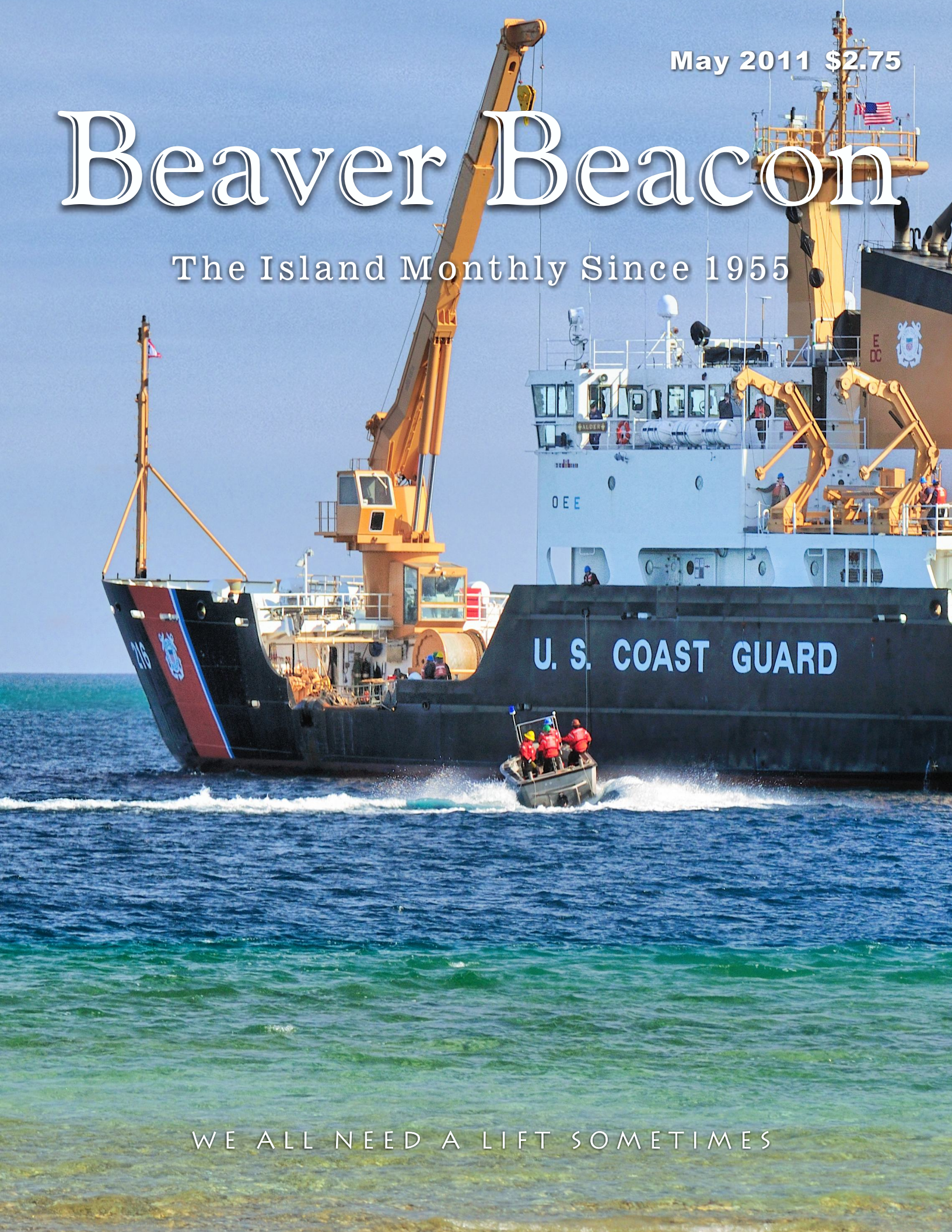


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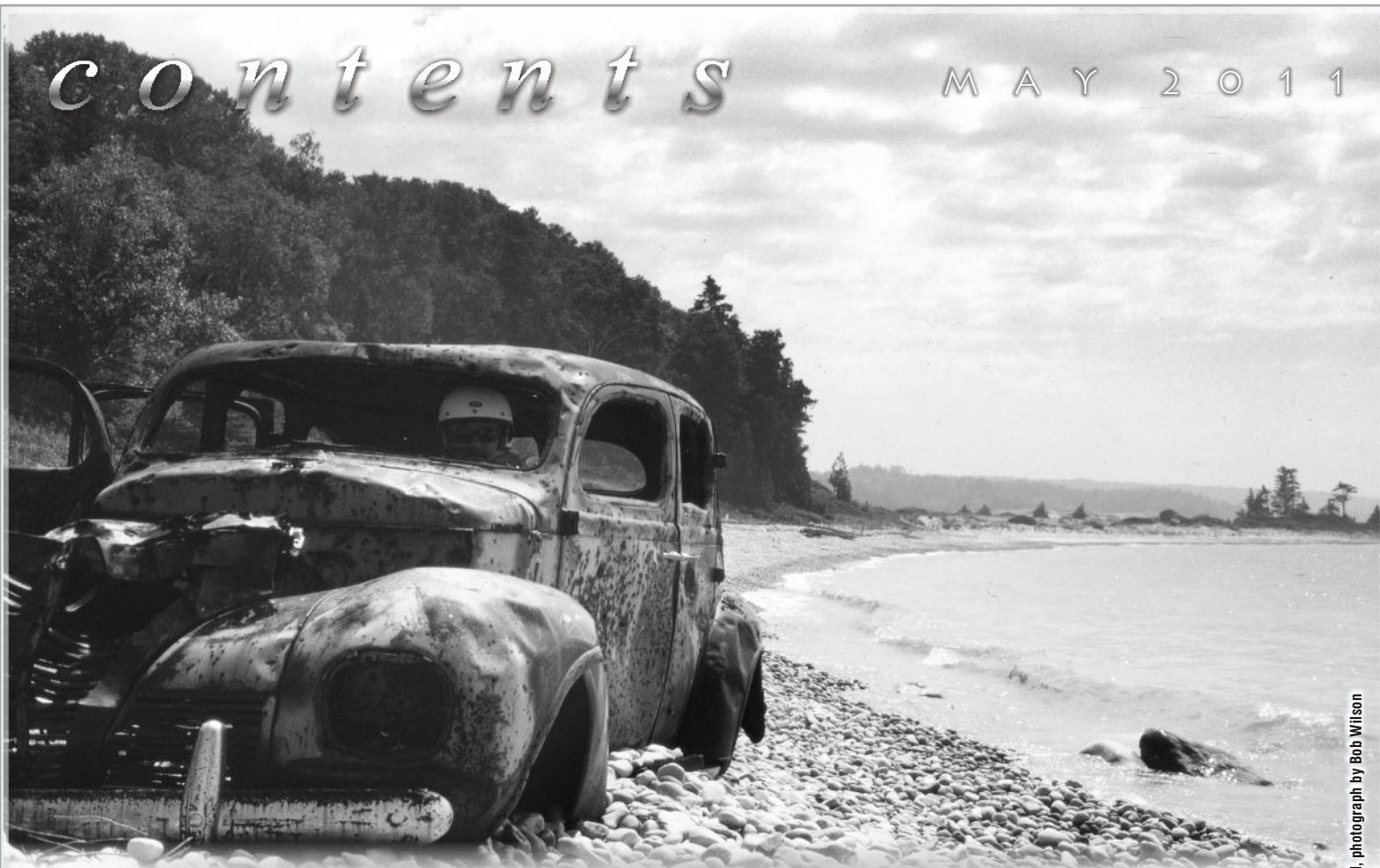
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

Jeff Powers pointed out for a second time that the Municipal Marina was not listed on the DNR website. The Board thought few people would use the site to make advance reservations, and because weather changed so abruptly the Marina might wind up denying extensions in favor of reservations which would not be filled, and go backwards.

Because of new state regulations about planning commissions, ours had to be dissolved and recreated by two resolutions. At the same time Travis Martin tendered his resignation, citing a lack of time. The other members were reappointed, and the vacancy posted.

Sarah McCafferty asked the Board to approve the EMS hiring consultant Mike Slattery for thirty-some hours at \$160/ to guide us toward satisfying emergency air evacuation requirements. Once we have, the large insurance cost can be billed out to patients' insurance carriers. The expense had been budgeted, and the Board approved letting Sarah pursue this.

The Board proposed moving forward to hire a specialist to preserve the three tanks (two holding, one, smaller, for dosing) at the township septic system for about \$60,000. Discussion suggested the problem with the

deteriorating concrete was caused by excessive sulfate in the water now that wells are being driven deeper; sulfuric acid is formed when the sulfate solution mixes with air, and the acid converts concrete to gypsum, which crumbles. The specialist, one of six performing this service in the state, proposed coating the inside of all three covers, plus 2" down the sides of the holding tanks and 48" down the sides of the dosing tank.

The value of the municipal system was indicated by a statement that the harbor is no longer polluted. The work would be paid for by a ten-year bond, with its repayment made by raising the monthly user charges by about \$10 each; these charges were set ten years ago and after a few years proved insufficient anyway. If a few more people hooked up, the greater spread would allay some of the increase.

A member of the audience suggested the matter be studied to see if the tanks (or just the deteriorating parts of the tanks) could be replaced by local contractors, keeping the money here.

A letter was read suggesting the possibility of compensation from the designer (or his errors and omissions carrier) be investigated. The Board had considered this, but thought the problem had to be fixed now before it got worse; blame could be placed later.



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Peaine Township

At the onset of the meeting Trustee Pete LoDico requested that a matter be put on the agenda: authorizing a question to the Township Attorney about how natural resource management entities were typically organized and whether or not it would be appropriate to organize one here as a committee. The supervisor thought such a question was premature in that the former NREC members and some of the group's 'opponents' were going to meet the following night, and the issue of how they might or might not be reorganized could take on a different shape. LoDico countered that the motion he intended to make would not require him to solicit a legal opinion, only permit him to when and if it became appropriate. It seemed that a distinction was being made: an acceptable format (for a committee or a commission) would be only advisory and not have the authority to take any action. LoDico said that if the attorney was queried, it would be done by himself and at least one other Board member. The motion passed.

The planning commission was dissolved and reconstituted, with Dave Howell replacing Doug Tilly, who resigned. The 7-member Trails Committee had four vacancies, all of which will be posted.

Three matters proved somewhat contentious. The first involved the supervisor's attempt to get back some of the legal fees Peaine paid to compose the Airport Agreement. Over a year ago the Townships asked the attorney they shared to draft an intergovernmental agreement, which he did by proposing an Airport Authority. St. James tended to accept this, but Peaine did not and requested a pro-vs-con analysis of three types of agreement. The attorney agreed to provide this, but month after month did not. Finally Peaine changed attorneys. The previous attorney turned in a bill for ~\$7,000 for his airport work, and it was paid from the Airport Fund – equal amounts from each Township.

Then the St. James supervisor asked his counterpart in Peaine to have his new attorney draft an agreement more to the liking of the Peaine Board. This was done. It was discussed in Peaine, sent back for modification, discussed again, and sent on to St. James, which sent it to its attorney. Eventually an agreement and by-laws were reached. Each Township paid its own legal fees: ~\$7,500 in St. James, and ~\$13,500 in Peaine. If these had been paid from the Airport Fund, St. James would have paid ~\$3,000 more and Peaine the same amount less. The supervisor wanted redress.

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6. *News from the Townships, from page 5.*

A document summarizing the communication between the supervisors and stating Peaine's case was distributed. Pete LoDico proposed asking both St. James and the Peaine attorney what would be fair before taking any further action, and his motion was passed.

The second matter involved the length of contract given to the new Peaine appraiser, who had finished her reappraisal and offered to continue the state-mandated work for \$10/parcel/year, or \$17,480. The ongoing work would involve making whatever adjustments were indicated by continuing sales and construction, and continuously reappraising 20% of the parcels each year. Her complete reappraisal had been approved by the state (which would check it again with more scrutiny as a matter of course) and earned kudos from many land owners. The supervisor proposed giving her a 4-year contract; the treasurer countered by suggesting two years, which was echoed by Ed Wojan. Mild criticism of her performance was answered by the statement that her analysis of every single piece of property was online and could be checked. After much discussion LoDico suggested three years as a compromise; his motion passed.

The final matter of broad discussion involved the EMS manager's request for approval to hire consultant Michael Slattery for up to 36 hours at

\$160/hour to guide the EMS toward establishing a fixed-wing air ambulance program. He was one of six consultants queried, the one most interested; his references were appropriate. The supervisor thought more fact-finding could be done before he was hired, which might reduce his hours, but audience members pointed out that time was of the essence because an air evacuation operation on the Island could save an hour or more of critical time in a life-or-death emergency; the consultant's help could shave a full year off the normal qualifying process. Both airlines were deeply engaged in doing what they had to do to be part of the new system. After much discussion the request to hire the consultant was approved.

NRE—?

On April 15th 30 people gathered at the Peaine Hall for a discussion of the decommissioned NREC, including both those who supported its recommissioning and those opposed. Half of the two Town Boards were present.

Everyone sat in three semicircles of chairs, with Kitty McNamara acting as moderator and Brad Grassmick time-keeper. The meeting began with short presentations about NREC's 16 months of activity by Pam Grassmick and Sandra Birdsall. They pointed out that it was only an advisory agency which had

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brought numerous groups together and set out on a long-term, complicated mission, using volunteers dedicated to the idea that Beaver Island's future was tied to preserving and publicizing its natural resources. They admitted that they had thought they were communicating with the public through postings, articles, and regular presentations to the Town Boards, but learned too late that they were not getting through.

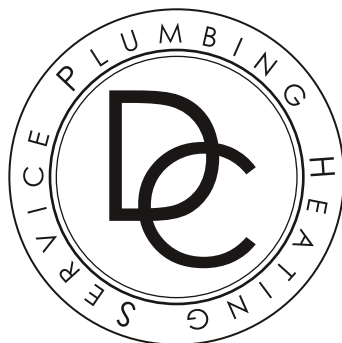
After fifteen minutes a lengthy public comment period began. Although the "opposed" group was missing some of its prominent proponents, others voiced their objections to NREC's conduct. The former commission was considered to be insufficiently sensitive to private property rights, the importance of deer hunting, and the need to focus on today's economic problems. Jeff Powers reminded the group that three nights earlier the DNR contingent had revealed its hope to make Beaver Island a model of what could be done with wildlife management – if the Island kept up its end, which would require more effort than the already heavily engaged Wildlife Club alone could muster.

Some of the former commission's detractors believed in the NREC mission and thought it should be reconstituted as a Townships-sponsored committee – ENRC, the Ecotourism and Natural Resources Committee – with a revised mandate and by-laws that more-

explicitly designate it as "advisory only" and require it to get Town Boards' approval for any planned action. The former chairman thought this would be an acceptable resolution – whereas she had downplayed the option of becoming a 501c3 because that would cost it the important cachet of Township sponsorship when applying for state and federal funding, and make it compete with the Island's other non-profits.

Some of the qualities people would want in any new natural resources organization were listed. It should be collaborative. It should stress education. It should search out and apply for state and federal grants. It should encompass diverse viewpoints and take them into fuller consideration. It should act as a clearing house and filter the overwhelming flow of information. It should only advise. It should rearrange its priorities in keeping with the public's desires. It should not take on too much. It should be more communicative. It should enhance what drives the Island economy. It should better define its structure, goals, and means of operation. It should be more sensitive to the diverse members of the Island community.

That was enough for one night. The meeting was adjourned, with wishes expressed that everyone would consider what had been said and what a next step might be.



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receiving their first load. Thank you to Nancy Ferguson for these photographs


weather gets warmer, the starting time will be earlier. Following golf, the players have lunch at Stoney Acre.

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of the *Wendy Anne* coming into the Ironton dock on the other side.

attend. The tournament is a four-person team, best ball format. Sign-up sheets and further details will be available at the course in June.

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LET'S TALK DEER

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Following a cormorant harassment training session on March 11, five state administrators joined Wildlife Club president Jeff Powers at the Community Center to talk with forty Islanders about Wildlife Certification, Antler Point Restriction, and Quality Deer Management, and answer their questions.

At the onset Jeff reviewed the data collected over the five years, which showed a general rise of deer seen on drive-bys—especially fawns (because of the mild winter). The Club has promoted voluntary APR for years, and now wants to implement the program for this fall. He cited the cooperation of the Conservation Club, the NREC, the Townships, the MUCC, Representative McMasters, and Senator Walker. He said data collected from hunters over the last five years proved that APR restrictions would improve the herd. A survey of 114 people showed an 83% approval of APR. The Wildlife Club also tries to control cormorants, help the turkeys, is involved with loon and songbird protection, and improving the fisheries. A Tribal biologist reported that Lake

Geneserath now has many second-generation walleye.

Next Brian Mastenbook, the DNR Wildlife Biologist assigned to Beaver Island from his office in Gaylord, lauded the Wildlife Club for all its work but stressed that even more data collection would be necessary to measure the herd, attitudes, and the economic boost as the new program is enacted.

Russ Mason, the DNR's Wildlife Division Chief, talked about how Wildlife Certification came about in southern Michigan, and how Beaver and Drummond Islands were the new focal points for its enactment. He said a number of groups had come together in a collaboration between private and public land owners to enhance all wildlife and habitat. He was willing to provide technical assistance and other support, but said more volunteers and partnerships were needed to make sure the program works. The DNR will carefully watch how QDM and APR play out here, and make any needed adjustments.

Later Russ Mason talked about BSA(biodiversity stewardship area). He

said the Wildlife Division supported the BSA, adding that it was very unlikely that there could be a conflict between BSA and such programs as Wildlife Certification. But if there was on Beaver Island, BSA would lose out because the Island was, first and foremost, an Experimental Game Research Area. He added that BSA implementation was stalled in Michigan, possibly permanently, so it was a moot point.

Two Natural Resource Commissioners, John Madigan and John Mantonich, assured the audience that the state had no desire to impose anything we did not want. The Commission would move cautiously, considering all comments during a lengthy implementation process. APR on Beaver was sped up (and will be introduced for five years) because of all the preliminary work done by the Wildlife Club to provide data. The commissioners urged everyone to contact them with their ideas. "It can't be some back room deal," they said.

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and have been summering here for fifty years. Their guess was 12:32 PM – only 12 minutes away from when the tower

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Welke at 11:11 AM. The ticket sales amounted to \$2,095, with the winner receiving one half.



In this photo by Bob Wilson, John Andy Gallagher is preparing to throw the rope over a piling when the "Beaver Islander" reaches the dock; he had learned to lasso out west and did not need anyone to catch his lariat.

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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May 3, 1911 **No Beaver Island Related News**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 4, 1911 **Local News:** "The tug Margaret McCann is here today for inspection."

Beaver Island News: "Dan C. Gallagher returned home after spending a week at St. Ignace."

"Albon Smith, of Charlevoix, has been spending a week on the Island."

"J. O'Brien, of Grand Rapids, is here buying cedar ties, posts and telegraph poles."

"Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd have arrived home after spending a week at Charlevoix."

"W. W. Boyle, after spending two weeks at Harbor Springs, is home again."

"Mary Johnson and Mrs. J. J. Martin, who have been visiting in Detroit, have arrived home."

"Capt. Owen

Gallagher, of the life saving station was in Cheboygan on business last week."

"Wm. Harrington, deputy game warden, is here looking after the interest of his department." (Note: *Wm Harrington, Ishpeming, appears in the Hotel Beaver register, April 28th, 1911*)

"Mrs. James Cunningham, whose husband represents the Booth Co. here, is spending a week on the Island."

"R. A. Emery, of Charlevoix, and A. T. Steward of the U.S. Fisheries Bureau, paid us a visit last week."

"The following traveling men visited the Island the past week: Dave Hastings, of Petosky; Fred A. Smith, of Charlevoix; John Scheid, of Grand Rapids, Archie Cameron and Jas. Flaggart, of Traverse City." (Note: *J. O. Flaggart, Traverse City, appears in the Hotel Beaver register*)

"The L. A. A. O. R. Served a banquet to the A. O. H. one evening last week, after which they gave an entertainment consisting of song, recitations, etc., and several speeches were made including one by Father Malone, who

thanked all present for the good fellowship that was manifested."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May 10, 1911 **No Beaver Island Related News**

(Note: May 10 Thunderstorm, rain - 38 - 52 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 11, 1911 **Local News:** "Rev. Father Malone, of St. James, came over Monday and went to East Jordon to visit his friend, the Priest of that Parish."

Beaver Island News: "Fr. Malone went to Petosky Monday."

"Alice Johnson went to Charlevoix for a visit with friends."

"John C. Gallagher and Capt. Allers are at Charlevoix as jurors."

"The light house tender *Sumac* was in the harbor over Sunday."

"Nat. Burns, of Charlevoix, bought two teams of horses here this week." (Note: *Nat Burns, Charlevoix, appears in the Hotel Beaver register.*)

"Henry Hartwick and wife went to Charlevoix on business Monday."

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here visiting his grandparents."

"Mrs. Clarence Bissell went to Milwaukee this week to visit her daughter."

"The steamers *Schroeder* and *Wendt* loaded lumber the first of the week."

"W. E. Stephens went to Manistee this week after the engine for the new mill."

"Harold McCann returned home from school at Big Rapids where he was all winter."

"Capt. Fred Sendenburg went to Central Lake on business for the B. I. L. Co."

"C. L. Kaiser and wife were delivering fruit trees to the farmers this week." (Note: C. L. Kaiser & wife, Levering, appear in the *Hotel Beaver* register May 6, 1911)

"The new saw mill is being built. They are putting up the frames and they have a small mill cutting the timber for the large mill." (Note: May 14 - Frost, 1/2" ice. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday,

May 17, 1911 No Beaver Island Related News

(Note: May 17 Thunder-rainstorm 57 - 72 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 18, 1911 **Local News:** "The rebuilt steamer *Lou A. Cummings* arrived here from Manistee Sunday, and began her regular Boyne City run. The *Cummings* is practically a new boat. The old 'bustle' is taken out of her, and she is all new hull from keel to fender-strake, besides being lengthened twelve feet. She has a new boiler of increased capacity, new cylinder and new steam fitting throughout. As a result of the rebuild she has a much cleaner run on the water-line, and is a much handsomer boat than before. The matter of changing her name is now being threshed out at Grand Haven and Washington, and she will soon come out as the *City of Boyne*. She is owned by Captains O. F. Wilbur, P. D. Campbell and her master, Capt. Geo. Weaver, all of this city."

"Capt. John McCann, of St. James, was in the city Tuesday."

Beaver Island News: "E. A. Allen, of LeRoy, Michigan, was at the Beavers on his way to High Island to load lumber." (Note: E. A. Allen, LeRoy, Mich appears in the *Hotel Beaver* register.)

"Frank Dunlap returned from Charlevoix where he was on a little business with the county clerk in connection with a marriage event which occurred Wednesday night."

"F. E. Selling of Battle Creek and Fred Smith of Charlevoix visited our merchants this week."

"The frame of the mill is up."

"Nels Lafinear (sic) has opened up a new ice cream parlors, having bought out Gibbons."

"Myrtle Douglas visited friends in Charlevoix last week."

"The Western Michigan Development Bureau on or about the first week in June will send two of their orchard experts to explain to the farmers how to make a success of their orchards."

"Jack Floyd has bought a gasoline engine and is putting it in his new boat."

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14. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 13.

"W. W. Boyle is having his house repainted and intends to put in an Ice Cream parlor."

"Capt. John McCann is planting some fruit trees and now he has a fine

little orchard."

"There were over 1000 fruit trees planted on the Island this spring."

"John C. Gallagher is sailing on Str. Illinois for the summer."

(Note: May 22 Thunder-rainstorm

- 52 degrees; May 23 Thunder-rainstorm - 58 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Wednesday, May 25, 1911 **Beaver Island News:** "Fred Sendenbury arrived home from Central Lake Monday."

IN MEMORY: JAMES AVERY

Dr. James K. "Jim" Avery, 89, of Ann Arbor, MI, passed away on April 16, 2011 at ArborHospice. He was born August 6, 1921, in Holly, CO, to the late Willard Smith Avery, D.D.S., and Bertha Knuckey Avery.

Jim enjoyed growing up in Pueblo, CO. His sister, Julia May Avery, died there in 2010. He is survived by his wife Dorothy "Dody" Thuerk Avery; daughter Nancy Jane Avery of Bellingham, WA; son David Lloyd Avery (Susan) of Beaver Island; and son Robert Hugh



Avery (Carol) of Coleman. He is also survived by four grandchildren; John Paul Wilson and Alan James Avery of Bermuda, and Sarah Victoria Avery and Forrest Nathaniel Nevill Avery of Beaver Island. Jim also leaves behind other family members and special friends who loved him dearly. He was very caring and was the ultimate gentleman to his final day.

Jim received his D.D.S. degree from the University of Kansas City in 1945. He then served for two years as a lieutenant

in the U.S. Navy, putting his dentistry skills to work in Guam. He received his Ph.D from the University of Rochester, New York, where he met his wife, Dorothy, and they married in 1950. He joined the faculty of the University of Michigan as an assistant professor of dentistry in 1954, was promoted to associate professor in 1959, and to professor in 1963. He also was appointed as professor of anatomy in the Medical School in 1971. He held several administrative positions in the School of Dentistry, including chairman of the Department of Oral

FRANCIS G. RICKSGERS

Francis Ricksgers, 91, of East Jordan, died Friday, April 22, at Grandvue Medical Care Facility in East Jordan. Funeral Mass was at on Wednesday, April 27, at Holy Cross Church. The Reverend James Gardiner will officiate and burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Francis was born November 28, 1919, in Charlevoix, the son of William and Bridgette (Gallagher) Ricksgers. He grew up on Beaver Island and attended school here until eighth grade, when he went to work in the sawmills and help on the family farm. He worked in the CCC

camp for many years and on Great Lakes Freighters.

On November 20, 1943, he married Anna Marie Sendenburgh on Beaver Island. They moved to Detroit where Francis worked as a carpenter, and at Chrysler, retiring in 1980. After retiring

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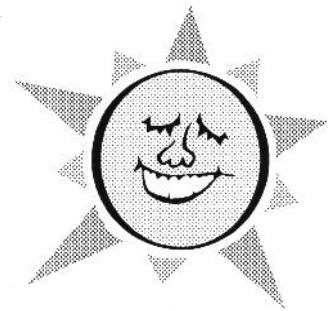
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"Mrs. Will Allard, of Charlevoix, is visiting friends at the Island this week."

"The Str. *Schroeder* brought the machinery for the new mill to the Island Saturday."

"May Gallagher returned home

Monday, after spending the winter in Charlevoix."

"Dr. Auld has been spending a week at the Island doing dental work." (Note: J. A. Auld D. D. S., Charlevoix appears in the Hotel

Beaverregister)

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"Sherwood Stevens has returned to the Island after spending a week at Manistee." (Note: May 31 Storm 52 degrees raw, very raw F. Protar)

Biology.

In 1970 Jim was appointed associate director of U of M's Dental Research Institute; he later was promoted to director and served until 1987. In the mid-1970s, Jim was elected president of the International Association for Dental Research, through which he met scientists from around the world. He is a past chairman of the American Association of Dental Schools' Anatomical Sciences section, and he served as consultant on research to the Veterans Administration Hospital of Ann Arbor. He received the

American Academy of Dental Medicine Award and was elected a fellow of the American College of Dentists and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Jim was humble about his many accomplishments, and felt they were never as important as his students were to him. Jim retired in 1991 but became a devoted volunteer with several organizations including Dawn Farm, for which he served as a trustee for many years, and with Mended Hearts. He spent countless hours visiting with hospital patients on

behalf of Bethlehem United Church of Christ. He also continued revising and publishing updated editions of earlier textbooks he had written. Jim served as a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts from 1966 to 1970.

A memorial service to celebrate Jim's life was held at 2:00 pm on April 25th at Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Ann Arbor. Contributions in his memory may be made to Dawn Farm, to the Boy Scouts of America, or to a charity of your choice. Jim Avery lived a full life and he will be missed.

they made their home in East Jordan.

Francis enjoyed woodworking and made beautiful rocking horses. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan.

Francis is survived by his wife, Anna Marie of East Jordan; children,

Donna Jean (Joseph) Gonzalez-Kohn of Shelby Twp., Joseph Anthony (Donna) Ricksgers of Lake Orion, Mary Ann Martinko of Warren, Erma Louise (Steven) Bridges of Rochester Hills, Susan Bridgetta (George) Dobaczewski of Grosse Pointe Woods; nine grandchil-

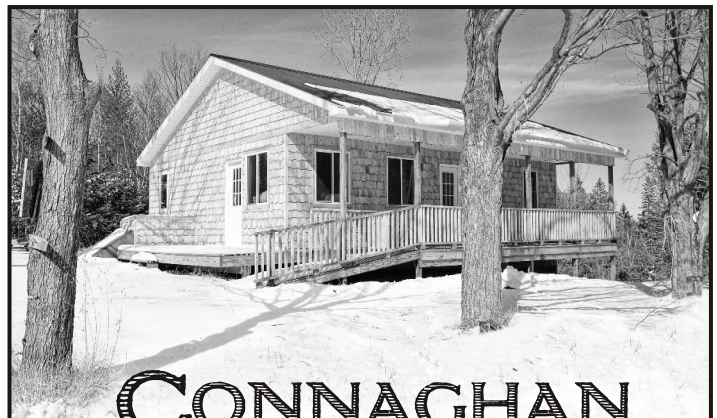
dren; nine great-grandchildren; nephew William (Ricksgers) Lentini of Selby Twp.; niece, Annette (Paul) Wells of Leonard; cousin and caregiver, Marilyn Malpass of East Jordan; many nieces and nephews. Francis' infant son Jude preceded him in death.



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LANISING PAYS A CALL

On April 15th eight legislators (and two legislative assistants) came to Beaver Island, visiting the Health Center, Senior Housing, Community Center, the arriving ferry, the School, and CMU's Biostation.

At each stop plans were revealed and requests for help made. For example, at the Health Center Don Spencer explained the delicacy of the facility's finances, and lobbied for help through an annual grant. Or in having the doctor at Northern Michigan Hospital or

Charlevoix Hospital, who is virtually present at the BIRHC through telemedicine, declared to be present (as is sometimes done in other instances) so we could collect on insurance claims at a higher rate. A subtle adjustment to terminology such as this could make a world of difference to our prospects.

Paul and Angel Welke also made a presentation about the uniquely high insurance Michigan requires for an air evacuation certification — \$10,000,000 for each plane, as opposed

to the one or two million required by most other states. Existing requirements designed for dedicated planes and large air ambulance services appear to create an unreasonable burden for the Island. Gerald LaFreniere of the EMS said they were afraid "someone who doesn't have the ten grand to be flown off might just hope for the best and lie there and die." The legislators agreed to press for a waiver of this for the Island.

Kitty McNamara shared information about the unique economic aspects

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Among those taking part were Senator Howard Walker, Senator Tom Casperson, Representative Frank Foster, Senator Geoff Hansen, Representative Greg MacMaster, Representative Ed McCorm, Representative Wayne Schmidt, Greg Andrews – Aide to Governor Snyder, Jesse Osmer – Assistant to Dan Bennishek, Rick Diebold, Char-Em Superintendent, Penny Barney, Grand Marais Principal, and Nate Beelen, Paradise Principal.

of running a school on Beaver Island. Principals from Grand Marais and Paradise added to the discussion.

With a tour of the *Emerald Isle*, an overview of the ferry's significance was given as well as a quick look at a new ferry concept drawing to meet our next needs. Biostation Director Dan Uzarski and Vice-provost and biological researcher Ian Davison talked about the CMU research projects at the Gillingham Auditorium, and how being on Beaver Island positions them right at

the center of today's heightened ecological concerns.

The legislators had several questions about the degree to which economic factors were taken into consideration, and cited examples of how pure and abstract scientific decisions could run counter to common sense by not taking the human factor into account.

From the Island's point of view, this presentation of its complicated infrastructure needs can only help. But the day's greatest contribution might have

been to our understanding of our politicians. Because of the ridiculous posturing that occurs at the national level, many people have come to regard politicians as little more than circus clowns, but this group was intelligent, informed, and concerned; they took notes, asked good questions, and revealed the complications of the matters being discussed and their limitations. It was reassuring to discover that our fate was in such capable and concerned hands.



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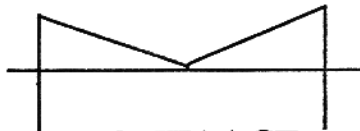
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18. DON'T GET BURNED

With the mild winter and lack of snow and moisture, we can expect a very high and potentially explosive wildfire season. We need everyone to help make sure the Beaver Archipelago is free of fire emergencies.

Unless the ground is snow-covered, a burning permit is mandatory for outdoor burning. They're issued on a case-by-case basis, and can be obtained by calling Tim McDonough (448-2733). Beaver Island has its own weather conditions, usually different from the mainland, so a local permit is needed — not one from the DNR.

Last year a few warning signs were placed around the Island. Pay attention! There are also countertop signs at the Ferry Dock and Airports. The signs were purchased with help from the Beaver Island Association, whose members help change the indicators.

Twice a day Jacque LaFreniere gathers the information that determines the fire status: temperature, wind speed, precipitation, humidity, ground moisture, and forecast. She then calls to raise or lower the fire warning. She is a dedicated volunteer, helping keep us safe.

A wildfire here is a very real and frightening possibility. On TV we see what can happen in footage from Texas and California. Keeping the Island safe is everyone's responsibility. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please just call the Fire Department or Deputy Sheriff.

Here are a few suggestions for home owners:

- Keep the grass mowed 100' from the structure;
- Remove all but scattered trees within 30';
- Clean leaves and pine needles from gutters and roof;
- Keep wood piles 25' from home and fuel tanks;
- Remove burnable items from under and around decks;
- Have 100' of garden hose connected and ready;
- Keep tools (rakes, shovels, hoe, ladder) available; and
- Maintain turn-around space in driveways for fire trucks.

Thanks for your diligence in keeping our Island safe!

—Tim McDonough

GAIL'S WALK - MAY 29

The 1st Annual "Gail's Walk" will take place Sunday, May 29th 2011 at 3:00 pm. This walk will begin and end at the Public Beach parking lot.

In honor of Gail Weede, each year we will have a Memorial Weekend Walk to raise money that will help Island families who experience unexpected or long term medical treatment. This fund would help with bills or expenses related to the condition.

A minimum donation of \$10 per person is asked for this 5k untimed



event. Children 5 and under are no charge. To pre-register for the walk please make your check out to BIRHC (Beaver Island Rural Health Center)—in memo please put: "Gail's Walk," and mail to: Beth Croswhite P.O. Box 143, Beaver Island,

MI 49782 If you are unable to join us, but would still like to donate to this worthy cause, any donation would be welcomed and appreciated.

Any questions, call Beth Croswhite 231-448-2820 Dawn Marsh 231-448-2910 or Kerry Smith 231-448-2601.

YARD SALE - FIRST ANNUAL - BRING IT, SELL IT, TAKE IT AWAY.

Saturday May 21st is the date to save! From 9 – Noon. Gregg Fellowship Hall. Meet in the parking lot for Beaver Island's first out-of-your trunk or pick-up truck YARD SALE. If you want to sell your wares – Call Judi Meister at 2963 or Judy Boyle 3189. \$5 reserves a spot in the parking lot for

you. \$10 gets you a spot in the lot AND a table. (Bring your own table covering.) Either way, you sell your own stuff. Bring it, sell it, take it away.

Will we have coffee? Probably. Baked goods? Probably. Get rich? Maybe. Take a chance. And if you want to shop—just show up!



Photograph courtesy of Elaine West

Ellen Welke will always be remembered for her graciousness and her love of quilting. Many years ago Ellen gave BJ Wyckoff quilting fabric they had shopped for together. Recently what was left of those pieces was handed to Kathy Jones. She designed "Ellen's Stars," and pieced the pattern together this fall. She contacted an old friend, Wilma Esch, an Amish woman from Shippshewana, who lovingly hand-quilted this over the winter. It's 90 x 72 and can be viewed at the BI Health Center lobby now through July 13th.

A silent auction will let bidders compete. The winner will be picked on July 13th after the Garden Tour. Proceeds from this will help fund our "pink" garden area. Please stop by and see and bid on the quilt. If you can't make it to the Health Center go to www.birhc.org beginning May 15th to see a picture.

Bids can be placed in three ways: In person at the Health Center, by phone to the BIRHC office (231-448-2275) or by emailing Donna Kubic at donna@birhc.org



Kevin Morlock of Indigo Guide Service

Indigo Guide Service and the Chamber, with the Lodge, Shamrock, Harbor Market, Fresh Air Aviation, and the Beaver Island Boat Co will host a group of national outdoor writers in late May.

Indigo Guide Service's Matt Dunn provided the following information about the visiting angler/writers:

Kirk Deeter: editor at large for *Field and Stream*, and frequent contributor, published three books on fly fishing.

Tim Romano: photo editor for *Fly Fish Journal*, featured photographer in many magazines and websites.

Will Rice: contributing editor for *The Drake* magazine, is a regular contributor to Angling Trade.

Caleb Reinhold: creator and manager of *Fishpornfix.com*, hip and popular fly fishing video filmmaker.

Jean Paul Lipton: creator and manager of *Roughfisher*, has written for *Bloodknot* Magazine and others.

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20. FISHING IN SAND BAY

Thanks to Jeffrey Stein for this photograph (facing page) taken last summer fishing in Sand Bay.

NATURE WALKS

Every year the Beaver Island Historical Society and the CMU professors team up to present a series of informative and fascinating Nature Walks. This year's schedule has been set; call Pinky (448-2461) to sign up:

Tuesday, June 28 (CMU field trip). **An Introduction to the Bogs of Beaver Island.** Ed Leuck will take you to several Island bogs, and talk about their characteristics and the unique flora that inhabit these harsh environments. Plan on getting your feet wet – if you have never walked on a bog mat, you are in for a memorable experience!

Thursday, July 7 (CMU field trip). **Natural History of Barney's Lake.** Nancy Seefelt and Jeff Scofield will lead you to the Barney's Lake Preserve. They'll talk about the birds, mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and even spiders of this beautiful area.

After a late dusting of snow and some cool days this spring, this photo certainly captures the beauty of the

Thursday, July 14 (CMU field trip). **Dune Biology at Cable's Bay.** Dunes are one of the harshest environments on Beaver Island, and the plants and animals that inhabit them have unique ways of coping. Join Beth Leuck for an informative trip from the edge of Lake Michigan to the woods behind the bay. Walking in sand is required.

Monday, July 18. Museum Week—Little Sand Bay. Beth Leuck will lead this field trip through the many habitats of the Little Sand Bay Preserve. Walking from open fields through cedar swamps to the open beach on Lake Michigan, you'll see the plants and animals that inhabit each area, including the rare Michigan monkey flower.

Thursday, July 21. Museum Week—Children's Field Trip to Miller's Marsh. This field trip is designed for children and the young-at-

water and the spirit of the longer warmer days along the shores as spring weather is finally here.

heart. Get down and dirty with Beth Leuck at Miller's Marsh. We will look for frogs and snakes and butterflies and worms and any other creepy-crawlies that we can find. We may even play in the mud in the marsh looking for critters found there. Plan on getting a little dirty and having a lot of fun.

Monday, July 27 (CMU Field Trip). **Inland Lakes of Beaver Island.** Dan Benjamin will take you to up to five of the inland lakes on Beaver Island and discuss the biology, chemistry, history, and human influences that have affected the lakes. He will also provide information about recent research and local initiatives concerning the health of the lakes. Join Dan for this always popular field trip!

All trips depart from the Bio Station at 9:00 a.m. and return before noon. Each is limited to 25, so call early.

—Lauren Grooters

NEW EMERALD ISLE SAILING SCHOOL

As a kid, we spent many summers traveling with our family friends, our boats, and our pets up to Beaver Island. Often, our fathers would fly off the Island for a week or two to go back to work, and left their families alone to explore what Beaver Island had to offer. Yes, Beaver Island has some killer sunsets, great off-roading trails for jeeps, and plenty of Irish bars; but besides the Toy Store and the few festivals, there were no real "camps" to go to, no Community Center (at the time), no kayak tours, or "real"

activities for us kids to do.

So we usually found our own fun. We went snorkeling and diving for treasures, which were really just old rusty boat parts. We built a giant net out of boat lines and made a game out of trying to get across the boat slip without falling off and landing in the water. We even got some of the "older gentlemen" in the harbor to attempt it; some even placed \$5 bets on how fast we could get across it! I remember one particular adventure where our moms grabbed us and tried to go off-roading in a Jeep with

all us kids crammed in the trunk. We ended up getting lost in the forest for what seemed like hours with no map and just a cooler of sodas and Sunchips. And that's how we spent our days on Beaver Island, inventing games, going driving, and swimming. But soon we would grow tired of making up our own entertainment.

Our trips to Beaver Island would get shorter and shorter as our summers always seemed to get busier and busier with so many sports camps, sailing regattas, and weeks spent away at over-

BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 13 – **Sports Boosters Chinese Dinner** at the Shamrock 5:30-8:00

May 14 – **Brett Maudrie Homecoming**

May 21 – **Bring your own Yard Sale**, p 18

May 25 – 12:00: **Prayer Luncheon at the Gregg Fellowship Hall.** It will be a salad and dessert potluck; please bring a dish to pass; table service and beverage will be provided. Call Kate Garland (448-2056) for information.

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

June 13 - 15 – **Archivists conference**

June 18 – **Open House** at both **The Print**

Shop & Marine Museums 12:00-3:00

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

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

July 2 – **Protar Home Opening** with Antje Price 1:00-3:00

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

July 14 - 16 – **Beaver Island Music Festival**, www.bimf.net

July 16 – **Women's Golf Tourney**

July 18 - 23 – **Museum Week 2011**, including a new *Beaver Tales* about the Shoe Tree on 7-23 at the Community Center; **Steve Hamilton** will be at the Art Show on Thursday.

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

July 24 - 31 – **Baroque on Beaver**

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

August 12 - 14 – **Homecoming**

October 8 – **Bite of Beaver & Boodle**



night camps. The older we got, the less we appreciated the Island's beauty and the fun of having absolutely nothing to do and nowhere to go. Oh how I wished that the "boring" little Island would become more "teenager friendly," with maybe a public pool or a movie theater.

So when my parents and the Foggs asked me to head the Emerald Island Sailing School, as an instructor, I had to stop and think about it. Yes, I loved teaching Junior Olympians how to race at my current job; but I missed the thrill you would get when you watched a kid

take his first lap around the bay in a sailboat. I missed teaching the fundamentals of sailing talent; I missed the simple joy of hopping in a sailboat and just taking a leisurely trip around Lake Michigan. And most of all, I remembered what it was like to be a child on Beaver Island with its unspoiled beauty and perfect protected bay; and yet no real Island-sponsored activities like sailing or rowing ever really took full advantage of it. How I would have loved to sail up there for countless afternoons. So I accepted the call to EISS even

though it has been a long while since I've seen a Beaver Island summer and it's far away from my new "home" at college. Because I will always think that the Island is a great little vacation nook. And because, who are we kidding? We all love Northern Michigan's enchanting coast line and oh-so-friendly people.

And to all those kids looking for more to do than drive down to the lighthouse or take a dip in Sand Bay: come see me at Emerald Island Sailing School and I'll be sure to give you a new adventure for a week that you'll never forget.



22. THE ROAD RALLY



The 9th Annual Road Rally was won by the team of Kathy Tidmore, Deb McDonald, Ken McDonald, Liz

Gallagher, Bob Tidmore and Don Tritsch. Other teams put in a great effort as well, and at first it appeared Bill

McDonough's team would be victorious. However, Mike Weede referred to Roberts' rule book and found that if the





team does not return with all the members who set out in the rally car, 5 minutes would be added. Alas, in his quest

for victory for his team, Bill McDonough left his wife Tammy at the airport – on their anniversary, no less, it

was noted with much teasing. Other teams also arrived with great style, and a wonderful day was had by all.



A few minutes after the summer harbor entrance buoy was set off Whiskey Point, the 225' Alder's workboat would return from the Garden Island channel buoy. The old cables are visible along the shoreline due to the low water.



BIG THINGS AT B. I. G.

It took an overwhelming amount of work for Heidi Vigil to create her new *Beaver Island Gardens* array – the greenhouse, the germination chamber, and the Japanese steam room. But by so doing, by making the investment in labor and money, she has created a spot of brightness which enlivens all of us.

Plants are started in the smaller germination chamber in February – to save on heat cost. At a certain point they outgrow that space and are transplanted to the poly panel building, where it was 80° at the end of April, with the door open and the fan blowing. Island gardeners were still a month away from putting things out. To enter the smorgasbord of color, her 36' Arabic-arched high-tech greenhouse, is to enter a different world – lush, green, and full of healthy growth. Plants are set out everywhere, even swinging in pots from the rafters. There are vegetables, herbs, flowers – esoteric, intended for low sunlight or high, large or small.

Heidi's begonias provide a good

example of the available variety: white, pink, yellow, orange, red, scarlet, or flame. If you need something else, she'll breed it for you.

For herbs she has basil, rosemary, sage, tarragon, parsley, lavender, you name it. Vegetables include what you'd expect. She cuts back her lettuce three times, and always has bags of fresh. Next year she hopes to set up a second large greenhouse as a cold frame, and have vegetables available year around.

The elegant steam room is behind the germination chamber, next to her public handicap-accessible bathroom. You dial up the temperature of steam you want, and let it rip. After twenty minutes or so you turn on the shower to clean the air and cool yourself down. You can sit on a wood bench looking out at nature and meditate until you're ready to go back out to face the world. The only thing to watch out for is the mesmerizing blue-bottle tree. Heidi has been awakened by the sound of cooing at 3:00 a.m. and has had to chase off visiting lovebirds. Run silent, run deep.



FATHER PAT

25.

The Island was stunned to hear that much-loved Father Pat Cawley is retiring at the end of June because of his health. He has been our priest for the past fifteen of his forty-one years as a priest, 24/7 duty he has never shirked.

"After rereading John Steinbeck's *Travels with Charley*, I plan to buy a motor home, load my dogs and fly rods and other matters of necessity, like wine, and head out to see the country I have never seen." He has given us so much that we want to build up the fund started to help him enjoy his journey.

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the maple tree at day's end;
raucous crows convene
early morning walk.....
the pasture bejeweled with dew;
snake sideslips away
rhythmic whirl of air
heralds swans aloft as one
... low over water

– Phyllis Kayne



BAROQUE ON BEAVER – VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association will present *Baroque on Beaver 2011*, six days of classical music, from July 26 to July 31. Conductor Robert Nordling and Choral Director Kevin Simons have developed great programs, and recruited outstanding Michigan musicians. The BICAA Board is committed to keeping all the concerts except the opening night benefit performance free and open to all. Dedicated volunteers, outstanding musical programs, and ongoing fundraising have made this a highlight of the summer for the past ten years.

Both the chorus and orchestra reflect the Island's musical talent. On June 9, Kevin Simon will meet with prospective singers and present this year's choral music. The Chorus will sing at both the Saturday evening concert and at the Sunday

afternoon finale. Anyone who would enjoy singing in the Chorus should contact Jayne Bailey jaynekb@yahoo.com.

In addition, *Baroque* needs volunteers to house musicians and sometimes their families. Anyone who would like to be a host should contact Krys Lyle, krys@kryslyle.com. The Welcome Dinner at the Christian Church Hall is made possible by numerous members of the community. Everyone is invited! Volunteers also help. Judy Jones and Kitty McNamara will organize this event. Please let either of them know if you can help: judygramm1@aol.com or kittym@beaverisland.k12.mi.us

The continuing excellence of the music is dependent on financial contributions, and on the musicians who accept minimal stipends and donate countless

hours of practice time. Ads in the program indicate the support of local businesses and individuals; contributions in the free-will offering baskets at the concerts show how much the audiences appreciate the quality of the music. Responses to fund raising appeals allow the BICAA to support the arts. Corporate and individual sponsors demonstrate their commitment to the festival. Donations should be made to Baroque on Beaver; inquiries to Anne Glendon, aglendon@sbcglobal.net.

Baroque on Beaver is enjoyed by the entire Island; its success depends on many different people. If you have a love of music, you are encouraged to attend the concerts this summer and to volunteer in any way you can. Mark your calendars for this exciting time: July 26-31!

26. BEAVER ISLAND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Chamber president Kathy Speck welcomed guests to the Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet. She began by presenting the nominees, people who do extraordinary things to improve their community. They were cited in many letters by the people who live and work with them. In no particular order, she read some excerpts:

The Yellow Ribbon Campaign Ladies:

Kate Garland, Mary Palmer, Marie LaFreniere, Tara Palmer.

"A group of Island women undertook a special project this past year, organizing a Yellow Ribbon Campaign for publicly supporting Islanders serving in the Armed Forces, photographing of those whose homes sported the bright reminders of our patriotism and putting the photos in a bound book for two deployed



Islanders. It was a heartwarming reminder of what makes Beaver Island such a special place. By the end of the Campaign, 200 ribbons bedecked our streets, lamp posts, trees, and fences. It helped us all feel connected to the Community."

Donna Stambaugh:

"I would like to nominate Donna Stambaugh, whose efforts managing Island Treasures Resale Shop and raising money for the Fire Department should not go unnoticed. Her involvement here as well as in other community activities should easily qualify her as the Citizen of the Year."

Kathy personally commented that Donna is the backbone of the Resale Shop. She spent countless hours toward getting it started and keeping it running, and she should be recognized for her efforts.

Ed Wojan:

"It's time for Ed Wojan to be Citizen of the Year. He has served the Island for decades, often behind the scenes without recognition. Time and again he helped with land matters, and donated his real estate commissions. His devel-



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Blatt Home - 35345 Bonner's Landing Road

Located on a 13.66-acre wooded parcel, this beautiful 1900 sq. ft., open-plan two-level house is in a secluded setting on the west side of Beaver Island with



200 feet of Lake Michigan beach frontage and spectacular sunset views only seven minutes from town. The 500 sq. ft. outdoor deck is accessible from the living room and bedrooms through large sliding glass doors. Bedrooms, living room, dining room and kitchen have full lake views. There is a separate 24' x 32' garage (electric door opener) and a 12' x 8' covered shed for firewood. The house is an ideal vacation home although it is well insulated for year-round occupancy. The lower level contains the cathedral ceiling living room with stone fireplace, two bedrooms, a full bath with separate tile shower and 9' x 11' utility room. The master bedroom's sliding glass door leads to the three-season porch (combination glass and screened windows); the other bedroom's sliding glass door opens directly onto the deck. Both bedrooms have large closets. There is a large closet in the entry hall and a spacious linen closet. Although currently used as a study, the 310 sq. ft. upper level with its 3/4 bath and large closet is equally suitable as a third bedroom. Living room and dining area floors are hardwood; the kitchen floor is recently installed Pergo white wood laminate; the remainder of the house has wall-to-wall carpeting. All windows and sliding glass doors are double thermo pane. The following comes with the house: All window treatments; these include custom made Levelor vertical shades over the three living room doors, insulating curtains on the sliding glass doors of the two bedrooms, and custom made insulating shades on all windows. Track lighting in living room and upper level study/bedroom, numerous brass lighting fixtures, and a 3-speed ceiling fan. Appliances: Stove, refrigerator, freezer, dishwasher, washer, dryer. The 13.66 acres has a possibility of being split with interior lots being separated from the lake-front parcel. This is one of the nicer homes on the west side of the Island with a lot of special features that make it the perfect second home. With the land value at \$229,000, this meticulously maintained home is a bargain at

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opment efforts are environmentally friendly. His contributions to the Chamber for many years have been substantial. He's helped increase Island awareness and helps all boats (even non-members) float higher. He has continued to do so even during a very difficult recession. He puts Beaver Island first, standing tall and speaking out for what he believes will make Beaver Island a better place to live, work and visit."

Pete LoDico:

"He is a true volunteer in the community as shown with his involvement with the Health Center, Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island Development Corporation, Boat Company, Wildlife Club, AmVets, etc. He stepped up on the Peaine Township Board. A decade ago he saw the very real need for affordable senior housing and envisioned a facility for senior citizens to remain in familiar surroundings. Because he is quiet and unassuming, most will never know the obstacles faced in the many years of bringing this to fruition. He always remembered that the apartments represented the Island's com-

mitment to our seniors. A full decade of steadfast work and holding to that vision has resulted in the Forest View Community opening this spring. He has proven to be a valuable asset and benefactor."

Beaver Island Community Development Corp.:

"The experience of working with Pete LoDico and this group has been exciting and inspirational. I see the possibilities for the Island expanding. A lot of people have great ideas but exceptional people make those ideas a reality. Beaver Island holds treasures for its residents because of the hard work of the people in the BICDC organization."

Gail Weede:

"Several people signed the posthumous nomination for Gail. They commented that she started Boodle, with everything organized to perfection. All the money went to the Sports Boosters and will continue. She and husband Mike came to the Island with a business. She held a director position on the Board of Education, was a substitute teacher, which she loved and enjoyed, and even

refereed some games. A real tribute to the youth is the 21st Century Learning Scholarship established in her memory. On the Library Board she gave her input, and provided a helping hand to everyone at Dalwhinnie's. Now Gail's Walk will help raise money for Island families with long-term medical needs. She always contributed to making this a better place to live, work and visit."

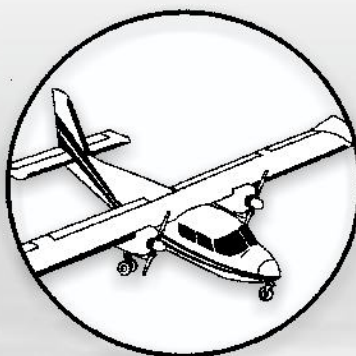
Bill McDonough:

"Never one to sit idle, Bill seems to work tirelessly in promoting the Island with our elected officials. He quietly travels about the state and makes phone calls to be sure Beaver Island is never forgotten. He has an uncanny ability to view Island politics from a distance and offer guidance and influence to bring everyone together. This was made apparent during last year's QDM discussion. When tempers flare Bill is always there to settle everyone down. Often a behind-the-scenes figure, Bill is a staple, whether it's supplying groceries, meeting with state officials, lending his guidance and support,

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The first floor level has two bedrooms and one full bath, a formal dining room, a living room with a wood-burning fireplace, an excellent fairly new kitchen, and a screened-in three-season porch. There is an open deck on the lake side in front of the living room, and a protected private hot tub area below the porch with a full view of the harbor just outside the walkout basement door. The walkout basement is being used as a master bedroom by the current owner (with a second $\frac{3}{4}$ bath on this lower level). There is also a laundry room in the lower level.



This home is unique: very few homes in the town of St. James have a view of the harbor like this. If you like the idea of watching the boats come and go, and seeing sunrises and moonfalls, this could be your perfect retirement spot, a very nice summer home, or an excellent rental property.



The finished area downstairs can be used as a spare bedroom, family room, or any other use a new owner might desire. The house has over 1,740 ft² of finished living area. It also has an attached one-car garage. It has recently undergone extensive renovations and improvements by the owner/builder Mike Collins. A new roof, new electric hot water boiler, and new, long-lasting shake shingles were installed last year. In 1989 a new deep well was put down, and in 2001 a new septic system was added. New landscaping and walkways were put in, and a double-insulated dog door was installed in the basement to a 15' x 100' dog run. New floor coverings are on the first floor level, and a new stove and refrigerator is in the kitchen. Because this is some of the most valuable lake frontage on Beaver Island (a minimum of \$2,000 per front foot), this house is priced right at \$399,000.

Contact owner and Agent Michael Collins / Ed Wojan Realty

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Citizen of the Year, continued from page 27. or just greeting newcomers with a warm smile. Bill is the quintessential Islander.”

Judy Boyle:

“She is the perfect example of what we should all aspire to when living in a small community. Her kindness and caring and hard work have made an impact on so many. She is involved in the Volunteer Core, Animal Fund, Cottage for Karen Group, and is Vice-President of the Sports Boosters. She has taken over the Carnival and purchased many items with her own funds for use in coming years. Her willingness to get her hands dirty is well known when the time comes to quit talking and get down to work. She is involved with all things that concern her children, and sets such a great example that they in turn are an asset to have in our community. Her generous

spirit is extended to everyone she meets, and she has such a great outlook that you always feel better after seeing and talking to her. She has done a lot in her short time here. Our community is so much the richer for her.”

Kathy congratulated all the nominees. The letters showed people have a great respect and admiration for all that they do in the community.

One in particular, though, received an amazing number of nominations. In the ten years she was Chamber President she had never seen so many. One was even signed by 12 people. The hardest part of her speech was trying to sort out which comments to read.

Everyone had heard a lot about what one person does in this community, but she wanted to add a few more:

“He moved to the Island with his

wife to enjoy retirement and all the things they loved about Beaver Island. For at least the last dozen years he has not had much time for that because he has worked extremely hard as a volunteer and/or board member for many organizations and many projects.

“He has a business, and spends any free time he might have caring for and loving his grandchildren. He has been committed the past two years to some controversial topics but has never lost sight of what is best for Beaver Island.

“He is a team player; he never lets his ego get in the way of accomplishing good. He is generous in giving credit to others and is one of those people who has the courage to speak up but can disagree without being disagreeable.

“He is the kind of board member who never waits to *continued on page 31.*



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Citizen of the Year, continued from page 29. be asked but always volunteers to do more than his fair share. "Year after year he volunteered to research and negotiate the best possible deal for the Health Center raffle, sold the most tickets, and donated his credit card points to reduce the car's cost.

"He spearheaded the senior housing project and helped create the non-profit Community Development Corporation.

"Despite 10-plus years of tireless effort, despite many steps backward and some disappointments, the new senior housing building broke ground and is now almost done. He will tell you he could not have done it without so much help, but without his commitment to see this project through, it would never have made it to where it is now.

"Don't forget the wealth of agricultural knowledge he has brought to Beaver Island – that was his career.

"He is a man of great integrity, willing to listen to both sides of a problem,

and weigh the pros and cons before he makes his decision."

In a special letter Kathy received, one person commented, "I have the opportunity to work with many different community leaders, property owners, and government officials in Michigan, but he stands out because he is a direct part of his projects, and his actions are driven by belief. Forest View is bringing statewide attention to Beaver Island because of its renewable energy resources and its outreach to other areas."

There was much more written, but Kathy felt a few words in one of the letters summed it perfectly: "There are many wonderful people who also deserve this recognition. He has made his mark as a most valued citizen and we would like him to understand that we truly appreciate his hard work and loyalty to Beaver Island."

Without further ado she led a standing ovation for the 2010 Citizen of the

Year – Pete LoDico.

31.

He came to the mike, humble and self-effacing, surprised and thrilled. He said that growing up in foster care on a farm, he never dreamed he would rise to such stature. All his life he had tried to follow the advice his priest had given him as a young boy: be an honest, decent human being; live as if you want to go to heaven; do a few good things whenever possible; and help where ever you can along the way.

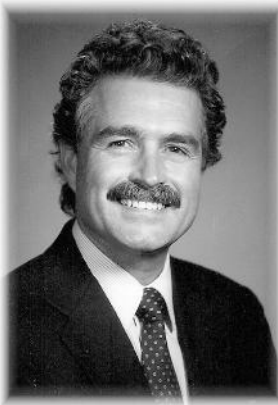
He said he had been unbelievably lucky, citing two particular instances: a beautiful blonde moved in next door at Northern Michigan University who turned out to be Sandy LaFreniere; and 13 years ago she had brought him to Beaver Island to live.

All his life, he said, he had always tried to accept responsibility, and had never, ever given up.

Returning to his seat, he received an even louder ovation.

IN MEMORY: DENNIS ALLEN CADY

Dennis Allen Cady, age 68, died April 27, 2011. He was born June 10, 1942, in Mason, MI to Donald Stewart and Dorothy Dean (Rider) Cady. Mr. Cady honorably served 3 years in the US Marine Corps. He was a graduate of Mason High School, Lansing Community College, and attended a broad spectrum of tech schools related to his contract work. A heating and refrigeration contractor and Master plumber, he worked 25 years with his parents at Cady Mechanical Contractors.



Surviving are his wife, Betty; daughter, Amie Stid and husband, Paul; 2 sons, Dean Cady and wife, JodieAnn (Boyd), James Cady; grandchildren, Dennielle, Victoria, Thomas & Madalyn Stid; Declan and Maclaren Cady; and family of the heart, Pete, Stephanie & Addison Minott.

A Memorial Service was held Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church of Mason,

131 E. Maple Street, Mason, MI 48854 with Rev. Michael Fredericks officiating.



In the spirit of Dennis, the family wishes everyone to wear bright colors to the visitation and Memorial Service. Those desiring may make contributions to Hospice House of Mid-Michigan, PO Box 30480, Lansing, MI 48909-9986 or, Beaver Island Rural Health Center, 37304 Kings Highway, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

On-line condolences may be made at www.gorslineruncimanmason.com

BOB STOUP

Long time Kelleys Island resident, Bob (Robt. D.) Stoup, passed away at age 69 in a Northern Michigan hospital May 22, after battling acute renal failure combined with pneumonia.

Bob began visiting Kelleys Island from Kentucky in early 1960. He was an avid walleye fisherman on Kelleys, landing thousands – including the only albino walleye cap-



tured by rod and reel in Northern America. Bob was an avid American Indian enthusiast, and he followed sports faithfully. He is survived by his wife, M.G., his two sons, Luke and Will, his daughter, Bobbi Jo, and his nine grandchildren. He was a great man and loving patriarch of the family....he will be greatly missed by many. (Will Stoup)

His passing is a monumental loss.

Having only met him in 2004, the man I knew was different in some ways than most remember. He made life complete in a way I never thought possible because he was the epitome of a true gentle man. We moved to Beaver Island in 2006, vowing never to set foot on the mainland...unless absolutely necessary.

May the light & love he spread shine in the hearts of those he touched. I know that wherever he journeys, he'll blaze a trail as he did on Earth.

(M.G. Stoup, Beaver Island)

32. TAKE THE DOG ALONG

Something I really enjoy is a walk into unfamiliar territory. My wife likes to talk about how I'm prone to lead her into whatever swamp might be close – "he has a real nose for muck." I try to take a walk on most days, and Beta, our 35-pound Wheaten, is attuned to the sound of me cinching up my bootlaces. I've given up trying to sneak past her; she's always right there by the door, her tail wagging, her eyes saying please.

So I put her on the leash. The only

thing I have against this is, she loves a two-track, but she loves striking out into the bramble even more. A tunnel through the junipers drives her absolutely wild with joy. I think she pretends she's tracking rabbits. She's adept at nosing out a path she can squeeze through, with me crouching to my haunches and scrambling after, as if she has no idea I'm bigger and more of a lunk.

One such walk occurred on Sunday, March 27th. I set off from our home on

the bend of Darkeytown, around 3:45 on a cold but sunny afternoon. My plan was to follow Bryan Kubesh's easternmost trail southward out of his field next door until it curved east a quarter mile past his blind, but then cut off through the woods to the south southwest, which we did. Beta was tugging like crazy, as if nature was about to disappear.

The snow was still frozen so we could walk on top – although it had melted away in open spots. Every so often something caught her nose and she had to go off to the side to explore, standing at tall attention at the end of her leash and gazing further into the woods, "false stomping" to startle whatever might be there. Everything was easy going until we came to a long E/W wetland, which broadened to the left. Beta wanted to cross it but there was a little water showing here and there so I forced her to go laterally to the right instead, short-leashing her through the tangle of mostly-dead cedar branches – which I had to break off to stumble through. Two or three times she tried to get onto the ice, but I would not give in.

From time to time I drew her up and stood still for a moment to catch my breath, both wondering what I was doing there and feeling invigorated. For the moment I was in a secret club of man and their dogs straying off the beaten track all across America, whose secret motto was "when the going gets tough, this we can always do." At least temporarily I was free from the pull of the fourteen trillion dollar national debt, the interminable war in the mystery zone, the gnashing over Michigan's unemployment, the diminished population of Beaver Island, and the best sequence in which to attempt the things I would have to begin doing at eight the next morning. Feeling refreshed, sustained by being just me, I moved on.

Finally, though, I got tired of moving laterally past the frozen bog. I could see the ground rising into a woods of bigger trees across the ice, which was dotted with clumps of grass and some kind of shrub stalk. I thought it could not be very deep; if worse came to worst, I might get my foot wet. So we started across at an area that was probably forty feet to solid ground. Periodically the ice cracked, and one time my toe got wet,



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but we made slow, careful progress, every step gently placed. Then my right foot broke through almost to the knee. In my rush to get my foot out I lunged forward, and by putting all my force down suddenly a larger section broke and I sank lower, scraping my shin on the ice edge. Yelping, I threw my upper body onto what remained of the ice, but it broke again, knocking my shin again and plunging me down past my waist.

There was no solid bottom. Beta was at the end of the leash, which I still held; perhaps frightened by the commotion, she was pulling mightily toward the shore. I tugged against her with my left hand, out of instinct, and grabbed a scrub tree with my right; I put all my energy into pulling myself out of the water in a mighty lunge, which succeeded. She was glad to see all of me again.

I'm not saying she saved my life, but she certainly was a positive factor. Not only did she pull, but she caused me to redouble my effort by giving me added responsibility. We've all seen pictures of dogs who refuse to leave a dead master, their innocent, mournful eyes looking up, their duty stronger than their hunger. I was not going to be the cause of that.

Scrambling to my feet, I took a few steps onto grass clumps and stood there panting, aware of the foul stench of the water dripping from me and the sting in my leg. After four or five minutes we moved into and through the woods. I wasn't sure where I was and thought we could hit Garrett's trail, but we didn't; instead we wound up in John McCafferty's northeasternmost field. My knit cap was soaked from sweat, but I was not chilled at all, despite the temperature being a little below freezing.

We trudged to Claudia's field with me limping, and then reentered the woods. Soon we came to the back of Schwatzfisher's mill. From there we continued through the woods until coming upon Garrett's trail close to where it hits Darkeytown. It was after six when we returned home. My shin was aching – when I stripped down to take a shower I discovered it had formed a large egg. The bruise began to spread over my right calf, which puffed up. After a week, the entire lower leg was purple, swollen, and sore. It didn't bother me

while I was walking, but after I sat or lay down for awhile, pain would shoot through it for a half-minute or so when I stood up. The Health Center said the leg was infected and gave me antibiotics.

For a week after my dunking, sometimes when I went to bed and closed my eyes I saw myself thrashing in the bog again, which awakened me with a start and led me to pull the blankets tighter to calm the shivers. In retrospect I was more aware of the danger than I had been at the time, when thought was

pushed aside by reaction.

Yet after a few weeks I was back at it again, hobbling along the trails and through the woods. But now if Beta happens to be sleeping, instead of tiptoeing past and counting my blessings I call her name, *Beta, c'mon girl*. It doesn't take much. She's instantly ready to go.

I learned a number of things – about caution, and safety, and ice. But primarily this: if you have the chance, it's best to bring the dog along.

– Bill Cashman

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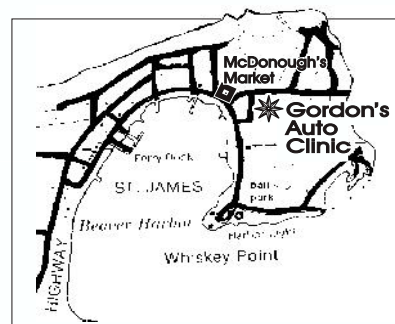


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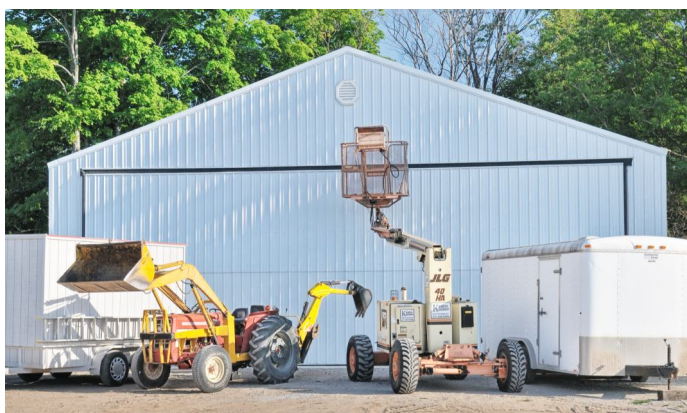
On April 19th the preschoolers-to-6th grade students put on a musical play about how we all have to do our part to save the planet. It featured two groups. One was a model family out on a picnic – husband

and wife and two kids. They threw their wrappers and left-overs on the ground, prompting the earth creatures (11 kids in Tina Drost's brilliant costumes representing a chipmunk, bunny, deer, caterpillar, frog, butterfly, parrot, ladybug,

bee, flamingo, crab, starfish, dolphin, and turtle) to begin singing a reprimand.

The parents acted out other instances of careless and wasteful behavior, such as a typical evening at home where the refrigerator door was

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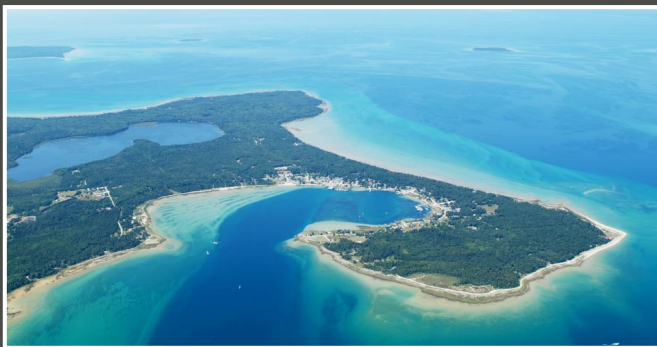


left ajar and unused appliances left on, or a fishing trip where trash is repeatedly hooked. Between each act the chorus returned to trumpet their message: retrieve, reuse, and recycle. Musical numbers included "Project Rescue,"

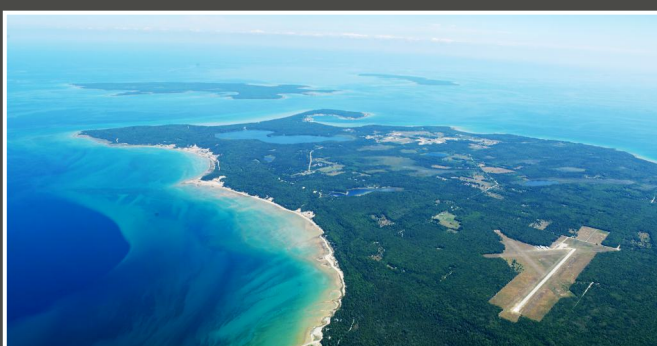
"Disposable Society," "Overload," "Keep Our Waters Clean," "Pollution Free," "Three R's of Ecology" and "Guardians of the Earth."

All the kids greatly enjoyed their roles (and those playing kids enjoyed

having the chance to reprimand those playing their parents, glancing into the audience with guilty pleasure as they made their points). The 80 members of the audience appreciated what was being taught.



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Ten Years Ago The Lighthouse School received a grant of \$257,813 from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to restore the Beaver Head Light Station. Because the estimate of total cost was around \$500,000, a second stage of fund-raising was about to begin.

The *Beacon* urged the Island to petition for more roads to be given Natural Beauty Road designation.

Barb Schwartzfisher was named Director of the Beaver Island Transportation Authority.

The *Beacon* profiled Jayne Bailey, who settled here in 1987 and worked as a substitute teacher, receptionist, hostess at the Lodge, and concert organizer before forming the East Wind Spa with partner Karen Whitecraft.

The Island assessor agreed to update and digitize the assessment cards for an additional \$4,000 from each township.

All of the zoning/rezoning permit fees were raised.



The reconstruction of Main Street was about to begin, from Holy Cross Church to the Whiskey Point Light. The project, including new pavement, grading, drainage, parking, sidewalks, curbing, street lights, cedar trees, benches, and fences, was to cost \$1,400,000. Simultaneously the Back Highway was to be resurfaced, thanks to a grant from the Grand Traverse Band, and the airport



runway was to be rebuilt. The Boat Company planned to pave its parking lot, thanks to an MDOT grant. The Airport was expected to move forward on clearing 61 acres of trees.

The census showed 307 year-around residents in St. James and 244 in Peaine.

The *Beacon* contained an insert requesting comments about values, planning, growth, roads, trails, and fire and police protection in Peaine Township, to be sent to supervisor John Works as part of a Peaine survey.

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* welcomed home Mike McGinnity, its primary health care provider, from Desert Storm, after he had served for six months in Saudi Arabia.

The school reluctantly eliminated its preschool program for lack of space – it had eight candidates. Students Katrina Martin and Mimi Lewis each won scholarships, with Katrina honored as one of the top applicants in a contest at a banquet in Traverse City.

The Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts threw a spaghetti dinner to thank Island businesses for their support. There were twelve Boy Scouts and seven Cubs, who did such things as hiking the length of the Blue Trail and camping out at the Wagner or Greene's Lake. They practiced search-and-rescue by tracking a supposedly lost hunter (John Works). Jim Stambaugh was Scoutmaster.

Mariam Sawin revealed that she was about to start a horse-drawn carriage business.

Glen Felixson was chosen to be the new Harbormaster, following Timsak.

The Municipal Airport received a low-interest loan to help it install an NBD instrument approach.

Larry Robinson was working on the Blue Trail, starting from Beaver Head and heading for Hannigan's Road.

The Science Fair awarded a 1st Place prize for an elaborate "Mars Initial Colonization" project.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Mary Martin Reynolds (54) and James McCann (56), both born on Beaver Island. Mary was the daughter of John and Ada Martin, sister of Jack and Billy, and mother of Sheldon Reynolds. James went to school here but then moved to Detroit and, after serving in the Army, and Ludington, where he worked.

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* opened with a report on February's Winter Games on Barney's Lake. The Civic Association-sponsored event brought out 100 people on a cold but sunny day. There were several cross-country skiing races, ice fishing contests, kite-flying, and hot chocolate and chili. Gus Connaghan caught the biggest fish, Gerald LaFreniere the smallest, and Jon Bonadeo was the best ice spudder.

Twenty Island Scouts sold 800 boxes of cookies.

A fire broke out in the Cole Home, in the laundry area around the chimney; the Firemen acted quickly and brought it under control. Twelve hours later the truck was dispatched again, to Joey and Alison Kenwabikise's trailer on the East Side, where a water heater had exploded.

Ten youngsters were confirmed at Holy Cross Church.

An anonymous writer sent out multiple copies of a letter bemoaning the "numerous bickerings with each other," and alleging poachers from Naubinway had taken 150 deer and 50 turkeys off the Island illegally to sell on the Upper Peninsula black market. Stanley Floyd addressed the author, saying he or she should report the poaching to the DNR, and that it had been done by others for many years.

The Historical Society's cookbook was being printed.

The arrival of spring saw the ferries run, the fish boats begin setting nets, and the grand opening of Tootsie's Pilot House. A few businesses had new owners: Dan Higdon bought the Island Sports and Rental, and Bud Martin bought the Midnight Oil Company. The Toy Museum was nearing completion.

In addition to Debbie DeRosia, Lynn Ann McDonough, Paul Cole, Jim Black, and Ron Gregg, two sets of twins graduated from the Island school, Terry and Sherry Mooney and Suzy and Mark Belfy.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Island stalwart Joseph Bud McDonough, 52, a former supervisor, fire chief, school board president, home run champ, and Island businessman for over 25 years.

Forty Years Ago Kevin Green, Patty Martin, Paul Cole, and Lynn Ann McDonough took

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Lest We Forget

Lighthouse Fellowship

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

As those who toured the Forest View Community saw this month during the sneak-peak tour, the beautiful Elderly Community is now nearing completion, and we are ready to begin serving you. This is the place to be, with friends and close to the Rural Health Center. For detailed information contact Jane Crawford at 989-721-7254 or jane.crawford@kmgprestige.com.

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On This Date, continued from page 36. their First Communion. Graduates from the school included Linda Sheppard, artist Dan Gillespie, Tony Connaghan, and Frank Solle, who also won the Readers' Digest Award for showing outstanding promise.

CMU put their 35' inboard wood tug, complete with autopilot, galley, anchor, bilge pumps, and spotlight, on the market for \$1,000.

Fifty Years Ago The annual "wagon train" left St. James for the lower part of the Island, bringing village winter residents Ralph Rutt (to Lake G) and Bud and Skip McDonough (to the Stone House, for their Ponderosa Ranch). Previous members Milt Bennett and the Strombergs had sold their holdings.

Manistique fisherman Russ Jensen was the first in (the *Gloria*) with fish for sale after the *Sundew* broke the ice. Bill Bumgardner from Charlevoix was next with the *Harriet H.* Besides perch and menominess the Islanders were overjoyed to learn that whitefish were coming back. Pete Rennie of Traverse City was the first yachtsman to arrive, bringing several of his friends in their boats.

Because of dry weather the Fire Department was called on to put out five grass fires, which set wood piles and home siding ablaze.

Phil Gregg was appointed to be the Harbormaster.

The Game Club was distributing turkey feeders – but there were no turkeys yet. Twenty young birds from

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT

In these days of instant gratification, it's nice to see how the metamorphosis of our Health Center and its surroundings has taken place. The difference between photos from 2001 and the present shows what a little love and some hours of toiling can bring about. Top that off with a big dream, listening to and including others, and the generous outpouring of friends' and families' donations, and we now come to Part 2 of our Wellness Garden Plan.

This summer will kick off with the

continuation of a visitor-friendly path through a few unique areas that have been designed by our local garden businesswomen:

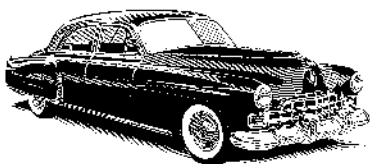
Sticks, Stones, Feathers and Bones (Cheryl Podgorski) incorporated bird houses, a feeder, sand box, and hopscotch path, as well as a planting of flowers to view from the lobby window.

Bloomers (Pam O'Brien) designed a plot including roses, ornamental shrubs, as well as perennial and annual flowers all in shades of "pink." This garden will

honor and remember Island ladies who have suffered from cancer and recognize those that have survived.

BI Gardens (Heidi Vigil) will do a mostly white area of plants that will include some flowers donated by our Island angels. (Hospice).

Barbara Rahn has agreed to render an overall drawing which will help us locate the areas, give us some starting points, figure in a few outdoor pieces of furniture, and perhaps help us all visualize what the garden can become. She



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June: Howard Davis. If you know someone who might be interested in leading a worship service, please contact Judi Meister (231-448-2963 or meisterjudi@yahoo.com)

Pennsylvania were due in August. Mineral blocks for deer were being passed out.

The smelt run broke on April 28th.

George VanBuren was the head of the Civic Association; he and Rogers Carlisle, Jewell Gillespie, and Joe Dillingham began searching for a new Island doctor.

Beaver trapping ended, with Walt Wojan the winner: 40 taken, including one of 57 pounds. Karl Kuebler had 8, Tony Wojan 7, and one Rogers Carlisle took weighed 54 pounds.

Fox Lake had been excellent for bass, but perch got put in and they ate the bass spawn. The Civic voted to eradicate all the fish and introduce bass, bluegills, and crappies. But then the Fisheries Division suggested

rainbow trout – and that became the plan for the fall: a planting of 2,500 legal-size (9-10"). For awhile the rainbows were popular throughout the Midwest.

In the thousand-girl Patricia Stevens "Girl of the Year" contest in Chicago, Island beauty Rosemary McDonough came in second.

Chaperone Bud McDonough took seniors Tony McDonough, Irwin Martin, and Larry McDonough on a class trip to Grand Rapids and Chicago, which would include a White Sox game.

The *Beacon* voted to accept advertising (it had always advertised itself).

Nancy Waubinikee passed away; born on High Island, she was the mother of Paul Kenwabikise.

will provide advice on path formation, watering logistics and ground preparations.

The land beyond and up to the Forest View Senior Complex will be included in these plans, but we have to wait for the outside jobs to be completed before proceeding with this. We envision a couple of picnic tables and perhaps a pergola as well as flowers and shrubs. We hope to have a wood-chip path from the FV complex through the Health Center gardens.

As all of you know, this project takes time and money. A fun-raising as well as fundraising plan is being completed. A Silent Auction will run throughout the summer weeks at the HC. Those wishing to support the beautification can bid on various pieces of art, craftsmanship, and services. Prizes will be on display in the reception area of the Health Center. All prizes will be listed on the BIRHC website (www.birhc.org). There are three ways to bid: Visit the Health Center, call the office (231-448-2275) and

ACCESS TO HAT 39.

The Seney National Wildlife Refuge manager has decided that access to Hat Island will be restricted to refuge personnel and CMU researchers for the 2011 field season, due to the presence of one of the largest colonies of Caspian terns in the northern Great Lakes. Last year access had been granted to the USDA-Wildlife Services to control the cormorant proliferation, a problem because of their impact to island vegetation and the fishery. Seney is responsible for conserving migratory birds and their habitats on Hat, Gull, Shoe, and Pismire Islands, all part of the Michigan Islands National Wildlife Refuge – which is not open to the public except for maritime emergencies.

place a phone bid or email Donna Kubic at donna@birhc.org.

We are also having the First Annual Garden Walk on July 13th. Several residents have offered to open up their gardens for touring. Details will appear.

We welcome all volunteers; we need mulchers, planters, and rakers. We need donators of auction items; we need bidders and buyers! We would love to hear your ideas! Please contact Connie Wojan (448- 2379) or Leonor Jacobson (448-2894) about volunteering or donating.

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Emerald Ash Borer traps will be placed at 16 monitoring sites next week by an invasive-species specialist. They'll be taken down in August as part of an EAB monitoring program discussed last August with the MDA. Signs related to the Island's quarantine were sent by the MDA for the boats, marinas,



personnel, and Island organizations. and airports will be distributed. The EAB work was also discussed as part of the Nature Conservancy's planning meeting held on Beaver Island in February with Tribes, DNRE



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IN MEMORY: RICHARD E. GOLLER

Dick Goller, 80, of Cedar Springs, departed peacefully from this life on Monday, April 4, after battling health problems for the last twenty years. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 62 years, Betty; his brother, John Goller and wife, Peggy; his sister, Emma Gebhardt; and sisters-in-law, Mary Goller-Kilts, Donna Verburg and Helen Hyrns; his children, Carol Brooks, Diane Goller and husband,

Hon. David Murkowski, Daniel Goller, Edward Goller and wife, Amy; grandchildren, Heather and Darrell Huntoon, Richard Goller, III, Sarah Goller, Katherine Murkowski, Anne Murkowski, Meghan Huntoon, Branden Goller, Adam Goller and Anna Goller; and many dear nieces, nephews and neighbors.

Dick was preceded in death by his son, Richard ("Buzz"), who worked

extensively on Beaver Island, and his brother, Oscar.

Dick lived a full and happy life. He grew up on the family farm in Cedar Springs and was a championship football player in high school. He ran away from home and joined the Army near the end of World War II, wanting to join his two older brothers who were already serving in Europe and in the South Pacific. After his discharge, Dick joined

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Thirty years old, he's been in the Army for ten years. A member of the Grand Traverse Band



of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, he's the son of Donzelle Anthony, and the grandson of Alvina Napont. His family is very proud of him, and wishes him a safe return.

Their prayers are always with him.

the Michigan National Guard and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Dick was elected to the City Council in Cedar Springs in 1961 and served as Mayor Pro Tem during 1961 and 1962, and then as Mayor from 1963 until 1965.

He worked for nearly 60 years in the plumbing and heating trades and was, for many years, a proud member of the Pipefitters Union.

He began to work on Beaver Island

on the construction of the original McCafferty's Motel. Being seen putting in 16-hour days "in the hole" brought him other work, and for awhile he was the Island plumber. He had a reputation for being able to cobble together a vast array of mismatched parts, when that was all that was available, and make it work. He began installing deep wells with a 4" spud rig that should have been in a museum, and built two homes here,

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ISLAND NAMES ^{41.}

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first on the Fox Lake Road and then near Indian Point. Nothing threw him; he could always come up with an idea.

Dick lived his life to its fullest. He never met a stranger and he loved a joke and a good laugh. He loved to fly his planes, and he always said that if he'd had a chance to fly in the war, he would have made it his career. He loved doing things for others and he cherished his family, especially his grandchildren.



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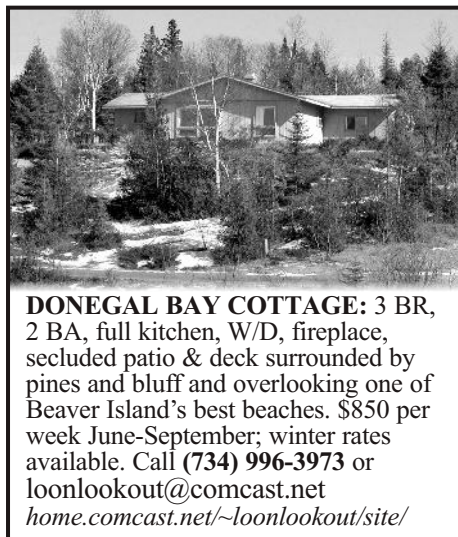
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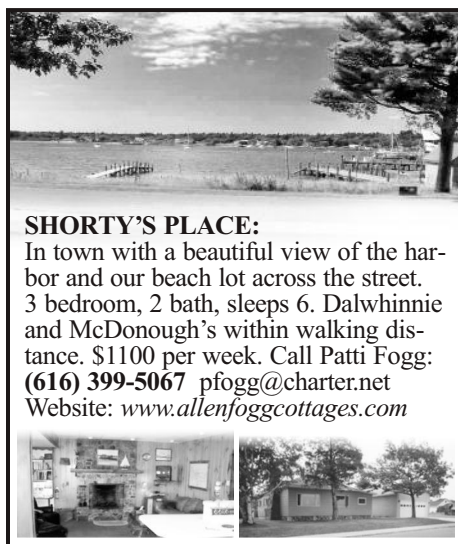
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WATERFRONT COTTAGE - On the east side. Available by the week or weekend. One BR, full kitchen and bath. Enjoy the water and the woods, year round. Off-season rates. Complete privacy. (231) 448-2907.
SAND BAY - sleeps 8—amenities—available May-September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email robin@robinleeberry.com



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



SPARKLING HARBOR VIEW: 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

WEEKLY RENTAL - Lakefront. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1 ½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).
SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry, East Side Dr.—only four miles from town. Awesome sunrises — walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. Taking reservations for 2011 — Please call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be seen online at: www.bayhaven.beaverisland.net

REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

BUILD THE CABIN OR THE HOME OF YOUR DREAMS ON THIS 40A PARCEL, WITH EXISTING ACCESS - Mature hardwoods, abundant wildlife. Located on West Side Drive near

Young James' Trail. \$85,000. (231) 941-1698 or (989) 345-5797.
2 LOTS ON SAND BAY - 3.3 Acres each. 1700' deep. Sandy Beach Frontage 117' each. (810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257.



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



ISLAND AERIE: Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bath, 4 BR; sleeps 12 w/ 2 king and 10 twin beds, large 1st floor decks, 2nd floor wet bar and deck, 3rd floor game room, all modern amenities and appliances, great for multiple families and groups. \$1800/wk, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 560-8639 www.islandaerie.net . Jan@islandaerie.net



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 E-mail: Info@whatproperties.com



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



ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATH ROOM UNIT ON FOX LAKE with full kitchen, and laundry - Sleeps two and is 20 minutes from town. Canoe and paddleboat available with balcony overlooking the lake. \$600/week. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com No smoking and no pets please.
LOCH WOOD SHORES - About four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedrooms, 2 with double beds, 1 with two twin beds, one and a half bath, w/d, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Call (231) 448-2733 or 448-2499 or tammymcd107@yahoo.com



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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

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

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.



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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