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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The St. James Board queried the St. James assessors about putting the new assessments online so anyone could examine any of them, and were told there would be a cost involved. It could be met in either of two ways: pay \$1,050 up front for new software, or charge everyone logging on a \$2 fee. Since the assessors answer questions anyone has, and since detailed property information is mailed to each taxpayer, the Board decided to not institute any online availability for now.

The Board passed a resolution submitted by NREC which expanded its members from 17 to 21 by adding the Chamber of Commerce, the Conservation Club, the Little Traverse Band, and environmentalist and manager of Tara's Meadow Seamus Norgaard.

The rezoning of the Connelly property (40+ acres southwest of the Baraga Cross) from Agricultural to Residential had not been done properly so it was done again.

The new Airport Commission asked for and received an office in the Governmental Building for storing its records, which were in danger at the Airport Terminal.

The Board approved the Airport Commission accepting a grant of \$203,235, for which a local match (split between the two townships) of \$5,081

was required.

Deputy Travis Williams said his four children have to sleep in one bedroom, and wanted to install a partition in the garage to make another bedroom; it would still leave 1½ bays for vehicles. He had a price from Runberg Drywalling of \$1,037, and offered to pay half if the township would approve. The Board voted to go ahead, and to pay the entire bill. The Deputy will ask Peaine to kick in.

The property swap for Whiskey Island was on indefinite hold because the DNRE officials who were in favor of it are retiring, and it will be up to the new people to decide on how, or if, to proceed.

Bob Tidmore thanked Larry Forth and John Bowie for the swags that dressed up Main Street and Michigan Avenue.

Peaine Township

The Peaine Board considered two bids for providing and setting up two 500-gal propane tanks for the two new standby generators. It was unclear just what was included, but the one from "Emerald Isle" seemed to be cheaper so it was accepted.

Consideration of the Waste Management Committee's by-laws was deferred until all Board members could study them. The prospect of reducing insurance costs by thousands of dollars



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was still under discussion.

The Board approved allowing the Airport Commission to accept a grant of \$203,235 and for the BIAC Chairman to sign the necessary documents. This amount is over and above the \$191,000 that has already been paid for land acquisition, and independent of a \$75,000 grant for land clearing. The two supervisors were to meet to discuss the property acquisition matter, which was delayed by the unavailability of one of the attorneys. The delay in settling this was forcing postponement of acting on the Ten-year Plan, including building the new terminal. Pete LoDico thought it was too early to ask Mead/Hunt to explain the factors involved in terminal design, but once the property matter was concluded he promised the BIAC would bring them to the Island to discuss the plan.

A revision of the 2008 audit was made because some aspects of the chipper purchase had not been "on the books."

The amendment to the NREC's charter and by-laws was approved.

Peaine's offer of becoming a partner in the acquisition of the DNR harbor-front property, including the deputy's home, was of no interest to St. James. Peaine cited precedents for joint ownership, the Airport, the Transfer Station, and the Iron Ore Bay Park.

Airport Commission

The Airport Commission held its second meeting and chose Elaine West as vice-chairman and Rachel Teague as recording secretary (a job description will soon be written). Chairman Mike Scripps said two of its key partners, MDOT's project manager and its contract manager, were retiring—they had been very helpful in guiding the Airport's growth.

The tree clearing on and below the bluff was nearly complete, and work on the top side was about to begin.

Some insight on financing was provided. The Airport is eligible for up to \$150,000 a year in grants for approved projects, and the unspent amount can be accumulated for later use; the 2008, 2009, and 2010 amounts are available now. But no further improvements can be undertaken until the land acquisition matter is settled; specifically, the terminal project, including the selection of an architect, is on indefinite hold.

A problem was cited: the runway paving was scheduled for after the new terminal building is built because the current location of the terminal is to be paved over. But the only way the paving can be afforded is if it coincides with the repaving of King's Highway—which is in the running for Michigan's longest continuous patch job. The Road Commission has scheduled that for 2013, so there is a narrow window.



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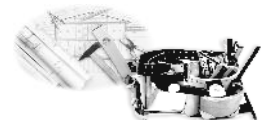
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SANTA FOR SOLDIERS

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People were talking about the Care packages sent to soldiers from this area who were serving overseas, so Tara Palmer was asked how this all came together.

“On November 11, 2010 I hosted an event at East Jordan Elementary School called “Santa for Soldiers” to gather military supplies to make Christmas packages for soldiers serving overseas this holiday season. The turnout was overwhelming. The Beaver Island Honor Society, spearheaded by Judy Boyle, was also involved, and collected goods on the Island to help stuff the boxes. I had wondered how the project would go with the economy being so unsteady. What I found out was that whatever our struggle is here, theirs is greater, and people were more than willing to give what they had to make a soldier’s Christmas brighter.

With the help of my friend (and fellow BICS grad) MaryKay McPherson, we spent a total of nine hours to pack 40 Christmas packages. That was enough for Brett’s entire platoon (I imagine he’ll be a popular guy



when they show up!) and for a handful of soldiers from East Jordan and elsewhere in Michigan.

There were two parts to the



inspiration of this project. One is that my cousin, Brett Maudrie of Beaver Island, is serving with the 101st Airborne in Afghanistan, and it was the greatest gesture

I could make to express my gratitude to his platoon for their sacrifices.

The other part is that my father, Ed Palmer of Beaver Island, is a Vietnam Veteran and to this day he reminds us of how those packages and letters got them through very bleak times over there. In fact, when he returned from his tour of duty, he went to California and met the young school girl who sent him a Christmas care package. Imagine her surprise when a U.S. soldier

showed up on her door step with his guitar over his shoulder to play her some Christmas Carols as a thank you for her gesture! Every now and then we pull out a box of cards and letters he received while he was serving. He's held onto that box for over 30 years. That says something of their significance.

Others involved in the project who helped with the shipping of packages were the Beaver Island AmVets, Patrick Faust of Northwest Heating and Cooling, Shawn McDonough, Judy Boyle, and The Charlevoix Elks Lodge. Thank you to all who were involved in this effort.

—Tara Palmer

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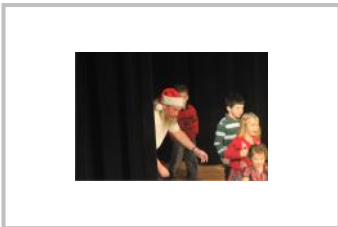
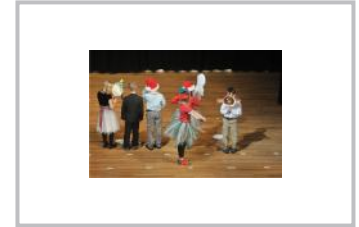


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The younger students outdid themselves delivering six well-rehearsed numbers on December 15th, culminating in all of them, plus many of the older students, taking the stage together, with their teachers, and belting out a rousing version of *Keep Christmas With You* under the masterful direction of Mr. Soul, Mike Myers.

The evening began with three tots hitting the notes for two Christmas carols on their violin, under the wings of Sheri Richards and Laura Gibson (fresh from the Cantata) as another 17 sat behind them on the floor. For their 3rd number, though, everyone got up and produced tiny fiddles to join in. Never have so many violins of any size been played so well on Beaver Island

before.

Thirty-four happy tikes took part in the 45-minute Christmas celebration, which included a K-4 Choir of 24, who sang out; they all knew all the words. Stage fright was rarely an issue. The next number featured eight students playing recorders. On a blustery night the concert made for a perfect pre-Christmas evening.





CHRISTMAS LIGHTS IN ST. JAMES



ON THIS DATE

11.

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* feted the Island basketball team, which was 10-1 in coach Greg Cary's 15th year.

Deb Roberts became northern Michigan's first National Board certified teacher.

The year-end Deputy's wrap-up showed that in the previous 12 months there had been 29 felony complaints and no arrests, 95 misdemeanor complaints and 5 arrests, and 29 juvenile complaints with 15 taken into custody. The Island's dogs almost did better, with 35 complaints and 16 impoundments.

A poem written by Jack Spanhak for Jerry LaFreniere's roast was reprinted, which ended

*Each picture's worth a thousand words for families to treasure/
To share his wealth with one and all,*

*it is his greatest pleasure/
A man who loves his fellow men as*

*few do far or near/
This selfless giant of a man, please*

toast: Jerry LaFreniere.

Ken Cerny and Fred Haubold found a mysterious 8' hunk of curved metal, and traced it to Gordy Heika, who had been looking for a missing plow blade for three days.

The Eager Beaver car wash, laundry, and storage facility arrived.

Peaine Township voted to help fund an ice-skating rink in Peaine Park behind the Town Hall.

The *Beacon* reprinted a story of an earlier (1968) snowmobile crossing to Cross Village in dangerous and numbing weather by Archie and Alvin LaFreniere, Walt Wojan, Perry Crawford (who owned the Erin Motel), and Phil Gregg on three machines. With no visibility they frequently checked their compass until they could see White Shoals Light. From there they headed for Waugoshance Point, with the wind blowing up more snow. They had to cross the recent path of the *Mackinaw*, which had frozen over in the form of jagged cakes. At one point Archie's machine quit and could not be restarted so was abandoned. They made it after dark, and learned they would be given two more machines to take back to the Island. They lost a runner, but found it and tied it into place.

Twenty Years Ago Funds finally came through to put the Island Deputy

on a full-time basis, thanks to the Charlevoix County Commission. Not that the Deputy only had to work part time; Jim Owens put in 933 unpaid hours the previous year—many during times that should have paid extra. The Deputy is still on call 24/7, but has never said "They don't pay me enough to answer this call." Arrests gradually climbed from 4 each in '82, '83, and '84 to 10 in '85, and 14 in '86. They skyrocketed after Owens took over to 45 in '88 and 60 in '89.

Kevin White, Joddy Croswhite, and Sheri Timsak joined a Grand Rapids band, the Mystics, to provide the entertainment at the Christmas Eve Ball, which brought in \$3,000 for the Med Center. New Year's Eve began with an Open House at the Greggs, hosted by Lil and Phil and Joyce and Harry Bartels; 110 people stopped in. Following that there was a dance at the Parish Hall, with music by Ed Palmer, Danny Gillespie, Dudley Stevens, Cindy Gillespie, and Rich Scripps.

A letter defended the moving of the Iron Ore Bay road at the behest of the County Road Commission, which had found it difficult to repair after it was washed out by high water in '86, which also undermined much of the beach roadbed. The CCRC had only owned a 10' right-of-way, which it traded for a 66'-wide path behind the dunes, where a safe road was built. The letter also lauded the voters for having purchased 21 acres with 574' of frontage flanking Iron Ore Bay Creek—for \$48,500.

A limerick by Dave Gladish read,
*I heard you can sleep if you make
A list of what keeps you awake.*

*Well, by half-past two
I was only half through.*

So maybe that was a mistake.

Thirty Years Ago There was no January 1981 issue.

Forty Years Ago The Game Club was planning to spend time cutting to improve the deer habitat in the hope of strengthening the declining herd. Ice fishing on the Harbor and at Barney's Lake was not a success. Rabbits, though, were plentiful.

Six car loads of singers made the rounds for Christmas caroling, ending with a hot chocolate and cookie party at the Circle M. *continued on page 12.*

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On This Date, continued from page 11.

Colleen and Bud Martin's first-born was delivered at the Med Center.

Fifteen teen-age kids started the "Beaver Island Flying Club under the leadership of licensed instructor Bill Welke. Dan Gillespie was chosen president, Frank Solle vice-president, Jim Wojan treasurer, and Audrey Wojan secretary. Dues were set at 25¢/week, with the goal of every member soloing.

The former McDonough's "Cloud Nine" cabins at Vesty's Creek were reduced in number when the one nearest the East Side Drive burned to the ground.

The Civic Association elected Bill Welke as president, Jerry LaFreniere as vice-president, Lil Gregg as secretary, and Marge Wagner as treasurer. Alvin LaFreniere was made Game Club chairman, and Loy Malloy *Beacon* chairman.



The Venus

For thirteen straight days heavy snow prevented all flying.

Archie LaFreniere's cat Tom, which always took off before Christmas but returned from the wild before New Year's, stayed out for an extra two weeks. "Either the coyotes had Tom cornered or he found himself a big crop of mice," Archie said.

As a public service the *Beacon* published all 124 phone numbers.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Elizabeth Gallagher in Green Bay, WI. She had been born here in 1887 but moved with her family in 1925. Two of her surviving sisters were Dominican Nuns.

Fifty Years Ago Rabbit hunters were out in the fields despite the cold weather and 11" of snow.

Two identical piglets were raised for a year on two greatly different diets. Lawrence and Wini McDonough raised theirs on milk, but Archie LaFreniere and Bert McDonough across the street raised theirs on beer sloshed at the

Shamrock. They were each weighed at slaughter, and the milk-fed pig was the winner, 256 pounds to 252. But Archie and Bert claimed theirs had the better taste. The *Beacon* suggested a compromise: raising one on malted milk.

The north side of the harbor had enough ice for frequent skating parties, but the south side was open. The *Emerald Isle I* made its last trip on 12-30 and took to its winter berth in Charlevoix.

Albert Lewis's home was saved from destruction by the volunteer fire department, whose men were kept going by hot coffee continuously served by Lil Gregg.

The state's Game Division announced it would try again to establish turkeys here by bringing a flock of 20; half would be set free at Bonner's Bluff, the rest at Greene's Lake.

The St. James Episcopalians were planning to build a new church in the spring to replace the old building on Freesoil Avenue.

The Civic Association was planning a "Beaver Island Workshop" with business owners, CMU reps, and a Conservation Department contingent. The intention would be to come up with ways to attract more tourists by improving hunting and fishing. George VanBuren was elected as Civic president, former president Archie LaFreniere as vice-president, Burdeñe Stromberg as secretary, and Lil Gregg as treasurer.

HAIKU FOR YOU

Haiku has been referred to as "crystallized meditation," but the interrelationship is more complex. It comes from a deep focus, but it also induces further rumination. With a little patience each of the instances below easily expands into one's own memories.

night winds slam into
sleep, howl as seasons rotate;
scatter leaves of thought

shimmering night sky;
aurora borealis
streams incandescent

branches scrub the sky,
snowflakes falling clean bleak hills
home fires beckon

—Phyllis Kayne

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of the cut-over area has been left with a layer of chip mulch, and in a few short years should become a meadow glow-

LIBRARY NEWS

The end of the year and the beginning of a whole new one means it's time to check backpacks, behind the sofa cushions, and under the bed for any books/videos/recorded books you may have forgotten to return so 2011 can start with a clean slate.

New additions to our books are in the New York Times Bestseller lists and include such titles as: *Cross Fire* by

James Patterson; *The Confession* by John Grisham; *Fall of Giants* by Ken Follett in the fiction category. Some of the nonfiction titles on our shelves are: *Decision Points* by George W. Bush; *The Autobiography of Mark Twain*, Volume I by Mark Twain; *Cleopatra* by Stacy Schiff; and *My Dad Says* by Justin Halpern. How about a newly released video? We have *Shrek Forever*

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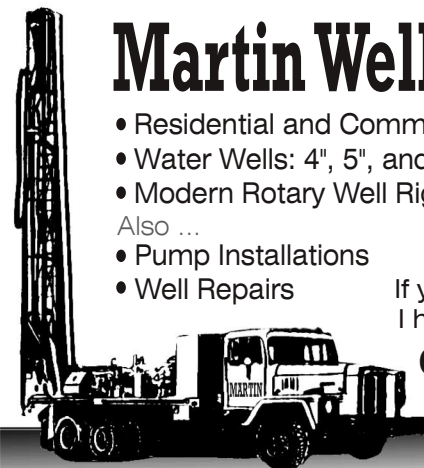
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ing with flowers. Pilots should enjoy seeing the exact contours of the terrain in the new clearing, but the coyotes that

run the swamp west of the clear-cut are not ready to give it their complete approval—even though they've

already worn in their new north/south paths and found the echoes of their yowls sufficiently spine tingling.

faxing information is only \$1.00 to send and a quarter to receive. Using the library is less expensive than buying all that equipment, and using the computers, software, and internet is free.

In this economy, it's always nice to be able to save some money, so rather than spend it, stop in and read your favorite magazines: *Woman's Day*, *Time*, *Family Circle*, *Woodsman*, *Newsweek*,

New Yorker, *Good Housekeeping*, *Ireland of the Welcomes*; and *National Geographic*. We also subscribe to several children's magazines: *National Geographic Kids*, *Ranger Rick*, *Zoobooks*, and *Your Big Backyard*. All totaled we subscribe to more than 50 publications. Stop in and spend an hour or two catching up on current and past issues. We also have newspapers available to you

such as *The Grand Rapids Press*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Beaver Beacon*, *NorthernIslander*, *Charlevoix Courier* and *Petoskey News Review*.

The library is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from noon until 5:00 pm and on Wednesday from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm. We are closed on Sunday. The drop box is always available.

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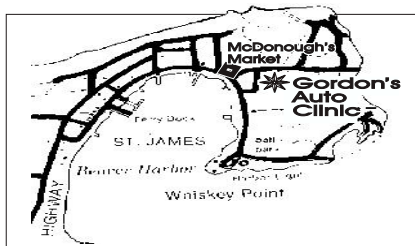
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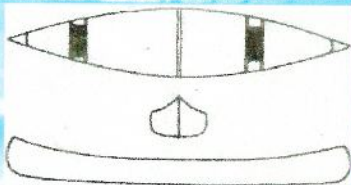
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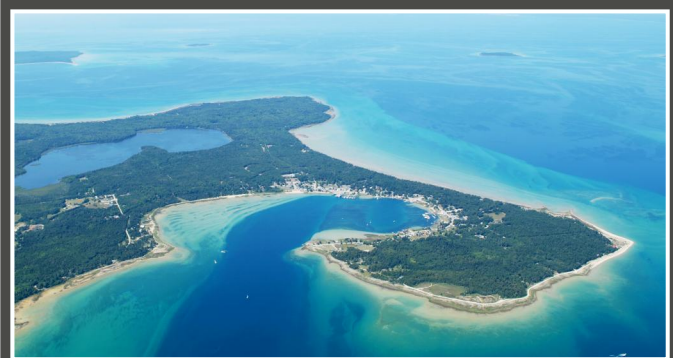
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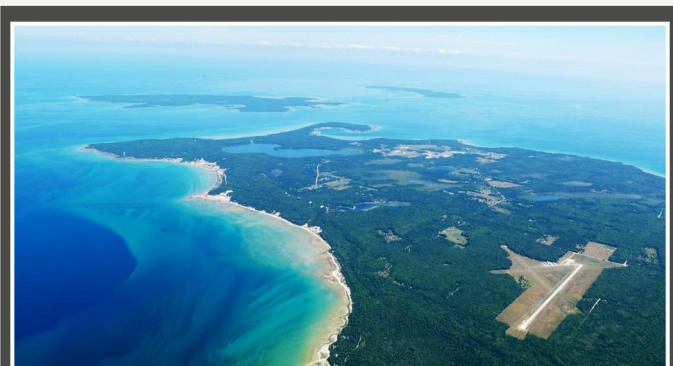
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An unusual land protection opportunity recently arose for the Little Traverse Conservancy on Beaver Island.

Protection began in 1993, when a 500-acre private property on the Island (bought from Fred Annand) was given a conservation easement. The terms of the easement allowed for 20-acre splits that included one building envelope each along the Lake Michigan shore.

So when one 20-acre parcel became available for purchase, the Conservancy decided to take action. Through a donation from the J.A. Woollam Foundation as well as gifts from anonymous donors, the 20 acres with 700 feet of Lake Michigan shoreline were purchased.

"This parcel is full of ecological diversity and will be protected to ensure that it stays just as it is," said Ty Ratliff, land protection specialist with the Conservancy. Researchers from Kalamazoo College and CMU have explored the property and documented 53 plant species. There are also historic resources, such as a foundation and old

orchard. At one time there was a N/S trail near the beach.

LTC's Little Sand Bay Preserve is located one mile north of the newly purchased land along the same stretch of shoreline. Because Little Sand Bay is so close and easily accessible for visitors, the Conservancy has no plans to promote access or recreation on the new preserve.

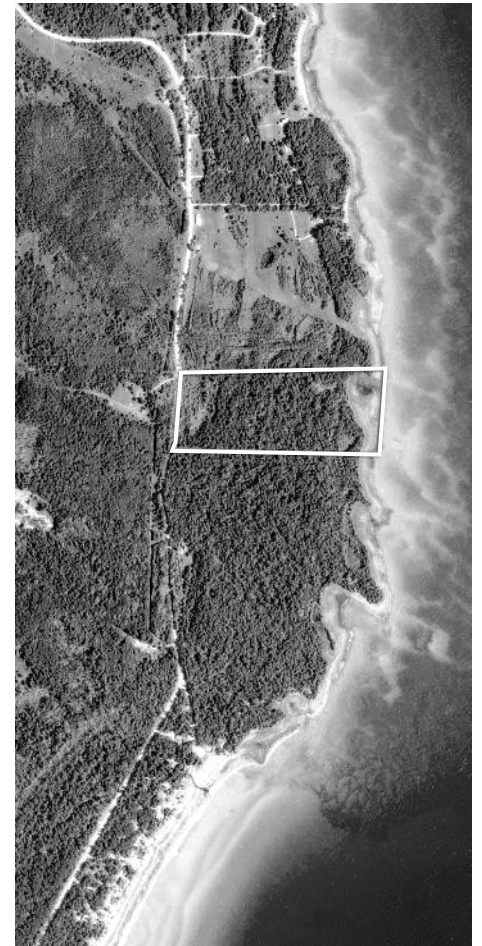
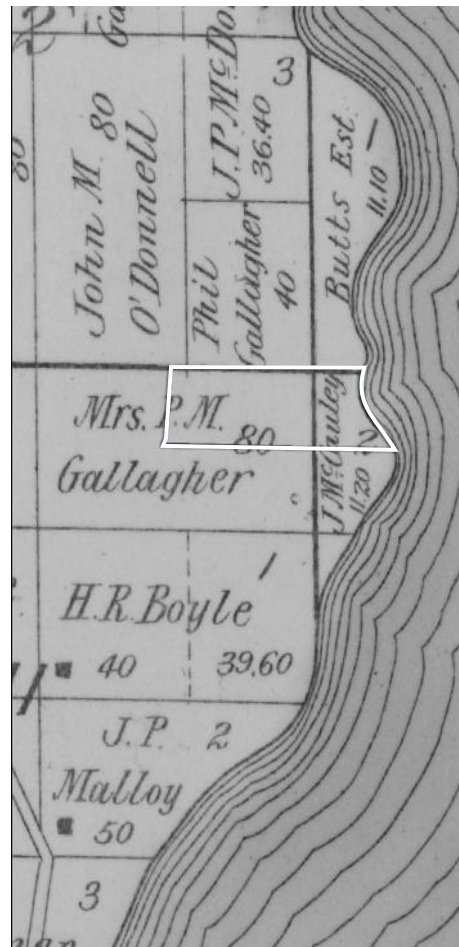
The Conservancy would like to thank Beaver Island realtor, Ed Wojan, who once again donated most of his commission to the project.

"My office staff and I were happy to be able to help close the sale of this lakefront parcel to the LTC," Wojan said. "We feel it benefits our whole Beaver Island community and even our business to have land preserved — especially lake frontage. These preserves allow use by inland property owners. Inland acreage parcel and lot owners have value added to their property with the increased attractiveness through access points they can use. A longer-term view of the benefits to all of us involves thinking

of our grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

Since 1972, the Little Traverse Conservancy has been working as the oldest regional, non-profit land trust in Michigan. With the support of more than 4,100 members, the Little Traverse Conservancy works with private landowners and units of local government to permanently protect ecologically significant and scenic lands from development. Since it was founded, more than 40,400 acres and 105 miles of shoreline along our region's lakes, rivers, and streams have been set aside to remain in their natural state within Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Emmet, Mackinac, and Chippewa counties.

In addition, more than 6,000 young people participate in a Conservancy environmental education outing every year. For more information about the Little Traverse Conservancy and land protection options for your land, please contact their office at 231.347.0991 or visit www.landtrust.org.



18. FOUNDATIONS

A few days ago, a friend was experiencing what resulted in major heart conditions on the Island.

It was on a weekend when most businesses were not available, and people were walking, and taking in the Graces that the Island provides.

After 3 days of feeling poorly, we decided to take George in to receive an assessment of his health, and called The Health Center to see if we could gain access to medical assistance, and upon explaining his symptoms, decided to bring him in.

Upon arriving, the Health Center immediately took George into an examination room to form preliminary diagnosis for his conditions.

There was no waiting in an Emergency Room, and paperwork and insurance verification were simply put aside until his diagnosis was determined. As critical observation & diagnosis increased, we suddenly were surrounded by 10 people on the spot to aid in any way possible.

George left by ambulance, then by airplane, taking him to Petoskey almost immediately, to the best IC care facility possible, and his life was saved. Thanks to everyone extending hands of friendship & compassion immediately, putting aside their own needs.

This was my first time visiting the Island, and I thank God that there is truly a place like this in a troubled economy, where the foundations of Faith & individual needs are placed in such high regard.

— Fred, Sean, Debby, David, Jason Nikki,
Rob, Nancy, Billy, Jeff, Fritz, Peter

PRETTY IN PINK

People flying over the Graves Saw Mill on Sloptown and seeing all the stacks of lumber strewn over the snow-covered terrain frequently ask, whatever happened to Bob? Well he's alive and well in Shingleton in the U. P., making wooden snowshoes—the company he bought three years ago is the last one doing this.

Recently they designed a "Think Pink" model in honor of the fight against breast cancer; \$20 from each purchase is donated to the effort. Get them from [facebook.com/snowshoes](https://www.facebook.com/snowshoes).

SNOW —Charlie Donaldson

Dear good pilgrim.

So many struggles:
The truck won't start
The electric line goes down in the wind
The stomach flu keeps you in bed.

A conspiracy of ambushes, it seems,
And then, quite unexpectedly, there's another: snow.

You step off the stoop,
Unsuspecting
And it slaps you hard
On the face,
Like your angry spinster aunt.

You brush the car,
Eliciting a big white invasion:
Snow-melt trickling into your glove,
Down your collar, around your ankles.

Now late and irritated,
An unhappy person,
You take the 45° turn on Mrs. Redding's Trail too quick.
Suddenly there's that old dizzying sickness,
As your car loses touch with the earth,
Enters the malaise of free fall
Coming to rest
In a plot of small trees and memorials to other poor drivers.

You start to shovel your way out,
(Hoping no one will drive by to tell the story)
The front wheels first,
Then what's really stuck, the trying underbelly.
Now sweating,
Cold little Amazons run down your back.

Finally, mostly done,
You stop to rest.
You lean against the old dented red shovel.
You look up, suddenly everything's different.
You've stood in places like these before but you have forgotten.
White, so much white, white in the distance until it's a blur.
Lines in snow, contours across the fields,
Trees, branches tufted in snow.

You struggle to get yourself shoveling again
But the snow's transfixed you by now,
Miles of it painted in Glidden's best bright white.
And it's at this moment,

You, dear good pilgrim, realize that
You're here, off the road, by the field, leaning against the old shovel,
Riveted by the wild expanse of white
To fall in love again.

You loved it as a kid,
"Mom says there's no school!" "Get the sled, we'll go down the hill!"
"Hey, Walter, build a fort with me."
Now here you are, so many years later, and here it is to love once more.

Oh you giver of snow,
Snow in our faces, snow under tires,
Snow, white: the color of clean and fresh and new.
Snow, unlike the rest of our lives, sparkling and unsoiled.
Bright, you bring us to life again.
Awake pilgrims now we are, sending out our gratuities wide and far.





ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

21.

from Joyce Bartels

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

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 5, 1911 **Local News:** "The tug *Violet*, which stranded on the point west of this port lately broke up and went to pieces last Friday. An effort will be made in the Spring to get her boiler and engine."

"The tug *Margaret McCann*, which is making the mail trips between St. James and Charlevoix, left the Island Tuesday morning, but, with the south-west sea that was running, she iced herself so badly, that she returned. As we go to press, Beaver harbor is entirely frozen over and the tug can not get out. Northerly winds and a rise in temperature will probably open up communications again, but it is uncertain. There is no ice in sight in Lake Michigan in this port."

"Emmet Gallagher, able seaman, late of the battleship *Vermont*, made this office a call, Tuesday, on his way to St. James to visit relatives. The young man who enlisted in the navy four years ago as an apprentice, is a nephew of Mrs. Capt. M. J. Bonner, of St. James. Emmet was one of the tars who went around the

world with the battleship fleet. After a good visit on the Island, he will re-enlist. He speaks in the Highest terms of the service, and he certainly looks good in navy blue." (Note: 4 - 5 *Fierce blizzard*; 5, *First 0 degrees*; 10, *Pelletier in the woods*; 16, *6am Dr. Th. Graham died*. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 18, 1911 **Gentlemen of the Jury:** "Joseph A. O'Donnell, Peaine Township; Charles Roddy, St. James Township.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 19, 1911 **Page one article:**

THE FISHERIES

"What the Work of the Fishermen Represents as an Industry – The Hazard and the Increment

Very few people realize the extent and importance of the fisheries industry in Charlevoix. We hear the boats go out in the early morning, laden with dry nets and then come into port in the afternoon with their catches, but our knowledge is limited to these daily incidents of

navigation. In the calm spring and summer months we look upon the fisherman's life as a pastime, but there is another story to tell when the November and December gales rage, and the boats breast the storms, going or coming, with their chief possessions down fathoms deep in the blue waters, perhaps to be torn to shreds. When old Boreas is kind the fishermen prosper, but they may lose their all in a day, to say nothing of the danger to life.

But, as a local industry, it looms large. Charlevoix is the headquarters of the Booth Fisheries Co. For a territory which takes in the fisheries at Charlevoix, Beaver Island, Cheboygan, Mackinaw, Detour, Naubinway, Manistique, Alpena, Northport, Leland, Frankfort and Waukegan, Ill. The figures given below only represent the catches at Charlevoix and Beaver Island. In Charlevoix alone there are employed 75 men, but one-third of the catch given is from the Island, which are handled and shipped at this port. The catch of the Booth Co. for the year ending December 31st *continued on page 23.*

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION'S GOOD WORK

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation saw an increase in assets in 2010, as the generosity that has characterized the community since the foundation began in 1992 continued.

In spite of continued challenges in the economy, nearly 1,100 people made a charitable contribution to the foundation, with overall gifts totaling more than \$1 million. Many others stepped up too, by making special donations to ensure that sufficient revenues were available for grantmaking. As a result, the Foundation was able to distribute more than \$900,000 in support of the area's outstanding nonprofit agencies and other worthwhile causes. In addition, the Foundation also provided more than \$148,000 in scholarships to deserving local students.

Some of the grants help programs that benefit children and young people, while others address pressing environmental or health needs. Programs that meet the most urgent needs – purchasing warm clothes, covering the cost of emer-

gencies and supplying area food pantries – received special attention again this year.

This was a year of change for the Foundation too, as the retirement of Bob Tambellini, who served so admirably as the only president after 18 years of leadership, led to an extensive search to find a new CEO. That search stayed close to home, identifying a familiar face, the former superintendent of East Jordan Public Schools, Chip Hansen, as the Foundation's new president.

"In so many ways, 2010 was a transition year for us," Hansen explained. "We were able to use our resources wisely, while still being able to respond to the needs in our community." Because the Foundation's assets are permanently endowed and carefully managed for the long term, the organization generated earnings, even as the market continued to experience ups and downs. "Our endowed funds are a major advantage," Hansen said, adding, "they're there in good times and bad to improve the qual-

ity of life in our community.

"Our asset base of more than \$20.2 million provides a significant pool of charitable capital to serve Charlevoix County," Hansen says, adding that consistent support has allowed the Foundation to grant more than \$11 million since 1992. "It's rare for communities of our size to have so many resources available to them, and that's a tribute to the generous nature and goodwill of so many people who call Charlevoix County home."

More information about the Community Foundation is available in its annual report, which was distributed in early December. It summarizes the organization's highlights and invites those who are able to make a tax-deductible, year-end gift. Anyone wishing a copy may call the foundation office, (231) 536-2440. A full report of the year's activities, as well as information about grants, gifts, donors, funds, and financials, is available on the Foundation website, at www.c3f.org.



One Hundred Years Ago, from page 21. in tons was as follows: Trout, 217; Whitefish, 120; chubs, 144; jumbo white, 5 menominees, 5 sucker, 31; perch 120. A few pike and herring make the total of the stock handled in Charlevoix 597 tons. The total of the stock handled by the Booth Co. Is its territory, given about was 1930 tons.

The Robert Beutel Co., which operates, here, handled 200 tons of fish of all kinds, about one-third of which came from Beaver Island. This company has an agent at the Island, and at both points are freezers. In the cold storage rooms of both concerns are now stored many tons of fish that will be shipped this winter.

The fisherman are by no means idle when the active fishing season closes. All about the harbor and at the homes they are busy mending old nets or preparing new ones for the next spring's start of the boats."

Charlevoix Sentinel
Thursday, January 19, 1911
Page one article:

THE ST. JAMES TUG
McCANN MAKES A MAIL
TRIP UNDER DIFFICULTIES

"The St James Tug Margaret McCann carrying the mail between here and the Island, has had a good taste of winter navigation lately. She came over Saturday and left Sunday morning with a lively south-east gale behind her. Arriving at the

Island Capt. McCann found the harbor blocked with ice. He managed to make a lee in the north channel, where he laid all night, the wind blowing so fiercely that the anchor would not hold. Monday morning he reached a point about a mile off the harbor, where passengers, mail and some freight were unloaded and taken ashore. Getting the mail aboard, she started out for Charlevoix again at four o'clock Monday afternoon, arriving at seven. She returned to the Island Tuesday, the southwester of Monday night having cleared Beaver Harbor of ice. This is the last trip.

Capt. McCann reports that it was one of the most strenuous pieces of navigation he ever undertook. The tug was in continual danger from ice and a fierce gale. The men suffered severely from cold, and had very little to eat, and got no sleep for twenty-four hours. Fuel got low and was conveyed to the tug on the ice.

While at anchor the tug had out sixty-five fathoms of chain, in deep water, but it was not able to hold her up against the gale. During the afternoon and night she navigated the east coast of the Island from Sand Bay to the north channel in her effort to get around the ice and into the harbor.

Capt. McCann is one of the ablest and most courageous tug men in these parts, but he surrenders the mail carrying business to the ponies for the remainder of this winter."

Local News: "The Booth Co.'s big gasoline fishing boat *Arbutus* is installing a new 60 horse power engine."

Charlevoix Sentinel
Thursday, January 26, 1911

Local News: "As we close these columns Wednesday noon, the tug Parmelee has reached St. James with the mail encountering very little ice and landing at the point. She had considerable freight both ways. The remains of the late Dr. Graham were brought over for shipment to Grand Rapids. There is no ice in sight from this port or St. James except that in the harbor."



STARGAZING ON WHISKEY POINT

When a representative old-time Beaver Islander saw the picture of Johnny Andy's house, above, he remarked, "Well, we always knew Beaver Island was the center of the universe. Now we have the proof."

The picture was taken a few days after Christmas and accomplished by mounting a camera on a tripod and shooting 100 shots, each of 30-seconds

duration. Each white arc is the path of a particular star over the 50 minutes of combined exposure. Some are brighter than others, reflecting the target star's radiance or distance. The captured star trails from such a brief lapse of time are fascinating, and make one ponder the motion of everything around.

Of the hundred shots making up this composite, some were lightened

from the headlights of the cars circling the loop at the end of Michigan Avenue. It was surprising how many there were (one every fifteen minutes). The glow to the house itself, though, is due to the light from a single street-light, which supports the old saying (about which many have wondered as to its meaning), "Not bright enough? You just didn't look long enough."



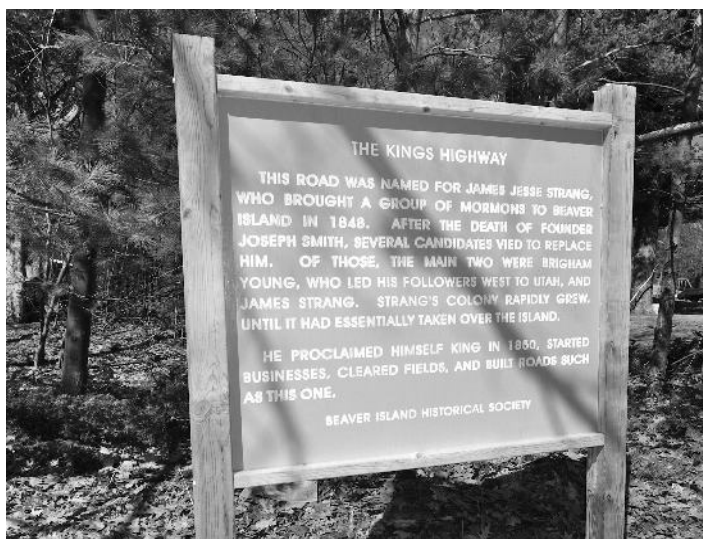
BEAVER ISLAND'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fifty-five years ago a couple of summer tourists started the Historical Society to provide another attraction to help Beaver Island's floundering economy. Their initial plan was to sensationalize the exploits of King Strang, whose followers had been run off after he was shot a century earlier. They did not anticipate

how fast their start-up would grow, and how it would add an important dimension to the appreciation of the Island for residents and visitors alike.

The first volunteers to conduct a scavenger hunt for artifacts to put in the planned museum were surprised by how little interest there was in propagating Strang's legacy compared to the strong

sentiment for honoring the waves of Irish, mainly immigrants, which followed the Mormon expulsion. But the old-timers remembered and passed along the stories of their parents and grandparents about early Island life, in which great difficulties were counterbalanced by an awareness of the special endowment the Island provided. The early lead-



ers of the Society quickly adjusted their scope to incorporate this material.

Throughout the 20th Century the Society struggled forward. It paid off the costs of acquiring the old Print Shop and opening a museum, which gradually expanded its hours. It acquired the Protar Home, the Protar Tomb, the Engineer's Cross, the Martin Net Shed, and a

99-year lease on property across from where the Library would be built, where it agreed to erect a Heritage Park. A barn-raising work bee saw the construction of a Roger-Sommer-designed large storage building here in the early 1980s.

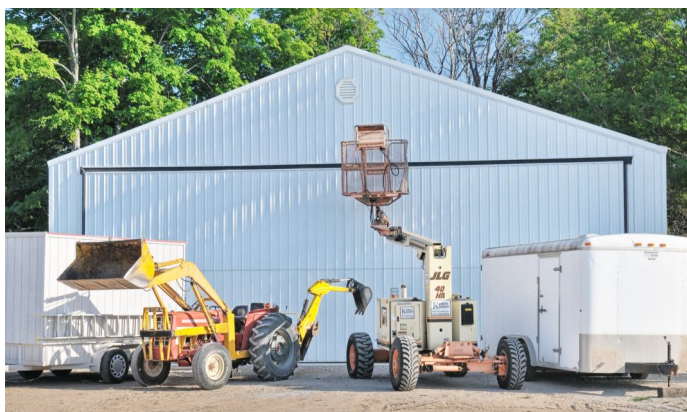
Some artifacts were withheld by their suspicious owners, but many more were donated and catalogued. Soon the

Print Shop Museum was full to overflowing, and a decision was made to move the nautical material to a second site. To this end the Martin net shed was spruced up, given ramps, and turned into the Marine Museum.

As information came in, membership grew past two hundred. Books were issued—the *Journal of Beaver Island*

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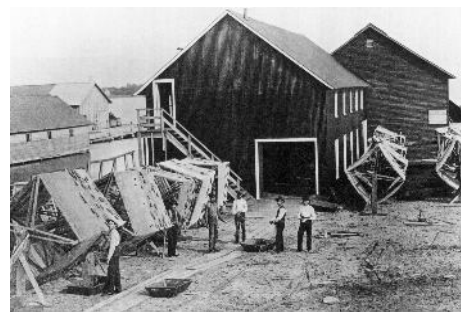


History volumes, *Child of the Sea*, the first *Beaver Island Cookbook*, and a compilation of names in the Island cemeteries. Old photographs were accepted and put in an archive. A system of docents was inaugurated to staff the museums, allowing them to further expand their hours. Volunteers interviewed some of the old-timers and recorded what they said. The Society's nine Trustees began to take a more hands-on approach.

Everything was on the upswing.

Then the clock struck 21, and things really took off!

Like other Island infrastructure organizations, the Historical Society greatly benefitted from a heightened community self-awareness and interest in the 21st Century. It had been voted a quarter mil a few years earlier, and this allowed it to not only make plans but also enact them. A \$5,000 donation from judge David Wilson was used to create an Endowment Fund, which has now grown past



ten times that amount. Another \$5,000 from Joe O'Donnell—along with several other significant donations—gave its General Fund a real boost.

The Society set out to repair its buildings. Mice were getting into the Heritage Park barn, so the holes were searched out and closed. The caulking at the Protar Home turned brittle and began to decompose, so it was replaced with an expensive but promising new high-tech product. A new gate was built for the

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Tomb—by the Fremont Middle School, which visits every year.

There were severe problems with the Martin net shed. First the foundation had to be jacked up and supported with extra beams on extra posts on extra pads. Emmett Martin and Rob Kenwabikise shimmied into the shallow crawl space, their faces wrapped in bandanas to keep from breathing the fine black silt the job sent airborne. Then the shed's rafters had to be jacked up to take the sag out of the



roof and the bow out of the north wall—Tom Turner took this on. Then the roof was given new cedar shingles by Tony Connaghan.

Similar problems were addressed at the Print Shop. The floor was jacked and shimmed. Holes in the attic were plugged to keep out the bats. The deck was straightened. Red Rowley gave the main roof a metal cover. Windows were replaced. The back roof was redone by Mike and Joe Weede. The south wall got

new siding boards—some 22" wide, donated by Bob Graves from his special collection. John Runberg replaced the rear handicap ramp.

At the Marine Museum the *Bob S* gill net tug was showing signs of extreme weathering. To protect it Ernie Martin built a 24' x 64' roof—paid for by a grant from the Grand Traverse Band. Then the Society got lucky when master machinist Karl Bartels took on the restoration of its Kahlenberg engine; a year



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later a hole was cut in the new roof so the spit-shined engine could be set back in its cradle by Robert Gillespie's crane.

Other volunteers worked on the tug—Phil Gregg, Barry Pischner, Joey McDonough, and Ed McCauley, the 75-year-old craftsman who drove here from Arizona to rebuild its rub rail with cement. Tony Connaghan designed and built sliding doors to protect the tug's

stern. Outdoor work was also done at the Heritage Park, where free-standing roofs were built for new exhibits—the Island's first power source, its last thresher, and an early tilt-wheel road grader. Part of the original railroad grade was reestablished by Galen Bartels and Rich Gillespie. Denny Keehn cut forty cedar ties for relaying the track.

While this work was being done

outside, other projects were getting underway inside. The 26 docents were reorganized by Joyce Bartels into an almost self-sustaining system (no one can quit until they find their replacement). Displays were changed, improved, and in several cases rotated. The entire interior of the Marine Museum was redesigned—a project helped by several volunteers, including

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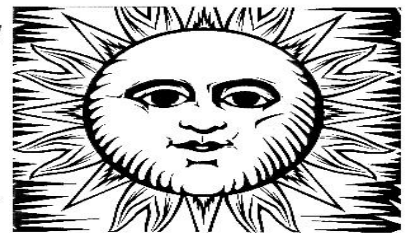
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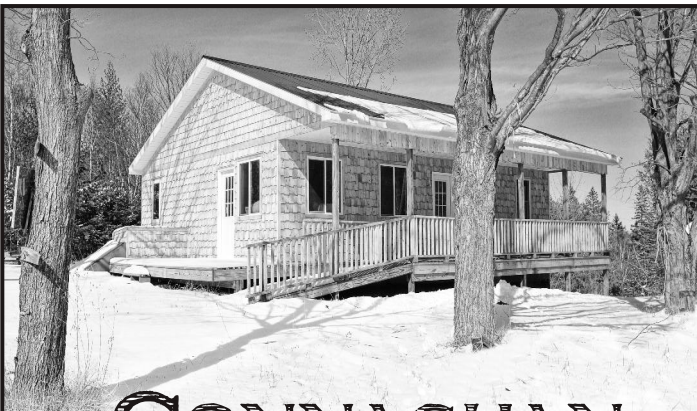
groups from CMU. In her spare time Joyce also organized and catalogued several file cabinets stuffed with information on paper—letters, diary extracts, and articles from various publications.

The archive of old photographs was organized and expanded; it grew by 1,300 in the past two years alone. The digitization of this treasure has been going on for the past three summers,

using upgraded computer equipment purchased by the Society. Its publication program also continues to grow, with four new books appearing in the last three years: John Crouse's excellent *A Brief History*, Antje Price's definitive study of Protar, *A Different Life*, the book based on Jerry LaFreniere's extensive photo collection, *A Beaver Island Scrapbook*, and Native American histo-

rian George Anthony's groundbreaking *The Elders Speak*.

This first decade of the new century has seen the Historical Society concentrate on oral history, recording on film many interviews, both on and off the Island. There are now over 250 recordings in the archive, many of which have been transcribed. Thanks to new donations and grants, work is just getting



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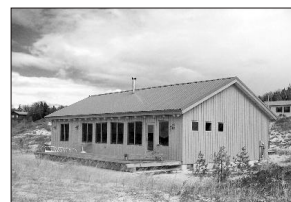
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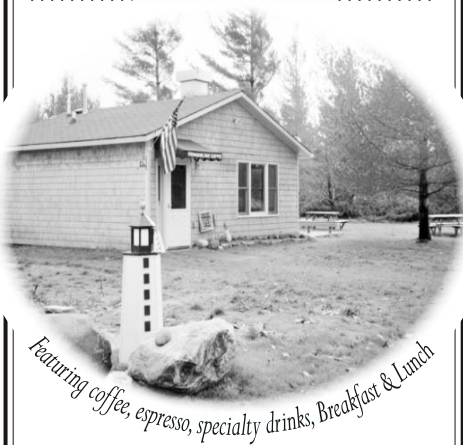
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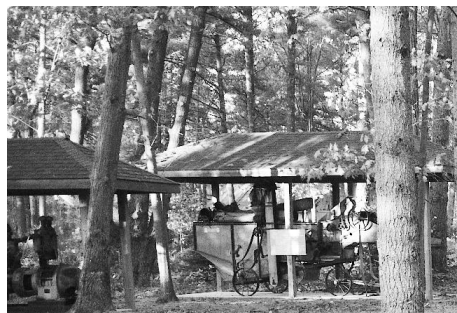
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underway on digitizing these recordings, which will allow them to be copied onto DVDs in their entirety or edited into components so stories about a particular subject can be grouped together.

The Society's policy is to give copies of all its information to interested parties, most of whom respond with a small (or large) donation. Another offering has been genealogical information, collected and organized for the Society by Ann and Jim Sunkes over the past ten years. If someone can't tell one Dan Boyle from another or is unsure which James Gallagher was Katy's third son, this is the place to come.

To publicize its programs the Society sponsors a week of interesting events each July. Known collectively as Museum Week, they include music, lectures, Q & A sessions, Nature Walks, presentations of unusual experiences (such as underwater dives), a Pet Show, a three-day Art Show, games, prizes, and tours. Typically 75 people are involved in the week's staging. During the decade the Society's membership has grown to the mid-300s. Every spring it conducts a membership drive.



Then there are the newsletters.

The Society also caters to school groups from around the state, with several coming year after year. It places signs on historic sites. Its several books are regularly reprinted—*Volume 1* is in its sixth edition. The preliminary work for additional publications is underway.

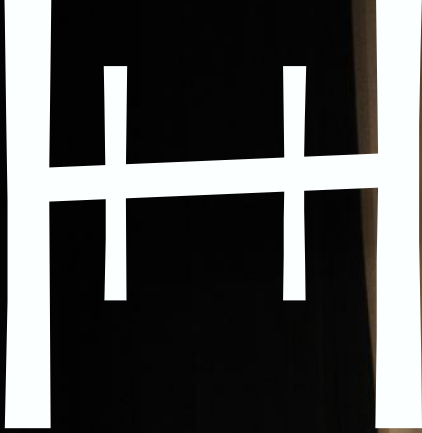
Much of its effort goes into planning for the future. The Society hopes to improve the Protar Home, the Heritage Park, and the Marine Museum, but its most far-reaching aspiration is to build a large addition to the Print Shop Museum. Architects have been hired and preliminary sketches approved. Additional land to accommodate this has been purchased, and large-scale fund-raising will soon begin.

The Society hopes its continuing efforts will benefit the Island's economy, as well as please its many friends, by expanding one of the features which constitute its appealing mystique.

Because it has taken on so much it is always open to help of any kind from any quarter, and hopes it will be as prolific in the new century's second decade as it was in the first.







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How Old is your Man?

MAN's AGE	DOG's AGE
10 Years	6 Months
13 Years	8 Months
14 Years	10 Months
15 Years	12 Months
20 Years	18 Months
24 Years	2 Years
32 Years	4 Years
40 Years	6 Years
48 Years	8 Years
56 Years	10 Years
64 Years	12 Years
72 Years	14 Years
80 Years	16 Years
88 Years	18 Years
96 Years	20 Years
100 Years	21 Years





IT'S TO LAUGH!

They could not stop laughing. Filing out, the happy audience exchanged comments about their favorite sketch. Some favored the one in which “Ed Palmer” gave old-time directions to the Protar Home: “Go down to where the big oak used to stand, and turn there or else you'll get caught in traffic because the *Islander's* coming in. Then go past McCafferty's Motel—of course it ain't McCafferty's any more. Head out the King's road—you'll probably see Connie on her bike, but keep goin'....” Others favored the Antiques Roadshow send-up, or the antics of Julia Child.

But they all agreed: the Beaver Island Comedy Group reached a new plateau of professionalism with its recent performances of *Holiday Hilarity II*, two hours of alternating live skits and video snatches. The troupe has benefitted from its previous accolades, becoming more self-confident and extending its reach. Elaine West, Lisa Gillespie, Wendy White, Joan LaFreniere, Phil Becker, Jeff Powers, and Pat Nugent demonstrated their talent on stage, and sisters Jan Day and Maryanna Phillipsen filmed a piece while on vacation and sent it in.

The variety of characters it pre-

sented was quite broad, yet all were representative of types found here. The troupe's nuances, gestures, and facial expressions were apt and well-timed. Saturday's full house at the Community Center roared throughout the two hours, and afterwards toasted the writers for having captured Beaver Island's idiosyncrasies to a T.

Yet the multiple suggestions of taking this show on the road and eventually to the Big Apple would probably not work; without prior experience of Beaver Island, New Yorkers would be unlikely to grasp why these sketches were so funny.



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The heart of the winter
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The days they be short
The nights will drag on
As old man winter
Sings his solemn song

Though we are anxious
And impatiently we wait
Through ice and the winter
Our annual fate

When the parties are over
And the holidays are gone
The heart of the winter
Creeps slowly along...

—Dawn George

NORTHERN LIGHTS ALL-LEAGUE TEAMS

The Northern Lights League is proud to announce its All-league Soccer and Volleyball teams for the fall 2010 season. Members of the Northern Lights League are among the smallest K-12 schools in the State: the Beaver Island *Islanders*, Grand Marais *Polar Bears*, Hannahville *Soaring Eagles*, Mackinac Island *Lakers*, Maplewood Baptist *Black Bears*, Munising Baptist *Bobcats*, Ojibwe *Eagles*, and Paradise *Rockets*.

Final NLL Standings in Soccer: 1st Place: Grand Marais and Hannahville-Co-Champs; 3rd Place: **Beaver Island**; 4th Place: Paradise; 5th Place: Mackinac Island; 6th Place: Munising Baptist.

Final NLL Standings in Volleyball: 1st Place: Mackinac Island; 2nd place: **Beaver Island** and Paradise; 4th Place: Maplewood Baptist; 5th Place: Hannahville and Munising Baptist; 7th Place: Ojibwe.

The following athletes were selected as the 1st and 2nd All-League Northern Lights League teams. The All-League teams are selected by all coaches from each of the Northern Lights League schools.

Northern Lights All-league 1st Team:

Allen Archambeau (Paradise)
Jenna Battle (Beaver Island)
Tallen Boda (Hannahville)

Doug Campbell (Beaver Island)
Fourwinds Charginghawk (Hannahville)
Taren Halfaday (Hannahville)
Leroy Ward-Harbaum (Grand Marais)
Emily Tufnell-MacArthur (Munising Baptist)
Jake Rivera (Grand Marais)
Jesse Ross (Grand Marais)
Seth Williams (Hannahville)

Northern Lights All-league 2nd Team:

Collin Armstrong (Mackinac Island)
Jordan Atwood (Paradise)
Rachel Bodak (Grand Marais)

Gus Connaghan (Beaver Island)
Todd Fridline (Mackinac Island)
Taylor Hopkins (Mackinac Island)
Amy Kerst (Munising Baptist)
Dominik Kinlaw (Grand Marais)
Austin Ruddle (Mackinac Island)
Alyssa Sagataw (Hannahville)
Alec Wandahsega (Hannahville)
Jake Weaver (Paradise)

All-League Volleyball Players: Northern Lights All-League 1st Team:

Jenna Battle (Beaver Island)
Morgan Brodeur Bunker (Mackinac Island)
Marie Bunker (Mackinac Island)
Olivia Cary (Beaver Island)
Maggie Chambers (Mackinac Island)
Brontae Lemmink (Beaver Island)
Calah Marsh (Paradise)

Volleyball All-league 2nd Team

Janie Atwood (Paradise)
Madison Drozdowski (Paradise)
Jaylyn LaFlamme (Munising Baptist)
Alyssa Sagataw (Hannahville)
Kenzie Williams (Maplewood Baptist)
Shelby Williams (Maplewood Baptist)

An aerial photograph of a small town covered in snow. A large, faint cross is visible in the background, centered behind the silhouettes of people. The town features various houses, streets, and a body of water with a dock and a boat.

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to reader Lynne
Nicolen for the fol-
lowing information:

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might like to know
who the previous
inside cover pic-
ture was (at right):
Captain Charles J.
Allers aboard his
sail boat, the *Lynne
Marie*. This boat
was originally a
Coast Guard surf boat which he restored
and converted. It was taken on West



Grand Traverse
Bay, in Traverse
City, MI. I'm not
sure the exact date
this was taken but
the boat was
named after me
and we have an
original.

He built sev-
eral other boats on
his property on the
north side of the
Harbor, sometimes

with Gus Mielke. Maybe this will be use-
ful to someone. Thanks, Lynne Nicolen

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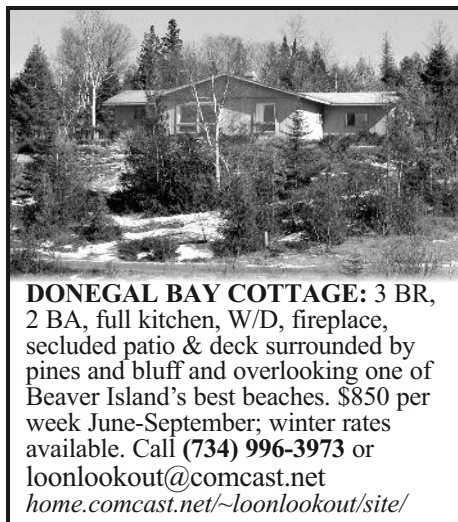


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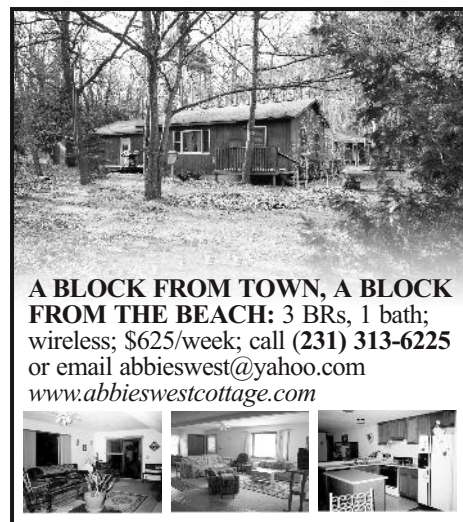
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DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dana.luscombe@gmail.com

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



ISLAND AERIE: Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bath, 4 BR; sleeps 12 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/wk, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 560-8639 www.islandaerie.net . Jan@islandaerie.net



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.

THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. Four bedrooms, three with double beds and one 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.

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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.

Please call (231) 448-2235 for reservations or more details.

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.

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
RENT YOUR COTTAGE MORE with an ad and help the *Beacon* too. (231) 448-2476 or ads@beaverbeacon.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.

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**BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT:**

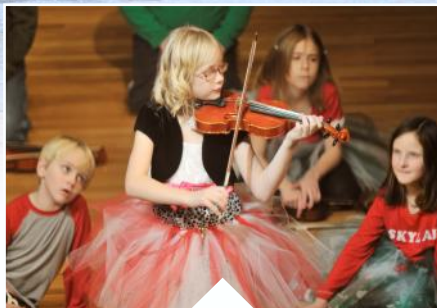
Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1½ baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (941) 921-2233 or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



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 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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