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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The Board approved a resolution to acquire the DNR property at the harbor, both the frontage and the land containing the Sheriff's quarters. Jason Allen and Kevin Elsenheimer have supported this, as has the Charlevoix County Commission. It was hoped the deed could be obtained for the same price as was paid fifty years ago—one dollar.

The Board moved to hold a joint meeting on March 16 to consider the Resolution of Necessity relating to the forcible acquisition of additional property at the airport.

The Board agreed to post the openings for a *Phragmites* Administrator and a Zoning Administrator after Rick Speck reported that Kevin White had declined to continue in that position (although no letter of resignation had been received). The *phragmites* program will be different this year. The DNR will hire a contractor for Hog Island (\$28,000), treat the small patches on the other out-islands itself, and train volunteers how to treat the few patches expected on Beaver.

Another draft of an Airport Governance document had been received and was being reviewed.

The Township will neither endorse nor try to inhibit either of the two competing organizations concerned with

managing the deer herd.

The Board supported the NRETC Symposium on forest and wildlife management, "an Island-wide day of study and dialog on stewardship," set for June 28.

The supervisor said the State had just upgraded the requirements for becoming a Level II Assessor; now a Level I must work under the supervision of a Level II for 24 months to qualify. This makes it much less likely that we will have a local assessor in the near future.

The Board agreed to set the poverty guidelines to match those set by the federal Health and Human Services Agency.

The Board accepted Jim Birdsall, Ed Troutman, and Angel Welke as WMC members at large.

The proposed budget was distributed. Last year the predicted income was \$241,383; it turned out to be \$264,401. This year's (4-1-2010 to 3-31-2011) forecast: \$242,448. Last year's expenses were hoped to be \$241,383 but were \$278,303; this year's \$243,497. This would leave a fund balance of \$123,441.

Some agencies have their own budget. The Fire Department's was set at \$94,934 for both income and expense, with a fund balance of



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\$70,922; Streets and Roads was \$88,029 for income and \$91,258 for expense, with a fund balance of \$174,224; the Sewer was set at an income of \$55,615 and expenses of \$60,241, with a fund balance of \$6,562; the Yacht Dock was set at an income of \$44,650 and expenses of \$47,348, leaving a fund balance of \$23,092; and the Cemetery was set at an income of \$4,250 and expenses of \$4,600, leaving a fund balance of \$494.

Peaine Township

The Board, through deputy supervisor Jim Birdsall, had compiled a list of 40 possible assessors, and phoned each one to gauge interest. Eleven wanted a RFB; four responded, but one arrived after the deadline (and was the highest). So three firms were vetted, and all had excellent references, which were checked. Two firms were close at ~\$70,000, but the third bid, from Sally Ann Ackerly, was for \$32,200. It was said she was "hungry." There was a possibility some money could be saved if she worked with the current assessor, but some Board members felt she would prefer to work alone. Her bid was accepted; a contract with her will now be negotiated.

Sandy Birdsall presented a report from the Natural Resources

Commission. She touched on the NRETC taking on the supervision of the *phragmites* coordinator, the June 28 Symposium, the progress with a brochure on trails and natural attractions, and a meeting to be held on 3-23 with the officers of the BIWC, the BICC, the NRETC, and the DNR.

The Board approved Jim Birdsall, Ed Troutman, and Angel Welke as WMC members at large.

Discussion was continuing with the Township Attorney over the Airport Governance document.

Bill Markey and Doug Tilly were reappointed to the Planning Commission; Krys Lyle and Kathy Ruis to the Library Board.

Jack Gallagher and Paul Welke were to meet with Rick Speck and Ray Cole to discuss the budgets for the jointly-operated agencies before the budget meeting.

An explanation was given about the denial of our application for Round 1 stimulus funds for broadband internet; TDS's application was also denied. Beaver Island Broadband Inc. applied as "unserved," which meant that no more than 10% of houses had terrestrial wireless or landline broadband service. While it seems this was true, apparently the government decided otherwise. In a discussion with *continued on page 6.*

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6. *News from the Townships, from page 5.*
the audience it was thought the best way to move forward now would be to support TDS's application for funding from the Department of Commerce if the township could derive some leverage from so doing, which the township could use to force them to "light up" the Island by 3-31. If discussions with TDS don't prove promising, BIBI may still apply for DoC funds. *(TDS announced on 3-15 that DSL is now available to 95% of the Island, including those in south Peaine who have waited a few years longer than their St. James and town counterparts.)*

Joint Meeting

The two Town Boards met on March 16th to consider a revised joint resolution which would authorize the acquisition of property west of the

Municipal Airport by negotiation, or eminent domain, if necessary. Fourteen people attended.

St. James Supervisor Rick Speck began the meeting by carefully reading the lengthy document, which set forth the case for taking this action. It stressed the safety concerns ("the public health, safety, and welfare") behind the FAA's requirement of a Runway Protection Zone, and cited the relevant laws that authorized such a step.

The Resolution was unanimously passed by the nine Board members (Paul Welke, absent, abstained). Negotiations for this ~22 acre parcel had been proceeding informally, but now they will be undertaken with a sense of urgency. If they don't succeed the next steps could be those prescribed for taking the land—and paying the amount determined by appraisal.

FALL TURKEY HUNT

We were informed by Russ Mason, Chief of Wildlife Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources that MOST LIKELY there will be a fall turkey season on Beaver Island.

We hosted a public meeting on March 5 to discuss various wildlife management subjects. I asked Brian Mastenbrook and Tim Reis why we could not be designated a unit separate from "J" (all of Charlevoix county). Brian had considered that, but we were denied. Tim informed us that under unit J

there would be no fall hunts here in 2010. I asked the question, "If I showed up dressed in feathers do you think the powers to be would change their minds?" That got a laugh, and just may have produced the result we wanted.

Tim and Brian convinced Russ Mason to reconsider, and now it looks like we will receive a separate unit status in time for the fall hunt. This is good news to all of us turkey hunters although maybe not good news to the 800+ turkeys out there. —Lois Williams, secretary

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The Annual Meetings

At the end of March modest audiences attended the two Townships' Annual Meetings to learn about the budgets for the year about to begin. There were no real surprises, but there was a point of contention at each meeting.

At Peaine's, which was held first, there was criticism of the budget not having been available until two days before the meeting; it was extensive enough and tricky to follow so some people felt more time was required to grasp its implications. The Peaine Supervisor explained that some of the relevant information had not been easy to obtain, but said a process had been established that would allow an earlier release next year.

At St. James' there were questions about the beginning Fund Balances and whether or not there would be a short-

fall. Some were unsure about the relationship between the Fund Balances and the Current Tax Collection, and the suggestion was made that the Fund Balance for the General Fund (for example) of \$124,490 was to cover the operating cost for the year beginning on April 1, 2010, and the Tax Revenue of \$180,209 was supposed to cover the operating cost for the following year. The St. James Supervisor seemed to say that a hybrid format was used for the budget, combining cash and accrual, and the Township would not be operating at a deficit.

Despite the moderate number of people at the meeting, a good deal of buzz spread through both Townships afterwards. Perhaps because of the slow economy more people than in recent years seemed to be paying attention, improving our ability to avoid mistakes.

JOINING B. I. HOSPICE

Munson Hospice and Palliative Care will be holding a training session for those interested in becoming a hospice volunteer on Beaver Island. Volunteer applicants must be at least 18 years of age, available for an interview prior to training, and willing to make a time commitment of four hours a week in the patient's home when on an assignment. Volunteer beauticians and massage therapists are also needed.

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addition to a training class with other new volunteers. To learn more about becoming a Munson Hospice volunteer, contact Judy Goodrich at 1-800-252-2065 or jgoodrich@mhc.net.

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8. AN OVERVIEW OF THE TOWNSHIPS' BUDGETS

St. James				Peaine				
	B 09-10	YTD 2-10-10	B 10-11		A 09-10	B 09-10	YTD 3-20-10	B 10-11
General Fund								
Balance forward	\$138,392	\$138,392	\$124,490					
■ Revenues	\$241,383	\$264,401	\$242,448		\$319,998	\$302,500	\$313,739	\$296,700
Taxes	\$179,265	\$188,250	\$180,209		\$244,363	\$227,000	\$250,269	\$230,000
Administration fees	\$14,918	\$11,340	\$16,139	Tower leases	\$5,032	\$5,100	\$4,192	\$4,200
Revenue sharing	\$10,000	\$11,890	\$8,900		\$14,473	\$16,000	\$20,232	\$15,000
				State SET fee	\$10,914	\$8,000	\$6,273	\$7,000
				Swamp Tax	\$8,110	\$8,000	\$7,137	\$6,500
Reimburse, Peaine	\$26,000	\$24,797	\$26,000	Phragmites erad	\$20,025	0	\$150	\$5,000
Reimburse, other	\$5,000	\$25,505	\$5,000		\$8,097	\$5,000	\$1,520	
				USDA Grant		\$7,000		\$3,000
				BIFD for Fire Hall		\$10,500	\$10,647	\$10,500
				EMS for Fire Hall		\$6,000	\$5,535	\$5,500
■ Expenditures	\$241,383	\$278,303	\$243,497		\$288,286	\$339,950	\$280,667	\$332,800
Township Board	\$78,300	\$65,069	\$75,900		\$65,498	\$68,100	\$69,937	\$67,800
Professional fees	\$3,000	\$12,036	\$4,500		\$7,042	\$8,500	\$2,712	\$14,500
Insurance	\$15,000	\$11,232	\$15,000		\$15,232	\$16,000	\$9,199	\$16,000
Assessor/Z.A.	\$21,203	\$19,120	\$5,968		\$26,356	\$26,000	\$18,871	\$6,000
Reappraisal	\$4,800	\$18,869	\$22,000					\$35,250
Lighthouse restora	\$6,000	\$8,265	\$6,000	Planning costs	\$11,742	\$9,000	\$9,148	\$12,000
Maintenance Man	\$39,400	\$31,205	\$40,754	Campground Man	\$8,207	\$8,250	\$8,207	\$8,250
MM truck	\$5,500	\$4,558	\$5,350	MM expense	\$6,685	\$4,000	\$3,088	\$4,000
Hangar payment	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	Town Hall utilities	\$10,844	\$10,000	\$11,063	\$11,000
				Hall and grounds	\$5,386	\$10,000	\$4,913	\$6,000
				Buy equipment	0	\$27,000	\$14,864	\$16,750
				EMS	\$38,390	\$45,500	\$45,436	\$47,500
				Highway loan	\$13,375	\$13,000	\$12,925	\$12,500
				Historical Society	\$10,838	\$11,500	\$11,355	\$11,200
				Parks and Trails	\$7,973	\$12,000	\$11,164	\$12,000
				Fireworks	\$5,500	\$3,000	0	\$2,750
Fire Department								
■ Revenues	\$89,760	\$104,412	\$94,934					
Taxes	\$43,950	\$44,354	\$46,017			\$43,950	\$43,950	\$46,017
■ Expenditures	\$105,960	\$104,734	\$94,934					
Truck and Hall loan	\$30,046	\$26,934	\$31,344	(Hall)	\$16,408	\$15,500	\$16,183	\$16,000

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Street and Roads

Balance forward	\$175,620	\$175,620	\$177,453
■ Revenues	\$87,369	\$88,161	\$88,029
Taxes	\$86,869	\$87,831	\$87,529
■ Expenditures	\$87,369	\$86,328	\$91,258
Bond payment	\$32,133	\$32,133	\$ 31,008
Street/Road improve	\$27,000	\$30,703	\$30,500
Dust control	\$15,000	\$12,820	\$15,000
Street lights	\$8,000	\$8,539	\$8,750

Sewer

Balance forward	\$26,597	\$26,597	\$11,188
■ Revenues	\$54,647	\$54,942	\$55,615
Taxes	\$41,647	\$41,200	\$40,015
User fees	\$13,000	\$13,709	\$15,000
■ Expenditures	\$54,647	\$70,351	\$60,241
Bond payment	\$46,000	\$51,448	\$44,545
Wages/benefits	\$3,000	\$9,454	\$10,095

Yacht Dock

Balance forward	\$35,314	\$34,071	\$25,790
■ Revenues	\$45,175	\$44,621	\$44,650
Dock fees	\$45,000	\$44,553	\$44,500
■ Expenditures	\$46,418	\$52,902	\$47,348
Harbor Master	\$17,473	\$20,907	\$21,548
Assistant	\$6,000	\$3,262	\$4,200
Operating costs	\$9,600	\$9,205	\$10,100
Maintenance	\$8,000	\$2,073	\$2,250

Cemetery

Balance forward	\$2,324	\$2,324	\$844
■ Revenues	\$11,650	0	\$4,250
Taxes, each township	\$5,700	0	\$2,000
■ Expenditures	\$11,650	\$1,480	\$4,600

Peaine

A 09-10 B 09-10 YTD 3-20-10 B 10-11

	\$63,263	\$64,000	\$63,055	\$63,750
	\$62,354	\$63,000	\$62,393	\$63,000
	\$52,141	\$79,000	\$55,781	\$58,000
Road development		\$25,000		
	\$25,616	\$26,000	\$27,000	\$27,000
	\$26,524	\$28,000	\$28,781	\$31,000

Transfer Station

■ Revenues	\$231,045	\$236,000	\$214,139	\$229,418
Peaine taxes	\$72,123	\$73,000	\$72,079	\$72,699
St. James taxes	\$74,983	\$73,000	\$65,088	\$72,699
Green bags	\$80,170	\$86,000	\$76,377	\$68,600
■ Expenditures	\$213,339	\$214,050	\$179,016	\$222,268
Wages/benefits	\$99,135	\$92,300	\$91,449	\$92,000
Operating supplies	\$17,875	\$20,000	\$8,971	\$9,000
Refuse disposal	\$25,831	\$28,000	\$24,323	\$28,000
Boat freight	\$23,520	\$24,000	\$21,556	\$24,000
Buy equipment	\$17,973	\$18,000	\$2,575	\$22,468

Municipal Airport

■ Revenues	\$188,234	\$209,300	\$183,132	\$212,728
Peaine taxes	\$41,093	\$42,000	\$43,028	\$43,714
St. James taxes	\$42,611	\$42,000	\$38,552	\$43,714
Gas sales	\$102,983	\$118,000	\$94,295	\$118,000
■ Expenditures	\$199,065	\$189,850	\$141,067	\$212,535
Manager	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$4,675	\$5,100
Equipment use	\$19,242	\$12,000	\$7,569	\$13,000
Maint/utilities	\$17,328	\$17,050	\$19,605	\$26,000
Insurance/int	\$18,399	\$18,600	\$18,390	\$18,600
Aviation fuel	\$105,016	\$112,000	\$84,031	\$112,000
Development fund	\$28,048	\$11,000	\$1,102	\$28,835

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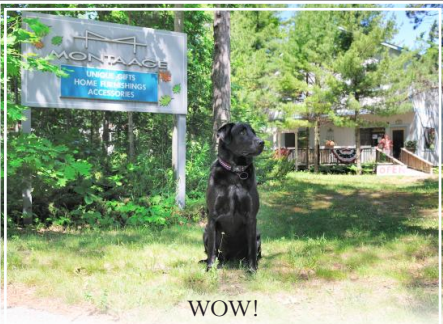


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(that was *not* him out on the ice with a
torch, trying to speed up nature) and
Andy Kohls at 4:21. \$785 was won.

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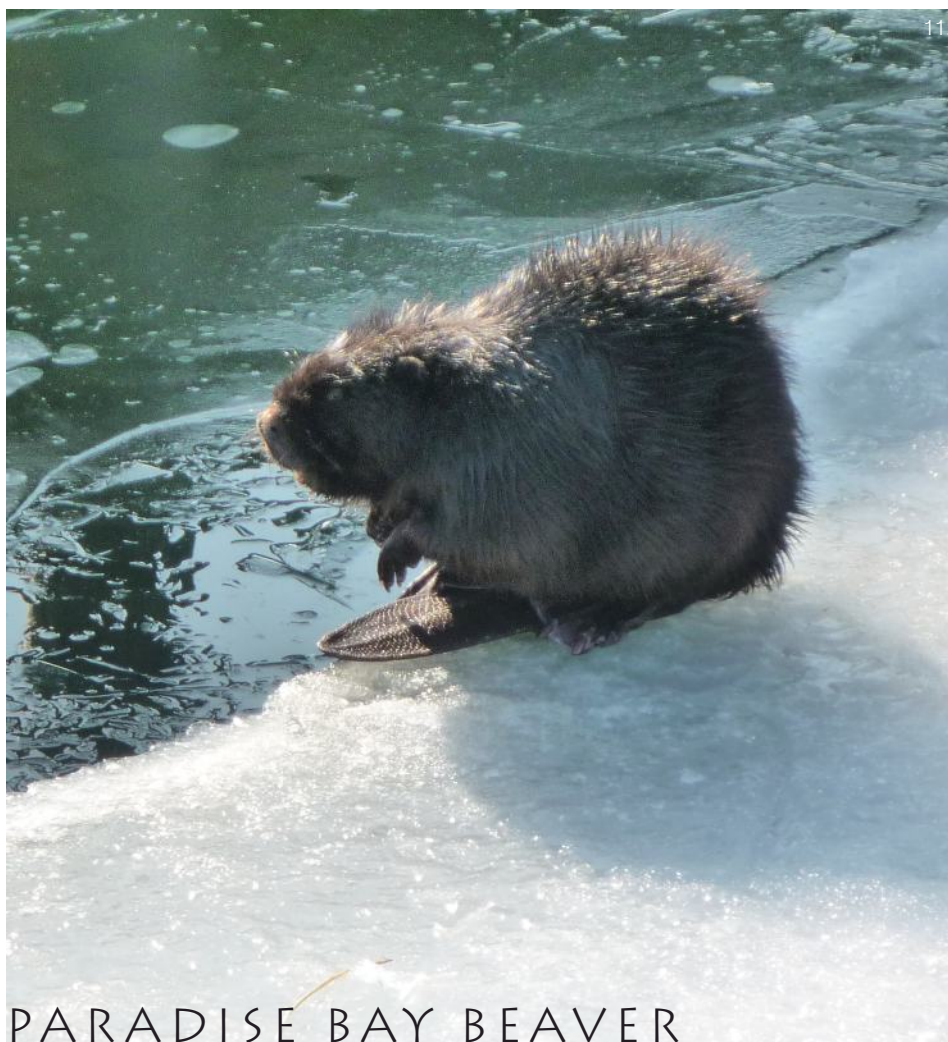
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at the Charlevoix dock). But sometimes they mean the actual beavers – the black vs. the brown. We know Strang’s 1850 report did not mention beaver, which were introduced in the 1920s. So how did we get our name? Of all our mysteries, this is the most vexing, so let’s ask the critter above.

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12. A DAY WHEN EVERYONE IS IRISH

Those who say it only comes around once a year probably have not been to Beaver Island, where the behavior depicted on the following two pages is not really so different from the way people here act the rest of the year.

Much of the holiday cheer took place after hours, but the Saturday afternoon activities displayed a heightened concern for costumes and techniques, making it a special event. And it was obvious from the fewer falls in the four-man skis and the generally quicker times

in the relay race that many groups of contestants spent the time between celebrations practicing.

The weather was perfect for the budding athletes (many of whom looked like they could excel at the Celtic Games if they chose): sunny and crisp, and no ice on the street to increase the difficulty of the Tug O'War.

The Obstacle Race had some new elements, including an onion pass that some contestants muffed – they promised to “practice up” and be ready for it next year, although the way things go

here, the onion will probably be replaced by a living jellyfish. With Wings!

There were plenty of cold dead fish, just in case the dog who ran off with one last year was counting down the days. Thankfully, he did not appear. Most, but not all, of the fish held together reasonably well as they were tossed. A new ritual developed, though, and soon every Tosser was doing it: kissing the fish on its lips before the throw. A record was set for most disqualifications for going over the line; the common excuse of “I slipped on fish guts” was rarely allowed.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES FAIR, SEPTEMBER 16

The Beaver Island Human Services Commission is hosting a health and human services fair this fall. The event will take place at the Gregg Fellowship

Hall on Sept. 16th from 2-7 pm.

Mark your calendars so you do not miss out on this great opportunity to see what's new at the Rural Health Center

(*plenty!*), meet new health agents, and get in touch with a wealth of information aimed at improving your health, happiness, and well-being.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: AN OPEN LETTER FROM THE BICC TO SEAMUS NORGAARD

I think your views and the Beaver Island Conservation Club's vision of what Beaver Island should be are very similar. However, you have some basic misconceptions about the BICC's mission, which is to rehabilitate, expand, maximize, and sustain the wildlife, forests, and fisheries of the Beaver Island Archipelago. Success will be achieved through scientific management concepts, responsible harvest, proper land use and sustainment, and public/private land owner cooperation.

Our first initiative, Quality Deer Management (QDM) is about balance. You referenced a quote by Aldo Leopold, with which I could not agree more! In fact, that quote describes the exact scenario experienced on Beaver Island during the Winter of 2009. One can clearly see the browse line of the white cedar when driving around the Island. They had literally eaten themselves out of house and home...and subsequently had a major winter die off. Weak and starving deer, coupled with a coyote population that appears to be at an all-time high, yielded fairly predictable results.

QDM is a management practice that unites landowners, hunters, and managers in a common goal of producing biologically and socially balanced deer herds within existing environmental,

social, and legal constraints. This approach typically involves the protection of immature bucks combined with an adequate harvest of female deer to maintain a healthy population in balance with existing habitat conditions and landowner desires. Note the phrase “to maintain a healthy population in balance with existing habitat conditions.” In essence, this means keeping the herd appropriately sized, which keeps deer from overbrowsing and inhibiting natural forage from recovering. We would like to see the habitat provide sustainable nutrition for the wildlife. Aldo Leopold was a true pioneer in the field of conservation. We highly recommend everybody read *Sand County Almanac*.

Many in QDM circles see Leopold as the father of QDM, as do we. Words such as “maximize” may be looked down upon by those who are students of Leopold's teachings, however when used in context such as “Maximize habitat regeneration,” “Maximize hunter involvement,” and “Maximize public education and involvement,” then we feel Aldo Leopold would be firmly in favor of its use.

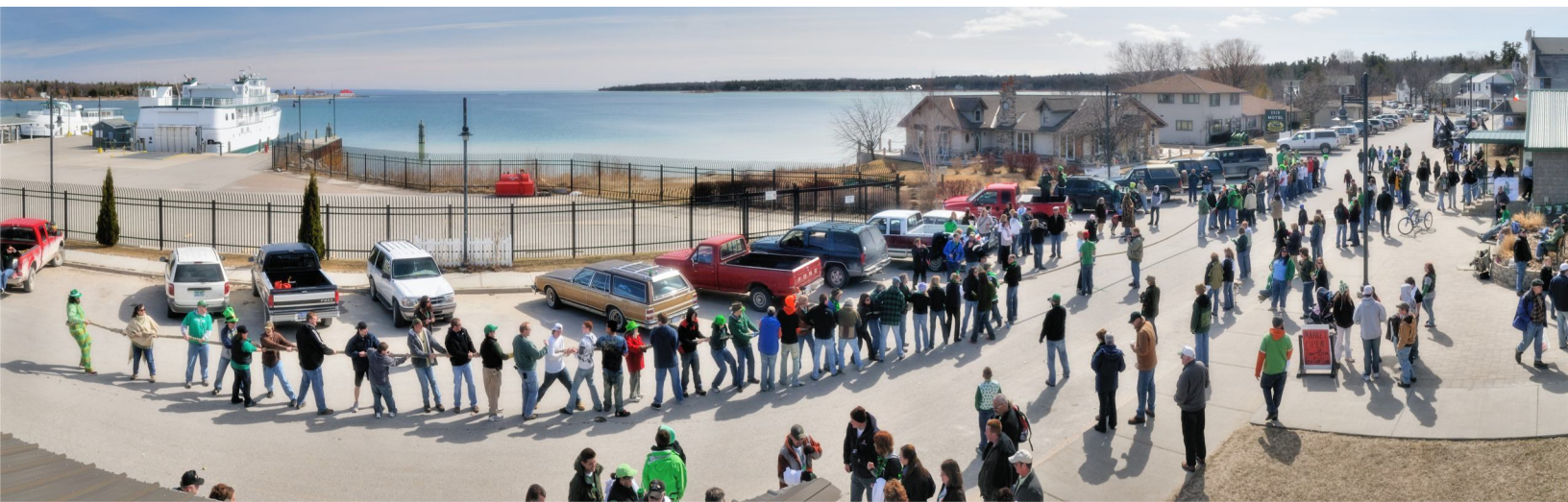
Mr. Noorgard seems to infer that we are advocating heavy forest cutting. Nothing could be further from the truth. We are not advocating massive

clearcuts. We advocate, under the supervision of professional foresters, responsible timber stand improvements, which include different types of cutting techniques to ensure different aged forests, i.e. a balanced and bio-diverse ecosystem. One of the benefits of having different aged forests, is to provide a diverse habitat, forage, and cover for all wildlife species. For instance, a mature forest provides wildlife approximately 50 lbs of forage per acre per year (mostly in the form of hard mast, beech nuts, and acorns), whereas areas of new growth provide an average 2,000 lbs of fresh, nutritious forage, in the form of fresh browse. As the browse continues to mature and thicken, it continues to provide food and cover until it reaches maturity.

Again, with forestry, the BICC is supporting balance...in the name of different aged forests on the Island. Mother Nature's way of doing this is the wildfire. I think most people would agree that is not in the best interest of Beaver Island.

In conclusion, The BICC is an inclusive organization. We have a large umbrella for all who want to see nature prosper. The BICC advocates balance within the Island's natural resources through scientific, professionally guided management.

— Jared Pike





For years the Beaver Island Wildlife Club has been concerned about our deer herd. It has sponsored food plots and feedings, tried methods of improving the lopsided ratio of does to bucks, considered selective hunting rules, and tried to get better information on the herd in order to make better decisions. But the deer won't line up to be counted, and, not trusting the volunteers trying to take a census, frustrate the effort by skedaddling deeper into the woods.

The BIWC held a meeting on 3-5 which 40 people attended. The DNR's Brian Mastenbrook and Tim Reis presented information gleaned from hunter surveys, checks of harvested deer, and excursions into the woods to look at browse lines. It seems the herd, which was said to be 1,000 strong a decade ago, is down to 400-600, and that the doe/buck ratio might be as high as 10:1. At the same time hunting licenses have been dropping to just over 400 a year (including almost 200 doe licenses). The number of harvested bucks has dropped from ~350 to a low of 68 in 2008 (09 results aren't in). There used to be such resistance to culling does that local hunters urged their friends to buy up the doe permits—and burn them.

Severe winters and a proliferation

of coyotes were said to be factors in the drop. The coyotes might have played a role in the dramatic reduction in the squirrel population, too; either way, they were hungrier and a greater threat to fawns. Some audience members reported a drop in fawns beginning last October. Despite the more abundant coyotes, Mark Valente's efforts to trap them have met with diminishing success this winter.

The DNR made it clear that they would not manage the state forest simply to promote the deer herd; it has many other goals.

Some hunters have grown impatient, leading to the formation of a local chapter of a more focused group promoting intense herd management, QDMA. In early March it presented its goals and plans to the Natural Resource Commission, hoping the NRC would recommend that the Townships give it their support, and to the public.

At a Beaver Island Conservation Club meeting attended by 25 people the next day, the head of the Michigan QDMA, Bob DeCharme, used a slide show to demonstrate QDMA's four areas of emphasis: herd management, habitat management, herd monitoring, and hunter education. The problem of an unbalanced ratio was explained: a buck

can only get to so many does at a time, as we all know; that means that if there are only a few bucks, the rutting season will go on and on. The bucks don't mind; they're happy to do their duty. But the fawn drop period is correspondingly extended, and fawns born late in the summer have little chance to gain sufficient strength for surviving the winter—they need to reach 70 pounds. So the higher the ratio, the fewer new deer.

The QDMA stressed teaching hunters how to recognize the age of deer and the sex of fawns, and convincing them to target older bucks—a program similar to the BIWC's "Let 'em go, let 'em grow." The QDMA also believes in maximizing habitat potential by logging in places and the planting of food plots. In response to charges that QDMA's goals were too narrow, it was said that QDM can work hand in hand with attempts to protect other plants and animals and promote biodiversity.

At its special meeting the Natural Resources and Eco-Tourism Commission advocated moving toward an Island-wide management plan that would be formed after considering a wide range of perspectives, probably brought to its attention by a facilitator who solicits input from groups concerned with the various issues.

LIVING OFF THE GRID

by Frank Solle

for Bill and Shirley (and W.C.W.)

The white chickens strut awkwardly around the snow-covered yard, bobbing and clucking as they meander, pecking at the ground for whatever it is they peck for, oblivious to the steady movement of the nearby solar panel as it maintains a synchronized connection with the sun it slowly tracks across the dull grey sky, doing all it can to draw in the weak winter light, then transforming it into electrons, sending them to the bank of batteries in the power shed where they are converted into AC

to illuminate the house, to power the tools used to finish the woodwork, to twirl the fans to push the heat burning in the wood furnace through the ducts, and to create a computer connection with the world. The power also goes to the garage where things get put together or repaired or created, and to the lone fluorescent bulb in the generator house where the diesel behemoth awaits sunless days and dark nights, and, yes, even to the chicken coop, providing just enough heat and iceless water to keep the chickens alive, laying their daily eggs, and allowing them to continue their random desperate searching for that damned red wheel barrow.

THANKS

I would like to thank everyone for their donations to the Pizza Benefit Party that was held for me at the Sham-

rock in February. And also thanks to all who purchased 50/50 Raffle Tickets. All the monies collected will certainly

help with my medical bills.

Many thanks to the Community and off Islanders. —Rory Connaghan



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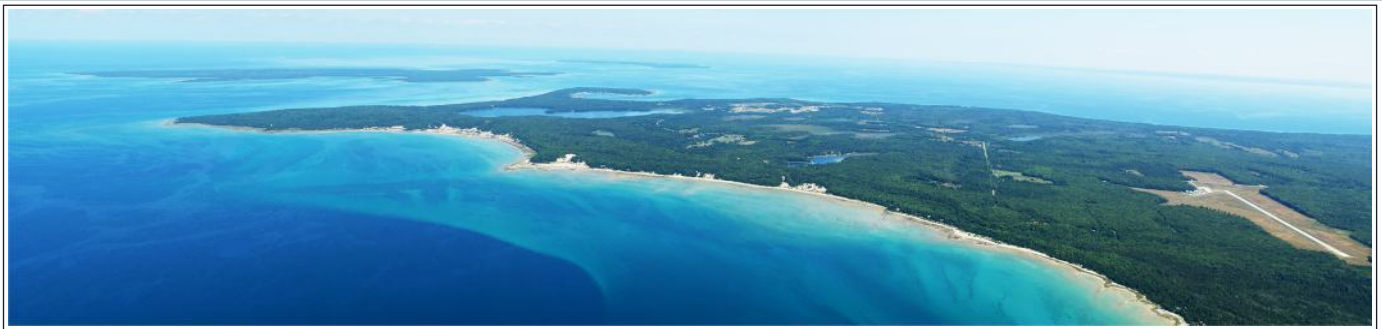
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A view of the Boston Marathon experience from the reminiscences of an Island summer resident written to familiarize Beacon readers with an event that is linked to the Island's September Marathon.

The Boston Marathon is a storied event populated with legends like Clarence Demar, who won seven times in the twenties and thirties, and four-time winners American Bill Rogers and Canadian Gerard Cote.

The first Boston Marathon was run in 1897. Runners on Beaver Island will be attempting to qualify for the 115th annual running of the Boston Marathon in 2011. The Boston race is run on Patriots Day, the third Monday in April, and started at noon for over 100 years. The start is now at 10:00 am. No Marathon has more spectators.

My reminisces of the Marathon are from five runs spanning 1978 to 1984. The race was characterized by Boston Athletic Association (BAA) President Will Cloney and legendary sidekick Jock Semple. Jock didn't want any bums on the course, just athletes.

Boston is a fun town with easy subway (the T) transport to places like Hay Market and the South End. Hay Market is old pier warehouses converted to shops and restaurants. The South End was a pre race pasta dinner destination.

Although the Marathon is run on a net downhill course, it is not an easy course. We were going up and down hills during the first five miles after a "this is easy" plunge off the starting line. It is said that you could put an egg



The Boston Marathon can be a humbling experience. The gentleman with the hat who has crossed ahead of me is ten years my senior at age 56. I am coming up to the line with 889 runners ahead of me wearing race number T-33. This was my best effort with a time of 2:40:41.

anywhere on the course and it would roll. And, Heartbreak Hill at about 20 miles is not the last hill.

Only race entrants on busses from the Prudential Building (the Pru) can gain access to the starting line in Hopkinton on race day. State Police block all other traffic. In 1984 I caught one of the last two busses to leave for the start after a rain delayed morning flight.

The finish was at the Pru, which can be seen from a vantage point in Hopkinton, 26 miles away. I never looked as it would be too daunting to do so. The race starts at normally sleepy little Hopkinton and wends through Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Wellesley, Newton, Brookline, and on to the finish.

If you have trained well you easily race through towns and pass lakes until you have gone about fifteen miles, and then you begin to feel like you are in a real race. This is tempered by reaching Wellesley College, where the course is lined with screaming girls who run out to wreath buff young men in the right lane with scapular shaped necklaces containing names and phone numbers. After the college there is a huge downhill which propels the runners on to the three famed Hills of Newton. The third hill is the legendary Heartbreak Hill at about 20 miles.

After having faced down the course boogey man, there is still about 10,000 meters to go feeling like you are running on empty. The course continues past Boston College and Fenway Park, which I never noticed. Later I heard Jim Rice had hit a home run. The running path narrows as the

spectators who line the whole course begin to crowd in for a better look. Once, having a bad day, I snatched a Schlitz Tall Boy from a spectator who got too close, took swigs, and passed it on to a spectator down the road.

The last hill is an overpass seven eighths mile from the finish line. This is where I once promised myself that if I finished the race I would never have to run another step as long as I lived.

To finish is glorious. In 1978 I received a dish of the then traditional but last post-race Boston Irish Stew, which was really good stuff. In 1984 I received the first pewter medal handed out to all finishers with the BAA unicorn and 88th marathon embossed on the face, which I still treasure. —Bob Trudgeon

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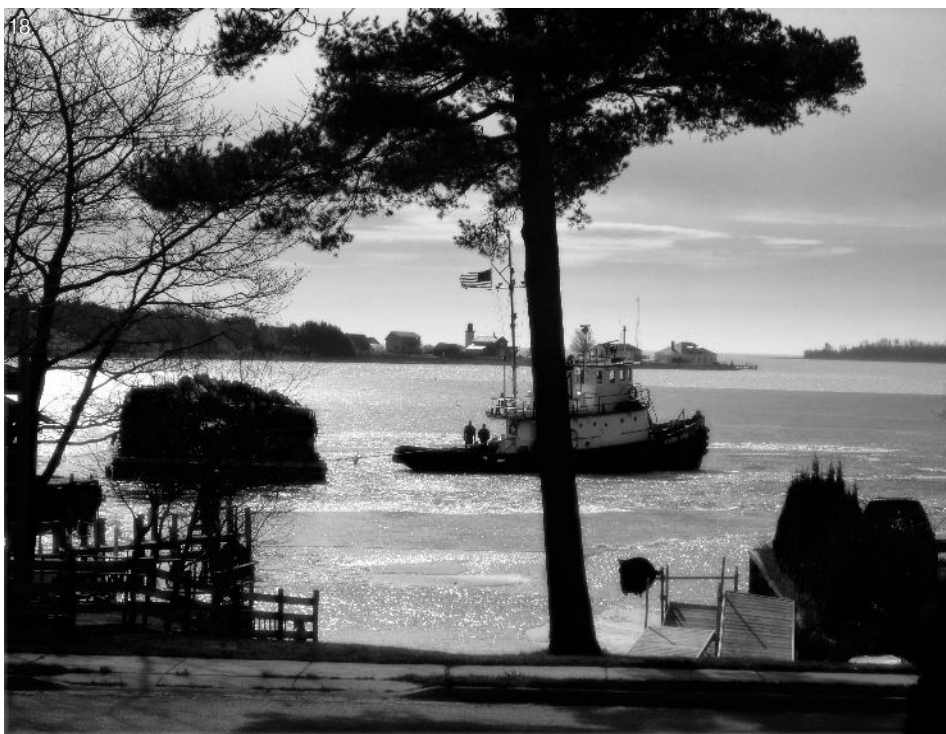
"We're excited to make this announcement," said Al Ripp, market

manager for TDS. "Our customers have been waiting patiently for access to high-speed Internet service; they needn't wait another minute."

TDS's new high-speed broadband service is now available to nearly all businesses and residences on Beaver Island. Because high-speed Internet service is a distance-sensitive technology, speeds may vary and services may

not be available to all TDS customers on Beaver Island. For larger needs, dependent on location, symmetrical plans of 3, 5, 10 Mbps and beyond are now also available for high-tech businesses, education, and healthcare, starting at several hundred dollars to a couple thousand dollars per month.

This magnitude of bandwidth was never readily available here before.



Far Left: The Wendy Anne's first barge run of the season - Photograph by Bob Tidmore

COMMUNITY SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT

The St. James Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing to review a grant application to the Michigan State Housing Development

Authority (MSHDA) for Community Development Block Grant funds and to identify Community Development and Housing Needs, including the needs of

low and moderate income persons. The hearing is to be held Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 pm at the St. James Town Hall.

The purpose of this hearing is to

JENE CASPER

Eugenia ("Jene") Casper, who lived on the Island with her husband Ed Casper during the 1990s, died on March 18th at the age of 88 in Cleveland, Ohio. Her daughter, Dianne Steinglass, was with her when her life ended peacefully.

Born in the Town of Granville in northwest Milwaukee County in 1921, Jene graduated from Milwaukee's West Division High School and attended the Layton School of Art. Her father was Jack Rice, an actor who ap-

peared in more than 200 films and television programs, and her mother was Rose Hays, who was once a dancer with Broadway and touring musicals

Jene had a varied and interesting career. During the late 1940s, she was co-founder of The Three Graces, a women-owned photographic portrait studio in Milwaukee. She was a fashion model and President of the Milwaukee Society of Models. During the early 1960s, she owned Jene Casper

at Willowbrook, an exclusive women's fashion store in Thiensville, Wisconsin. Subsequently she was the buyer and manager of the Fifth Avenue Shop for Gimbels in Milwaukee and Director of Merchandising and Fashion for Hixons, another exclusive Milwaukee fashion store. She also taught fashion design at Mt. Mary College. After retiring from the fashion industry, Jene worked in the surgical purchasing department at St. Mary's Hospital in Milwaukee.



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review the \$400,000 application. These funds will be used to build a 6-unit apartment building for low to moderate income senior citizens on Carlisle Road

in St. James Township. A second purpose of this public hearing is to identify community development and housing needs, including the needs of low and

moderate income persons. St. James Township is an equal housing opportunity organization.

– Rick Speck, Supervisor

Jene and her husband, Ed Casper, a photographer and painter, moved to Beaver Island from Milwaukee in 1993. On Beaver Island, Ed, worked primarily with water colors, and his paintings hang in many Island homes.

Jene's years on Beaver Island were very full. She and Ed made many new friends, and Jene could often be found weaving and knitting, taking walks with her dog, Sammy, cross-country skiing, and enjoying winter picnics with other

hearty souls. She also enjoyed working for several years in the Island Library.

Jene is survived by her three children, Dianne (Steve) Steinglass of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Gary Casper of Petoskey, Michigan, and Kim (Judy) Casper of Dover, Wisconsin, by five grandchildren, by five great-grandchildren, by her half-sister, Marion (Chuck) Robin of St. Germain, Wisconsin, by three nieces, and by four grandnieces/grand-nephews.

Her grandson Adam Wirth lives on the Island, her granddaughter Amanda Steinglass attended the Beaver Island Community School in the early 1990s, and her great-granddaughter Keri Wirth graduated from the Beaver Island Community School in 2006. Her daughter Dianne has a log cabin on the Island.

The family suggests that any memorial contributions be made to the Beaver Island Animal Fund; c/o Cindy Ricksgers; PO Box 297; Beaver Island.

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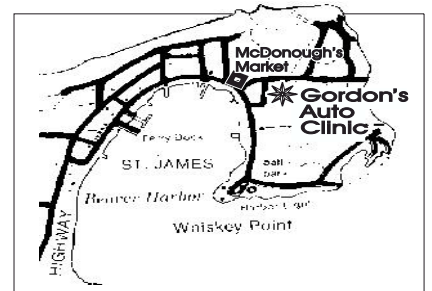
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In Early March the Beaver Island community came out in full force to welcome Emmalee back home, lining the streets from the airport past the school in Town. Organizers set up several spots along her route home, and people gathered there and elsewhere to





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TEARS OF JOY; OUR HEARTS WENT OUT

cheer – a good example of what the Island people value. The brave little girl insisted on walking from the plane even though her ordeal had left her weak. Two weeks later a slight shadow called for a trip back for a little chemo. We're all praying for her continued recovery.



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22. ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION IN MAY IMPORTANT

When Beaver Island voters go to the polls in the annual school election on May 4th of this year, they will see a full ballot. As happens each year, voters will be asked to renew the school's operational millage. Voters will also be electing two board members who will take office in July of this year. Finally, voters will be asked to renew a vocational-technical millage which has been in place for 14 years.

The district will request renewal of 15.7908 mills on non-homestead property: this millage request level has not changed in over 17 years.

Revenue from this source generates approximately 75% of the district's general fund money. The general fund is used for day to day operation of the school; books, supplies, utilities, arts,

sports, salaries etc. This is what the district runs on.

The following people have been nominated to fill vacancies on the Board of Education: Barbara Schwartzfisher, incumbent, is seeking renewal of a 4-year term; Jessica Anderson and Lynn Cary are seeking a 1-year term which is open as a result of a board member resignation.

The request for renewal of ¾ mill for 4 years for Vocational-Technical Education programs and services is extremely valuable to the district. The twelve local school districts (mainly Charlevoix and Emmet Counties) all vote on this millage and the revenue is shared between districts for specific vocational-technical needs. Beaver Island receives more back to the district than is paid in because we run two state approved vocational programs:

Business Services Technology and Health Occupations. Funding from this source also helps to pay for necessary technology infrastructure and connectivity and for some counseling needs.

Voters should know that renewal of these two millages is essential as State funding for Beaver Island Community School is minimal, amounting to less than 7% of the total. Combined, these two revenue sources on the ballot in May account for about 85% of the district's annual revenue. Local box holders will receive an informational flyer in mid-April.

Anyone with questions about the election can contact a board member or the school office for more information. The board of education meets on the second Monday of the month at the school at 7:30pm.

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U.S. Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) announced Northern Michigan Hospitals, Inc. in Petoskey and Upper Peninsula Health Education Corporation in Marquette have each received grants to develop rural health networks to serve patients in 19 counties in Northern Michigan. The funding, totaling \$169,035, was provided by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHS) Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program.

"These grants will allow health care providers to establish a plan to streamline services and address the unique needs of providing care in rural areas across northern Michigan," Stupak said. "By working together, health care providers within each health care network can improve the quality of care

offered to patients while also increasing opportunities for training and collaboration. This investment by DHS will help lay the groundwork for making these proposed health networks a reality in northern Michigan."

Northern Michigan Hospital received an \$84,950 grant to establish a primary care model that creates solutions in rural and remote environments to address fragmented care. The proposed Northern Michigan Primary Care Alliance would bring together Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Cheboygan Memorial Hospital, Mackinac Straits Hospital and Health Center in St. Ignace, and Beaver Island Rural Health Center to maximize resources toward improved quality of health care

in rural northern Michigan. The primary service area would include Emmet, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, and Mackinac Counties.

The DHS Rural Health Network Development Planning Grant Program provides funding to support development of collaborative relationships among health care organizations by funding rural health networks that focus on integrating clinical, information, administrative, and financial systems across members. The goal of the grant program is to strengthen the rural health care delivery system by improving the viability of the individual providers in the network. Grant funds typically are used to acquire staff, contract with technical experts, and purchase resources to 'build' the network.

BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 24 - **Citizen of the Year** Banquet at the Beaver Island Community Center. 6pm bar; 7pm dinner (Page 37)

April 25 - 27 - **Holy Cross Parish Mission**; Fr. Bob Miller from Chicago will direct the mission.

April 30 - 5th & 6th Grade **Play** (Page 41)

May 4 - **School Election**

May 14 - Sports Boosters **Chinese Dinner** at the Shamrock

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

June 13 - Celebration of the 150th

anniversary of Holy Cross: Picnic and pig roast, the public is invited. Starting at around 11:30 until 2:00.

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

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

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

July 16 - 18 - **O'Donnell Reunion**

July 19 - 24 - **Museum Week 2010**: music, archaeology, diving, kayaking, Keewaydinoquay, Protar, Island spirituality, trees, and Native dancing!

July 29 - August 1 - **Baroque on Beaver**

July 31 - **Meet the Artists at Livingstone Studio**, from 12pm - 4pm

August 6 - 8 - **Homecoming**

September 4 - Beaver Island **Marathon**

September 9 - **Holy Cross Women's Retreat**; For all Island women, it will be held at Holy Cross.

September 16 - Health Fair (page 12)

September 17 - 19 - **Beaver Island Celt Fest**: hike up your kilts, gents!

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





ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

(Note: 1 Spring 43 - 70 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 6, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "The steamer *Beaver* went to Manistee Monday night."

"W. E. Stevens of St. James, was in the city the last of the week."

"Oscar Martin of St. James, was at Baker's Inn the first of the week."

(Note: 6 Snow 3" 36 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 7, 1910 **Front Page Article:** "NAVIGATION NOTES

"The Beaver Island tug *Margaret*

McCann came over Wednesday for minor repairs, returning Thursday.

"The steamer *Beaver* went to Manistee Wednesday morning of this week to receive a new wheel. The *Cummings* made the Beaver Island trip in her place.

"The steamer *Beaver*, which made her first trip last Wednesday, is making her regular Monday, Wednesday and Friday runs. On her outward run Friday she went by way of Cross Village.

"The house committee on interstate and foreign commerce is about to report a measure which will carry appropriations intended to take care of navigators

on the great lakes. One of the things which the committee will probably report upon is the expenditure of \$250,000 for the construction of a permanent light of high order on Lansing Shoal, near the Straits of Mackinac and in the pathway of boats plying to upper Lake Michigan ports. The committee, it is understood, will also report favorably upon the proposition to build a light ship to be stationed to the southeast of North Manitou Island, where a dangerous shoal is forming. It is expected that in the omnibus aids to the navigation bill, which the committee will shortly report, many items of interest to mari-



Photographs by Erin Boyle





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

ners on the great lakes will be included."

Local News: "Nally Cram went to St. James Monday to resume his work there as the Booth Co. representative."

Beaver Island News: "John McCormick returned to Escanaba after spending the winter with his parents here."

"W. E. Stephens returned from Manistee, where he went on business."

"Nally Cram is here packing fish for Booth fisheries."

"Miss Nora McCauley spent Sunday in Charlevoix."

"Mike Mooney is visiting his parents."

"W. J. Gallagher was elected supervisor again."

"Fr. Norbert went to Petosky Monday."

"Gallaspie (sic) was drowned in a tub of water Saturday. Buried Sunday."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 13, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "W. W. Boyle of St. James was in the city Monday."

"Beatrice Gallagher of St. James was in the city Monday."

"Owen Gallagher of St. James was a Charlevoix visitor Monday."

"John Snyder of St. James was in the city the first of the week."

"Al Stirling of St. James went back to the Islands Thursday, after being away on a short vacation."

"The steamer *Beaver* returned home from Manistee yesterday and again making her regular trips Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays."

Marriage Licenses: "Patrick McDonough, 45, St. James; Nora McCauley, 30, St. James."

Charlevoix Sentinel April 14, 1910

Front Page Article:

"THE FISHERIES

"The Fisherman in Clover - Good Catches Reported All Along the Line - Good Prices Prevailing. *continued on page 27.*





One Hundred Years Ago, from page 25.

"The fish dealers in this port are handling more fish than for several years this early in the season, and indications are that the year will prove a profitable one for the fisherman.

"Some of the lifts this past week come pretty near being record breakers. On Saturday the tug *Parmelee* came in with 6,000 pounds of fish receiving from the Booth Co. the pretty sum of \$525 for the 'lift.' A gasoline boat brought in 2,300 pounds the same day for the same concern. On Monday morning the Booth Co. had eight tons of trout, whitefish and perch on hand at Beaver Island awaiting shipment. Probably fifteen boats of all classes are fishing out of this port, and all are making satisfactory fishing.

"The Robert Beutel Co. report a Saturday lift of 2,400 pounds. The prevailing high prices make the fisherman smile. As we have often stated in these columns, the fishing business at this port is an important and lucrative industry. Not less than one hundred men are employed here, ashore and afloat, for nine months of the year, and nearly half that number for the three months of winter, on equipment. A large proportion of the St. James catch is handled by Charlevoix shippers. The Booth Fisheries Co. of this city, is the headquarters office for branch shipping points extending from Detroit to Frankfort, including the straits and both Traverse bays."

Marine Notes: "The steamer *Beaver* which went to Manistee last week for that new wheel, was detained there a week waiting to be decked. She arrived here Tuesday. The steamer *Cummings* has been taking her Island trips.

"The Beaver Island fishing tug *Violet*, which wintered here, stopped Saturday from Cedarville, north shore, where she went to ship a new boiler."

Local News: "W. W. Boyle, of St. James came over Monday, on his way to Harbor Springs."

"Married, at St. James, April 11th by Rev. Father Norbert, Mr. Patrick McDonough to Miss Nora McCauley. Mr. and Mrs. McDonough were here Tuesday, accompanied by the bridesmaid, Miss Beatrice Gallagher, to purchase household goods."

Beaver Island News: "Capt. Tim Roddy went to Escanaba last week to

take command of the steamer *Lotus*."

"Andy E. Gallagher, who went to Grand Haven last week for examination, has returned with master's papers."

"Died, April 5th, Mrs. John Early. Deceased came to Beaver Island in 1870. She leaves a husband and one son."

"Mr. and Mrs. A. Sterling have returned home after a week's visit with relatives in Ludington."

"Mrs. Daniel B. Gallagher is here visiting her father, John Gallagher."

"Willie Pratt has gone to Escanaba for the summer."

"E. E. Pratt and H. E. Boyle, the two township treasurers of the Island, went to Charlevoix last week to settle with the county treasurer."

"Deputy game and fish warden Eddy paid the Island a visit last week."

"A. Gibbs of Traverse City was at High Island last week, looking up the shingle and lumber output of the Heimforth Lumber Co."

"Geo. Heimforth and daughter of High Island, were in town Friday, on their way to Traverse city." (Note: G. H. Heimforth, Miss Alice Heimforth and Henry Heimforth, Traverse City, appear in the *Hotel Beaver register*, April 8, 1910)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 20, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Mrs. F. Nackerman and son of St. James were at the Elston the first of the week."

"The *Beaver* makes the trip to St. James every Monday, Wednesday and Friday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 21, 1910 **Local News:** "John Donlevy, of Chicago, arrived Saturday on his way to St. James, his former home for his annual visit." (Note: 22 - 29 Bad days: snowstorm (2") - rainstorm - steady rain - drizzle 41 - 30 - 48 degrees raw, very raw F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 27, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "John McCann of St. James has been spending a few days in the city."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 28, 1910 **Beaver Island News:** "Steamer *Robert G. Wentz* loaded lumber here last week."

"Seining in the harbor at present is not very good."

"Mr. and Mrs. Albion, of Charlevoix

are visiting at Mrs. Smith's parents." 27.

"The schooner *Waleska* brought in twelve hundred bushels seed peas from Cheboygan."

"Steamer *Eugene C. Hart* made her first trip last week."

"Mr. James Kenneally of Escanaba, paid the Island a visit for a few days last week."

"The dwelling house and barn on Miss Ellen O'Donnell's farm five miles south of town burned to the ground one night last week. This will be quite a loss, as there were (sic) no insurance."

"Mr. A. Malloy's new shop is rapidly nearing completion, and when finished will be one of the best equipped market (sic) in Northern Michigan."

"Barge *John Schroeder* took on a cargo of lumber this week."

"Steamer *Beaver* brought over a thousand bushel seed peas on Friday's trip."

"The tug *McCann* is at Charlevoix having some repairs done on the boiler."

"Frank Miller the village blacksmith visited Charlevoix last week."

"Ida Gibson of Petoskey is visiting parents."

"Mrs. Angus McKinnon of Charlevoix, is here to visit her brothers."

"Miss Grace and Delia Mooney went to Charlevoix on Monday."

"Grace Carr of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. John Gallagher."

"Dan Gallagher returned from Ireland where he had been spending the winter bringing with him John Gallagher and also a young damsel as a life companion fresh from the shamrock beds of the 'Auld Sod'."

"By the death of Mr. John Gillespie in his 79th year, which occurred on the 22nd inst after a prolonged illness, the Island loses another of its pioneer inhabitants.

"Born in Ireland he came to America in the early fifties and settled in Toronto Canada where he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Donlevy sister of John of Chicago and James and Francis Donlevy of this place, coming to Beaver Island in 1858, taking up a homestead upon which he has resided up to the time of his death. Besides the widow Mr. Gillespie leaves twelve children and a large circle of friends to mourn his loss." (Note: 30 Spring begins 39 - 48 degrees F. Protar)



Along about the first week of March a lady named Anisa Williams walked into Fresh Air Aviation and

requested to see the planes that Fresh Air owned. "Sure," said Keith. "Are you interested in a charter?" "No, not really she replied. We would like to see if they would be right to use in a movie we're shooting here in town." This got Keith's attention.

The movie is called "The Frontier Boys," a true Hollywood production filmed in Charlevoix about the adventures of four modern day high school



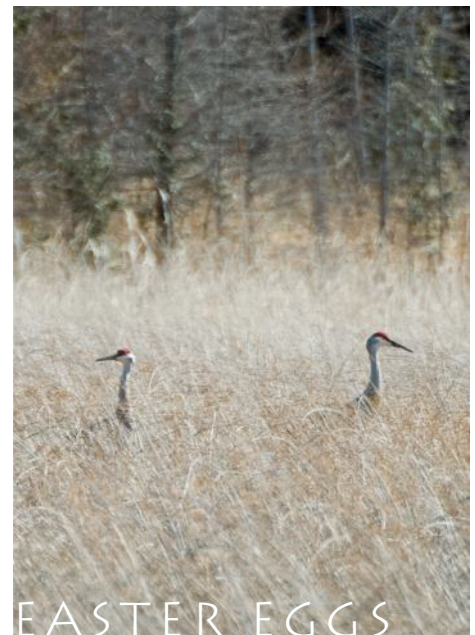
friends. You can see the trailer at www.frontierboys.com. Initially they wanted to just use the Partenavia owned by Fresh Air Aviation for some basic still shots. This quickly grew to the director wanting to include flying scenes with footage filmed inside and outside the aircraft.

"It was wild," said Keith. "Our

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I would like to thank the following businesses for their generosity and continued support with this Easter event: Beaver Island Boat Company, Beaver Island Community School, Beaver Island Trading Post, Central Drug Store, East Wind Spa, Fresh Air Aviation, Island Airways, Martin Gas & Oil, McDonough's Market, Montaage, Powers Do It Best Hardware, The Shamrock





hangar had over 40 actors and workers in it all at once transforming our maintenance bay into a film set with specialty lighting, computers, cameras, green screen and all. It was very cool and an honor to hear them say *roll em and action!* in our hangar. I was just hanging out watching all the fun when the director asked if I wanted to be an extra.



Bar & Restaurant, Stoney Acre Grill & Donegal Danny's Pub, Whimsy, Jim Wojan Excavating Co., Ron Wojan General Contractor. And my deepest heartfelt thanks to the wonderful efforts and caring support of those very special people who continue to help make these events possible: Cathy Garland, Gary and Tina Morgan, Pam Nicholas, and Doug Tilly. — Tina Walker



Naturally, I got to fly the plane for the flying scenes but they also gave me a speaking roll as well. I hope my 4 seconds of fame don't wind up on the cutting room floor. It was great fun but trust me...I won't be giving up my day job! And, no, don't expect me to send every passenger to Hollywood with a phone number and permission to say you know me."

The only negative side to the movie



was that one of the scenes required the torching of Ben Campbell's old home, one of Charlevoix's earliest.



A very rare offering of a newer home ON BEAVER HARBOR with a fantastic view of the entrance to Paradise Bay. The house sits up on a bluff overlooking the harbor offering an unequalled view with a deep running lot from the King's Highway to the water's edge. The frontage has a pure sand bottom, great for swimming and safe for kids.

The first floor level has two bedrooms and one full bath, a formal dining room, a living room with a wood-burning fireplace, an excellent fairly new kitchen, and a screened-in three-season porch. There is an open deck on the lake side in front of the living room, and a protected private hot tub area below the porch with a full view of the harbor just outside the walkout basement door. The walkout basement is being used as a master bedroom by the current owner (with a second $\frac{3}{4}$ bath on this lower level). There is also a laundry room in the lower level.



The finished area downstairs can be used as a spare bedroom, family room, or any other use a new owner might desire. The house has over 1,740 ft² of finished living area. It also has an attached one-car garage. It has recently undergone extensive renovations and improvements by the owner/builder Mike Collins. A new roof, new electric hot water boiler, and new, long-lasting shake shingles were installed last year. In 1989 a new deep well was put down, and in 2001 a new septic system was added. New landscaping and walkways were put in, and a double-insulated dog door was installed in the basement to a 15' x 100' dog run. New floor coverings are on the first floor level, and a new stove and refrigerator is in the kitchen.

This home is unique: very few homes in the town of St. James have a view of the harbor like this. If you like the idea of watching the boats come and go, and seeing sunrises and moonfalls, this could be your perfect retirement spot, a very nice summer home, or an excellent rental property.

The owner is offering almost all of the contents for a full price offer – including the boat lift on the harbor, boats and kayaks, a 32' twin engine cabin cruiser, and other items to give you a complete package to enjoy life. Because this is some of the most valuable lake frontage on Beaver Island (a minimum of \$2,000 per front foot), this house and everything with it is priced right at **\$459,000.**

Contact owner and Agent Michael Collins with Prudential Preferred Properties

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30. "WHO'S YOUR DADDY" AT THE LIBRARY

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This summer over 80 musicians from around the state will join artists on Beaver Island during the last week of July to present the 9th *Baroque on Beaver* classical music festival. For the first time the concerts will be "Made in Michigan," with all participants either residents of the state or seasonal visitors to Beaver Island. The festival will be organized by a new managing director, Zac Moore. Robert Nordling will be the new conductor of the Festival Orchestra. Kevin Simon will lead the Festival Chorus for the third year.

Baroque on Beaver will stage concerts by the orchestra, chorus, chamber ensembles, and soloists. Featured artists will include Martha Guth, who has highlighted the past two years, and Claudia Schmidt, new to *Baroque on Beaver*. As in past years, concerts will be held in the Parish Hall, the Community Center, and Gillingham Hall at CMU; in

VINCE OLACH

Vincent R. Olach, 81, of Ellsworth, died Sunday, March 28, 2010, at his home. He was born April 5, 1924, in Charlevoix, the son of Edward and Marie (Prekale) Olach. Vince served his country in the U.S. Army for 27 years, serving in World War II, in Korea, and two tours of duty in Vietnam. He retired as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. Upon retirement, he worked as business manager for Charlevoix Public Schools. He also served as a section manager of the Charlevoix Chamber of Commerce. Vince served as a trustee for the village of Ellsworth.

On July 15, 1989, he married Janice Raecke on Beaver Island. They lived in Germany for three years and on Beaver Island before moving to Ellsworth. Their power boat was a regular fixture at

60 million records from the Census of Canada and key vital records, such as the Drouin Collection (1621-1967), which includes nearly 30 million baptism, marriage, and burial records from Quebec.

U.K. collections offer censuses for England, Wales, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and Scotland, with nearly 200 million records; Births and Baptisms (1834-1906), Marriage Licenses (1521-1869), Deaths and Burials (1834-1934),

and Poor Law Records (1840-1938) in London; and more.

Other international collections continue to grow, with more than 46 million records from German census, vital records, emigration indexes, ship lists, phone directories, and more; Chinese surnames in the large and growing Jiapu Collection of Chinese lineage books; Jewish family history records from Eastern Europe and Russia; and more.

Military collections deliver over 150 million records containing information often not found elsewhere; and includes records from the colonial to the Vietnam era. *Multimedia collections* deliver millions of files ranging from family and gravestone photos to postcards and newsreels. The intuitive search interface, detailed search indexes, and helpful Learning Center tools, make this an indispensable resource.

WILL BE "MADE IN MICHIGAN"


addition, an outdoor family concert and mini-performances and open rehearsals at a variety of places are being planned around the harbor and town.

To involve more of the community in *Baroque on Beaver*, Zac Moore will schedule additional rehearsal time for Island musicians. He will also work with BICAA Board Members Kitty McNamara, Miranda Rooy, and Jane Maehr to engage students in musical activities throughout the year. Details about concerts, rehearsals, and music will be available at www.BICAA.org. To learn about participating as a musician, host, or volunteer, contact Judi Meister, Jayne Bailey, or any member of the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association, or check the website. To enjoy four days of beautiful classical music in a gorgeous Island setting, mark your calendars now—July 29 to August 1—*Baroque on Beaver*—Made in Michigan!

the Marina.


Vince was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was also a member of the American Legion Leslie T. Shapton Post 0226, Charlevoix VFW Post 1153, Ellsworth Lions Club, Military Officers Association, and a lifetime member of the U.S. Army Warrant Officers Association.

Surviving are his wife, Janice; children, David (Trisha) Olach of Charlevoix, Dorie Ann Erber of Arden, N.C., Darren (Laura) Olach of Longview, Texas; stepchildren, Jill Christine Sanchez of Roseville, Calif., Karen Sue Raecke of Leroy; and sister, Edith Close of Charlevoix. He was preceded in death by brothers, Emil, Hubert, Clem, and sister, Dorothy Laurent. Cremation has taken place.



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John Aloysius "Allie" McDonough, 105 years, passed away February 28, 2010.

Born on Beaver Island on March 26, 1904, Allie later moved to Chicago where he met and married his true love, Geraldine "Geri," nee Cunnally. An extremely talented artist and poet, Allie leaves behind his beloved wife of 66 years, Geri; daughters Therese (Dereck) Murphy and Cherie (George) Gabriel; sons John (Nancy), Edward and James; 15 grand-

children; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Allie, the second of 8 children (Mary, Katherine, Helen, Edward, Thomas, Nonie, and Clyde) was born on Beaver Island to John "Shivery" and Emma McDonough.

Allie fondly remembered the Beavers and recalled many places on the Island in his paintings, stories, and poetry. The Shiveries moved to Manistique around 1920, but Allie visited numerous times while working on the boats.

Sometime around 1940 he moved to Chicago and enrolled in the Chicago Art Institute, where he met and married his true love Geraldine.

Many of Allie's paintings still hang in homes around the Island. Anyone visiting Allie in Chicago was sure to leave with not only tales of the Island but a painting or two.

Recently Allie provided insight into locations, people and events that only one living in the early 1900s on the Beavers could relay.

Two poems by Allie McDonough:

Sure, it's Just a Little Prayer I'll be Saying for You on St. Patrick's Day

*May the Good Old Irish Blarney
Roll off your tongue
Like softly falling rain
And a cup of good Irish coffee
Cure your every ache and pain
And when the ghost of Old St. Patrick
Goes strolling through the Shamrocks Bright and Green
May he find for you the answer
To your each and every dream
So don't worry about the future
And forget about the past
And may the Lord
Bless and Keep you
As we raise another Glass*

When the Snowbirds Kissed the Butterflies Goodbye

*As I remember it was later in September
And oh what a beautiful day
There was magic all around magic in every sound
Sunbeams shining through the trees
Changing the color of the leaves
And some of them were falling to the ground
How sweet was the sound of the birds' melodies
You could hear the flowers talking to the bees
Happy laughing people passing by
And a snow cloud hanging from the sky
To remind us soon we would see the snowflakes fly
And the snowbirds kiss the butterflies goodbye
Oh Yes winter winds and snow are sure to come
Leaving toes and fingers numb
But you and I can linger by the fire
Dreaming as the flames grow higher
Then we will remember all the splendor of September
As we watch each flaming ember
Fade and die
Yes we always will remember
That lovely day in September
When the snowbirds kissed the butterflies goodbye*

THOMAS M. FLYNN

Thomas M. Flynn, a Torrance CA resident of 45 years, passed away on February 23 after a hard fought battle with lung cancer.

He was born in Chicago on July 10, 1931 to Michael and Helen (Schafer) Flynn, and was the younger brother to Mary Lou. After his father passed way, his mother married Charles Kieran, and he became an older brother to sisters Mary Ann and Patricia "Tishie." He was a proud graduate of Mt. Carmel High School. He attended Notre Dame and was a lifelong Fighting Irish fan. He finished his education at De Paul University and Loyola University.

Tom joined the Marine Corps in 1952 and served during the Korean War. He truly was one of The Few, The Proud. After the 9/11 attacks he began

to wear his globe and anchor pins in honor of his fellow Marines.

Tom married Eileen Gatliff on December 26, 1955. They were married almost 50 years, until her death in 2005. They lived in Chicago until they moved to California in 1960, eventually settling to Torrance in 1965. He spent his career working in the drywall contracting business, beginning as an accountant for USG and going on to own and operate Specialty Contractors.

After his retirement, Tom became a dedicated blood and platelet donor and made over 200 aphaeresis donations to the American Red Cross. He said about his many donations "It's better to give than to receive!"

Tom loved to travel, visiting many countries and several continents. He is

survived by his heartbroken family. He was a loving father to Barbara Flynn & Claude Posilovich of Nokomis, FL, and Marypat & Joseph Peña of Burbank, CA. He was a proud "Pop Pop" to his grandchildren Matthew, Amanda, & Brian Basnight and Kyle & Molly Peña. He was the "one and only" brother to his sisters Mary Ann Gorman of Chicago and Tishie Haavig of Orland Park. He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Lou Brosch of Excelsior, MN.

Tom was also brother-in-law to Ernie Brosch, Ed Haavig, Jeanne Gatliff, Grace Doig, Audrey Smallwood, Kathleen Wood, and Anne and Bayard Kurth. He was also "Uncle Tom" to over 50 nieces and nephews. Burial will be at Holy Cross Cemetery this summer.

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.....Originated in 2008. In September of that year Bob Hoogendoorn was selected to be our pastor/leader/shepherd. The church has thrived spiritually and financially since its inception. Our outreach is both to the needs of the island people and to people far away who suffer at the hands of evil and poverty or disasters. About 50% of the offerings that we take in go to these types of missions. We are a Bible-based group of believers, accepting the Bible as the unfailing (infallible) word of God, God's instruction book for us as we journey through this brief life on earth in preparation for life after death.

We worship at the Peaine Township Hall (Kings Highway) every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for children is at the same time. We have an informal time together of songs, praise and looking at a portion of the Bible for instruction and encouragement.

Visit us and find out for yourself.



34. ISLANDERS SPLIT IN TITLE TILTS

by Frank Solle

As that famous sportswriter of the past once wrote, "It was the best of games, it was the worst of games." The Beaver Island *Islanders* traveled to Hannahville Feb. 27 with the hopes of claiming both the boys and girls Northern Lights League tournament trophies. But as another famous sports sage of yore once put it, "The best laid game plans of coaches and teams."

And while the boys made quick work of both the host Hannahville *Soaring Eagles*, 50-29, in their semifinal game, as well as the Grand Marais *Polar Bears*, 66-55, in the championship battle, the girls path to glory was derailed by those pesky *Lakers* of Mackinac Island, 49-44, following an earlier semifinal win over Grand Marais, 49-39.

Boys soar to New Heights

After a weather-related travel delay prevented the teams from reaching Hannahville on Friday, the boys boarded an early-morning flight on Saturday, beginning their soar to the championship.

The start of their semifinal game was pushed back to accommodate their travel needs, but after a clean 8-0 sweep of league play nothing was going to prevent the *Islanders* from accommodating their goal of grabbing the gold. Against the host *Eagles* the *Islanders* settled into a comfortable 2-3 zone and let the *Eagles* try their luck from the outside. This time it was Hannahville's coach Seth Miller providing a more accurate sporting adage—live by the three, die by the three—as the *Eagles* hit just three of 26 attempts from behind the arc. Much to the credit of the *Islanders* defense, the *Eagles* did little better inside the semi-circle, connecting on just 26% of their shots overall.

Meanwhile, despite the loss of leading scorer Bryan Timsak, who went down with what fortunately proved to

be a not-too-serious knee injury early in the second quarter and didn't return to the court until the championship game, the *Islanders* pounded the glass at both ends of the court and showed tremendous selflessness in passing the ball to the open man. In the final quarter of the game senior post player Dereck McDonough assisted on five of the team's baskets while the other three came off offensive rebounds. The main recipient of those passes was Doug Campbell who finished with a team-high 17 points. Cameron LaVasseur added 13. Timsak scored six before leaving while McDonough and Billy Lemmink each netted four. Gus Connaghan, Jewell Cushman, and Matt Cull each added two.

Timsak returned for the title game in a big way, leading all scorers with 29 points, including 13 in the pivotal second quarter when the *Islanders* turned a 19-15 deficit into a 39-29 advantage by the break. The *Polar Bears* pulled within one over the third period, outscoring the *Islanders* 14-9, but a strong final frame put the trophy in the correct hands.

Campbell added 11 and McDonough 10, with LaVasseur scoring eight, Lemmink seven, and Connaghan one. "Our team worked hard all year as well as today," said coach Dan Martell after the *Islanders* claimed their first NLL tournament trophy. "When Bryan went out they kept their heads in the game and worked as a team."

Girls just miss Repeat

Looking to be the first league team to claim back-to-back tourney titles, the *Lady Islanders* easily distanced themselves from the Grand Marais *Polar Bears* in their semifinal game, outscoring the *Bears* 31-9 over the first half. Although the *Bears* rallied somewhat over the second half of play, the outcome was never in question as the *Islanders*

cruised into the final.

Olivia Schwartzfisher led the team with 14 points followed by Alex Kuligoski with 12, Claire Kenwabikise with nine, Olivia Cary with five, Jenna Butler with four, and Kristy Bousquet and Brigid Cushman with two apiece and Brogan Maudrie with one.

The final, against rival Mackinac Island was a different story, especially the first half as the *Lady Islanders* struggled to get into the flow of the game, falling behind early 8-2 and 12-6 at the end of the opening period. A 5-2 run to close the half filled an eight-point hole and left the *Islanders* within striking distance at 20-15.

The *Islanders* tied the score twice during the third quarter, the first time on a steal by Butler who raced in for a layup, and the second, with just over a minute to play on an inside score by Cary from an assist by Schwartzfisher. But the *Lakers* scored the final four points of the frame to take a 31-27 lead into the deciding eight minutes.

Again the *Islanders* fought back twice to knot the score, but again, each time they did the *Lakers* had an answer. Kuligoski scored after rebounding a missed free throw to tie at 34, then sank a pair of charity tosses with 4:03 remaining to tie at 36. But the *Lakers* came back with big baskets and timely free throw shooting, hitting seven of eight down the stretch to claim the 49-44 win.

"This hurts," said the senior Butler afterwards. "It was right there."

First-year coach Diane McDonough agreed, saying, "If we could have managed to grab the lead even one of those time, it could have changed the entire outlook."

Kuligoski and Butler led the *Islanders* with 14 and 11 points, respectively. Cary added six with Schwartzfisher and Kenwabikise each adding four. Bousquet netted three and Jenna Battle two.

PASSING THE TEST

The first of Beaver Island's new medical first responders to go down to Traverse City Michigan to take their National Registry Exam have all been successful.

Danielle Dedloff became a nationally registered first responder on 3/8/10 followed quickly by Tammi LaFreniere and Deb Bousquet. A week later Kevin White, Garrett Cole, and Dan Burton

joined the ranks. Congratulations go out to all of them. Many thanks are due EMS Director Sarah McCafferty as well, for making sure people understand how important this is.





DISTRICT DREAMS DON'T COME TRUE

37.

by Frank Solle

*March is the time for basketball madness,
Each victory brings much joy and gladness.
But the Islanders dreams of hoops and fun,
Came to an early end with one and done.*

As much as both the *Islanders* boys and girls basketball teams wanted to believe in miracles; as much as they wanted to dream of victory; it simply wasn't to be, as both teams went down hard at their respective state-wide district tournament appearances.

For the *Lady Islanders*, however, just competing at that level was a big step, as this was the first such appearance for the team after only three years of existence. For the boys, it was their third such trip in the last six years, each time highlighted by drawing the top team in the field, just for the added challenge.

The *Lady Islanders* faced off against the *Alanson Vikings* at Pellston on March 3, and the *Vikings* showed their athleticism right from the start, running off the game's first 10 points on their way to a 52-20 win.

Taller and more tested, the *Vikings* scored the bulk of their points either on fast breaks or from inside the paint, led by junior center Sarah Matthew who scored 23 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Although outmatched, the *Lady Islanders* never gave up and, as coach Diane McDonough pointed out, "They played like a team right to the end."

Sophomores Olivia Schwartzfisher and Jenna Battle led the *Islanders* with

six points apiece. Senior Alex Kuligoski netted five in her final game for the Green and White, while fellow senior Jenna Butler finished with three. "Experience was a huge key for us tonight," said Alanson coach Jamie Barkley. "For only having a program for three years I was impressed with the Island team," he added.

The *Lady Islanders* wrapped up their season with a strong 13-4 overall record, finished tied for first in the Northern Lights League at 9-1, and took second in the annual NLL post-season tournament.



The boys took the court the following week, playing at the ancient Petoskey Central School Gym, a facility that looks more like the set of the movie *Hoosiers* than any modern sports venue. Unfortunately, the *Islanders* didn't gain any good karma from the setting, nor did they catch much of a break from 13th-ranked Harbor Light Christian either, as the *Swordsmen* outscored the *Islanders* 22-1 in the opening quarter en route to a 74-21 win. "We could tell the *Islanders* were a bit

nervous at the start," said Harbor Light coach Jeff Jakeway. "But they proved they were top-notch kids and they played hard right to the end."

The *Islanders* did a little better in the second quarter, yet were still outscored 20-6. Harbor Light extended its lead to 59-10 after three quarters, closing the period on a 10-0 run.

"If we had been able to make a couple of our early baskets we could have loosened up and got into the game a little more, but nothing we put up would go in," *Islanders* coach Dan Martell said. As it was, the *Islanders*

missed their first 18 shot attempts, not finding the bottom of the net until senior Bryan Timsak sank a three-pointer with 1:25 to play in the second quarter.

Timsak led the *Islanders* with eight points. Fellow seniors Dereck McDonough and Cameron LaVasseur each netted four as the team's core trio closed out their careers. Junior Doug

Campbell collected three points and sophomore Michael McCafferty added two.

"I'm proud of the way our guys didn't quit," Martell added. "A lot of teams would have given up, but not these kids, they kept playing hard."

Despite the final loss, the *Islanders* finished the season with a perfect 8-0 Northern Lights League record, claimed their first NLL post-season title, and closed the campaign with a 13-2 overall record.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

The Citizen of the Year banquet will be held April 24 at the Community Center. Dinner choices include Traverse City dried cherry chopped salad, roasted prime rib of beef served au jus with horseradish cream sauce, or herb-roasted half chicken with rosemary gravy, grilled asparagus, sauteed

mushrooms, garlic-mashed golden potatoes, trifle cake, and coffee; what could be better?

Top-notch comedy entertainment is also on the schedule.

The price is only \$25. Seating is limited to 100. Call for a reservation, (231) 448-2022.

A total of 29 nominations for 13 different nominees were received this year.

Once the Ice Tower fell into the Lake, some of the Island gamblers began wagering on who would be this year's Citizen of the Year. With any luck it could turn out to be you.



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After a family vacation to Beaver Island in 1971, the Stoffregen family was inspired to dream of someday having a cabin there. In fact, parents David and Jean Stoffregen purchased twenty acres on the east side to keep the dream alive. "My folks were averse to commercialization and over-development and so of course found Beaver Island very much to their liking," said son Roger. "They enjoyed the unspoiled landscapes and the curious history of the place, such as the Mormon settlement and Protar's Tomb. It was very much their cup of tea."

However, with home base in Cincinnati, Island visits were not as frequent as hoped. The family would camp on the land from time to time, but the cabin was not to be. This past winter, they donated their 20 acres to Little Traverse Conservancy, a non-profit land trust based in northern lower and eastern upper Michigan. "We were all sympathetic with the idea of a conservation donation," said Thomas Stoffregen. "But it was our mother who took the active steps. Our parents believed

exposure to the natural world can be profoundly beneficial to the mind, body, and spirit. They believed these benefits should be readily available to everyone.

And I am certain they would be happy and proud that our former property on Beaver Island is now part of the public trust."

The donated land south of Hannigan's Road is completely forested and fully in its natural state with no structures. Conservancy Land Protection Specialist Ty Ratliff expressed the Conservancy's gratitude to the Stoffregens. "This family's main concern has been to have the land stay wild and natural," he said. Because it lies adjacent to state land, a future possibility is to have the state add it to their holdings, and the family is agreeable with this option. "We are currently working with

staff from the state to determine who best should own and care for this property," Ratliff said.

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6,000 young people participate in a Conservancy environmental education outing every year. For more information contact their office at 231.347.0991 or visit www.landtrust.org.



40. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The Attorney General accepted the GLE settlement proposal in which the cost of a new cable would be recovered by adding \$10.25 to each monthly electric bill.

The *Beacon* published a list of inventions dreamed up by the k-4 students at BICS, including a jet pack for bikes, a hat that inputs knowledge into the brain, a car lock requiring only a password, and a "forever candy bar" that grows back to its original size whenever a bite is taken.

Peaine Board member Frank Blatt wanted the Airport Committee to establish better rules and procedures.

BIBCo defended itself against criticism for having donated \$3,000 to Harborscapers for the landscaping of the lot north of Lakesports by pointing out how effective its policies have been in improving service and increasing dividends and stock values.

The *Beacon* reported that Ron and Patti Wojan's daughter Kate had won first prize in a national art contest

sponsored by MasterCard. Her design for the new card depicted "A Trip to the Mall," a van packed with 20 excited shoppers pressing their faces to the windows. Her prize of cash and goods was worth \$2,000.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Wayne Nix, Wave Wanty, Ed Casper, and Jerry Turner. Jerry, 20, had graduated from BICS and then left the Island to learn the culinary arts. Wayne had battled kidney problems but passed away from heart failure at his Beaver Island home; he had developed the RISE outreach program, which was adopted nationwide. Ed was initially a professional photographer before studying art and becoming a popular Island painter; he married the girl he fell in love with at the next desk in grade school. Wave and her husband Murry built a Sand Bay cottage in the 1950s.

Twenty Years Ago Edward Palmer, Rich Scripps, Cindy, Danny and Rich Gillespie, Dudley Stevens,

and Glen Hendrix all played at the 24th Grand Rapids party.

The annual meetings witnessed some controversy. Both townships were criticized for donating \$2,000 to the new Chamber of Commerce without controlling how it would be spent. Dust control brought complaints. A plan to spend \$7,800 to study creating a landfill here was attacked, as was the possibility of moving "Pingle's Road." A request was made for a monthly Sheriff's Deputy report. No one wanted to operate the Search and Rescue boat so it was to be sold.

Robert Haveman proposed starting a new flying service at the Municipal Airport.

Phil Gregg recounted the history of the Shamrock, which was built as a dance hall in the late 1920s across the street from its current location, where it was moved to in 1936. It became a saloon in 1933, and was owned by Nels LaFreniere. He sold it to his sons Archie and Dick in 1937; Lawrence Mc-Donough was briefly a third partner. It served as the Beaver Island Court for a murder trial in 1936, and as a funeral parlor upon the passing of Charlie O'Donnell ten years later. Governor Williams was there when he learned of the death of Blair Moody, nominee to the Senate; he sat down at a back table to work out the details for running Pat McNamara in his place.

The *Beacon* contained a reprinted 1896 article found in Charlie Allers' scrapbook, in which Beaver was chided for its political independence. The previous year the state legislature had combined the three Island townships, Chandler, Peaine, and St. James, into one, but the Island ignored this and continued to elect three supervisors, three treasurers, and three clerks. At the



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time of the article the situation had not been resolved.

The Chamber presented a list of its accomplishments. The Deer Check Station was a success, as was the annual crabtree planting. A series of Business After-hours was to be held. A walleye pond was being investigated. The Hunters' Dinner was on the schedule, along with Sunset Cruises and the July 4th Fireworks. A new Natural Beauty map was being printed.

Thirty Years Ago The lead story was about the fire bells going off in the homes of the ten volunteer firemen, who rushed downtown and found the home of Pinky and Karl Harmon in flames; it was being rented by Mike Crawford. John Gillespie, first on the scene, got Mike's car away. The fire was so strong that the BIFD equipment could barely hold it at bay, and an urgent call was made to Dick Burris at Lake G: "Bring your big pump, in a hurry!" In the meantime a bucket brigade was set up to bring lake water to douse the fires springing up under the Museum porch and on Hugh Cole's roof; Hugh's house was only 16' away.

Just when they thought the fire was under control, the fire truck ran out of water and the firemen discovered the basement fire they thought they'd extinguished was being fed by a leaky 275-gallon fuel oil tank. A strong NE wind sprang up, complicating the problem. Chief Bud McDonough dispatched men to the roofs of the Museum, the Cull house, and Hugh's house to beat down the flames. Just when it seemed the block would burn down, garden hoses were linked up to bring water down the block, and essentially the whole town arrived to help with the bucket brigade. In the end the Harmon house burned to the

ground, but the other fires were extinguished.

The *Sundew* broke open the harbor in late March.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Helen Collar's sister, Margaret Edmonds, Ken Zeitler, the brother of Jean LaFreniere, Patrick LaFreniere's second wife Eleanor, and Island pillar Vera McDonough Wojan, who had participated in almost every Island organization—including serving on the Town Board and as Treasurer for almost 30 years.

Forty Years Ago Islanders were glad to see the suckers arrive in the Jordan and Cable's but the smelt, which were running in Charlevoix and usually came first, didn't show up.

The students conducted their annual Island clean-up. 140 old cars that had been clogging the dump were buried nearby by Bill Welke and Walt Wojan.

The annual Pantry Shower for the Sisters was held, raising money to

spruce up the Convent's grounds.

Sympathy was expressed for the death of Jeanne Cohoon, 19, who had worked at the Circle M, and Island-born Francis Skopp, who died unexpectedly in Chicago at 61.

Fifty Years Ago Three Manistique fishermen setting nets west of Beaver barely survived a March 20th storm. They ran for cover but were blown aground at Indian Point and abandoned their 40' tug. They walked to town and got help from the Coast Guard, but its picket boat could not get through the ice. The icebreaker *Sundew* was called from Charlevoix, and it was able to rescue the tug.

Ten days later the USCG cutter *Arundel* arrived to break ice, under the command of David McCormick, whose father had kept the Whiskey Point Light from 1898 to 1910.

A group met at the Parish Hall to consider adding bathrooms.

Sympathy for the passing of Island taxi driver Bub Burke was expressed.

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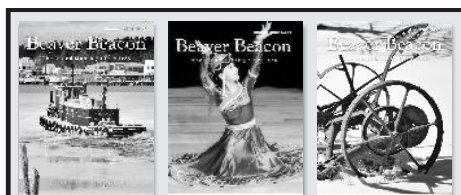
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The Conservation Resource Alliance has notified the NRETC that they have secured funding from the USFWS Fish Habitat program and the CCCF. The estimated cost of this repair is \$19,000. The CCRC will submit the necessary permit applications to the DNRE and award the contract.

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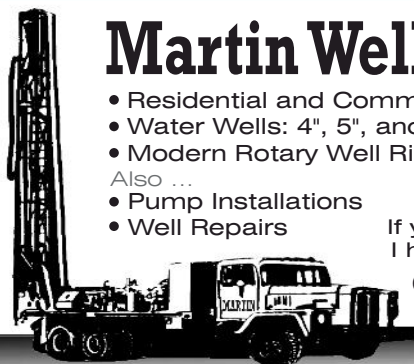
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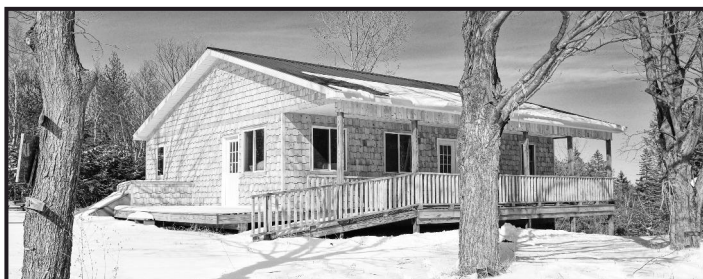
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NEW COA HEAD VISITS TEAM AT COMMUNITY CENTER

Jack Messer, the new Executive Director for the Charlevoix County Commission on Aging who will lead the department and provide support to the CoA Advisory Board, came over, escorted by Commissioner Shirley Roloff and Sheriff Don Schneider, to meet the Beaver Island team.

He brings over 25 years of management and leadership experience to the role. In his previous roles as the Director for the Office of Emergency Management, Director of Emergency Services with the Sanilac County Sheriff's Department, Chief of Police and City Manager for the City of Sandusky, and

the Michigan State Police, he developed a systems/process approach in which he stressed the importance of communication. As a person with little obvious ego (despite that mustache) and a focus on results, he seems ideally suited for keeping the Island in closer contact with the services Charlevoix can provide.

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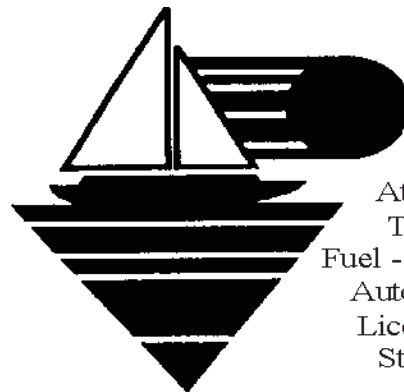
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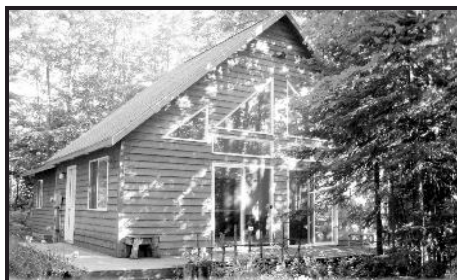
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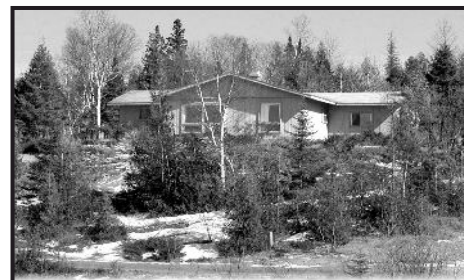
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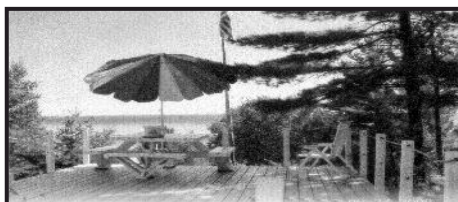
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