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4. **NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS**

**St. James Township**

The Townships’ attorneys requested a joint public meeting to discuss the proposed Airport Authority agreement—tentatively set for June 1st.

The Charlevoix County Road Commission estimated that the cost to widen the “Jiminy Creek” road would be $10,500. This would bring it up to county standards. A meeting will be held to determine if there is support for the Township paying this.

The County informed the Township that the owner of Whiskey Island has defaulted on property taxes for the last three years, and the island could be purchased for a little over $13,000. It's 129 acres, 90% wooded, with two miles of shoreline. A narrow ridge of boulders extends a mile into the lake from the northeast shore. There was a man-made clearing in the center; at one time Natives were thought to have made birch-bark baskets here. It is in St. James Township, which could trade it or sell it—although any profit would revert to the County. It was suggested that it could be traded to the DNR for the Sheriff’s home and the frontage across the street—which St. James had hoped would be given to it. A decision must be made by 5-24, so a public meeting was scheduled for 5-18. Jim Wojan suggested the island be purchased in order to protect it with deed restrictions before passing it on.

The Chamber is relocating its office from the Community Center, which needs the space, to its former location at the Municipal Marina, provided the DNR agrees—it funded the recent improvements there, so it has a say.

St. James decided to post a request for fuel oil, for a price good for twelve months, with the tanks to be topped off soon and then refilled in the fall.

Jacque LaFreniere was reappointed as Phragmites Coordinator; she was the only applicant. The landscaping posting produced two bids, but one was for work by the hour and not by the job; it was thought the specifications were inadequate for a bid by the job, so it will be reposted. Landscaping at Paradise Park (near the Ferry Dock) was included.

MSDA approved a grant request by the Beaver Island Development Committee, pending the senior housing project passing a HUD test on environmental impact.

Joe Moore offered to post St. James’ minutes and agendas for free, and also suggested it contact Krys Lyle about posting material on the Charlevoix County website.

**Peaine Township**

Peaine Township selected Doug Tilly, one of two applicants, as its Zoning Administrator, with the caveat that he
The audience felt, and the Board agreed, that this would be a good move, and that Peaine should offer to pay half of the $13,000 cost, becoming co-owner of the Sheriff’s station if the trade is made.

The second and more contentious matter involved Peaine’s attorney. It began with a request by Colleen Martin for the former Airport Committee to be allowed to meet, which it had not been allowed to for six months; work needed to be done. This was countered by the Supervisor citing the Township attorney’s opinion that the Airport Ordinance was in effect (even though there was no evidence it had ever passed) so the Town Board was the Airport Committee, and as such could rule on any pressing matters.

This led to a discussion of why there had been no progress on deciding whether to move toward an Airport Authority or a Contractual Agreement. Pete LoDico reminded the Board that the Township Authority had promised to create and transmit a memo outlining the pros and cons of both options, but had not done so; that was why nothing was getting done. Consequently he offered a motion to terminate Young, Graham, Eelsenheimer, & Wendling. Supervisor Jack Gallagher stated that he believed the Township needed an attorney who was more responsive, which led to a few audience members suggesting he had been at fault by not responding continued on page 6.
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to requests the attorneys had made.

Another audience member thought a
new attorney was needed now in case a
dispute arose with St. James, in which
case YGEW would have to recuse itself
and we would have to search for a
replacement. Larry Kubic and Colleen
Martin were not swayed and wanted to
keep YGEW, but the other two Trustees
disagreed and the Supervisor cast the
deciding vote for making a change.

In other business David Howell
agreed to serve on the Zoning Board of
Appeals. The Board approved a motion
to spend $1,200 to buy a second com-
puter to network with the first so more
than one person could work at a time,
and to spend $200 for accounting soft-
ware. The Planning Commission
approved the specs for emergency gen-
erators, and bids will be sought. Airport
Committee members who journey to
Lansing on Airport business will be
expected to file reports afterwards. And
the Board voted to contribute $150
toward the expenses of hosting an Envi-
rornmental Symposium on June 28th.

Special St. James Meeting
On May 18th 28 people attended a
special meeting to discuss the possible
widening of the beginning of Indian
Point Road and the Whiskey Island
option.

The Charlevoix County Road Com-
mission had supplied the engineering
specs for widening 620' of Indian Point
Road from 13' to 22', and estimated the
cost to be $10,500. If we were willing
to pay for it, the work would be put out
for bids. Generally the audience was in
favor for reasons of safety, emergency
transportation, and convenience. At pres-
ent it’s a danger for dog walkers and bik-
ers. People familiar with the road know
where to pull off, but others have lost
their mirror in dodging an approaching
car. If something interrupted the
donegal Bay Road, this would become a
vital link. There's already much traffic,
and as the Port St. James continues to
grow there'll be more. It's the busiest sea-
sonal road on Beaver Island.

Supervisor Rick Speck said the
upgrade would use money from the
Road Fund, a gradual accumulation
designed to allow for road improvement,
particularly paving (such as at the park-
ing lot for the Resale Shop). It would not
require a bond; nor would it impede any
other projects, such as dust control.

The matter of whether or not to cap
bids at, say, twelve or fifteen thousand,
was rejected; if the bids are much higher
than anticipated they’ll simply all be
rejected.

After much discussion the matter
was unanimously approved.

Whiskey Island can be had for
$13,087, the back taxes unpaid by the
current owner—who had purchased it
for $175,000 twenty years ago from the
bankrupt MacCormack Corporation.

The State essentially passed (through
its inaction) on acquiring it. If St. James
purchased it, the intent would be to
trade it with the DNR for the Sheriff’s
Substation and its 100' of front-
age—although Bud Martin believed
Whiskey Island was worth much more
and we should get more in a trade. It was
suggested that if the deal could be
sweetened with additional property,
such as the State’s lot at Donegal Bay,
that additional property could be sold.

There had been a hope that the Sher-
iff’s Substation could be purchased for
$1 from the DNR since there was a Quit Claim deed from Karl Kuebler conveying part of the property to the DNR for $1 in 1963. But the complete transaction also involved a purchase from the Coast Guard, so a simple reversion could not be done. The State is mandated to follow guidelines when releasing property; following them would involve getting an appraisal, and the 100' of frontage alone would probably have a value of at least $300,000. So getting it now for $13,000 would be a great deal.

If we lost this property we would have to find other quarters for the Sheriff and his family. Over the years we've spent $40-50,000 on repairs and upgrades. If we can acquire it we would consider the options for the frontage: a general sprucing up might be followed with a public launch site and fishing pier, for example.

There is a likelihood of making this trade, but no guarantee. If we buy Whiskey Island and cannot make the trade, the Little Traverse Conservancy has agreed to purchase it from us at the same price and donate it to the state. Or we could offer it for sale to the public. While any profit over and above our purchase price would revert to the County, a higher purchase price would increase the annual property taxes paid to St. James.

Don Vyse reminded the Board that over the years the Township had failed to act on many opportunities, which we now regretted. Kevin Elsheimer said the same thing in an email. So with the full support of the audience the Board unanimously resolved to buy Whiskey Island.

Two bids to provide landscaping at the “pocket parks” and Paradise Park (at the ferry dock) were received (from Bloomers and Heidi Virgil), but each included extra elements not in the specifications. The Supervisor was asked to meet with each bidder, deduct the cost of extras, and then make a choice.
Tourism is the life-blood of the Beaver Island economy, and one of the latest trends is “green tourism” or “eco-tourism,” with wildlife watching as the largest single segment of that niche. What role can that play on Beaver Island and can it really bring the kind of “green” that Islanders can use to pay their bills? The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-related recreation sheds light on that subject, and should be used as a guide by the Island as we move forward constructing any plan to enhance our tourism based economy.

The survey addresses the spending and travel habits of anglers, hunters (together referred to as Sportsmen), and wildlife watchers. One can easily understand the definition of an angler or hunter, but the definition of a wildlife watcher is slightly more complicated. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife report divides wildlife watchers into two categories, “around-the-home wildlife watchers,” “away-from-home wildlife watchers.” The report notes, “Most of them (wildlife watchers), 88%, enjoyed their activities close to home and are called ‘around-the-home’ participants.” That only leaves a handful of wildlife watchers whose tourist dollars could wash up on Beaver Island’s shores.

How much money is that? Sportsmen-related expenses totaled $79.7 billion nationwide, and $3.7 billion in Michigan. In contrast, total wildlife watching expenditures were $43.7 billion nationally, and only $9.3 billion of that was trip related, or from “away-from-home-wildlife watching.” That amounted to only $277 million in trip related wildlife watching expenses by Michigan residents. On an individual basis this means each angler spends $1,193 dollars a year, each hunter spends $2,263 dollars, and the few wildlife watchers who venture away from home spend only $264 a year. It is clear that the greatest outdoor economic bang for the buck lies in the wallets of anglers and hunters.

So how can angling, hunting, and wildlife watching fit into the Island’s economy as we work to expand tourism? Everyone recognizes that the vast majority of Island tourism occurs in June, July, and August. That is also the time that the bulk of wildlife watching occurs. The Island, however, is operating at near tourist capacity during that time. The Chamber of Commerce reports that approximately 1,000 rooms exist on the Island between all hotels, lodges, bed and breakfasts, and rentals. With over 80% of our 50,000 annual tourists coming in those months, the Island has little additional space to lodge more summer tourists. On the other hand, both the spring and fall have excess capacity for tourists. Angling and hunting can fill that demand.

Hunting season starts in mid-September with bird hunting, and is quickly followed by Deer Season. Excellent hunting opportunities exist throughout the end of December and pick back up in April / May with the spring Turkey Season.

By mid-April anglers reclaim the Great Lakes from winter’s grip, and prowl the cold waters for walleye, trout, salmon, and other species. These opportunities continue through the summer, and remain into October. Sport fishing is already making an impact on Beaver Island, as we have had one resident fishing guide the past few seasons and will be adding another this year. Flymasters of Indianapolis, one of the Midwest’s largest fly fishing outfitters, has two outings scheduled for this summer. All told, this activity alone could inject well over $100,000 into the Beaver Island economy. With proper resource management, Beaver Island could be a near year-round vacation destination for these Sportsmen.

As we move forward building Beaver Island’s economy of the future, we must take careful note of what assets we have, and when those assets are most used by tourists. The summer is already filled with wildlife watchers, and we have limited capacity to recruit more of them. By managing sustainably for an adequate amount of young successional forests we can create great habitat for game species, and actually improve the overall biodiversity and variety for bird watchers and hikers. Both bird watchers and bird hunters can share the forest and benefit from this management style.

By managing our waters for improved angling opportunities we can create a nationally recognized fishing destination. These outdoor activities can coexist, but we need to emphasize angling and hunting as they provide the Island both the greatest bang for the buck and the highest level of sustainable conservation to maintain our traditional summer tourism.

**Phragmites Program 2010**

This year, 2010, will see a change in the Phragmites program from the past. With so little phragmites remaining on the beaches, and changes in the treatment requirements, we have determined a new, less expensive direction for 2010. In the past, all the beaches were surveyed and phragmites’ locations were GPS’d. Then a chemical company was hired to come out and treat the Island. Last year we had less than an acre of treatment needed, yet it cost us thousands of dollars to hire the company. So this year, we shall treat it ourselves under the direction of the DNRE, who will hold the permit and train volunteers in the application of and safety of the treatment chemical.

So this year’s program will be more like an “adopt a beach” program. We are looking for volunteers to check assigned beaches, noting locations of phragmites remaining, receive the training from DNRE, treat the phragmites, and return unused chemicals to the DNRE staff on the Island. The treatment window will be late summer (August). So if you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jacque LaFreniere (448-2220). Funding for Beaver Island’s treatment program 2010 will come from donations received, not from taxpayer dollars.

The DNRE will also be treating High, Garden, and Hog Islands this year. They may also ask for volunteers to help. The state will pay for treatment on the outer islands. With $28,000 in funding earmarked for Hog Island, its considerable infestation of phragmites will be reduced.
Tourism is the life-blood of the Beaver Island economy, and one of the latest trends in island tourism is the emphasis on wildlife watching. A recent report on wildlife tourism sheds light on the benefits of such activities.

The report notes, "Tourism, with wildlife watching as the third largest activity, is second only to fishing and hunting in terms of expenditures. By mid-April, anglers reclaim the Michigan shoreline, quickly followed by Deer Season. Through the spring and summer months, the Island has little additional capacity during that time. The Island as we move forward is operating at near capacity for the season. As we move forward building Beaver Island, however, it is important to take note of what assets we can use to generate income and benefit from this management style."

The report also highlights the economic impact of wildlife watching, stating that "the vast majority of wildlife watching activities are generated by tourists who visit the Island. The annual tourist spending is $43.7 billion nationwide, and $3.7 billion in Michigan. In 2010, the Island had $100,000 in trip-related wildlife expenditures." The greatest bang for the buck lies in the walleye, trout, and salmon season. These outdoor activities can create a nationally recognized fishing destination. Excellent hunting opportunities exist as well, with great opportunities for big-game hunters to enjoy.

The report also mentions the importance of managing for biodiversity and providing adequate habitat for wildlife. "By managing our waters for the highest level of sustainable conservation, we can create great angling opportunities we can demand. Benefit from this management style."

In summary, wildlife watching is a growing trend on Beaver Island, with significant economic benefits for the island's economy. The Island is operating at near capacity and is in need of additional resources to accommodate tourism. As we move forward building Beaver Island, it is important to use these assets wisely and take note of what can be done to generate income and benefit from this management style.
Following the birds on the summer’s first circumnavigation

"The Would-you-take Man"

A Quiet Morning

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A QUIET MORNING

The dawn was just breaking on Sunday, May 16, when I left the house to drive out to the country and sit for a couple hours of turkey hunting. The entire eastern sky was rosy with the promise of another beautiful sunrise.

As I walked into the woods to sit in a clump of balsam firs, my back to a big old pine tree, I was quite amazed that it was not quiet. John Works’ cows in a nearby pasture were bawling, loudly. No sooner was I settled in when a murder of crows began to call at the top of their lungs. This was soon answered by another group who were trying to call even louder. Then a third and fourth flock joined in. I began to wonder if I would be able to hear a turkey gobble or a hen cluck.

Several minutes later a flock of Canadian geese flew over, honking. This was followed by two loons doing their flight tremolo. From far off I heard the distinct scream of the sand hill cranes.

The blue jays joined the fun and the chickadees began to call. Once in a while it became quiet for a few seconds and you could hear the sweet song of the robin spreading his cheerio message.

Now the cows are no longer bawling; they are bellowing. This seemed to fire up the crows again and inspire the blue jays. High above, the gulls began to cry as two airplanes flew by. The hairy woodpecker sounded off with his loud sharp peck, and the pileated woodpecker continues their rat-ta-tat tat at high volume, sometimes in such rapid succession they sounded like a machine gun. From the edge of the woods I could faintly hear the twittering song of the horned lark and intermittently the drumming of a ruffled grouse. It was no longer a cacophony—it was now a racket.

My two hours were over so I gathered up my gear to leave. I heard a lot of birds, I heard a lot of calls, but the one thing I did not hear was a turkey gobble or any one of a hen’s clucks, purrs, or yelps. A quiet morning? Far from it, but I’ll be back again because even the worst two hours of turkey hunting is better than no time in the woods, quiet or not.

—Lois Williams

SCHOOL ELECTION

Results of the May 4, 2010 Annual School election showed strong support for renewal of the district’s local operational millage and for renewal of Char-Em ISD’s vocational-technical millage. Board member candidate Jessica Anderson was elected by a 6-vote margin, and incumbent board member Barbara Schwartzfisher was reelected.

By a vote of 152 yes and 31 no, the school’s operational millage renewal passed. The district wishes to thank the many voters who took time to make it to the polls, and to thank the many citizens who are subject to payment of the non-homestead tax upon which the operational millage is levied.

The distinct realizes that many of those who pay the non-homestead taxes are not year-round residents and do not have children in school. It is the desire of the school district to use the tax dollars to provide a top quality school system that all community members and property owners can be proud of.

By a vote of 134 yes and 38 no, the Char-Em Intermediate School District’s vocational-technical millage renewal passed. Thanks to Beaver Island voters for renewing this millage. Funding from this millage allows the district to run two state-certified vocational programs, and helps with purchase of technology and internet connectivity costs. This is one regional millage where the amount the Island receives back is actually more than is generated by the district’s tax dollars.

With State of Michigan budget uncertainties, the Beaver Island Community School district is indeed grateful that the majority of its revenue is not dependent upon State funding—only 7% of the district’s revenue comes from the State. Approximately 75% of the district’s budget is funded by renewal of the two millage sources described above. Again, thanks to the community for continuing to support the school.

THE WOULD-YOU-TAKE MAN

Iron Ore Bay’s Bill Vann’s new novel follows the prescript, Write about what you know, being set in and around a car dealership. If you suspected there might be all kinds of games being played at some dealerships, this novel will prove you weren’t being paranoid, as his characters play every trick in the book to enhance themselves, no matter what the consequences. His protagonist finally gets away from all the crap, moves to Beaver Island, and publishes a book exposing the shenanigans he’s observed. But fate has a way of surprising people when they least expect it—even up here in Paradise.

An informative read, it’s available from booksurge.com.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Please join us on “Joseph’s Journey through Egypt!” at Vacation Bible School June 29th, June 30th, and July 1st, 9:30 – 11:30. VBS is for children ages 3-12 and includes Arts, Crafts, Music, Storytelling, Games, and more! VBS is to be held at the Beaver Island Christian Church.

A Family Picnic will immediately follow VBS on Thursday, July 1st.

As always, there is no charge to attend VBS, which is brought to you by: Beaver Island Christian Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, and the St. James Episcopal Mission.

Please register early: contact Debbie Roberts (231) 448-2048 or email her at debbier@beaverisland.k12.mi.us or contact Jayne Bailey, 448 2933 or jaynekb@yahoo.com.

Note: A few more volunteers are needed. This is a great chance to help carry on a good tradition while interacting with friendly, like-minded people, so if you can spare a few days, you’ll never regret it.

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Blossoms sweet
Of apple smell –
Bees of Honey
Blossoms tell.
Naked before –
Fruit to fall
Now with begging blossoms
The scent does call.
Lovely perfume granted
Beauty’s springtime whole
Blossom apple blossom
Sweetest springtime soul.

—Dawn George
Sarah “Sally” Delia

Sally Delia, age 68, of Hesperia, passed away Sunday, May 23, 2010 at the Gerber Memorial Health Services in Fremont.

Sally was born on Sept. 4, 1941 on Beaver Island to Charles and Marion (McGiness) Martin, and for awhile owned a home south of her parents on Lake Drive.

She married Michael Delia on Sept. 2, 1961 on Beaver Island. Michael preceded her in death on March 3, 2004. Sally has been a longtime resident of the Hesperia area, where she was a member of Christ The King Catholic Church and enjoyed visiting and traveling with her friends. A very sweet woman admired by all, she especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She worked at Howmet Misco / Alcoa for 29 years until her retirement.

She is survived by her children, Rosemary (Tony) Moon of Saranac, Michele (Dave) Thomas of Holton, Theresa Delia of San Diego, David Delia of Hesperia; her beloved grandchildren and great grandchildren; her sisters, Margie (Bob) Armstrong of Beaver Island and Mary Jane Martin of Gaylord; her brothers, Bud (Colleen) Martin of Beaver Island, Michael Martin of Sparta; brother-in-law, Don (Gloria) Delia of Newaygo; and many nieces, nephews, and special friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Erwin, Emmett, Ernie, and James Martin.

After a double Mass of Resurrection on May 26, 2010 at Christ The King Catholic Church and Saturday, May 29, 2010 at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, she was interred at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island. Memorial Contributions may be made in her name to the Commission on Aging-Newaygo County.
The Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce office has moved from the office it occupied for two years in the Community Center to a newly redecorated office on the grounds of the Municipal Marina. The Chamber was in that location (the former Harbor Master office) for eight years prior to moving to the Beaver Island Community Center.

According to PABI President Judy Gallagher, “The board voted to no longer rent or lease the space that the Chamber has used for the past two years. The board wishes to strengthen the Welcome Area, including concessions sales, donor recruitment and recognition area and visitor reception and accommodation area. We will continue to be an active member of the Chamber of Commerce.”

“Given the Chamber of Commerce’s principal mission of marketing Beaver Island to potential visitors, the less expensive new office will allow us to spend more on advertising the Island,” said Chamber President Kathy Speck. “We appreciate the good relationship we continue to have with PABI and are pleased that they plan to continue to distribute Chamber literature.”

“One of our key goals is to maximize the effective use of member’s dues to market the Beaver Island Archipelago as a tourist/vacation destination by using all manner of current electronic and print media,” said Executive Chamber Director Steve West. “The new office is a good fit. My mission is to get new visitors to experience Beaver Island. Once they are here our Island’s friendly folks do a great job of making them feel welcome.”

**BIHS BOARD SEAT OPENS**

The Beaver Island Historical Society found itself one member short of its maximum of nine when Barb Kenwabikise resigned to spend more time with her daughters in the last year when both will be home.

Anyone who supports the idea of “collecting, restoring, preserving, interpreting, and displaying materials about Beaver Island’s history” can apply by contacting BIHS president John Runberg (448 2387 or jjrunbeaverisle2@juno.com). Duties include attending regular Board meetings (typically seven or eight a year), serving on at least one committee, and representing the goals of the organization to the Island community.

Over the 55 years of its existence the Society has continuously refined its mission and broadened its agenda. Serving on the Board requires a little time, some work, and much thought, and can be immensely rewarding.
14. **PUBLICATION**

**COMBINED NOTICE:**

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

AND

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

**Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds**

St. James Township

37830 Kings Highway

Beaver Island, Michigan 49782

Phone: (231) 448-2014

On or about June 22, 2010 the above named Township will request the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) has awarded the St. James Township $472,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The CDBG funds will be used to construct Beaver Island Senior Apartments, a 6-unit apartment building for low- to moderate-income senior citizens as well as community facilities and amenities normally associated with senior housing (e.g. laundry room, storage, day room, kitchen, and gathering area).

The development site is a vacant lot on the north side of Carlisle Road approximately 300 feet east of Kings Highway. The apartments will be operated by Beaver Island Community Development Corporation.

**Notice of FONSI**

St. James Township also gives notice that it has been determined that the release of funds for the above project will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and accordingly MSHDA has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA, 42 USC 4321).

The reasons for the decision not to prepare such Statement are as follows:

No serious environmental adverse impacts or hazards were identified in the course of the environmental review.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by St. James Township, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at St. James Township, 37830 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782. The records are available for public examination and copying upon request. Please contact Rick Speck at 231.448.2301 for information.

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**Public Comments on Finding**

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration. Such written comments should be received at St. James Township’s address listed above on or before June 22, 2010. All such comments received will be considered and St. James Township will not request the release of Federal funds or take any administrative action on this proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

**Release of Funds**

St. James Township will undertake the project described above with CDBG Program funds allocated to the State of Michigan (MSHDA) under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. Spartan Township is certifying to MSHDA that Spartan Township and Julie Bell in her official capacity as Spartan Township Supervisor and Certifying Officer is consenting to accept the jurisdiction of Federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, St. James Township may use the CDBG funds, and MSHDA will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**Objections to State and HUD Release of Funds**

MSHDA will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved HUD; or (b) that applicant’s environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; or (c) other specific grounds in HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58.75. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and may be addressed to: Carolyn Cunningham, MSHDA at 735 E. Michigan Avenue, P.O. Box 30044, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by MSHDA. No objections received after July 8, 2010 will be considered by MSHDA.
NATURAL RESOURCES

At its May meeting, the Natural Resources and Eco-tourism Commission revealed that several of its projects were on schedule and moving toward completion. The Self-driving Tour Guide had been proofed and was ready for publication. The full-color hiking/nature watching brochure prepared primarily by Carol Burton was in final draft. And the Garden Island Clean-up (in which John and Carole Runberg joined in, hauling two full boatloads of debris from Northcutt Bay) had gotten off to a great start.

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Eight volunteers camped out at Garden Island Harbor, cleaning up three sites and getting started on the worst one, the big pit behind the DNR cabins. It’s unclear exactly how to deal with the pit, which is 6 to 8 feet deep in the center and mixed with (and decayed into) earth over time. But the worst items were removed and the area tidied as best as possible during the two days.

Some of the volunteers camped overnight and enjoyed a beautiful sunset over Garden Island Harbor’s little island before continuing work the next day, saying, “It was wonderful.”
Forty trash bags were filled (including 17 with beer cans) and loaded on a barge, plus two dinghies—all of which were towed back to Beaver by Mike Weede. (The “trash scavengers” learned to tell how far from the base camp they’d wandered by the age of the beer cans being found.)

The 17-member NRETC is also investigating the idea of reintroducing the Canadian yew tree. It is beginning to work toward a long-term interdisciplinary adaptive management plan. The 17-member NRETC is also investigating the idea of reintroducing the Canadian yew tree. It is beginning to work toward a long-term interdisciplinary adaptive management plan. The 17-member NRETC is also investigating the idea of reintroducing the Canadian yew tree. It is beginning to work toward a long-term interdisciplinary adaptive management plan.

32 MILE RIDE

June 26 - The full ride around the Island is a challenging 32 miles; if that sounds like too much, don't worry there is a second route of 17 miles—and you still get to our lunch spot at Bill Wagner Campground. The Bike Festival starts downtown at the Jewell Gillespie Park.

A NEW LIBRARY ROUNDABOUT

The Langfords have done it again! Instead of resting after installing the Music Room at the Library and revitalizing the gardens behind, they began to feel that the front could be improved. So they brought their crew and went to work—for which we all say “Thanks!”

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investigating the idea of reintroducing the Canadian yew tree. It is beginning to work toward a long-term interdisciplinary adaptive management plan. And it’s cosponsoring the June 28th Symposium, in which several highly-regarded speakers will consider how to manage our forest and wildlife for sustainability.

A COMMITMENT CEREMONY

Larry Forth, 64, and John Bowie, 64, were married in Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, on May 20, 2010, witnessed by John Fiegen and Donna Hardenberg, both of Beaver Island.

Larry (right) is a graduate of Michigan State University and the University of Toledo. John (left) graduated from the University of North Texas and the University of Texas. They have been together for 28 years. After braving the Keweenaw snows for a few years they recently made Beaver Island their full-time retirement home.

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“Dan P. Boyle returned home after spending two weeks at Escanaba.”
“Joe Floyd, who was sick, is about again.”
“Mrs. Peter McCauley went to Manistique for the summer.”
“Barney E. Gallagher, of Escanaba, is visiting his brother Andrew.”
“Frank Stafford, clerk of the B. I. L. Co. has moved to Grawn to start in business for himself. Mr. Stafford and family will be missed among their friends on the Island.”
“John Barrey (sic) returned home last week after spending the winter at Cadillac.”
“Married at the Holy Cross Church Erwin Belfy and Eleanore Allers” (Note: 1 - 2 Rain, storm 38-41 degrees - bad days. F Protar)
Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 9, 1910 Marriage Licenses: “Neil D. Gallagher, 35, St. James; Mamie Gallagher, 22, St. James.”
Charlevoix News: “Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd spent a few days at Charlevoix this week.”
“Miss Ruth Gallagher is visiting her mother for a few days. Walter Braithwaite is here visiting his aunt Mrs. Cornelius Gallagher. J. C. Gallagher, of the Escanaba fire department, is visiting relatives here this week. Mrs. Margaret Allard and son Leo are visiting at the home of W. J. Gallagher.”
“Mrs. O. D. Gallagher, of Manitowoc, is visiting her brothers Wm. and Robert Gibson for the summer. Mrs. Capt. Con. McCauley and son Frank, of Manitowoc, are visiting friends on the Island for a few weeks. Sister Aquinata, Superioress of the Dominican order at Grand Rapids, visited the Island for a few days last week.”
“Mr. and Mrs. Radkie and daughter returned from a visit at Manistee.”
“Rev. Father Norvet (sic) arrived home after a visit to Petoskey Monday, returning Wednesday.”
“Mrs. Cornelius Gallagher is quite ill, and fears are entertained for her recovery. David McCormick who had a severe attack of pneumonia is improving somewhat. Mrs. James Sheridan and sister, Mrs. Nellie Roddy, of Milwaukee arrived on Saturday’s boat, called hither by the serious illness of their mother, Mrs. Mary Norton.”
“On Monday morning, of this week, a very pretty wedding took place, when Miss Mamie Gallagher and Mr. Neil Gallagher were united in marriage.
with Nuptial High Mass at 9 o'clock by Rev. Father Norbert. The bride is the eldest daughter of Capt. John O. Gallagher, and one of the Island's most popular young ladies. The groom is a son of the late Dominick Gallagher, a promising young mariner, who at present holds the position as mate of the steamer Manistee. The couple were attended by Mr. Emmet and Miss Elizabeth Gallagher, brother and sister of the bride. After the services the bridal party were driven to the residence of the bride's parents where a wedding breakfast was served, following which a reception was given in the evening from 5 to 8 o'clock. The popularity of the young couple was evidenced by the large throng that visited the church to witness the service.

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 15, 1910 From Beaver Island: “Father Norvet (sic) arrived home after a visit to Petosky.” “James Danlevy (sic) was in Charlevoix on business last week.” “Sister Clementine arrived home last week from Grand Rapids.” “Peter O. Gallagher, Mike Cull and Emmet Gallagher are home on a visit.” “St. James school district closed June 9 when children received diplomas.” “Wilse Sharley and John C. O'Donnell are visiting friends on the Island.” “A representative of the Lakeside Fish Company of Chicago is buying fish at the Island.” “Mrs. Will Allard of Charlevoix is visiting her uncles Dan. T. And W. J. Gallagher on the Islands.” “Cornelius Gallagher and wife of Cheboygan visited his parents on Beaver Islands (sic) and returned home Thursday.” (Note: 8 - 16 49 to 79 degrees F. Protor)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 16, 1910 Local News: “County Agent L. C. Madison, of East Jordan, was at Beaver Island this week on official business.” (Note: L. C. Madison, East Jordan appears in the Hotel Beaver register)

“Superintendent Morton and Capt. Henderson, the new inspector, were here Saturday and inspected the local life saving station, proceeding to Beaver Island Monday on inspection duty.” “D. C. Nettleton is at St. James this week surveying for W. J. Gallagher.” “James Donlevy, the St. James merchant, was in the city last Thursday, returning home Friday.”

Beaver Island News: “Dr. Auld spent last week on the Island.” (Note: Dr. J. A. Auld, Charlevoix appears in the Hotel Beaver register June 7, 1910)

“Maurice Coll of Escanaba, is an Island visitor.” “James Donlevy visited Charlevoix last week.” “Mr. A. Gibbs of Traverse City made a business trip to High Island.” (Note: H. Gibbs, T. C. appears in the Hotel Beaver register May 23.) “The Schooners Simmons and Walaska (sic) are taking on cargoes here.”

continued on page 22.
The Island’s boats escorted the ferry into the harbor.

June 30, 1910 Local News: “Capt. Pete Campbell, of the Beaver was figuring up the other day and found that since he came here with the steamer Hackley, he has made twelve hundred round trips to the Island and he never lost a passenger nor a minute’s sleep.”

Beaver Island News: “James McCann went to Chicago Tuesday on business. Mrs. John Donlevy left for her home in Chicago on Tuesday’s boat.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Wm Gilden returned from a visit with friends at Norwood. Mrs. Matt Jensen and father Peter Nelson returned from Charlevoix this week.”

“Something over five hundred excursionists were here Sunday on the steamer Algoma given under the auspices of the Petosky K. of C.’s. The Ball game between Beaver Island and Petosky resulted in a victory for the latter.”

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“Albert Biggie and wife, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Biggie’s parents in Charlevoix.”

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“Miss Beatrice G. Gallagher is visiting friends at St. Ignace this week.”

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“The roller skating craze (sic) has at last struck the Island. Results of local option.”

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“Mr. Albert Seitz of Manistique is the new foreman at the mill.”

“Mrs. Martha Bunyan of Norwood is visiting her son for a few days. Mrs. Lou Shaw of Boyne City is spending a few weeks here with her mother. Nels Bergstrom, wife and child, are visiting at Mrs. Bergstrom’s parents.”

“Ed. Pratt, who has had a severe attack of pleurisy is somewhat better.”

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“Tom Barry and family have moved to Flint. John C. Gallagher has gone to Benton Harbor to take charge of a schooner. Mrs. Arthur J. Gallagher and son returned to her home in Manistique last week.”

“Mrs. Dan Martin was taken to Charlevoix last (sic) week for medical treatment.”

“W. A. Scheid and wife are visiting Mr. Scheid’s parents at Manistique this week.” (Note: 18 - 26 64 to 89 degrees oppressive; haze. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 23, 1910 Beaver Island News: “Miss Eva Gibson returned from a two week’s visit at Mackinac Island.”

“Miss Bernice Stephens and Miss Beatrice J. Gallagher were at Charlevoix last week attending the teacher’s examination. Mr. L. Briggs and wife spent a few days in Charlevoix last week. Miss Laura Sendenburgh visited Charlevoix last week.”

“George Herrick is erecting an ice cream parlor on his lot just south of the Lumber Co.’s store.”

“Loyal Gibbons left here last week for Detroit.”

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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 29, 1910 Local News Briefly Told: “W. W. Boyle of St. James was at Baker’s Inn Saturday.”

“Mrs. John Ward of St. James was in the city Monday on her way to Manistique.”

“Supervisor W. D. Gallagher of Peaine was in the city on business the latter part of the week.”

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“P. D. Malloy has accepted a position as cook on a boat at Marquette, and left for that city last week.”

“Editor W. A. Smith visited the Island last week in connection with the Government Cable line.”

“J. P. Maloney of Chicago, were (sic) an Island visitor for a few days last week.” (Note: 29 - 30 Deadly heavy, haze 74 - 89 degrees. F. Protar)
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June 23, 1910

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Future home. Miss Margaret Gibson children: John and Condy Gallagher and "Mrs. Dan Martin was taken to in Manistee this week. Miss Nora Barry husband she leaves the following chil- week."

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A. Beutel & Co. have leased the..."
On May 14th the Island community turned out to honor the late Russell Green, whose body came back on the ferry, which he had ridden so many times before—many times as the Captain. It was a bright but windy day, yet a contingent of large boats met the ferry beyond the harbor mouth and escorted her in: the American Girl, Shamrock, Cisco, Resolute, Wendy Anne, Jon Bonadeo’s Liberty, and Skip Duhamel’s fishing boat. Once the boat entered the harbor it sounded its horn in the traditional greeting, three longs and two shorts, which members of his family. Many community members had known Russ for years, and for decades, and stories were exchanged as they waited. A hundred Islanders were there, members of his family. Many community members had known Russ for years, and for decades, and stories were exchanged as they waited. A hundred Islanders were there, as Russ’ sons and nephews had kept cattle in town during the winter but would walk them out the King’s Highway to his field at Greenetown in the spring, and remembered the many personal touches of his time on the boats, his walking through the cabin to shake hands with his many friends—things which had made him so liked and respected.

A large crowd fell in as the casket was walked down the street and up the hill to Holy Cross Catholic Church,
boat. Once the boat entered the harbor it sounded its horn in the traditional greeting, three longs and two shorts, which was sent back from shore.

A hundred Islanders were there when then the ferry docked and the casket was wheeled off, followed by thirty members of his family. Many community members had known Russ for years, and for decades, and stories were exchanged as they waited.

People recounted how he and his
Parade Theme: We Have Lift-off

Russell J. Green

In Memory of Mary McDonough

Others who followed were Deb Plastrik, our car for me to use, as well as the flight. This is a VERY BIG THANK YOU.

They prepared Alan for the air flight not only about Alan but about me as we arrive. Kevin White who was able to which Island Airways handled very professionally. Thanks for their retrieval of Thank you seems inadequate, but

Islanders to grow up on the numerous traditions and family connections all four of his grandparents came and lived at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Children, Mike (Kitty) Green of Beaver Island from Ireland. Over the years, Russell became a storehouse of Irish heritage; all four of his grandparents came and lived and infant sister Francis.

Anthony Greene on the great friendship with his home, surrounded by love of his life, Joy Kevin (Snowe) Green of Chattanooga, TN, and Amy Bair of Chesterfield; 15 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Also surviving are his siblings, Anthony (Betty) Greene, Lillian Left, Korean War, serving in the army, in death Octobre 30, 2007.

Beaver Island on Bernell Burke, Rose Connaghan, Gerald LaFreniere, Tammy LaFreniere, any way he could, drove me to the air-Port. Many times I've read thank you notes but now I know the real meaning. What a beautiful memory this world could hold.

One of the best One heart of gold, One smile for all, One live for all.

On May 11 at the summons of a 911 call the Beaver Island EMS team went into action to assist at our home during hope I am not leaving someone out who notes but now I know the real meaning.

One of the best One heart of gold, One smile for all, One love for all.
Russell J. Green, age 81 of Beaver Island, died Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at his home, surrounded by his eight loving children.

He was born on Beaver Island on December 24, 1928, to Mary (Boyle) and Anthony Greene on the family farm, where he spent his childhood. Russell was very proud of his Irish heritage; all four of his grandparents came to Beaver Island from Ireland. Over the years, Russell became a storehouse of Island traditions and family connections. He was one of the last of the Islanders to grow up on the numerous self-sufficient farms on the Island.


He was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the 25th Infantry Division. He worked on Great Lakes freighters for several years before returning to Beaver Island to work for the boat company, capturing the Beaver Islander for many years. Russell often joked about how he spent 40 years on ships in the Great Lakes, but he never did learn to swim.

Russell is survived by his 8 children, Mike (Kitty) Green of Beaver Island, Mary T. Delamater, Bernadette (Dave) Cole, Rose Peters, Kathleen (Dana) Dvoracek, all of Charlevoix, Beth Anne (Steve) Lucas of Blanchard, Kevin (Snowe) Green of Chattanooga, TN, and Amy Bair of Chesterfield; 15 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. Also surviving are his siblings, Bernell Burke, Rose Connaghan, Anthony (Betty) Greene, Lill Left, and Mary Margaret (Ed) Breden, his great friend and sister-in-law, Skip Bousquet. I ceded him in death October 30th, 2007.

In memory of Mary McDonough Gatliff, born June 26, 1897:
One smile for all,
One heart of gold,
One of the best
This world could hold.
What a beautiful memory
To leave behind.
Missing her every day —Kathleen

PARADE THEME
The Chamber of Commerce directors selected “Beaver Island: Looking to the Future with Strong Traditions” as the July 4th parade theme.

WE HAVE LIFT-OFF
On May 29, at 21:01, the Coast Guard medically evacuated a man from Beaver Island, a 60-year-old male with a broken leg. “The BIEMS had him ready when we got there,” the pilot said.
AMVETS HONOR AMERICAN VETERANS

AmVets Post #46 has been placing flags on our veterans’ graves at both cemeteries for quite a few years. We do the best we can to make sure every veteran has a flag at their grave by Memorial Day. However, there very well could be people buried who we don’t know were veterans.

If you happen to be at either Holy Cross Cemetery or the St. James Township Cemetery and notice a veteran’s grave without a flag, please contact Brian and Dee Gallagher, who are members of AmVets Post #46 and Ladies Auxiliary, and members of the Holy Cross Cemetery Committee.

—AmVets Post #46

The Natural Resources and Eco-tourism Commission (NRETC) is inviting all interested parties to make sure that Beaver Island remains the special place we all love and enjoy. Please join the NRETC on June 28th at the Community Center and help as we begin to discuss the future of our forests and wildlife resources.

We have invited many excellent speakers to come and talk from 9-12. After lunch at the Community Center we will discuss forest and wildlife management objectives for Beaver Island. This is a time for people to voice what they enjoy about Beaver Island, what it was that drew them to the Island and their vision for the Island’s future.

Please join us for the whole day, but if you can only attend at certain times please feel free to do so.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me (Eric) via E-mail: E_R_Myers@yahoo.com. Or, phone Jacque, 448-2220 or Pam 448-2314.

Steven T. Plastrik has been accepted at the University of Michigan Law School and will begin classes in September.

The son of Deb and Peter Plastrik of Beaver Island, he is a graduate of the University of Michigan (2008) and has been living and working in Seattle.
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“Do you think maybe you moved to the wrong island?” asks my son as we walk along the shoreline Heritage Trail of Kauai, the oldest island in the Hawaiian volcanic archipelago. Zigzagging across lava rocks eroding under the ocean’s pounding and frequent rains, we watch for humpback whales, green sea turtles, and monk seals, skirt around long-needled pines and exotic flowers, broiling happily in the sunshine and marveling at each new enchanting vista of sandy beach, fluttering palm trees, and pulsing blue ocean. Just two days earlier, I had left Beaver Island with spouse Deb for a family wedding and, four plane rides later, arrived at this self-described “Garden Island” with its warm windy weather, lush flora, steep, rugged terrain, omnipresent feral chickens and roosters, and laid-back Aloha culture. Already the bone-chilling wind, cloud cover, and still-naked trees of beloved Beaver in the “spring” were a fading memory.

And yet, the two islands, a quarter-globe apart and so noticeably different, share the essential characteristic of splendid isolation from the geographic mainland and the social mainstream. Kauai is a destination, far from America and even from other more populous Hawaiian islands. It’s a speck in a vast sea; some 80 years ago when aviators attempted the first flight from the mainland to Hawaii, they flew right by their destination until someone noticed the beam of Kauai’s lighthouse. You don't come here on a lark or for a picnic. You arrange for a place to stay and you stay a while. Kauai is fiercely independent and

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Do you think maybe you moved to broiling happily in the sunshine and mar-the wrong island?” asks my son as we veling at each new enchanting vista of walk along the shoreline Heritage Trail sandy beach, fluttering palm trees, and of Kauai, the oldest island in the Hawai- pulsing blue ocean. Just two days ear-lier, I had left Beaver Island with spouse for a family wedding and, four plane rides later, arrived at this self-watch for humpback whales, green sea described “Garden Island” with its turtles, and monk seals, skirt around warm windy weather, lush flora, steep, long-needled pines and exotic flowers, rugged terrain, omnipresent feral chick-ens and roosters, and laid-back Aloha culture. Already the bone-chilling wind, cloud cover, and still-naked trees of beloved Beaver in the “spring” were a fading memory.

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Off the beaten path, independent-minded, and protective—sound famili-iar, Beaver Islanders? Here’s another likeness: Kauai exudes a “Slow down, this ain't the mainland” feeling. It’s made up of 18 small towns, no big cities or shopping malls; the top driving speed on its two-lane roads is a trance-inducing 50 mph; the ring road around the island includes a half-dozen one-lane bridges and doesn’t even go all the way around (think Beaver in the win-ter).

There are some differences between the Garden Isle and Emerald Isle. Kauai has more than 60,000 residents; high-end resorts; golf courses with more than 9 holes; movie locations (Jurassic Park, South Pacific, Raiders of the Lost Ark); movie stars on the North Shore (George Clooney sightings while we were there); its own alcohol—rum made from sugar cane; a bike path along the shore; waterfalls; ancient petroglyphs; hula dancing; and, yes, feral chickens. Freed from captivity by a Hurricane, they run amuck everywhere on Kauai. Think Beaver Island with 8,000, not just 800, wild turkeys on steroids.

Four mornings after we return home, ominous clouds fill the sky, the wind gusts from the North, and the ther-mometer registers 34 degrees. It’s May 8th on Beaver Island. This is the right Island, but it can test you. “If ever there was a time for Hawaiian music,” says Deb, “it’s now.” A touch of a boom box and Iz’s unique warble pours Hawaiian spirit into our home: “Someday I wish upon a star/Wake up where the clouds are far behind me.”

Aloha, Kauai. Mahalo.
It is always a special night when family and friends gather to celebrate a high-quality meal prepared by chef Dusty Cushman with the able assistance of Beaver Island Community School, and the 2010 version of the annual Junior-Senior Banquet was no exception.

The over-the-top decorations of years past have given way to a simple choice of main entrees that included a choice of Butter Crumb Fish, Chicken Alfredo, or Plain Alfredo, followed by strawberry shortcake for dessert. The meal was served by members of the sixth and seventh grade, again assisted by junior class parents. Throughout the meal videos created by each of the eight soon-to-be-graduates were shown, evoking both memories and tears at the various tables.

A N I G H T T O R E M E M B E R:

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Kristy Bousquet is the daughter of Kevin and Debbie Bousquet. Kristy will be attending Grand Valley State University in Allendale where she is planning on studying either Art or Education or both.

Jenna Butler is the daughter of Darrell and Nancy Butler. Jenna will be attending Muskegon Community College, where she will look into both History and Special Education as possible fields of study.

Lindsey Kenwabikise is the daughter of James and Barb Kenwabikise. Lindsey will be attending Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City where she plans to pursue Child Development.

Alex Kuligoski is the daughter of Marty Kuligoski of Grand Rapids and Dawn and Joe Johnson. Alex has been accepted at Grand Valley State University where she is intent on studying Occupational Therapy.
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Cameron LaVasseur is the son of Frank LaVasseur of Muskegon and Carol and Dan Burton. He plans on attending Muskegon Community College where he hopes to continue his study of Emergency Medical Services that he began at BICS.

Briana Maudrie is the daughter of Kathy Maudrie and the late Ed. Briana is planning on waiting one semester before enrolling in Northwestern Michigan College to study Child Development.

Dereck McDonough is the son of Jim and Diane McDonough. He’ll attend Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids in order to further his studies in Auto Mechanics.

Bryan Timsak is the son of Joe and Sherrie Timsak. Bryan is planning on attending Grand Rapids Community College where he will study Criminal Justice as the first step in becoming a policeman.

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O'Connor Home - 36818 Esch Road

An almost new home near the end of Esch Rd. just northwest of Luney's Point. This home has a wonderful view of the Harbor light and old Coast Guard buildings at Whiskey Point, plus a large part of the interior of Beaver Harbor, Gull Harbor, Gull and Hog Islands, and the boat channel entrance to Beaver Harbor. It sits on a 1.75-acre parcel with 183.58 feet of Lake Michigan frontage. The beach is a combination of sand and stone bottom. The view of the ferries, yachts and sailboats going by right out front and the harbor lights at night make it a unique homesite. The house is 32' x 44' with a full finished basement exposed on three sides for a total finished living area of 2,816 sq. ft. The combination dining room and living room is open to the large, modern kitchen with hickory cabinets, lots of counter space, tile work, and snack bar. There is also a half bath behind the kitchen in the entry foyer. It has a wood-burning fireplace and a lot of glass on the lake side leading to a fantastic deck out front. There is also a master bedroom with a full bath on the upper level. The lower level has two guest bedrooms, one of which has a sliding glass door onto a large cement patio on the lake side. The second guest bedroom is toward the inland side of the house but with an exterior window and two double beds and two twin beds bunk style. The 3/4 bathroom (shower) downstairs is large and has an adjacent sauna room. The owner has done a remarkable job of opening the view on the lake side of the house. With the raw land value at $175,000 this house is a buy because you could not build this house for the $310,000 difference. In other words you can buy this house a lot cheaper than you can rebuild it. It's priced right at $485,000.
have always thought the truth should never get in the way of a good story.

Running a dive shop and boat-chartering business provides a chance to meet a variety of people and spend time getting to know them. It also affords me an opportunity to practice my storytelling skills. After teaching school for 30 years and trying to keep the attention of a group of hormone-crazed teenagers, I had honed my tools (I was the shop teacher) for embellishing a simple story.

Last summer I had the pleasure of completing some checkout dives for two young men, who did their basic scuba instruction in the Chicago area. They needed their final dives completed in Lake Michigan and chose Beaver Island as a place to finalize their dive certification. I was able to do this. They performed the needed skills very handily and had an enjoyable time. They also wanted to dive a ship-

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their farewells and best wishes to the seniors as the dinner part came to a close.

An unfortunate change in the plans arose this year as inclement weather (it was Banquet night, after all) prevented the ferry from running and therefore some of the post-dinner ‘Bash’ entertainment could not arrive, nor was the usual sunset boat cruise possible. However, the main entertainment, magician, singer, and impersonator, Brandon Styles, was able to fly over and put on a truly energetic and entertaining performance. Other games were available, and everyone adjusted to the situation, as Islanders are wont to do. All-in-all it was another memorable start to saying goodbye to another senior class.

Good luck graduates.

BY THE “OLD SALT” – MIKE WEED DE

wreck while they were here. The wreck of the Nico, which is in 25' of water, was the perfect choice for a first shipwreck dive. It is easy to distinguish this old steamer under the water. It measured more than 180' in length when she sank. Her ribs are still visible. She also still contains her propeller, which is over 15' in length. Both young men completed this dive with ease, and followed the safety rules. (Divers under the age of 16 are required to dive with a responsible adult, so I filled in at this capacity.)

Toward the end of the summer they returned with their youthful enthusiasm to get in one more dive before school started. When we were planning our dive, we picked Saturday morning as the best option. Time was an issue, so we decided to choose something close. It also had to be shallow and interesting. We dove the junk cars in the harbor. They were only about 1½ miles from the dock and 12' deep, with a lot of fish... continued on page 36.
Discovering, from page 35.
life and junk to look at. Thinking about the dive, I decided to spice it up a bit,—the story of that day goes like this—(my wife was not in agreement):

About ten years ago I was in Mexico diving and I bought a bag of pesos, which were no longer in use. Their worth was about $10 US. Sometimes when kids are diving or snorkeling I salt the area with heavy stuff overboard. As the story goes with a dozen or so old pesos. Sometimes when kids are diving or snorkeling I salt the area with heavy stuff overboard. As the story goes with a dozen or so old pesos.

PAR FOR THE COURSE
by Fairway Frank

Our local golf season is now in full swing and this year it opened in a swelter. The first night of the Men’s League was played in over 80° temperatures, a far cry from the usual blustery, bundle up weather we have seen for the league tee-off. The good news that night was that while the temps were up, the scores were down with seven of this year’s 10 teams carding in under 40. It certainly looks to be a wild ride. The large looming question is, who will unseat the defending champs, Larry ‘Long Ball” Laurain and Joe ‘Dead On’ Williams?

The Ladies’ Thursday League is also up and running, with players gathering for a 10:00 am start each week. Since there are no set teams, any and all lady golfers are welcome to show up and join in on the fun. At this time there is no Tuesday evening league set up for the ladies, but you never know what will happen as the season picks up steam.

The ever-popular Mixed Event season will get underway on June 6. These twice-monthly get-togethers feature the yin and yang of golf as men and women team up in two-player teams for a variety of alternate shot competitions. Mastermind Buck Ridgeway continues to find diabolical ways to keep these events interesting and popular. So grab your partner, dust off the clubs, and do-si-do to the course for these afternoons of fun and sharing. The second event of June is set for the 27th. Each event gets underway at 1:30 pm. Look for other event dates to be posted at the club house.

A special event, the Emmalee Antkoviak Benefit, is planned for June 12th. If you don’t already know the story of this amazing, sweet, strong, inspiring, glint-of-sunshine little girl, well, I’m sure you will hear about it on the course. And, of course, if you do know Emmalee I’m sure you will be there for this 1:00 pm fundraiser.

The rest of the season will shape up with both old and new traditional events. The Annual 4th of July Tournament will again be held on the 3rd (so as not to conflict with the parade and other activities). This 5-player event is the most popular of the summer and usually fills up with 18 teams, so contact the course early to enter your team or yourself and become a part of the longest-running golfing tradition on the Island. The Ladies’ Tournament is scheduled for July 17 with a 9:00 am start to this 4-player, team event. Both of these events feature a luncheon onsite once play has been completed.
The next day dawned clear and flat, a perfect day to dive a shallow wreck, good light penetration, no wave action. We motored over, set the anchor, and started to suit up. I had made the father aware of what was happening; he was on the boat with a big smile. As we got into the water, I made sure to hide my leather bag, which held the booty, and I was able to plant the prize in an unobtrusive place.

My new divers explored the area, entertaining themselves with the aquatic life and remains of old autos. The water was clear and shallow. I steered them to the salted area and began fanning the bottom, looking for treasure. Both boys followed my lead. Through deft maneuvering we were able to locate the leather pouch and the bounty of old coins.

The guys were really excited. Back on the boat we examined the coins and the bag—all the coins were pre-1980, so the story fit. As we put our gear away and talked over the day, we all decided it was a very good dive and we could tell some great stories to our buddies in the future.

The moral of the story: Never trust an “old salt,” he may “salt” anything to embellish a good dive story!

August features the two newest annual events as the second Annual Beaver Island Rural Health Center Open will be held on Saturday, Aug. 14. This 4-player team outing features separate divisions for men, women, and mixed teams, and plenty of drawings and door prizes along with the ever-present after-golf meal. The proceeds for this event go to the Health Center and in its inaugural hosting last year raised over $6,000. The goal this year is to do even better.

The 5th Annual Jerry Sowa Golf Outing is scheduled for the 20th. This is another 4-player team event open to all, with a starting time of 5:15 pm. Again, a cookout will follow play as stories of success and, well, golf, will be shared under the tent at the course. Jerry was instrumental in growing the popularity of the game here and this is a great way to remember and honor his efforts.

In a nifty coup of advertising, owner/operator/groundskeeper/purple of all that is golf on BI, John Works, Jr. has arranged to bring Bill Hobson and his Michigan Golf Live television crew to the BIGC this month in order to produce one of MGL’s 30-minute TV shows. Broadcast weekly on Fox Sports Detroit, MGL reaches into more than 3.5 million homes in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana, so this will be another great plug for the Island. MGL also offers radio broadcasts and Podcasts. The TV and other shows are archived at MGL’s website: www.mglive.com. The shows are highly professional, informative, and entertaining. Who knows? Later this summer some local golfers may find themselves playing on TV.

Speaking of golf on TV, June is also US Open month, and this year the annual national championship returns to Pebble Beach (the other one, not the one here), the top public course in the country. Also one of the toughest courses anywhere. The last time the Open was held here Tiger Woods won at an amazing 12-under, but was the only golfer under par. In 1982 (long before the quantum leap in golf equipment) Jack Nicholas won at two-over. If the wind is blowing off the ocean, you can tune in to watch the pros struggle. According to the numbers (trust me, I did the math), with a rating of 75.7 and a slope value of 145, this 7,040 yard, par 71 course should leave the typical ‘bogey golfer’ gasping at a 31-over 102. Of course, at $495 for 18 holes (plus $35 for a cart), I doubt many of us bogeystis will ever experience playing this gem of a course.
Baroque on Beaver – Made in Michigan Features Two New Concerts

Three outstanding musicians will open this year’s Baroque on Beaver Classical Music Festival on Wednesday evening, July 28, with a special benefit concert at the Community Center. Harpsichordist, Penelope Crawford will join Martha Guth and Claudia Schmidt for an evening of vocal and instrumental music.

Martha Guth, a professional opera singer, has thrilled Beaver Island festival audiences for the past two years. After making her Beaver Island debut many years ago at Music on the Porch, Martha has performed throughout North America and Europe and has been described as a “persuasive and passionate artist” in the international classical musical scene.

Claudia Schmidt, songwriter and jazz/blues vocalist, is also well known to Beaver Island audiences. Described by The Boston Globe as “a true artist” with “the fire of genius,” Claudia has toured internationally and made fourteen recordings. She will bring her exciting musical talents to Baroque on Beaver for the first time this summer.

Penelope Crawford plays both the harpsichord and pianoforte. She is a professor at the University of Michigan and is, according to the university, “one of America’s master performers on historical keyboard instruments.” She has appeared at Lincoln Center in New York, and at The Smithsonian Series in Washington, DC. Having visited Beaver Island in the past, she is looking forward to returning this summer to play with Claudia and Martha.

In addition to the opening event, Baroque on Beaver – Made in Michigan will include five concerts with members of the Festival Orchestra and Chorus.

On Thursday evening a chamber ensemble concert entitled Just Among Friends will be presented at CMU. The program will feature a variety of artists, including Martha Guth and Claudia Schmidt, in an informal setting.

Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the other new concert in the festival this year – An Introduction to the Orchestra. This family concert will be held on Friday afternoon, July 30, at the Community Center. The program will introduce the audience to various instruments in the orchestra through music and activities before and after the concert.

The Chamber Orchestra will perform baroque pieces by Bach, Mozart, Gabrieli, and Piazzolla on Friday evening at the Community Center. Saturday, August 1, the Festival Orchestra, Chorus and soloists will present a concert of baroque and American classics at Holy Cross Hall. On Sunday afternoon the full orchestra and chorus will perform in the Festival Finale at Holy Cross Hall. The Sunday audience will enjoy Aaron Copland’s Old American Songs and the Island favorite Gaelic Blessings.

In its ninth season, Baroque on Beaver has grown from its first concert in St. James Episcopal Church to a much-anticipated five-day classical music festival in a variety of venues on the Island. Musicians from all over Michigan are looking forward to joining local Beaver Island artists in the festival orchestra and chorus this summer. More details about Baroque on Beaver 2010 – Made in Michigan are now available on the web at www.baroqueonbeaver.org.

THE RIGHT STUFF
by Bob Trudgeon

What does it take to run a marathon? There many answers. There was a time when the answer was that the runner upped mileage per week to the threshold of overuse injury for three or four months to prepare for a marathon. Twenty-mile runs were a must.

Today’s answer depends on the type of runner. Runners range from extremely competitive to recreational. There are runners running up to 120 miles per week. There are also runners running three times per week and augmenting training with cross training (cycling or swimming). Performance goals range from winning overall to finishing strong.

What gives a runner the biggest edge? Training aside, it is youth and the ideal weight, two pounds per inch of height.

These axioms are valid:
Diet and weight: Be sure that you are eating to run, not running to eat.

Training quality is more important than quantity.
Training is specific. Running best prepares a runner for running.
Undertrained is better than overtrained. A runner must start the marathon rested.
Training is stressing the body and allowing the body to adapt to the stress to raise the level of fitness. The weekend before the marathon the runner is as fit as he or she will be for the marathon.
No more long runs or added stress-inducing activities should be contemplated during the last week. The runner must taper. Runs during the week prior to the marathon must decrease in length, with no running at all during the two days prior to the marathon. Runners must stay off their feet the day before the race.
A common mistake is to try to put some more fuel in the tank for the marathon at the last minute. These runners do not taper, are not rested, and are overtrained. Their race has been left on the training field.

If training went well and the runner is rested, all that remains is to run smart.

The best performances and most satisfying marathons are run at an even pace. What pace? As Clint says, “A man has to know his limitations.” A runner cannot go out from the start too fast and run well. Runners going out too fast will fade after twenty miles and will be passed by wiser runners. The fading runners are then further deflated.

Run smart. The marathon is a long, long run. Human physiology supports running at the limit of aerobic capacity well for about 20 miles. That last 6.2 miles are tough as the runner has to keep up the even pace with ever increasing effort. It takes some mental toughness.

My sincere congratulations to those who finish the marathon. It is an achievement to be cherished.
The Right Stuff

The program will feature musical talents to Baroque on Beaver for recordings. She will bring her exciting internationally and made fourteen valuable appearances. “The fire of genius,” Claudia has toured extensively and enjoys the other new concert in the festival. Looking forward to joining local Beaver Island audiences. Described by Schmidt, in an informal setting. "The Boston Globe as "a true artist" with Children of all ages are invited to enjoy the variety of concerts by musicians from all over Michigan are presenting on the Island favorite festival. In addition to the opening event, the full orchestra and chorus will perform Aaron Copland's music. Island in the past, she is looking forward to the community event. Harpsichord and pianoforte. She is a professional opera performer and has grown from its first concert in America's master performers on historical keyboard instruments. Three outstanding musicians will perform in the orchestra through music from baroque and American classics at Martha Guth and Claudia. Holy Cross Hall. On Sunday afternoon, the Chamber Orchestra will present a concert entitled "Old American Songs". Features "Two New Concerts". Diet and weight: Be sure that you are eating to run, not running to eat. Some more fuel in the tank for the marathon. It takes some mental toughness. The axioms are valid: A common mistake is to try to put in the necessary quantities of calories. My sincere congratulations to those who finish the marathon. It is an achievement to be cherished.

What does it take to run a marathon? Training aside, it is youth and the two pounds per inch of height. the race. The runner must taper. Runs during the week prior to the marathon can be too stressful, and the runner will not be rested. There are runners running up to 120 miles per week. There are also runners who taper incorrectly. Undertrained is better than over-trained. A runner must start the marathon in a rested state, all that remains is to run smart.

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A dance of apple blossoms and spring flowers along the Island's roads this spring.

On This Date

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Beaver Head Lighthouse was

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St. James Township approved a Yacht Dock Ordinance and changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

The Beacon congratulated the six Island graduates: Jenny Bousquet, Emily Bates, Jessica Keehn, Travis Martin, Cory Palmer, and Ryan Wojan.

The Health Center began a “Read to Succeed” program in which part of the prescriptions given to kids included books they would be asked to read. The EMS acquired a 4-year-old ambulance.

The Historical Society appointed Robert Cole to revive its dormant Oral History program. He had been instrumental in the BIHS and Library’s joint program a decade earlier.

A review of Nunsense offered particular praise for Lisa Gillespie and director Elaine West.

The Beacon reported on the recent Leadership Conference in which 30 representatives of 12 Island organizations discussed the most important issues they believed the Island faced: recruiting and keeping good people; developing qualified leadership; coping with fast growth; raising and managing funds to support year-around operations; and communicating with people whose support is critical to the community. The delegates agreed that exchanging information between various groups should be improved, and any duplication of effort reduced. Other desires were for birth-to-death local services, improved infrastructure, emphasizing care of the natural beauty, and increasing partnering.

The Partnership Project, which grew out of this, hoped to serve as a clearing house for grant applications to avoid duplicating effort.

Twenty Years Ago The Beacon lauded the seven graduates—the most since 1979, when there were ten: Heather Gillespie, Connie Higdon, Becky LaFreniere, Kerry Speck, Jason Stambaugh, Brad Tilly, and Caroline Wojan. Throughout their years here they were involved in student government, plays, science fares, band, other clubs, and sports.

The cost to close the dump was put at $221,000, with 90% coming from a grant and 10% from the Townships. The Transfer Station would cost $230,000, with 75% coming from a grant and the Townships paying $57,500—more than the $40,000 in the Sanitary Landfill Fund. The dump was run by a full-time manager at $15,000, whereas the Transfer Station’s staff was estimated to cost $62,400.

Due to limited funds the dust control for the summer was reduced from 4,500 to 3,500 gallons.

Dave Gladish’s poem, Twenty-first-century Man, was included:

He’ll start in a test tube,  
End in a suicide machine,  
And work out on a treadmill in between.  

Kitty McNamara was selected as a member of the IDEA Fellows program, the top 1% of American educators, and chosen to participate in a week-long conference in Denver.

Phil Gregg told the story of Peter Boyle wanting a new barn in 1921. Highly competitive with the other Island farmers, he hired his uncle Tommy Lou Gallagher to build it and told him it had to be 1’ higher and 1’ longer than other barns.

It turned out fine, with tall double doors in the center of both sides so large hay wagons could be driven right through. Doing well, Peter went to Charlevoix and bought himself a new Model T, and brought it back on the mail boat. In St. James he had trouble getting it started—mostly because everyone in the crowd was offering advice. When he reached his home, he realized he did not know how to stop the machine, so he drove it in circles until his father came outside, whom he directed to open the barn doors.

That done, he drove in, and crashed against the opposite set of doors. To not have to do that again he stacked bales of hay against a big maple tree in his yard. That worked fine, but he had another problem when he went to town for supplies. Luckily Nels LaFreniere was sitting on the steps of his store, so Pete yelled out his order as he drove past. After circling several blocks he drove past again, whereupon Nels tossed the order into the car.

The twenty-page black-and-white Beacon cost $20/year.

Thirty Years Ago There was no June Beacon. The smelt run had started and the staff “went fishing.”

Forty Years Ago June and July received a single double issue because the editors were just too busy with other demands on their time. June’s news included the wedding of Connie Adams and Ed Wojan, and the optimistic report that the Protar Home and the Bonner Home across the road could both be acquired by the Historical Society and preserved.

Dick and June Derosia opened the Beavertail Restaurant. After three years of being closed John Ludwick opened the Beaver Lodge.

Island-born Reva Schueller, the daughter of Maude Tilley, was honored by the Highway Department for her excellent work.

Sympathy was expressed to the families of L. J. Malloy, Island butcher, fisherman, and historian, and John Ranger, who owned the home on the SW corner of Sloptown and King’s Highway and died in a plane crash near Flint.

Fifty Years Ago Retired Supreme Court Justice Emerson Boyles donated money to help support the Beacon.

The Fathers beat the Sons, 24 – 13, in the annual Memorial Day ball game.

Six graduates received diplomas: Mary Gallagher, Anne Gatliiff, Darlene Schmidt, Joseph LaFreniere, Alvin LaFreniere, and Charles Dudley.

The Christian Brothers arrived in force on a 20-day retreat.

Walter and Vera Wojan opened their new tourist court, Harbor View.

The Beaver Head Lighthouse was leased by three Charlevoix men, Gordon Freeman, Jack Rader, and TV host Mort Neff.

Mike Cull was named Harbor Master and took up his duties in a new office at the Municipal Dock.

A dead bobcat was found on Garden Island by a Conservation Officer.

The McClure Oil Company took leases on several parcels and said they would soon drill three test wells.

Sympathy was offered for former supervisor Frank Skopp and former Island priest Alexander Zugelder.
Lest We Forget

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.

BIRHC Car Raffle

It's once again time to purchase your tickets on the BIRHC’s raffle of a 2010 Crystal Red Metallic Chevrolet Cobalt. It comes loaded: cruise control, air conditioning, an AM/FM/CD player, keyless entry, remote start, all-season tires, front and side air bags, a 2.2L, 4-cylinder 155 hp engine, and a 4-speed automatic transmission.

Tickets are $100, available at the BIRHC and McDonough’s Market, where the car will be on display in the parking lot. The drawing will be held at the Shamrock on Labor Day, Sept. 6, at 7:00.

With only 400 tickets being sold this is a great opportunity and a crucial fund-raiser for the Health Center, which provides year-round 24/7 care. So take a chance, or two; your efforts will benefit the Health Center, and the entire Island.

Memorial Park

On May 21 Rick Speck and I signed the agreement with Wolverine Power so we can construct the Veterans’ Memorial Park at the old power plant site. Wolverine must approve the final plans before construction can start.

There’ll be three monuments. One with information on Post 46, one saluting those who served, and one with the names of the Beaver Islanders who died serving their country. Three flagpoles, two 30’, one with a rotating service flag, and the center 35’ with the American flag. We’ll sell 4 x 8 bricks with the name, service dates, and service affiliation. We’ll also sell 8 x 8 bricks for the sidewalk.

If anyone has questions they can e-mail the Post at amvetspost46@yahoo.com or write to us at Box 319 Beaver Island, MI 49782.

—Bob Tidmore

For Sale: Collins Home - 37756 King’s Highway on Beaver Harbor

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 unequaled 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 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. 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.

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