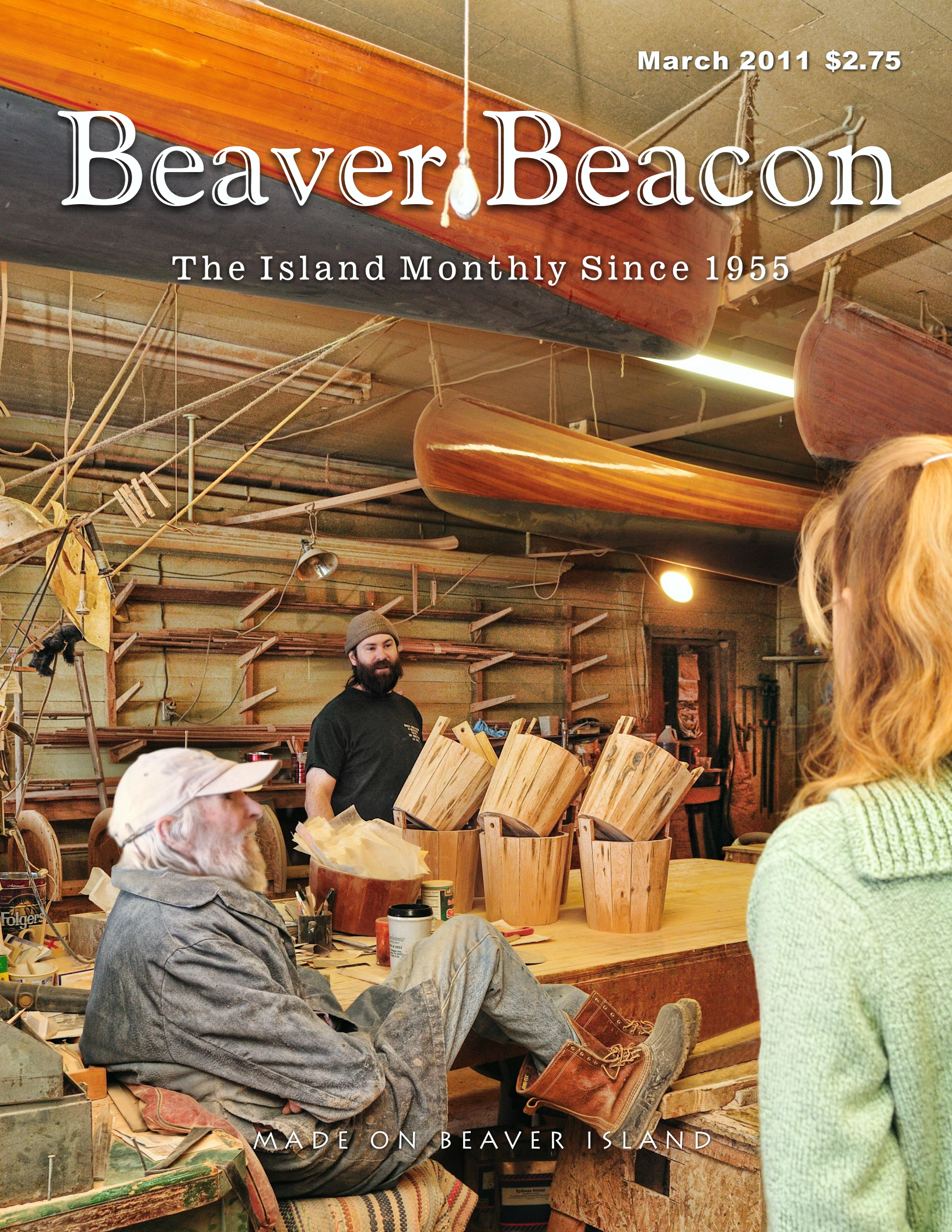


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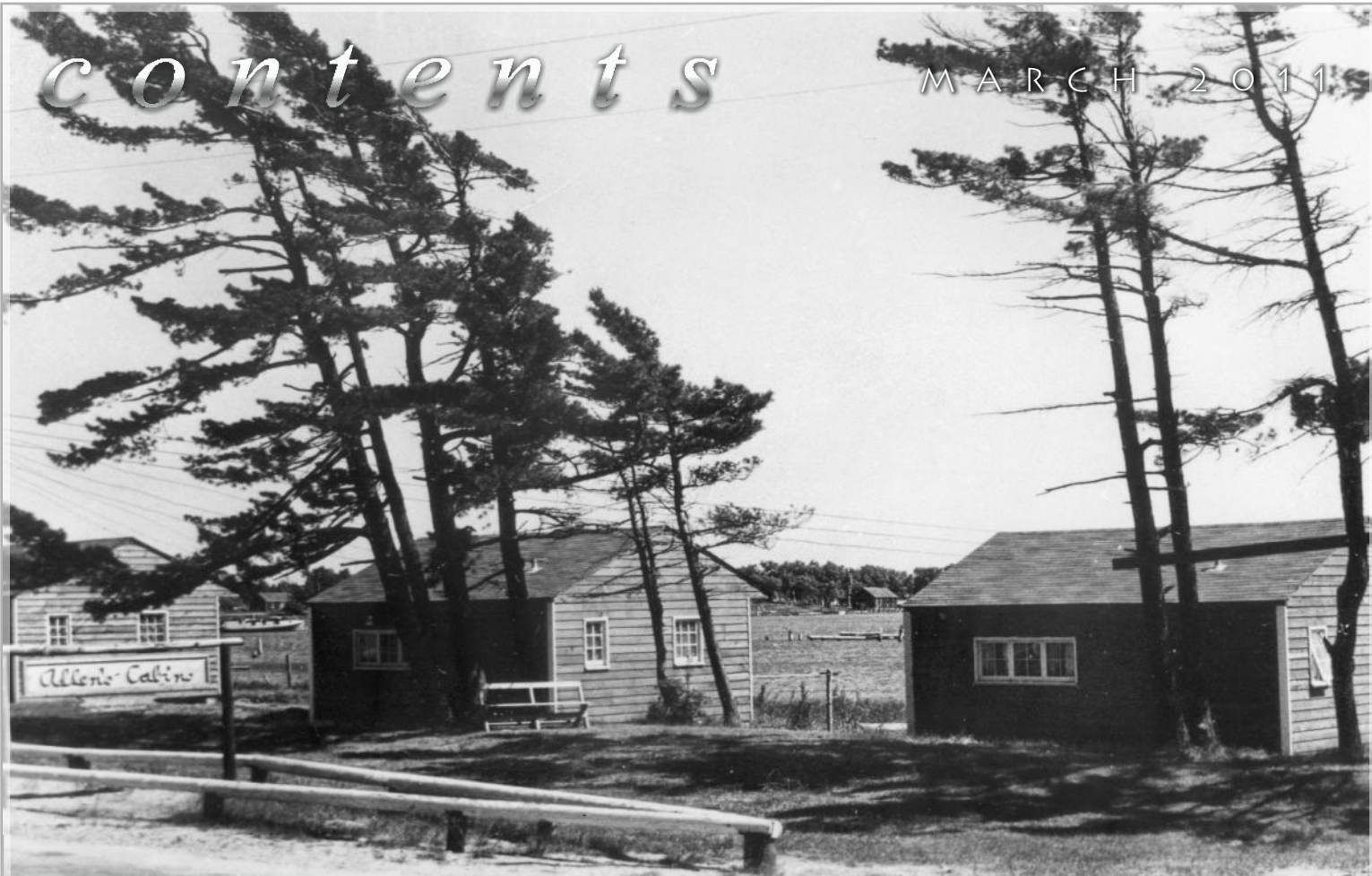
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The St. James Board agreed to meet with the Peaine Board in closed session on 2-7 to discuss the proposed airport expansion property acquisition settlement issue.

Jacque LaFreniere's term as *Phragmites* Coordinator was extended for a year.

Tom McDonough was thanked for having donated \$1,000 to the Fire Department to cover its purchase of three hose nozzles. The Fire Department Auxiliary was thanked for having raised \$28,960 last year.

The Town Board agreed to pay half of the \$5,500 fireworks proposal (Peaine will pay the other half).

The Wildlife Club asked for support for the Island to receive Wildlife Certification from the DNR. It was thought to be a necessary prerequisite for establishing a collective focus on selective wildlife and their habitat, which would positively impact the Island's economy; it was granted. The results of the recent (2010) deer surveys were distributed, showing that 31 bucks, 301 does, and 265 fawns had been seen on 61 driving trips. The fawn sightings were over four times as high as the previous year, and the buck/doe ratio (1/10) was also high.

The tax notices had just arrived, and a member of the audience said that they

were the best he had ever seen for the quality of information. Twelve structures which had previously escaped notice were added to the roll, adding \$1,300,000 to the tax base. In the state's 14-point critique the new assessors were given a grade of 99.5 out of 100.

The Board's salaries were reviewed. The officers' were kept the same but the two Trustees received a 2% raise.

The medical evacuation situation was reviewed. Island Airways is working to become certified but has not yet succeeded. They've spent 1400 hours creating rules and procedures, and are trying to get the necessary \$10,000,000 insurance. NorthFlight will not come after dark (because of having once hit a deer), and the Coast Guard requires an EMS member to come along — who is then stranded on the mainland, usually in Traverse City.

A letter was read from Elaine West in which the Board was asked to decommission the Natural Resources and Ecotourism Commission because it was not needed, and because it had lobbied on behalf of the entire Island, circumventing the Town Boards in a way that jeopardized the attempts to have QDM enacted, thereby violating the public trust. Two letters from NREC supporters, Jacque LaFreniere and Sandra Birdsall, were also read. They urged the Board to take no



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action until the NREC officers could appear to explain and defend the actions that were taken, adding that NREC was moving forward on the development of a Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan for the Island's natural resources and its 21 members had done much good. These volunteers had spent two days cleaning up and barging off the Garden Island dump, printed and distributed a Driving Guide and a Trails Guide, and staged a symposium at which many different groups stated their positions and worked toward finding compromises. These letters also pointed out that the Commission included several mainland groups (CMU, the DNRE, the Nature Conservancy, and two Tribes), which were helping to create a broad network to assist with projects, research, and funding.

The Board spoke up, one by one, saying that NREC had erred in speaking for the entire Island, and that the effort could and should continue but without Commission status. The NREC was accused of trying to take over and of "running amok." Members of the audience thought the NREC should apologize for what it had done, and try to reverse what had been lost because of its actions. Another suggestion was to let them continue without commission status. The Board agreed that although many good things had been accomplished, the com-

mission status should be and was unanimously withdrawn.

Peaine Township

Sixty-three people were in the audience and most stayed for the record four hours of the meeting. Many were present to listen to or comment on the question of whether or not to decommission NREC. At the start supervisor Jack Gallagher suggested that the matter be postponed until the issue could be studied more deeply and dispassionately. But the Board voted to add the matter to the agenda instead of waiting.

But first Jeff Powers and Don Tritsch requested Peaine's support for Wildlife Certification, which would allow and help the Island to manage its wildlife. They pointed out that some owners of large parcels near the south end were co-operating with the plan to implement QDM and its antler size restrictions for hunters. This could lead to increased DNR funding—it's a pilot project. Other Michigan areas with wildlife certification were studied, and the framework of a plan was developed which would include songbirds as well as deer, turkey, rabbits, fish, and habitat, including forest management. It was stressed that rare or endangered species would not be degraded by these efforts. It was mentioned that the Wildlife Club has been fighting cormorants for five years *continued on page 6.*



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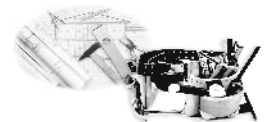
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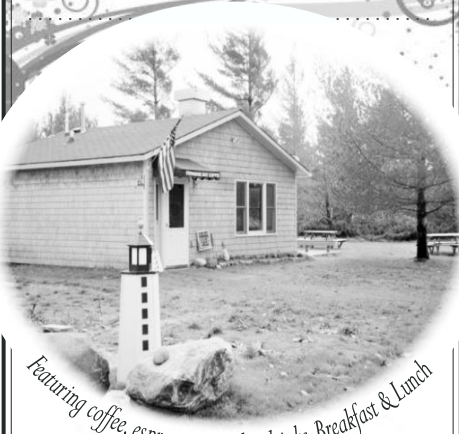


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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
(cutting their numbers in half) and
spending half its budget on the effort.
The Board gave its approval.

Several letters for and against the
NREC were read into the record, and
then the Board and audience began a
heated discussion of whether or not to
decommission it. The anger was stronger
than the praise. The specific charge was
that its chairman had written to the
DNRE as its chairman to ask that the re-
duction of Biological Stewardship Area
designation from the entire Island to the
perimeter be reversed, but it was appar-
ent that the real problem was the percep-

tion of arrogance on the part of NREC.
A subsidiary charge had been made ear-
lier, that the writing of this letter (and
another by the NREC secretary—written
explicitly as a private citizen) had hurt
the implementation of QDM by confus-
ing DNRE executive Russ Mason, but
this charge was dropped (because QDM
depended on Wildlife Certification sup-
port) until late in the evening. The super-
visor was also criticized for writing a
letter as Peaine supervisor in which he
seemed to criticize the way in which the
QDM resolution was passed.

This was the third complaint aired
against the NREC. The first involved its

NMH AND BIRHC TEAM UP!

Northern Michigan Regional
Health System and Beaver Island Rural
Health Center have entered into an
agreement to enhance their partnership.

The agreement will further expand
the framework of mutual collaboration
between Northern Michigan Regional
Health System and Beaver Island Rural
Health Center to share, plan, and
develop services that support the
delivery of high quality, cost-effective
healthcare for Beaver Island residents.
It will also support infrastructure as
needed for the continuation of medical
care in the appropriate medical setting
off the Island, whether it be at NMH or
another medical facility.

“ We look forward to expanding our
relationship with Beaver Island Rural
Health Center through this agreement,
as it aligns with our mission to increase
access, improve quality, and reduce
costs of healthcare to northern
Michigan residents,” said Reezie
DeVet, President and CEO of Northern
Michigan Regional Health System.

Goals of the agreement include
investigating potential solutions for
purchasing support, supplies, and
equipment, as well as exploring commu-
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two guides from last summer; then it was faulted for not quickly adding the Conservation Club and the Chamber (although both had come to meetings, and the CC made a presentation). The Board was urged to “not throw the baby out with the bath water,” that if a letter had been written improperly the writer could be chastised and NREC’s operating rules modified. But the Board wanted to show it was in control, and voted 3-1 to decommission.

The Board voted to keep salaries at their current rate.

Another matter proved somewhat contentious, the writing of a letter withdrawing Peaine’s request to be a partner

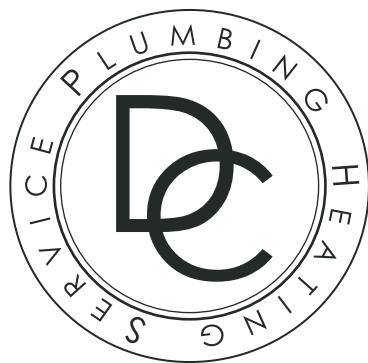
with St. James in the acquisition of the DNR property on the Harbor. The supervisor had been asked to write such a letter and have it approved by the Board. It was written, but the Board deadlocked at 2-2 over whether it should mention a petition to keep and not trade Whiskey Island, which had received 200 signatures. The question of whether or not Whiskey Island should be kept was raised again. After a half hour of debate it was decided to send the letter as it was written—with the petition reference—since the petition itself had already been sent to the DNR.

“Through this expanded partnership, Beaver Island Rural Health Center, patients will have enhanced access to technologically advanced healthcare that is expected by island residents and increasingly demanded by healthcare policy and regulation, and, if additional healthcare is required, seamless transfer to higher levels of care on the mainland,” said Northern Michigan Regional Health System Board Chair, David Buzzelli.

According to The Beaver Island Task Force Committee, BIRHC is painfully aware of the great challenges its isolation and fragile financial resources represent. “The agreement is

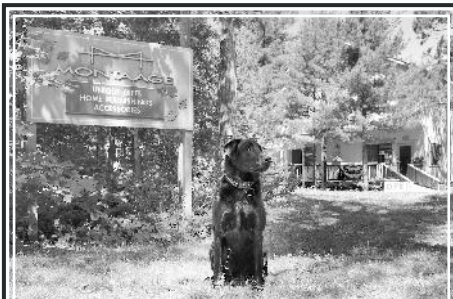
the culmination of months of hard work between BIRHC and NMH,” said Denny Cook, new President of BIRHC. “We are very pleased that it has been passed by the Boards of both organizations. It lays the groundwork for working together in the future to provide even better healthcare services to Beaver Island.”

Having had a long-standing relationship with BIRHC, Bill Jackson, President and CEO of Charlevoix Area Hospital, said the relationship is yet another aspect in complementing the care provided to the Beaver Island community

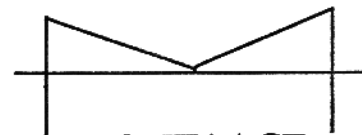


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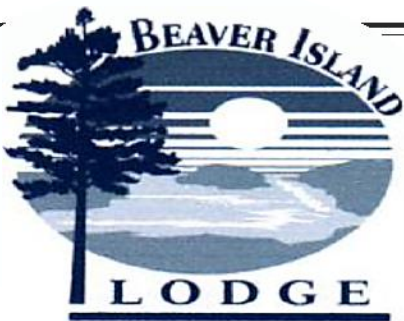
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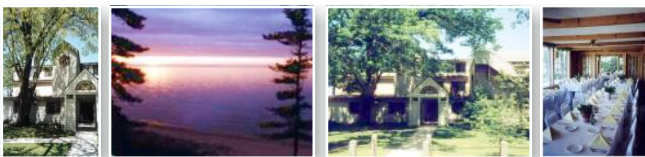
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LeFevre-Welke is the President and co-owner, with her husband Paul, of Island Airways, a "Part 135" charter service which operates between Beaver

Island and Charlevoix, Michigan. In addition, the Welkes own and operate Welke Airport on Beaver Island. Welke Airport was designated by NATA in 2001 as one of the "100 Most Needed Airports" in the United States.

LeFevre-Welke is a graduate of Saginaw Valley State University with a degree in secondary education. She has served as President of Island Airways since 2002. She and her husband are residents of Beaver Island.

Additional information on NATA is available at www.nata.aero. Additional information regarding Island Airways is available at www.islandairways.com.

CONGRATULATIONS, CHRISTIE

Christie Brynaert graduated from Grand Valley State University in December with her Masters in Taxation. She also sat for and completed the CPA exams prior to graduating. She was then hired by Deloitte and Touche, an accounting firm in Detroit. Christie is a 2006 graduate of Romeo High School. She is the daughter of Greg and Patty (Wojan) Brynaert, the granddaughter of Walt Wojan and the neice of Ed (Connie) Wojan, Ron (Patti) Wojan, Jim (Karen) Wojan, Jeanne (John) Gillespie all of Beaver Island. She has several other aunts, and multiple cousins associated with B.I. Christie recently also got engaged to Casey Beck of Macomb Twp. Her parents and family couldn't be more proud of her.



DON SPENCER RETURNS TO THE CCCF BOARD

When the Charlevoix County Community Foundation chose three new trustees, Beaver Island's Don Spencer joined Dr. John Kempton and Linda Mueller. Beaver Islander Spencer returns to the Foundation Board for a second term of service. After a long and successful career as a management consultant and business owner, he has funneled his energy into volunteer service in retirement,

serving as the Vice-President of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board of Directors and as a member of the Board of the Beaver Island Community Development Corporation, service that will continue with his reappointment. "The Community Foundation is an ideal organization to provide leadership, as a catalyst, to help the community realize its capability," he said.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Thanks go to the Beaver Island EMS for the terrific display for January. It received loads of compliments. If you have a hobby or collection you'd like to share with folks, stop in and tell us about it and we can make arrangements for you to have the display case for a month. From now until March 15th, the display box will show the history of the library, titled "We've come a long, long way from Whiskey Point." Check it out.

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LETTER TO THE COMMUNITY – MARCH 2011

We believe everyone who cares about Beaver Island should be aware of the unfortunate situation precipitated by the St. James and Peaine Township Boards' recent decommissioning of the Natural Resources & Ecotourism Commission (NREC) they established in 2009.

It has been said the NREC engaged in planning activities beyond its charter. But everything it has done is clearly *within* the scope of activities specified in the township trustees' resolutions that created it. Also, a comprehensive approach was necessary to accomplish its basic purpose of improving the island economy through promoting and maintaining the island's "abundant beautiful and accessible natural resources" and avoiding self-defeating conflicts among groups with narrower interests, be they biodiversity devotees, deer hunters, or business people. A second reason given for decommissioning was that some NREC members improperly urged the DNRE to grant Biodiversity Stewardship Area status for the island's interior as well as its shoreline. Whether any member actually exceeded his or her authority in that respect is not for us to say, but if that was a problem, the trustees could have solved it by dealing directly with such individuals without scrapping the entire planning enterprise. We also believe BSA designation would be good for economic development, by increasing both tourism and permanent population. Thus we expressed *our* support for BSA as part of a comprehensive management plan for island forests and wildlife, without excluding either Quality Deer Management or "Wildlife Certification." We also believe the acrimonious state of island politics and governance over the past two years is a bigger impediment to economic development than enthusiastic environmentalism is.

The NREC's apparent demise jeopardizes many positive developments for Beaver Island, such as a planned birding festival and surveys, a community education/input program building on last year's forest management symposium, and increasing collaboration with state agencies and regional governmental and nongovernmental organizations. Among the latter was a recent day-long wildlife biology workshop with representatives of The Nature Conservancy, the Little Traverse Band of Odawa, MSU Extension Service and the DNRE focusing on invasive species threats and deer herd management. Some suggest that our Association or a new Natural Resources Council could succeed the NREC and do what it was established to do, without township sponsorship or support. But we believe too much time, progress and momentum would be lost in such transition, and in any event, effective comprehensive planning *and* action to achieve the linked objectives of natural resource preservation and economic development will *require* township involvement.

For these reasons, we have asked the township boards to reconsider and recommission the NREC, with any changes in structure or mission they believe are needed. Whether or not they do, the BIA is committed to protection of Beaver Island's natural resources and sustainable economic development. Please add your voice of encouragement to the townships *and* help fulfill these commitments by joining the BIA if you are not already a member.

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For those who thought that having worked hard for over thirty years to express her unbounded creativity had to be taking its toll on Mary Rose, relax; she seems to have more energy than ever, and to have found yet more new venues in which to express it.

Another worry people have can also be put to rest, that dealing with thousands of customers each summer in her madhouse of a store would leave her wrung out and in need of a substantial vacation before she would be ready, willing, and able to dive into the making of art again. But Mary has a secret: she's really twins. While half of her personality is completely absorbed in the details of running a complicated business, the other half is constantly coming up with ideas for her off-season production, and storing them up in a seething caldron of inspiration bursting to become manifest in paint, fabric, stone, photographs, jewelry—anything; Mary's oeuvre knows no bounds. Once the bell sounds to signal that the season has ended, Mary's inner artist steps forward, forcing her body to take its stand at her workbench and begin turning out the hun-

dreds of dazzling works—each one different and none ever seen before, anywhere—her store will need when the bell sounds again in the spring. People all stand back when they see that the genie has been let out of the bottle.

Her many friends want to be part of the eruption, so they give her things she might be able to use. Might? Has Mary ever seen something she could not make into art?

This year was no exception. Hairpins? She gave each one a mesh backing at its apex, built it up with enamel, and added polymer clay, handmade beads, powdered mica, silver, copper, and gold flake, and then covered each with resin. Stones from Kodiak Island? Easy: she used pens and brushes to give each one a unique design, and then covered them with epoxy. Old bottle caps? No problem; she made them into rings after giving each one a unique design—not stopping until she had eight hundred. They took a few hours each, some up to five; that's a full-time job for a year for most of us. Yet she still had time to make a thousand new necklaces. Then she came across the thin round maple blanks used for making oversize

wooden nickels, and they too became fodder for her art.

Not that she's all work and no play. She starts every day by taking a walk with her dogs (and sometimes cats). But this is not pure relaxation, because everything she sees along the way, either back through the woods or out along Gull Harbor, inspires more art. It's almost an obsession. Take the oil drawing to the immediate left—that came from a fractalizing photograph of a wave splash she saw along the beach.

Even the offerings her customers expect her to have when they return can become unique expressions. Take her postcards: this year she based them on pictures taken by her son, the rising star Jason Lome. And note cards? Well, she happened to hear about a new material that can be added to paint to make it change color when touched, and, voila, a new line of “mood cards,” similar to “mood rings,” appeared.

Perhaps the most unique new items are the pins featuring miniature books in which a person with good eyes can read some of Mary's favorite sayings from Oscar Wilde, Thomas Wolfe, and her mentor, William Shakespeare.



BEAVER ISLAND VOLUNTEER CORPS EFFORTS

Cottage for Karen – Efforts continue on the BIVC's first housing project. The drywall is up, flooring is going in, and kitchen cabinets are due to be installed soon. Many folks have been instrumental to this project—from financial support to material donations to manual labor. We will continue to move along until this project is complete. If you would like to make a financial contribution, checks made out to BIVC can be sent to Judy Boyle PO Box 120. We need to raise \$1,900 to pay the remainder of our bills to date. A big thank you to Dave Dudek of Richmond Insurance Agency, located in Richmod, MI. Dave secured insurance for the cottage and paid the first

year's worth of premiums! Thank you Dave for your kind donation.

School Supplies – The children in Afghanistan will soon receive several boxes of notebooks, rulers, scissors, glue sticks, crayons and watercolor paints from the kind folks of Beaver Island. The Beaver Island Community School's National Honor Society, in conjunction with the Beaver Island Volunteer Corp, solicited donations of school supplies for Afghan students. Brett Maudrie, a Beaver Island soldier stationed in Afghanistan, will ensure that the supplies are distributed to the school children near where he is stationed. It is heartwarming to see such support for children so far away during

times like these. These items, which sometimes we take for granted, should help these Afghan children as they continue their education. Special thanks to the Women's Auxillary for making a donation toward the postage.

Boxes for Soldiers – The BIVC and BICS students also collected items from the community for the soldiers in Brett's unit. We understand from Tara Palmer, the individual that initiated and oversaw the project in Charlevoix, that the boxes were well received. Thanks to all who contributed items to this project and to the Veterans for help with the postage. We hope to continue these types of efforts in the future.

—Judy Boyle, BIVC Treasurer

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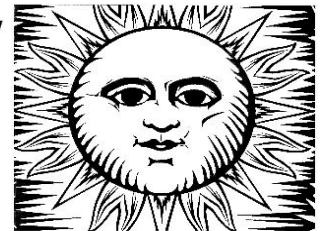
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Mary loves vases, and to her anything at all might be a vase – such as a house. And if its used for a live plant,

well naturally the birds will come, turning it into a bird house.

The little lockets, with George

Washington trapped in one, have tiny paintings (or other curious objects) inside – on each side.

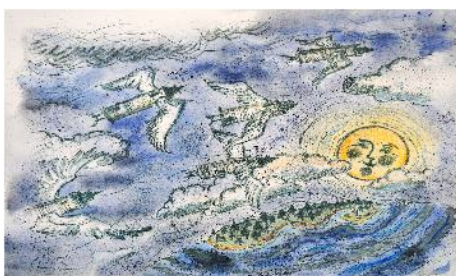


The flat stones (below, top left and right) were a gift from Maureen and Larry Hines, found in Alaska.

Two of Mary's five-hour-in-the-making hairpins show exquisite craft.

Mary's fanciful oil drawings show

such things as the annual lighthouse migration and the long-rumored "Garden in the Clouds."





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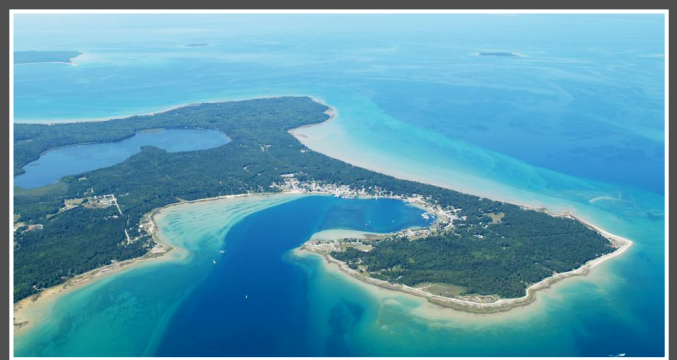
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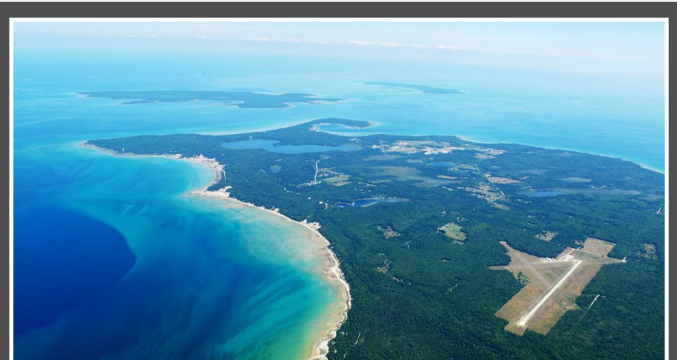
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On Thursday February 10, Jeffrey Powers and Don Tritsch made a presentation to the Michigan Natural Resources Commission, in East Lansing. The purpose was to request antler point restrictions for Beaver Island for the 2011 hunting season, and to move forward with wildlife certification for Beaver Island. The following points were made:

Antler Point Restrictions

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club, Beaver Island Conservation Club, Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce, St. James and Peaine Townships all favor antler point restrictions for 2011. Specifically, a minimum of three points on one side, and one buck per year until such time as the herd improves. This is supported by a survey conducted April 2010 with 98 responses.

These groups also support quality deer management for Beaver Island.

A driving survey conducted in 2010 showed a fawn crop of over 265, which is only the third year out of the last ten with a crop of this size. The clubs are anxious to protect these fawns with mandatory hunting restrictions.

An economic case study was presented to show the positive impact that fishing has had on the Island. This can be extrapolated to hunting as well.

A map (included here) was presented showing 4,750 acres of private land on Beaver Island that is dedicated to hunting or is a major use.

While the commission was sympathetic to the club's request, a subcommittee had just completed a workshop to develop hunting guidelines for the entire state. The Commission is hesitant to allow a special regulation for Beaver Island, as it would set precedence for the balance of the state. There was a suggestion to review the draft hunting guidelines to see if there is any opportunity to accommodate the request for Beaver Island.

The Commission asked for three items:

1.) Review the hunting survey that was conducted in April, and determine if those that voted for three or more points per side also voted for one-buck restriction as well. *Follow-up:* 68 out of 98 favored minimum restrictions of three points per side and a limit of one buck.

2.) Specifically define the hunting regulation that is being requested. *Follow-up:* Minimum of three points per side and one buck per year.

3.) Obtain letters from our state representative and senator, stating that they support the three point/one buck restriction. Contacts have been made with both Senator Walker's office and Representative McMaster's office; they are working on responses.

Follow up has been done with Brent Rudolph and Russ Mason (MDNR) concerning documents needed for APR; Rudolph and Mason both indicated that they have all they need right now.

Wildlife Certification

Also discussed was wildlife certification for the Island. It was noted that the BIWC, BICC, COC, St. James and Peaine Townships all support wildlife certification for Beaver Island.

Wildlife certification will offer a unique opportunity for Beaver Island to have additional privileges to manage its wildlife. This has the opportunity to increase tourism for the Island.

Specific examples of wildlife management were presented showing that actions have been taking place for many years, such as: cormorant control, turkey feeding, and deer and loon monitoring. This point was well received.

On Friday, February 11, Tom Kludt of the BIWC met with Dr. Russ Mason to review next steps for the Beaver Island wildlife certification plan. Listed below is the outcome:

Positive comments were received regarding the wildlife certification plan, including demonstrated ability to handle game and non-game species. Russ mentioned that as specific plans are implemented, it would open the door for us to apply for government funds that the DNR cannot.

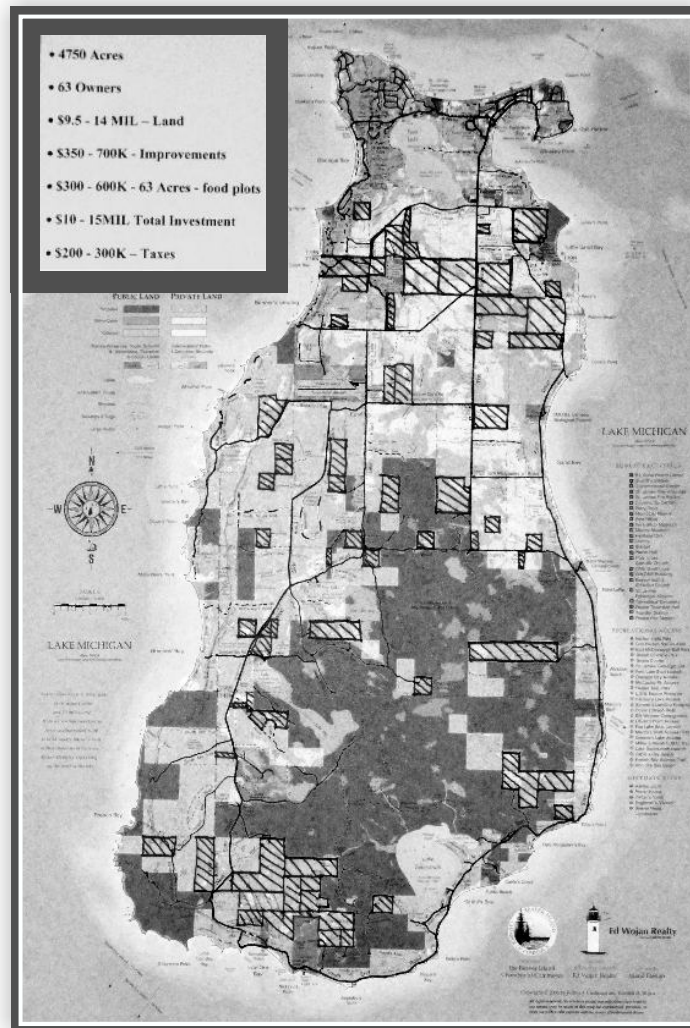
Drummond Island is also working toward wildlife certification. While the two islands have differing objectives for wildlife certification, Russ Mason suggested that a dialogue with

Drummond Island would be important as we could share what things have been tried/ worked/ etc. This would be helpful to us both.

Russ suggested a town meeting to allow community input as we develop our plans. Possibly a meeting in the spring could be developed.

It was also suggested we review the wildlife certification plan with the local Indian Tribes.

—Jeffrey Powers / Don Tritsch / Tom Kludt



18. TURKEY HUNT

"As we all know the Beaver Island Wildlife Club has done an outstanding job with respect to the Island turkey flocks. We need more hunters – thus the ad below which is in the spring issue of *Turkey & Turkey Hunting* magazine in the Destination section." The ad is part of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce marketing plan.

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KUEBLER TRAIL

*Big black stinking beasts, locomotives of the logging train
 Belched and screeched their way across this island,
 Hauling logs from the earth.
 Sweaty, noisy, hard work, dammit,
 Men lost their limbs, their wits, and some died too.*

Here we are, Sara and I, sauntering down Kuebler Trail,
 Patches of snow still in the woods, leaves ready to burst,
 Chatting as we near the place of the end of David Chase.

A voice shouts in my mind: Stop, Richard! Stop!
 Do not walk through these woods of mayhem and death like you're a child dancing.
 Stop! Where stolen logs filled the appetite
 Of carnivorous cities, Chicago and Detroit.

We come to where Protar placed a cross for Chase, and his plaque too.
 Derailments were common then, and this man died,
 His locomotive plunging from the tracks.
 Sarah and I stand and look, as is right and proper to do.
 Then she tugs at my shirt and, whispers to me,
 Though no one's around, "Let's get going. I want to play."
 Love over history, lust over death, an easy choice she thinks I'll make.

The voice, however, berates me to stay.
 Consider Mr. Chase, it says,
 Competent and wise, he knew the controls of his mammoth machine,
 When the boiler was full, when to feed the fire no more.
 Sara walks down the path, and I admit, it calls to me as well.
 Tall dunes on the left and grassy meadow to the right.
 The sun and our hearts, they're dancing.
 So we say goodbye to Mr. David Chase.

"Sarah," I say, "Your dance is so sweet, and I love you so.
 But you wish to avoid the pain of David Chase.
 It seems like you shun dark things,
 In spite of your courage, too often you turn and run.
 Sarah, I think, you're in denial of things,
 Conflict and loss, the death we all meet."

On the Trail, little green leaves aspire to grow,
 Like a Monet, they seem to know,
 Where they'll be light and where to glow.

Emptied out of Sarah is now the dancing
 She's drained of joy and filled with rage.
 "You glum glowering geeky guy," she says,
 "It's spring, and the walking is easy."

Once there was the BIWC, it was a quiet time on the little Emerald Island.

Then along came the birth of the NRETC and the BICC. So many things were suddenly possible, as the new man at the MDNR-WD told the director of the MUCC. There would be QDM, WC, and plans to make everything better. The NRETC grew and developed an AMP plan of their own. Soon the NRETC and BICC, with help from QDMA & MDNR put on seminars that took place at the BICC(Community Center). Then the FSC-US developed standards for HCVF which led to the MDNR developing BSA's. The people debated and the BIWC and BICC agreed on a 5 year plan for QDM of which APR was the main point, this went to the SJTB and PTB who approved it, but they forgot to show them a plan for WC. Then two BICC's(Con Club and Chamber) debated the NRETC(which changed its name to NREC) about whose plan was better. The NREC put the QDM plan into its

Richard, you ruin it, you make me crazy.”
 I feel my own energy wane,
 Why do I give her so much pain?
 But hard to hold back my ire, I say: “Life is not a dance,
 More like a dance card: You accept what you get.
 Some partners hold you with grace, some dimly step on your toes.

Sarah, now ready for a fight, her voice is full of might:
 “Cross me off your damn dance card, Richard, for good and for life,
 I don't need such pain. I don't need your strife.”

I try in vain to soften myself, but still loud is my voice.
 “Some people say, happiness is our birthright,
 But Sarah, that's a lie and a perjury too.
 Truth is that many feelings come and go,
 Sara, veer away from suffering, you make yourself pain.
 Turn away from death; you get death just the same.”

Kuebler Trail has its splendors: thick forests and rolling dunes.
 But only feet away, it's got ugliness and decay:
 Hidden rotting animal bodies and thousands of Beech shortly to die,
 Soon joining David Chase where each of them lie.

Walk beside me, Sarah, I feel sad for what I've said.
 I want to give up, to find new places to tread.
 But Sara stops and points at a tree:
 A Birch has fallen, nestling itself into the crotch of its neighbor.
 Blown down slightly to the south or north, it would have missed its perch,
 “A sign,” she says, “of balance.
 I dance a little less, and you're not so sour.
 Measure our madness, and find some ease.”

Now we arrive and we sit on Barney's bank,
 Plunk our feet into the water, oh so cold and clear.
 Open our minds to the lovely flat of the lake and rise of the dune.
 I kiss her fresh freckled face, she takes my hand to hold.

Deep in his woodsy cabin, Thoreau called Walden Pond *the Earth's eye*.
 Here the eye of our lake and heaven are met.
 May our eyes see fairly, may we never forget:
 That dancing hearts are a gift, that's certainly true,
 But sometimes they must be quieted,
 Our solemn and down-hearted mood, that's a piece of our life too.

So, we make room for Chase on our moody day,
 Meaning, he gives to our life, and ground for our play.

—Charlie Donaldson

AMP. Then as winter came the NREC pushed for BSA with the MDNR, who had thought the SJTB and PTB had already approved WC, but they had only approved QDM and APR.

Even the MUCC couldn't straighten everyone out.

So right after the new year the BS HTF and the NI lobbied the people, SJTB and PTB to get rid of the NREC because they had been told by the BICC that the NREC had stopped the QDM when in reality no one had done the WC. In a big explosion the NREC was sunk, the BICC turned things over to the BIWC which was once again as in the beginning alone dealing with the MDNR.

The BIWC then went to the SJTB and PTB with their plan for WC and then took it along with the plan for APR to the MDNR NRC, and now the island waits for the story to be continued.....

—Jeff Powers

HAIKU FOR YOU 19.

*Once again, the power of haiku
 for crystalizing a few stray thoughts is
 easy to demonstrate:*

he sits at the bar
 skunk tail tied to his hat, an
 Island renegade

eagle scans afar
 binocular eyes take aim
 mole mouse has no chance

news of thick, choking dust
 on Mars, the Moon;
 travel at own risk

— Phyllis Kayne

TRADE SHOW

A partnership between Ed Wojan Realty, Developer John Dourjalian, and the Chamber allowed Beaver Island to be represented at the Outdoorama and Cottage Lake Front Living Show the 24th – 27th in Detroit. Several hundred Chamber *Directories* were distributed at the popular show.

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20. BEAVER ISLAND 2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March: **visiting pastors** at the Beaver Island Christian Church: 3-6, Steve Finch; 3-13 Jayne Bailey; 3-20 and 3-27 Harold Kruse

March 10 – **Chili Cook-off at the Shamrock**, 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Chilis should be delivered by 4:30; judging at 5:00 sharp! Call Kerry Smith (448-2744) to enter your chili. Proceeds benefit the Beaver Island Sports Boosters; Free Will Donation.

March 12 – **public informational meeting on the St. James Lighttower**, 1:00 pm at St. James Township Hall.

March 19 – **St. Patrick's Day Games** on

Beaver Island! Happy St. Pats!

March 26 – **Talent Show** 2:00 at the Community Center. Contact Adam Richards to get on stage!

April 16 – **4th Annual Easter Egg Scramble and Visits with the Easter Bunny** 1:00 pm in the BICS Gym

April 30 – **Beaver Island Citizen of the Year Banquet** at Stoney Acre Grill

May 29 at 3:00 – **1st Annual Gail's Walk**

June 18 – **Open House** at both Museums: snacks, new exhibits

June 23 – 25 – **2nd Annual Beaver Island Bike Festival**

June 24 – 27 – **Camp Quality Beaver**

Island Teen Camp

July 10 – Third annual **Beaver Island Archipelago Challenge** poker run to benefit the Beaver Island Community Center.

July 14 – 16 – **Beaver Island Music Festival**

July 18 – 23 – **Museum Week 2011**

July 20 – 22 – **BIHS Art Show** at the Gregg Fellowship Center

July 24 – 31 – **Baroque on Beaver**

July 30 – **Livingstone Studio Meet the Artists.**

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event; children 5 and under are no charge.

Commemorative long sleeve t-shirts are available for \$10 (**please pre-order by April 15th**). To pre-register (see form below), please make your check out to BIRHC (Beaver Island Rural Health Center) in memo put: "Gail's Walk", and mail

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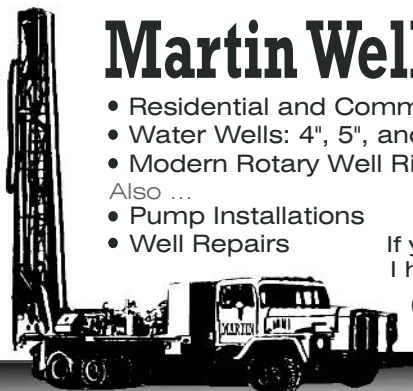
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Now he has some help, with partners/apprentices Dan and Carol Burton in the St. James Boat Shop, located in the old Beaver Island Lumber Company store that served as the first McDonough's Market, along with master paddle-builder Karen Slanga, another apprentice. Carol braids the bucket handles. It's easy to find the Boat Shop – just follow the trail of sawdust.

A canoe takes around 300 hours to create – including the adding of a protective graphite bottom coating. Since there's waiting involved with some of the stages, Bill realized he needed something else to make during the down time. This gave rise to his own short "bucket list": four items, four sizes of buckets. He created his own style involving thin splines, and has made hundreds and hundreds. They're perfectly water-tight, al-



though most serve as art objects. Hundreds and hundreds have sold at \$65 to \$120, becoming ambassadors of Beaver Island all across the land. Typically they receive four coats of varnish after being stained.

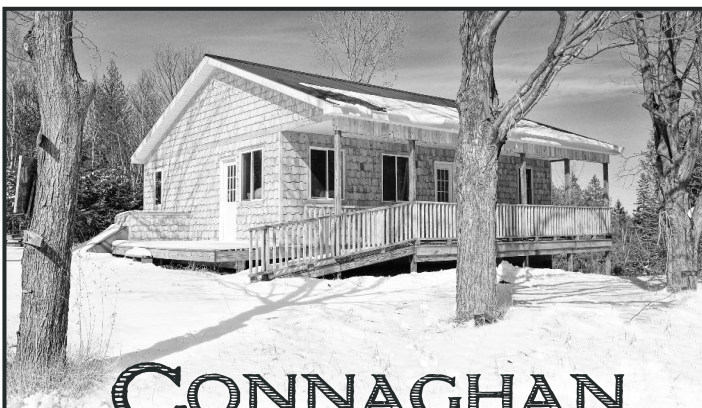
As he did with the buckets, Bill, a former engineer, came up with his own design and technique for building the canoes. He started with a typical American model, setting a solid frame every foot to shape the hull; then he spent years tweaking the frames until he had the final shape just right.

All the wood comes from Beaver Island. Until Bill's friend Bob Graves left, the wood came from Bob's mill – special cuts. Now Dan uses his own band-saw mill. They let it slowly air-dry for a year, which minimizes warping. At present they have a one-year's supply. This product is Beaver Island through and through.

On a few occasions Bill has mentored someone who wanted to come into his shop and build his own canoe – such as Tim McDonough. He would like to see other boatbuilders set up in Paradise Bay. "That's the way it used to be!"







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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR: ABOUT THE END OF THE NREC

Beaver Island's Natural Resources are its most valuable asset. They are our major economic development tool.

What the Natural Resources Commission was about:

- studying our natural resources with the help of scientists
- identifying our major conservation issues
- educating others about the Island's conservation issues
- working to preserve those resources
- promoting those resources for economic development, to increase tourism and new residents

Tourists come here and new residents locate here because they love the atmosphere and the natural beauty of the Island. Islands are special and Beaver Island is particularly special. As visitors and residents we know as we walk the beaches and hike the trails that Beaver Island is a unique place. In fact scientific studies show that it is very unique. In a study of the 30,000 islands in the Great Lakes, Beaver Island was ranked as one of the most important because of its number and variety of species, plant communities, and ecological diversity. Did you know

- that Beaver Island is an important migratory bird stop for many species and one of the most outstanding places for bird watching in all of Michigan?
- that the Island may have the last ash trees in Michigan without Emerald Ash Borers?
- that our pitcher's thistle, Lake Huron tansy, trillium, and white cedar are very special and are found in few places?
- that we have some of the oldest forests in the state?

All of these and many other unique features combine to create the atmosphere that is special.

We take this diversity for granted, but it may not always be there. Beaver Island is also one of the ten most threatened islands in the Great Lakes. Active management of our natural resources is necessary to maintain what we have. If we don't do this, we will lose what we have. This is why the Natural Resources Commission had been working to write a Comprehensive Adaptive Management Plan for our natural resources. We need to identify those resources which are most important

for conservation. We also need to identify the threats. Invasive species can drastically change the Island. Phragmites is a perfect example of this. Without the efforts of Pam Grassmick, Beaver Island's beaches would look very different, and phragmites would be out of control. Did you know

- that over 40 invasive species of insects and plants have been found in firewood?
- that in Michigan, hemlock, white pine, and maples have been almost eradicated?
- that invasive species can crowd out native plants and take over?
- that managing deer to the Island's carrying capacity is good for our forests, but too many deer means loss of native plant species and more room for invasives? Did you know carrying capacity is determined by monitoring of deer browse by trained biologists?

As all of you probably know by now, the two township governments have abolished the Natural Resources/Eco-tourism Commission.(NREC):

- St. James Township did so at their February meeting without notice to the NREC even after requests from all three officers (who had heard by rumor what was planned) indicating that they could not attend the meeting and asking for a chance to meet with the Board to discuss their concerns prior to any action.
- Peaine Township did the same. The Supervisor tried to establish a special meeting where information could be presented and a discussion could be held with the NREC at a time when our officers could all attend. The township board insisted on immediate action. Ed Wojan stressed that it needed to be dealt with immediately by the township boards. Neither township had previously expressed any concerns about the NREC except for a request that it add the Beaver Island Conservation Club and Chamber to our membership which we did.

Ironically, this action was taken in response to the charge that NREC-sponsored letters lobbying for the restoration of the Biodiversity Stewardship Area designation to all of Beaver Island had hindered the effort to implement QDM even though that charge had been proven to be groundless!

In both cases there was much misinformation and no rational discussion. Misinformation continues to be spread around the Island, and the boards acted without understanding or correct information. There is a lot of false information, but here are the three I've heard most often:

- that the Natural Resources Commission or a Biodiversity designation will stop you from using or doing what you want with your private land.

This statement is categorically untrue. The NREC had no power to tell anyone including the DNR what they can do with their property, nor do we want to. The Biodiversity DNR site specifically states that the designation will tell landowners they have property within a BSA, but "it (BSA) leaves it up to the individual to determine if and how they will use the information."

- that the NREC is anti-hunting.

We had 21 members. Of those, nine are hunters. Two others are members of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club. One opens their property to hunters; the other volunteers to do deer checks during hunting season. Support for hunting is included in the draft of the NREC Natural Resources plan, and we had agreed to assist the Wildlife Club with their Wildlife Certification Plan.

- that the NREC is acting for personal reasons, outside the scope of the resolution establishing them and without public input.

Not true: All of the NREC minutes were published on the Peaine Township website within 8 days of the meeting and sent to both township clerks. Notices of all of our meetings were posted at the post office, McDonough's, the Community Center, the library, and the two townships. All meetings were open to the public; some were attended by the Chamber and the Conservation Club before they became members. The NREC presented a comprehensive annual report to the two townships at the annual meetings in 2010. The draft of our Natural Resources Plan was presented to the townships verbally this Fall and a summary of the draft plan was distributed to all township board members in December. The resolution establishing the NREC adopted unanimously by both townships specifi-

cally stated that it should “advocate for preservation of areas where our natural resources should be preserved to enhance our ecotourism opportunities and to maintain the unique beauty of Beaver Island.” It further stated that the NREC should “Develop a plan for promoting preservation, working with state, county, federal and local governments and private agencies engaged in preservation.” As the townships were told and as reflected in our minutes we planned to take our plan to all our membership organizations (which includes the townships) and to public hearings before making any recommendations—which would be only recommendations. Any plan would have to be adopted by the townships.

The decommissioning should be rescinded and the NREC reinstated for the good of the Island. The Island’s economy is hurting. The NREC was working on economic development plans and on preserving our environment, the key to our economic growth. An alternative suggested at the Township meetings and promoted by the Chamber Director and Northern Islander is that the NREC can still operate as a private not-for-profit 501(c)3 or a club. This would not be good for the Island for the following reasons:

- What we have on the Island, a collaborative effort of many organizations, businesses, and a government committed to caring about our natural resources by creating the NREC attracted a lot of attention and support. There are already many good not-for-profits on the Island competing to raise money, and many environmental groups in the state.
- The NREC was a collaborative effort of many other organizations, including not-for-profits. Those organizations will not join another not-for-profit/club, so we lose the effectiveness of this collaboration.
- As a commission of the townships, the NREC was able to attract well-known experts in the field of natural resources to speak at symposiums, do research on the Island, help draft plans, and help seek grants. These experts are able to come because they are helping a unique collaborative effort sponsored by local government. They will not have the same interest in a club.
- Our collaborative effort and govern-

ment involvement opens more opportunities for funding and grants.

- Our collaborative group allowed us to share information and discuss Island issues with many viewpoints.
- Finally, it is unreasonable to expect a group of people who had worked so hard and done so much good and who were so rudely and unfairly treated by the Townships to move forward as a club.

THE NREC was an active dedicated group in the middle of a number of projects which would help the economy. Perhaps you feel that our economic security is being adequately dealt with by the townships, but it is difficult to see that the activities below would be handled by the townships. A few of these were imminent and important right now, but the work will not be completed. We had added to the Township plans the following activities:

- Nationally respected birders are scheduled to come to the Island in May to survey our bird population as a prelude to a published birding list and birding festival, all coordinated by the NREC. Birding is one of the fastest growing tourism industries and occurs in the shoulder season. The U. S. Fish and Wildlife's survey of 2006 activities in Michigan showed \$584 million spent on fishing trips, \$339 million spent on wildlife-watching trips, and \$262 million spent on hunting trips. Our birding list was to be submitted to the Audubon society and would draw attention nationally because of the number of migratory birds using the Island.
- Promoting the uniqueness of our Island as a place people who are retiring, and young professionals who work from home, might want to live. Marketing our ecological diversity, our trails and beaches, is key to finding people who love nature and want to live here. In a survey of 30,000 Great Lakes islands we were ranked one of the most important based on our species, plant communities and ecological diversity.

This is something we could market.

- Working with the USDA on the newly established firewood quarantine for the Island and developing the public relations campaign to make this a positive for the Island instead of a negative. The quarantine began February 8, 2012; we

would have worked with marinas and the boat company on publicity. We also would have worked with the USDA to place traps to catch emerald ash borers.

- Holding a symposium this summer on Inland Lakes and Wetlands.
- Developing the Island natural resources plan, working with the Wildlife Club and their Wildlife Certification plan and the DNR, and assisting the plan commission with their updated master plan.
- Developing the educational campaign against invasive species and the monitoring campaign against invasives. Identifying what invasives are most likely to come here and taking action to watch for them.
- Assisting the phragmites coordinator in the phragmites effort and the DNR in the permit process.
- Hosting a meeting next month at the request of the tribes regarding a major grant they received and what their role might be in assisting the Island.
- Continuing the relationship with off-Island entities and Island organizations that occurs at our monthly meetings and through publication and distribution of our minutes.
- Working with the DNR on a boat launch in the harbor.
- Campground improvements at St. James with DNR help—a trail to the beach and safe fire ring.
- Attending an off-Island conference on Natural Resources and their importance to the Economy/Tourism.
- Participating in a planned discussion with the Beaver Island School about how we can help with their declining school population through efforts to improve the economy
- Republishing our driving guide, which was a sell-out last year, and amending our Trails Guide.
- Continuing the clean up of Garden Island.

The NREC has done a lot of work in its 15 months of existence. The list of projects includes over 125 for preserving our Natural Resources and promoting economic development. Obviously, this work would occur over a number of years. The list above represents some of those that were underway. Who is going to continue this work and coordination?

—Sandra Birdsall

28. A FINAL NREC EVENT

After months of coordinated planning, the Nature Conservancy, a national organization, arrived on Beaver Island for a day-long collaboration with tribal, state, county, and local organizations on February 15. The Island-wide planning exercise specifically dealt with invasive species and deer management threats. A WebEx presentation went on simultaneously so those individuals who were off-Island could fully participate.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) sent three experienced staff members, and one for technology support, who are involved with Lake Michigan, Great Lakes Islands, and Lake Huron planning efforts. They stressed that the Beaver Island archipelago is noted in binational reports as one of the highest ranking bio-diverse islands of the 32,000 in the Great Lakes, and has some of the best examples of natural communities within Michigan. TNC originally was scheduled to come to share the methods it uses in developing plans with the NREC. The Natural Resources and Ecotourism Commission notified the TNC and the groups attending that they were decommissioned by both townships days before. All those attending

and presenting felt the information was too important for the community to cancel the informational training event.

Examples related to the Island were used by the TNC and discussed to show techniques of planning. The planning exercise focused on the following topics, which were explored and strategized: an archipelago-wide firewood quarantine by the Department of Agriculture to help protect the Island ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer; new invasions by invasive terrestrial plants; excessive deer browse on native plants; and monitoring and managing deer to sustainable capacity were presented. The group also discussed plant species that may be added soon to the State and Federal lists of rare and endangered species that can still be found on our archipelago.

The goal of the meeting was not to make decisions or reach conclusions for the Island but to show how dialogue can lead to identifying goals, desired outcomes, threats, and actions to address threats, which are all related. Attendees at the meeting included three biologists from the Little Traverse Band of Odawa, a representative from the MSU Extension Service to Charlevoix County, three former members of the NREC's planning committee, two DNRE representatives, a representative from the planning commission, the Peaine supervisor, and the Wildlife Club president. It became evident to those present at the meeting that the Island's decisions related to natural resource planning carries a great responsibility and must be carefully thought through. Islanders have the ability to protect or destroy species at our discretion. One of the participants, Jeff Powers, president of the Wildlife Club, remarked that it was the largest assemblage of Wildlife Biologists in the history of Beaver Island.

Those present learned much from these scientists. Future NREC planning events, 2011 birding surveys, a June educational symposium, economic drivers, and the Beaver Island Birding Festival are just a few events that have been suspended, along with state agency and regional organizational coordination, because of the decommissioning of the NREC organization by both townships boards.

—Pam Grassmick,
former NREC secretary

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Those you only wave at from your car
The Boyos will say, sure it's all grand
An Irish holiday complete with a band!
Tis all Green ta Me...

The spring inviting us all to feel sunny
Erin's Holiday brings us limericks funny
By the time it's over, we're green in the mind-
A good time had by all, no beer left behind-
Look there! a crocus-the time is near,
(then if ya listen a whisper you hear...
Its All Green ta Me...

— Dawn George

IN MEMORY: CONNIE EICHER 1937-2011

Connie Sue Eicher, 73, of Fenton, died Monday, February 14, 2011 at Genesys Health Park. Funeral services were held February 18 in Fenton, with Pastor Jim Wiegand officiating. Burial will be in Beaver Island Cemetery in the spring. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to Adopt-A-Pet, 13575 Fenton Road, Fenton, MI 48430.

Connie was born August 9, 1937 in Albion, IL, the daughter of William and Bertha (Leveque) Smith. She married



Edward Eicher December 19, 1959 in Detroit. She was a Girl Scout Leader and spent every summer on Beaver Island with her family.

She and Ed bought property here in 1957. She put her children in school here for 1976/77, and lived in the Sand Bay home Ed had designed and built.

Surviving are: husband, Edward; step-son, Eric and wife Judy Eicher of



Royal Oak; 3 children, Michael and wife Rebecca Eicher of Linden, Ty and wife Cindy Eicher of Fenton and Heidi and husband Mark Wiesen of Suttons

Bay; grandchildren, Alex, Stephanie, Emily, Austin, Brooke, Madison, Jake and Skylar; mother Bertha and husband Al Salamina of Venice, FL. She was preceded in death by her father, William Smith and brother, Arleigh Smith.

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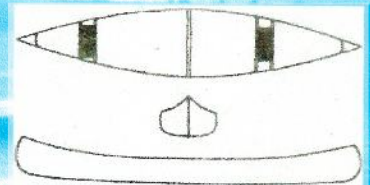
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Flowering Dogwood Tree or *Cornus florida*.



Red Osier Dogwood, *Cornus sericea*



Bunchberry Dogwood or *Cornus canadensis*. Photograph courtesy of the US Forest Service

NATIVE DOGWOOD: A DOGGONE GOOD CHOICE FOR FLOWER LOVERS, BIRD WATCHERS AND PACKERS FANS

by Barbara Rahn

When I was a little girl, pink and white flowering Dogwood trees captured my heart every spring. Such delicate sweetness and grace was, in my mind, second only to ballerinas dancing the Sugar Plum Fairy.

It is still the most popular dogwood available for purchase, but many people do not know there are 29 native Dogwood species in North America. Some Dogwoods are trees, some are shrubs and some are ground covers.

There are eight native Dogwoods in Michigan.

On Beaver Island we have at least two species of Dogwood growing wild, both of which are native. What's the difference between wild and native? A native plant you put in your garden is not wild. On the other hand, a plant growing wild could be a seedling from a Japanese Maple you brought over from the mainland. Japanese Maples are really prolific at making seedlings. But if you found one on the edge of

your woods, it would not be called native. Just wild. Some plant people call it "escape." As in, "Look at that red flower in the old hay field. Oh..., it's just escape iris." A native plant is simply one which was not introduced by people to a new area. It has developed in it's native area by natural processes.

The two Dogwoods which are native to Beaver Island are good choices for your garden. Red Osier Dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) is a



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deciduous shrub which grows from 3' to 8' depending on whether you prune it. It is grown for its white berries for wildlife and for its red twigs in winter.

Bunchberry (*Cornus canadensis*) is a glossy evergreen ground cover. It is grown for its charming little flowers in spring, its tiny cluster of red berries and its evergreen foliage which stays green even under the snow. The white flowers on these two are quite different. Bunchberry flowers look like miniature Dogwood tree flowers, while Red Osier has clusters of very small flowers on long stems.

So where can you see these native Beaver Islanders? If you are on Beaver Island in winter you can easily see masses of the native Red Osier Dogwood. The bright red stems of this drought resistant shrub decorate much of King's Highway and contrast cheerfully against the snow. But if you use it in your garden, there's a catch. You have to know how to prune it in order to get the best winter color and the best form. It's really easy, but more on that another time. *Cornus sericea* is known commercially as Red Twig Dogwood and is also available in two

other forms: one with yellow twigs (for you Packers' fans) and one with leaves which are beautifully mottled or variegated with white. They are called Yellow Twig Dogwood and Variegated Red Twig Dogwood, respectively. Set the Yellow Twig Dogwood in front of an evergreen hedge and you've got Green Bay Packers colors all winter long.

Bunchberry Dogwood is the smallest of the Dogwoods at only 5 inches tall. I have some at my house on the west side of the island. Look for it in semi-shady semi-moist forests with conifers. It can be purchased from native plant purveyors, and must be planted in the correct environment: semi-shady, semi-moist, but well-drained, slightly acidic soil.

So where did the name Dogwood come from anyway? I'd like to tell you that Budger made it up (rest his soul) but my favorite theory stems from the meaning of the word *Cornus*. It means "hard" and refers to the hardness of the wood. Long ago a European species of Dogwood was used to make skewers and daggers. So, it may have been called Daggerwood, which evolved

into Dogwood.

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The Flowering Dogwood Tree (*Cornus florida*) is probably my favorite small ornamental tree. It is native to Michigan, but I have not seen it on the Island. If you see it here, please spin me an email. In spring it bursts onto the scene with early, showy flowers. In summer it creates a dappled shade and adds intermediate structure to the garden. In fall it is vibrant with cherry-red leaves. In winter, its red berries keep song birds nearby. And I never tire of the silhouette of its branches dusted with snow.

There are so many native plants on Beaver Island which can be used in the home landscape. And the really desirable ones are all available commercially, like *Cornus sericea* and *Cornus canadensis*. Give one of these Dogwoods a try. You'll be doggone glad you did.

Barbara Rahn and her husband Joe are full-time residents of Beaver Island. Barbara is a landscape designer and holds an MS in Botanic Garden Administration from the University of Delaware.

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Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* reported on the Feb 8th plane crash 2 ½ miles SW of the Municipal Airport in which the pilot and copilot were both killed but the four members of the family who were passengers, a mother and her three children, all survived. The crash left the 5-year-old son hanging upside-down until he was cut free with a scout knife by his 13-year-old brother. The father was waiting at the airport and saw the plane fly past. When it did not reappear he phoned for help, and the entire Island responded. Firemen and EMS workers, and anyone with a snowmobile, began to search, but at 8:00 called it off until morning. The Coast Guard sent three boats and its helicopters to help, but it was Paul Welke, playing a hunch around daybreak, who located the downed plane and the cold but alive survivors.

Marilyn Clark contributed a profile of Bill Freese, who first set foot on Beaver to pick up a navigator at the Lodge for a Mackinac race. She laid out his birth near Detroit, service in the Marines, time in Korea, and life as a contractor and engineer.

A report on the Med Center said its new telemedicine system was partially operational, linking the Island to mainland health centers through REMEC. The facility, though, had run out of space, and did not know what to do. Pete LoDico chaired a committee to investigate its options. Dr. White was providing dental services, and Dr. Molter eye care. Elaine West was behind increased services to seniors.

The Wildlife Club's president Bob Banville said the group was feeding cracked corn to the turkeys, developing a walleye-rearing pond, and researching what other species would be appropriate for some of the other lakes.

Rich Gillespie was chided for limiting his new 14'-high ice shanty to three levels.

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* reported that the school had announced three surprising personnel changes. After 6 years Jane Lily was leaving to get married; after 13 years Sister Marie Eugene was leaving, and after 12 years Kitty McNamara was resigning to spend more time with her children.

The state cut its budget in a manner that eliminated the annual \$50,000

funding for the Med Center. Frantic calls to Lansing produced promises that this would be reversed. Doc Lange, holding down the fort while N/P Mike McGinnity was in Iraq, was trying to form an alliance with Northern Michigan Hospital.

The Western Shores development was asked to create a new 2-acre wetland as mitigation for areas disturbed by its new road.

The 5th annual Talent Show had 15 acts before everyone joined in for the Grand Finale, a song, *For Our Troops*, written by Shannon Heynig.

The Airport Committee said brush clearing on the slope west of the runway had been completed. More land was going to be acquired (for \$4,000, the amount set by a Lansing appraiser), and then more clearing would be done.

Thirty Years Ago *Beacon* manager Terri Liller combined March and April for a single issue. It included two reports from Deb Koster about the Beaver Head Lighthouse, beneficiary of an ongoing restoration program. She said visitors were scarce because the roads down were snowblown, but she had brought over Julie Cordano to teach residents, particularly students at BICS, about the joys of cross-country skiing.

Forty Years Ago A rough winter was hurting the deer herd, so Bill Wagner, Joe Brimble, and Alvin LaFreniere were out cutting forage. The temperature dropped to nine below.

Jewell Gillespie pulled strings in Lansing to get the *Sundew* to break out the harbor, smashing through 2 ½' of ice so the *American Girl* could make a fuel run.

Five snowmobile races were held on St. Patrick's Day. Bud Martin, Jim Wojan, and Walt Wojan each won one on Ski-Doos. Lil Gregg won the Powder Puff race on a Johnson. Many Islanders went to Chicago for its St. Pat's party, including current Islanders Mary Palmer and Ed Connaghan.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Mary (Duffy) Gallagher, born in Arranmore; she arrived on Beaver Island in 1904 at age 17, and married Willie John eight years later. Also Mary (McCann) Mabley, born on the Island but raised in Charlevoix.

Fifty Years Ago The 7th annual Beaver Island Club of Chicago's party was announced for the Eagles Hall, to benefit Holy Cross. The Island party would include a corned beef and cabbage dinner at the Parish Hall.

After four years of being dark the buoy between Garden and Beaver was to be lit again.

Little Dave Adams came for a visit, plus former pastor Father Alexis, and former residents Edwin McCann and Joe Perron, for three days of rabbit hunting.

The Conservation Department assigned John Ozaga to investigate coyote behavior on the Island. He tracked the beasts for 350 miles, during which he came across nine dead deer carcasses. He believed 30 dead deer had been left by hunters—because of the lack of tracking snow. On the mainland the average is 4 dead deer per square mile.

Rogers Carlisle prepared 900' of 16 mm film about our deer hunting and coyote elimination programs to show around the state. Rabbit hunters were turning to coyote for sport, and killed two.

Henry Allen resigned as Boat Company president, and Karl Erber took over.

A plan was approved to restore the Indian Burial Ground near the Baraga Cross as a tourist attraction.

Lawrence McDonough, Bud McDonough, and Henry Allen partnered to purchase 70 head of Hereford cattle. Bud and Skip were planning to move to the stone house on James Gallagher's farm, where the cattle would be kept. They planned to increase the herd to 300 in the next few years.

Lawrence had a heck of a time with an instant cake mix. He put in too much water. When his wife Wini saw the problem, she simply added another box of cake mix—but it turned out to be frosting mix. Lawrence beat it furiously until it looked okay, and threw it in the oven. But the frosting separated, and the mess was inedible. Still, a valiant experiment.

The Hunter Safety program enrolled 26 boys and girls.

The *Beacon* reported that General Custer stopped here on his way to the Little Big Horn. He should've stayed.



THE JORDAN RIVER



WINTERFEST AT LAKE C

The week before the Hemlock Point residents and their friends pitched in to help with Fresh Air Aviation's *Winterfest*, everyone was quite nervous because Beaver Island experienced something it would have welcomed *at any other time* – a heat wave, with temperatures tick-

ling fifty. Pools of slush and water formed on top of the thick ice on Thursday and Friday, and the organizers were worried that many of the events planned for the afternoon could not be held.

Thankfully a cold snap hit the Island Friday night, creating a solid surface for skating and snowmobiling. The

event would've been great anyway, with all the wonderful food brought to Phil and BJ's home on the North Arm's south shore, the base for the event. There was plenty of parking, thanks to much plowing of slots. The 150 people who arrived had a great time – thanks to the large sign, "No Politics, Please!"



DESTINATION PARADISE BAY IT'S NOT A FUNNY FEELING

35.

by Larry Hansz

Warning: This may be an uncomfortable sensitive subject. Some may describe it as inappropriate or even gross. No, it's not kinky sex, lust, or any such sin. It is not R-rated but it is a subject literature says may affect up to 90% of us at some time in our life. It is motion sickness, in this case seasickness.

Picture a beautiful summer day with a warm wind out of the south. You are invited to go to High Island with friends for a beach picnic. All is well going out of the harbor and heading west between Beaver and Garden Islands. As the boat passes from the protection of the islands it starts rocking or bouncing a little due to the south wind and waves. The waves are not high but there is a different motion. You have been chatting and laughing the whole trip, but now you now fall silent, maybe feel a little lethargic, fatigued, and may start to sweat. You have a funny feeling; something is not right. Somebody says "You are a little pale. Are you all right?" You answer "I'm fine. How soon are we going to get there?" You may start licking your lips and swallowing more. It is hard to concentrate. When your stomach gets your attention you probably are aware of what might happen soon. The feeling may become uncontrollable and lead to vomiting; if it continues for hours it can be incapacitating. Ever had that feeling?

That feeling is caused by the brain not being able to reconcile and orient spatial inputs from the body. Where we are in "our space" awareness originates from at least four sensory inputs: 1. Eyes tell us where we are in relation to surroundings; 2. The inner ear monitors motion, balance, and place; 3. Body pressure sensors on the bottom of the feet and butt give input from gravity: what side is up; 4. Muscles, joints, and limbs signal motion and direction. The brain processes all this and usually we function smoothly. When the

four inputs do not correlate you get that funny feeling.

Now comes the what you might call the "Been there, done that" part: a few little stories. Stories like these are definitely not funny at the time but over the years become amusing anecdotes for happy hour and family get-togethers. Some names have been changed to protect the innocent, or at least, not embarrass them.

A friend, Mike, told me about his Navy career as helmsman on an aircraft carrier. He was always sick within the first hour of leaving the dock. The first three days of every cruise he was violently seasick but he got a pocket full of bags and continued to stand his watch.

Also, our son Kevin tells about his time aboard the USCG cutter Point Roberts: "We had a Chief who liked to try to get people sick ... for his own reasons. He would often eat smoked oysters from the can, and offer them around by putting them under your nose.

If that didn't work he'd light a cheap cigar and blow the smoke in your face. All this inside a tiny, enclosed pilot house. He had other methods too. Whenever somebody was going to be sick, he'd get his fishing poles out and start trolling lines, using the poor coastie's puke as a chum line behind the boat. It worked too on a few occasions."

One of our family stories involves coming to Beaver Island. Whenever sailing in the Straits of Mackinac a small boater always has to be concerned with wind and weather. The slight current and funneling effect of the wind often makes it very uncomfortable. So one of my rules is to leave very early and get there early before the wind has all day to

pipe up. Maureen says, "He always wants to leave at zero dark thirty in the morning," complaining because she wants to stay asleep longer. This particular trip we left St. Ignace about 4:30 a.m.; the kids stayed sleeping. All went well until a few hours later when all three awoke and were vomiting within five minutes. The boys each lay on berths either side of the companionway; our daughter lay on the floor between them. A sick standard poodle was down there somewhere too. A big bucket sat on the companionway stairs; they were all using it when the urge overtook them;

it was repeatedly emptied by one of us in the cockpit. One time prior to emptying a very full bucket the boat hit a rogue wave of five or six feet; the bucket went airborne, did a "180," and landed on our daughter's head. It was not funny at

the time; however, the story is often retold at family gatherings and always gets lots of laughs.

Carl was fishing with his buddy Al in a small boat in Lake Huron off Aux Gres. It got a little rough and Al began to vomit. Soon they headed to shore and got the boat on the trailer. Al soon recovered so on the way home Carl asked him if he wanted to stop at a diner for lunch. Al said "No, I can't eat," to which Carl asked "Why not? You are all better now." Al replied "I can't eat because I spit out my chop-pers while throwing up out on the lake."

One more story from Kevin: "We were racing on *Brass Tacks*, and were on Lake Michigan." I believe it was a Queen's Cup race from Muskegon to Millwaukee. "We had been beating all day/ early evening into big seas and high winds; it was also raining and cold. Several of the crew were seasick. A few of us were down below, off watch, trying to sleep. John, a person who always bragged about his sailing and foul-weather abilities, was sea-sick. His sea-sickness affected his bowels rather than stomach. I watched as he came down below, took off his rain coat, and partially undid his foul-weather bibs. He went into the head, which was



36. on the starboard side up forward.

When he went in, we were on a port tack, and the head was on the low side. We then tacked, and the head was now on the high side. A short time later the boat fell off a large wave. He came flying through the head door into the main cabin, still in the seated position, with his bibs around his ankles. The stuff was still flying out of him and now flying all around the cabin. He landed on the port side ... and couldn't move. His bowels were still moving, though. Needless to say, the few of us down below went quickly up top, where I stayed for the rest of the race."

Just one more story from my experiences: I was delivering a sailboat from Port Huron to Traverse City with two friends and a work acquaintance. The weather was beautiful, warm and with light winds as we passed under the Blue Water Bridge. The whole first day and most of the night was a wonderful sail. In the very early hours of darkness the next morning stronger southeast winds arose and soon seas were running six feet on our stern quarter. At least the wind was with us, not against us, but the boat had a twisting cork-screwing motion. It was inevitable that someone or all would get sick. That someone was Rick who was

manager of a special care unit at the hospital. He had brought a suitcase-size first aid kit adequate for even minor surgery, with IV solutions to maintain hydration, narcotics, and motion sickness meds including, pills, suppositories, and even injectables. His vomiting began at day-break and continued all day. We begged him to take some of his own meds; he would not. By afternoon he was completely prone, laid out on the leeward cockpit seat dry-heaving over the combing rail. Late in the day we tied up at Rogers City and helped him down the dock to lay in the grass for a long time. He refused to come back aboard (the three of us were having a happy hour and cooking supper). Finally he yelled to us that he was going to walk down the street and get a milk shake. When he returned he said he had been sick all over the Dairy Queen and that he had called his girlfriend in Traverse City to come get him. She arrived about midnight and found him still laying in the grass. He never did reboard the boat or any other boat for several years thereafter.

How can motion sickness be prevented or alleviated once symptoms appear? Hours before going aboard, an over-the-counter antiemetic or nausea medication such as Dramamine or

Bonine can be taken. Dramamine can cause drowsiness. Prescription Transdermscope patches are effective for up to three days so only should be used for longer voyages. The patch medication is scopolamine; one of its side effects can be to dilate the eyes to the point one can not read and has difficulty tolerating bright sunshine. Medications need time to enter the system to be fully effective. Prior to the voyage eat in moderation avoiding spicy, greasy, or rich food; take alcohol in moderation. Other preventatives include wrist acupressure bands and ginger root pills.

At first signs that a crew may be ill, get them in the open; do not stay down below in the cabin. Look at the horizon; do not read. If they are able let them steer as that will help them anticipate the boat motion and focus on the horizon. Sipping ginger ale and eating a few ginger snaps or crackers may help. If vomiting begins remember that fluids lost must be replaced; try to sip small amounts of water, broth, or a liquid including glucose and electrolytes. Flat Coke (carbonation stirred out) or Gatoraide are good.

That funny feeling when the brain first says "I don't get what's going on out there" isn't funny at all. No one is immune.



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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, March 1, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 2, 1911 **Local News:** "Every indication points to an early opening of navigation. Ice conditions are very unusual. Much of the time the past ten days Lake Michigan has been clear of ice off this port, and on Tuesday St. James reported a broad expanse of clear water eastward of Beaver Harbor. The ice making days are past, and with the stiff winds that generally prevail in March it looks

like steam boats before the month is out this year."

"The Beaver Island mail arrived at Cross Village Tuesday night, over bad ice. Advices from Cross Village Wednesday morning stated that the ice was badly broken up around Wagochance (sic), and that it was impossible for the carriers to return. Present indications are that they will remain on this side until navigation opens, but we do not know what a day will bring forth."

"Seven million lake trout eggs arrived at the hatchery yesterday, and are

being placed for hatching." (Note: March 5, Snowstorm 6 - 8 inches; March 6, Slow thaw, 26 degrees; March 7, Last ice mail. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, March 8, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 9, 1911 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island people are having a very successful period of mail communication these frosty days. The carriers made two successful trips to Cross Village last week, and one thus far this week."

PUBLIC NOTICE

Beaver Island Transportation Authority PROPOSED STATE APPLICATION FOR CAPITAL AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE

All citizens are advised that the Beaver Island Transportation Authority has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2012, as required under Act 51 of the public Acts of 1951, as amended.

The Beaver Island Transportation Authority is requesting \$222,000.00 at an estimated cost of capital assistance, and operating assistance in the total amount of \$672,310.00.

The proposed application is on file at the Beaver Island Transportation Authority, 26195 Main Street, Beaver Island, Michigan, and may be reviewed during a 30 day period beginning March 1, 2011. Between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic, and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or requests must be received on or before March 31, 2011. Should a hearing be requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

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(Note: March 11, First thunderstorm, rain, 31 - 34 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, March 15, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 16, 1911 **Local News** "The Robert Beutel Co. of Bay City, having a branch here, last week bought a fish tug at Manistique to take the place of the *Violet*, which was lost last fall. Capt. Ed. Martin is at Manistique and will bring the boat here as soon as the lake is open."

"Capt. Campbell will begin fitting out

the steamer *Beaver* next Monday morning and will have her ready before the close of the week." (Note: March 16, *Pelletier* finished; March 16 - 17 Snow, snow, 6 - 7 inches, 16 - 26 degrees. F. Protar)

(Note: March 21, Thunder - rain storm, 33 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, March 22, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 23, 1911 **Local News**: "Capt. Ed. Martin arrived Tuesday night from Manistique with the fish tug *Lillie K.*,

recently bought by the Beutel Co.

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, March 29, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, March 30, 1911 **Local News**: "As we go to press (Wednesday afternoon) ice conditions are somewhat discouraging. The lake off this port has been in large fields, and kept intact by cold weather. This morning it was moving out. The steamer *Beaver* is ready to make her Island trip and will probably get out tomorrow or next day."



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The team of Jake Drost, Billy Lemmink, Michael McCafferty and Matthew Cull took third place in

LETTERS: ISLAND ROADS

We have read two widely differing views on the condition and esthetics of the Island's unpaved roads. It was mainly quality versus appearance. Safety, width, and surface fall under quality. Minimum width, meandering routes, and forest encroachment fall under appearance/esthetics.

My take on the roads is that esthetics, charm, enchantment, and encroaching forest should be reserved

for private roads and driveways. The public roads should be maintained to high standards of safety, road width, and road surface.

Better roads will bring more Island residents (which is not thought to be a good thing with a segment of Island residents). We should all want the best infrastructure that can be provided. And I do mean all of us with any stake in the Island.

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their "flight." They ranked 15 out of 47 in the performance index category, 19th in retained earnings and 14th in share of the market and 4th in total sales!

The team of Jenna Battle, Erin Boyle, Jewell Cushman, and Ron Marsh placed 37th in performance index, 42th in total sales, 36th in retained



earnings and 29th in share of the market.

This great learning experience was funded through the (CTE) mileage. Special thanks to Mary Cook, our community volunteer, and Dusty Cushman, our parent chaperone.

— Connie Boyle

The King's Highway is a product of unfortunate politics and poor planning. Really poor planning. Chip-and-seal might work if there is a regular application of aggregate and binder. The Island's signature road in its present lumpy condition does not impress anyone. However, I must say that the mowing of the verge is the most attractive that I have seen since coming to the Island.

M 119 from Harbor Springs to Cross Village is acclaimed for its beauty and it is paved. M 66 from East Jordan to Charlevoix is a beautiful paved road providing access to secluded homes via roads and driveways where owners have satisfied their desires for appearance and rustic charm. We should want this.

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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



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



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Welcoming cottage perched on a bluff overlooking the harbor. Less than a mile south of the ferry. This up-to-date cottage is comfortably furnished and contains 1 full bed, 2 twin beds, plus a daybed. Short walks to beautiful beaches and the activities and amenities of town. Two bikes, tv/vcr, microwave and Weber grill. \$700 a week / \$600/wk from 9-1 to 6-30. Call Mike at (734) 769-7565 or (734) 475-6178 or email mschroer@a2mich.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.

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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

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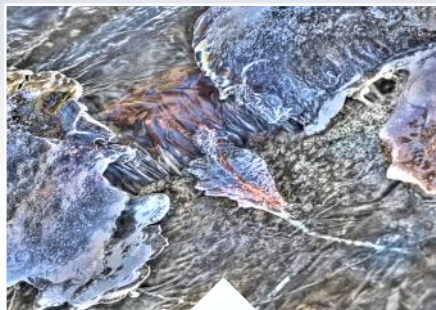
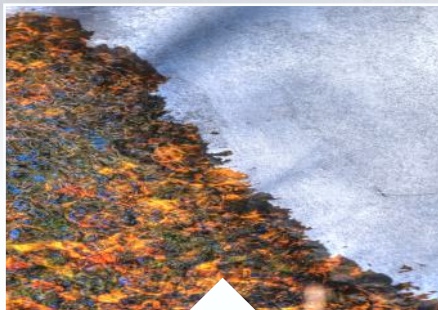
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