12 on Friday, while Cameron LaVasseur scored 20 as well on Saturday.

The girls played a strong first game, building a 14-point lead during the third quarter, then held off a *Lakers* rally to win 42-35. The Saturday game was a different story as Mackinac led most of the game, including by seven to start the fourth quarter. But a change of defense gave the *Islanders* a boost and they ran off the final 10 points of the game over the final 1:25 to pull out an exciting 40-38 win, reminiscent of their triple overtime win at Hannahville. "I had my doubts for awhile," first-year coach Diane McDonough admitted later. "I think they were trying to see if I could handle overtime again.

"Fortunately, our defense prevailed and forced them into enough turnovers to turn the game."

Claire Kenwabikise led the team with 17 points, including nine during the fourth quarter comeback. On Friday it was Olivia Schwartzfisher pacing the team with 10 points with Alex Kuligoski adding eight.

Cat scratch fever

In an interesting scheduling twist, the *Islanders* found themselves traveling to the tip of the Leelanau peninsula for a rare Tuesday non-conference set against the Northport *Wildcats*. The trip was arranged through the help of the *Lady Wildcats* coach, Casey Wilcox, a niece of BICS superintendent Kitty McNamara. And while the travel went smoothly and the hosts were genuinely cordial, the teams themselves proved to be quality adversaries who played the game a bit more physically and intensely than the *Islanders* are used to in the NLL.

The *Lady Islanders* battled hard, but fell 52-38. The boys played equally hard, but came up short 59-39.

Kuligoski and Kenwabikise topped the *Lady Islanders* with eight points apiece. Kristy Bousquet added six. Timsak and Gus Connaghan each scored 10 for the boys, with Billy Lemmink adding nine and McDonough eight more.

Things go grand at Grand Marais

The *Islanders* traveled to the shores of Lake Superior and proved to be, well, superior to the hosting Grand Marais *Polar Bears*, as they swept yet another four-game set.

The girls were clearly better than the *Bears*, winning 53-20 and 56-23. Kenwabikise dominated inside on the small court, scoring 19 points Friday and 18 Saturday. Kuligoski added nine of Friday, with Schwartzfisher and Jenna Butler each netting eight. Brogan Maudrie found her shooting touch on Saturday with 13 points, while Butler added nine.

The boys trailed early on Friday, but worked their press hard in the second half to earn the 74-70 win that clinched the league title. Timsak scored at will, tallying 28 points. McDonough and LaVasseur added 15 each. The *Islanders* balanced scoring attack continued Saturday in a 61-58 win that wasn't as close as the score indicates. While Timsak paced the team with 17 points, Billy Lemmink broke lose for a career-high scoring day, dropping in 16 while LaVasseur added 13.

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Olivia takes aim



Looking for a rebound



Dereck is not denied



Olivia gets pressured





Photographs by Frank Solle and Erin Boyle



Dereck leans in



Brigid gets serious

Bryan stays focused



Matt gets tripped (far left) . Dereck all out



Brigid pulls up

Islanders, continued from page 28.

A wrap against Mac

The regular season wrapped up at Mackinac Island with the girls' league title on the line. And while the *Lady Islanders* had prevailed in the previous two meetings, it wasn't to be in the finale as the *Lakers* rode their patented pressure defense to a 37-30 win to claim a share of the crown. Down by 13 heading into the fourth quarter, the *Lady Islanders* rallied to within four points, but could get no closer.

"It was ugly," coach McDonough had to say later. "It didn't look like our

team out there. We committed 40 turnovers, not our usual 27."

In addition to losing the ball, the *Islanders* weren't able to find the hoop either. "Even our layups weren't falling," McDonough said. Schwartzfisher led the team with 12 points. Olivia Cary added seven and Kuligoski six.

The boys faced a stiffer challenge from the *Lakers* with the return of leading scorer Tymon Horn. Despite Horn's presence the *Lakers* weren't able to keep pace with the *Islanders* in a 61-41 *Islanders* win. "It wasn't so easy this

time," Martell said of beating the *Lakers*. "They kept it close with their defense." Timsak again led the team with 27 points. LaVasseur added 17 while McDonough controlled the glass, pulling down 18 rebounds.

Both Saturday contests were conducted as scrimmages. The *Lady Islanders* earned a small measure of revenge with a 43-28 win, while Martell looked to give his younger players some game experience in a 41-38 loss. Neither outcome counted in the final standings.

THE EARLY-IN-WINTER CARNIVAL

Thanks! I would like to thank all of you who attended the Winter Carnival and made it such a success! We sincerely hope that you had a wonderful time!

I would also like to thank everyone who submitted birdhouses. Well done! You will be able to view your birdhouses on the trails; the Parks and Trails Committee will let you know when and where they are placed.

First Place - Drew Garland; Second Place - The Boyle Family - Judy, Erin, Emily, and Ryan; Third Place - Grainne Cushman.

Thank you to the judges for the birdhouse building contest! Thank you Ann Partridge for the (clay) snowman /

snowwoman contest! Wonderful idea! And thanks to those who participated by creating many unique sculptures! Everyone did a great job! Special thanks to the Beaver Island businesses for their generosity in supporting this event and for offering such great prizes for the birdhouse building contest: Beaver Island Community Center; McDonough's Market; Power's Do-It-Best Hardware; Shamrock Bar and Restaurant; Stoney Acre Grill and Donegal Danny's Pub; and TDS Telecom

Once again, I am awed by the help and generosity of the volunteers who helped make this event so special. I cannot thank you enough for contribut-

ing you time and special attention to the children of our community: Tickets and Treat Bags - Tina Morgan; Ice Fishing Game - Pam Nicholas; Polar Bear Plop - Bob Hoogendoorn; Frozen Duck Pond - Peg Hoogendoorn; Fish Fling - Doug Tilly; Penguin Bowling - Ann Partridge.

Also, a special thank you to Jeanie Gillespie for helping us put everything away after the carnival! Sincere thanks to Sandra Fries for shopping for me and getting things to the Island. Your help, as always, is greatly appreciated!And last but not least.....Thanks Mom, you are wonderful!

—Tina Walker

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34. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 3, 1910 **Local News**: "The Beaver Island mail carriers are making up for lost time. They have made five round trips and expect to make several more."

Northern Michigan - *Traverse City Record*: "J. B. Smedley, head of the Heimforth lumbering job on the Beavers, arrived in the city today, having come across the ice yesterday from the Islands. The trip was very enjoyable being made in a covered sleigh equipped with a stove. Among the passengers was a woman and a little boy. 'Conditions couldn't be better, Island life is fine but for five weeks we were without mail. Everything is now frozen up so tightly that we get our mail three times a week,

two carriers going across. One of them, William Gibson, has been making the trip for years.' There are about a half a hundred men on the Heimforth job now. Mr. Smedley will take back a few canthook men and teamsters." (Note: 6, Strong thunderstorm with rain; thawing, 39 degrees. 7, Storm, snowing, 20 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 10, 1910 **Local News**: "The mail left St. James Tuesday morning with good ice and good weather.

"Ice conditions are by no means discouraging. Most of the time the past week a broad expanse of blue water has been visible to the westward and northward from a point about six miles out,

the same conditions being reported from Beaver Island. But prophecies as to the probable date of the opening of navigation are not yet in order."

FRONT PAGE ARTICLE: CLAIMED THE ISLANDS

"Commissioner of Indian Affairs Was Loaded for the Omena Indian and Sponsor.

"A Chippewa Indian has turned up in Washington with the unique claim that the Indians of Michigan own all this Islands in Lake Michigan. He is James M. Paul of Omena, Mich. He told the commissioner of Indian Affairs that, according to Indian traditions, the federal gov-



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ernment never secured title to the chain of Islands extending from South Manitou on the south to Hog Island on the north. There are twelve or fifteen of these Islands. The largest is Beaver Island. Paul asserts that the whites, when they bought the main land of Michigan, did not take over the Islands, which were reserved for the use of the Indians. Subsequently, Paul says, the whites mainly calmly moved onto all the Islands and took possession. Only two are now occupied to any extent by Indians – Beaver Island and Hog Island.”

“A Washington special says: The residents on the Islands of Lake Michigan may rest easy about the title of their property, according to present developments.

James M. Paul, the Omena redskin, is discouraged with the showing which has been made by the commissioner of Indian Affairs. The commissioner, when Paul called with Congressman McLaughlin, produced a treaty negotiated in 1882 in which it was specifically stated that after five years the Islands should become property of the United States.

“The only possibility upon which Paul has a chance to hang a hope is that the government did not secure the consent of the Indians to the provision of the treaty which insured the government possession of the Islands.

“The treaty as originally signed by the Indians and sent to the senate did make an exception of various Islands

and other tracts just as the Indian traditions say. But the senate, before ratifying the treaty, amended it to strike out the exceptions.

“It was thus provided that after five years the lands excepted by the original treaty would pass into the possession of the United States, just as the other lands covered by the treaty. This amendment was arbitrarily made by the senate. The treaty as thus amended was never submitted to the Indians for their approval. Congressman McLaughlin is now consulting authorities to learn whether submission to the Indians was necessary to make the treaty valid. The Commissioner of Indian affairs holds that the

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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 35. senate had ample power to make the amendment, without considering the wishes of the Indians. That the Indians were recognized at all, is held by the department to have been an act of courtesy, rather than a necessity."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, **March 17, 1910 Local News:** "The Beaver Island mail carriers have made their schedule of three trips per week. The ice is yet strong. Mail left St. James for Cross Village Wednesday morning 16th."

"D. C. Sweitzer, of Sebawaing, who has a shingle mill near the head of Beaver Island, is here with his family. A house has been rented and the family will make its home here for the summer and fall. Mr. Sweitzer will go to the Island by first boat to resume operations. He has a million shingles on his dock of last year's cut, awaiting shipment." (Note: 17, Last ice mail; 18 - 21, Big thaw 28 to 56 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, March 23, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "The *Beaver* is being fitted out and soon will commence its regular trips to the Beavers."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 24, 1910 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* began fitting out Monday morning, and Capt. Campbell will be ready by Saturday to make his first trip to the Island as soon as ice conditions will permit, which will not be many days hence."

FRONT PAGE ARTICLE
ICE CONDITIONS

"Ice conditions at this writing seem to indicate an early April opening of navigation. Off this port there are large fields of shifting ice, which is loose from this shore and at the mercy of the changing winds.

"Yesterday, there was clear water up to lighthouse point at Beaver Harbor, and St. James people were anxious for a boat, but information as to conditions here cooled their ardor. The Cross Village ice trips with the mail have been abandoned for the season.

"It looks now, with reasonable warm weather and favorable winds, as if Lake Michigan navigation at this port can be resumed before this paper goes to press again."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, March 30, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Anthony Malloy of St. James was in the city Monday."

"The *Beaver* left this morning on her first trip to the Islands." (Note: 25-29, 62 - 70 degrees, deadly humid, stifling. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 31, 1910 **Local News:** "Anthony Malloy, of St. James, came over on the tug *Van Ells* Monday."

FRONT PAGE ARTICLE
NAVIGATION OPEN

"Lake Entirely Clear of Ice — Both Bays Open and Pine Lake as Good as Open

"Navigation is wide open and the opening came with a rush. Old Sailors say they have never known the ice to disappear so quickly after the first break from shore. The continued warm weather and high, shifting winds disintegrated the ice with marvelous rapidity.

"The first marine event of the season was the arrival of the fishing tug *Gerken* from Frankfort on Thursday. She encountered very little trouble with ice. Saturday the fishing tug *Van Ells*, Capt. Ed. Martin, started out with the Beaver Island mail, reaching St. James with no trouble. She returned Monday evening

and reports Beaver Harbor entirely clear of ice. Monday morning all fishing craft were out.

"The steamer *Beaver* made her first run to the Island on Wednesday, and it was probably the first opening run she has ever made on the route when she was not compelled to plow ice."

Beaver Island News: "The tug *Van Ells* arrived here Saturday, with the mail. W. J. Gallagher was among the passengers."

"Our mail service this winter has been very satisfactory. The last mail on ice was on the 17th inst."

"Born to Mr. And Mrs. James Gallagher March 18th, a boy."

"Mrs. Patrick M. E. Gallagher, who has been dangerously ill for the past few weeks, has improved somewhat and hopes are entertained for her recovery."

"The only ice visible at this writing is that which is lodged in the north end of the bay."

"The fishermen are busy lot of men at present getting ready for the spring catch. The harbor is filled with perch nets and some fine catches are being made."

"The death of Mrs. Patrick R. Gallagher on the 23rd inst., removes from our midst, one of the Island's oldest residents. Born in Canada she came to the Island when she was only two years old, and has been a continuous resident of the Island ever since. Besides a husband, she leaves four daughters and two sons to mourn her loss. Mrs. Gallagher was beloved by all who knew her, who regret very much her early demise, she being but 53 years old."

"Mrs. John Early, whose condition has been quite critical for the past month, does not improve as rapidly as her friends would like."

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38. WALKING THE DOG

Some people—not the Road Commission staff—have decried this winter’s lack of snow and relatively uniform mid-twenties temperatures for a lack of drama: no cars stuck; no snow cliffs. But not me, for it has provided a unique opportunity to get out and see the landscape. After a few inches fell early in the month, a few warm days melted it down and then a snap set in, providing a crust sufficient to support a man’s

weight, opening up several vistas for a good walk over the top of matted-down junipers and frozen bogs. And not for Beta, Jeff’s thirty-five pound wooly mammoth of a wheaten terrier, who always wants to come along and almost always does.

We live on the south side of the east-west portion of Darkeytown Road—Barney’s Lake Road on the new map—and can open our back door on

1,500 acres of unspoiled land. It has gone undeveloped so far because of the presence of two major bogs and several smaller ones, plus a number of streams which flow in the spring and turn muddy in the fall. These features inhibit walking much of the year, but the expanse was wide open this year.

Beta was never trained, so we walk her on a 25' leash, which, amazingly, has not yet broken. When we leave the house she digs in with all four feet to tug me faster than I care to go, huffing and puffing away to see what's just ahead this very minute. After a mile she slows down a little, but there's never any slack in the leash.

She has two unfortunate traits. One, if she finds a little tunnel through the bramble of overhanging branches, she simply has to see where it leads. Aggravated to have to get down on my hands and knees to follow, I sometimes say to myself *you dumb dog*, yet she's the one who gets her way; she's not the dummy. And two, if she darts off the trail, goes around a tree, and then comes back, we are stuck. No matter how long we stand there, she simply will not deduce that she could end the stalemate by reversing her track, and in the end I have to divert my path and go around the tree. Before giving in I'll implore her with gestures, words, and my trademark glare, but I can tell she thinks I'm a little slow for not being able to figure out what I have to do for us to continue.

But she's more endearing than annoying, particularly her habit of quickly reversing an incorrect route choice. With a light covering of snow the game trails are well marked and crisscross the woods, some just a single track but others so traveled that a rut is worn into the mud. Half the time when we come to an intersection I let her choose—after all, we really have no particular destination. But not always; sometimes I indicate with a gentle “no” that her first choice is not what I want. In these cases she accepts the change-order instantly; no sooner has her leap brought her back in touch with the ground than she reverses herself and bounds back to the crossing and races off in another direction with the attitude that she knew all along and was only testing me.

Sometimes I short-leash her in the

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woods. I have to be careful when she jumps over one of the many downfalls, making sure not to catch her up on her descent. Whenever we come to a special aroma I give her a few minutes to dig a little with her paws and push her snout into the root tangle. But once I resume walking, she darts back to take the lead.

There are no roads back in this fifteen hundred acres, although there are a few trails. Peter Johnson's Trail goes in and splits, but the north branch peters out at a bog, although we speculate that buggies might have gone farther east. Garret Cole has punched a two-track in for a half mile, and there are some trails coming off the old McCauley Farm on the opposite corner. There are several fields, though, including one that's been recleared and tilled and contains two blinds, one broken down but the other elegant and on cedar stilts.

Several stretches of thick woods are punctuated with apple trees of unknowable origin. And stone walls, some of which parallel an old wagon track. We followed one for awhile, continuous but no more than a foot and a half high. It paralleled us on the left, with mature maples pushing aside rocks as they rose. After awhile it began to diminish in size; then we noticed a second wall was beginning to take shape on our right. The two walls coexisted for two hundred feet, with the one on the right becoming more substantial as the other faded. Then there was only the one on the right. I had to wonder: had there been a mismeasurement? It wasn't corrected, but an adjustment had been made. Had the adjustment been forced? Had retribution been threatened?

There are also many piles of stones, the biggest seven feet high and 35' by 20' at its base. Halfway up, and all the way around, the angle of ascent becomes sharper, rising from 40 to 65°; perhaps the farmer came along and chastised his seven sons: "What the heck're you doing? Don't you even know how to stack rocks?" At the lesser angle fewer rocks could have been accommodated, and another pile would have been required. But there were other piles a hundred feet away on both sides anyway, so what gives?

In other places there are grave-size

arrays, six feet long, two feet wide, a foot or so high. I've been tempted to uncover them to see if bones lie beneath, but have not. The only acceptable answer is no, and I'm unwilling to spend two hours hoping I'm wasting my time.

Another mystery is the creek that feeds Round Lake from the Great Bog behind Graves' sawmill, whose banks are built up with fairly continuous ridges. I'm tempted to dig in to see if the

base is rocks or sticks—to see if they were made by men or beavers. If men, I can imagine the puzzled beavers asking themselves, "Don't they even know how to build a dam?"

Despite all the game trails, we almost never see any game. I'm clumsy enough to telegraph every move, and Beta's huffing can be heard by animal ears at quite a distance, so the only

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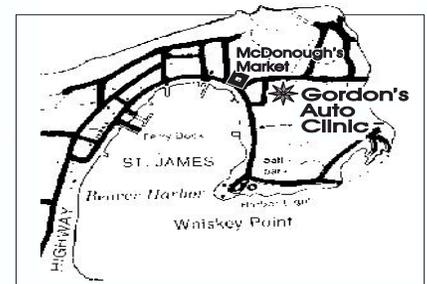
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40. **Walking**, continued from page 39. chance we have of seeing something is if it has been distracted by some other source, such as a more dangerous predator. Twice we came upon a deer, and Beta wanted badly to give chase—which justified having her on a leash. If she's in her pen when they mosey into the yard she loudly barks in a

scolding tone; she doesn't want them to think they can impinge on her territory with impunity.

We don't see many birds, either, although we hear them around us from time to time. Every so often a small flock of tiny birds will follow us from tree to tree, no doubt wondering what the heck we're doing out there. Since

they have short life spans it might be reasonable to suppose that some of them are curious because they've never seen a human being before. Dogs, yes; we also suspect that some of the more adventurous neighborhood pups like nothing better than to slip away on a moonlit night and run with the coyotes to enjoy a good howl. They too have

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their music fest in the woods. No tickets required.

The last time we were out, a few days ago, we were skirting a frozen marsh with a thin cover of trees, and at a distance of around 400' I saw something run amazingly fast from left to right, possibly a fox or small coyote; it was so low, though, that its belly must have

rubbed the ground. Luckily it was below Beta's line of sight; if she had seen it I probably would have been yanked several feet until I could dig in my heels or grab a tree.

We're usually out for no more than an hour—that's enough for me. Then a half hour or so of picking sticks out of Beta's long fur follows, after which I'm

done in. I take off my hundred-dollar boots (an absolute must) and pour myself a cup of coffee. If the phone rings and something's come up requiring my presence, I slowly put on my jacket and hat. If I happen to look down, there's Beta, her tail wagging like crazy and her eyes imploring me, "Go again? Go again?" —BC

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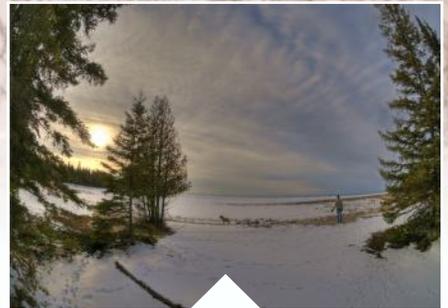
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