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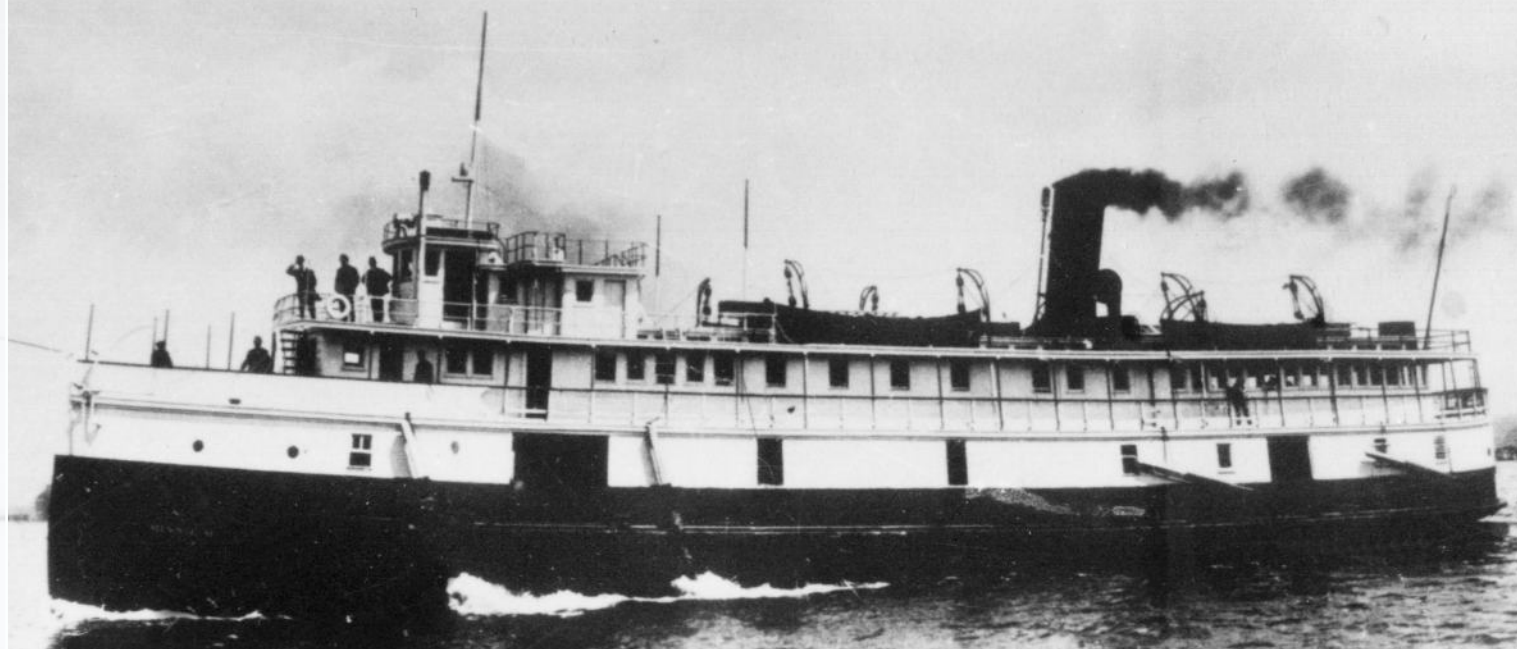
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The St. James Board met on 11-3, with 15 in the audience. Most of the business was fairly routine. The Waste Management Committee's by-laws were discussed but not distributed. Criticism was made of the term limits allowing only one reappointment, and they were sent back to the Committee for it to consider and modify this part.

The motion to reappoint Ed Troutman to the BITA Board (as Barb Schwartzfisher recommended) was temporarily deferred to discuss whether Jim and Tim had a conflict because they are on the Boat Company board; it was decided they do not, so provisional approval was given—pending a call to the attorney.

Travis Martin was appointed to the Planning Commission as the younger of two applicants, in an effort to involve more youth in government. He had demonstrated his interest by coming to Board meetings for the past year.

The supervisor was authorized to speak with AT&T and Verizon about mounting equipment on the Island towers to improve cell phone coverage—both for safety and convenience.

There was an interchange over the financial report between the supervisor and a man in the audience who did not feel the monthly report conveyed sufficient information. He took issue with the

lack of month-by-month cash tracking, but the supervisor defended the kind of monthly reports which have usually been prepared. These reports show the line items in the annual budget and the amounts collected or expended from the start of the fiscal year to the end of the previous month. For the period from 4-1-10 through 10-31-10, the budget vs. actual for income (for the General Fund; other funds are kept separately) was \$242,662 vs. \$250,410. Plus, subtracting the actual from the budget, line by line, and summing these differences, indicates that another \$26,275 is expected to arrive—so St. James might be thought of as taking in ~\$34k more than it had planned. Expenses were budgeted at \$240,681 and expenditures to date were \$169,405, with a line-by-line subtraction indicating another \$72,502 is expected to go out—so about \$1,200 more than was budgeted will likely be spent. All in all, the township should do ~\$33k better than it planned. In addition, the carry-over from the previous year was \$114,527. But the questioner wanted to see the month-by-month income and expense expectations before he would agree that the system was guaranteed to remain solvent.

Special St. James Meeting

The rumored joint township meeting was not held because the latest



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changes to the proposed Intergovernmental Airport Operating Agreement were not made in time for Peaine to post this 11-4 schedule. But St. James had posted it, so it went ahead; the proposed agreement allowed for separate approval by each township.

The agreement was circulated. Its first recital was news: the 1983 memo, which served as the operating agreement at least until the 1993 ordinance but was repeatedly said to exist only as an unsigned single page, was now said to exist as a resolution consummated by both townships, by Peaine in 12-83 and by St. James in 1-84.

The agreement contained several sections. The first called for an Airport Commission to manage the municipal airport and specified, broadly, its powers. The second set the Commission as a seven-member agency, with each township choosing three members, including two Board members, and these six selecting the 7th. Terms will be staggered. Additional sections provide for meetings, officers, quorum, rules of procedure, personnel, finances, and arbitration.

The agreement was accompanied by a separate sheet listing six changes that had been agreed to that very morning. During the brief discussion a seventh was added giving Commission members up to two consecutive additional terms beyond their initial appointment.

The agreement was unanimously approved—but not the Rules and Procedures.

Peaine Township

Thirty-one people attended the Peaine meeting of 11-10. Carol Burton was appointed to the Library Board. The Waste Management By-laws were tabled until the Committee could review the term extension matter. The reappraisal records were being put on line so people could examine them—for themselves and for others. The appraiser planned to meet with interested parties on 12-3 and 12-4.

The single response to a request for generator bids produced an offer from Bridgeway to install two 20 kw Generac stand-by generators, one at the Peaine Hall and another at the East Side Fire Station, for \$14,500, and to train the townships' employee in maintenance procedures. This was approved, with the hope that the \$7,000 DoA grant will be forthcoming.

The Airport Operating Agreement was discussed. It was said that although both townships had approved a memo of agreement in 12-83 and 1-84, the memos were not the same. One more amendment was proposed for the current agreement, which would allow either township to lower its annual contribution if the other township did *continued on page 6.*



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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5. not meet its obligation. The new budgeting system will have the new BIAC set a budget which the townships will meet through equal contribution, eliminating the power of whichever township goes first setting the contribution rate. Assurances were made that the current document was in complete compliance with all applicable law, and consequently the airport would now be too. Federal and state funding applications will now have to receive prior township approval. There was a question about whether or not Paul Welke should recuse himself from the vote; the Board decided no. He joined them for the unanimous approval. Signatures were to be added for both townships the following day.

Once the agreement was in place the Board chose to fill the appointments to the new Commission. Colleen Martin (3

years) and Pete LoDico (2 years) were chosen as the Peaine members. Former Airport Committee members Mike Scripps and Terry Saxton were nominated for the at-large (1 year) position, but Terry withdrew his name in favor of Mike. The supervisor nominated Bob Lockhart, a long-time property owner and pilot whose experience had included many high-level positions, where he had provided excellent advice on dealing with government regulations and finances.

Mike Scripps spoke about his years of service, his long ownership of Island property, and his ten years on the Grand Haven airport. He said that when he first arrived he landed on a grassy field with a car's headlights indicating the strip. Since that time he had seen two terminal buildings come to life and be outgrown, three runways built and expanded, two

ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board is seeking applicants interested in serving on the board which governs the Health Center. Board positions will be filled at the annual meeting on January 22, 2011.

Appointments to the Board are for a term of three years. The Board of Directors currently meets every other month

on the third Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. The dates for meetings are set annually. Besides attending regular Board meetings, members are expected to serve on a Board Committee and take an active role in Board activities. Meetings can be attended by conference call and both interested part-time residents and full-time residents are urged to apply.

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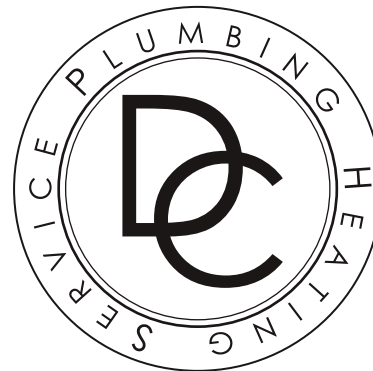
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pavings, several expansions, and the adding of safety equipment, fuel, lights, and hangars. He thought the Committee had done a great job over the years, thanks to its members' hard work and diligence, and did not think it would be wise to break up the team that had accomplished so much at this crucial juncture. The Board agreed.

Now that the Operating Agreement was in place, the supervisor said he would ask Don Vyse to set a time before 11-30 when a joint meeting could be held with Mead/Hunt and the newly-formed Commission present to explain the Ten-year Plan.

St. James special meeting

On 11-17 the St. James Board met to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for operating the Airport, with the addition of a clause allowing either town-

ship to reduce its financial contribution if the other fails to pay its share, as determined by the Airport Commission's budget. The Commission will pass its own Rules and Procedures.

Board members Jim Wojan (3 years) and Ray Cole (two years) were put on the Commission, along with St. James resident Elaine West (1 year). The six selected members will choose a seventh.

Airport Commission's First Meeting

On 11-20 the newly-formed Airport Commission rounded out its body by choosing Don Vyse as its seventh member (for a 1-year term). It then selected Mike Scripps as its chairman and approved the Rules of Procedure prepared by the Peaine attorney. It will not appoint a vice-chair or a secretary until the St. James board also approves the rules.

The Commission agreed to keep its

papers in the Government Building 7. for the time being because rodents have shredded some things kept at the Airport Terminal. A new terminal will solve that problem, and this is a priority with the State—in part because construction prices are down now.

The chairman said the tree-clearing was half done, but nothing further, none of the items in the Ten-year Plan, can commence until the tree clearing is done and the property acquisition completely resolved. More funding may be required, and a grant application is ready to be signed and submitted.

Joe Moore offered to help by sharing his expertise at medical evacuation; the Commission thanked him and said this was a priority.

Ray Cole and Pete LoDico were appointed to be liaisons with the town boards.

YOUR HEALTH CENTER

The Board has 11 members. Six positions on the board will expire in January, 2012. Three members whose terms are expiring are not eligible for re-election; Connie Wojan, Don Spencer, and Brad Grassmick have served two full three year terms, the maximum allowed. Three other expiring terms are held by members eligible for re-election: Dennis

Cook, Terry Keyes, and John Martin.

A willingness to serve the community and an interest in the health center are the primary qualifications. Prior board experience, expertise in fund raising, endowments, finance, IT, insurance, and health care industries, medicine, or personnel management is a plus. Interested parties should send or drop off a

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This home is unique: very few homes in the town of St. James have a view of the harbor like this.

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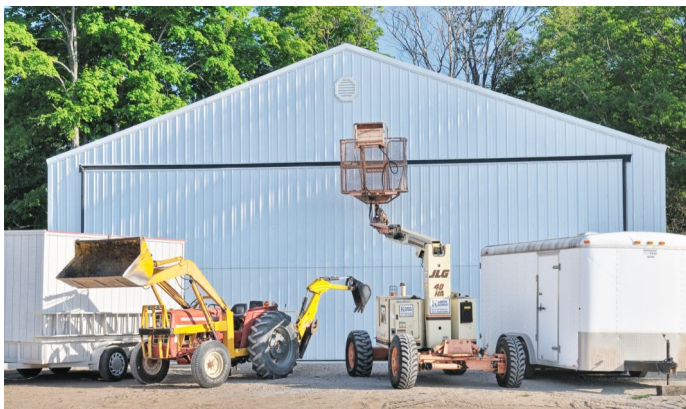
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TIMSAK

Brody Alexander Timsak decided to grace the home of Joe and Jenni on the last day of November, weighing in at almost 6 pounds and measuring a foot and a half. His great grandfather is LaDonnis Mooney; grandparents include Joe and Sherri.

WINTER FEST

Fresh Air Aviation will be hosting the Winter Fest on Lake G. Feb 19th, 2011. Lots of food, friends, and games for all ages. Hope to see you there!



PERDUE

Laney Megan Perdue was born to Michael and Christie (Heller) Perdue on October 20, 2010 at Otsego Memorial Hospital in Gaylord.

Laney weighed 8lbs 9ozs and was 20.5 inches long. Laney's grandparents are Sue and Karl Heller and Jane and Steve Perdue.



COVER CABIN 9.

John Gillespie (b. 1830), the great grandfather of current Island residents Cindy, Kathy, Rich, Robert, and John, came over from Arranmore and settled in next to other Irish immigrants, homesteading and farming the land in 1869.

He built the 20' x 30' iconic old log cabin on Sloptown Road which is featured on this month's cover. The family first appeared in the church records in 1863.

He married Mary Dunlevy, eight years his junior and the sister of Yankee Jim, a St. James storekeeper; they had ten children. Ket, Jewell's father, was the seventh.

Some of John's sisters also came over from Ireland and married; Grace married Charlie O'Donnell, and Mary married James Gallagher.



CHRISTIAN CHURCH LOSES ITS PASTOR

On November 5th Ed Campbell resigned as pastor of Beaver Island's nondenominational Christian Church. "The announcement came with great sorrow in my heart," he said. "God calls us to journey, to move on to where God would have us to go, and we are to be faithful to that call. As I prepare to leave and you ready yourselves to welcome a new pastor, let us all pray that we will be sensitive to God's presence and even more responsive to God's guidance."

"Beaver Island has truly has been a home for me," he said. "You have nurtured me with your friendship and

love. You have helped me grow and mature in many ways. There will be time for personal farewells later. Let these words be enough for now. Grace and peace."

He thanked everyone for a wonderful year. "Being with you on Beaver Island will be an experience I will never forget," he said. "May God's blessings be with you all."

His wife had remained down state, and this proved to be a limitation that could not be overcome. Without his family around him he could not feel completely a part of the Island commu-

nity. His ideas were distinct, and putting them into effect would have been difficult in the best of circumstances.

He believed the BICC was "magic and very mystical. I have been adamant about it not becoming a business like other churches have become. To me, it is very unique and special. I am afraid I will never serve a church as promising as BICC. It is, in some ways, a role model (at least to me) and a small glimmer of what the church can be. May God bless it in its process of being shaped."

It seems in the end this was a good man but not a good fit.

HAIKU FOR YOU

Summer resident Phyllis Kayne finds the form of haiku well-suited for encapsulating her thoughts and feelings, and offers a few more examples to *Beacon* readers (some of whom have suggested a monthly *Beacon* haiku contest):

abandoned bird's nest
rent-free for season, no wait
winter on the way

old cedar bends low
waits for earth to speak of hope,
light, understanding

little dipper holds
Polaris, heaven's jewel
free for all wanderers



TO DRESS UP DOWNTOWN

Those who noticed the beautiful swags and bows affixed to the white “pocket fences” downtown can thank the Bowie/Forth team (John’s on the right, Larry’s on the

left); they came up with the idea, and kicked in five hundred dollars of their own money to hire Heidi Virgil to create them. Larry also made all the stars in the Community Center’s Memory Tree—by

hand! So thank these recent Island residents, these refugees from Ahmeek and its record U. P. snowstorms, for their effort to raise everyone’s spirit—just in time for the winter’s first snow.



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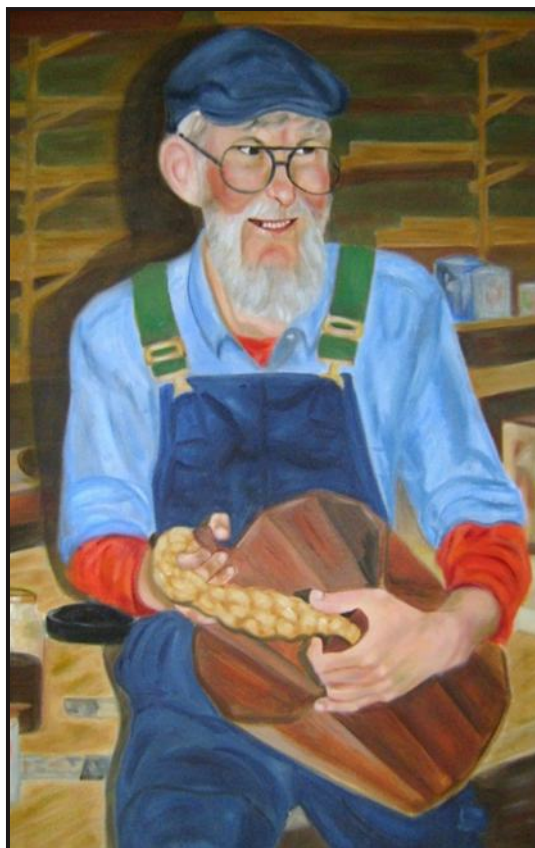




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12. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* feted the Agency on Aging's "Dining Out" program run by Elaine West, in which those sixty and over could pick up coupons at the Med Center for Dalwhinnie lunches, for which a \$2 donation was requested but not required.

The Historical Society was lauded for reviving the oral history project after a hiatus of nearly ten years. Robert Cole, the interviewer used a decade before when the BIHS and the Library teamed up to record interviews on VHS, was to serve once again. Previously he had recorded Grace Cole, Marguerite Cole (who had been born at Nomad), Island historian Helen Collar, Johnny Andy Gallagher, Corneil Gatliff, Mary Tom Gatliff, Jewell Gillespie, Mary Bert McDonough, Frank Nackerman, and the House of David's Ramon Nelson. He provided a list of ten names which had been assembled before the initial project ran out of steam; unfortunately seven of its candidates were no longer alive.

The Lighthouse School hosted 20 people from the Christian Church for a meal in their dining room, undertaken as the first step in promoting better relationships with the Islanders.

Charlevoix optometrist Dr. Robert Molter announced he would begin to treat patients on Beaver Island.

Sue Meis, a PA, agreed to join the Med Center's staff, and was to move here with her husband and daughter.

The 9th and 10th graders gathered 260 food items to give to the needy at Thanksgiving.

Mary Jane Martin was thanked for starting a chess club. Rick Bucholtz introduced himself as "the new phone guy."

The town boards accepted the proposal of Gary Voogt of Moore & Bruggink to become Airport Engineer, as well as the Road Engineer for the St. James make-over.

Peaine Township began to investigate remedies for dealing with recent logging within the 66' right-of-way of the West Side Road, which had been designated a Natural Beauty Road.

The Island had experienced 26 felony and 88 misdemeanor complaints this year, and four misdemeanor arrests were made. Sixty-four animal complaints resulted in 15 impoundments.

Twenty Years Ago Nurse practitioner Mike McGinnity, the Island's only care-giver, was called to active duty with the National Guard and was sent to Saudi Arabia. A search was begun for interim medical help.

Despite a late-October promise to finish the repaving of King's Highway before pulling out, the CCRC departed without touching the stretch from Paid een Og's to Tom McCauley. Because of the lack of gravel on this section several people trying to drive it went into the ditch. To answer the complaints the CCRC contracted Gillespie, Martin, and Wojan to put 2"

of gravel on the road. The CCRC manager posted a letter saying that the southernmost stretch had not been part of the original plan, and they had exceeded their budget doing the northern part. The Island responded that it had heard this before.

The dump was set to irrevocably close on 12-28 at 5:00 p.m. Fines of \$10,000 were to begin for dumping done afterwards.

A wetlands mitigation was required for the new Western Shores Road, of which 600' of its 10,000'-length abutted a questionable area. A wetlands mitigation expert had been hired to design an acceptable response—she would up buying property here and building a home.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Barney Gleason, Patti Wojan's father, who had shown a great interest in Island plants. He had noted the beauty and prevalence of Pennsylvania Striped Maples, which were not native, and hypothesized that Native Americans might have brought them. He pointed out the unusual leaf structure to our red oaks, and donated 50 flowering crab trees to get them started around town.

Thirty Years Ago Lawrence McDonough retired from the Beaver Island Boat Company, for which he had worked as skipper and manager for the previous 25 years. (Note: he may be called back if that new boat comes through.)

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The school's field saw the Island's first competitive soccer match at the end of October, playing through an unscheduled downpour. Our four goals were scored by Paul Cole, Ron Gregg, Terry Mooney, and Jim Block.

A project to rehab the Beaver Head Lighthouse was underway. Scraping and painting was taking place; storm windows were going up; and the canvas tents were being disassembled and stored. Trails were also being brushed, and an interpretive booklet describing them (with drawings by Paul Cole) was promised soon.

The Civic Association presented Santa Claus to the Island youth on 11-22.

The Game Club held a "wild game" dinner.

The Port St. James selected its board member Jon Bonadeo to take charge of its Hidden Valley Trail project.

DNR officer Bill Wagner reported that 425 hunters took 72 deer on Beaver, and 30 took 7 more on Garden.

A new 33 rpm record by the Beaver Island Good-time Boys (Ed Palmer, John McCafferty, Joe Moore, Rick Delamater, and Karl Bruder) was advertised.

Several passings were noted. Martha Gallagher Zalusky, 87, who'd moved to Ludington in 1920. Julius "Judy" Palmer, 80, was a commercial fisherman here most of his life. Tommy Thomas, 80, lived on High and Garden

Islands before moving to Charlevoix. Andrew John Gallagher, 42, died unexpectedly of a heart attack in Louisiana. And Francis Mooney, 84, who'd married Elizabeth McCafferty, and was a farmer and barber; he was the father of LaDonnis Mooney and Bing McCafferty.

Forty Years Ago The Game Club pruned many apple trees, with the help of the DNR. Archery season was open for December on Garden and Beaver Islands, but no archers had arrived. This year's gun season brought 535 hunters, who took 43 bucks, 36 does, 25 buck fawns, and 21 doe fawns. During the regular archery season 125 bow hunters took ten deer.

Father Herbert was looking for someone to let the Sisters use a snowmobile.

The passing of John Roen was mentioned. Born in Norway, he came to America at 19 and wound up on Beaver Island when his vessel ran aground at Luney's Point. He made it ashore with fifty cents in his pocket but was taken in by Gus Mielke; the two of them spent the winter cutting timber for Roen's first boat, the 65' *Schnoton*. He began running loads here and there until he was able to buy a freighter, the *Fred W. Green*. In 1931 he moved to Sturgeon Bay and started the Roen Transportation Company. His greatest achievement was said to be the salvaging of the 600' *George M. Humphrey*.

Fifty Years Ago The unofficial count was 112 deer killed—a third less than the previous year because of the warm weather. The largest weighed 205 pounds. The trail from east of Miller's Marsh to the north end of Lake Geneserath was heavily used. This started in 1927 when Harry Bundy brought 13 deer, including 3 bucks and 2 does. Four more does arrived in 1928. The first season for hunting was 1938. Since that time 1,361 deer were killed—1,096 bucks and 265 antlerless.

The hunter's dinner served 160 plates of ham. Four coyotes were bountied during deer season, and two others shot by hunters. There were ample snowshoes being hunted. The possibility of adding turkeys was being investigated.

Emmett Martin won a prize for the best drawing of a Clipper Ship. Four Wojans, two McDonoughs, and two LaFrenieres made the honor roll, along with Pauline Kenwabikise, Bill Gillespie, and Roberta Palmer.

A new telephone switchboard came on line, forcing everyone to take a new phone number.

A team of doctors flew in to operate successfully on young Kurt VanBuren at the Med Center.

A fire destroyed the Gail Berchard cottage at Nomad.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Max Sonderegger and Judge Emerson Boyles, each of whom had a summer home here.

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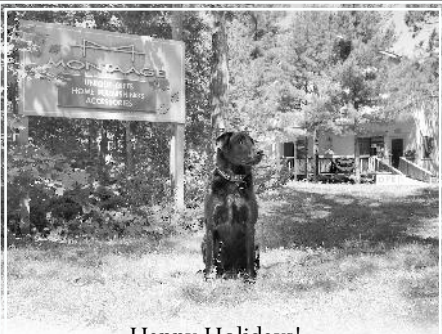
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FIFTY HAPPY YEARS

Peg and Bob Hoogendoorn
bought a home on Mike Boyle's
Beach Road in 1983, which
became their full-time residence
in 2002. They have become
important members of the com-
munity, playing many roles.



Recently they celebrated
their 50th wedding anniversary
with a trip to the Grand Tetons,
Yellowstone, and Glacier
National Park. "It was great,"
they each said. "But what was
even better was getting home."

LOCAL STUDENT GETS TELECOM EXPERIENCE

Doug Campbell, a senior at
Beaver Island Community
School wants to learn
more about the telecommunications
industry. For 12 weeks, he's teaming up
with local communications provider
TDS Telecommunications Corporation
to get real-life, on-the-job experience.

Campbell will be shadowing Rick
Bucholtz, a field service technician
with TDS for the past
10 years. The two will
meet for two hours
twice a week, and
Campbell will get ex-
perience doing instal-
lations, repairs, pre-
ventive maintenance,
and assisting with new
construction. He will
also be learning how
the central office works and details of
how the microwave provides the trans-
port for all the services to the Island.
While learning Campbell will be re-
ceiving a grade, school credit, and a
stipend.

Campbell is the fourth student, in
the area taking part in TDS' hands-on
training in recent years. It's an opportu-
nity that TDS hopes to continue making
available.

"We're proud to be able to help a
local student interested in telecommu-
nications," says Al Ripp, market man-
ager for TDS. "We're hopeful we'll be
working with more students in the fu-
ture, providing them
insights and experi-
ence in the world of
telecommunications.
There are so many new
and exciting things
happening these
days."

Campbell, age 17,
is interested in elec-
tronics and communi-
cations.

He moved to the Island with his
parents when he was in fifth grade. He
began his internship with TDS the last
week of October; it concludes mid-
January. He's also helping out in an
Island shop.



JOHNSON PARLOR CHAIR ARRIVES 15.

"Home is where your journey begins."

This adage came to mind the morning of November 5th when the historical museum was opened by its Director to receive a small part of Beaver Island's history. A parlor chair now resides on the 2nd floor of the museum, directly under the portrait of its original owner, Captain John Johnson (1851-1903). Johnson was a Canadian Mountie when he first came to the Island and later become a farmer and fisherman, like so many of the other inhabitants. His two schooners were named the *Rough and Ready* and the *Nellie Johnson* – a name taken from one of his daughters.

The story of the chair's journey goes something like this: Captain John Johnson came to Beaver Island in the mid-1870s and married Hannah Boyle in 1877. Their farm was located on Sloptown Road; they later owned a home on the edge of the harbor known as Johnson's Point. The chair was later passed down to one of their sons, Peter Johnson (1879 – 1973). From there the chair came back to the east side of Detroit when it was handed down to Peter's nephew,

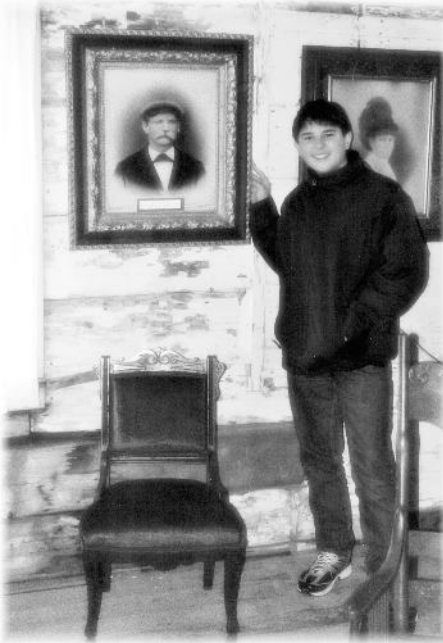
James "Leonard" Johnston, and given to his daughter, Merrilee (Johnston) Franck, until her death in 2008. (Her home was a regular destination for Islanders looking for work in the 1930s.)

Just this past summer, Merrilee's son, Michael S. Franck, had the chair's missing upholstery replaced to its original-

style appearance. During restoration, the upholsterer recognized this type of chair immediately when he opened a page from a reproduction Sears and Roebuck catalog (circa 1890) and pointed to the chair's \$17.95 retail price advertisement. Michael and his youngest son "C. J." brought the parlor chair back to its original location where it will now stay permanently in the historical museum.

On back of the chair are two brass plates. One says, "Circa 1890 parlor chair from the home of Captain John Johnson." The other plate says, "Donated by his great-great grandchildren, Michael, Mark, Stacey, William, and Betsy in 2010."

Pictured in the photo is Christian "C.J." Franck, the great-great-great grandson of Captain John Johnson.



AND THE WINNERS ARE ...

The BICS National Honor Society (Jenna Battle, Marissa Crandall, Olivia Schwartzfisher, Kaylyn Jones, and adviser Connie Boyle) organized the collection of items for soldiers and students in Afghanistan at the school.

Students in grades K-12 were invited to donate items. There was a friendly competition to see which class could collect the most. The students in



grades 1-2 and 7-8 tied for first place.

The NHS collected a total of 281 items! The students also made Christmas cards for the soldiers to be sent with the items. The items for soldiers will be sent to

Charlevoix and combined with their school's collection and shipped to the soldiers. The items for students will be sent from the Island. The BI AmVets Auxiliary made a generous donation to cover the shipping of the school items.

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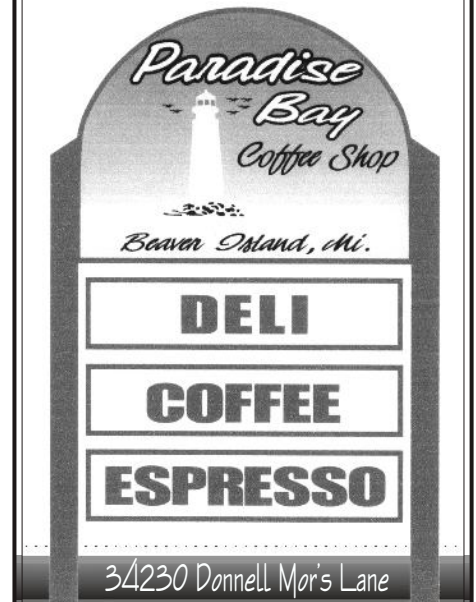


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16. CAPTAIN BEANS SAILS ONTO THE STAGE

The Rotary Club of Tortola, together with other BVI Rotary Clubs, honored local entertainer and humanitarian Michael "Beans" Gardner for his selfless efforts and exceptional service to the people of Haiti.

Beans was presented with a 'Paul Harris Fellow Award' by Rotary District Governor Diana White; the award is named for the founder of Rotary International and honors those who exemplify the motto, "service above self."

Born in Spring Lake, Michigan in 1956, young adventure seeker Michael Gardner first went to Haiti in 1976 at age 19 on an expedition to search for the famous Canadian Schooner *Blue Nose*. The ill-fated expedition found the schooner but lost its financial backing. Michael agreed to stay alone at the camp on the remote island of Ile A Vache to protect the gear, whilst the rest of the team went back to the US to investigate the financial problems. Their anticipated return in a few weeks did not happen, and young Michael became lonely and

depressed, and fell seriously ill, subsequently falling into a coma. He was nursed back to health by locals and returned to the USA.

During the next 20 years Michael developed his music career, spending his summers in North America, frequently on Beaver Island, and winters in the Caribbean. During this time, he developed his Pirate Show, and transformed into "Michael Beans," the Pirate Entertainer. Michael never forgot the kindness he received whilst in Haiti and in 1997, some twenty years after his first visit, he decided to return to see what he could do to help those people who had saved his young life so many years before.

In 2000 Michael formed the Good Samaritan of Haiti Foundation to assist in the Health, Education and Welfare of the people of Ile A Vache. The Foundation's first project was to establish a school by jury-rigging some tarpaulins over an old dilapidated mission building and employing local school teachers. The school's objective was to bring free

education to any child within walking distance, irrespective of denomination. For the past 30 years, Michael, with sole responsibility for fund-raising, has worked tirelessly to support the Foundation. He donated most of the proceeds from his CDs.

The Rotary Club joined forces with the Good Samaritan Foundation to provide water tanks and outboard boat engines for the local community, and support the school by paying the teacher's salaries for the last three years. During the last two years Tortola Club has been fund-raising to build a new school for the Foundation, which is now under construction. "In Haiti many children do not attend school because their families cannot afford it. By helping school children get a good education, we can help Haiti break the cycle of poverty" said Stephen Cooper. Michael's positive and practical approach to charitable support of Ile A Vache is truly an inspiration. His positive, enthusiastic, and fun approach shows us all how to live in a better way.

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Over the last months, Islanders have been compulsively preoccupied with airport expansion, but they have given some attention to a second issue, the condition of Island roads. Don Bair has been engaged in a flurry of activity, writing articles for the *Beacon* and sending letters with reply cards to many residents.

Although I certainly don't like driving on washboard roads and I am sympathetic to Don's crusade, I fear we may be missing an important aspect of this situation in our craving to get our percentage of county money and see our roads improved. This aspect concerns not so much the condition of the roads as their appearance.

I have been coming to the Island for 20 years. When I first drove down Mrs. Redding's Trail it was a two-track and when a car came along, you both slowed to 3 or 4 miles an hour. It was a good thing, giving you and your neighbors time to get to know each other, especially time to gossip. It

appears to me that the roads have since been widened and straightened without rationale or explanation.

My concern, like all of us, is about money. First, like many other Islanders, my income depends in part on tourism, and tourism depends mainly on the appearance of the Island. That includes roads. Go to one of the gift shops here, and you'll find note cards with photos of picturesque winding roads—not roads that have been straightened and widened and now look closer to city boulevards. People come to our Island because they like narrow winding roads, and the slower pace they imply.

I imagine safety is a concern of the Road Commission. However, these roads are so infrequently traveled that there is not much risk of accident. I live on Western Shores eight miles out of town. Although there is slight increase during summer, I often do not pass a single car when I go into or come back from town. If I do, we simply slow down. We do not need a road like East

Side Drive which is so wide at present that it could have a turn lane in the middle. What's the point?

I'm not sure why the Road Commission widens roads—maybe it's an inexpensive way to look like they're doing something. I also wonder just how wide they intend roads to be. We have not been privy to their plans. I want them to improve the condition of the roads, but remember that A WIDE ROAD IS NOT NECESSARILY A GOOD ROAD. I want them to consider tourism and aesthetics in their directives to staff. Spend the money instead on filling and not reproducing those ugly roadside gouges, made as if no one cares how our roads look—they make a mockery of the Natural Beauty Road signs.

I hope the Road Commission provides both better and more attractive roads, keeping in mind that once a road is straightened or widened it can never be restored to its original beauty.

—Charles Donaldson

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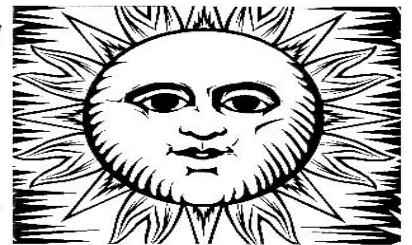
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his followers to live there and make a go of the abandoned Heimforth sawmill. They came in their own boat, the 150' *Rising Sun*, camping out until the mill

began producing. Then they built simple houses, a church, and a school – at which the children of the 120 Native Americans who lived there were wel-



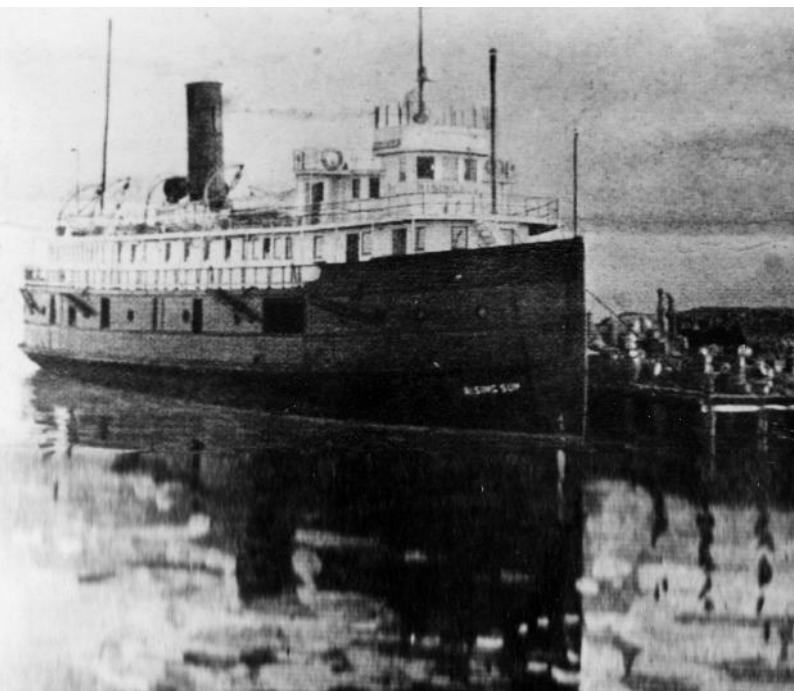


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come. Teachers came from Beaver Island, such as Lucille Gillespie, Jane McDonough, Catherine Floyd, and Mabel Connaghan.

They put in two large vegetable gardens and cleared land for an orchard, which is still yielding fruit. Life was tough, but they were sustained by their

faith. Starting in 1917 much of the produce was shipped to Benton Harbor, with some being sold on the streets of St. James. Fish were another regular





source of revenue and food.

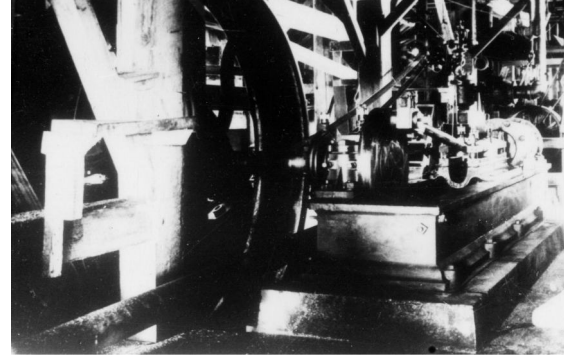
King Ben's version of the gospel forbade conjugal relations. Consequently all his followers were converts; no one was born into the faith. He promised their believe would bring them eternal

life, so anyone who died was considered an apostate. Bodies may have been buried there, but, if so, no one has ever found them. Some disgruntled Israelites referred to High Island as "America's Siberia."

The colonists had some good times. They swam in Lake Maria, and played baseball, taking on teams from Beaver and High. They built bobsleds, and enjoyed snowshoeing.

But bad luck seemed to follow



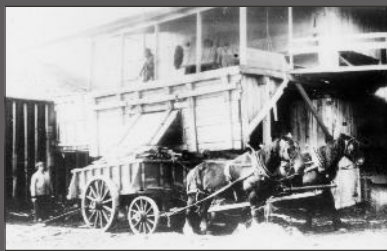
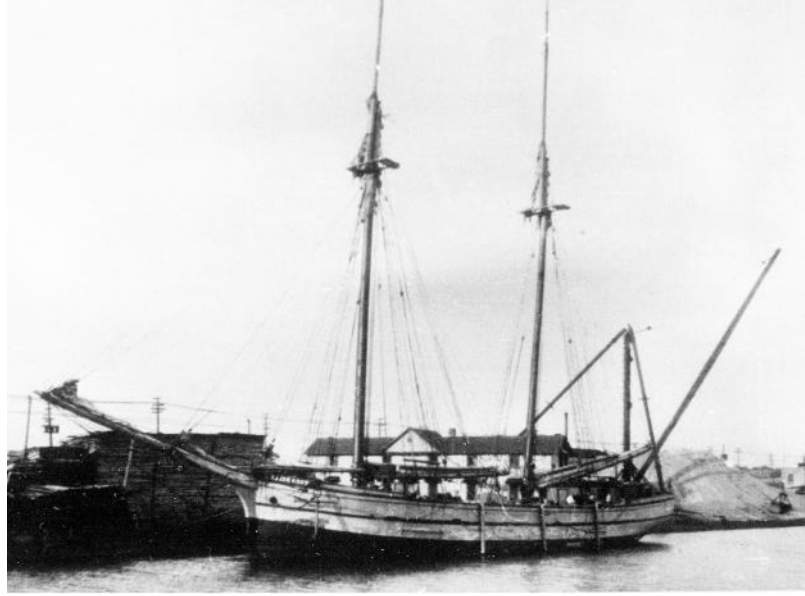
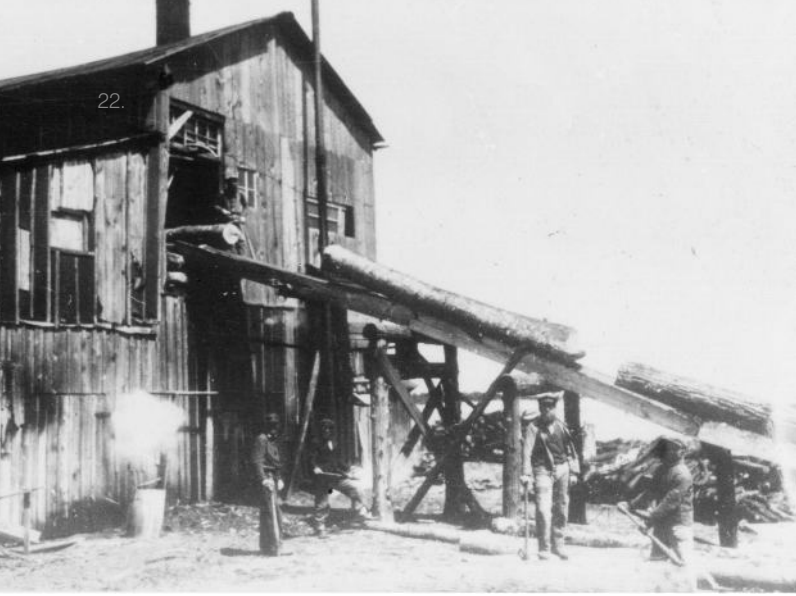


the cult. In 1914 they shipped over 1,000,000 bf, but the main mill burned to the ground. The *Rising Sun* was lost in 1917. They began using the 131' schooner *Rosabelle* but she capsized in 1921 with 28 on board.

The biggest blow, though, was the arrest of "King Ben" on morals charges in 1926. He died the following year, and the cult's attorney and "Queen Mary" divvied up the spoils. She gave up her claim in 1930, but he hung on for a few

more years, trying to cover the taxes by hiring a manager to oversee the farm. This was not successful, and the land went back to the state. Warren Townsend bought it; failing to make a go, he too let it go back to the state.







Did You Know?

Beaver Island business improved this season despite an extremely weak economy in our primary visitor market area. We weren't simply lucky. It is related to ongoing marketing efforts by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce.

For the last several years the Chamber has managed a marketing program that has included radio, billboard, TV, print, web and a journalist host program. Many efforts were pursued in partnership with members thus leveraging the investment. The Boat Co has also run a strong advertising program. All boats float higher, even terrestrial ones, on a rising tide of public awareness.



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Visits to the Chamber web site have been growing at 20% a year and exceeded 100,000 annually in October. If you Google search "Beaver Island" the award winning Chamber site comes up first and the accommodations section is second. The average site visit exceeds four minutes.

The 2011 Chamber of Commerce membership drive is underway. Did you know that individuals can be members and dues start at only \$150 annually?

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24. BEAVER ISLAND'S MARKETING DEPARTMENT SUCCESSFUL by Elaine West

The recent AP story about technology on Beaver Island turned viral, running in many major papers across the nation and becoming an online sensation. It ended up as a Yahoo feature, resulting in an unbelievable focus on Beaver Island. The Chamber web site hits were off the chart – topping out at 46,700 hits the day the story aired. Other businesses also noted the attention: Jeff Powers' webcam

received nearly 5,000 visits on Sunday, Nov. 7, and the Ed Wojan Realty site also had thousands of viewers.

This great article by AP writer Martha Irvine didn't just "happen." We didn't just "get lucky."

For the past several years the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce has managed a marketing program that has included radio, billboard, TV, print, web, and a journalist host

program. Many Chamber members assist in these efforts, offering services that range from transportation to lodging and assistance with the journalists' stories and photos. The Beaver Island Boat Company has also run a strong advertising campaign, and the award-winning Pure Michigan ads campaign is a plus as well. It's wise to remember "all boats float higher, even terrestrial ones, on a rising tide of public awareness."

Despite the extremely weak economy in Beaver Island's primary market – Michigan and the Mid-West, the Island's business improved this year. This is directly related to the ongoing marketing efforts of the Chamber.

The Chamber also develops, sponsors, and/or promotes a variety of events that attracts new visitors and gives those who own summer homes a reason to spend more time on the Island. The Marathon, Bike Festival, 9 & 10 TV News visits, and the ever expanding Bite of Beaver Island are some good examples. The Chamber hosted Michigan's Outdoor Writers a couple of years ago – and that's still netting us articles about the Island. Working to develop and market our outdoor sporting resources will contribute to more visitors in the future, as it has in our past.

Visits to the Chamber web site www.BeaaverIsland.org have been growing at 20% a year and exceeded 100,000 annually in October, prior to the AP story. Google "Beaver Island" and the award-winning Chamber site comes up first, with Beaver Island accommodations coming in second. The average site visit is four minutes.

The 2011 Chamber of Commerce membership drive is now underway. Individual members as well as business members are welcome. Annual memberships start at \$150.

Show your support of the work of the Chamber and help contribute to the economic health of Beaver Island by becoming a member. Learn more at the website: www.BeaaverIsland.org, or call the Chamber office at 231-448-2505

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"HOLIDAY HILARITY II"

Get set for laughter at the upcoming *Holiday Hilarity II*! This production of the Beaver Island Comedy Group will be presented on Dec. 10 and 11, 7:30 p.m., at the Community Center.

Jan Day, founder and director of the Comedy Group, headed to Florida for the winter months but will still be making an appearance in the show (along with her sister Maryanna Phillipson) thanks to the magic of technology. Day also offered valuable advice on the various scripts which group members have been working on since September.

Some of the first show's popular characters will return in *Holiday Hilarity II*. Hardware Jeff (Powers) will have a new "Top 10 List," and new local oddballs will be introduced at Dr. Sphincterheimer's (Wendy

White's) Beaver Island Psychotherapy Institute. Other cast members for *Holiday Hilarity II* include Phil Becker, Lisa Gillespie, Joan Banville, Pat Nugent, and Elaine West. There will also be some surprise guest stars (we'll see if we can actually keep this a secret on the Island until opening night!)

Tickets for the show are \$12 and available by calling the Community Center: 448-2022. *Holiday Hilarity II*

has been self-rated as PG-13.

The Shamrock will be offering dinner specials both evenings to ticket holders for *Holiday Hilarity II*.

The Beaver Island Comedy Group recently were notified that we are to be the recipients of a \$500 grant from the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association. The funding will assist with technical aspects and production costs.

HOLIDAYS WITHOUT HOME

Farewell for a season
Farewell for awhile
I'll be thinking of you
And wishing for your smile

The smile of a neighbor
Kind greetings from a friend
Oh so bittersweet this parting
As to the mainland I descend

At Christmas I'll be landlocked
As ice around you grows
My sweet home Beaver Island,
While the wild wind blows

For I am not a snowbird
Flying to the south
But an injured sailor
With poems in my mouth

They say it's "only winter"
I won't miss a thing—
But my heart will be a-longing
All the way till Spring

When once again I'll board that boat
My heart will once again rest
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26. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 1, 1910 **Local News:** "The raising of the stranded steamer *Panther* at Garden Island, has been deferred until spring. She is said to be lying easy, full of water, and her cargo of coal. Watchmen have been placed onboard for the winter."

Beaver Island News: "Charles Roddy, John Quinlan and James Burns returned home after sailing all summer."

"Capt. Ludwick went to Chicago with a load of Christmas trees."

"Maria Radtkie (sic) went to Manistee last week."

"Mrs. Lou Briggs and daughter went to Alpena."

"W. J. Gallagher, wife and family moved to Charlevoix for the winter."

"W. W. Boyle, John Floyd Jr., went to Charlevoix."

"Anna Floyd spent a week's visit with her parents."

"Frances Roddy and Geo. Stevens are at Charlevoix as jury men."

"Geo. Heimforth, of High Island returned from Traverse City last week."

"Wm. Scheid who went to Manitowoc, Wis., on business returned home Monday."

"James Flaggert of Traverse City Candy Co. Was at the Island last week."

"The Str. *Wente* is loading lumber at the B. I. L. Co.'s. This makes three trips in two weeks."

"The U. S. Fish Culture Crew left Monday for Northville, Mich. They did not get as many trout eggs as usual."

"J. Crowley, the Detroit Shoe Co. agent spent Sunday on the Island."

"The entertainment given at St. James hall for the benefit of the Holy Cross Church on Thanksgiving night was well attended. The receipts were 94 dollars."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 7, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "John C. Dighton (sic) of St. James was in the city Monday."

"D. Gallagher of St. James spent Sunday in this city."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 8, 1910 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* went to Petosky Satur-

day and took a full load of winter supplies from the Petosky Grocery Co. to St. James dealers, returning Sunday."

Beaver Island News: "Miss Nora Berry went to Flint, Mich. to visit her parents."

"Ed. B. Gallagher went to Detroit Monday."

"Phill D. Malloy returned home after a visit to Grand Rapids."

"Frank Roddy, Geo. Stevens, W. W. Boyle and Frank Miller returned home Saturday after attending Circuit Court at Charlevoix."

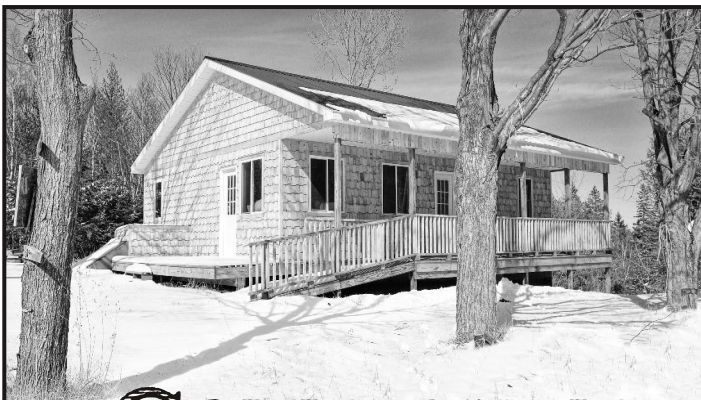
"Miss Bea Gallagher had charge of W. W. Boyle's candy store last week."

"Fred Nackerman went to Newberry to work for the winter."

"Pat Malloy, Willie Green and Tom Boyle went to Charlevoix to make final proof on homesteads."

"John Lighton and son George went to Charlevoix on business Monday."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 14, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Captain M. J. Bonner of St. James is spending a few days in the city."



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Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 15, 1910 **Local News:** "The fishing tug *Violet* picked up the small tug *Maeta* in the channel with a broken rudder, and towed her to Beaver Harbor."

"A particularly pathetic case is reported from St. James. Mrs. Phil C. Gallagher, whose husband is very low with tuberculosis, fell dead with heart failure while about the house, apparently well. Three days after Mrs. Gallagher's death, her sister, Mrs. Connolly, died at Escanaba in the same manner."

Beaver Island News: "Fr. Malone paid a visit to Petosky this week."

"May Gallagher of Charlevoix, spent Sunday on the Island visiting friends."

"Mike Cull and Peter Green returned home after sailing all summer."

"W. J. Gallagher Jr. Went to Charlevoix to visit his parents on Monday's boat."

"Capt. Bonner went to Charlevoix on business."

"Sister Alexandra, daughter of John C. Gallagher returned to Grand Rapids

after three month visit to the Island."

"Miss Tesie Connaghan returned home to visit her parents after spending two years in Chiago."

"Willie Pratt returned home after sailing all summer."

"Mary Gallagher, wife of Phil C. Gallagher, died at her home in Peaine township Saturday afternoon of heart disease. She was born on the Island in 1862. She leaves a large family to mourn her."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 21, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Peter Nelson of St. James was in the city Friday."

"Ed. Raskey of St. James was in the city Friday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 22, 1910 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* made a Cross Village trip Saturday and went to the Island Sunday."

"Winter fishing began in earnest Saturday. The open season beginning that day. On Monday the Charlevoix dealers had at St. James alone over two tons of fish of all kinds awaiting ship-

ment here, to say nothing of large catches coming with local fisherman."

Beaver Island News: "Fred Smith of the Petosky Grocery House paid us a visit last week."

"Mrs. Lou Briggs and two daughters, have returned home from Alpena."

"Miss Nora and Anna Boyle are here from Chicago to visit their mother."

"W. C. Lundy, of Port Huron, spent a week here."

"Perch fishing is good in the harbor."

"James Wachter, keeper of Beaver head light went to Cheboygan for the winter."

"Peter Nelson spent a few days in Charlevoix."

"Dr. J. A. Auld of Charlevoix spent a week on the Island." (Note: J. A. Auld, DDS Charlevoix appears in the *Hotel Beaver* register Dec. 9, 1910)

"Ben J. O'Donnell and Ed. B. Gallagher returned home from Detroit on Sunday's boat."

"Capt. Ludwick and son returned home after laying his schooner up in Benton Harbor." *continued on page 28.*



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The reduced asking price is now **\$125,000**

28. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 27.

"Frank Berge of the Robert Beutel Fish Co. Of Charlevoix, was here looking after the fish interest."

"Tom P. Gallagher went to see Dr. Armstrong."

"The I. A. A. O. H. Received a fine graphophone (sic)."

"Phil C. Gallagher clerk of Peaine Township died at his home Sunday Dec. 8th, after a long illness. He was a member of the A. O. H. age 57. He leaves a large family."

"Michael McCafferty, son of Bernard McCafferty, of this Island, is very sick in the Detroit marine hospital."

"John C. Gallagher returned home on Wednesday's boat."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 28, 1910 **Local News:** "James McCann of St. James was at the Elston Tuesday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 29, 1910 **Local News:** "The *Beaver* made her last Island trip Tuesday, and has laid up. The mail trips will be made

by the tug *Margaret McCann* as long as possible."

"James McCann, of St. James, came over on the *Beaver* Tuesday and will return today on the tug *McCann*."

Beaver Island News: "Neil O. Gallagher went to Chicago for the winter."

"W. J. Boyle and Peter O. Gallagher returned home after sailing all summer."

"Peter D. Green returned to Chicago on business last week."

"Capt. Frank Left went to

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

AmVets Post #46 and Ladies Auxiliary will again host a Santa's Workshop at the Beaver Island Community School on Wednesday, December 14, to enable the kids to purchase affordably priced gifts for their

families and friends. Older students and adults will be available to help the youngsters select and wrap their purchases.

Also, the AmVets and Ladies Auxiliary of Post #46 will again partner

in the Annual Children's Christmas Party to be held on Saturday, December 11, 11:30 – 1:00 at the Phil Gregg Fellowship Hall, Beaver Island Christian Church. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, ice cream and beverage will be



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Charlevoix on business last week.”

“The Boyle Bros., went to Charlevoix last week to attend to some business.”

“D. C. Schwitzer went to Charlevoix to spend Christmas with his family.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bigger spend Christmas with parents in Charlevoix.”

“Barney McCafferty returned home from Detroit where he went to visit his son who has been seriously ill.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Shied spent Christmas with W. J. Gallagher of

Charlevoix.”

“The Dramatic Club gave an entertainment Thursday evening for Holy Cross church and it was a success.”

“Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sendenburgh, Thursday Dec. 22, a young son.”

“The school children gave an entertainment Friday evening at St. James hall for the benefit of the Holy Cross church. It was a grand success. John P. Malloy was the lucky one winning the silk pillow, William O. Gallagher the \$5 gold

piece and Mrs. Hugh E. Boyle the 29. small dresser.”

“The Beaver Island Lumber Co. are now running two locomotives.”

“Frank Roberts returned home from Chicago.”

“J. Connaghan returned on the *Beaver* Tuesday after spending Sunday in Charlevoix.”

(Note: *Snow!* - *Snow!* - *Snow!* - *Drifts!!*; 32 to 20 degrees; Dec. 30, 13 - 6 degrees. F. Protar)

served to the kids as well as their parents and grandparents at no charge.

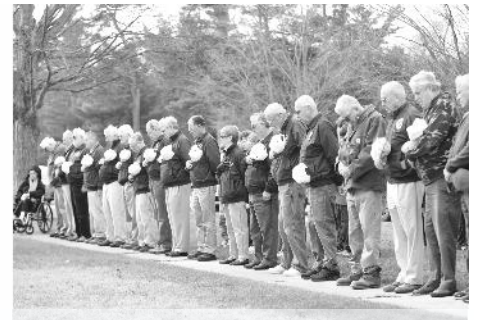
Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to hear the Christmas wish lists and pass out gifts to the kids. Because we can no longer get Polaroid film, will parents

please bring their own camera to take a picture of your child with Santa.

The Beaver Island Community School annual Holiday Program will be Wednesday, December 15, 7:00 pm at the Community Center and will feature

strings, recorders, skits, and songs. The whole community is invited.

And on December 19, the Commission on Aging will hold a Sunday Dinner from 11:00 – 1:00 at the Community Center.



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The first of the two 2010 "Tenth Anniversary" Cantata performances, staged on 12-4 at the Christian Church, was absolutely stunning. The musicians were wonderful, the timing precise, and the ambiance perfect for beginning the Christmas season.

The music was spectacular and diverse. There was a violin and piano number, a recorder quartet with a stunning vocal solo, a stirring duet, the Chimes Choir hitting their notes with confidence and power, and an ensemble of singers with two violins and a viola.

Nancy Ferguson gave two performances which the audience found breathtaking: dressed as an angel, she stood on a raised platform and interpreted two brief musical passages through graceful whole-body movements in super slow motion.

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Cantata Choir began the main event, directed expertly by Kathy Speck. Their solos were spot-on, and the accompanying readings by Matt Ritchie and Pinky flawless and well-paced. But the high point was the harmonious blend of the 33 singers and the ululating interchange

of the soprano, tenor, and bass sections, which the audience felt as a pure thrill in the back of their necks. Emotionally speaking, the composite sound was so rich and so overwhelming that the audience exploded with applause when it was finally through. Everyone had the

same wishes: More! And Again!

Walking out, the group opinion was unanimously positive: at times like these, it's better to be on humble Beaver Island than at Carnegie Hall. Thanks, Kathy, and thanks to all members of the Cantata!



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32. THANKS FROM THE WILD

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club would like to thank the community and off-Island hunters for supporting our recent fund-raising raffle and Harold Lounsberry Memorial Hunters Dinner.

We would especially like to thank Eric, Dana and the Shamrock staff for hosting the dinner, preparing the delicious buffet, and serving the attendees. Thanks to Sally Lounsberry for drawing the winning tickets.

Not all raffle winners have been notified, because some haven't come

back out of the woods yet (as of 11-25), but here they are:

Gun Winners—John Haggard (seems I've heard that name before) and Mike Thompson (Denny Hoover Camp);

Trail Camera Winner—Mary Rose Birch (Larry already grabbed it);

\$100 Jay's Gift Certificate—Walstrom's—not sure which one—they can decide;

Knives and Hatchets—Keith Webster (Roy's Harbor House),

Jeff/Sara Stone of Cable's Bay, Mary Rose Birch (again), Bruce Wildie of Cable's Bay/Beulah, Chuck Marshall of Nomad/Elkhart, Mike McDonough (I should have gotten him a lineman's knife), and Bill McDonough.

Thanks again for another successful fund raiser from the Officers, Directors and members of the BIWC.

And we'd like to thank everyone who came for giving us another safe and enjoyable season.

— the BIWC

LETTERS: EVERY GENERATION SHOULD PAY FOR THEMSELVES

I was compelled to make a public statement at the Peaine Township meeting about the latest spending project in our community. At the time I pen this letter the National Debt is \$13,750,377,450,000 (that's trillions, folks) and growing at 1 million dollars every 21 seconds.

Each man, woman and child owes \$42,249. Each taxpayer owes \$124,663. We are paying \$200,000,000 a year in interest on that debt. (I won't even get into the States' severe financial issues.)

No person who attended the

Township meeting will be one of the ones who pay this debt. It will be the burden of our children and their children. And *their* children.

I cannot express how real and important an issue this is. America is our home; we must accept the reality of our current fiscal situation and begin to talk and take steps to help correct this problem at all levels of Government.

I ask all the Community groups, Township Governments, and individuals to sincerely consider what is a need and what is a want. Grants are NOT free money, people. We all pay for them.

Though many of the projects over the years have merit, some, in my opinion, have been wasteful. I hope we can truly evaluate each project by the standard of "is this something our children should pay for?" or "is there a cheaper, better way of getting the project done?"

And last of all, its funny how when something is built with grant money it always costs a heck of a lot more than if it was built privately. Look at your children and ask yourself, "What kind of America am I leaving them?"

—Adam E. Wirth

LIBRARY NEWS

The Island was in the midst of a horrific wind storm on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. The Beaver Island District Library felt the brunt of the storm, losing five trees to the winds. We were very lucky that the decision to close kept anyone from being harmed by flying debris. We can't say the same for the patio furniture that was in the Memorial Garden. The chairs are now recliners as they were flattened by fallen pines. Very special thanks go to Jim Wojan and his crew who spent hours cleaning up the mess after the storm passed.

On an up note, all the public computers are now on battery back-up thanks to Joe Moore. The wind storm caused power outages on Tuesday and Wednesday made keeping us online a nightmare; now with the backup perhaps it won't be as much of a problem. Things were kept interesting the Tuesday before the storm as the auto-

mation won't work without power so all check-outs had to be done "the old fashioned way" by hand-writing all the barcodes. It certainly wasn't a boring day.

Librarians Barbara Cruickshank and Phyllis Moore attended the Michigan Library Association conference in Traverse City from November 9th through the 12th. Lots of new things to learn, see, and wish for. It's a wonderful way to catch up with other librarians, discover new and different ways of doing our jobs. We hope to be able to implement some of the things we learned throughout the week.

We have lots of new books in — many on the New York Times Bestseller List. Or perhaps a movie night: mix together a big bowl of popcorn with hundreds of choices.

It was with great sadness that we had to have Harriet Rafferty's blue spruce removed this fall. It never recov-

ered from being blown over during a storm last winter in spite of lots of tender loving care. It will be replaced come spring.

We also have Bob Tidmore with the AmVets Post 46 to thank for raising and lowering the library flag for us. He's done a marvelous job of keeping track of the days it needs to be at half mast. It is truly appreciated by all.

Winter is almost here, so stop in and check out the library for something to read or watch. If you don't have a library card it's a simple procedure and only takes a couple minutes.

You can also check out our website and catalog online at <http://beaverisland.michlibrary.org> Email us at island.library@gmail.com with any suggestions you have that will help make our library more inviting, or if you have a complaint about something we may have neglected to do.

— Phyllis Moore



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34. IN MEMORY: GAIL WEEDE

Gail Weede, 59, of Beaver Island, MI, formerly of St. Joseph, MI, left her beautiful world on Thursday, November 11, 2010.

She is survived by her very loved husband, Mike, children Rebecca Sailor-Dawson, Jeffrey Sailor (Lisa), Allyson (John) Arnold, Joseph Weede and Stephanie Sailor. GG will be sadly missed by her grandchildren Jack and Adele Dawson and Conley and Alexandra Arnold.

She was born in Gary IN into the loving arms of Loren and Adele Courtright, sharing her crowded family home with Carol (Dave) Rudzinski (deceased), Jim Courtright, JoAnne (Jim) Meyer, Jeff (Renee) Courtright, Paul Courtright, Peggy (Larry) Heaslip, Patty (Jim) Herrin, Jean (John) Musial, Annette (Mike) Gronek and Liz (Jim) Houchin.

In her large family, Gail was the 'best aunt ever' to many nieces and nephews, too numerous to list.

Gail lived an always exciting life, and moved from Indiana to many different parts of the U. S. She accomplished much throughout her life.

She earned her college degree from Siena Heights College at the age of 40 and then proceeded to teach as an adjunct professor at Lake Michigan College.

For a period of time she worked within the State of Michigan's court system for the care and support of abused women. She coached track and volleyball, and was a certified volleyball referee.

She went from being a non-swimmer to achieving the level of Padi Divemaster and tri-athlete. She ran and finished 12 marathons.

She was bold enough to pick up

stakes and start a new life and new business in a small town on a small island in the middle of Lake Michigan. She valiantly stared down cancer and put it in its place.

There was a celebration of Gail's life, starting at the ferry which returned her to

her beloved Beaver Island, departing the Charlevoix ferry dock on Monday, November 15 at 11:30 a.m. On November 16, there was a mass celebrated by her good friend, Father Pat, followed by a luncheon at the Peaine Township Hall. A memorial service will be held in the St. Joseph area at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the 21st Century Learning Scholarship Fund, in care of the Beaver Island Community School, 37895 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782 would be appreciated.



IN MEMORY: DON WELKE

Donus E. Welke, age 81 years, of Archbold, passed away early Monday morning, November 15, 2010, in his home. He was born September 27, 1929,

at Detroit, the son of William and Elizabeth (Oberle) Welke, and married Dolores Hulack on June 21, 1952.

An Archbold area resident since

1962, he was a Tool & Dye maker, and he partnered in 1970 creating an automotive parts company in Archbold. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force in Ger-



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GAIL'S WALK

35.

On Sunday, 11-14, 125 friends of Gail Weede gathered at the Print Shop, the start for the Island Boodle, many in shirts captioned "Gail's Walk," for one more Gail Weede-inspired ramble out to Gull Harbor and back. There were dogs aplenty in the crowd, and few dry eyes—"that darn howlin' wind." John

Works started the group off with his cannon; the mist flattened the echo, forcing the crowd to take three deep swallows as it got underway.

Several had come to the Island solely to be part of this event, to show their love and express their sadness. Because of the grey blustery weather it

was a rough afternoon, but few faltered; some who were in poor health themselves fought against their limitations to complete the route. Talk along the route centered on what a wonderful and warm person Gail was, how she had helped so many and provided inspiration to many more. She will be missed.



"I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives." — Tracy Chapman

We would like to thank each and everyone of the "angels of Beaver Island" for the generous support you have shown our whole family during this difficult time. There are no words

that can express our gratitude other than to say we are truly blessed to have you in our and Gail's life.

But mere words cannot begin to convey what we feel. The image of

compassion which has been shown to us, is the rock that we can hold on to, as we move forward with our lives.

— The Weede, Sailor, & Courtright Families.



many during the Berlin Airlift.

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; two children, Donus D. (Lisa) Welke of Beaver Island, MI, and Dawn (LaMar)

Gerig of Archbold; 8 grandchildren; and a brother, Robert (Sue) Welke of Beaver Island, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, William Welke

II, and Charles Welke. Services were at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island with interment in the Welke Cemetery on Beaver Island.

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36. BEAVER ISLAND FOREST VIEW APARTMENTS

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The construction is anticipated to be complete and the apartments ready for occupancy by June 1, 2011, a date which is subject to change based on

weather conditions.

Applications are also available for the part-time position of on-site manager, who will be employed by KMG Prestige, an off-Island management company which will manage the apartments. The position is anticipated to begin in March, 2011.

Applications for both leasing and employment may be obtained at the

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REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

10 ACRES, ISLAND HIDEAWAY OFF WEST SIDE DRIVE - \$39,000, 1c available. Includes 522 ft² building, driveway, large clearing, mixed hard-

woods. Call owner agent Michael Collins (231) 313-8739.

40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD - Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.

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their financial data will be kept confidential.

The rental apartments will have rental rates which are set through the grant process which provided funding.

The anticipated rent is \$567 for a one-bedroom unit and \$629 for a two-bedroom unit. Utilities are included in the rent, and the building will be heated through a geo-thermal system.

The new building will include six individual apartments, four one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom, each with their own kitchen and bath. In addition, *Forest View* will have a laundry room, community room, and a community kitchen area. Plus it's right next to the Health Center, and to Stoney Acres.



SECLUDED 1940s LOG CABIN just one block from lake and market on one acre - Sleeps 4-6, pets welcome (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$700/wk; weekends available. (219) 863-2655 or email cehlah@urhere.net
A HOUSE RENTAL - Cute 2 bdrm house in woods near town, public beaches, and bike path. Screened porch. Washer, dryer. No pets, no smoking. \$595/week. Call (231) 871-0477.

ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATH ROOM UNIT ON FOX LAKE with full kitchen, and laundry - Sleeps two and is 20 minutes from town. Canoe and paddleboat available with balcony overlooking the lake. \$600/week. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com No smoking and no pets please.
SAND BAY - sleeps 8—amenities—available May- September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email robin@robinleeberry.com.

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FOR SALE, 11 ACRES ON EAST SIDE DRIVE - good land, 357' on road, 1373' deep; \$28,900. Phone (231) 448-2545.

WANTED: 5-10 ACRES - to buy or rent. Some cleared ground for garden & pasture desirable as well as barn or stable. (616) 828-4102. nsneller@posthastedesign.com

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Units 7, 8, 9, 11 of Innisfree Dunes Condominium

Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces located on the north side of Donegal Bay Road just four-tenth's of a mile from town and the Emerald Isle Hotel. These lots have access to their interior (north side) off Innisfree Lane but Lots 9 and 11 also have access to Donegal Bay Road. The new bike path runs along the south line of these lots. All four lots are zoned and restricted to single-family residential use. They are very close to town and just about 3/4 of a mile from the public access at Font Lake. Lot 11 is immediately adjacent to Ed and Connie Wojan's home at 26765 Donegal Bay Road. Lot 7 is on the west side of Innisfree Lane and Lot 8 is just toward town on the east side of Innisfree Lane. These large homesites are really hard to find close to town; the nearest anyone will find something like these are 10-acre parcels much farther down the Island. One-half acre lots in the Wojan Plat a little closer to town than Innisfree Dunes Condominium have been selling for \$42,000 to \$45,000 for a number of years. These 2-1/2 to 3 acre lots are therefore really a bargain at **\$45,000 each**

**BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT:**

Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1½ baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (941) 921-2233 or (317) 769-6563

**SAND BAY COTTAGE - ON THE LAKE WITH GREAT BEACHFRONT:**

Sleeps 6. Two bedrooms and loft, 1 bath. Modern kitchen, fireplace, washer/dryer, grill. Deck and screened-in gazebo. No pets, no smoking. \$800/week. Call Sue on (231) 448-2670 or cabinbythelake1@gmail.com

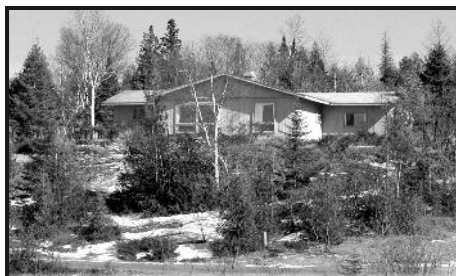
**FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:**

Four bedroom, 1½ bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. \$155,000 *Price Slashed*

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view our web site: www.edwojanrealty.com



DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE: 3 BR, 2 BA, full kitchen, W/D, fireplace, secluded patio & deck surrounded by pines and bluff and overlooking one of Beaver Island's best beaches. \$850 per week June-September; winter rates available. Call (734) 996-3973 or loonlookout@comcast.net home.comcast.net/~loonlookout/site/

**SHORTY'S PLACE:**

In town with a beautiful view of the harbor and our beach lot across the street. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sleeps 6. Dalwhinnie and McDonough's within walking distance. \$1100 per week. Call Patti Fogg: (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net Website: www.allenfoggcottages.com

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dana.luscombe@gmail.com

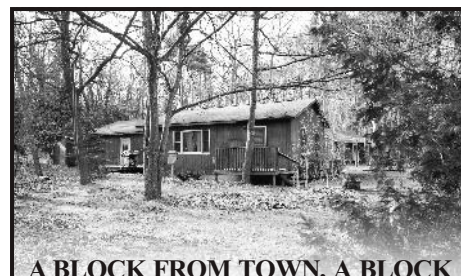
7 PINES - Weekly Rental. Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1½ bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, *DOG friendly*, \$750/week, Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597. ryanpfogg@gmail.com

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$1,080 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.

REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

20 ACRES WEST SIDE ROAD - \$55,000; 16x18 rustic cabin (no electricity or water); Apple orchard and deer blinds; great location for hunting; ½ mile north of Fox Lake Rd; contact: Mike Eicher (248) 766-4205.

10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD Beautiful, wooded, great building site; \$39,000. (231) 409-1214.



A BLOCK FROM TOWN, A BLOCK FROM THE BEACH: 3 BRs, 1 bath; wireless; \$625/week; call (231) 313-6225 or email abbieswest@yahoo.com www.abbieswestcottage.com

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THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE -

Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. Four bedrooms, three rooms with double beds and one room with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer / dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733.

WEEKLY RENTAL - Lakefront. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

TWO LOTS IN THE PORT ST. JAMES - near Font Lake. Perked, wooded, buildable. #708 & 709; electric and phone right there. \$14,000 each. Call Peggy at (269) 671-5557.

FOR SALE - 1300 SQ. FT. HOME with 12'x12' out-building on Font Lake Court \$99,900.00 Call Mike Collins (231) 448-2923.



ALLEN HARBOR-LAKE FRONT: One block W. of marina. Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. \$1,400/week. Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net or www.allenfoggcottages.com



JUDE'S RENTALS: Pleasantly situated in the heart of it all! Jude's house is nestled among the peaceful nature of Beaver Island in addition to being just walking distance from the harbor, historical museums, shops, restaurants and the beach. Call Jude Martin (231) 448-2673 or (616) 340-5339



LAKEFRONT: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths + large lower level with sleeping for 6. Sleeps 12 total. Washer/dryer, bikes, kayaks, wrap-a-round porch, views of sunset & Garden & Squaw Islands. \$1400/week. (773) 663-7772. Website: www.whatproperties.com/PL48480 E-mail: Info@whatproperties.com

WATERFRONT COTTAGE - On the east side. Available by the week or week-end. One BR, full kitchen and bath. Enjoy the water and the woods, year round. Off-season rates. Complete privacy. (231) 448-2907.

WEEKLY RENTAL - Harbor Beach Two-bedroom Condos. \$550/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.

LOCH WOOD SHORES - Located about 4 miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath, w/d, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Call (231) 448-2733 or 448-2499 or tammymcd107@yahoo.com

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FAIRLY NEW SMALL HOME ON 100' X 1000' LOT ON EAST SIDE DRIVE BY SAND BAY - deep well, good insulation, hill location; \$75k; will consider offers. lmbarret@med.umich.edu

LOTS 644 AND 645 PORT OF ST. JAMES - Nice corner lots. \$19,000 for both. (231) 448-3088.

WATERFRONT HARBOR HOUSE - Spectacular view of Paradise Bay! Large home with all the amenities, linens provided. 4 bedroom, 2½ baths, sleeps 8, washer/dryer, fully equipped kitchen, satellite tv. June - Sept. \$1250 a week. Short walk to the Stoney Acre Grill.

ON THE HARBOR - Furnished upstairs apartment overlooking beautiful Paradise Bay. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully equipped kitchen. Porch and deck area on the harbor with possible dock slip. \$800 a week.

A GREAT HARBOR VIEW - from a great "in-town" trailer. Perfect for a couple of working people. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Furnished and fully equipped kitchen. \$1500 a month.

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APARTMENT FOR RENT - \$550/month, Fully Furnished, Near Four-Corners, Year Round availability. Call (231) 448-2074.

HAGGARD'S SUMMER RENTAL HOME - Overlooks Paradise Bay across from the Maritime Museum. Sunset view of harbor and village of St James is a winner. Comfortable custom home sleeps 8-10. 3 baths. Public sand beach close by. Well mannered pets welcome. Only \$1,200 per week. Call (231) 547-4046 (day) (231) 547-6600 (evening) or email samhunt59@yahoo.com

LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY - pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: \$500. Call (734) 449-0804 or email dlelzey@gmail.com

40 ACRES ON WEST SIDE ROAD near Young James' Trail for \$85,000. (231) 941-1698 or (989) 345-5797

2 LOTS ON SAND BAY - 3.3 Acres each. 1700' deep. Sandy Beach Frontage 117' each. (810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257.

TO PLACE AN AD - call (231) 448-2476 or email ads@beaverbeacon.com



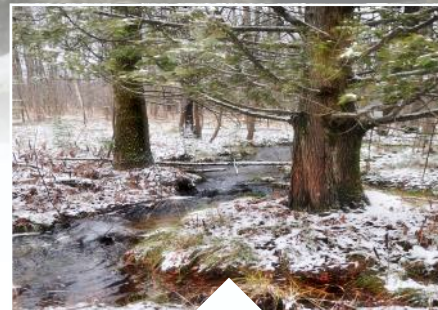
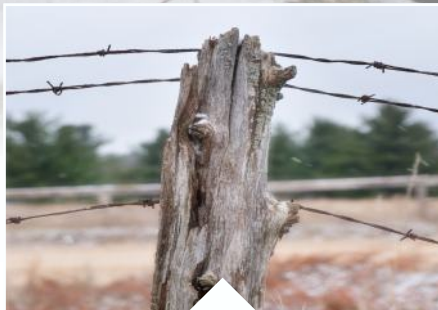
HARBOR LIGHTS: Unique log home looking out over Paradise Bay. Beautiful views of St. James Harbor, Garden, and Hog Islands. Enjoy the boats from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. Very secluded, sitting among lush cedars and pines. 3 bedrooms with 2 queens and 2 twins. One large bathroom and one half bath. All the amenities you could ever need. Immaculate home with "spectacular" views. \$1,150 a week. Home (630) 834-4181 Cell (630) 995-0507 harborlightsbim@aol.com



ISLAND AERIE: Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bathrooms, 4 BR w/ 2 king and 10 twin beds, large 1st floor decks, 2nd floor wet bar and deck, 3rd floor game room, all modern amenities and appliances, great for multiple families and groups. \$1800/week, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 866-2159 www.islandaerie.net . Jan@islandaerie.net



LAKEFRONT PROPERTY FOR SALE: Build your summer place or year-round home on Donegal Bay's "Sunset Corner." Lots 537 & 538 feature 206.76 feet of gorgeous Lake Michigan frontage with barefoot sandy beaches. Secluded building site sits in a natural bowl-like setting, surrounded by trees. Spectacular view of Lake Michigan and the Beaver Island archipelago. Five minutes to ferry, shops and downtown/harbor events. Selling both lots together, available for \$295,000, reduced from \$325,000; individual lots now \$160,000, reduced from \$175,000 each. Tom Koetsier, Koetsier Realty, (616) 550-4447



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