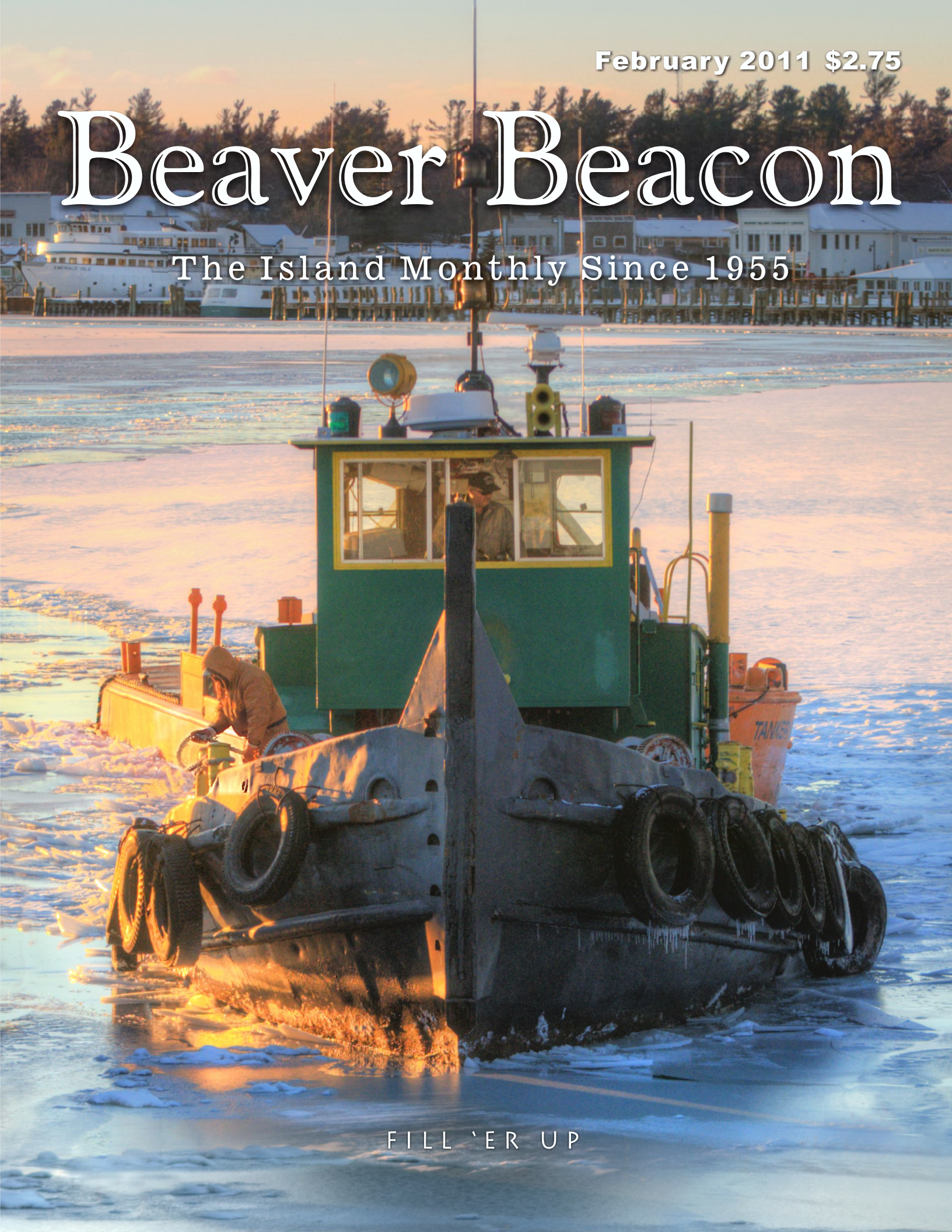


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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

The supervisor reported that the auditor of the Township's books found no problems, and determined that generally accepted accounting procedures had been followed.

He also responded to FoIA requests for direct communication between the Board and the DNR, the DNRE, or NREC regarding establishing Beaver Island as a Biodiversity Stewardship Area by saying nothing had been found.

The Department of Interior accepted the ownership change of the Whiskey Point Light regarding the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association's involvement to reflect that GLLKA is only a partner in the *restoration* of the Light, which is solely owned by St. James Township.

The mediation agreement on the property acquisition at the west end of the Municipal Airport, which had been reached between the owners and the Airport Committee, was not sufficient to end the conflict and allow the BIAC to move forward, because the Michigan Department of Transportation had reservations and was unwilling to fund it. A joint meeting with both townships, the MDOT, and the two attorneys trying to negotiate a settlement, was to be scheduled.

The Township adopted a resolution specifying the procedures for members of the public to examine and copy tax records.

### Peaine Township

At the onset of the Township meeting a letter was read questioning whether the joint township Airport Operating Agreement and Rules of Pro-

cedure had to have been published and whether or not the \$500 charge had been authorized in advance. After much discussion it was agreed that while publishing it was not mandatory it was a good idea, the price was reasonable, and although it had been agreed to in advance by St. James, better procedures for this should be adopted.

The Waste Management Committee by-laws were approved with the change requested by St. James, to allow members to serve three consecutive terms. A new insurance carrier would result in a savings of ~\$2,500/year.

The retroactive audit was finished, and the chipper payments properly accounted for. The auditor has recommended an approach to the monthly financial reports which will conform to the latest standards, and it will be implemented.

LoDico and Kubic reported on their meeting with St. James representatives regarding the possible sharing of ownership in the current DNR harbor property if the swap for Whiskey Island goes through, saying it offered no benefit to St. James. St. James owns several attributes (the bike path; the Gull Harbor natural area, and the Harbor Park, for example) which Peaine residents are free to use at no charge. Doug Tilly pointed out that even though Peaine had paid half of the \$40,000 maintenance costs over the last 20+ years, it had no equity; that was simply the cost of providing lodging, which had been agreed to with the Sheriff as necessary to get a full-time deputy, and it was cheaper than simply renting a different house would have been.

The letter Peaine wrote to the DNR





expressing its interest in this property was brought up. A Board member raised the question of withdrawing it but the Supervisor thought the matter should be carefully considered and taken up at the next meeting. However audience members thought the presence of the letter in the DNR file might throw a monkey wrench into the swap, and urged its immediate retraction. The Board voted to send a letter to the DNR, which it will review, saying Peaine is satisfied with the swap as proposed by St. James and urging the DNR to move forward.

Kubic and LoDico also reported that St. James has no plans to install a public launch site on the harbor portion of the land it hopes to acquire because of the difficult grade and the cost. If this begins to seem feasible in the future Peaine might then become involved.

The matter of FoIA requests filed for communications regarding the establishment of a BSA on Beaver Island became rancorous, with the Supervisor accused of unnecessary delays. There was a fear that promoting a biodiversity designation could adversely affect deer hunting. The Supervisor pointed out that the FoIA requests had been for all communications between NREC members (17) and Board members of either Township and any member of the DNR or the MUCC over a six-month period, without reference to subject. Because of the broad scope of this request the Township's FoIA Officer had asked the Township's attorney for guidance.

#### What is a BSA?

The Biodiversity Stewardship Area (BSA) designation informs landowners

who have property within BSA boundaries of the importance of their land to conservation of Michigan's biological heritage. On the portions of BSAs for which the DNRE is responsible, it is committed to emphasizing conservation of Michigan's biological heritage through its management, with a focus on restoring and maintaining the ecosystems that exist or have the potential to exist within the BSAs. Non-DNRE lands within BSAs are equally important to Michigan's biological heritage, but it is up to individual landowners to determine if and how they will use that information. The DNRE hopes the designation will lead to partnerships that help conserve Michigan's unique biological heritage. *(from the DNRE)*

#### The BI Airport Commission

After a one week weather delay the Airport Commission met to continue its organizing. It approved a job description and level of remuneration (\$20/hour) for its recording secretary, and agreed to rent a small office at the Government Center as a place to store and study its records (\$90/month). It developed a method for reviewing and paying bills, listened to suggestions from a former manager about problems that should be solved, and raised its liability insurance to the two-million-dollar range—needed in the absence of an Airport Authority (raising the premium by \$500 to \$2,768).

To prepare for its next budget in late March it assigned the various categories to Commission members for them to review, analyze, and recommend target numbers for the coming twelve months.

Nels LaFreniere Sr. (standing)  
unknown  
Ed Pratt (standing)  
Ben O'Donnell  
unknown  
John Ward  
Frank Stafford  
unknown  
Tom Gallagher (seated, mustache)  
unknown  
George Siscoe  
unknown  
Loyal Gibbons  
Nels LaFreniere Jr.  
Albert Biggie

#### Islanders working at the mill, 1908 *left to right (more or less):*

George Parsell  
Captain Forrest Pratt  
Fred Sendenburg  
unknown  
unknown  
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Anthony O'Donnell (seated)  
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## 6. HAPPY TAILS FROM BCAR

by Lynda Zblewski

When Maggie Holmes and Julie Cheek arrived for kennel duty one September morning what they saw confused them at first. There was a leash tied around the kennel railing and a large amount of dog food dumped on the ground.

Upon closer examination they saw the other end of the leash was out of sight under the stairway. Attached to it was one of the most frightened dogs they had ever seen. Both Julie and Maggie have adopted rescue dogs that are skittish so they were the perfect duo to coax the small dog out of what he perceived as a safe haven.

When they finally got him into the kennel office, their first good look at him alarmed them. He had a large wound on the back of his leg, a fresh wound on the inside of his leg, and a significant wound that was healing on his back. He was a small Carolina Dog mix and he was young, probably not even a year old.

Because of the concern over the number of wounds, Dr. Habermann's office was called, and he agreed to see him immediately. It was determined that the wounds were puncture-wounds, and most likely caused by

large animal bites. When they removed the scab on his back they found a large hole that was beginning to abscess. The little guy was a mess.

He was named "Logan," and after a couple of days at Dr. Habermann's he was deemed well enough to return to the BCAR kennel. Logan was very frightened of the big dogs which were residing in the kennel at the time, so he was given the puppy yard to himself, where he could slowly get acclimated to the kennel environment.

Volunteers made a point of coming to the kennel to spend time with Logan. He was what we refer to as a "love sponge." He "soaked up" every bit of attention and wanted more.

Adam Wirth was at the beginning of a one-month stay in Big Canoe while he worked on a job for a resident. Adam's home is Beaver Island, Michigan, an island that is 54-square miles and is located approximately 30 miles from the coast of Upper Michigan. It has a population of approximately 650 full-timers, though summer months bring many tourists.

One particular day he was leaving the Big Canoe garbage and recycling area when he spotted a BCAR volunteer walking Logan with another dog. He

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couldn't get over what a cute and happy dog he was. It made him a little homesick as he had two dogs that had been left at home with his wife Dawn.

Apparently, Adam could not get Logan out of his mind. He decided to visit him at the kennel and found out what the rest of us already knew—Logan was wonderful. The visits continued, but Adam's time at Big Canoe was drawing to a close and then the trip back to Michigan would begin.

He thought about it and finally decided that he would miss Logan too much if he didn't fill out an application for adoption. He went to the kennel to make his desires known when, to his horror, he found out Logan had been taken to PetSmart for adoption days. After a frantic trip to the PetSmart where the team had set up for the day, he was relieved to find out that no one else had yet applied for "his" dog.

After the adoption took place, Logan happily settled in alongside Adam for the ride to his new forever home. It did not take him long to get comfortable with his two new canine siblings and the four felines that were already there. And what's not to love about a home situated on five acres near Lake Michigan?

Unfortunately in the past year there has been a change in their lives. Adam and Dawn have divorced and Dawn is no longer a part of Logan's life. According to Dawn, Logan and Adam are "inseparable" so it was important to her that Adam and Logan stay together. Divorce is a harsh reality in today's world, but this couple decided that their split would cause as little disruption to their pets' lives as possible.

Adam had only glowing things to say about his "boy" Logan. They sleep in the same bed and like to hang out together. Logan will do anything to please Adam.

Adam is such an animal lover he started the Beaver Island Animal Fund a number of years ago. This fund helps pay the cost of medical treatment for pets of people on Beaver Island who cannot afford it. The fund helps with spay and neuter as well as vaccinations. Three years ago Adam also spearheaded a drive to control the feral cat population. Progress is slow, but it is being made.

If you'd like to find out more about their efforts, visit the Beaver Island Animal Fund Facebook Page. It will come as no surprise—Logan is the star of the home page!

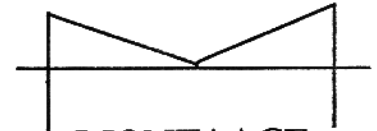


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I hate you, winter wind, as you come across the lake,  
 When you blow straight through the windows.  
 I hate you when you wrestle huge trees out of the ground  
 And, as their fingers splinter, pin them across my drive.  
 I hate you, wind, when my pretty house trembles,  
 And so, a nervous soul, do I.

I came to our Isle for quiet  
 Thinking I'd settle down for some calm.  
 But for days you come off the lake, unrepenting,  
 Not for my sanity, not for my sake.  
 I watch you whip snow into a small tornado  
 Like a dervish you whirl it around into a dance—  
 But this is dance of the devil, I think,  
 And for a second or two we can see,  
 The malevolent fiend you must really be.

Someday, wind, you will invade my house,  
 Whacking down a tree that shatters windows and gouges my roof.  
 You will blast my home like a bomb in war.  
 Though I'll put a thick blue tarp over the hole,  
 The damage will be done.  
 You'll have filched my security, stolen my home.

Wind, you come in many postures and poses,  
 Puffs, zephyrs, breezes, wafts, and gusts.  
 In her ornate apartment, my long-ago lover,  
 Intuitive and gentle, she'd raise a finger  
 To her mouth and say, Shhh, shhh.  
 Listen, listen to the wind.  
 I'd listen, but I now know she liked a waft or a breeze,  
 Not the gusts off the lake that make me quake.

I do admit it, wind can be gentle and kind,  
 And there's much else on our sweet island to mind,  
 But wind, when you get a rage and blow up a storm  
 Do me a favor and go some other damn place:  
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## DESTINATION PARADISE BAY A MEMORABLE SAIL INTO PARADISE BAY

by Larry Hansz

In just a few months the ice will be gone, the breeze mild, and the days will be longer. In the dead of winter a sailor looks ahead to the next cruising season, and behind, remembering the sails of the past. Let me take you on one sail into Paradise Bay which is very memorable for us, funny, and even a little bit gross (like "I can't believe they did that!").

The mid-summer weather was so nice that we decided to sail to Traverse City for some event which I can't remember. While on the mainland we did the Islander thing and shopped. Meijers was having the end of the season clearance in their garden center. Maureen, being one to always be attracted to a sale like a moth to the porch light, bought six or eight ornamental grasses. These were potted in

12" diameter pots and each four to five feet in height. We put them all the way into one of the unused quarter berths on the boat and braced them in so they would not overturn.

Sailors live much of their life checking the weather and I am no exception. The forecast for the next day's sail north to Beaver Island was for fair weather and increasing winds from the southwest. By late in the day the winds could be gale force (34 to 48 knots or 39 to 54 mph) so I planned to leave Traverse City about 4 a.m. which hopefully would make our arrival in

Paradise Bay about 3 or 4 p.m.

At 4 a.m. I took our two dogs ashore to do their duty and quickly got underway. The breeze was on our port stern quarter and made for a wonderful single tack sail directly toward Beaver Island. When we passed the Grand Traverse Light at the tip of the Leelanau peninsula the wind was a little higher but still very comfortable. It was going to be one our fastest sails to the Island.

Just a few miles south of Beaver the winds were starting to hit about 25 knots with the seas about five feet. The wind was still with us but steering was becoming





12. more work. However, within a half hour we were hugging the Island's east shore right on course in smooth water but still with building winds. About an hour later while rounding the Green1 bell buoy at the mouth of the harbor gusts to 40 knots (46 mph) were seen on the anemometer. This is a lot of wind.

I called Beaver Island Marina on the VHF and Pat said she had rented our slip; it was occupied for the night. This was not surprising as we returned two days earlier than I had told her to expect. As Island boaters know, in a heavy southwest wind it is very rough on the north shore of Paradise Bay so I was not looking forward to getting into the dock anyway. So we anchored for the night on the south side of the bay.

By now the gusts were hitting 50 knots. The anchor was securely set in the beautiful sandy bottom. We had plenty of food and water so we could anchor out for days. However, the dogs needed to go ashore. The inflatable dingy was already blown up but we did not have its outboard motor aboard. So I tried to row the dingy ashore with the dogs. Inflatables do not row well; it is like trying to row a half submerged log. In the 40 to 50 knot winds it was impossible. I was hardly advancing toward shore; in fact, I barely made it back to the anchored boat. The dogs were not going to dry land.

Now it gets a little crazy. Who knows; "happy hour" may have already started, so we started thinking of crazy things. We got out an old piece of carpet and put it on the deck; we had used this before to try to convince the dogs to go on it while aboard. It did not work before and it didn't work this time. They would not go. So I got out the pots of ornamental grasses and put them in

the cockpit, thinking the dogs might go on them. No luck. So I urinated on them thinking the dogs might follow suit. They and Maureen just looked at me like I was stupid. Do not worry; Maureen is capable of stupid things also!

Maureen knew one of our dogs, Sally, an old Boston Terrier, had to poop real bad. So she rummaged through the first aid kit and found some glycerin suppositories. Oh yes suppositories! She cut one in half lengthwise and proceeded to push it into Sally. Sally



was a wonderful sweet dog and would let you do anything, except violate her with a suppository. As soon as Maureen removed her hand Sally shot that suppository out at least two feet. Try again.

Again Sally shot it out like a bullet. She did it again a third time so enough of that. She was just going to have to hold it until morning.

The next morning was another warm and beautiful Beaver Island day but it was still blowing about 30 miles per hour. We started the motor, raised the anchor, and headed for the dock at B.I. Marina. Just as we passed Gillespie's dock our engine quit. We were just two hundred yards off shore and with that much wind we would be in shallow water in a couple minutes. The anchor was still rigged so I went forward to ready it. Maureen, being the good sailor she is, rolled out some of the jib and got the boat moving again toward the east shore.

A little bit of panic and a total lack of communication or coordination between us caused me to drop the anchor just off the marina. By then Maureen had the boat moving nicely. When the anchor grabbed the sailboat about did a 180° turn whipping around so fast I was about thrown overboard. Of course, much yelling and blaming each other ensued. At least we were closer to our dock but not there just yet.

I rowed the dingy to the Beaver Island Marina dock pulling in a 200'-long spare anchor line with the intent of pulling the boat into the dock. Several people had watched our anchor—whiplash episode and volunteered to help. As Maureen eased the anchor from the boat we pulled it safely into a dock. Now the dogs could get to land, but they could not wait. As soon as both set foot on the dock they

let go with everything they had held for about thirty hours. I could not blame them.

So ends another memorable sail to Beaver.

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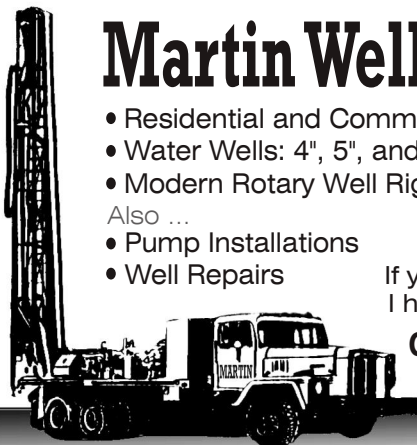
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*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, February 1, 1911 – No Beaver Island related news. (Note: Feb. 1, *Fierce blizzard, drifting snow, 18 degrees, Horses not out of stable. F. Protar*)

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, February 2, 1911 Front page article:

**BIG ISLAND FIRE  
Beaver Island Lumber Co. Mill,  
at St. James, Destroyed by Fire  
SATURDAY EVENING**

The saw-mill at St. James operated by the Beaver Island Lumber Co., was totally destroyed by fire at eight o'clock last Saturday evening.

The first news of a conflagration there came by way of Cross Village. At about 7:30 the telephone operator at Cross Village called up the cable office here and stated that there must be a fire on the Island, as the light could be plainly seen from that point. The cable office at St. James was called up and the information given that the mill was burning. From the bluff and from the north side the light could be distinctly seen. Above a low fog-bank the sky was lurid for an hour. Had the atmosphere

been clear the flames could doubtless have been seen from this city.

The origin of the fire is unknown, except that it started in the filing room. There was a watchman in the building, but he did not know that the mill was on fire until a boy went inside and told him. There was no wind, and the flames confined themselves to the mill. It is understood that the property was fully insured.

The company owning and operating the business is composed of W. E. Stephens, of St. James, president, and Gus Kitlinger, of Manistee, secretary and treasurer. The concern has a logging railroad between the mill and the timber – a distance of about fifteen miles, and lumbering is now being prosecuted in one large camp and several jobbing contracts. Besides lumber they manufactured shingles extensively. It is understood that they have three years cut yet on the Island and on some of the adjoining islands, which will probably warrant the rebuilding of the mill."

**Local News:** "It is stated on good authority that Rock Island (Ill) parties are thinking seriously of establishing a

summer hotel on Beaver Island at St. James."

"The tug *Parmalee* left Wednesday morning of this week to St. James on a mail trip, but returned at 10 o'clock having encountered ice that made it impossible to get through. It is doubtful if another effort will be made."

"The tug *Parmalee*, which returned from Beaver Island last Wednesday evening, brought over four tons of perch. Three tons more were there Tuesday awaiting shipment."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, February 8, 1911 – No Beaver Island related news.

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, February 9, 1911 **Casual Observations – Local and Otherwise:** "Our Beaver Island Friends are just now enjoying their annual period of seclusion. The American-Canadian reciprocity treaty does not suspend perch fishing through the ice, neither does Osborn and the Senate distract their thoughts from the Cross Village mail route."

**Local News:** "Mail started out from St. James last Thursday afternoon, with the intention of leaving the east end of Garden Island

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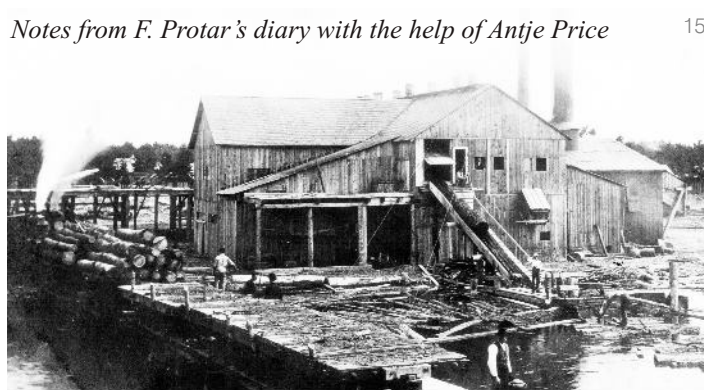
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Friday morning. But Friday noon found the carriers back at St. James, having seen plenty of water to the northeast of Garden Island. It is expected that another start will be made soon. The Beaver Island mail has been sent north from Charlevoix. Later – The mail started out again from St. James early Tuesday morning but returned from Garden Island a second time.” (Note: Feb. 13/14, Fierce blizzard, 30 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 15, 1911 Front page article:

**Mail to Fox Islands  
Will have Bi-weekly service  
after July 1, 1911**

“Assistant Superintendent of the Rail Mail Service McGuiness was in the city Saturday and established a steamboat route to the Fox Islands. Service is to be bi-weekly from May 1 to October 31, to commence July 1, 1911. Roy Ranger secured the contract.

This is a matter of considerable importance to this city as it will bring the future trade of the Fox Islands to

point. J. O. Plank owns a large part of the island and is busily engaged in developing it as a summer resort.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 16, 1911 Local News: “The first mail to come on the ice from St. James this winter arrived at Cross Village Saturday evening, returning Monday.”

“Ice conditions at this writing seem to give promise of an early opening of navigation. Off this port most of the time this past week the lake has been clear of ice, which is unusual at this time in the winter. To the eastward of Beaver Island there was no water in sight yesterday, and the ice had the appearance of being broken up. The mail carriers, who arrived back at St. James Monday night, reported five miles of thin new ice on the Cross Village side, but they had very little trouble. They went as far north as Plum Island in the trip both ways.”

“Ten former employees of the Beaver Island Lumber Co. thrown out of employment by the recent burning of the mill, crossed on the ice from St. James to Naubinway, on the north shore last Friday.”

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 22, 1911 Front page article:

**STEAMER BEAVER AND CAPTAIN**

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**OF LAKE MICHIGAN'S  
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Article by Special Writer  
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In the little *Beaver*, which has the government contract to carry mails to the Beaver Islands, Charlevoix may boast of one of the sturdiest of Lake Michigan's so-called mosquito fleet.

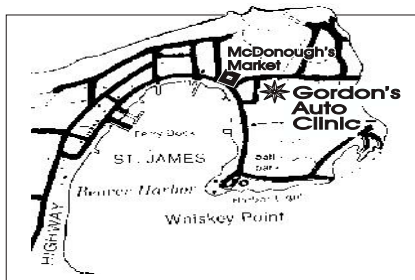
It is nothing uncommon to see the little 100-foot *Beaver* bravely poke its prow out through the Main street draw and start right in to buck the old lake's surges when some of the big steamers are tied up at their docks awaiting more favorable weather. But Capt. P. D. Campbell and the *Beaver* are about as sure a combination to play against Lake Michigan's ugliest moods as any small craft that plows the waters. *continued on page 17.*

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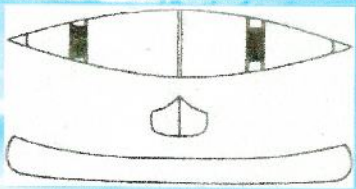
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**One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 15. Campbell commanded the first steamer ever to make regular trips to the Island and he has been at the helm constantly during all the years since the government mail service was inaugurated on this route. Naturally he knows the course and the currents.

He requires no foghorn to tell him the way in thick weather. They say in Charlevoix that he can smell his way from the Island right to the mouth of the channel and that he doubtlessly could bring the *Beaver* right up to the bridge with his eyes blindfolded. You see, Capt. Campbell's long association with the *Beaver* coupled with his perfect knowledge of conditions upon the route he makes almost daily, contributes a factor of safety on this tempestuous little strip of water that no other ship of equal size or commander could guarantee.

The *Beaver* is built for tough service. Its lower deck is enclosed clear aft to within a few feet of the stern and the railing of the upper deck forward is made water tight. There is absolutely nothing upon which a breaking sea can

take hold. The little steamer is very buoyant, rides high and has a world of power for its tonnage. All these features combine to make it an ideal seaboat and one upon which a commander who knows the water may depend upon under the most trying conditions.

The route taken by the *Beaver* includes some of the roughest water in Lake Michigan. It has been said to be a portion of the lake that coincides more with the kind of sea kicked up on the notorious Lake Erie than any other stretch in the great lakes. This is due probably to the comparatively shoal water. The gales from north, west and southwest get a clear sweep and can pile up a wicked sea. On reaching the shoal water the great surges rear themselves high and break, making the hastiest kind of a seaway for a steamer of small tonnage.

And as the *Beaver* has come to something of a tradition among the lake-faring fold for its seagoing qualities, Charlevoix takes a pride in the little steamer and has come to expect that the little vessel is invincible in Lake Michi-

gan's wickedest blows. She has 17. been caught outside in some of the most memorable gales in the last ten years and has had to fight her way in great fields of ice. But she has always come in. Sometimes she was badly battered, but with the mails intact. There never has been an accident since the old *Hackley* began making the run to the Islands.

There is nothing remarkable about the little ship. Its length is 100 feet and beam 20 feet. The engines are of the ordinary fore and aft compound type with cylinders 14 and 28 inches in diameter and 20 inch stroke. It carries a crew of seven or eight men. While primarily it is a mail steamer pure and simple, the *Beaver* forms the only reliable communication with the Islands and a goodly cargo of freight. It always is the last ship to tie up for the season. With anything like an open winter, the *Beaver* will be found in service year around."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, February 23, 1911 No Beaver Island related news. (Note: Feb. 23-25 Slow, steady thaw, 30 - 34 degrees. F. Protar)

## ECONOMIC GROWTH & THE ENVIRONMENT: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES

by Jim Jones and Paul Glendon

*This article recently appeared in the Winter 2011 issue of Island Currents, the newsletter of the Beaver Island Association. For more information about the Association and membership therein, see its ad in this issue of the Beacon.*

Beaver Island's limited economy affords meager year-round work opportunities, so its economic recovery and future growth depend less on summer tourism than on increasing the number of non-summer tourists and permanent Island residents not dependent on the Island for their livelihoods.

More people want to "get back to nature," and Beaver Island could be an ideal place for year-round eco-tourism. The serenity of the Island's natural areas and its timeless small-community social structure have attracted retirees looking for hospitable places to spend their "golden years," and continuation of that trend can and should be encouraged. Another potential source of year-round residential growth is younger people (hopefully with children to more fully populate our new school) who still work but may prefer "virtual employment" at home in an environment less hectic,

friendlier, safer, and more pristine than most urban areas. This would let us tap into a trend in which many companies use virtual employment to cut costs and boost productivity and employee satisfaction in occupations such as sales, consulting, technical service, programming and website development (details at [www.2work-at-home.com/telecommute.shtml](http://www.2work-at-home.com/telecommute.shtml)).

Until recently, lack of rapid Internet service on Beaver Island made most such employment here difficult if not impossible. With DSL now available on most of the Island, *continued on page 18.*

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that problem largely has been solved. However, most jobs require the employee to report to a non-virtual office every so often and others require travel to client sites, and the Island's lack of regular, affordable transportation to anywhere but Charlevoix is another impediment that still exists.

Attracting any significant number of new permanent residents to Beaver Island as a virtual workplace therefore will require development of improved transportation options. Ideally, the Island would have regular flight service to a major airline hub, most likely the Chicago/Milwaukee area. With over ten million residents, it could be a good source for virtual employees (and families) to relocate to Beaver Island. Great Lakes Air already flies to Manistee and Ironwood from Milwaukee. To improve economic development, we believe that establishing such service at least weekly between Beaver Island and Chicago and/or Milwaukee with either or both of our existing air services or another carrier should be a priority for Island leadership.

For retirees, the biggest reservation about permanent residence on Beaver Island may be limited access to a full range of health care. Blessed as we are with the services and care-givers of the BI Rural Health Center, it is a fact of life that advancing age brings more need for emergency and/or specialty services of a major hospital, and getting to one of those quickly from Beaver Island can be difficult or impossible, depending on weather and other uncontrollable factors. Thus it seems another point of emphasis for Island leadership should be to develop a system for faster, more reliable flights to off-Island emergency medical services and more comprehensive on-Island capacity to attend to persons pending such transport.

Island Airways is working toward being designated as an air ambulance service, which requires extensive development of pilot training and airport operation manuals and demonstrated proficiency for pilots and ambulance service personnel. Paul Welke reports that the manuals are written and await FAA approval. He is coordinating this process with Beaver Island EMS, and expects Island Airways to be certified as an air ambulance service in six to

twelve months. This will be an important development, as will the Health Center's pending affiliation with Northern Michigan Hospital. But even when Island Airways is air ambulance certified, Welke notes, it will not be able to guarantee year-round 24/7 medical transport availability given weather, crew, and equipment limitations, so additional work needs to be done.

Potential permanent BI residents are likely to experience the Island first as visitors/tourists. They may be avid hunters, fishers, boaters, hikers, campers, birders, marathoners, golfers, or sunrise/sunset watchers. But those who seriously would consider moving here would be attracted by what they perceive as a safe, friendly, welcoming small-community social environment and serene, pristine and diverse natural environment. Internet advertising may be the most effective way to promote the attractions of Beaver Island to such people, emphasizing both the Island's natural environment and infrastructure. But to be effective the message must include improvements discussed above and capture and promote the full range of BI's natural wonders, which in turn means Island leadership needs to do everything possible to preserve, protect, and promote the rich biodiversity of Beaver Island's forests, bogs, lakes, shoreline and wildlife.

Improving deer hunting is an important part of this, and local wildlife/hunting groups and the township boards have made significant strides in this regard with the Quality Deer Management (QDM) plan. But the deer herd is only one of the Island's natural wonders, and it is unlikely many people would move to Beaver Island just to hunt deer, no matter how magnificent the antlers, so this should be just one part of a whole-system approach to the Island's natural environment.

With this in mind, the BIA recommended that the Michigan DNRE grant Biodiversity Stewardship Area (BSA) status to the whole Island and establish a Wildlife Certification program to collaborate with township government, civic groups, and private property owners to responsibly manage and protect all aspects of our uniquely diverse natural environment. BSA designation is to represent commitment to conserving the state's biological heritage, focusing on

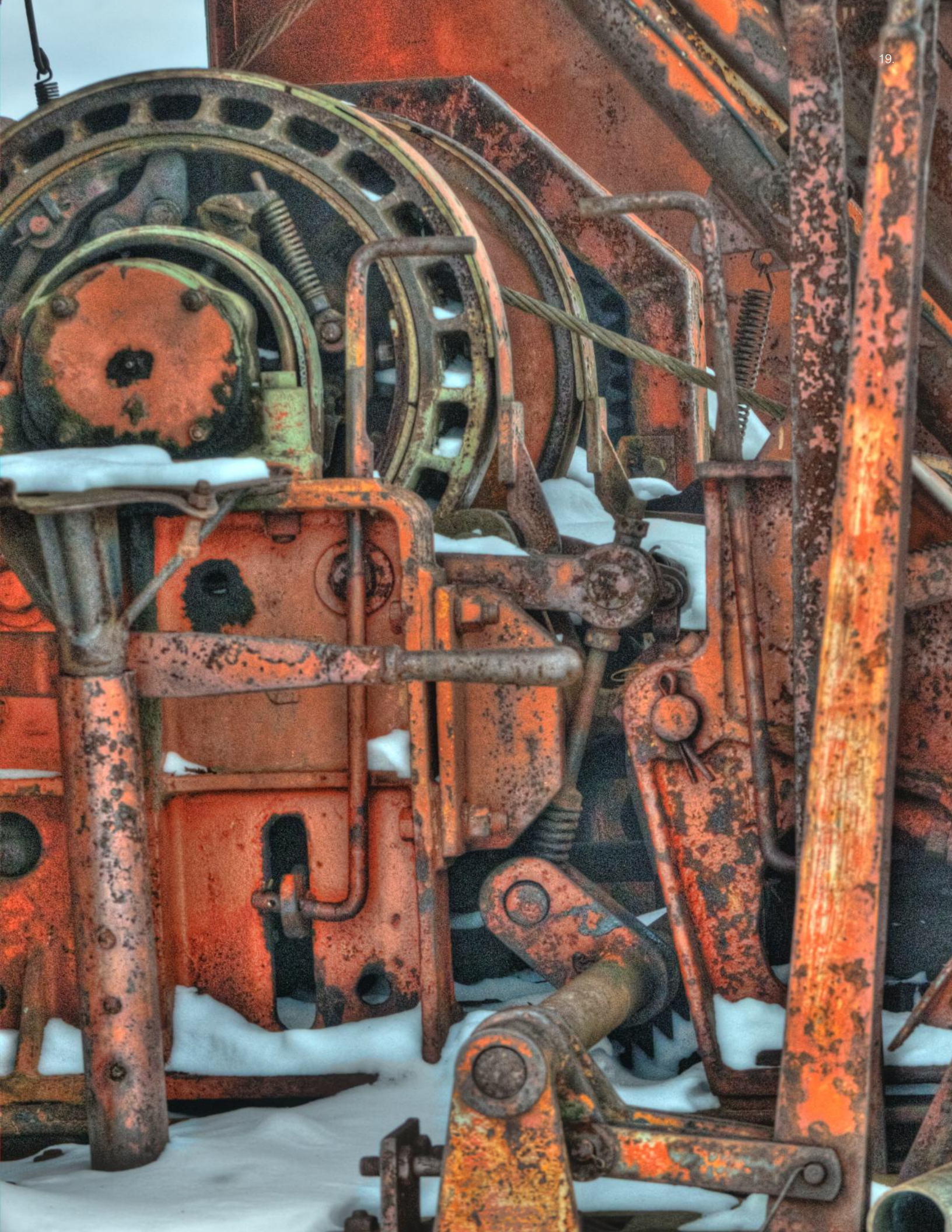
maintenance and restoration of ecosystems within such areas. As such, it seems appropriate for Beaver Island, which is recognized as having some of the best examples of natural communities in the state and being one of the ten most threatened Great Lakes islands in terms of biodiversity.

Beaver Island's shoreline and interior initially were nominated for BSA designation, but the DNRE later indicated the interior could not be so designated because most of those state lands are dedicated for "game management research." Talks with DNRE officials last summer suggested a Wildlife Certification program unique to Beaver Island could accommodate both improved game management and research (a la QDM) and ecosystems protection and research (a la BSA); thus our advocacy for that approach.

It now appears BSA status won't happen, because DNRE Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason recently stated it "cannot be applied to Wildlife Division lands because of their official designation as 'state experimental game areas' [which] requires that management treatment of these lands focuses on the promotion of game species and furbearers, although these treatments would be calibrated to benefit as many other species as practical." But he also reiterated the hope that the DNRE could collaborate with the two townships and local groups in a plan for "coordinated wildlife management across ownerships (public and private)" that "would allow Islanders more opportunity and special privileges to achieve desired wildlife population characteristics" and be "something absolutely unique ... to promote tourism."

We also support development of a comprehensive local plan for conservation, ecotourism, and economic development that incorporates these principles and concerns. The Natural Resources and Ecotourism Commission established by the township boards has made progress on this, but much remains to be done and we will stay involved in those efforts. We ask to hear BIA members' views on these topics, particularly as to proper balance between hunting and broader environmental interests, and we encourage you to make those views known to township trustees and other Island leaders.









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February 19 – **Fresh Air Winter Fest on Lake G.** 12 - 4. Lots of ski flying, food, friends, and games for all ages. (see ad, page 30.)

February 26 – **Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids 45<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Patrick's Celebration** 7 - 12:30 (see page 31.)

March 19 – **St. Patrick's Day Games** on Beaver Island  
April 8 – Deadline for Citizen of the Year **Nominations** (see page 13.)

## SHARED STORIES STRENGTHEN WITH ARRANMORE

A team of students from the United States were on Árainn Mhór in mid January to try and bridge the nearly 3,400 miles and 150 years between the Donegal island and an archaeological dig on its "twin," Beaver Island.

Deb Rotman, professor of archaeology at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, leads a team of students in a dig on Beaver Island, "twinning" with

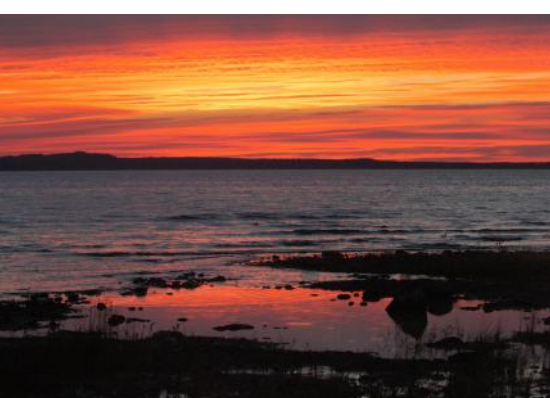
Árainn Mhór in 2000. A monument on Árainn Mhór features a beaver for Beaver Island, an otter representing Árainn Mhór, and a fish to represent the common ground between the two.

The connections between the islands date back to the years after the Great Famine, when families from Árainn Mhór emigrated to Beaver. By 1880 there were an estimated 250+ families with Árainn Mhór connections

on Beaver Island.

Beaver Island sits about 30 miles from the coast and takes a little more than two hours to reach by ferry, far longer than the 20-minute ferry ride that separates Árainn Mhór from the Donegal village of Burtonport, or Ailt an Chorráin.

But Beaver Island was long a center of timber and fishing, and located on a marine trade route, said Notre Dame



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Bonner's Landing



Western Shores



April 30 – **Beaver Island Citizen of the Year Banquet**  
May 29 at 3:00 – **1<sup>st</sup> Annual “Gail’s Walk”** (see page 10.)

June 23 - 25 – **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beaver Island Bike Festival**  
July 14 - 16 – **Beaver Island Music Festival** (see ad, page 16.)

July 17 - 23 – **Museum Week 2011**  
July 24 - 31 – **Baroque on Beaver**  
August 12 - 14 – **Homecoming**  
October 8 – **Bite of Beaver Island**

*by Carolyn Farrar*

student Rhiannon Duke, 21, of Exeter, New Hampshire. “So it was less remote than it may seem,” she said. She was one of three of Deb Rotman’s students who were on Árainn Mhór to talk to islanders about life on the island in the old days—their research will better equip them to analyze the items they have uncovered in their dig. They headed to Dublin next, for further research at the National Folklore Collection at Univer-

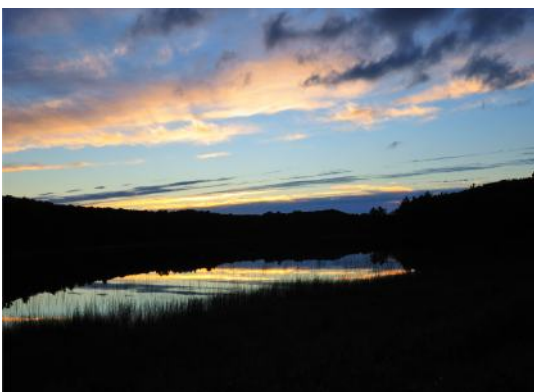
sity College Dublin and the national land valuation office.

In earlier research the students discovered that “there is not a lot written about Arranmore,” said student Bianca Fernandez, 22, of Miami. The Donegal island has “kind of been left off the records,” she said.

The students landed in Dublin and flew to Donegal Airport at Carrickfinn, finishing their journey to Árainn Mhór

by taxi and ferry. They visited the day center to talk to some older residents and others.

Rhiannon said that the people of Beaver Island had a “can-do attitude.” There was the sense that they did not need anyone’s help, a sense of independence that resonated with the residents of Árainn Mhór. Bridget Gallagher recalled islanders making their own creels, and as a child she and



Barney's Lake - McCauley's Point



The Ferry Dock



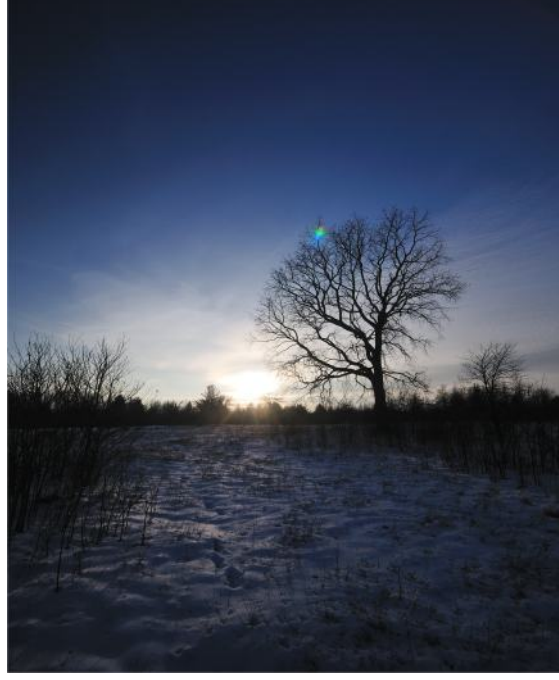




Sunset Corner, Doregal Bay



January 4<sup>th</sup>, when the ice was thin



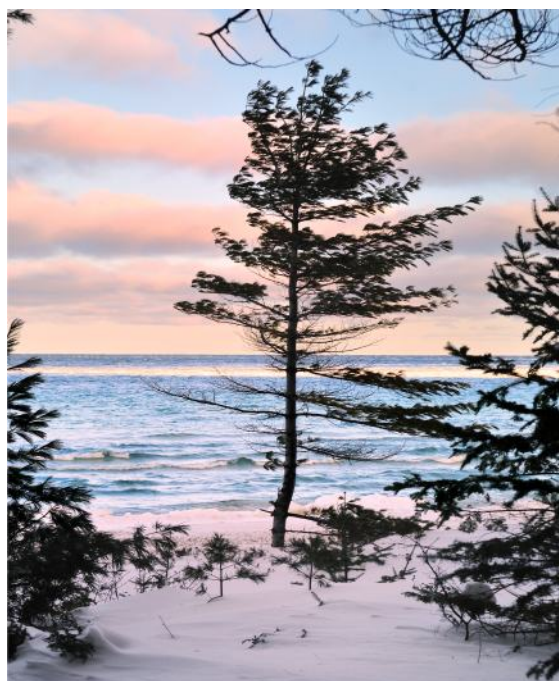
The Shamrock making the last fuel run of the season and the first of 2011



Bill Wagner Campground



The Tug Wendy Anne resting for the winter at the St. James Marine Dock





her contemporaries would bring the donkeys to the bog after school to fill the same creels with turf. Everything was made in the home, and Brigid O'Hara remembered with fondness the "lovely bread, and nice, fresh butter-milk."

There were other things that hit home with the islanders. For example, at the Beaver Island dig the students unearthed pieces of ceramic decorated in a popular 19<sup>th</sup>-century pattern called Blue Willow. They have seen the same pattern on ceramics at heritage sites in Ireland, and Brigid and Bridget both said they had pieces of the ceramic with the same pattern in their homes. "It was a fashionable thing to have in your house," said Notre Dame student Jackie Thomas, age 21, of Scranton, PA.

The Beaver Island Historical Society is an official partner in the project and the researchers' initial dig is at a mid-19<sup>th</sup> century homestead. Deb Rotman said the history of the house "is really a snapshot of the spectrum of the historical occupation of the Island." It was built by Mormons, but lived in by Irish families for 150 years.

The Árainn Mhór men and women told the students of a simpler time, when families gathered at each other's houses for an evening of story-telling, or singing, or dancing, and when travel to the mainland was by yawls or half-deckers instead of ferries. Until electricity and water services came to Árainn Mhór around the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the islanders lived lives very similar to those found on the island decades earlier, and not unlike those on Beaver Island.

"They had the same lifestyle out there as we had here—fishing and cropping," said Charlie Boyle, who looked after the Árainn Mhór light-house until 1996. About five years ago, when some people from Beaver Island visited Árainn Mhór to look up their ancestors, he discovered that a great-aunt of his had emigrated there. The people who arrived were his great-aunt's great-grandchildren.

Charlie was 17 when his father died and he didn't remember hearing of his family's Beaver Island connection, "but maybe at that age I wouldn't be interested," he said. "When people left, that was it," Charlie recalled. It was too expensive to phone home, and "letters

were few and far between."

The connection to Beaver Island was not often discussed on Árainn Mhór until plans to twin the islands were proposed, and Beaver Island resident Bill McDonough was a central figure in that process. The web site for McDonough's Market describes Beaver Island as "America's Emerald Isle."

The students said Bill, who has a holiday house on Árainn Mhór, was devoted to preserving Beaver Island's connections to Donegal. "He loves this place," Bianca said. "He said he tears up when he has to leave."

The students said they understand there are no longer any direct blood ties between the people of the two islands. But there is a Donegal Bay on Beaver Island and other place names that reflect Irish heritage, said Bianca. Donnel Mor's Lane, and Paid een Og Road. "They've made the place Irish," she said. Bianca is studying how places and people influence each other, and was researching townland names on Árainn Mhór.

Jackie is particularly interested in issues of domesticity. She brought such tools as an inclinometer, to measure the pitch of the roof, studied the positions of derelict Árainn Mhór cottages and mapped their rooms.

Bridget Gallagher sketched a floor plan of a traditional cottage for her.

Jackie also learned something she didn't expect. When she was speaking with Bridget, she was asked if she had Irish connections. Jackie said she was related to the Manleys of Mayo. Bridget's cousin Packie Ward was in the company, and the Árainn Mhór cousins are also related to Manleys of Mayo.

"The two of us looked at each other," Bridget said.

"That was really exciting," Jackie said. They are now looking into whether they are related.

Rhiannon had a particular interest in marriage practices, how couples found each other and how their unions were celebrated. Mary Gallagher spoke of a marriage from many, many years ago between a woman in her 30s and a much younger man. The woman first dismissed his proposal because of his age, but "her mother said, 'You won't get a another chance', so she called him back and took him anyway," Mary said.

Practicalities were sometimes a

factor in the past, some said. John 23. O'Hara drew hearty laughter from those around the table when he said, "If you had soft, bog turf you married a woman with big feet." He added later that a man "with a few acres" would be popular. "You could be as homely as I am and get a fine-looking woman," he said, to more laughter.

Islanders told the students about Árainn Mhór's fishing heritage and the history of people emigrating to Scotland and other parts of the UK for work, from tattie-hokers to Tunnel Tigers. In recent years some people have returned to the island, "and it's great to see all the young ones, the couples, coming back home again," said islander Tony Gallagher, former manager of the comharchumann.

The students said they were welcomed warmly when they arrived at Árainn Mhór, and spent their first night at Teach Phil Bán, sitting with session musicians and speaking with local people. The women had not brought songs for the sing-song, but they danced. Jackie described their evening at the pub, trying to recall the dance they learned. It had something to do with a donkey, she said, though she could not recall the name of the dance.

"Did you 'shoe the donkey'?" John O'Hara asked. That's it, Jackie said, smiling. There was affectionate laughter from the islanders around her. There was a lot of laughter and smiles at the day center on Friday as stories were shared around the room.

"It was nice remembering again," Bridget Gallagher said.

The Beaver Island Project: Historical Archaeology of 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Irish America in the Midwest, is documented at the web site, <http://blogs.nd.edu/irishstories>. The site details questions researchers hope to address, and also offers student research into aspects of life, including agricultural labor, domesticity and temperance. The site also allows visitors to post comments.

"We would love for people to share their thoughts," Deb Rotman said.

If there is a story they want to tell, if they want to contribute in some way to the project in terms of their knowledge and history, we would love for them to be involved. We would like this to be a community endeavor, both Beaver Island and Arranmore."



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If only the sun would shine,  
we really crave that glow,  
The only answer is grey sky-  
with Cardinals red in the snow.

— Dawn George

## LETTERS

After *Fifty Years Ago* mentioned the new Episcopal Church last month, a letter was received asking how it had come about.

The answer is that while a number of its members had helped, the effort was directed by Dr. Paul Nelson as a kind of memorial to his parents, who had just passed away. He designed the new building and negotiated with Bellaire Log Homes for the components. He spearheaded the fund-raising drive, and donated a large chunk of money himself.

He also secured the very first donation for the Historical Society's Endowment Fund—from Lorene Adams.

## HAIKU FOR YOU

*Haiku travels well, and serves as a sturdy and spacious framework for the emotions generated by other places. Here are a few examples from Phyllis Kayne's off-season in Florida:*

alligator on  
the bank...sly, pretends to sleep;  
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cry makes me want to offer  
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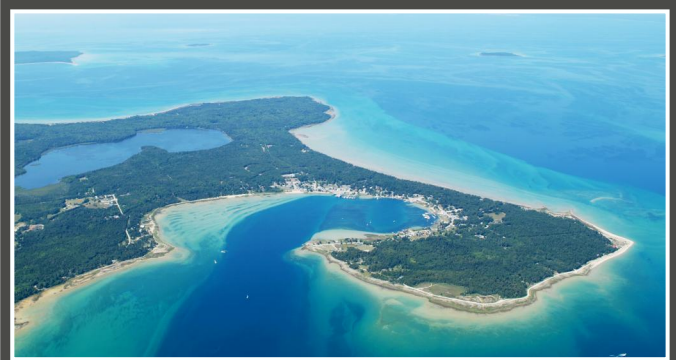
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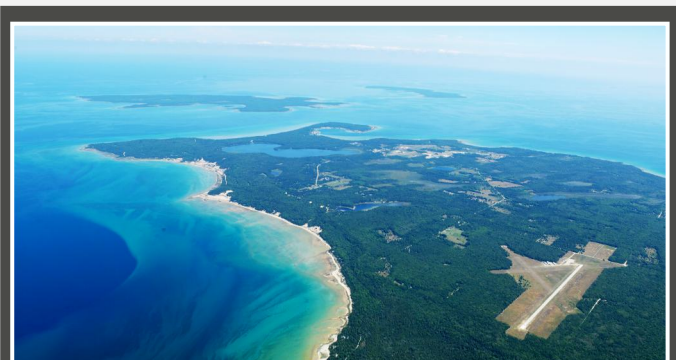
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## 26. INVASIVE SPECIES

by Pam Grassmick

### What is an invasive species?

According to the Center for Invasive Species and Ecosystem Health, "any species, including seeds, spores, or other biological material capable of propagating that species, that is not native to that ecosystem; and whose introduction does or is likely to cause economic or environmental harm or harm to human health."

### Why should Beaver Island be concerned with invasives?

Beaver Island has some of the highest quality natural areas in the State of Michigan and is ranked as one of the most biologically diverse islands in the Great Lakes. Invasive species that are left uncontrolled can change the natural diversity of our islands, the economy, and access to areas. In order to attract visitors and potential home buyers, we have an opportunity to display our archipelago's natural resources in their best invasive-free environment. Forests and plants are altered and displaced along with wildlife, birds, amphibians, and insects.

Right now, there are less than a dozen invasive species on the Island;

some are a bigger problem to our ecosystem than others. The Michigan Natural Features Inventory has identified the most aggressive species with the highest threats to a habitat.

We have worked successfully to control one invasive species. The Island has been an example of early identification and rapid response to an invasive identified 8 years ago, known to all of us as *Phragmites*. Our community and the township boards recognized the detrimental effects this plant would present to our native ecosystem and economy. The *Phragmites* Control Project continues with the support of the DNRE, the townships, and private property owners. Jacque LaFreniere has been hired as the townships' *Phragmites* Administrator.

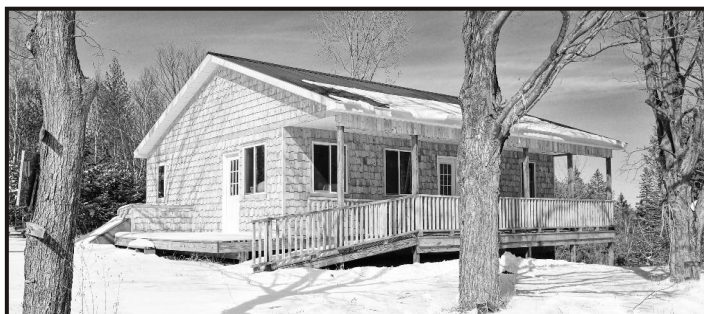
But we can't stop with *Phragmites*. Recently Frank Solle identified a new



invasive on the Island; European swamp thistle was establishing a foothold in various wetlands and will continue to spread, leaving a thick patch with painful sharp thorns. Another species, Japanese knotweed, was identified by Eric Ellis, and private attempts are underway to eradicate that invasive, which is currently

decimating the Upper Peninsula. Knotweed is a form of bamboo, and like *Phragmites*, nothing will eat or move through the dense stands. In the next 20 years, we will witness the effect of Beech Bark Disease on our forests; if predictions are correct, it will mean the death of 80% of our beech trees. Thankfully, the Emerald Ash Borer has not been introduced to Beaver Island, but we must continue to watch. Our distance from the mainland may make ash trees a visitor attraction in the future

Japanese Knotweed



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since there is a strong possibility that ash trees throughout the Midwest may be seen only in text books. Kevin McDonough's ash tree stump at the boat dock, with a request to not transport firewood to Beaver Island, is another example of individual attempts to protect our Island's forests.

We need to be vigilant and eliminate possible introduction of species that have the potential of forever altering our Island's ecosystems. Our interior lakes are free of zebra mussels and VHS at present. We're all aware of the efforts to keep Asian Carp from entering our Great Lakes. Once invasive species are entrenched, it is very costly, time consuming, and in some cases impossible to restore a habitat. It will take an island community to work together to keep Beaver Island as we know it.



### What can you personally do about protecting your property and the Island's ecosystem?

⊕ A number of property owners are planting only native species in their yards to prevent inadvertent introduction of unwanted species. Verify that plants you bring to the Island aren't an invasive species. When transferring plants remove

most of the soil which may harbor seeds, spores, or insects.

⊕ Recognizing a strange plant on your property that is expanding its original area is another important step to early control. Google *invasive species* to pull up additional information. Some of my favorite sites are: [www.invasive.org](http://www.invasive.org), [www.nbi.gov](http://www.nbi.gov), or [www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov](http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov). The Island also has access to organizations such as the Michigan Natural Features Inventory staff and other botanists to

assist us in plant identification.

⊕ When boating, clean your boat or leave it out of the water for 4 days before taking it to a different body of water.

⊕ Don't release fish, plants, live bait, or other exotic animals into the wild.

⊕ Eradicate or control populations of invasive species on your own land.

⊕ Continue to follow local publications and the Beaver Island Association's web site and be informed about invasive species found on the Island: [www.beaverislandassociation.org](http://www.beaverislandassociation.org)

⊕ Spread the word; tell your neighbors if you identify an invasive species.

In the coming months the Natural Resources and Eco-tourism Commission will be working with the DNR, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, the Nature Conservancy, the county, our township officials, and private landowners to continue protecting environmentally sensitive areas. We would appreciate your support and assistance. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call or e-mail: [mcgrass@ameritech.net](mailto:mcgrass@ameritech.net)

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Three people have made firm commitments, and another is being qualified. Queries to Jane Crawford, KMG, 3390 Pine Tree Road, Lansing

MI 48911, about immediate or future availability, will be answered promptly. Because the building could only be built with a large long-term DoA loan, full occupancy must be maintained, so the Beaver Island Development Corpo-

## RED HATS OFF TO THELMA

Thelma Johnson of Sand Bay recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thelma was a part-time resident of Beaver Island for almost fifty years, and played an important role in many local organizations. She and her husband, Clyde Johnson, first built a small cabin on several lots at the head of Sand Bay. Over the years they added to



the cabin and were able to enjoy many long family summers on the Island. They witnessed, and were an important part of, the expansion of the Island's remarkable infrastructure.

Thelma no longer visits the Island due to physical limitations, but she continues to be lively and alert. She loves to tell stories about the

years on the Island, including the famous story of The Mirror. When Johnson visitors arrived on the ferry, and if the sun was at the right angle, someone in the cabin would signal the visitors by flashing a large hand-held mirror. The same happened when they left: After dropping visitors at the dock, the family would race back to the cabin to signal goodbye. Over the years other residents of Sand

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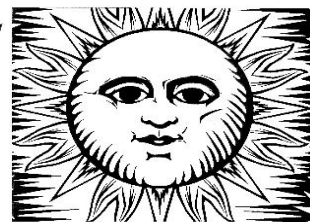
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The Center is also looking for donations of top-notch furnishings.

Bay participated in this ceremony, and people on the ferry talked about the strange flashes of light coming from Sand Bay.

Thelma was an excellent hostess and was especially well-known for her turtle pancakes and her cocktail parties—back when “Sand Bay and Wicklow Beach were jumping.”

Thelma and Clyde were faithful

about raising and lowering the flag every day, as were other families on Sand Bay. Clyde always attracted special attention because he wore his nightshirt to attend to this ceremony.

The Johnson family and friends continue to enjoy the cabin. Thelma still attends to maintenance concerns via long distance, relying on her faithful helpers on the Island.

Thelma’s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated in November and again in December at Silver Maples in Chelsea, MI, where approximately fifty guests honored her. Among these guests were some Beaver Island residents, including the Charbeneaus, the Underwoods, and the Boyles. Thelma enjoyed herself immensely and was, as one might expect, the life of the parties.

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## 30. WHAT'S GOING ON AT SCHOOL

### BICS Board of Education has New Board Member

At its January 10, 2011 board meeting, school board members unanimously approved the appointment of Brian Cole to fill the seat vacated by the untimely death of member Gail Weede. Cole submitted a letter of interest for the position, which runs until the annual organizational meeting in July 2011. The seat will be up for election at the May 3, 2011

annual school election. Brian has served on the board in the past and is planning to be on the May 3<sup>rd</sup> ballot.

### Notice of Filing Deadline for BICS Board of Education

Candidates for the Board of Education have until 4 p.m. February 8, 2011 to register with the St. James township clerk's office. Two four-year terms will be up for election at the annual school election on May 3, 2011. Incumbent



HOSA: Jamie Campbell, Michael McCafferty and Olivia Schwartzfisher

board member Jessica Anderson and recently appointed board member Brian Cole are planning to run in the May election. Other interested candidates must be registered voters of the school district and file a nominating petition with signatures of at least 20 voters or a \$100 filing fee. Petition packets can be picked up from the St. James Township clerk or from the school office.

### 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Scholarship benefits from Donations in Honor of Gail Weede

Nearly \$6,000 has been received from over 80 donors to the Beaver Island Community School 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Scholarship in honor of Gail Weede. These donations signify a real tribute to Gail and her commitment to youth, which she showered on Beaver Island from the day she arrived. Gail's contributions to the youth of Beaver Island started before she became a school board member; she organized and ran the annual BI Boodle, which raised thousands of dollars for the athletic program, she refereed games when needed, and she acted as a mentor for students and parents alike. The generous donations to the scholarship fund helped push the endowment portion of that fund over the \$10,000 mark so that it will now begin to pay out on its own annually. In addition, the spendable, or grant making, portion of the fund was also enhanced and will

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The school is grateful to all those who contributed to this fund in Gail Weede's honor. The school is grateful to have had the opportunity to be served by an amazing woman whose years on the board of education were valued and appreciated.

#### **Beaver Island Health Occupations Students Help Senior Citizens**

BICS high school HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) students recently presented a check for over \$600 to Connie Wojan, President of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board. This money will be put in the account for the Senior Help Mate Program that the Health Center provides for the Seniors on Beaver Island. BICS students were very happy to contribute to the community in a meaningful way. The money was collected during a Rockathon fund-raiser the students organized under the direction of their Allied Health teacher, Sara McCafferty.

Left to right in the HOSA photo the students are: juniors Jamie Campbell, Michael McCafferty, and Olivia Schwartzfisher.


#### **Island National Honor Society has FUN with Youngsters**

Members of the BICS National Honor Society recently gave back to their community by hosting a FUN night for younger students. National Honor Society members Jenna Battle, Kaylyn Jones, and Olivia Schwartzfisher hosted the "Annual NHS Fun Night for Grades Pre-School – 6<sup>th</sup>". There were 23 in the younger group and 12 in the older, grades 4-6 group. (94% of all the ele-

mentary students attended!) Youngsters watched a movie, had popcorn, and played lots of games in the gym. The NHS students provided all the snacks for the event, using money they earned at last year's fund-raiser. Other high school students who helped out were Jamie Campbell and Brogan Maudrie. Teacher Connie Boyle is the advisor for the school's NHS.

#### **Islander Winter Sports Underway**

Beaver Island boys and girls basketball teams are getting back on the court after a long break in the action. The teams played a set of games against Hannahville in early December, followed by a non-league contest at Northport before Christmas. Bad weather led to the cancellation of games at Grand Marais and the rescheduling of the Ojibwe game in early January left the Islanders hungry *continued on page 32.*



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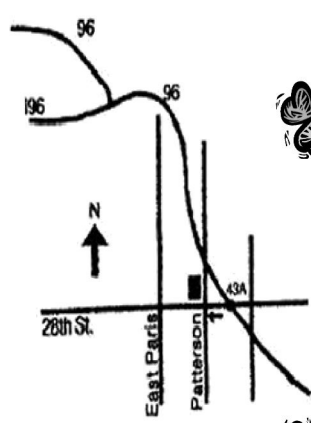
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32. *School News, continued from page 31.*

for competition. The teams traveled to Paradise on January 14<sup>th</sup> where the girls' team won both games and the boys dropped two. The teams have a full schedule between now and the NLL Tournaments in late February. Teams will travel to Hannahville, Mackinac Island, and Maplewood Baptist. January 28/29 will bring a girls' team from Ojibwe and a boys' team from Petoskey. The final home game of the season is the February 11/12 match-up between the *Islanders* and Grand Marais.

#### **Girls' Basketball**

Coach Diane McDonough begins

her second year with the *Islanders*. Members of the girls' basketball team are: Juniors Jenna Battle, Brigid Gillespie Cushman, Brogan Maudrie, and Olivia Schwartzfisher; freshman Olivia Cary; eighth graders Emily Boyle, Hannah Robert and Meg Works; and seventh grader Emily Burton.

#### **Boys' Basketball**

Coach Matt Richie begins his first year coaching basketball. The boys' team is made up of the following members: senior Doug Campbell; juniors, Gus Connaghan, Matthew Cull, and Billy Lemmink; sophomore McCauley Connaghan; freshmen Jewell Gillespie

Cushman and Ron Marsh; seventh graders Ryan Boyle, Liam Hodgson, and Nick Williams. Coach Richie is assisted by Jeff Connor.

#### **Island Students Win Two Rounds in Petoskey Quiz bowl**

National Honor Society advisor and teacher Connie Boyle took a team of students to compete in a High School Quiz Bowl on Friday, January 14, 2011. The team competed with several area schools in a fast-paced trivia type competition. The Beaver Island team consisted of senior Jake Drost, juniors Michael McCafferty and Kaylyn Jones, and freshman Erin Boyle.

## IN MEMORY: JOSEPH THOMAS SCHMIDT, JR.

Joseph Thomas Schmidt, Jr., 51, of Boyne City, formerly of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday, January 16, 2011, at his home. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:30 am, Thursday, January 20, at Saint Mary's Church in Charlevoix, the Reverend Joseph Kuczborski officiating. Burial will take place in the spring at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Charlevoix.

Joe was born May 25, 1959, in Charlevoix, the son of Joseph Thomas and Claire Rose (Genia) Schmidt, Sr. He graduated from Charlevoix High

School in 1977, and attended Kirkland Community College and North Central Michigan College. A trained draftsman, he worked for Magnetic Systems in Boyne City for the past ten years.

Joe loved to garden and especially enjoyed flowers and herbs. He was also a coin collector, but his main love was for the outdoors. He was a member of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

Joe is survived by his daughters, Angela M. Schmidt of Charlevoix, Amber L. Schmidt, and Danielle K.

Schmidt of Siler City, N.C.; stepdaughter, Nicole J. Higdon of Grand Rapids; grandchildren, Devan Drain, and Haley Campbell; sister, Barbara (James) Kenwabikise of Charlevoix; brothers, Patrick (Peggy) Schmidt of Minnesota, Michael (Darlene) Schmidt of Charlevoix, Steven (Cynthia) Schmidt of Ann Arbor; uncle, Floyd Genia, Jr. of Charlevoix.

Those wishing to make a donation in Joe's memory may do so to the Family of Joe Schmidt.

## THE BIRHC MOVES FORWARD

After two years of complicated efforts on the part of their boards and special task forces, the Beaver Island Health Center and Northern Michigan Hospital have reached an agreement to cooperate in several ways, including purchasing, training, IT projects, and fund-raising. On January 29<sup>th</sup> NMH officials flew to Beaver Island, where an agreement was signed; a press release will soon be issued. After that, the three-part agreement will appear on their respective websites.

BIRHC board members Connie Wojan and Don Spencer, along with Brad Grassmick, had their terms extended in order to stay with this effort until it was concluded, even though at a few times it seemed doomed. They were on board during other times of rough sailing, having seen the old Med Center lose its funding—until local efforts secured the \$1,500,000 for a new building. Then they withstood the criti-

cism that flared up over personnel matters, architectural design, and facility sizing, and after those issues were settled and the new building built (on time and under budget) had to weather the loss of a third of the value of the BIRHC's Endowment Fund when the country's economy hit the skids. Thanks to the leadership at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation that Fund has now climbed back to more than a million dollars.

At the same meeting Jerry LaFreniere, Adam Richards, and Jeff Powers were elected to the Board to replace Connie, Don, and Brad. Denny Cook was named president, John Martin vice-president, Rick Speck treasurer (continuing on), and John Works Jr. secretary. Other board members include Terry Keyes, Carol Gillespie, Pete LoDico, and Sandy Birdsall. They also finalized an agreement with the CoA to provide help at the Senior Housing.

## HOW'S THE WATER?

Lake Michigan can't seem to make up its mind about where its bed should be. In 2009 it was coming up toward its long-term average, starting at a foot below (for the month) and ending only five inches down. But in 2010 it reversed that trend, ending nineteen inches down. Early projections are that it will stay in that range for the next several months.

## EAT AND WALK

Some people like to take a walk down Beaver Island's back roads on a pleasant day, enjoying fresh air, occasional deer, and the calls of birds. From time to time they pass an apple tree planted decades back but still producing—and they might spy a ripe fruit, pick it, and take a bite. Now volunteers are needed to prune those trees, and their neighbors. If you'd like to help, call Don Cole (448-2002) to set up a time. No experience is necessary.

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# Lighthouse Fellowship

Services every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at Peaine Township Hall,  
with Sunday School for children at the same time.

Bob Hoogendoorn, pastor.



## 34. ON THIS DATE

**Ten Years Ago** The *Beacon* announced that the Charlevoix County Community Foundation awarded PABI a \$3,200 grant to help fund the Community Center.

Forrest Powers and Christine Runberg presented plans to the Town Boards for an ice skating rink at a yet-undetermined site.

Don Welke was feted at the Hunters' Dinner for having bagged a 263-pound buck.

The *Beacon* offered first-class delivery for six dollars extra.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of two Island-born friends, Mary Margaret LaFreniere, daughter of Pat and Liz LaFreniere, and Pat Burke, a Ludington sailor turned carpenter who had married Bernel Greene; he passed the day after their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Twenty Years Ago** The Med Center had been receiving \$50,000 a year from the State to support its operation, but this grant was cancelled by Governor Engler in a cost-cutting spree. Four delegates from the Island (Doc Lange, Marilyn Damstra, Jayne Bailey, and Liz Clapham) went to Lansing, and got the cancellation revoked for a year. The grant for a new Yacht Dock building and dock repair was not as lucky, although hope was held out for funding from the Mich-

igan Resources Trust Fund—once an Islands-wide Recreation Plan was drafted and published.

The Chamber was offering more crab trees for the coming year. Between 40 and 50 had previously been planted around the harbor.

Doc Lange presented by-laws for the new Waste Management Committee.

Ten car-loads took part in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Road Rally.

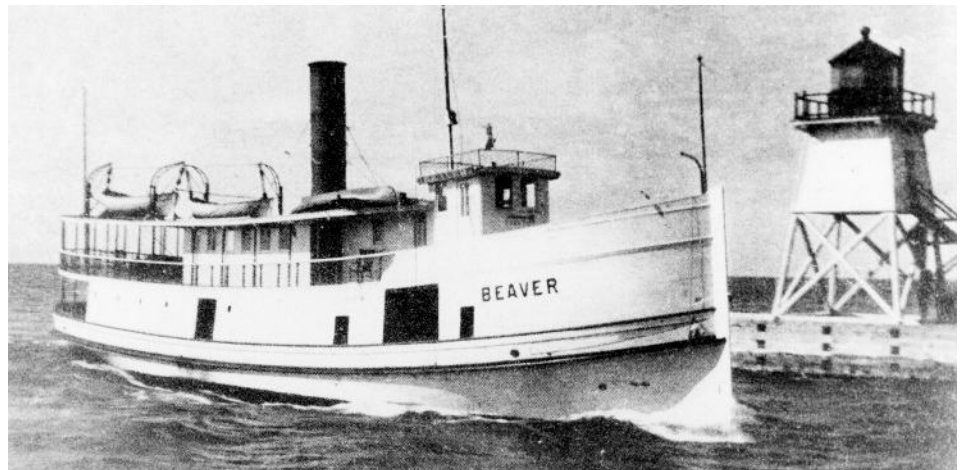
Sympathy was offered for the passing of Bob Delaney, first president of the Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids. Current Officers were Guy Fase, Ron Antrim, and Rich O'Donnell.

Beaver Island Realty advertised for cottages to put in its rental program (as it

did again last month).

Bill Sellman provided some information about the 48' gill net tug *Bob S*, recently donated to the Historical Society. She was launched in 1935, and fished out of Manistique in the spring and fall and in Lake Superior in the summer. In the winter of 39 she was trapped in an ice floe and her crew almost starved before the Ann Arbor car ferry broke her free. In 1949 she was hit by an ore boat, but survived. In 1961 she was sold to Ruben Peterson, whose sons fished her. In 1979 she sunk but was raised, made operational, and sold to Earl Maudrie, who leased her to John Kenwabikise.

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1981 was printed in green. It began with a recounting of the Christmas pageant, which featured the singing of Sherri Timsak, with Robert Cole on sax.

*Beacon* reporter Michelle LaFreniere wrote about Doc Christie's 76<sup>th</sup> birthday.

David Ladd's five-year-old son was too sick to visit Santa so he phoned an Island resident, who then called him back and, using a voice designed to mimic Santa, asked to speak to the boy. It made Christmas much better, and Dave wrote to express his thanks to... Phil Gregg.

The Fire Department Auxiliary was begun with a pot-luck at the Circle M. They decided to create an Island Recipes book, and talked about organizing a talent show.

The Medical Auxiliary met to discuss how to obtain dental care for the Island. The State was willing to equip an office.

The Winter Games were set for 2-28 at Barney's Lake.

Larry Scholl got a new snowmobile for Christmas. He primed it, pulled the starter cord, and hit the throttle. It took off across the ice in a wonderful show of power, but left him behind. Luckily it missed the nearby trees. Jumping the snow ridges left by the plow, it hit the harbor ice at 40 mph. It aimed itself toward open water, but turned around before reaching it and headed for the center of town. Several people saw it and gave chase, but no one could catch it—until it

ran into rocks in front of the power station, where Larry turned off the key.

Sympathy was offered for the passing of Kathryn Egan, the last of the Piper Gallaghers (the last of 11 children) to have lived at Piper's Corner (Sloptown and Donnel Mor's Lane, SE corner). The family moved away in 1916.

**Forty Years Ago** The snow was deep. A safari was formed to search for turkeys; one was seen near Egg Lake. The deer herd was "astonishingly low," yet the coyotes were up. The end of January saw eight below—yet Archie was visited by a robin at the Shamrock. Snowmobiles visited all the outer islands, and Jimmy Martin and Marcus Martin drove a pick-up to Cross Village.

Later a snowmobile safari with eleven Islanders stopped at Hog Island and Grey's Reef, carefully crossed a channel cut by the *Mackinaw*, and made it to Cross Village, where they were met by several friends. They started back at 4:30, and were met near Garden Island by 11 Islanders on snowmobiles, who had stayed home.

Bud McDonough, Russ Green, and Walt Wojan made it to Sault Ste. Marie for the I-500 snowmobile race.

Island seniors took entrance exams: Frank Solle at North Central Michigan, and Tony Connaghan *continued on page 37.*



See One Hundred Years Ago  
page 15.

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**On This Date**, from page 35.  
and Dan Gillespie at Ferris.

Bill Welke and Russ Green staged a hayride to promote the Flying Club.

After seven years of research Doyle Fitzpatrick published *The King Strang Story*—to date the only pro-Strang tome.

**Fifty Years Ago** Temperatures were frequently below zero, although there was little snow.

A shelter was planned at the North Shore Campground, for Boy Scout and Girl Scout outings. Another plan was to plant trees along Main Street and flower beds at the Ferry Dock.

The *Beacon* pointed out a new Island map was needed, with beaver dams, deer orchards, and hiking trails shown.

The Conservation Department agreed to step up its efforts to control the illegal bass fishing at Garden and Hog Islands. They also promised to send a plane up when anyone reported a plane landing on Lake Geneserath for illegal fishing through the ice. Nettings demon-

strated that Geneserath and Barney's were well stocked, but Fox Lake had only stunted fish. A plan was being formulated to kill off and replant fish there.

The "annual pancake supper" was held on January 10<sup>th</sup> at Almeda and Bob Patterson's home. Three days later a surprise 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday party was held at the Shamrock for the Island doctor, Frank Luton. The next week the "annual polio benefit party" raised \$143.

Charlie Martin made the first crossing of the ice, to Naubinway, in his Model A, with Johnny Ken, Irwin and Marcus Martin, and Ralph and Clifford Napont.

An examination of Phil Greg's Beaver Island Yacht Club's log revealed it to have 66 members. Headquarters were the King Strang Hotel, with Ruth Wanty as secretary. It was incorporated in October, 1960.

Karl Kuebler shot two coyotes. He was helped by Archie LaFreniere and his "coyote hound" Duke.

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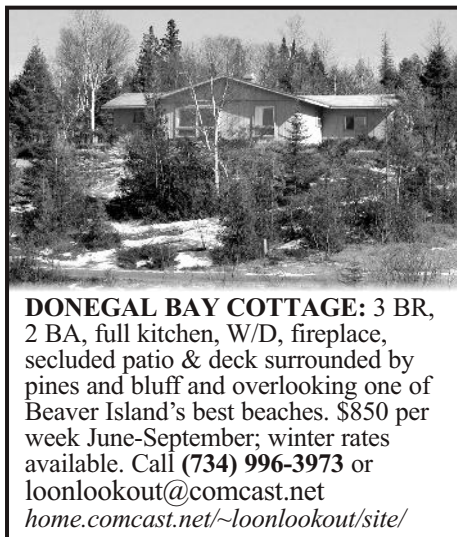


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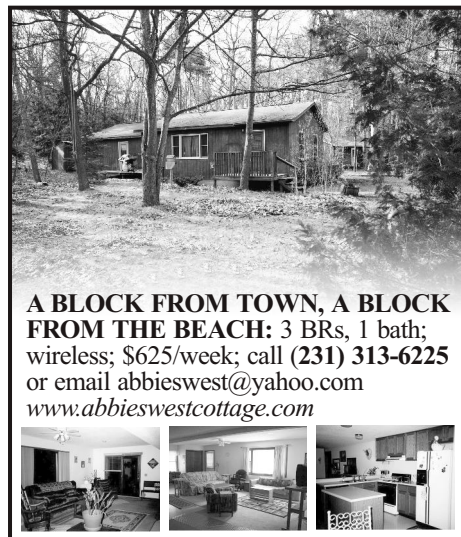
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**ALLEN HARBOR-LAKE FRONT:** One block W. of marina. Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. \$1,400/week. Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067 [pfogg@charter.net](mailto:pfogg@charter.net) or [www.allenfoggcottages.com](http://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 1<sup>st</sup> floor decks, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor wet bar and deck, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.islandaerie.net) . [Jan@islandaerie.net](mailto:Jan@islandaerie.net)



**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



**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](http://www.whatproperties.com/PL48480) E-mail: [Info@whatproperties.com](mailto:Info@whatproperties.com)

**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.



**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

**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](mailto:tammymcd107@yahoo.com)

**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](mailto:samhunt59@yahoo.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.

**SAND BAY -** sleeps 8—amenities—available May- September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email [robin@robinleeberry.com](mailto:robin@robinleeberry.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](mailto:ryanpfogg@gmail.com)

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

**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.

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





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