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Selling Donegal Bay, photograph by Bob Wilson

Beautiful Reflections of the Yachts at the Dock, photograph by Bob Wilson

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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

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The community septic tank repair project was discussed. Critical comments were answered by a citing of the fact that the concrete had been tested and approved at the time of installation. The contractor's bid was \$59,867; with interest over ten years it would total \$74,775. The bond would have 40 quarterly payments of \$1,870 each. The Board approved moving forward.

A request was made to allow the installation of a volleyball net at the public beach, perpendicular to the water, 30' from the water and 105' from the road. It would be removed and stored in the winter. The Board agreed to provide \$400, with this to be repaid if a fund-raising campaign is successful.

Jacque LaFreniere reported on a 5-year phragmites control plan she developed with Brian Mastenbrook. Every other year the eradication would be

done by a hired crew—to stretch the ~\$28k in the S. O. S. fund and to not wear out the volunteers. Last year over 40 of them spent a day and a half wiping down the invasive reed. The S. O. S. funds could last five years without more money being needed.

A plan to have both Whiskey Island and the DNR harbor property appraised was postponed until Bill McDonough could meet with Governor Snyder in the middle of the month.

Peaine Township

Jacque LaFreniere's five-year phragmites plan was discussed and approved.

The Board voted to have St. James Marine apply dust control this year, and chose using the 26% solution (with lignum) at 69¢ instead of the 38% at 86¢.

Kitty McNamara's report on the

GLEN McDONOUGH CONCERT

The 3rd annual Glen McDonough Memorial Concert will be held on Saturday, July 9, starting at 7:00 at Reddeer—37670 King's Highway.

The concert is a benefit for the Glen McDonough Memorial Music Scholarship Fund. Scholarships have been given to students studying piano, violin, guitar, and other music projects.

Glen was born on Beaver Island on April 20, 1934. He always enjoyed playing music with the Island musicians, and many others. He was an active member in the Original Michigan Fiddlers Association for many years, and the Jordan Valley Fiddlers Group. He passed away on August 19, 2004.



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NREC reconciliation meeting was read into the record, followed by a discussion of what to do next—if anything. Paul Welke felt Kitty's report had captured the public sentiment, and provided a basis for modifying and continuing the original approach. He suggested that two Board members (he and Pete LoDico) meet with Sandy Birdsall and Pam Grassmick, to develop a proposal, which could be presented to the Board at the June meeting. It would call for the creation of a Natural Resources Steering Committee with no power other than to make recommendations to the township. The township attorney will be asked for an opinion about this before then. The two former NREC officers agreed to meet with Ed Wojan to discuss his objections to some of the action points in the previous draft of the NREC plan. A special meeting might be required to

consider creating a Committee.

A letter from Sally Ackerly, the township appraiser, was read in which she defended her work of the previous year—responding to statements from Ed Wojan about the need for continuing adjustments in the current year to improve some lingering inadequacies.

It was pointed out that the Michigan Tax Commission had said we had scored the lowest grade they could ever remember before she took over, and that as of April 29 their requirements had been fully met. The Tax Commission gave us a score of 200 out of 200 in its 14-point review.

PARADE THEME

The Beaver Island Chamber Directors have selected "In Tribute to our Armed Service Men & Women" as the July 4th parade theme.

THANKS

I would like to thank the people who nominated me as Citizen of the Year; just to be nominated meant a lot. I would also like to thank all the people who wrote letters, e-mails, cards, telephone calls, and congratulations out on the street after the presentation. And I want to thank my family and my friends for comforting me during times

of frustration and for understanding that sometimes unforeseen complications prevented me from being with them.

It is an honor to be recognized for what I have tried to do here on this Island, although, in all honesty, being allowed to contribute is its own reward. I am truly humbled by this recognition.

—Pete LoDico



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The design and marketing of the Holy Cross Church's 150th anniversary ornament in 2010 won national recognition at the recent Promotional Products Association International conference in Orlando, Florida. It was entered for a national Galaxy award by Jim St. Louis and Vernon Enterprises of Newton, Iowa, and captured one of eight silver awards. The award was presented to Kay Masini who designed the ornament and marketing materials for Holy Cross Catholic Church.

The project began in 2009 as Reverend Patrick Cawley and the Holy Cross Church Sesquicentennial Committee planned the festivities, celebrations, and souvenirs to commemorate the long existence of the parish and church. Along with the popular cook book "Taste and See," and the beautiful toasting goblets, a special ornament was suggested that could be passed down to future generations.

Father Pat wanted a mailable

ornament as well as one that would be virtually indestructible. So a unique design was created as a four inch gothic-shaped lucite window with a drawing of the church, symbols of the Cross, the lake, and the church's treasured (and recently restored) stained glass windows. It also incorporated the parish name, dates, and location.

Each ornament had its ribbon attached and was packaged individually in a white box by an organization for handicapped people in southeastern Michigan.

While many factors played a part in the selection, Masini attributed the most important element of success to the closeness of the people of the Island. "There are so many who are always willing to help and who do it joyfully. Recognition from a prominent national association belongs to all and especially to the creative inspiration, deep faith and enthusiasm of Holy Cross pastor, Patrick Cawley."

THANKS

On behalf of this year's Junior Class I would like to thank you for your support with this year's banquet. A lot of time and effort goes in to putting on a great event like the Junior/Senior Banquet; we would not have been able

to make this banquet so great without the support of our community. We would like to especially thank the Holy Cross Church for the use of their hall. We are extremely grateful for all of the hard work Dusty Cushman and his

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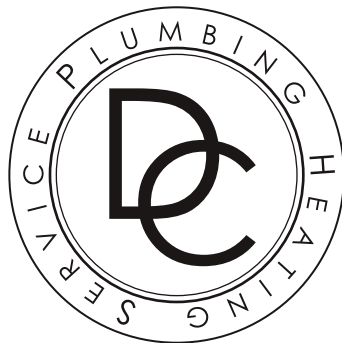
Kay was chosen because of her long history of pitching in to help with community projects, as well as her high standing as an artist and broad recognition as one of the Island's renaissance women for her work in many fields.

Photo: Jim St. Louis, Farmington Hills executive for Vernon Enterprises, presented a silver Galaxy award to Kay Masini for the design and marketing of the sesquicentennial commemorative ornament for Holy Cross Church.

family put in to preparing the amazing meal that was served. Another huge thank you is needed for Deborah Harwood and the high school cooking class for making an outstanding dessert to top off our meal with. Also, thank you

to all of the parents of the juniors for their help in putting together this wonderful event. Thank you to all who made this a special night for our students.

—Kimberly Read



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Brontae Lemmink, Levi Connor, Doug Campbell and Jake Drost. Doug will attend North Central Michigan College, Levi will seek work with the

Michigan renaissance festival, Jake will attend Grand Rapids Community College and Brontae will attend NMU. Photo courtesy of Frank Solle.



DERBY DAY

Thanks to Tina Walker, the ladies of Beaver Island were able to take part in the national "dress up your head" movement on Beaver Island. The local event,

held at the Shamrock on the day of the Kentucky Derby, raised money for the BICAF (a fund for community activities). Oh—their horses all won!

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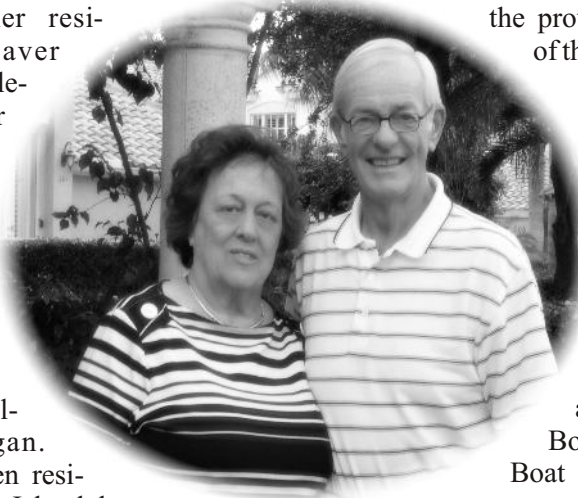
Phyllis and Elwood were married on June 8, 1951, in Holland, Michigan. They have been residents of Beaver Island during the summers since 1982, when Bing McCafferty built their cottage. They have 3 children—Linda and John Haeck of Denver, Kathy and Scott Braunlich of Lake Forest, IL and Randall Baker of

Denver, CO. They also are the proud grandparents of three little sailors.

Elwood and Phyllis enjoy their many friends on the Island, and Elwood enjoys his time on the golf course.

Elwood was active on the Board of the Ferry Boat and for many years ran a charter boat

business. They are also members of the Beaver Island Christian Church. When they are not on Beaver Island, they can be found in Naples, Florida or at their home in Deerfield, IL.



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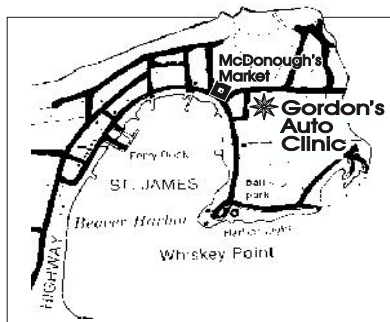
Isabelle Hanna Sens, was born on April 13th, 2011 in Friedrichshafen, Germany to Martin and Renée Sens. Her grandparents are Harry Wanty and

Carol Pigott (maiden name: Britain).

The budding ambassador and foreign correspondent weighed 7 lbs, 3 oz, and was 19.5 inches long.

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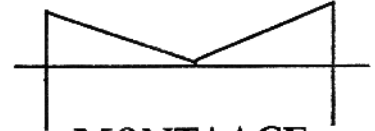
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BRETT COMES HOME

When word went out that Brett Maudrie would be returning from tough active service in Afghanistan in the late afternoon of May 14, many people

planned to meet his plane when it landed – including the AmVets. But his flight was delayed because of weather, twice, and he seemed stuck in Chicago. Finally

he caught a ride to Cadillac, where Island Airways picked him up at 10:00 p.m. Over a hundred people gathered at the Welke Airport to greet him – friends, relatives, school kids, the AmVets, the firemen – everyone. With ten minutes to go Angel raced up and down the runway twice at breakneck speed to scare off any deer who wanted to horn in on the fun.

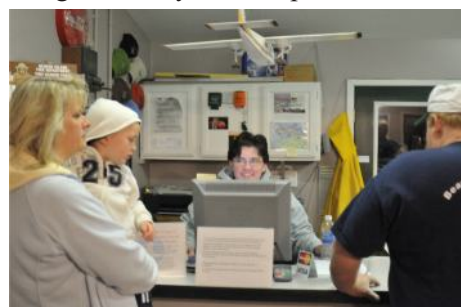
The plane was greeted by honks, sirens, screams, and applause. Brett climbed out and walked, straight and tall, to the line of flag-waving veterans, stopping fifteen feet in front and snapping off a proud salute.

People clapped loudly and cried



with joy to have him back safely. Word had spread that what he had been through would never be forgotten; he'd lost good friends over there, but ultimately luck had been on his side. He had left as a boy, and come home as a man.

After being hugged by half the people there he was bundled into a van with his mother, which led a procession of cars to the Beachcomber for a celebration that would go on all night. He did not complain that no one had thought to bring his Harley to the airport.





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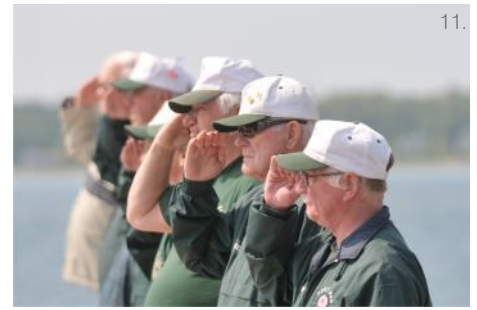
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DEDICATING THE AMVETS PARK

It was a long time in the making, but the AmVets' Park was dedicated on a bright Memorial Day as 135 well-wishers looked on. Post commander Bob Tidmore opened the ceremony with a few brief comments urging people to subscribe to the remaining bricks. This was followed by Post chaplain Bob Hoogendoorn reciting familiar passages from Ecclesiastes ("There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens....") and the Song of Solomon, and a poem by Ron Isaac.

Alvin LaFreniere reminded us of the singular distinction Beaver Island

earned, at a great price, during WW II—the highest proportion of its population in service of any community in the country. He listed the eight Islanders

who had perished in service to America, giving a brief biographical note about each, and then Taps was played to conclude the morning's events.



C3F GRANT GOES TO BIRHC

Connie Wojan, Donna Kubic, and Denny Cook are happy to receive a check from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation as part of its recent grant cycle. It's for the Health Center's "Senior Help-mate" program, which assists seniors with a variety of services, such as shopping, housekeeping, and transportation to see a doctor.



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12. KRABLOONIK ON EARTH

So far, there has only been one day when I actually enjoyed 20° below zero and that was January 3rd, 1976. I was at Krabloonik with my Dad, two mushers, a cook, and about fifty very athletic Huskies. Lucille Ball had been there not long before and had been so shocked at their plumbing that she sent a gift to the proprietor, Dan MacEachen; an entire suite of bathroom fixtures ... shower, toilet, and sink. They were in wooden crates set akimbo on the snow drifts when we walked up to the main lodge. I wouldn't be surprised if they are still sitting there. Like Beaver Island, Krabloonik has its own priorities.

During the night flight from Denver,

Dad had chatted with the amiable pilot while I sang to myself. The vast glistening urban grid below dissolved into a few ribbons of twinkling lights — skiers driving to places like Buttermilk Mountain, Powderhorn, and Telluride. As we descended into Roaring Fork Valley, the Maule's landing lights exposed a psychedelic world of snowflakes speeding and swirling in every direction. But when we landed and the engines were turned off, the flakes fell gently and silently. Dad turned to me and smiled.

All the taxis and police cars in Aspen were Saabs. With one of the early fuel injected engines, they required no adjustment for varying altitudes. My

father did require some altitude adjustment, however, so we sat together while he relaxed with his favorite drink, Johnny Walker Black and soda. It was rare to have time alone with Dad. I suppose that's one reason I wanted to do this. He was a quintessential entrepreneur of the post World War II era. Focused on providing for his family, he battled in the war of commerce with seeming inexhaustible fortitude and his trademark, relentless pursuit of excellence.

In the morning, Stuart Mace picked us up and drove us south to Toklat, his home and studio. He was an old wood friend of my Dad's. He was also an early environmentalist and gave me the clas-

BIKE FESTIVAL

For all pedalers, heavy or light, the return of the *Bike the Beaver* fest on June 23rd through the 25th is good news. Two routes are being offered, a long and a short. Both start with a warm-up lap around the Whiskey Point Light, and then set off out the Donegal Bay Road and down the Kuebler

Trail to the West Side Road south of the Municipal Airport. The long route circles the Island, passing the Lighthouse at the South End on its thirty-mile jaunt. Where the West Side Road meets the Fox Lake Road the short route riders will be directed to the left to go past the Big Birch and the Big Rock before heading

north on the East Side Drive.

The short route — still a challenge — will follow Hannigan's Road past the Fox Lake Road and Middie Peron's Trail and the terminus of the King's Highway before scooting across a handful of trickling Jordan River tributaries and beaver dam back-ups. It will rejoin the long



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sis book "The Web of Life" by John Storer, which at that time was already 20 years old. In the 1940s the U.S. Army didn't know what to do with Stuart, a biologist, until they thought of the need to run supplies and messages via sled dogs through the Alps. After the war, his mushing skills translated into a job working the dogs for the television show, 'Sergeant Preston of the Yukon.' When that show ended, he moved to Colorado where his sled dog business included two- and three-day excursions to places that can only be accessed by sled. Many wealthy people came for this unusual experience and to see Stuart's legendary notions of propriety for themselves. For

example, Stuart and his wife raised their four children at a dining table with no legs. It was a plywood board hung from the ceiling at each corner by an iron rod. This not only made cleaning the cement floor much easier, but it demanded continuous courtesy while eating, since lunging for the venison and sweet potatoes could result in the entire meal crashing and splattering onto the floor. Voila! No need to nag the kids about courtesy! You could actually have a conversation.

The second day, Stuart drove us to Krabloonik and introduced us to Dan MacEachen, the young man who had recently taken over Stuart's canine commerce. Dan introduced us to his 50 plus

dogs. With bright eyes, thick coats and cheerful yelps, they strained against their chains to be selected to pull us up and down snowy slopes in a crisp 20° below zero. Their vividly blue eyes conveyed a steely constitution requiring a great deal of restraining and encouragement, which Dan and Stuart took very seriously. The sled, made from bentwood and gut, had been padded with blankets. Dad sat down first since he was taller, and I got in next with my back against my Dad's chest. We were wrapped in still more blankets while the dogs were brought to their places at the sled, one at a time. Like premier runners taking their stance prior to the starting gun, these

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route on the East Side Drive. Signs will be placed to guide those unfamiliar with the Island's twisty roadways.

The \$50 registration fee includes snacks, lunch at the Bill Wagner Campgrounds, and a festival party with two drink tickets and music by the Galactic Sherpas. The first 250 to register get a

free t-shirt. More info can be found at *BikeTheBeaver.com*. A registration form can be downloaded or picked up at the Chamber office near the Yacht Dock.

The event starts with a dinner at the Beaver Island Lodge on Thursday June 23rd. The fest includes a



secret destination beach party on Friday and registration Party at Oak Woods. The Poker Run ride will take place on Saturday the 25th.

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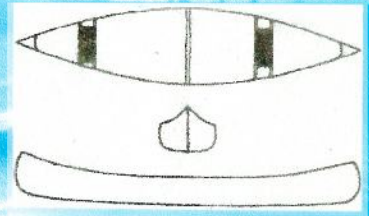
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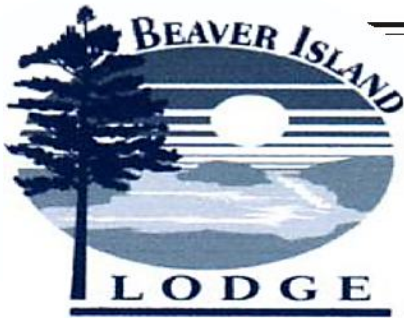
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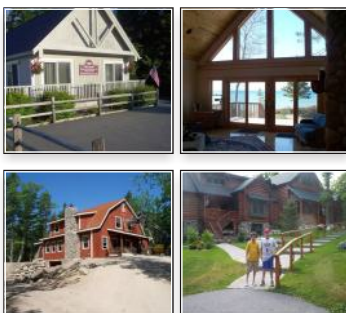


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Krabloonik on Earth, from page 13.
 dogs did not jump or whimper, but laid purposefully on their bellies with all four paws ready to dig into the snow. Even when Dan stood on the back of the sled, they still waited. Dan needed no whip, no reins. Only his voice. But, for a moment, there was silence. Brilliant sun and silence. And the warmth of being next to my Dad who loved me so much he arranged all this for my 21st birthday.

With a jerk, the dogs leaped into action upon Dan's command. My head was thrown back into Dad's shoulder and the winter landscape began gracefully slipping past us on either side. There were native grasses still erect above the snow, tracks of rabbits, coyote, fox, and deer leading off in different directions, frozen ponds, and crystalline snow glinting from the boughs of dark evergreens. And there was Blue. Blue sky. Deep, azure, blue sky. There was no escape from the peacefulness of it all. We were completely immersed in nature.

We didn't speak. Dan's voice commands were the only reminder of humanity, and those were spoken in words we didn't recognize. It could have been a scene from Dr Zhivago, but we were living it. After some time we stopped. The scenery was breathtaking. Mountains and sky and forests in a great vista, and all the ground in shades of blue and lavender and white and grey.

As the dogs rested, their steaming breath obscured their faces, making them look ghost-like, as if this was all a dream. But this dream wasn't over. After another hour of riding, we returned to Krabloonik to the smell of smoke rising from the stone chimney. Inside the one-room lodge we were served sourdough pancakes, sausage and eggs. Could there have been a better way to top off such an excursion? Amazingly, yes. As we ambled to the cars with our tummies full and our minds bubbling over with visions of natural splendor, the dogs began to ... sing. Not howl, but sing in beautiful,

mostly harmonious tones in response to Dan's imperceptible signal. I was captivated by such haunting beauty, and speechless that an already unforgettable event could have such a startling ending.

Now, 35 years later, I sometimes feel just 21 years old all over again because I am immersed in Beaver Island's spectacular beauty and quiet. The person who chose for her birthday, an intense natural experience instead of a material gift is the same person who has chosen to live on a small, quiet island, 32 miles out in Lake Michigan. I am engrossed every day in the flora and fauna so readily visible around me, and I am blessed with ever changing vistas of Lake Michigan and the Beaver Archipelago. In the winter, I even see sled dog tracks from Mrs Redding's Trail all the way up to Paid Een Og's Road. At the rate I am experiencing satisfaction with living here, who knows, I may even enjoy 20° below zero again. —Barbara Rahn

SUMMER HIGH

The summer sun climbs the harbor sky
 its light dancing over the lake.
 We watch – little granddaughter and I –
 her nose and hands squished against the window
 and she laughs “See! Beach! Go.” She takes my hand.
 We slip out of the house to the golden beach.

Running, she answers the gulls with her own high “awk!”
 and swings her little arms against the wind.
 Satisfied (for her smile shows she enjoyed her flight)
 she moves on to explore the sand, finding that
 dry sand sifts through little fingers,
 wet sand sticks to little toes –
 (a puzzle).

The sun sends its sparkle to the children's slide.
 She stumbles over and I help her up the steps
 but the wonderful ride will belong just to her.
 The breeze sails through her tummy and takes her breath.
 She's startled, but with a delighted chuckle
 she's sure the world holds no greater thrill.

On this gorgeous Michigan morning
 her tiny self is certain
 that no one before her studied the sand
 or watched the sun dance or flew with the gulls.
 Nobody else could have swallowed the wind.
 She knows she must be the first!
 And sharing in her magic time, so do I.

—Kay Masini

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 fills, overflows senses....
 intoxicates

galaxies whisper
 human life exists beyond
 earth, beyond new stars

afternoon tea time
 leaves exposed, fortunes forecast
 blown to the four winds

fireflies wink as
 they flit among trees, upstage
 the star-studded sky

And a short poem full of meaning:

Eye for Eye
 (staring down cancer)

Time has its eye fixed on you
 looks through you past
 mountains, past the ocean's depth
 where it sees a crystal flower cathedral
 in a garden of light, of hope

—Phyllis Kayne

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Seniors: Sunday Dinner June 26 - 11am - 12:30pm Great food, sparkling companionship, and occasional soothing entertainment. And check the website or call for great meals M-F.

Movies – Check the Community Center or website for updated listings, and times for movies throughout the summer!

Silent Auctions – View or Bid on the all the neat auctions!

The Beaver Island Lighthouse School recognized three graduates and 17 other students at the school's Spring 2011 Completion/Graduation Ceremony held May 11th at the Charlevoix VFW Hall. The three graduates each received their high school diplomas. All of the students received certificates for completing a semester at the school.

"The Beaver Island Lighthouse School is probably one of the best schools I've ever been to," said Phil Carlson, one of the graduates.

Along with diplomas and certificates of completion, teachers and staff also presented students with a variety of special awards, including valedictorian Kayla Bell from East Jordan.

"The Beaver Island Lighthouse School gave me the hope and the promise of a better, more self-aware future," said Bell. She also received the 10-10-10 Scholarship from Beth Urech and Mark Gillingham. The couple created the scholarship fund last year after being impressed by what they saw during a visit to the



Beaver Island Lighthouse School. The 10-10-10 Scholarship is named for Urech and Gillingham's wedding date, October 10, 2010.



Urech said she and Gillingham were delighted to give Bell the \$800

dollar scholarship. She plans to use it at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City. "I'm so happy that they do this," said Bell. "It helps so much."

The Beaver Island Lighthouse School is a residential, co-educational school for students ages 16-21 who may be having difficulty making positive choices in academics and social

environments. Classes include math, science, English, and social studies courses. Students also learn responsibilities in a work environment and have the opportunity to enjoy camping trips and other outdoor activities. The program also incorporates personal enrichment in group counseling, career awareness, and presentations by agency professionals on relevant youth issues.

The school exists through partnerships between the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments, Northwest Michigan Works!, Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District and Charlevoix Public School District.

—Dan Boss



WATER WAGON

The Road Commission sent over a "water wagon" to wet the roads when they are dry; they cannot be graded without moisture, and when we have no rain for weeks they get pretty bad. The 2,500 gallon tank will cover a mile (1 lane) and then be refilled for the other lane.



NEW SLIPS

After 20-some years of planning, Jon Bonadeo obtained every last permit and began implementing his dream for adding six boat slips to his Harbor property next to the Municipal Marina, moving the boulders that had formed the initial abutment.



END OF THE ROAD

After years of pondering the age-old question, "Can you aim too high; can you go too far?", these fresh college grads got an answer at the end of Mrs. Redding's Trail. When we came upon them they were energetically digging — trying to bury the evidence of their mistake.



A GREAT DAY TO WALK

Almost a hundred people took advantage of a sunny Sunday to take part in Gail's Walk, setting off as the Deputy sounded his siren. The army of friends chatted casually with one another as they moved up the Church Hill, out the King's

Highway, through the new subdivision to the bike path, and out to the campground, and then back past the new ties on the Heritage Park railroad grade and the Langfords' new Library garden. The sky was blue, and the Island's fresh apple blossoms were in the air.

It was a good way to see who had come for Memorial Day, and to talk about the great music at the Jack Cull Concert. The registration fees were added to a fund started to help Islanders cover incidental costs arising from medical difficulties.



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The Shine Sand Bay Home 32100 East Side Dr.

Nicely finished, 2-bedroom, 1-3/4 bath, half log siding home near the south end of Sand Bay. The house has just about 1300 sq. ft. of finished living area with most of the interior pine paneling. This house sits on Lot #19 of the Beaver Sands Plat; the current value of the lot is \$175,000. The home sits closer to the shore than most houses in the area. It has a large screened-in porch on the front of the house plus a ground-level, large open deck in front of the screened porch. The house has an open kitchen adjacent to a large combined living room and dining room area. There is access from the dining area to a long, narrow deck on the south side of the house. This home has a lot of storage area and extra closets, plus a washer and dryer area in a large closet off the entry hallway. The upstairs, semi-private loft is a sleeping area with five single beds and one double bed. The double bed is in a dormer alcove with a large window above it. With the window open it feels like you are sleeping right on the beach. This upper area is a dormitory-style type of setup good for larger families. The downstairs bedroom is one large bed with a window on the woods side and another large window on the lake side. With the panoramic view of the lake on the east side of the Island and the relatively flat sand dune area between the house and the sandy beach, you would be hard pressed to find a better Lake Michigan home-site on any other part of Beaver Island. This would make a nice summer home for a family or a very good rental property for someone. The home is situated on the lot near the south line because the home on the lot to the south sits considerably farther back (inland). You therefore have room to add on to this house with a lot of room toward the north lot line. This is the classic sand dune-Cape Cod style lakefront site that everybody looks for. It is really priced to sell at only.....**\$369,900.**



YOU CAN HELP

Munson Hospice and Palliative Care will be holding a training session this summer for individuals interested in becoming a hospice volunteer on Beaver Island.

Volunteer applicants must be at least 18 years old, available for an inter-

view prior to training, and willing to make a time commitment of four hours a week in the patient's home when on an assignment. Volunteer beauticians and massage therapists are also needed.

All volunteers are trained through an independent self-study course, in

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20. FIRST ANNUAL GARDEN TOUR

Mark your calendars! Wednesday, July 13th will be the day to plan to attend the Wellness Garden fundraising event held in town from 10 until 4 (meal included). Thirty tickets will be limited to driven attendees. 20 tickets will be saved for those walking or biking on their own but still want the lunch. Tickets will be available at the Health Center starting July 1st.

Several gardeners in town have agreed to open their garden area for viewing by our tour, planned on a day when no other scheduled events are taking place. We would love to receive support from our numerous gardeners, appreciators of the beauty of flora, and others whom have interest in providing funding for the relaxing and restorative garden being planted on both the Health Center and the Forest View grounds. More details are coming on this event. Call Leonor Jacobson for more information (448-2894).

Funding needs for Garden Project:

The cost of materials are overwhelming but not beyond capturing:

Black Dirt: 10 yards = \$500

Landscape weed-free fabric: \$250+shipping per 500 feet

35 shrubs: already donated (\$500 +

shipping, bought last fall on sale)

35-50 more shrubs and ornamental bushes: \$500-1000

Perennial flowers: many have been offered, donated and already planted. We have to purchase more from the gardens of Cheryl, Heidi, and Pam. Cost is still to be determined. We want to support their businesses by purchasing from our two other flower sellers, Powers and McDonough's.

Annuals: 100 annuals will help keep color in the gardens all summer long. Cost is still to be determined.

Ornamental trees: We would love a few more but are limited by septic and drain field placements. Where we can put them in, they will cost anywhere from \$50 to \$150 each.

Boulders: always are nice in landscaping. (Front HC boulders were donated by Karen and Jim Wojan.) Value of boulders delivered and placed by heavy equipment is over \$1500 so we may be limited here.

Picnic tables, seating: To keep from looking "hodge-podge" we would want the furniture to all be made of the same materials (no plastic). Costs will vary. (Brian Cole has both an 8-seater and a 12-seater wood table available for \$450

and \$650.)

Pergola: A rustic cedar pergola to put in open area. Colorful vines may climb it; it could be used for photographers (family shots, graduates, etc.) to sit under for some filtered sun, for readers and birders. We would love to hear your ideas and comments.

Mulch has been recycled by Beaver Gems during their building of Forest View. It will be delivered to us as needed. Thanks Robert, Kevin, Ray and the rest of the Gems!

Just a reminder: If you would like to donate shrubs, flowers, or some hardscape in memory or honor of your loved ones, we will gladly accept it, if you let us know what your interest is so we can plant it or place it properly. It can be marked with an engraved plaque if you wish.

Hopefully Forest View will be completed and occupied soon. We will continue to bring the Wellness Garden up to the rear patio areas with a wood-chip path for easy access. This will be completed later this summer or in the early fall, and hopefully will become another success story in the growing list of community accomplishments.

—Leonor Jacobson

LOIS STIPP AND BETH SCULLY OPENING

Livingstone Studio will hold a special showing in a few weeks with the opening set for July 1, 5 - 7pm, featuring two Island favorites, Beth Scully and Lois Stipp.

Beth Scully's landscapes evoke strong memories of our Beaver Island jaunts. "Like many who find themselves living in the Michigan dunes, I spent most of my childhood summers

with my family at the Lake house," she said. "My grandfather named ours 'Morning Star'. Having recently retired after 35 fulfilling years teaching high school English, I am still mesmerized by the exquisite interplay of the ever-changing Lake, the forests, and the living dunes. I am attempting through art to respond to the enchanting rhythms of waves, winds, sands and light. Though

self-taught, I have found painting to be a wonderfully intimate way to 'get in on the action' of the stunning beauty that surrounds us here."

Lois Stipp comes from a long line of Beaver Islanders, and is based in Southern California and on the Island, where she paints in oils, teaches drawing and painting classes, and takes on commissions.

THE BEAVER ISLAND BOOK

Since the last copy of the 1999 book *Discovering Beaver Island* sold out six years ago, people have been hoping there would be another volume capable of evoking the Island's mysterious aura. Much has changed since those days, and the essence of the Island has become more subtle and hard to define – as if it's evolving too fast to capture.

Yet a new 208-page hardbound book, *Life in the Beaver Island Archipelago*,

manages to capture the sources of the Island's shifting nature by presenting many of the moments people have found so moving during the Twenty-first Century's first decade. Its hundreds of color photographs and interesting vignettes will elicit a surge of warm emotions, and rekindle appreciation for what the Emerald Isle has meant for us.

As it was being assembled, a sense of the Island's ambiance became increasingly palpable, shifting its focus

from the events usually recounted when considering the hallmarks of Island experience to those which generated a feeling of being in a special place at a special time. Its focus is on the growing awareness that life here is even more wonderful than had been imagined. It's the kind of book that can be turned to again and again, each time stimulating a new perspective. It will be out July 1st. Ordering information will appear in next month's *Beacon* and www.beaverbeacon.com



Additionally, Lois is director and current chair/president for the Diamond Valley Arts Council. Diamond Valley Arts Council is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of the arts in Southern California.

"I cannot remember a time when art was not a part of my life. I have had a love affair with art since the time I discovered my first copper colored crayon.

I started drawing at a very young age. While still in High School I was selected to attend a special art school program. I continued my art through college and in my third year declared a second major in Nursing. I worked full-time as a Registered Nurse and part-time as a professional artist for the majority of my adult life. I am now lucky enough to be concentrating on

just my art. I have been influenced greatly by the impressionists and to some extent the expressionists. August Macke (of the *Blue Rider Group*) is my favorite in the latter group and Edgar Degas in the former."

"I paint for the viewer and occasionally for myself. Sometimes, when I am really lucky, they seem to paint themselves."





MUSEUM

TUESDAY JULY 19



2:00: This is Suzuki Violin: discussion and free brief lessons on the Suzuki method for playing the violin, by **Sheri Richards**. Kids or grown-ups can watch or take part in this. Bring your violin to the Community Center



MONDAY JULY 18



9:00 – 12:00: Adult Nature Walk to Little Sand Bay. Register at 448-2254. \$10 **Beth Leuck** will be your guide.



1:00 – 3:00: Antje Price will open the log cabin where Protar lived.

7:30: Music on the Porch: Gather on closed-off Main Street in front of the Museum

to hear our local talent.



Pinky's Buckaroo Bingo: 7:30 Tuesday at the Hall!



Are you feeling lucky? Back by overwhelming demand; 100 seats; if more arrive, places will be auctioned off.

Doors open at 6:30; games start at 7:30. Don't miss *any* action! Door prizes galore, special events, and all the news that's fit to whisper! Attempts at cheating will be punished by Father Peter Gallagher!

WEDNESDAY JULY 20



2:00 at the CC: Charlie Donaldson reading from *Emerald Memories*, insightful poems written on and about Beaver Island.

12:00 – 4:00: A dig at the Early/Doney home at Little Sand Bay.

12:00 – 5:00: The Art Show!

8:00: Noted Archaeologist **Dr. Deb Rotman** talks about what she has found and still hopes

to find, here and on Arranmore.



BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 11 – **BICS Graduation Day**

June 13 – 15 – **Archivists conference**

June 18 – **Open House** at both **The Print Shop & Marine Museums** 12-3:00

June 23 – 25 – **2nd Annual Beaver Island Bike Festival** *see page 12.*

June 24 – 27 – **Camp Quality**

July 1 – The **new book**, *Life in the Beaver Island Archipelago*, is released!

July 1 – Showing in the Cabin 3 Gallery at Livingstone Studio: **The Art of Beth Scully and Lois Stipp**. 5:00-7:00

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

July 7 – BIA Nature Lecture: **Migrating song-birds on Beaver Island**. Peaine Hall, 7:30 p.m.

July 9 – **Glen McDonough Memorial Concert** *see page 4.*

July 10 – Third annual **Beaver Island Archipelago Challenge** poker run to

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Niños Y Jóvenes Cantores De La Escuela Nacional De Música 7/12 – **Museum Week** 7/12

WEEK 2011 THURSDAY JULY 21



Children's Field Trip to Miller's Marsh: 9:00–12:00. For children and the young-at-heart.

Beth Leuck will lead a search for frogs and snakes and butterflies and worms at Miller's Marsh. Meet at CMU; \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, register at 448-2254.



JULY 18-24²³ SATURDAY JULY 23



12:00 at the Print Shop: Pet Show for kids with Paul and Liz Niehaus.

Beaver Tales: 8:00 at the CC with a star-studded cast. Focused on Beaver Island stories, told the old-fashioned way – in stories and songs!



FRIDAY JULY 22



2:00 at the CC: Making a Living: Using oral histories, **Seamus Norgaard** will present accounts of the pride and rigors of fishing and logging.



8:00 at the CC: "Forestry that fits A Special Place": **Seamus Norgaard** and **Eric Myers** will present a forward-looking perspective on logging, the environment, and the Island.



1:00 – 3:00 at the Protar Home: **Antje Price**, the author of the definitive book on Protar, will open his Home and talk about her continuing research and why Protar is even more important today.



8:00 at the CC: Logging on Garden in the 60s: Herb Mathei was just a boy when his family logged the mysterious Garden Island, but he worked like a man as his family and friends overcame many problems and frustrating setbacks.



SUNDAY JULY 24



Dennis Banks, AIM co-founder, author, inspirational man of wisdom, and movie star, will meet friends on the **Print Shop Museum Porch** in the early afternoon. He'll read from his latest book and speak about his life and current project – his walk across America (just concluded) – at the **Community Center at 8:00**

benefit the Community Center.
July 13 – **1st Annual Garden Tour.** page 20.
July 13 – **BIA Lecture: How to Grow a Bird Feeder.** Community Center, 7:30 p.m.
July 14 - 16 – **Beaver Island Music Festival**, how we roll: www.bimf.net
July 16 – **Women's Golf Tourney**

July 18 - 23 – **Museum Week 2011**, including a new *Beaver Tales* on 7-23 & **Steve Hamilton** at the Art Show.
July 20 - 22 – **BIHS Art Show** at the Gregg Fellowship Center
July 24 - 31 – **Baroque on Beaver**
July 25 – **BIA Nature Lecture: Native**

plants of Beaver Island Peaine Hall, 7:30 p.m.
July 30 – **Livingstone Studio Meet the Artists**
August 12 - 14 – **Homecoming**
October 8 – **Bite of Beaver Island & the Island Boodle**

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Goitse 8/10 Pronounced gwi-cha, Goitse is a Donegal Irish word meaning 'come here'.

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8/13

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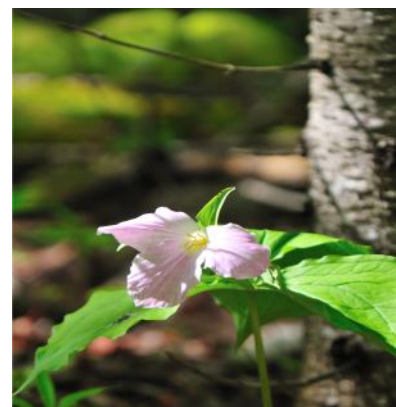
One of the greatest boons to benefit Beaver Island in each of the past three Mays has been the energetic honors students taking a course on community service and spending a week here to get some

first-hand experience of what it's all about.

This year twenty-two of them arrived for the second week of May and spent time performing tasks for the Community Center, the Christian

Church, the Historical Society, and the Little Traverse Conservancy (in the rain) – as well as for some of the elderly residents.

The various agencies that received their help were amazed at how much of



A gala concert and reception will kick off the 10th Anniversary *Baroque on Beaver* Festival, Tuesday, July 26, at 7:30 at the Community Center. The featured work, commissioned for the festival, will be the world premiere of "Something About Autumn." The piece was composed by Tom Cipullo for soprano Martha Guth, with lyrics from poetry by Robert Cole. Mr. Cipullo is known internationally for his "extraordinary song-making." Robert Cole's poetry reflects his creativity and his perceptive appreciation of Beaver Island. He was instrumental in collecting oral histories for the Beaver Island Historical Society, and now pursues a variety of interests in arts and media. Martha Guth is not only well-loved on the Island, she also has a world-wide reputation as an opera and concert soprano with "persuasive and passionate" style and "intuitive sensitivity." She and Robert are thrilled to be partnering in this world premiere.

Keyboard accompanist Kenneth Bos, first clarinetist Joan Van Dessel, and Festival Concertmaster Albert

Wang will also perform pieces by Handel, Schumann, and Barber at the concert. Ken Bos, a regular at *Baroque on Beaver*, is one of the principals in the Festival Orchestra, known as a "superb accompanist." First clarinetist Joan Van Dessel teaches at Cornerstone University and has been a key participant for six years. She looks forward to "this summer's repertoire which," she feels, "will be thrilling for both performers and audience members." Joan believes that much of the success of *Baroque* is due to the strong connections among the musicians and the energy the artists and the audience share. Albert Wang is concertmaster of the North Shore Chamber Arts Ensemble and a violinist with Chicago's Lyric Opera Orchestra. He is looking forward to the "wonderful camaraderie" of the festival. Beaver Island has had a special place in his heart since his first visit in 1974, when he spent a week collecting chipmunks for his high school biology class!

After the opening night benefit, there will be concerts on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and Thursday and Sunday afternoons. At

the Friday evening concert, "A Night at the Opera," Martha Guth's husband, Ricardo Lugo, will make his first appearance. Ricardo, a bass with a "powerful and beautiful voice," has sung with opera companies throughout Central America and the United States, including the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Originally from Puerto Rico, he and Martha were married here and have been frequent summer visitors.

Throughout the week, audiences will be treated to a spectacular variety of music performed by the Festival Orchestra and Chorus and by smaller ensemble groups. In addition, musicians will play informally at several locations in town. Except for the Tuesday night benefit, all concerts are free, although contributions are appreciated.

Tickets for the Tuesday concert will go on sale for \$25, \$50, or \$100 at the Community Center on June 15; however donors will be able to purchase advance tickets beginning on June 1.

Please check baroqueonbeaver.org or call the Community Center, 448-2022, for information.

a change can be made by pouring 150 man-hours into a single day. Their day at the Historical Society was typical: divided into five groups, they put out the Society's spring newsletter, brushed the grounds south of the Marine

Museum, organized and cleaned the barn, raked the Heritage Park, and set 35 railroad ties into the actual grade where the logging train ran between 1903 and 1914.

But the best thing about their

presence was that everyone who came in contact with them was reassured by their creativity, industriousness, friendliness, and respectful attitude that just maybe everything in the world is okay after all.



SCHOOL ELECTION

On May 3, voters approved a Millage Renewal: 98 yes and 18 no. Two Island residents were elected to 4-year terms on the board of education: Jessica Keehn Anderson and Brian Cole.

SWAN CHICKS

Islanders driving down the Barney's Lake hill have been stopping to watch the cygnets take their first swims. Here a cautious newborn chooses to ride on its mother's back before taking its first stroke. As moving as they are to see, they are actually not native to Beaver Island. When they took the loon's nest and no loons fledged last year, discussion began on whether to remove these graceful interlopers.



26. DAN MAKES EAGLE

Dan began scouting in the 1st grade – as a cub scout, later a webelo.

In the 6th grade, the other boys involved decided not to continue in scouting, but Dan decided to go it alone. He set a goal of reaching Eagle Scout rank.

Dan has two cousins, Tom and Cory Gratsch, who have attained Eagle Scout rank. He refers to them as his role models and they encouraged him to continue. Cory did his Eagle Project on the Island and Dan helped him.

Dan has achieved this rank as a Lone Scout, a very difficult thing to do. He had no local troop for support, but he did have the support of our very own “Beaver Island Troop” – the community of Beaver Island.

1. Many folks bought popcorn from him each year- one year he received the honor of one of the top ten sellers in the whole Scenic Trails Council!

2. Many others supported him by helping him earn Merit Badges. He had to earn 21 badges, 12 of which were required badges of specific topics. The remaining 9 could be of his

choice. He earned an additional 7 badges beyond the required 21.

3. Some people supported him by serving on his boards of review for rank advancement. Those were Jim and Donna Stambaugh and Ken Bruland. Jim also attended his Eagle Board of Review in Charlevoix with the advancement committee made of four other scout leaders from Charlevoix and Petoskey who had not met Dan before May 14 – the date of his Eagle Board of Review.

4. Many businesses and individuals supported his Eagle Scout project last summer, donating food, tools, time or money towards the project which



member of their troop.

Because of all the help from this community, Dan was able to achieve his goal, but it was his own words at his Eagle Board of Review that earned him the rank.

involved building bridges along the Eagle Trail by the East Side Dr. Fire station.

5. Dan was fortunate to have his Aunt Judy Gratsch involved with a troop (that both of his cousins were a part of at one time), who invited him to attend summer camp with them a couple of times and who came to the Island to help with his Eagle Project last summer. They have made him an honorary

LIBRARY NEWS

After a week or so of patrons having to tramp around the building to find the furnace room door, the entrance is now open. Cary Concrete did a marvelous job of replacing the front sidewalk and adding cement to where the bike rack sat. Now when you park your bike, it won't be in dirt or mud. The back garden also has new concrete and the memorial plaques have been placed in it. Impressions of leaves have been pressed into the cement, matching the larger patio area.

A few other “sprucing up” projects are in the works. Island artistic woodworker Dan Gentle has made two new wooden benches for the back garden area to replace the ones made by Tom Moreland more than twenty years ago. The new benches will be stunning – not to mention comfortable. Their bases are made from old logs dredged from the harbor many years ago, topped by a slice of a varnished plank. Don and Amy Langford have installed a new garden near the parking area. They are

also replacing the crushed patio furniture from when the trees fell during the storm last winter.

We have a new computer affectionately nicknamed “Barbara” in the Langford Music Room that allows our patrons to watch the live eagle nest in Iowa. It's been quite popular this spring as folks just pop in for a quick look-see to check on the chicks. We were lucky enough to watch them from hatching point and are really enjoying seeing them grow and develop.

Just a reminder that the Beaver Island District Library has more than great books! We have a wonderful collection of recorded books, VHS tapes (and no, we are not accepting donations of VHS tapes this year), DVD movies, jigsaw puzzles, and games. Working on climbing your family tree? Stop in and use our Ancestry for Libraries and find more branches and twigs. Anything else? If we don't have it, we can and will get it.

As you use the library this summer,

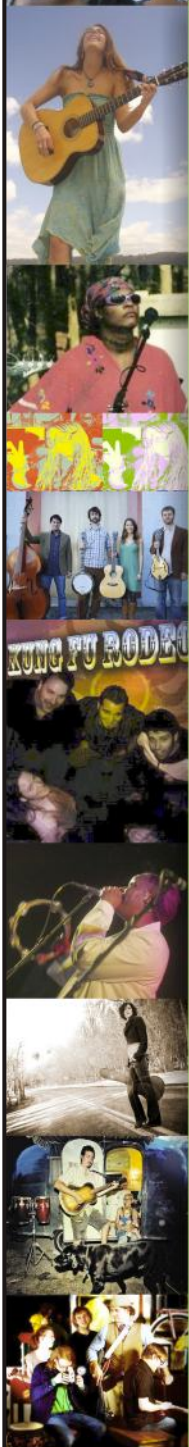
please let us know if you've changed addresses so we can update you in our card file. Still don't have a library card? It takes under five minutes to get you set up and you can use it immediately!

Have a collection or hobby you'd like to share? We have summer openings for our display case. Right now Moore's Frog Farm is residing there, to be followed on the 15th of June by the Red Hats. Come the 15th of July we'll need something new, and again on the 15th of August. Give us a call.

We have some fun – and educational – programs coming up this summer so keep your eyes peeled for the signs. Some are limited due to space constraints and will require sign-ups.

Also, our summer story hour with Mrs. Connie Wojan will commence on July 6th at 10:30 a.m., so plan on bringing your little one for a story, craft project, and a treat. Story Hour will be every Wednesday morning through July and August.

—Phyllis Moore



Beaver Island Music Festival

July 14, 15, & 16, 2011

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Day Pass Teen/Senior(65+) (Friday or Saturday July 15 or 16)	\$28.00	\$25.00
Weekend Pass Adult (18+) (Friday & Saturday July 15 & 16)	\$25.00	\$22.00
Weekend Pass Teen/Senior (Friday & Saturday July 15 & 16)	\$55.00	\$50.00
Camping Pass (12 and +) Per person per day (Discounts on camping available online)	\$50.00	\$45.00
	\$5.00	\$5.00

****The purpose of the Beaver Island Music Festival is to promote the variety and tradition of all music and art. We want to create opportunities for all artists, be an educational resource, and strongly encourage community and family involvement in an outdoor environment combining nature, renewable energies, music and artwork. Our main goal is to bring attention to the beautiful world that we live in (especially Beaver Island) by uniting all of these talents and people."



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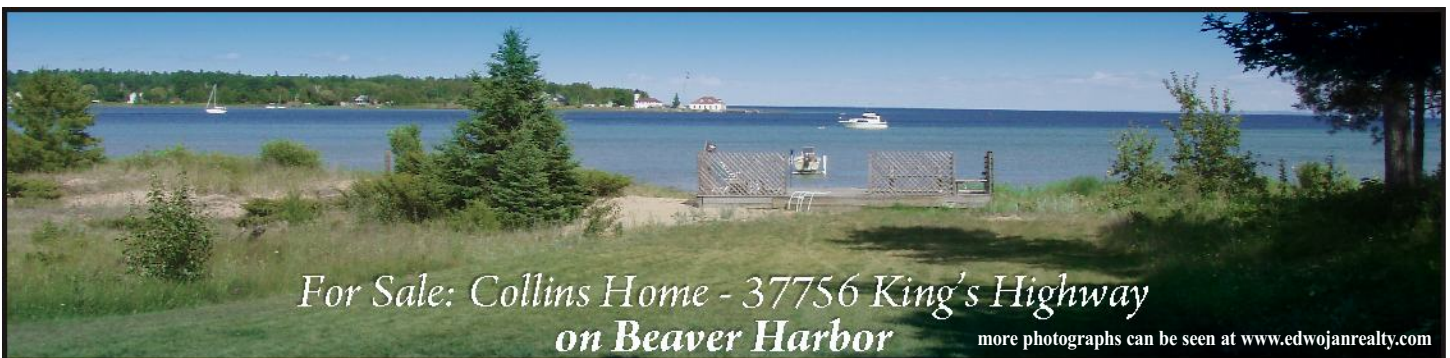
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This home is unique: very few homes in the town of St. James have a view of the harbor like this. If you like the idea of watching the boats come and go, and seeing sunrises and moonfalls, this could be your perfect retirement spot, a very nice summer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

29.

from Joyce Bartels

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

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 1, 1911 **Local News:** "On Wednesday evening after making her Island trip, the steamer *Beaver* left for Manistee where she went into dry dock and stopped a leak that had been on Capt. Campbell's mind for some time. She arrived here Friday evening and took a baseball excursion to Traverse City Saturday. The steamer *Cummins* made the *Beaver's* trip Friday."

"The Charlevoix custom house has received official notice of the change of name of of the steamer *Lou A. Cummings* to *City of Boyne*."

"Frank Berge, of the Beutal Fish Co. made a Beaver Island trip Friday."

Beaver Island News: "Frank Berge of the Beutal Fish Co, of Charlevoix, was here last week."

"Mrs. Frank Gallagher and son John, went to Charlevoix to see a doctor."

"Alice Johnson, who has been here visiting her parents, returned to Charlevoix."

"Mrs. Mary Baker of Charlevoix, visited her daughter for a week."

"Grace Mooney and Mrs. Delia King of Lansing, spent two weeks visiting their parents."

"Capt. George Weaver made a trip with the Str. *City of Boyne* last week in place of the Str. *Beaver* who went to Manistee for repairs."

"Gus Kitzinger of Manistee, spent a few days on the Island on business."

"Frank Dunlap went to Boyne City to work for the summer."

"Henry Vincent returned home after spending the winter in Naubinway."

"G. W. Marshall of Traverse City is on the Island writing up Insurance."

"Mary Cull is home for a visit with her mother."

"Boyle Bros. went to Charlevoix after gasoline with their boat."

"H. D. Gallagher is at Charlevoix on business."

"Mrs. Will Allard returned home after spending two weeks on the Island with friends."

"Mrs. John Leighton is at Charlevoix attending Probate court."

"Tom Boyle, a brother of Hugh Boyle, who has been visiting here for the

last two years, returned to Ireland Tuesday."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 7, 1911 No Beaver Island related news

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 8, 1911 **Local News:** "Capt. Wm. Finucan made the Island trip Tuesday as master of the steamer *Beaver*."

"The steamer *Beaver* went to Boyne City Sunday and ran trips between the city and the ball grounds."

"The North Fox Island wild game collection is growing space under the energetic work of that enthusiastic naturalist, J. O. Plank, who owns the island. Mr. Plank and wife are still guests at Baker's Inn, detained by the recent illness of Mrs. Plank. There recently arrived from Musising a fine young beaver and from the Soo a young deer, which are housed here awaiting the arrival of three more beavers from Onaway and another deer. There are already a fine covey of quail and some pheasant on the island, and a number of pheasant eggs are here to be taken to the island for hatching. Several years ago Mr. Plank put a pair of foxes on the island, and they have multiplied. It was a mistake, and they will be killed off in the interest of bird protection. The State game warden's department in helping Mr. Plank in this work whenever possible."

(Note: June 9 Furious thunder-rainstorm - tree split, bound it up. June 13 until? Big drought F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 14, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 15, 1911 **Beaver Island News:**

"Mrs. James Donlevy returned home from Chicago after spending six weeks visiting friends."

"Dr. Armstrong was at the Island examining members for the Equitable Life Insurance Policies."

"Mrs. Frank Gallespie and daughter returned home after spending a week at Charlevoix."

"Mrs. John Ward, of Manistee. Is here visiting her husband."

"James Donlevy went to Charlevoix on a business trip last week."

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"Neal (sic) Gallagher, of Escanaba, is here visiting friends."

"Dwight Fitch, Prosecuting Attorney, and Ford Robbins, Sheriff, were at the Island a few days last week."

"Ulyssus and Harold McCann took a party to Squaw Island in their gasoline boat last Sunday."

"Dick Steffes, of East Jordan, was at the Island for a visit."

"There was a large class of children received Holy Communion Sunday at Holy Cross Church."

"Barney Martin went to Manistee to work."

"The St. James Dramatic Club gave a play at the opera house Monday night. It was a grand success and the band furnished the music."

"Capt. Finucan was at the Island Tuesday."

"J. Howard Fieldman of the tax commission is at the Island."

"W. H. Schied went to Manistee on business for the B. I. L. Co. Lillian Stephen went to Free Soil on a visit. Tessie and Anna Connaghan went to Chicago for the summer. May Gallagher went to Charlevoix."

"P. O. Gallagher and Hubert McCauley went to Chicago for the summer. Ruth Gatliff and her sister, Mary went to Petoskey."

"Chas. Tilley went to Charlevoix on business. Mrs. W. H. Schied in visiting friends at Charlevoix. Frank Scopp went to Charlevoix on business."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 21, 1911 No Beaver Island related

news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 22, 1911 **Local News:** "Captain Morton, superintendent, and Capt. Henderson, Inspector U. S. Life Saving Service inspected the local station Monday afternoon and proceeded to St. James Tuesday morning to inspect the volunteer station at that point. They announce that a full station will not be established at St. James until 1914. The delay is caused by inability to ensure title before that time." (Note: A. J. Henderson, Chicago and Chas. Morton, Grand Haven appear in the *Hotel Beaver register*, June 20th, 1911)

"Undersheriff Novak went to St. James on Tuesday on official business."

"Know all men by these presents that the people of Beaver Island are waking up to the great opportunities that exist there for fruit culture and are planting orchards. M. J. McCann within the past month has put out 40 acres to apples and others are following suit. The way of development has reached the Island shores and is sweeping over the fields with tidal force. Mark well this prediction, "Beaver Island will one day rival the peninsulas in fruit culture, especially of the hardier varieties, because peaches and other quality perishable fruit will lack market facilities." But already they are raising peaches and cherries for home use. There are great fruit possibilities for the Island. Keep your eye on Charlevoix county's insular possessions."

Beaver Island News: "John I. Gibson and C. E. Smith of West Mich.

Development Bureau were at St. James, also Director D. S. Payton." (Note: L. S. Payton, Charlevoix; Jno. I. Gibson, Sec'y, W. M. D. Bureau and C. E. Smith, W. M. D. Bureau appear in the *Hotel Beaver register*)

"C. A. Marshall and wife, of Traverse City, are at the Beaver Hotel" (Note: Names do not appear in *Hotel Beaver register*.)

"J. J. McHugh and R. C. Hoffman, the shoeman, were here on business."

"J. W. Green went to Holland on business."

"Frank Miller went to Charlevoix on business."

"Dr. Armstrong is at the Island on business."

"Rachael Dunlevy (sic) went to Chicago."

"Chas. Novak was over on official business."

"W. A. Smith of Charlevoix is spending a few days at the Island."

"Capt. Morton and Capt. Henderson of the U. S. L. S. S. Were here inspecting the station."

"Boyle Bros. Went to Manistique."

"Miss Myrtle Douglass went to Seattle to visit her father."

"Miss Elize (sic) Gallagher, F. Frankle and several others went to Manistique."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 28, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 29, 1911 No Beaver Island related news.

(Note: May 23 – 29, 30 storms [no mention of rain] F. Protar)

"EMERALD MEMORIES"

Much has been written about Beaver Island, but nothing captures the soul of the Island in poetry as this small and amiable new book. It offers fresh and humorous insights into the Island

we love. Charlie's poems often tell a story of Island life: getting stuck in snow on Mrs. Redding's Trail, ingenious ways of putting socks on in your older days, a pleasant but somewhat con-

tentious walk to Barney's Lake, and yearnings and grievings on the boat back to the mainland. These poems allow the reader to recapture the emotions felt on the Emerald Isle.

AN OPENING ON THE BOARD

The Beaver Island Historical Society will have a vacant seat on its Board of Trustees – the nine members

who oversee its operation and help determine how our history can best be interpreted and presented to the public.

A selection will be made at the Annual Meeting in August. For information, call Alvin LaFreniere, 448-2465.

IN MEMORY: PATRICIA LAFRENIERE

Patricia Lynn LaFreniere, 45, of Ludington, passed away suddenly Thursday at Memorial Medical Center.

She was born on July 30, 1965 in Ludington. She is survived by a son,

Kyle Neff of Fenton, a daughter, Alysha Watkins of Freesoil, her mother Glory LaFreniere, and her father John LaFreniere both of Ludington, a brother Ed (Julie) LaFreniere of Ludington,

sisters Jeanette (John) Bogus of Ludington, Judy (Tom) Swartz of Ionia, Johnell LaFreniere of Ann Arbor, and her longtime love, Terry Yarborough, nieces and nephews.

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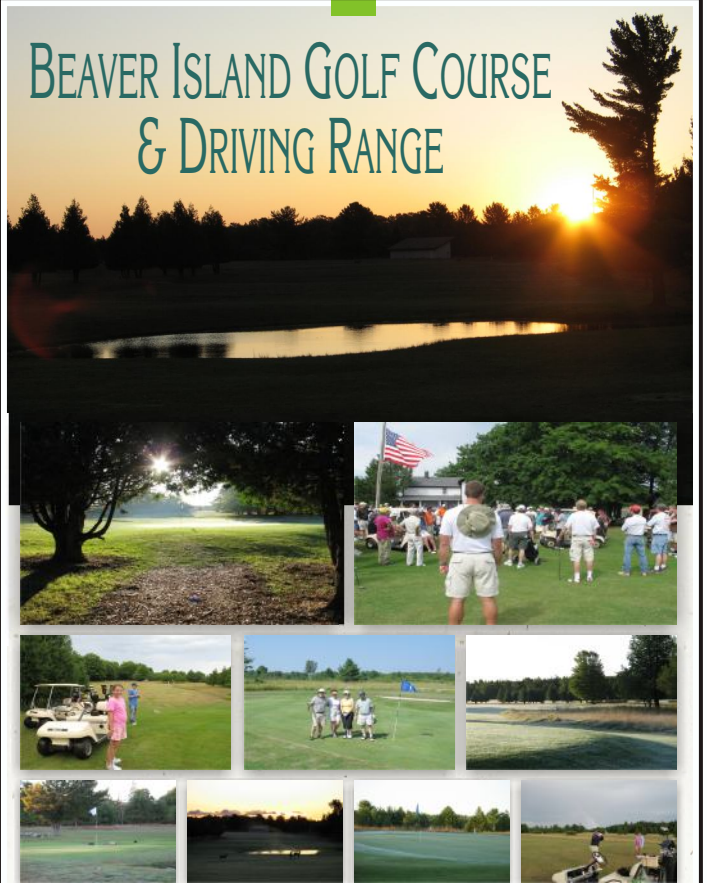
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Ten Years Ago Tragedy almost struck the Croswhite family on their Mexican vacation when Joddy did a cannonball into the pool, only to hit his head on an unseen underwater ledge. Luckily Stryder had just finished his Medical First Responder course, and was able to take charge and minimize the harm. Back on the Island, Joddy had to wear a neck brace and use a cane while healing.

The Health Center welcomed Chris

VanLooy to its staff; Jo Hendrix would be the back-up – she's already been the relief provider for three years.

Twenty Years Ago Katrina Martin was named Valedictorian with a 3.93 GPA. She won a scholarship to Western Michigan University and several other awards. Other graduates included Mimi Lewis, Mary Scholl's niece, who was headed to Oakland University, Mary Jane Martin, bound for Ferris, and Chris Petrak, also headed for Ferris.

The ferry service added a double-deck cruise boat, the 150-passenger *Voyageur*, for cruises around Lake Charlevoix. With three V-12s and over 2,000 hp, it could top 20 knots.

Staff sergeant Marv Ruis and fifteen-year principal returned from the Gulf War, arriving here on the *Beaver Islander*.

Eleanor LaFreniere submitted a long, well-crafted poem, Beaver Island Sisters, recounting the history of nuns on the Island from their arrival in 1899 to the departure of the last two, Sister Mary and Sister Marie Eugene.

A request to St. James township by Clifford Napont to tie up his fish tug at the DNR dock led to its attorney being asked to review the lease to see if the township had the power to grant this request.

A \$150 littering fine was imposed and collected.

Thirty Years Ago The graduating class consisted of twins Susie (Valedictorian) and Mark Belfy and Sheri and Terry Mooney, Jim Block, Paul Cole. Debbie DeRosia, Ron Gregg, and Lynn Ann McDonough (Salutatorian). The High School band entertained at the ceremony, playing a dynamite version of Desperado. Class predictions included ten hit records for Sherri and his own charter boat for Ron.

The Port St. James was planning tennis courts west of the Stables.

Due to an explosion of cost, the Beacon was forced to raise annual subscriptions to \$10 and full-page ads to \$30.

The Hickory Tail Flat Tail Fest donated \$125 to the Med Center.

Forty Years Ago With the excellent smelt and sucker runs over, attention turned to smallmouth fishing at Garden and Hog Islands. Perry Gatliff was taking perch in those bays as well, some up to two pounds. The DNR stocked Fox Lake with another 5,000 trout.

Dropped off by the DNR, a dozen MSU students planned to spend two weeks on Garden to prove they could live off the land. But after three days the mosquitos proved too fierce and the group gave up.

The Biostation was hosting an eight-week National Science Founda-



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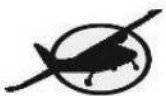
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tion program for 35 high school biology teachers. Counting their families, there were a hundred guests, many camping out. Other courses were also being offered, such as one in ornithology for four weeks. Others were studying Barney's Lake and the Island's coyotes.

The Gillespies purchased the *American Girl* and the *Oil Queen*, a 28,000-gallon barge, and began bringing bulk fuel to the Island instead of by the barrel.

A new submarine electric cable was almost finished between St. James and Cross Village. It had to be spliced in the center; it came on two reels, each weighing 58 tons. "The existing diesel generating plant will soon be used only in emergencies."

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Dr. Charles McCann, 70, who had been born on Beaver Island and became a dentist in Bay City. And for Eva (Gibson) Donlevy, 81, who was born here and worked as a bookkeeper for James McCann before moving to Detroit. Her grandmother had operated the Gibson House.

Fifty Years Ago The three graduates, Tony McDonough, Irwin Martin, and Larry McDonough, took in a double-header at Comiskey Park. At the graduation party Tony joined the band, made up of Ed, Grace, and Loraine Palmer.

Musette LaFreniere was astounded to receive in the mail a picture of her cousin Art Gallagher shaking hands with Jackie Kennedy.

In the annual baseball game between the Has-beens and the Wannabes, the over-21 group won, 21 – 18.

A modest cottage-building boom was underway. The Civic Association built a post fence between some of the main docks in town. Funding was sought to build a shelter at the North Shore Campground, called Peaine Park.

The Game Club planted corn, oats, and white clover in several fields.

The Fisheries Research investigators checked on the poisoning of Fox Lake. The previous year a test netting caught 257 perch for every two bluegills and one bass. The researchers observed the same ratio this year, but they pronounced the lake ready for planting.

Walker Hill became the Com-

mander of the Lansing Power Squadron, which teaches boat safety, following frequent Island visitors or property owners Ken Maxted, Bill Wood, Phil Gregg, and Harry Bartels.

Don Welke moved to the Island to raise beef cattle.

A radio play was enacted at the Med Center in an effort to obtain a new doctor. It included current doctor Frank Luton, Joe Dillingham, Rogers Carlyle, George VanBuren, Skip McDonough,

and Pam McDonough. It was also filmed, but no TV venue had been found.

Don Cole found a young fawn left in the woods. He left it there in the hope she would return, but she didn't so he fed it and applied for an exhibitor's permit to keep it by the boat dock as a tourist attraction.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of former Island resident Herman Allers.

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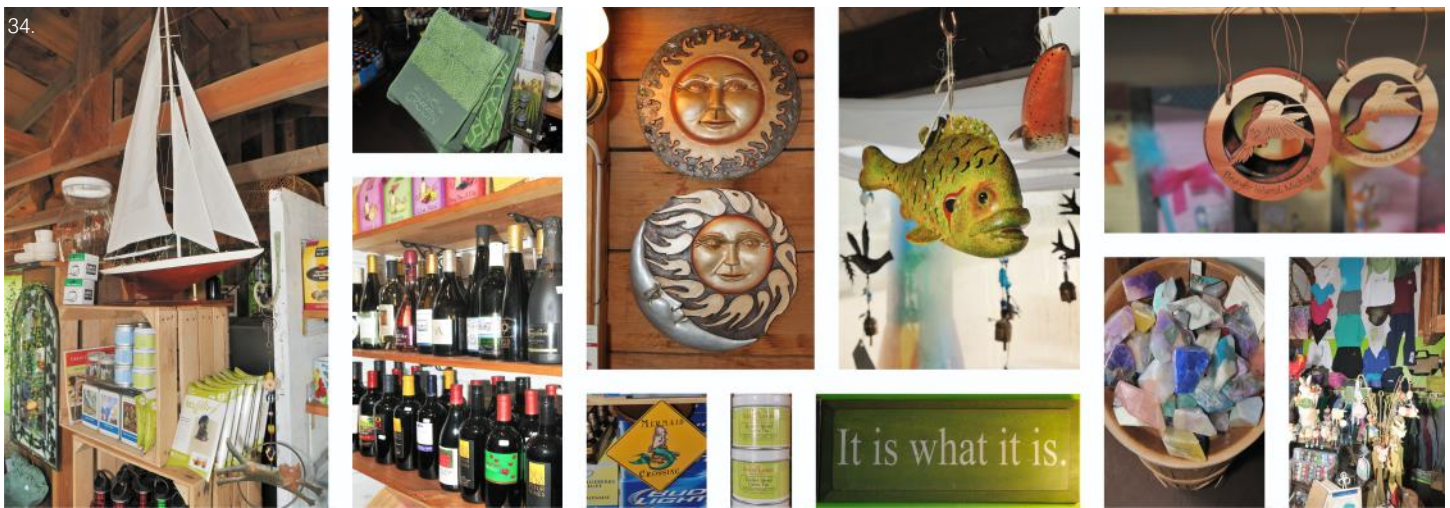
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Whimsy is nothing if not well-named. This store run by two Island women is designed to answer two quite different questions: “what memento can I get for my friend who's seen everything?” and “what's new and good to eat and drink?”

Now in their seventh year (their third in the former Boat-tique location), sisters-in-law Pam Grassmick and Linda McDonough make it a point to find truly eclectic items at their frequent

trips to gift shows in Atlanta, Chicago, and Minneapolis, stocking merchandise for their shop at the Yacht Dock that customers are not likely to have seen anywhere else. People from far and wide are surprised at what they find here, calling Whimsy “the best small store in Northern Michigan.” They try not to compete with other Island stores.

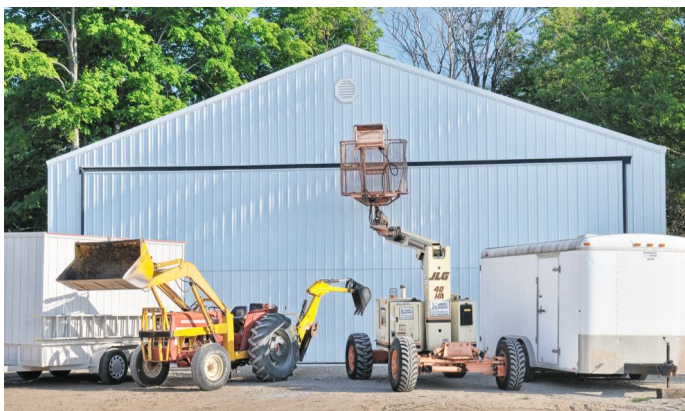
A majority of their products come from Michigan, though—especially the wines and gourmet items, like tangy salsas. But if they run across something

unique, like the Mexican beer Negra Modelo or the lighter Belgian counterpart Blue Moon, they'll add it to their offering, no matter from how far away.

Cards (especially those designed by Patience Brewster Gregg), T-shirts, and sweats are in ample supply, plus many things one would not expect. And best of all, both proprietors are well-connected to the inner Island workings, so a casual chat while picking out a few treasures will allow a shopper to go home with an earful of the latest news.

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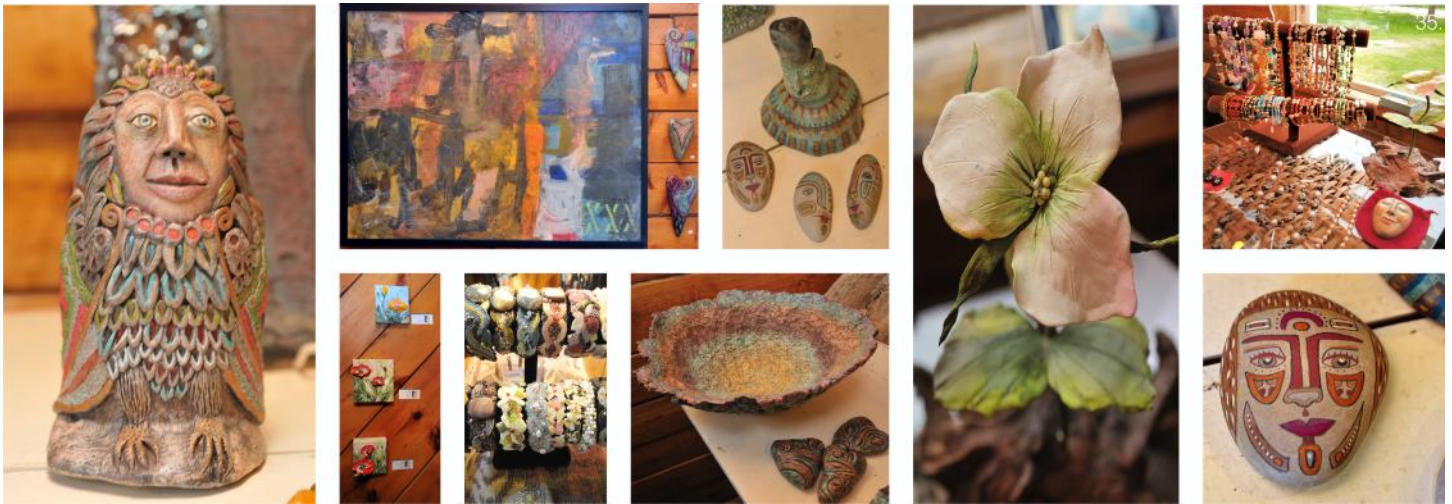
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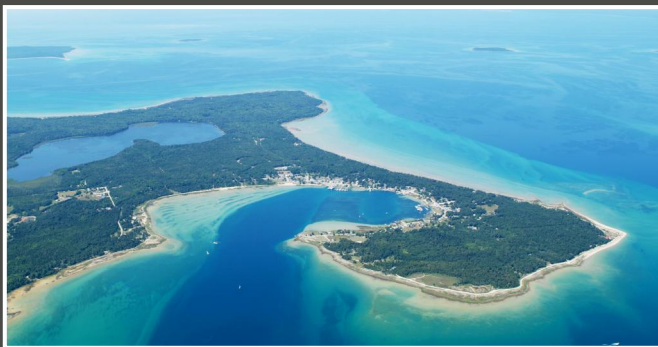
Over the past two decades Sue Thomson has established her Livingstone Studio as one of the best places for finding truly unique pieces of art. Located in the Rustic Villa, the covey of log cabins built by Karl Felix in the 1950s next to the Ball Diamond, the gallery has the ambiance of an artists' outpost from a far-earlier time, surprising patrons with the high degree of expertise in the displayed wares.

The work of around forty artists is

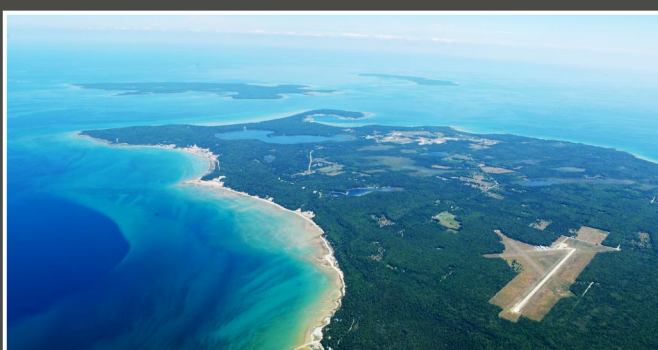
on offer—a third have a home or second home on the Island, and most of the others are from Michigan. There are paintings and jewelry, sculpture and stonework, carvings and collages, bracelets, beadwork, rings, lockets, and three-dimensional assemblages that cross traditional lines.

Perhaps the most unique is the work done by Sue herself over the winter, the continuously evolving line of never-before-seen molded and painted creatures, winsome and absurd inhabit-

ants of a recently-discovered nouveau planet out past Saturn known as Grace. These elegant beings seem to have just emerged from a wormhole; their trip to Terra Livingstone has distorted and elongated their parts, yet they exhibit perfect balance; their existence implies there may be new rules for living which the rest of us might adopt. Half artwork, half strange pet, they strike at our propensity for empathy, eliciting a strong desire to take them home and become their new best friend.



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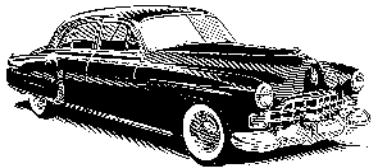
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36. TIME TO CONSIDER TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATION?

A LETTER FROM THE BEAVER ISLAND ASSOCIATION

A year ago in the Beaver Island Association newsletter we asked whether Beaver Island politics and governance might be improved by consolidating the two townships into one, and that question was discussed at the annual membership meeting.

No consensus emerged, but a few members said the idea had been raised and dropped some years earlier and opined that the Association should not try to revive it. Attendance at the meeting was light, however, so questions about the issue were included in a membership survey later last year and 20% of responders said the Association should engage in public advocacy on township governance generally and township consolidation is an appropriate project for BIA to participate in or organize.

We have not decided to do that, but in light of continuing complications and disharmony between the separate township governments over the past fall and winter, we think it is worthwhile to keep the subject alive. What follows is our attempt to advance the discussion by explaining the statutory basis and procedure for township consolidation and identifying some pros and cons of such a project for local government, citizenry and taxpayers.

The Michigan statute authorizing county boards to "vacate, divide, or alter ... or consolidate townships" was first enacted in 1851. In its original form it permitted a county board to take such action "upon application ... of at least 20% of freeholders who are actually residents of each of the townships to be affected by the alteration," but provided no details on how consolidation was to be accomplished. Amendments to the statute 137 years later filled in those gaps and established another method of achieving consolidation: by voter approval in the affected townships in an election ordered by the county board in response to petitions from registered electors in those townships.

Specifically, "proceedings for consolidation ... may be initiated by filing a petition with the county board of commissioners signed by a number of registered electors who are residents of the area to be consolidated equal to at least

5% of the total population of each of the affected townships." (According to the 2010 Census, the Peaine Township population is 292, St. James 365, so only 15 signers would be needed in Peaine and 19 in St. James.) Such a petition "shall name the townships proposed to be consolidated, state the name of the consolidated township" and "request that the county board of commissioners initiate proceedings necessary for consolidation under this act." If the county board finds the petition is proper it "shall submit the proposition to a vote of the electors of the affected townships [and] specify a date for the election ... on or before May 1 in the year of a general November election." The county clerk then notifies the township clerks of the date for the election and "question to be submitted," and the township clerks "shall arrange for [such] an election."

If a majority of electors voting in each township approve consolidation, the county board is required to approve it by resolution, and consolidation "is effective at 12 p.m. on November 20 following the election." If petitions from Beaver Island were to be signed and submitted to and approved by the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners later this year, an election on the question could be held next spring, and if approved by the electorate, consolidation would take effect November 20, 2012. If there is a desire to move more slowly, the whole process would be pushed back two years, with consolidation to be voted on in the spring of 2014 and, if approved, take effect November 20 that year.

In the resolution approving consolidation, the county board also is to "call an election of the township board for the consolidated township at the next August primary and November general elections," to "replace the elections of the boards of the townships that are consolidated" with a new township board consisting of a supervisor, clerk, treasurer and two trustees, and all five board members would be elected in the general election in November 2012 or 2014.

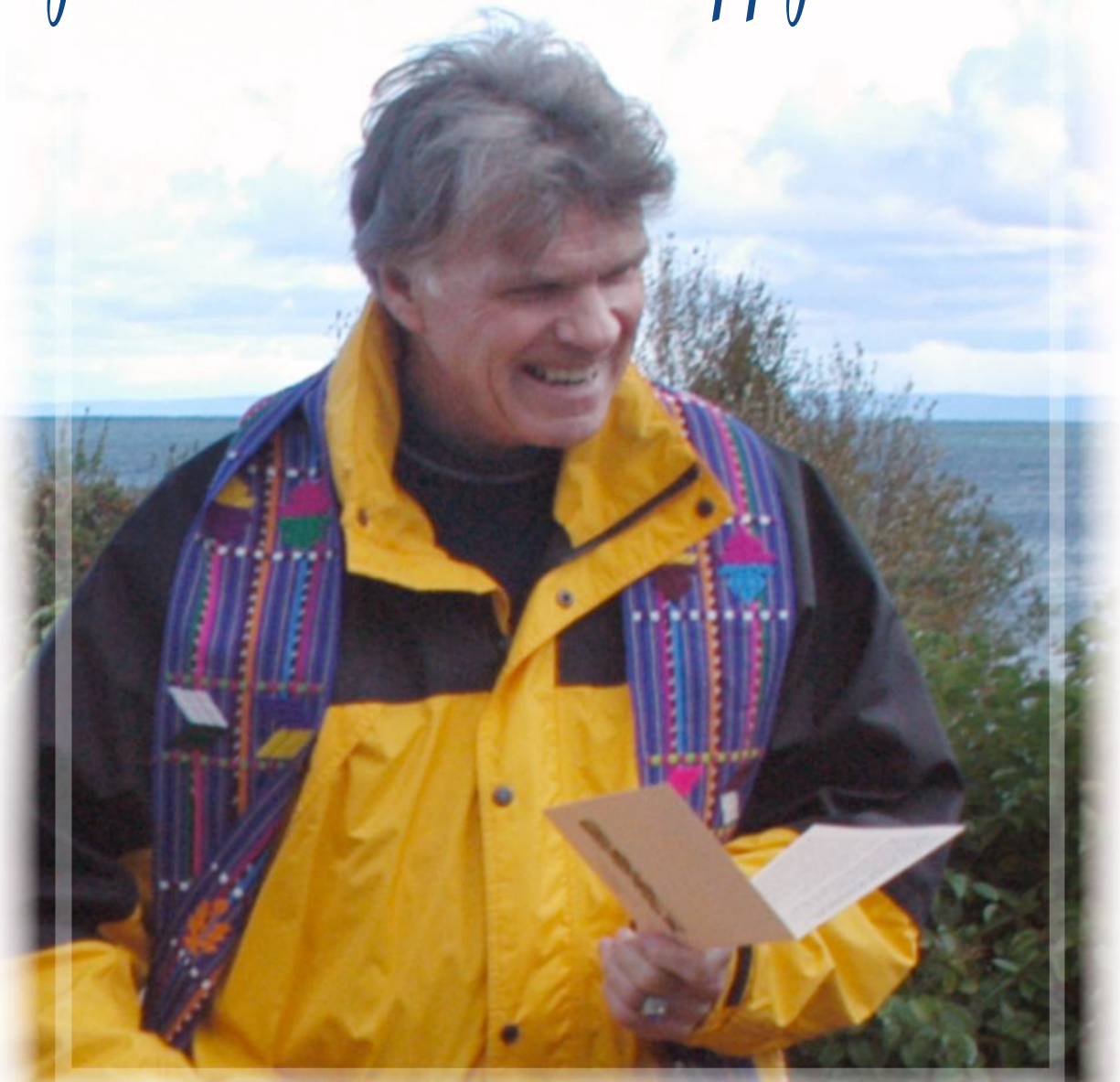
If consolidation is approved by voters in both townships, a "coordinating committee" is created to "assist in the



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38. planning and implementation of [the] consolidation" from the date of the election on that question until consolidation takes effect the following November 20. It is to be "composed of the supervisor, clerk, and treasurer of each affected township" plus a resident of each of the two townships chosen in an election "held at the same time" as the election on proposed consolidation.

If voters reject consolidation, the election of coordinating committee resident members is void. But if it is approved, the coordinating committee has these duties: to "prepare and adopt an interim budget for the consolidated township" for the period from November 20 until the start of its first full fiscal year; establish initial salaries for the officers of the consolidated township; recommend persons for board appointment to other boards and commissions of the consolidated township; and "study and make recommendations concerning the coordination, consolidation, repeal, and reenactment of the ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations of the former townships for the consolidated township." This last matter should be the first order of business for the consolidated township board, because the ordinances etc. of the former townships continue "in full force" in those territories until it repeals or amends them.

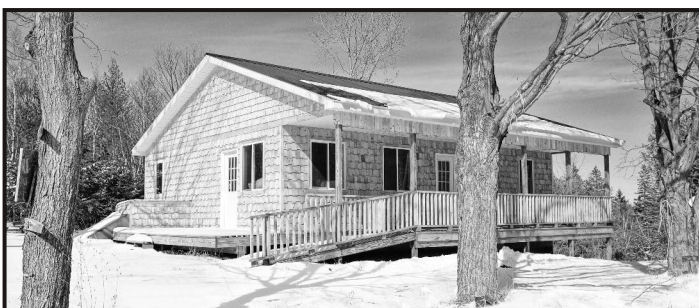
All rights, claims and liabilities of the former separate townships will pass to the consolidated township, including ownership of real and personal property, money, books and records, positions in pending litigation, and rights to collect unpaid property taxes. The consolidated township will be what is called a "general law township," as Peaine and St. James are. As such, they have what the statute calls "extra voted millage," and the ballot question for consolidation also must identify what the "extra voted millage" of the consolidated township will be.

This is where things could be a bit complicated. There is not much difference between the numbers of registered electors in the two existing townships, but their millages are quite different. The total taxable value of real estate in Peaine Township is now about 50% higher than St. James, but their operating costs are about the same, so total millage for general operations in St. James is almost 50% higher than in Peaine, and its dedicated millages also are higher because the townships historically have contributed approximately equal dollar amounts for shared services like fire protection, transfer station, EMS, municipal airport and Historical Society.

As discussed in the last *Island Currents*, an Island-wide total rate of about

9.75 mills would yield the same total tax revenue, but would increase the township tax bill on a property with \$100,000 taxable value by about \$170 in Peaine Township and decrease it by about \$250 in St. James. Obviously that could be a sticking point for Peaine property owners. But it is reasonable to think a consolidated township might provide the same services at lower total cost than two separate townships, by eliminating duplicated expenses not only for elected office-holders' salaries but also such things as town hall utilities, other office expenses, insurance, and professional service fees (for example, for different lawyers representing the townships to help resolve inter-township disagreements or make inter-township contracts.) That might reduce the total consolidated township millage rate enough for the average annual tax increase for Peaine property owners to be more like \$100. That still might be a problem for some Peaine voters, even if many of the additional taxes would be paid by property owners who can't vote on Beaver Island, but money probably should be a secondary consideration among the pros and cons of township consolidation in any event.

Other possible negative concerns could be that interests unique to or in conflict between the separate townships



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might be jeopardized by consolidation; that the "power structure" at one end of the Island might dominate the other; that earning opportunities would be lost by eliminating five elective offices and assistants or deputies for three of them; that the town hall property of one township or the other would become an unused white elephant; or that transition from two townships to one might be too complicated or time-consuming. There would seem to be two sides to each of those coins, however.

It might be asked, for example, whether each existing township really has unique interests inconsistent with the other, as opposed to common interests in all the cultural, social, environmental, recreational and economic attributes that make Beaver Island as a whole a unique place we all love, cherish and want to protect and promote. Also, much of what each township does always has had to be funded and managed collaboratively with the other, and a process of consolidation within a clear statutory framework hardly could be any more complicated, time-consuming or disharmonious than relations between the two separate township boards have been over the past few years. In any event, both the process of consolidation and, if approved, governance of the new united township should be transparent demo-

cratic exercises beyond the control of any power structure, real or perceived.

As for the township properties, whichever of the separate town hall properties is not used for the consolidated township offices could be a valuable asset, either to be converted to another public use or to be sold, with the proceeds used to defray any one-time costs of the consolidation process (which should not be large) and establish a substantial fund that could be used for future capital projects and/or to hold the line against future millage increases.

Finally, it may be noted that consolidation would be consistent with increased emphasis in state government on increasing efficiency and eliminating redundancy at all levels of government. Perhaps Beaver Island could gain positive attention in Lansing by leading this movement.

It may be asked (in fact, some already have) if it might be better to change to a village or city form of government for Beaver Island. A possible advantage mentioned is the ability to hire a professional manager, but general law townships already can do that, and although it may not be realistic financially for either township alone, it might be for a consolidated township. As a city (but not a village), Beaver Island could have governing body representation by

geographic districts rather than at 39. large, but whether that truly would be advantageous, or simply perpetuate archaic notions of conflicting interests between different parts of the Island, is debatable. No other potential advantage is readily apparent, but converting from township to village or city is not a viable option anyway. It would necessitate dissolution of both townships, which has no clear statutory mechanism and would be left to the discretion of the county board, and incorporation from scratch as a village or city would be a cumbersome, complicated, expensive process requiring lots of expensive lawyers' services. In contrast, a clear and relatively uncomplicated statutory template exists for consolidation, which could enable Beaver Island to be governed within a familiar, effective framework, but more efficiently, economically and harmoniously, as one township instead of two.

These may not be all the pros and cons of township consolidation, and we invite all Beaver Islanders to identify and debate any others that come to mind. But we hope this discussion of how and why our two townships might be turned into one will contribute to serious, open-minded, objective consideration of the issue by everyone who cares about the Island's future.

—Paul Glendon, President, BIA

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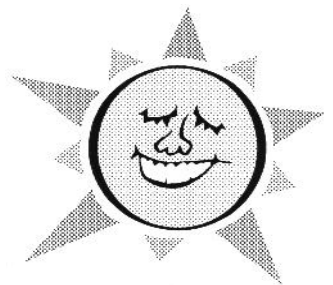
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Recently I finished reading *The China Study*, by T. Colin Campbell and Thomas M. Campbell II. It is the most comprehensive study of nutrition ever conducted and has startling implications for diet, weight loss, and long-term health. The New York Times considered it the Grand Prix of epidemiology. Well now, that's a lot to say about a book about diet and health but this is not your usual book about diet and health. This is not about recipes, it's about nutrition and how it relates to health.

Did you ever wonder why we have the highest rate of coronary artery disease in the developed world? Ever wonder why our cancer rate is the highest? Why our rate of osteoporosis and hip fractures is the highest? Why we have the highest rate of obesity? Why Type II diabetes has reached epidemic heights? Read this book and learn the answers.

Did you ever wonder why diet information is so confusing? One year we shouldn't eat eggs then the next year they are good for you—eat all you want, they're high in protein and low and calories—why they're just a 75 calories snack! Then we learned we should reduce our fat so we went to low fat or fat free dairy and lower-fat meat. Then we learned we should get more Omega 3 so we should eat more fish high in fat therefore Omega 3. Then we found out

that Lycopene might prevent prostate cancer and beta carotene might prevent macular degeneration. Then we went through the phase of seeking out free range chickens and beef to avoid antibiotics and chemicals. We were encouraged to drink milk, eat more yogurt to build better bones. Well, guess what, we still kept getting fatter, our heart disease rates kept getting higher, our type II diabetes is now striking at a younger age, and the cancer rate kept climbing. The grocery shelves screamed about all the fiber in processed cereal and all the fortification in bread and on and on it went. Did you ever wonder why we have a pill for this and a pill for that, and why we need to take vitamins and supplements of every description?

You may ask at this point why we haven't heard about this China Study and

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its startling implications. That is covered in the book also. This was my first question to my oldest son when he handed me the book—Why haven't I heard of this before now? I read an incredible amount of material about food, nutrition, diet, and recipes. I subscribe to several monthly food magazines and had yet to hear about the China Study. For years I have been interested in my own personal health and that of my family. I judiciously adhered to the "rules" of good health but my cholesterol still was reaching a mark higher than I wanted. My son, the epitome of health at 53, found his cholesterol rising along with his blood pressure. We questioned health professionals about this and were usually informed that it was hereditary. I have been enlightened. I have read *The China Study*.

This is a book about life-saving nutritional information. It is well written (it reads like a novel), well documented, peer reviewed and has overwhelming statistics to support a plant-based diet. Wow! You can't be serious? I am. Personally I have never read anything that changed my life so drastically. Now the cat is out of the bag—I have become a vegan. Enough of cats though, this was supposed to be about teaching an old dog new tricks.

The last thing I wanted to happen was to be relegated to a life of "sticks and berries" which was my vision of being a vegan. The first thing I did was Google vegan and learn what kind of information was out there. Then I went to Amazon and browsed through fifty vegan cookbooks and chose two to start. One of the two turned out to be a fantas-

tic find, *Vegan Planet*. I began to restock my pantry and revamp my thinking. For the last seven weeks we have begun to become acquainted with some of the tastiest foods with flavors from all over the world. I found that some of the vegan stables are over 2,000 years old—and I thought I was ahead of my time. One of the interesting concepts of a plant-based diet is that you have no need to count calories, and one of the unintended consequences is that you will lose weight. Even former President Bill Clinton found that out following his stent and subsequent change to a plant-based diet.

I challenge you to read this book. After you read it, you decide what you want to do with the information.

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LOTS 644 AND 645 PORT OF ST. JAMES - Nice corner lots. \$19,000 for both. (231) 448-3088. *continued on page 42.*

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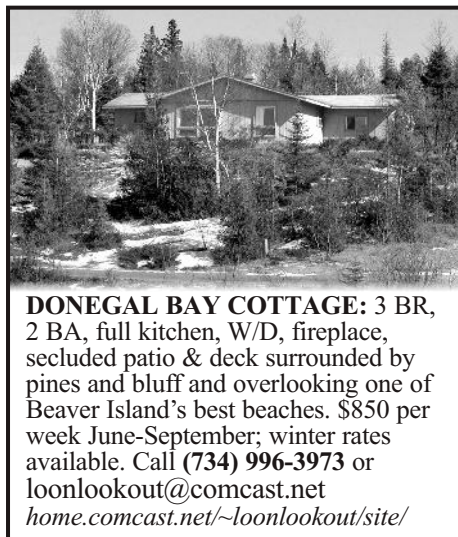
HARBOR LIGHTS: Unique log home looking out over Paradise Bay. Beautiful views of St. James Harbor, Garden, and Hog Islands. Enjoy the boats from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. Very secluded, sitting among lush cedars and pines. 3 bedrooms with 2 queens and 2 twins. One large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



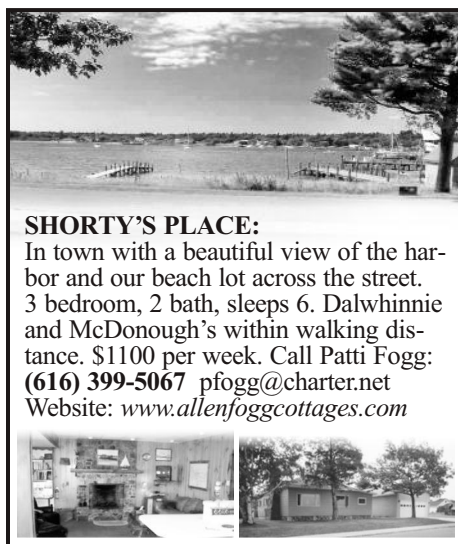
SECLUDED BEAUTIFUL CHALET FOR RENT: 10 Acres of pine with 360' of sandy Lake Michigan Beach. 2-BR (including loft), one bath, Great Room with 2 sofa sleepers. Fabulous views of the Lake. Large decks. Sleeps 7. Across from state land and hiking trails. Satellite TV. No smoking. Dogs allowed. \$700 per week. Call Ed Eicher (810) 629-7680



WATERFRONT HARBOR HOUSE FOR RENT: Spectacular view of Paradise Bay! Large home with all the amenities, linens provided. 4 bedroom, 2½ baths, sleeps 8, washer/dryer, fully equipped kitchen, satellite tv. June – Sept. \$1250 a week. Short walk to the Stoney Acre Grill. Please call (231) 448-2235



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



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

SECLUDED 1940s LOG CABIN just one block from lake and market on one acre - Sleeps 4-6, pets welcome (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$700/wk; weekends available. (219) 863-2655 or email cehlah@urhere.net
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.
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REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

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FOR SALE, 11 ACRES ON EAST SIDE DRIVE - good land, 357' on



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

THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor. Four bedrooms, three with double beds and one with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer/ dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733.
7 PINES - Weekly Rental. Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1½ bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, *DOG friendly*, \$750/week, Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597. ryanpfogg@gmail.com

road, 1373' deep; \$28,900. Phone (231) 448-2545.

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



SAND BAY COTTAGE - ON THE LAKE WITH GREAT BEACH-FRONT: Sleeps 6. Two bedrooms and loft, 1 bath. Modern kitchen, fireplace, washer/dryer, grill. Deck and screened-in gazebo. No pets, no smoking. \$800/week. Call Sue on (231) 448-2670 or cabinbythelake1@gmail.com



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.



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 lauriebos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be seen online at: www.bayhaven.beaverisland.net

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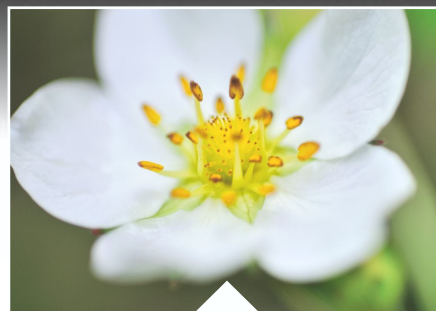
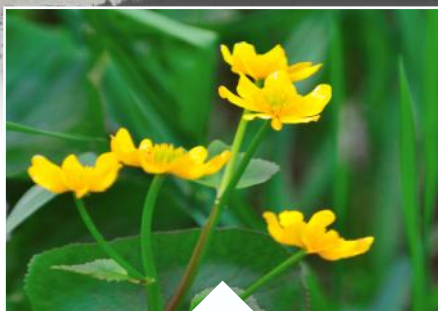
BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT: Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1½ baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please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

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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.





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