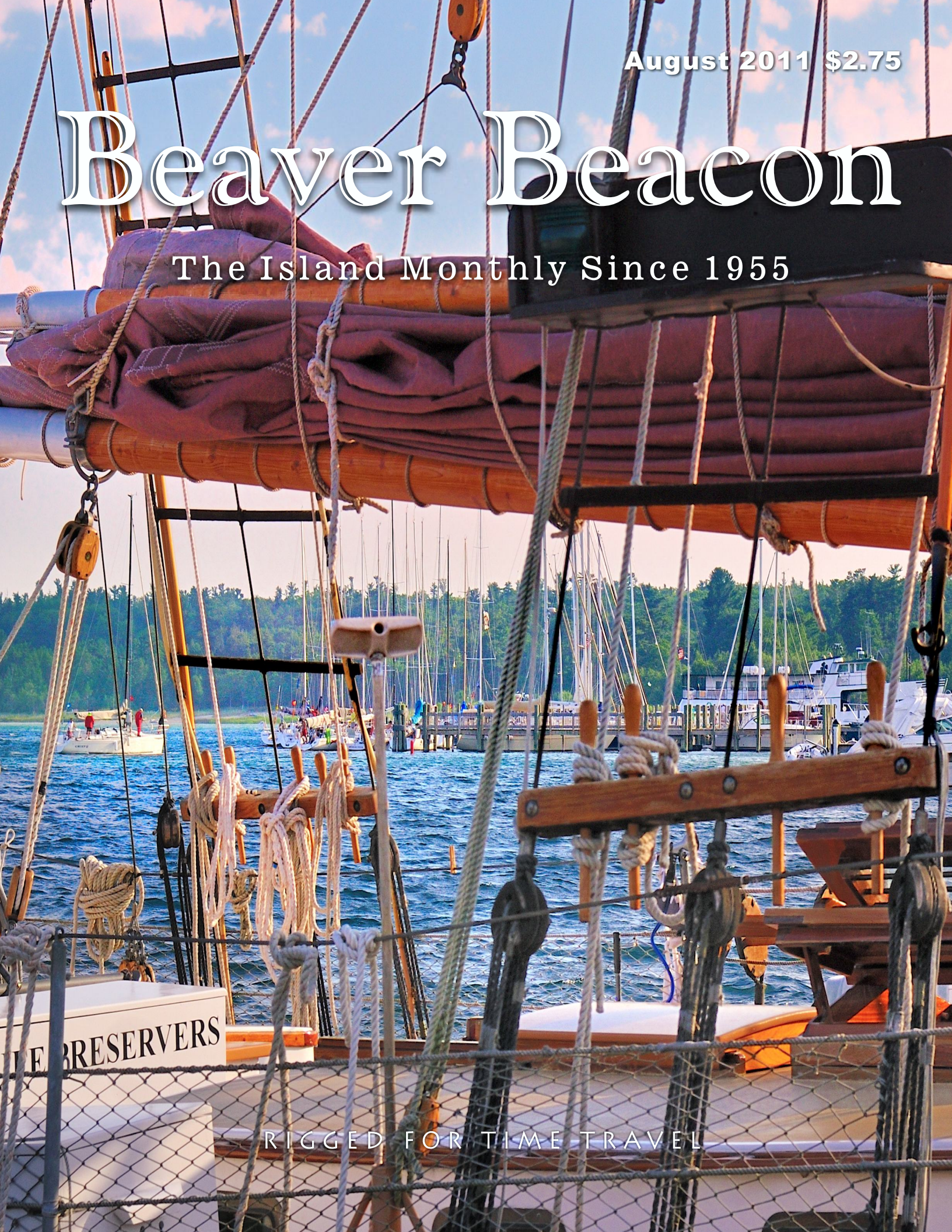


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Room for the whole family; photograph by Bob Wilson

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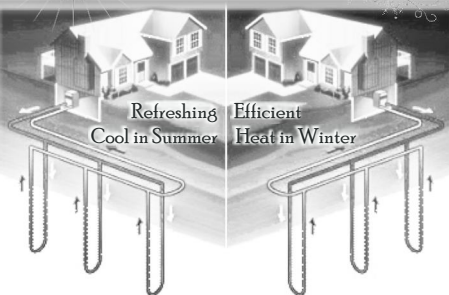
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

At the onset of the monthly meeting a letter from Ken Taylor was read in which he protested the disrespect with which he believed he had been treated, complained about the volume of information sent him in response to his FoIA request, and challenged the community septic system engineers. He felt the need to remind the Board of his past generosity by citing such examples as his donation of \$20,000 to the EMS. He stated that his request for information about the concrete tests (which he wanted to see to exonerate the local mason from rumored blame) had resulted in a complete set of plans for the entire line—irrelevant information he thought had been submitted to drive up the cost to St. James, \$186.44). He urged the Board not to pay this bill, saying he would take responsibility for it. Further, he challenged the engineers, Moore & Bruggerink, to show their community spirit by donating to our Health Center; he pledged to match any donation up to \$5,000. He put forth a check to the Food Pantry for \$250 as a sign of his serious intent.

In response to this the Board said they would pay the FoIA bill since it was their obligation. Supervisor Rick Speck stated that when the problem

with the septic tanks was observed he spoke to five other municipalities which had encountered similar problems, some as long ago as 15 years. He said there were additives that could have been used instead of the coating but they required weekly doses and would ultimately prove more expensive. A voice from the audience remarked that if the problem were known 15 years ago, Moore & Bruggerink should have specified a coating at the onset.

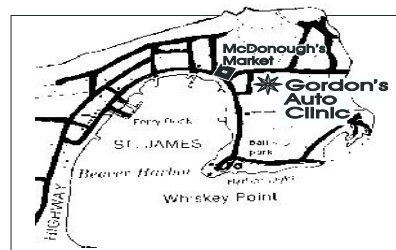
In a related matter, the Board discussed a request to connect to the north end of the system. The property owner said that if Moore & Bruggerink would study the feasibility of this, he would pay for their work and all other costs. A lift station might be required, and the replacement of some section of sidewalk. The Board said only 80 REUs of the 110 designed-for were being used, and the annual seepage (which averages 17,000 gallons a day) was not near being met, so to allow this hook-up would in no way tax the system.

The Board approved a Mileage Reimbursement Policy of paying employees who use their own vehicles to do their work (not coming and going to and from work) 51¢/mile.

Pam Grassmick reported on the behalf of Jacque LaFreniere that the

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GPS device in which way points were being recorded had crashed, and the first 80 had been lost. Contractors would still be asked to bid on schedule to treat between 3 and 8 acres, and could visit the Island and be shown sample patches instead of being given a mapping of all infected areas. The job was expected to require 6 men working 5 days each on foot.

The Resolution to create a Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee, NRESC, was discussed. The Board affirmed its belief that such an entity was needed, and that the new format would prevent any of the actions for which NREC had been criticized. It was explained that a group which included members of both Town Boards and former NREC members, had met several times and considered comments supplied (twice) by both attorneys before finalizing the current resolution and by-laws. The Board approved the resolution unanimously, saying the NRESC would choose its officers and approve its by-laws.

It was immediately suggested that the Driving Guide be reprinted. The Board had no objection.

Brad Grassmick reported that a group of 13 boaters from Wisconsin had wanted to come here if they could

reserve spaces at the Municipal Marina, and had canceled their plan when reservations were denied. He brought Olivier LeCerf, a boater familiar with many marinas, who offered to research the viability of allowing reservations. The Board would instruct Harbormaster Jim White to ask the state about applicable regulations, and said they expected only some slots, not all, would be reservable.

The flagpole next to the Town Hall (on CMU land) was discussed; it has no flag because the top pulley broke off. Jim Wojan said he was investigating getting it fixed, cleaned, and painted, and would report back soon. No local crane could reach the top, so it might be best to take it down—which would require cutting the rusted bolts at the base.

Bud Martin asked the Board to investigate the possibility of improving the land behind the *Memorial to the Dead at Sea* by building a 150-200' breakwall of boulders on the underwater ridge running parallel to the shore and filling in the shallows up to it with 30-40 tons of rock from the U. P. If this were covered with black dirt and seeded it would become a fine area for families to picnic or just enjoy their proximity to the water's edge.

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

Boats could tie up along it as well. The Board agreed to consider it, but said there were complications, such as the road right-of-way; it might take 5 or even 10 years to get all the permits, raise funds, and build it. The recreation plan would have to be updated for the Township to become eligible for grants. Yet it agreed to consider the idea.

Peaine Township

In a calm meeting attended by ~20 people the Peaine Board considered approving a resolution to form a Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee, but with a slight modification: to get this urgently-needed organization up and running as

quickly as possible, the supervisor proposed that "all members of the former NREC as of 2-8-2011 be included as initial members of the NRESC"—without having to be approved by the two Town Boards. A further justification for this was that a letter had been sent by the supervisor on 6-28 to the organizations which had appointed representatives to the former NREC, and it contained an at-least-implicit promise of NRESC membership if they agreed.

It seemed that this modification and the resolution would be approved, but a few people in the audience objected. They pointed out that if the resolution was modified, however slightly, it would have to be reapproved by

BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 10—**Goitse**, Community Center.

August 11—**Vegas Night**. 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center: an evening of gaming for cash (\$). Black Jack, Roulette and Texas Hold-em are included. A Texas Hold-em Tournament will start at 7:30. Snacks will be provided along with a cash bar.

August 12—**Beaver Tales**³ - 8/12 & 9/2

August 13—**Jennie DeVoe**

August 12 - 14—**Homecoming**

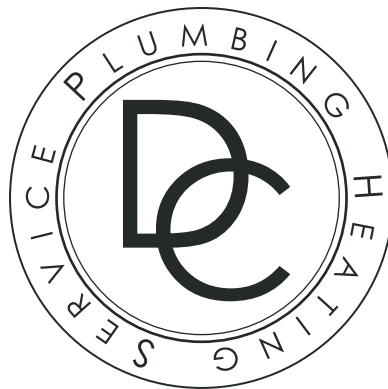
August 13—**The Annual BI Watercolor**

Artists' Retreat will exhibit and offer for sale their wonderful works at the Beaver Island Community Center, 10am - 3pm.

August 13—**BIRHC Golf Tourney**

August 17—**I Dream of the Island** video premiere. Community Center 6:30. Free beer, popcorn, and a movie!

August 18 — **Potluck Salad/Dessert Luncheon and Funky Fun Fashion Show!** 12:30 pm at Gregg Fellowship Hall. Beverages provided



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St. James before it could take effect, so that passing it would not speed up the process for creating the NRESC. They also suggested that it was important to some Board members to have the right to approve each NRESC member, and that to take this away at the onset would be a breach of the trust that had developed in the five meetings between former NREC officers, Township representatives, and a few of those who had opposed the NREC. After some discussion the Board decided to vote on the unmodified resolution, and it was unanimously approved.

In other business Tina Walker was appointed to the Trails Committee, a vacancy on the Planning Commission (Cathy Jones resigned) would be

posted, and the budget was amended by adding \$30,000 for the purchase of computers and software to remain in compliance with Charlevoix County and State of Michigan rules. This had been added to the budget but not reflected in the total.

Resolutions were passed commending the Veterans' Memorial Park and the Forest View Senior Housing. A fourth lease at Forest View has been approved.

It was announced that a working gps tracker will soon be here so the *phragmites* mapping project can continue. Beth McCafferty was named as the assistant.

Peaine approved printing 1,000 more revised Driving Guides.

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August 18 – **Historical Society Annual Meeting** 7:00 p.m. at Peaine Hall

August 19 – **CeCe Gable Quintet**

August 26 – **Ransom Street Big Band**

September 9 – **Claire Lynch Band**

September 16 – **Makem & Spain**

September 16-18 – “Crankun T's”

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September 24 – Michael Boyle and 55 of Chicago's **Arranmore Celts** will play and dance at the Parish Hall, 7:00: a real céilí!

October 8 – **Bite of Beaver Island** and the **Boodle** (with a bike event)

November 19 – **PABI John Deere Raffle** Drawing to benefit the Beaver Island Community Center.

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How nice to find so many Beaver Island residents and visitors with an interest in spending their day walking the gardens of seven unique owners and hearing their tales of planning, planting, building, and toiling to bring their little piece of paradise into the wonderful shape it is today.

Thirty-eight driven attendees, as well as ten bikers and walkers, started their tour at the lovely harbor home of Captain Matt and Wendy Fogg. Wendy delighted us with tales of the historic

Fogg property as well as photos of its transformation over the past century. Her lavender iced tea was tasty, and her entertaining little helper (Westie McGruff) got the crowd off to a fun start. Despite threats, no one was bitten.

On we ventured to Melvin and Alvina Napont's historic site. Her garden was a mixture of nature's bounty: shapely tree stumps, painted rocks, cute little forest creatures, as well as flowers and shrubs. Her totem and staff represented her family lineage, and her tale of the tea kettle from her

grandmother filled with flowers was most interesting. Her face beamed with pride as we all enjoyed taking in her lovely garden.

Just behind the Christian Church lays a lovely beckoning garden at the home of John and Joyce Erber. Joyce has potted and planted for over twenty years here. She told us the names of her unusual and plentiful flowers.

Her well-tended bed in front included an asparagus mound, cosmos, lilies, and a 22-year-old rhododendron! They also have a vegetable garden and





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berry patch in back of the house. What a delight this was!

Steve and Elle Hagerman have captured the essence of Victorian living with a "self-sustainable" twist at their home. The guests were enraptured by her amazing vegetable array growing atop a three foot high stone wall which circled the lawn. Beside that was the sculpture garden filled with angels and lovely boulders, and a totem pole depicting their Beaver Island friends. (Their dog, cat, and a rogue chipmunk are on the totem, too!)

Lunch was a must at this point and we meandered over to the Lodge for a scrumptious salad luncheon prepared by the new chef, Simon Perron. The tables were adorned with little pots of flowers grown at the Beaver Island Gardens, courtesy of Heidi Vigil, which added continuity to our garden theme.

The Laurain Lodge beckoned some of us to stop there after lunch and tour their lovely spot. (We even got a peak into their newly refurbished condos.) Then on to the home of Gene Masta and Linda Wolfe. Gene's never-ending garden was a welcome stop during the

hottest part of the day. He furnished us with tales of interesting plants and trees and shrubs. His hostas were too numerous to count, and the variety was mind-boggling. His garden was a perfect spot for photos; many cameras continued to snap after the van and bus moved on!

Pinky Harmon presented the history behind the wonderful Memory Garden beside the priest's home. The towering cross built by Bud Cruikshank is made of redwood! The bricks are still being purchased to honor or memorialize loved ones on the Island. There is even a stone from the "911" site embedded there. Those who haven't seen this should take the time to visit. The view of the harbor from atop this hill is unbelievable!

We moved on to Laurie Souder's home next. Besides her front yard of lovely plantings, she showed us the back yard, filled with four-foot-high primroses, hollyhocks, and other perennials. They all surround a circular fence. When asked if she was worried about deer damage she said "sometimes, but mostly she didn't want her own daschunds to demolish the plants.

What a clever way to hide a dog run! 11.

Our last stop was at the south harbor beach home of Peter and Ruth Igoe. They have created a palette of lovely prairie flowers, which produce an abundance of seeds that are lovingly sprinkled by the Igoe grandchildren in late August each year. Ruth's photos of her grandkids doing this were delightful, as well as those of the granddaughter with her zucchini in her arms, trying to help out her grandpa Peter and his very organized, tidy, vegetable garden of numerous varieties. They also have an extensive perennial garden that winds around the beach house and includes many irises, cosmos, black-eyed susans, astilbe, and catmint, to name a few. Ruth treated all to iced tea and lemon bars on her lovely porch.

The wonderful day ended with a small gathering at Donegal Danny's for a sip of wine, and last-minute bidding on the quilt. Angel Welke put in the last bid on the sheet and she and Paul will be taking home their winnings. It all has come full circle.

Same time next year!

—Leonor Jacobson



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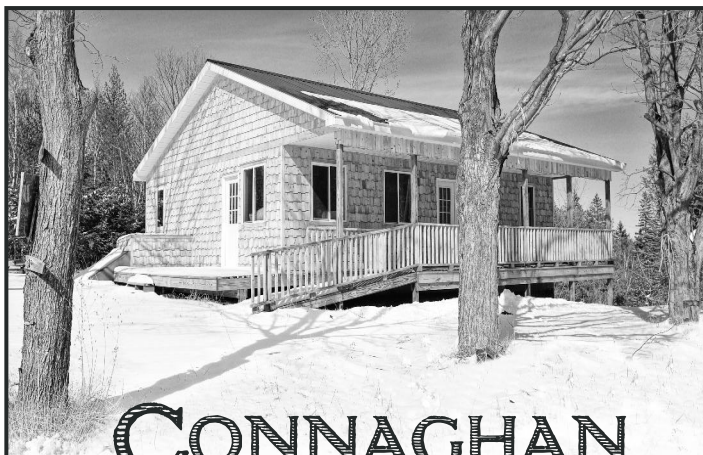
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— Dawn George

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NO MORE SHOES

Last winter, the Peaine and St.
James Township Boards, after months
of misunderstanding and distrust,
decommissioned the Natural Resources
and Ecotourism Committee (NREC).
For awhile all seemed lost: the mutual
benefits of the townships and NREC
committee appeared to have disap-
peared in acrimony.

Eventually the goodness in
Islanders won out. A group of commu-
nity leaders—some elected and others
simply concerned citizens—met for
fifteen hours over a period of months to
find compromise. They created
conciliation, seeing points of view
other than their own, joining others in
admitting mistakes, learning to trust.
They even grew to like people who they
thought were “on the other side.” They
let go of factional identification and
focused on what was in the best interest
of the Island. They found compromise,
solid and tangible, that represents the
interests of all parties and will stand the
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THE “GHOST” RETURNS

Thanks to Brian Kubish, Ron
Wojan, and Tom Whitman, the *Grey
Ghost*, an old 25' double-ender once
used by Island fishermen, is on outdoor
display at the Marine Museum. Brian
carted it in from the field on
Darkeytown where Emmet Martin had
left it after reacquiring it from Kevin
White. He tried to take it down the hill
on the north side of the Museum, but it
slipped off his trailer, its rudder digging
into the stony ground. There it sat until
Barry Pischner asked Ron for help.

Ron showed up with Tom and his
boom loader, which has a 42' reach.
First they unbolted and lifted out the old
Chris Craft engine. Then they braced
the boat, wrapped it with a reinforced
canvas strap, and temporarily set it in a
cradle from the *Bradley* lifeboat.

The *Ghost* came off a freighter and
washed up on the Island in the 1930s.
Jack Connaghan used it to fish pound
nets, and thenhen Emmet and his twin
Ernie took possession. Emmet renamed
it the *Nancy M* for his wife. Several
times Emmet bought out Ernie's inter-
est and then traded it back.

The “Gang of Seven” brought a
new plan to the Boards, which was
approved in the middle of July.

As I see it, everybody here is a
winner.

David Broder once wrote a piece
after attending a Township meeting on
the Island in which he asserted that real
government happens in small places
like Beaver Island, a comment that has
been exquisitely validated when one
compares the thoughtful and balanced
compromise put together here with the
debacle in Washington over the last
couple months.

Some people on the Island have
said that, “Yes, things are better now,
but we should expect that sooner or later
the proverbial other shoe will drop.”
What has happened in the last few
months need not be an incident. In fact,
if we inform our future behavior with
the pattern of success we've just
experienced, we will not see any more
shoes at all.

—Charlie Donaldson



A FLIGHTING ODYSSEY



Beaver Island's Music Fest has come a long way in the 21st Century, and has grown into a splendid celebration of today's music. Attended by young people, old people, kids, Islanders, and first-time visitors, it's held in the woods on the off-the-grid property of Dan and Carol Burton a half-mile off the West Side Road on The Loop – far enough off the beaten track to give the impression of being in a world apart.

The music, mostly electrified, takes place on a large, elevated stage in the center of a clearing punctuated with a few mature trees, with a ten-foot-high roofed control station 50' in front. Another 50' behind that there's a 12'-diameter stone ring with a fire for hot dogs and marshmallows, tended by one or another of the 40-some volunteer staff. There's a high canvas canopy coming off the top of the stage to focus the music on those sitting in the clearing

– and allow those living a mile or more away to sleep (if they can stop dancing).

This clearing is surrounded by a mature forest of 100'-high maple and beech trees with few low limbs. The ground has been packed by thousands of happy feet. Many in the audience bring their own comfortable chairs and a cooler, plunk down, and get up every once in awhile to mill around, talk to spotted friends, or visit the merchandise and food kiosks lining the approach trail.

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Some come for an hour or two; some stay for the weekend.

Cars park on The Loop, entering from the south and leaving from the north. Busses and motel vans come and go. People walk past the large and well-tended Burtons' Garden, past the Burtons' barn, and enter the gauntlet of merchandise stalls and the outdoor eating area before emerging in the central clearing. Many arrive with their tents and bedrolls; the Burtons have

created an intricate network of paths connecting the concert area with dozens of small clearings in the woods. There might be 250 tents on a given night, colored as brightly as hot-air balloons.

When plans for a Music Fest were first announced, one of the reactions was to compare it to the Flattail Fest of the early 80s, which aroused charges, real or imagined, of drug use and teenagers running amok. It was compared to the Woodstock of the tabloids, and dire

predictions were floated if it was allowed to continue. But the charm of the Burtons and their dedication to keeping the event under control soon won over the natural skeptics, and now the predominant attitude is one of gratitude for providing such a delightful alternative to the usual fare and bringing such a large infusion of fresh faces and money; each year a growing number of new property owners say they were first drawn here by the Music Fest.





After an up-and-down June the Island saw its best weather on July Fourth, to the delight of thousands: 88°, blue skies, turquoise water, and a slight breeze.

The afternoon parade began assembling at 11:00 and started its long loop at 2:00. There were so many entrants that it bit its own tail: it went down to Cruickshanks, turned, and came back toward downtown on the Back Road, turning again at the top of Frankie Lane. But when Deputy Williams and police-woman Smith reached the Post Office, they could not lead the two groups of marching servicemen onto Main Street because the end of the parade had yet to pass and Satch and Jean's MG, Kevin Barry's wagon full of happy people, the Tall Man, and the Gillespie Enterprises float, with Dan and Dan singing and playing, were in the way.

No one got soaked. The cannon was fired three times anyway.

Red Cat, the Jaguar XKE, was in the line—but where was the old black Corvette this year?

Plenty of candy was tossed at the 645 people gathered in one-and-a-half blocks; not all of those who scooped it up were kids.

The Stearman looped around, emitting puffy bursts of smoke. Then Island Airways performed its Missing Man tribute for the second time in two days, choking up everyone there.

After the Hog Island Ambassador came past brandishing yet another treaty proposal designed to end the lengthy hostilities, we showed our mettle with an exhibition of superheroes. Catwoman and Batman took center stage, flanked by Captain America, Green Lantern, The Bluffer, Jungle Boy, and a dozen others in authentic costume. Chagrined by the show

of raw might, the Ambassador tore up his proposal, convinced we would not give up Sucker Point simply to have dive rights on a new shipwreck at Baltimore Bay.

Eleven Red Hat ladies were chased by the karaoke geese-jeep, which in turn was chased by a 1901 Olds, a golf cart towing a wheelbarrow full of kids, and Mike Martin driving Charlie's car. The fifty total entries included fire trucks, tractors, jeeps, wagons, old cars, motorcycles, and the Evans family's double-decker music bus – seemingly every type of vehicle to be found here. Yet a few ingrates grumbled – “Where's the dozers? Where's the front-end loaders? Where's the well rigs? Where's the ready-mix trucks? Where's the county road trucks?” A woman in a neon red halter top explained—“The pavement's only two inches thick.” Her husband took a different view: “Maybe we should paint you green and orange and put *you* in the parade.”

Though many had always liked the beachfront setting, the carnival moved to the Christian Church, and was well organized and free from the uncertainty of the wind. Several games entertained a

couple hundred cotton-candy-gobbling kids from one end of the double lot to the other, with a few parents congregating in the shade of a green-belt of trees.

At night every available parking spot was filled as 2,810 people gathered for the stunning fireworks. Our procurer has kept up with the latest advances in explosives, and had a surprise. All the familiar types were mixed in, the bursts of red and green, blue and silver, bright white, and gold. Some of them expanded as they rose, becoming blooms of peacock feathers; others spread out from an initial blast into a shower of light, sometimes with the first spread of burning shards undergoing a secondary explosion. But a new type of blast was in the mix as well, a double eruption in which the first one mushroomed out with its thirty-some synchronized secondary blasts each producing shimmering little galaxies of flaming phosphor.

The pace too was quicker, with multiple launchers constantly ejecting their flares skyward. Someone said, “I think this year's theme was The creation of the Universe.”

2011 4TH OF JULY PARADE THANKS

It may not have been the biggest parade we ever had, but the theme was one of the best and we couldn't have asked for a better day. The following is a list of the participants and their floats or feet, whichever is the most factual.

The Veterans, Fire Department, and the E.M.T.s started out the parade followed by Elyse and Evan Bratta walking behind. Fellow walkers were Shawna, Abbey, and Emma Rafferty to honor Danielle Rafferty.

Runberg's Cadillac Fleetwood, Roy Elsworth's Red Cat Convertible, Beaver Island's Music festival, An Occasion to Remember, Powers' Do It Best, P.A.B.I. Clowns, Beaver Island Red Hats, Hurkmans' Freedom Tree Prowler, Cady family remembering Dennis, Bloomers' Multi Generational decorated Mini Van, Clair's Pub with Rices, Culls & Lefts, Emerald Isle Sailing School, McDonough's Market Super Heros, Hogarth's Pest Control, and the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop

Plus Gordon's Auto Clinic and Rental, Wojan sisters and their families, Beaver Island Boat Company remembering Jerry and Russell, Lighthouse Fellowship, Evans family, Central Michigan University honoring two of their service men, Wayne Mackernan and Ryan Wheeler, Turner family celebrating 80 years of Agnes, Matye family celebrating Jared's graduation, the Ambassador from Hog Island, Satch Wierenga's 1961 MG, Barrett and Lucas Families, McDonough family's Home of the Holidays, Gillespie Enterprises' singers, the Whiskey River Gun Club, the Christian Church's Keystone Kops, Charlie Martin's Model A, and last but not least, Stoney Acre Bus.

Hope I didn't leave anyone out, and want to thank everyone for their cooperation with the end of the Water Balloon War. Thanks for participation and I will see you all next year!

—Lisa Gillespie

There was a mini-crescendo near the midpoint that led one child at Whiskey Point to exclaim, “The sky's gone crazy!” The entire show was so stupendous that the grand finale did not seem as exceptional as usual; unsure it was over, everyone waited for the familiar steam horn to sound before echoing it back with a round of appreciative honking.

The woman in the red halter top caught the display from the swimming beach. Near the end her husband remarked, “I've seen better on TV.” She earned the applause of those nearby when she turned to him and not-completely-playfully slapped his face.

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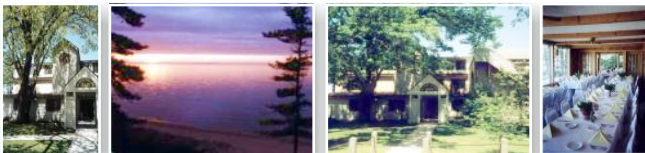
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ON THIS DATE

19.

Ten Years Ago Camp Quality began its annual program of bringing kids touched by cancer to Beaver Island for a week-end outing.

A hundred kin of Anthony O'Donnell arrived for an O'Donnell Reunion, at which a book about his many descendants was created by Joseph O'Donnell and presented to the Historical Society.

CMU announced that its accurate new trails map would be available at the Chamber of Commerce. GPS readings were taken at every bend. Plans were being made to clear the depicted trails of any impediment to a good hike.

The Health Center asked for volunteers to take vital statistics, do vision screening, and help patients fill out the required forms.

A letter from Sharon Nix recommended spraying yard vegetation with a solution made in a blender from an egg and water to discourage deer nibbling.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Jim Gallagher and Alice Heatherington. Jim was the son of Harlem and grandson of Philippine; he was born on Beaver Island in 1914, and was known as "Dancing Jim." Alice and her husband built a cottage on the East Side around 1970, into which she later retired. Her daughter Diane, who predeceased her, was the Island's first environmental conscience.

Twenty Years Ago After 92 years, the end of an era arrived with the departure of the last Sisters from the Island and our school, Sister Marie Eugene and Sister Mary, who left for Marywood in Grand Rapids. Originally brought here in 1899 by Father Zugelder (who succeeded Father Peter Gallagher, the "Gaelic priest"), they insured Island students of receiving a top-notch education, as was proved by their regular high scores on state-wide tests. A picnic potluck was held in their honor, with speeches by Mike McGinnity, JoAnne Cashman, Joe Moore, and Helen Pike.

The Medical Center's Wellness program saw 59 residents screened for various health issues—thanks to a \$2,100 grant.

The first MSU nursing class (1954) held its reunion at the McCann House; John Runberg had met his wife Joyce when she was one of the 33 original

students. Five were still working.

A new communication tower for emergencies was made operational after a year-long effort by Bill Markey and Joe Moore.

The two Townships had to borrow \$80,120 to close the Dump. The DNR agreed to provide some degree of reimbursement.

Zoning Administrator Gus Schmidt became a certified assessor and was hired by Paine Township at \$500/month. He was also hired by St. James.

Gull Harbor was purchased by St. James for \$80,000, with funding help from David Broder and Carl Levin.

Zal Sherwood's request for a special use permit to convert the former Castaways Restaurant to a café ran into strong opposition, including a petition with 101 signatures, based on the limited power of its septic system to handle a greater degree of effluent. Before purchasing the building he had been assured such a request was only a formality, but after several people spoke against it, it was denied.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of David Dunlevy in Chicago, Robert "Holiday" McDonough in Wyoming, and Thomas McDonough, 78, in Escanaba.

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* published a single issue for July and August.

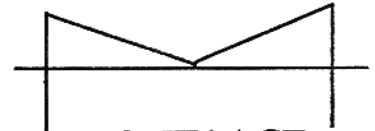
The Community Choir sang three songs at Holy Cross Church, accompanied by Eleanor LaFreniere, who had written one of the numbers. Island-born Father Victor Gallagher celebrated the Mass. The Beaver Island Sweet Adelines sang their heart out at the Miss Charlevoix pageant in Charlevoix.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* reported on Nancy Cull becoming a citizen the previous January. The Irish lass had worked in a hospital in London, where she lived for seven years. Giving a patient a glass of water one day, she remarked that she would like to go to live somewhere else. He asked, "Would you like to go live in America?" She immediately said yes. He said he could arrange it if she would be willing to work for a year under the control of a sponsor. When she agreed, he found one in Grand Rapids in August of 1952. She arrived the following January, *continued on page 20.*



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20. **On This Date**, from page 19. and soon became a licensed practical nurse. She met and married Larry Cull, who introduced her to Beaver Island.

Fifty Years Ago The McClure Oil Company of Mt. Pleasant began drilling, bringing its equipment over on the *Mackinac Islander* towing a 40' x 100' barge. Their trucks were the largest vehicles here since the locomotives left in 1914. Their first target was the Patterson Farm 300' south of the corner of King's Highway and Hannigan's Road. The derrick towered 133' in the air. As of early August they had reached a depth of 2,050', and intended to drill to 4,500' or until they hit granite. They planned to drill 24/7, with the 400 gallons/day of fuel they needed brought over on the Emerald Isle and electricity supplied by a large generator. Their personnel would come and go on McClure's planes. One of the drillers, Jerry Moravy, in rushing to work hit a patch of soft sand and rolled his car, demolishing it and skinning his elbows.

Gene Burke was awarded the contract to carry the mail to the lower part of the Island. His father Edward Burke had been given a twenty-year contract in

1945, using a horse-drawn sleigh in the winter. Edward had passed away in 1960, and Gene took over to fulfill the contract.

Mort Neff, of *Michigan Outdoors* TV fame, shot movies of the Dawn Patrol and the fire at the Parish Hall. He also interviewed Johnny Greene; the film was shown on TV.

Mrs. E. M. Davis returned for a visit; in 1919 she had written a series of articles about Beaver Island for the *Grand Rapids Press*, including profiles of Bowery Bill, Captain Mannes Bonner, the Dunlevys, and Elizabeth Whitney Williams.

A group of 18 Boy Scouts from Royal Oak came for a week. Donovan Langford made the first long-distance phone call to the Island, from Indiana. A



new doctor was found to replace Frank Luton: Sidney Schochet, from the Soo.

Vernon Fitzpatrick donated the mast of the *Free Booter* sailboat, which won the Mackinac Race but sank on its way back; he found it on the shore. (It is now the flagpole at the Marine Museum.) He also reported that 28 disease-free ruffed grouse were released on Hog Island in late July. The season was 10-1 to 11-10, with a daily limit of 5 and a season limit of 25.

A test was run on Fox Lake; it was still toxic, so the trout could not yet be planted.

Dick Hough of Kalamazoo caught a 42" 16½# northern pike trolling in Lake Geneserath with a flat lure.

Roy Chambers came from Indian River to trap turtles but fell short of his goal of catching 100 – by one. Most came from Lake Geneserath, the rest from Font. The 99 weighed 1,750 pounds total. He estimated they ate 200 pounds of fish each day.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Dan Boyle, at 90 the oldest Beaver Islander, and for Anna McCann, 84, who had owned and operated the store which became Dick LaFreniere's.

NEW CHAMBER VIDEO

Thanks to the genius and dedication of Ted Nicholas, the Chamber now has a sensational 12-minute video to use in its ongoing marketing program.

Starting at the end of February, Ted began to work in his Leonard Lane studio with images submitted to him in response to a Chamber request – in all, over 1,500 high-definition shots arrived in his in-box from 44 contributors. He was racing against time, because of

both the approaching season and his deteriorating, already-limited vision. What he produced by mid-July is a masterpiece.

The final cut involves 225 images, transitioned by many different kinds of fades and cuts, showing Ted's technical prowess. Additional shots came from NASA, the USGS, and other governmental and commercial sources. The montage is unified by Ted's music—the song *I dream of the Island*, which he

composed, sings, and plays: an unforgettable John Denverish ballad that builds to the theme statement *It's not just a dream*. For the soundtrack Ted played two guitars, a Celtic flute, Celtic violin, a drum kit, and a kettle drum, and blended in a string orchestra.

This wonderful piece of video art should help brand us as Michigan's most unique get-away for years to come. It'll be unveiled for Chamber members soon. Kudos to Ted!



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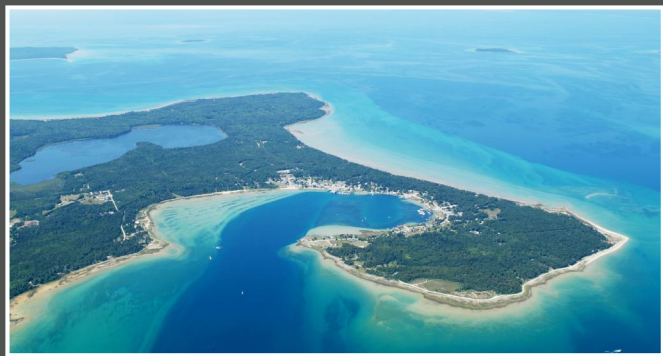


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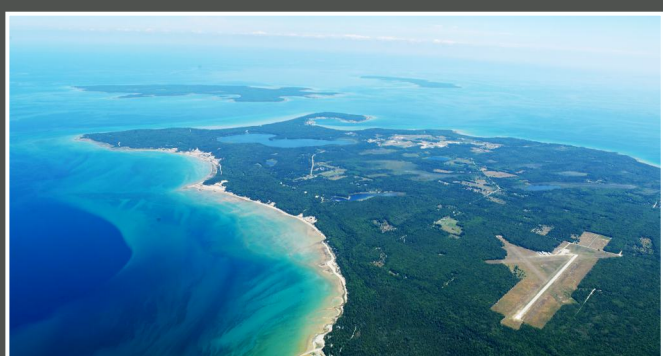
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Last Friday evening, we had just settled into bed with our respective books, when smoke alarms erupted in piercing chorus. Springing from the bed, we saw that the woodstove in the living room was burning furiously. We had filled it for the night. The upstairs was palpably hot and smelled of roasting wallboard. Outside, sparks were flying out of the stove pipe chimney.

Our car raced down Island Woods Road to Wandering Woods Road, where our friends Jim and Caroline Latta live. They have a land-line phone; we do not. Jim called 911.

We drove back home, each with fearful images in our mind's eye of flames consuming our cottage. There were none, although the woodstove raged on. Jim arrived on scooter and Caroline on foot, comforting us with their presence.

Moments later a car with two

volunteers pulled up. One came toward us with a flashlight, a warm smile and a string of questions about the nature of the fire. They went inside and began to investigate. Shortly thereafter, a deputy sheriff appeared. She was immediately solicitous of our well-being.

Soon we saw the flashing lights and heard the heavy motors of fire equipment. Two pumper trucks arrived. Several firemen stretched out hoses. One trained emergency lights on the roof. Two of them climbed ladders and removed the cap from the chimney stove pipe. They quickly determined that there had been a chimney fire burning the accumulated creosote. Later, one of them told me that screws holding the fastener had loosened and the cap had fallen, leaving only a small gap for hot gases and smoke to escape. They restored the cap to a proper opening.

We came back into the house and

went to the second floor, where several firemen were standing next the wallboard surrounding the stove pipe. They had taken thermal images of the wallboard and had watched the temperature fall to a safe level. They assured us that there was no danger now and that we had done exactly the right thing by calling them. "If you have any questions at all, don't hesitate to call us. This is what we do."

Throughout their visit, the firemen were proficient and careful. They determined quickly and accurately what needed to be done and acted with careful consideration for our house. They even joshed each other about whose footprints were on our floor.

Given the alarm that we had felt, it was—strangely—a most rewarding experience, thanks to the people, our neighbors, on Beaver Island.

—David and Julie Bernstein

THANKS FOR THE WELLNESS GARDEN

We have had such a whirlwind year of planning and building the Wellness Garden and would like to thank all those who planned, dug, hauled, planted, watered, fertilized, weeded and shared their own garden bounties with us, or donated money to buy the basics, or an art piece to auction off, and helped with the silent auctions and garden tour.

Workers: Barbara Rahn, Pam Moxham, Jerry LaFreniere, Garrett Cole, Barb Spencer, Marianne Weaver, Judy Boyles and family, Bob Evans, Ruth Igoe, Bill Kohls, Beaver Gems Crew, Betty Hudgins, Donna Kubic, Ed Wojan, Connie Wojan, Leonor Jacobson.

Artists: Cathy Jones, Charlie Creasser, Sue Thomson, St. James Boat Co., Betsy Borre, Judy Jones, Frank Solle, Nancy Neuman, Janine Andrew, Krys Lyle, Ruth Kelly, Nancy Peterson, Jim Stambaugh, Vicky Rockwell, Kris Ries, Judy Boyles and family.

Businesses: For making the designs and ordering the necessary plants and landscape decor: Sticks, stones feathers and bones (Cheryl Podgorski), Bloomers (Pam O'Brien), BI Gardens (Heidi Vigil), McDonough's (Denise

and Skip). For his generous donation of timers, hoses, shrubs and garden flowers, and landscape plastic: Jeff Powers. And for their support in donating well piping and the use of their trencher: Bud and Colleen Martin.

Garden plants from their own garden or purchased goods: Jean Carpenter, Joyce Runberg, Loretta Slater, JoAnne Cashman, Marianne Weaver, Judy Boyle, Connie Wojan, Eleanor Mooney family, Leonor Jacobson, Beth and Steve Lucas, BJ and Phil Wyckoff, Sue and Bob Welke, Davi and Hans Stein, Bob and Alana Anderson, Joe and Marilyn Reed, and Ruth Igoe.

Donated items for Garden Tour: Stoney Acre bus (Marilyn and Liam Racine), hosts' wine from Whimsey (Pam Grassmick and Linda McDonough), Flower pots, and water bottles (Leonor Jacobson), Charlevoix County Transit, Fresh cut flowers (BI Gardens), dessert and drinks (Ruth Igoe and Wendy Fogg)

Hosts for the First Annual Garden Tour: Wendy and Matt Fogg, Melvin and Alvina Napont, John and Joyce Erber, Elle and Steve Hagerman, Gene Masta and Linda Wolf, Pinky

Harmon (for Holy Cross) Laurie Souders and Ruth and Peter Igoe.

Publicity: Many thanks for all the publicity throughout this endeavor! The Beaver Beacon, NorthernIslander, News on the Net, photos from Tina Walker, Connie Wojan, and all the signs handmade by Betty Hudgins, flyers from Jeff Cashman. We appreciate getting the word out, and of course all the businesses who agreed to let us advertise; thank you again.

We are planning a big Garden Party to thank all of you in September and to show our results to our friends and neighbors on Beaver Island.

Please watch for the silent auction announcements and keep visiting the Health Center to bid on them.

New Auction prize: Bounty Basket of Beaver Island goodies: Pete LoDico (Wine), Barb Murphy (bread) Shirley Detwiler (Homemade pie), Anne Glendon (jam), Sally Fogg (eggs), Heidi Vigil (pickles), Jacque LaFreniere (maple syrup), Connie Wojan (homemade apron). This is up for auction until August 15th! Come bid on it.

—Leonor Jacobson and Connie Wojan

24. HAIKU FOR YOU CACKLE

mid-August, clear night
meteor shower rivets;
bat swoops, buzzes low

night warnings flash from
Lansing Shoal Lighthouse ... pierce the
thickening fog shroud

preserved peaches still
warm ... golden summer scent;
meadow bluebird sings

—Phyllis Kayne

Scant taste or color
caloric value zero
indispensable

Tranquil turbulent
free flowing fought over dammed
baptizes buries

—John J. Gordon

You refuse the juicy supper that's served you,
And, again, the lover that you took so long ago.
You are given a geranium, but it reminds you of Sunday school,
Of wool pants in spring,
Its petal, you see as a colored leaf.
Nothing's quite right:
After awhile, you irritably surmise the world
Won't give you what you want.

Listen, there is more here than you could love
If you lived to ten thousand years.
Shame! You are not worthy of the generosity of water and soil and grass,
And still it's presented to you, day after day.

You were born a lover:
Now, your interpretations of life render you a dying man,
Dark and shriveled, like an ancient king in a tomb.

Here and always,
At dusk, every day for two and a half million years,
Sandhill Cranes,
In pain, youth, or dying,
Cackle, shrill and hilarious,
Across fields and hills and waters,
Celebrating the day, greedy for another.

—Charlie Donaldson

MEET THE ARTISTS

Sue Thomson's *Meet the Artists*, which she's hosted at her Livingstone Studio galleries for several years, provides more than a chance to meet

and talk with a dozen or so artists and get their particular take on Beaver Island – which occupies their thinking for the off-season time they're away. It

has also become a time for fans and patrons of the growing Island art scene to get to know each other, and to discuss what is still needed for the Island to

EMERGING LEADERS URGED TO JOIN

Business men and women looking to enhance their leadership skills should apply for the Leadership Charlevoix County program. Led by community leaders, the nine-month program will introduce participants to the history, government, environment, arts, and diversity and needs of the region. Applications, due by August 19, are available by calling (231) 547-2101 or at www.leadershipcharlevoixcounty.com.

"Leadership Charlevoix County is designed to cultivate new, emerging, and potential leaders from our area," said program coordinator Mishelle Shooks. "We also hope participants will identify and address pertinent community needs while strengthening their own individual leadership abilities."

Dianne Litzenburger, chair of the Leadership Charlevoix County Steering

Committee, encourages employers to identify up-and-coming staff members to participate. "Our theme is 'Learn, Grow, Lead' and the skills participants will come away with from Leadership Charlevoix County will be the same skills any employer wants to see from staff in his or her business," she noted.

The nine-month course, September 2011-May 2012, will take participants throughout the county and includes:

- Connecting with your government
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offer more support. Many visitors and residents have shared their dream, that the Island could become more of a Mecca for artists. Sometimes people

are so engrossed in this talk that they need to be told, *Hey, it's happening!*

Another part of this annual afternoon is the presence of music. This year

Livingstone became one of *Baroque's* 'ex cathedra' sites. Their presence provided an aura that made the artwork shimmer with an enhanced dimension.





AFTER THE CONCERT AND INTO ISLAND LIFE

Friday night after the concert, not dawdling, and having parked close by Holy Cross, a little tired and thirsty, I reached my car quickly, telling myself not to back out too hastily. It would be, at the least, embarrassing, to knock over an Islander, or worse, some exhausted musician who

had traveled far to please us on this hot day.

Threading my way to King's Highway, I rolled down the windows and as I looked to my right, here was Albert Wang, the concertmaster, fiddle in a black case strapped like a knapsack to his back. He was walking, quick and

determined, probably toward the Brothers' Place, and for a moment, I thought of yelling to him, "Yeah!" But inhibitions and fear of shame for foolishness kept me quiet and on my way. Almost immediately, I regretted my decision: Times like these come to us, and we pass them up, and we know



that we've lost something.

The concert Friday had been great, and that on Saturday, great and great fun. We laughed and clapped until it was over, and then walked out to greet neighbors and friends just as the setting sun bathed the Whiskey Point Light in warm red. Like the last night I drove out

to the highway, and thereupon was granted the second opportunity which almost never happens: there was Albert Wang walking at a fine clip, and this time I made no mistake. "YEAH!" I yelled as loud and long as I could, and he immediately threw his head back, reciprocating with a loud laugh and a big smile.

I write this because this interaction, I don't believe, would have happened in Grand Rapids or Boston. Too set in their ways, I think. I thank Mr. Universe for a second chance and Mr. Beaver for the freedom to compliment Albert in what seemed to me to be such an Island way.

—Charlie Donaldson



Orchestra: Robert Nordling, *Director*.
First Violin: Albert Wang, *Concertmaster*,
 Oxana Sourine, Carla Joy Strand,
 Connie Markwick, Ellen Boyer. **Second**

Violin: Leonid Surin, *Principal*, Patricia
 Wunder, Marla Smith, Faith Demorest.
Viola: Aaron Tubergen, *Principal*,
 Christine Wiest, Ann Schoelles. **Cello:**

BRAVO BAROQUE ON BEAVER!

From the welcome dinner at Gregg Fellowship Hall on Monday, where Suzuki violin students entertained, to the final notes of the Gaelic Blessing on Sunday afternoon, *Baroque on Beaver 2011* filled the Island with music. Seventy musicians played in six different concerts; enthusiastic audi-

ences filled Holy Cross Hall and the Community Center.

Highlights included Robert Cole's poetry and Martha Guth's gorgeous voice at the opening night gala benefit. The *Family Music Fair* gave children and adults a fun afternoon with rhythm and percussion. In the program on

Chorus: Kevin Simons, *Director*.
 Cheryl Cheger-Timm, *Accompanist*.
Soprano: Rachelle Austin, Jayne

Bailey, Annette Dashiell, Ellie Frazier,
 Denise Hoffman, Jeanne Howell, Pat
 Judd, Joyce Runberg, Marianne



Elizabeth Bert, *Principal*, Jon Wiest,
 Zachary Boyt. **Bass:** Michael
 Hovnanian, *Principal*, Betsy Soukup.
Flute: Leslie Graham, *Principal*, Laura

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Thursday night, which featured music with a water theme, the audience especially loved the final piece, *Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage*, by Mendelssohn. The *Beaver Brass* entertained in Holy Cross Church on Friday afternoon with a delightful selection of classical and popular music

Weaver. **Alto:** Barb Almli, Mitzie
 Garnett, Jane Girdham, Leonor
 Jacobson, Tammey Kikta, Jane Maehr,





Schipper. **Oboe:** Lynn Hansen, *Principal*, Dan Ruggles. **Clarinet:** Joan Van Dessel, *Principal*, Steve Landane. **Bassoon:** Drew Hinderer, *Principal*,

Jennifer Dean. **Horn:** Lisa Honeycutt, *Co-Principal*, Robert Pavelek, *Co-Principal*, Karin Willman. **Trumpet:** Matt Thomas, *Principal*, Brian Sutherland.

Trombone: Dan Spencer, *Principal*. **Tuba:** Sam Griggs, *Principal*. **Keyboard:** Kenneth Bos, *Principal*. **Percussion:** Tim Mocny, *Principal*.

for brass instruments. On Friday night there was standing room only to hear Concertmaster Albert Wang's artistry as he performed a violin concerto by Bach. Another highlight that evening was the beautiful *Symphony #40* by Mozart.

The audience at the Parish Hall Saturday night spilled out onto the lawn

for *A Night at the Opera*. The chorus and all of the soloists were outstanding, but young tenor Fitah Rasendrasahina brought the audience to its feet with his magnificent voice. On Sunday the Hall was filled again as the orchestra and chorus presented Mendelssohn's *Italian Symphony* and selections from his

oratorio *Elijah* in the final concert.

Congratulations to all the musicians and especially to conductors Robert Nordling and Kevin Simons. This 10th anniversary of *Baroque on Beaver* brought a week of outstanding talent and remarkable music to Beaver Island. Bravo! —Ruth Igoue

Meryl Mantione, Anne Martell, Lois Meier, Judi Meister, Miranda Rooy. **Tenor:** Kyle Allen, Peter Amster,

Randy Judd, Jeremiah Kraniak, Paul Niehaus, Seth von Wald. **Bass:** Bob Bass, Brad Fergin, Julian Girdham,

Jack Kelly, Martin Maehr, Bob Meier, Don Taylor, Donavon Tear.



from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, August 2, 1911 **From Beaver Island:** "Photographer Beebe and daughter of Kalkaska are here taking views of the Island" (Note: E. L. Beebe, *Photographer, Kalkaska appears in the Hotel Beaver register August 5, 1911*)

"Mrs D. G. Tillotson of Charlevoix spent a few days on the Island in the interest of the K. O. T. M." (Note: *Two inches of the Hotel Register page between July 27 and Aug. 1, which includes between Aug. 7 and 9 on the reverse, have been cut away for some reason?*)

"The launch *Eleanor* owned by Gallagher Bros. Is kept quite busy lately taking fishing parties to Lake Genogerath (sic)."

"The storm of last week was very disastrous to the pound net men, destroying hundreds of dollars worth of twine."

"Miss Hellen McGraw and Miss Mary Gallagher of St. Ignace are guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gallagher for a few days."

"Rev. Fr. P. Flanagan of Greely, Nebraska is an Island visitor this week."

"Mrs. J. Huston and Miss Johnson of Chicago are visiting at the Carns (sic)cottage."

"Mr. J. A. Carns (sic) of Chicago arrived last week for a few days visit with his family. He was accompanied by Mr. J. Timmoms and wife."

"Mrs. Capt. Con McCauley and daughter Miss Mary of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, are visiting at the home of M. J. McCann."

"During the electric storm a few days ago while William and Matt Ricksgers were unloading grain lighting struck one of the horses, killing it instantly, set fire to the barn, which burned with all its contents entailing a loss of about a thousand dollars, and gave both men a severe shock which rendered them powerless for some time."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, August 3, 1911 **Front Page Article:**

**STEAMER WENTE SUNK
WENT DOWN WHILE LOADING
CARGO OF LUMBER — COOK WAS
DROWNED**

"The steamer *Robert C. Wente* sank Sunday morning in Manistee lake while loading lumber at the Buckley and Douglas lumber dock, drowning Fred

Fournier, aged 23, employed on the boat as cook.

The steamer arrived in Manistee Saturday and while being loaded her boiler was being cleaned and preparations were nearly completed for departure when she sprang a leak, the water coming in so fast that every effort made by the fire crew to save the vessel from sinking proved in vain.

She sank in about twenty-five feet of water, only a few feet of the bow and pilot-house showing above the water edge. Everyone of the crew got off as the boat was sinking with the exception of Fournier, who had been on shore during the evening, but was seen coming aboard about 10:30.

When the boat started to sink a member of the crew rushed to the room occupied by Fournier, but did not find him and was forced to abandon the vessel to save himself.

The *Wente* was owned by Gus Kitzinger, and St. James was one of her chief points of trade. She was well known here."

Local News: "On Tuesday the light-house tender Sumac landed at South Fox Island with the material for a new dwelling for the keeper and the machinery to drill a well."

Beaver Island News: "Lady Tilletson, organizer of the L. A. K. O. T. M. M. Is on the Island. They gave a dance Friday night and had a large attendance."

"Fr. Flannigan, of Nebraska is visiting on the Island."

"Capt. Carnes, one of the Chicago fire captains, is here for the summer."

"W. H. Perkins, of St. Paul, left on Saturday's boat."

"Mrs. H. Stone, of Chicago is at the Beaver Hotel." (Note: *Name does not appear in the register*)

"Ralph Briggs of Elk Rapids, is visiting his uncle, Fred Nackerman."

"Dr. Schmitz and wife of Tawas City, camped on the Island for a few days."

"E. L. Beebe, of Cadillac, is here taking pictures for postcards."

"Miss Hasse, of Rock Island, is here for the summer."

"Mr. Kurch (sic), of Rock Island, is here for the summer."

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

"Mrs. Lizzie Furguson, of Alpena, is here visiting her brothers."

"The steamer *Smeley* (sic) was in the harbor over Sunday. They have a diving bell aboard and expect to get a cargo of hard coal from a schooner which was sunk off Squaw Island several years ago."

"Lightning struck the barn of Wm. Ricksgers Monday, setting it on fire and the barn, blacksmith shop and horse and cow were burned up." (Note: *Mostly fair, or light rain, Aug. 7 - storms F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, August 9, 1911 – Gentlemen of the Jury: David Scwitzer, Peaine; Herman Pischner, St. James.

Local News Briefly Told: "C. J. Strang of Lansing, former proprietor of the *Courier* was in the city the first of the week calling on old friends."

"Dr. Montague went to the Beaver Islands Monday on professional business."

From Beaver Island: "Mrs. John C. Gallagher visited Charlevoix Friday."

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham (sic), a twelve pound boy."

"Miss Millie McGuire of Saginaw is the guest of Miss Eva Gibson for a few days."

"Miss Beatrice Gallagher attended the teacher's examination at Charlevoix last week."

"Miss Mary Jones returned to Charlevoix after spending a few days on the Island."

"The Misses Elizabeth and Sarah Martin of Milwaukee are visiting friends on the Island."

"Mr. and Mrs. James Donlevy visited friends at Harbor Springs and Mackinaw Island last week."

"Capt. C. Denny and wife of Grand Rapids are the guests of C. C. Gallagher for a few days."

"Mrs. J. P. Maloney, and children, who have been visiting friends here for the past two weeks, returned to Charlevoix."

"Mr. F. W. Stuke, wife and family and Mr. Ray Johnson were the guests of Col. And Mrs. John McLean last week."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, August 10, 1911 **Local News:** "Steamer *Beaver* will run an excursion to Mackinaw Island,

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



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



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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 30. Sunday, August 13. Boat leaves Wilbur's dock at 2:30 a. m. Returning leave the Island 4:00 p. m. This is an excellent opportunity to visit Mackinaw Island."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. B. Pratt, mother of Ed. Pratt, went to Deer Park to visit her son De-Forrest Pratt."

"Raymond Gallagher, son of C. C. Gallagher, accidentally shot himself in the left hand last week. He is in the hospital in Petoskey and is getting along fine."

"Mrs. Lizzie Radnor of Chicago, returned home after several weeks visit at the Island."

"Father Flannagen and Lawyer Lanagan (sic), of Nebraska, returned home after a month's visit."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, August 16, 1911 **Local News Briefly Told:** "H. O. Boyle of St. James was in the city Sunday."

"Forty-five took in the excursion on the Beaver to Mackinaw Island Sunday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, August 17, 1911 **Local News:** "Mr. And Mrs. James Donley, of St. James, spent Sunday in town on their way home from Mackinac (sic) Island."

"The steamer *Beaver* will run an excursion to Northport Sunday August 20th."

Beaver Island News: "Madse (sic) Jensen made a business trip to Charlevoix and Petoskey."

W. F. Stuke and family of Chicago, are visiting the Island."

"Str. *Chase S. Osborn* was in port this week."

"H. Ambig of Grand Rapids, is a guest at Beaver Hotel." (Note: Name does not appear in register)

"Lizzie and Sarah Martin, of Milwaukee, are visiting relatives and friends on the Island."

"Mr. Northcort (sic) made a business trip to Charlevoix and Petoskey."

"U. S. Steamers *Sumac* and *Hyacinthe* (sic) were in port last week."

"John O'Donnell of Escanaba, formerly a Beaver Islander spent a few days visiting on the Island."

"A. Malloy made a business trip to Charlevoix, Petoskey and Traverse City."

"Mrs. Owen Boyle and Mrs. Dan Green are visiting at Manistique."

"Mr. Lannagan and Rev. Fr. Flannagan of Greeley, Nebraska, returned home after a month's visit to the

Island.

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"Mr. And Mrs. W. A. Sheid entertained about thirty of their friends Wednesday evening at progressive pedro."

"Sr. Clementine returned home from Grand Rapids, bringing with her Sr. Heilegard."

"Born to Mrs. (Sic) and Mrs. James H. Gallagher on Sunday a bouncing baby girl."

"Miss Mary Jones is visiting on the Island."

"Dr. Montague of Charlevoix was called to the Island."

"The B. I. L. Co.'s new mill is about completed they expect to have the saw mill running this week."

"Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donlevy went to Mackinac (sic) on visit last week."

"J. Connor and C. Hellpenstell (sic) of Rock Island, returned home after a month's visit."

"Mrs. J. Hennessy of Chigaco, returned home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donlevy."

"Born to Mr. And Mrs. J. Connaghan, a baby boy."

"Mrs. J. C. Gallagher and daughter Beatrice, went to Charlevoix on business."

"Capt. Dan Martien and Andy E. Gallagher, went to Charlevoix after the tug *Clara A. Elliot*."

Miss Josephine Graselli and Mrs. Miller of Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting at the Island." (Note: Miss Josephine Graselli, Cleveland, Ohio and Mrs. Elizabeth C. T. Miller, Cleveland, Ohio appear in the *Hotel Beaver* register, August 7, 1911)

"Mrs. F. Gellispeie went to Charlevoix on business."

"Mrs. C. C. Gallagher and son Raymond, returned home from Petoskey."

"Ed. B. Gallagher made a business trip to Charlevoix last week."

"The Str. *City of Boyne* had an excursion to the Island last Sunday."

"Miss M. Dwyer of Saginaw, is visiting Mrs. Eva Gibson."

"Mrs. J. P. Maloney and family, of Chicago, left for Charlevoix after a month's visit."

"W. S. Burns of Grand Rapids, was here on business. Mr. Burns intends to put out 50 acres of fruit trees and is getting the land ready." (Note: W. S. Burns, Grand Rapids Mich. appears in the *Hotel Beaver* register, August 12, 1911)

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(Note: August 17 & 18 Storms F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, August 23, 1911 **Local News Briefly Told**: "Thursday night the fire department was called out by a fire on the steamer *Beaver*. The damage was slight."

"The Charlevoix firemen will run an excursion Tuesday, August 29, on the steamer *Beaver*. The Charlevoix band will accompany them and the boys will furnish music for the trip. There will be a dancing party in the evening. Fare - round trip 35 cents."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, August 24, 1911 **Local News**: "Mrs. John McCann and Mrs. Mary Gibson and daughter, of St. James, went to Traverse City to visit Mrs. Gibson's daughter Margaret."

"Supervisor H. P. Boyle, of Peaine, is in the city."



FRONT PAGE ARTICLE:

NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE *BEAVER*

"The steamer *Beaver*, lying at her dock, had a narrow escape from destruction by fire last Thursday evening. At about eight o'clock as the steamer *Manitou* was springing around the corner, bound out, the *Beaver* was discovered to be on fire in her hold. Don Campbell, son of the Captain, happened to be near in his motor boat, and he at once went aboard and started the pony pump, getting a stream of water in promptly. Although the fire department responded to a call promptly the quick action of Don unquestionably saved the boat.

The fire originated in the hold, but crept to the upper works, and in a very short time would have been beyond control. She made her Saturday trip as usual. The boat was damaged about \$500, fully covered by insurance." (Note: August 22 & 23 storms F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier August 30, 1911 **Local News Briefly Told**: "A large crowd went on the Firemen's excursion

to East Jordan last night. The boys were splendidly entertained by the East Jordan brethren at a chicken pie supper."

From Beaver Island: "Miss May Gallagher is spending a week in Charlevoix."

"Ben Langenhoff of Pellston is an island visitor this week."

"Lawrence Malloy visited Charlevoix and East Jordan last week."

"Deputy Revenue Collector Coulter made an official trip to the Island last week." (Note: A. C. Coulter, Charlevoix appears in the *Hotel Beaver* register August 18, 1911)

"Anthony McCafferty and Steve Connors of Escanaba are Island visitors this week."

"F. J. Faherty and wife of Chicago are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Donlevy for a few days."

"Mrs. Oscar Martin and daughter Edna, are visiting friends and relatives in Cheboygan this week."

"Mrs. Peter McCauley and niece, Miss Fannie Malloy, are visiting friends in Manistique this week."

"The schooners *City of South Haven*, *City of Sheboygan* and *Wm. Aldrich* loaded cedar and bark here last week."

"Mrs. James Connors and Mrs. A. McCafferty, son and daughter of Escanaba, are visiting friends here for a few days."

"Friends of Miss Nora Barry gave her a farewell party Monday night on the eve of her departure for her home in Detroit."

"Mrs. J. I. Doyle and Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCauley of Manistique attended the funeral of Mrs. Hannah Gallagher last week."

"Miss Margaret Schied, (sic) who has been visiting her brother W. A. Schied, the past week returned to her home in Manistique last week."

"The death of Mrs. Hannah Gallagher on the 19th inst. removed from our midst one of the Island's oldest inhabitants. Mrs. Gallagher was in her seventieth year and has never had an occasion to consult a doctor."

"Capt. Campbell brought his 'auto' with him on Thursday's trip and took a spin around the Island. He reports the roads are good only there were places that he did not have 'quite' sea-room enough and he was a little afraid of putting her on the rocks. This is the first auto to traverse the Island roads."

Maurice Coll of Milwaukee who spent last summer on the Island returned again this week for a short visit. He was accompanied by Mrs. Bowler, purchasing agent for the Allis Chalmers Iron Works, and J. J. Gallagher, a prominent business man of the Cream City. Mr. Gallagher has been a resident of Milwaukee for the past 35 years and this is the first time he has had the pleasure of visiting historic Beaver Island, the abode of so many of his countrymen whose cognomen so strikingly resembles his own. He informs us that he was an intimate friend of the late Rev. Father Peter Gallagher and he is pleased of the opportunity afforded him to visit the spot so hallowed to the memories of the venerable priest who labored so long and so zealously for his flock. Mr. Gallagher is quite enthusiastic over the Island and say he will surely return next year."

Charlevoix Sentinel August 31, 1911

Local News: "Capt. Pete Campbell took his automobile to the Island on the *Beaver* one day last week. A fairly well authenticated report come from the Island that he was not permitted to take it off the boat until he had given bonds against damage or injury to life and limb."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. A. McCafferty and son Earl and Mrs. S. Connors and her daughter Catherine, of Escanaba, are here visiting friends."

"Alva Coulter paid a visit last week."

"Dr. Lathrop and wife, of Jackson, is (sic) resorting here." (Note: Dr. W. W. Lathrop & wife, Jackson, Mich. appear in the *Hotel Beaver* register August 23, 1911)

"May Gallagher is visiting at Charlevoix."

"Mrs. F. Pipgrass, and daughter, of Chicago, returned home after a two month's visit."

"Mr. and Mrs. T. Faherty of Chicago, is (sic) visiting Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donlevy."

"W. E. Stevens went to Freesoil on a visit."

"Str. *Chase Osborn* with Dept. Eddy and Dept. Wm. Kettle on board was in port over Sunday."

"C. Becker of Davenport, Iowa, is resorting here." (Note: Oswald Becker, Davenport, Iowa and Mrs. Oswald Becker, Davenport, Iowa appear in the *Hotel Beaver* register August 23, 1911) (Note: August 23 - 31 Ideal, most ideal, 62 - 38 - 74 degrees F. Protar)



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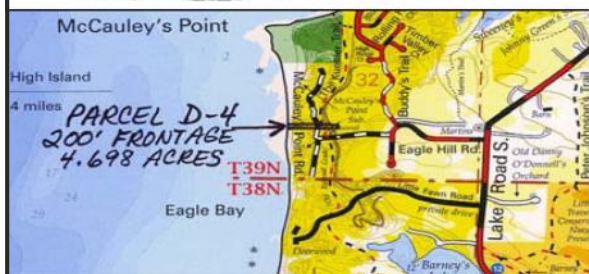
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known as Deerwood). If you count the area out front of the survey markers to the edge of what was always the ordinary water's edge this is a 5-acre parcel. It has a good driveway in to the two building sites on the ridge just inside the tree line. Power is installed underground up to the building site and part of the view from either building site is already opened. From the large turn-around and parking area at the end of the driveway there is easy access to the main structure building site and/or the guest house site. On either side of the driveway from McCauley's Point Road there is a lot of flat area for accessory buildings. Part of this property is on top of the west side bluff; the bluff-top building site is about 360 feet deep and 200 feet wide. There is an easement for a road to be built up from the main road in from Eagle Hill Road to this bluff-top building site. (This parcel could actually be split into two lots - a lake-front acreage parcel and a bluff-top 2.5-acre parcel.) The old railroad grade known as the Kuebler Trail runs through this parcel half-way between the bluff bottom and McCauley's Point Road. You can walk out your back door and walk for about two miles on this very natural, very scenic walking trail. The beach on this parcel always had a wide sand strip between the edge of the fore dunes and the water. With Lake Michigan being so low the last ten years a lot of rocks on the bottom have been exposed out front because no sand has been washed into the beach edge for many years. When the lake finishes its low cycle this lot will again have what we call "sandy beach." When you get into the water you can go north a little bit and find larger areas of pure sand bottom. The elevated building site is a very easy site to build on under the Critical Dune Act. This elevated site also will give a homeowner fantastic views of High, Trout, Whiskey and Gull Islands to the Northwest and West. It's part of the Island where you see fabulous sunsets year-round.

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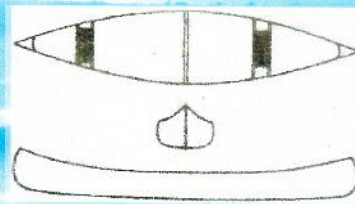
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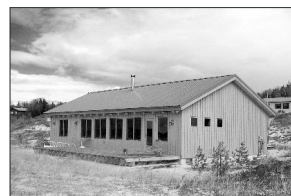
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GLEN McDONOUGH MEMORIAL CONCERT



Once a year the old-time musicians from Beaver Island and Charlevoix gather at Red Deer, the small cabin on the King's Highway on the edge of town, the one whose chinking is broader than its logs,

for an outdoor performance on a grassy lawn under a circle of century-old pines. The gathering is relaxed and informal, with donations accepted to help fund music scholarships. Most who come bring chairs to minimize the distractions

from the music that can come from a bump on the ground. The cars buzzing by, an occasional boat horn from the harbor below, and the Holy Cross chimes are part of the ambiance, with the talented musicians firmly center stage.





MUSEUM WEEK

This year's Museum Week was marked by several high points: John Hett's song about the 1908 death of engineer David Chase (written three days earlier at the urging of archivist Joyce Bartels) sung to a packed *Music on the Porch*. The talent of the Young Gerishes and the improvement of Kevin Bousquet. The haunting ethereality of Chris Screven's Brazilian guitar.

The natural humor of Herb Manthei recounting his harrowing early life aboard the *Mackinac Islander* when logging Garden Island in 1958 – his "new use for a grease gun" brought down the house. The hundreds of dollars and jumble of door prizes won at Pinky's No-wait Bingo. The Nature Walk for Kids, ordinarily limited to 25 but, thanks to a snafu in the Print Shop (the registration list was turned over to signify it was

full, but someone started it afresh), this time managing to handle 35 – thanks to extra CMU staff volunteering. The extra day of opening the Protar Home for Antje Price's many fans.

The growing familiarity with Notre Dame's archaeology program and their dig, which led to a spirited interchange with Dr. Deb Rotman at her evening talk. The original occupants never dreamed that when they threw their bro-

– Holy Cross Altar Society



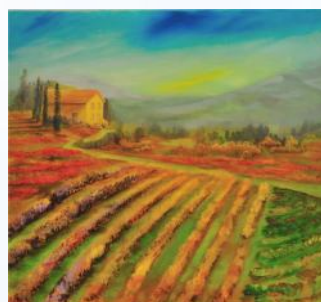
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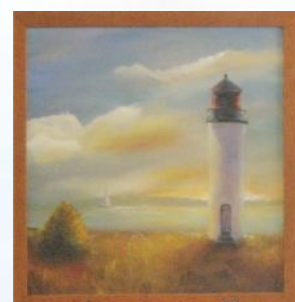
Steve "Reno" Allen



Doris Larson



Lois Stipp



OLD CARS COMING

Another antique car rally is scheduled for September. This 1901 Olds was scouting the terrain when his driver's side rear blew. He was surprised it would happen on such a calm road as Barney's Lake. "It's a mystery," he was told. Several friendly Islanders offered to put his car in their truck and take it to town, but he declined. "A tire's on the way."



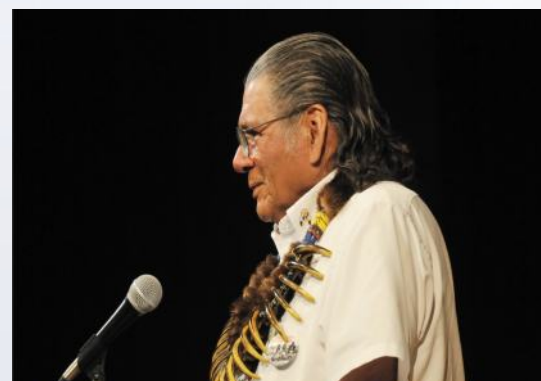
MUSEUM WEEK ART SHOW

Leave it to Lois Stipp to organize a great Art Show for the Historical Society! This year's three-day event featured 26 artists and four popular writers: Steve Hamilton, everyone's favorite mystery writer, and three breakout locals, Charlie Donaldson, Frank Solle, and Robert Cole. There were copies of the new book, *Life in the Beaver Island Archipelago* too.



DENNIS BANKS

This cofounder of the American Indian Movement held the audience's attention with his humanity and charm as he talked a little about the strange path of his life, and a lot about his walk across America to bring awareness of how some forms of diabetes can be overcome through changes to one's diet, exercise habits, and lifestyle. "I did it; so can you."



Lighthouse Painting Raffle –



ken crockery into a midden, a team of meticulous archaeology students would piece it back together a hundred and twenty years later!

Or the singing dog at the Pet Show, with required the collective howling of the audience to jump-start. The wonderful work at the Art Show. The dedication of our environmentalists, or the continuing wit and talent of the Community Players. An appearance by the

Madeline at the St. James Marine dock. Or the arrival of Dennis Banks, so full of energy that it took three handlers to get him off the stage on Sunday evening – to the disappointment of the crowd; instead of going home, he joined George Anthony at the Kenwabakises for their bonfire until midnight.

It was a week to remember, and contained a bit of irony. At one time the event was billed as an important fund-

raising activity, but turning a profit was elusive, and selling a complex array of tickets exhausting. Then the emphasis was shifted, and the presentations became simply a way for the Historical Society to show its appreciation for other forms of support. Yet the past few years have each raised funds for the Society's programs – thanks to the help of almost a hundred energetic volunteers each year.



STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The AmVets Ladies Auxiliary raffled a Stained Glass Whiskey Point Lighthouse Window made by Jean Kinsley on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at the Beachcomber Bar. The lucky winner was Skip McDonough.

The proceeds of this raffle will go to help the ladies with their community service projects throughout the year.

PARROTS OF THE WORLD: UNITE

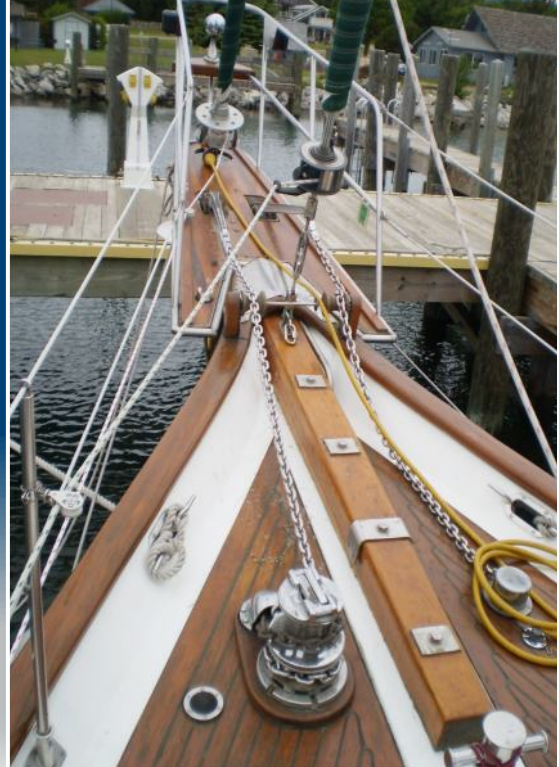
I have decided that instead of joining the Red Hat Ladies (I am crossed the 50-yard line) I want to start the Parrot Heads of Beaver Island. We won't start a rumble with the Reddies, we just will party to Jimmy Buffett music with different chapeaus. All Margaritas or Marys are welcome! Red Hatters too.

—Lisa Gillespie

THERE ARE STILL BIG FISH

Laurence Green of Clio, MI has been coming to the Island 41 years this summer. Two days before he left this July he caught a 41" pike near Garden Island. He did not have his camera and a good Samaritan from the Island, Claude Zadjakowski, took his picture and made a disc for him. The pike is still trying to figure out what happened.





DESTINATION PARADISE BAY OUR CRUISING AMBASSADORS

by Larry Hansz

Berny and Gina Blough have been sailing into Paradise Bay for the past twenty-five years. In that time they have taken it upon themselves to promote the wonders of Beaver Island to hundreds of other cruisers as a “must stop and see the harbor.” They act like an unpaid Chamber of Commerce on the water.

They both make continuous comments such as “It’s the best harbor in northern Lake Michigan;” “Where can cruisers find a great grocery store to provision right where you land the dingy;” “The hardware has everything;” “Beaver Island Marina’s boat mechanic can not be beat;” “Everyone is friendly and always waves;” “They remember us and

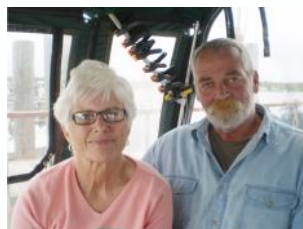
greet us like friends;” “McDonough’s will freeze all our meat for a several week cruise;” and on and on. Every summer while cruising they promote Beaver Island to cruisers headed to Lake Michigan.



Barny and Gina sail *Das Boot*, a 47' Vagabond ketch. *Das Boot* has no connection to the WWII submarine story of the same name. It means “The Boat;” found after searching for five years from the east to

west coasts for exactly the right boat for them. They finally located it in San Diego; it involved a logistics feat getting it to Berny’s shop in Freeport, Michigan. The boat was transported on one semi

tractor trailer via the northern route through the mountains, and the mast went on another semi via the southern route to Texas and then up to Michigan. Then began a three-year restoration project which among other things included rebuilding the engine, painting the hull, and completely replacing the massive bowsprit.



Each summer they cruise for three months, usually to the North Channel in Lake Huron.

When asked where they came from they say “Muskegon.” Where are you going? “We are going to Muskegon but we’ve got three months to get there so we’re going via the North Channel.” Their route always includes stops at Beaver Island.

Berny and Gina are our best sailing ambassadors. Keep it up, and thanks.



At the Forest View dedication, Pete LoDico made a few comments before thanking those who helped make Forest View a reality: "Beaver Island is home for many seniors as well as the location of their families, friends, and natural support systems," he said. "Historically, seniors who have been unable to maintain their homes or who were isolated on the Island had to leave to seek necessary housing and medical care. The Forest View Community is designed to meet the long-term housing needs of seniors and disabled adults living on the Island.

"In 1999 a task force was commissioned by the BIRHC to explore the requirements of our seniors. The information it collected indicated what was needed was a new medical center with a full time staff and 24/7 operation, and senior housing. To address this, the Beaver Island Housing Committee was established as a committee under the umbrella of the 501c3 of BIRHC. This continued until the Beaver Island Community Development Corporation was established a 501c3."

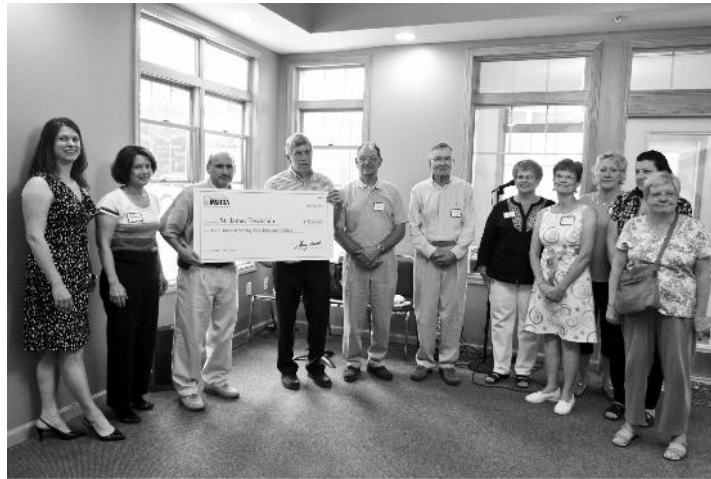
He proceeded to thank many people, starting with Jim Havermann and the Michigan Department of Community Health for providing grant to do a market study, which proved the need for a senior housing project.

Jeff and Nancy Traudt and the Gill family for donating the land. And Ed Wojan for donating the work and effort that it took to make that land transfer.

Consultant Jane Mackenzie, who has been with us for ten years. She came as the newly formed NHCDC director, and guided the project through the funding process, the loan process from USRD, and the grant from MSHDA. "We would not be standing in this building, if it were not for her expertise and

dedication to this project."

Thanks to USDA Rural Development, Ghulam Surnbal, and Julie Putnam for exhibiting a tremendous



amount of patience and, after three years, granting the loan.

Rick Ballard from MSHDA, who visited the Island early on and gave advice. Rick Hallard and Bill Parker both found a way to use CDBG funds for new construction of apartments. They retired from MSHDA and left Julie Gardner to finish the paperwork.

Thanks to Nina-Simpson Jones for her eight years of dedicated service as secretary and treasurer.

Nina and Ray Cole for hosting three dinners and donating all the proceeds.

Pete moved on to thanking the agencies which had played a role, being with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. He included the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians, the Beaver Island Quilters Guild, and The Beaver Island Grand Rapids Club.

"Thanks to so many people who came to the dinners and made donations over the years," he added. "We appreciate your support. There are too many people to thank here, but go to our web site beaverislandcdc.org for a full list of donors, both monetary and in kind.

"Thanks to Beaver Gems staff for your unwavering support of this project: Robert, Kevin, Theresa, Ray, and Brandon, for all your hard and wonderful work; you all have gone over and above what was expected of you.

"Thanks to all the local subcontractors who donated some of their time and material to this project.

"Thanks to our architect, Hobbs and Black. We started out on a rocky footing, but thanks to Steve Dykstra we ended up with a well-designed and practical facility.

"Thanks to Susan Dermis, RD Area Specialist, for your patience and guidance through the construction phase of this project.

"Thanks to St James Township Board for supporting our project and taking on the responsibility of allocating out the MSHDA funds.

"Thanks to the Lighthouse school students who worked through the Michigan Works Youth Build.

"Thanks to our management company. We are looking forward to working with you, Jane Crawford, for at least the next three years.

"Thanks to all the BICDC board members past and present, who made a contribution to get this far.

"Thanks to Leonor Jacobson and Connie Wojan, for all your back-breaking work with the landscaping.

"A full decade of steadfast work and holding to that vision has resulted in this Forest View Community.

"Thank you."

—Pete LoDico

What was overwhelmingly felt by the audience was immense gratitude to Pete himself for holding together such a complex amalgam of forces pulling against each other. A lesser man would have been torn apart.

BICDC THANKS GRAND OPENING VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors of the Beaver Island Community Development Corporation (Pete LoDico, Kathy Speck, Don Spencer, Connie Wojan and Jane MacKenzie) would like to thank all of the generous volunteers who

made our July 11th Forest View Grand Opening ceremony a success.

Everyone worked hard on a hot day to make sure all went smoothly.

Our deep appreciation goes to the following people:

Phil Hoffman for being our professional Master of Ceremonies;

Jim Stambaugh, Joe Moore, and Frank Solle for hauling chairs;

the Commission on Aging, particularly Ann Partridge, *continued on page 42.*



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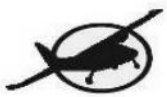
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Forest View Grand Opening, from page 41.
for coffee, juice and cookies;

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the Charlevoix County Transit and its Beaver Island drivers for free transportation for guests;

AmVets for the use of their sound system;

Joe Moore, again, for helping set up the system;



Peaine Township for the use of their chairs;

Donna Kubic for printing name tags;

Bill McDonough for the flag;
and Beaver Island News on the Net, the *Beaver Beacon* and the *NorthernIslander* for press coverage.

We couldn't have done it without your help!

—Connie Wojan, BICDC Secretary



The Community Center continues to bring a taste of culture from all over the world to Beaver Island. First it was the Mongolian break-dancers, which led to several local restaurants offering a Chinese Dinner night. Then it was the acrobats from Minsk – or was it the jugglers from Pinsk?

This month's stirring iteration was the *flamencitas*, a group of girls from Mexico who, like the Mongolians, have



trained hard to become an excellent choral group which grew from a project that began 25 years ago as a group of California children organized to perform *We are the World*. Supported by celebrities, it now has several branches. Many of its members have gone on to careers in music and the arts. Its proud Director said, "We know it brings much joy to the audiences, but that's nothing compared to the joy it brings to our kids."





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fully enjoy our lives. Once the professional crew moved and set the three monuments, a date for a public ceremony was set, and 250 appreciate people gathered.

Placing a monument – photograph by Bob Tidmore

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From that day forward the new Park has seen plenty of use, with visitors ranging from long-time residents to first-timers. They're there from dawn to dusk, sitting quietly, looking out at the harbor,

lost in thought. Others have appointed themselves to take care of different aspects of the Park; some have come to help and been disappointed that others have beaten them to their job.

The Island's residents, visitors, and friends are proud of the recent changes: the Library, the Health Center, the Community Center, the Grotto, and the School. This park is the latest on the list.

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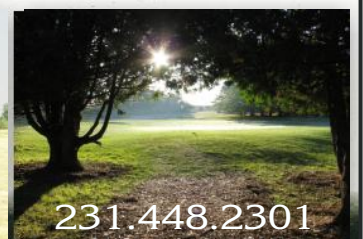
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46. THANKS

Late in the evening of July 2nd, our large dog, Zephyr, began showing signs of gastric bloat, which can cause death within several hours if not treated immediately. Dr. Jeff Powers was kind

enough to leave his family to meet us at his vet clinic to check on Zephyr's symptoms. After Dr. Powers confirmed that Zephyr had bloat, he called Bob Turner, who arrived immediately to

help with the emergency surgery that Zephyr's condition required. These two men stayed until well past 1:00 a.m. working on our dog.

Although Dr. Powers gave Zephyr

BEAVER ISLAND LIBRARY NEWS *from Phyllis Moore*

Wow! It's been a busy beginning to summer at the library. Connie Wojan graciously agreed to do the Children's Story Time again this year to our delight. The children are enthralled with her stories and totally enjoy the various craft projects she comes up with.

On July 7th the library hosted 19 little

girls, ages 4 to 7, for a Princess Party. Michelle LaFreniere was fantastic at planning, organizing and baking very special cookies. Her assistant was Kimberly Read who kept the girls entertained by reading princess stories and teaching them how to do the princess wave and the curtsy, and how to dance.

Each little princess left with a special cup as a reminder.

For those interested in learning how to communicate with babies using the American Sign Language, July 11th saw Andrea Moore teaching baby signing. Hopefully this is something we can repeat in another year as more people

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a 20-30% chance of surviving the surgery, our dog survived, thanks to his expertise. Dr. Powers then spent a lot of his 4th of July weekend checking on Zephyr, further researching his condi-

tion on the internet, and talking with us about post-operation treatment. Zephyr is now recovering well at home. We cannot thank Dr. Powers enough for his time and commitment to saving our

dog. The Island is very lucky to have such a dedicated vet who is willing to give up his time to treat animals in need.

—Nick and Lauren Leuck

discover how easy it is to do.

The Jolly Roger was flying over the library on July 14th as little pirates, ages 4 to 7, set sail for uncharted waters. Island pirate, Captain James "Swamp Man" Stambaugh, thrilled the little boys with breath-taking tales of life on the high seas. The little pirates each took home a

special pirate mug. Again Michelle LaFreniere outdid herself in organizing and planning this event.

Remember that we do have Ancestry for Libraries for those of you interested in climbing your family tree. It's free within the library and already bookmarked on our public computers.

In the Langford Music Room our music system is up and running again, thanks to Don Langford. We were in withdrawal for a couple weeks and the patrons missed it. We also, over the past couple of months, enjoyed watching the eagles hatch and learn to fly. Now we have a mama robin sitting on three eggs.

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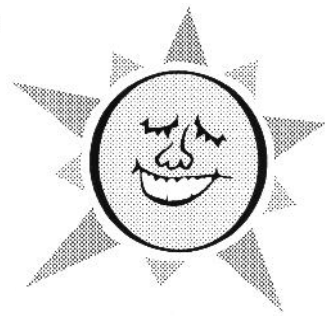
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48. A LATE BOAT

Around dinner time on July 14 word spread that the ferry scheduled to arrive at 4:45 would be late. A few phones calls produced the news that a small boat had hit the Emerald Isle in the Pine River Channel, and although no one was injured and the damage was slight, the ferry was required to wait for the arrival

of the Coast Guard—from Cheboygan, the rumor was, by boat. On board were many people coming for the Music Fest (and many others), plus some of the bands scheduled to play that night. After the Coast Guard administered routine drug and alcohol tests to the four-man crew the ferry was allowed to leave, and arrived on the Island at 9:00.

FATHER JOE

Father Jor Blasko met with a favorable reception when he conducted his first service as the replacement for much-loved Father Pat. He comes from Ohio, and has been assigned to the Gaylord Diocese since 1999, and also

serves as the Archivist for the Diocese. He enjoys the outdoors year around, and is looking forward to skiing the Island trails this winter. All indications are that he will quickly win over the community's hearts and minds.

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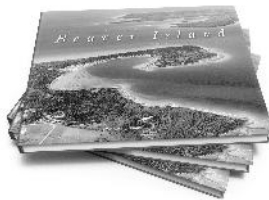
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HONESTY ABOUNDS

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Dan Skorupa, his wife Carrie, and their friend Cindy were renting a cabin on Donegal Bay, as they've done for a long time. Apparently he lost his wallet over by Donegal Bay and thought that

was it. Bye bye wallet! But he checked with the deputy and someone had turned it in with all the money—\$350! They were quite impressed with the honesty of Beaver Islanders.

THE BALLAD OF DAVID CHASE

The amazing song that John Hett wrote about the fatal locomotive crash that killed engineer David Chase in 1908, a moving ballad sounding as good as anything by Nick Cave, has now made it to YouTube. (Most don't know this: Chase was not the only one to die on a train during our logging era.)

Hett focused on Chase the man, singing about how he fought the

immanent crash right to the end instead of jumping out, as the crew had done, and how his wife and three young children left the Island alone on the ferry, the *Beaver*—which also came to a sad end of its run when it caught fire and burned to the water line six years later.

Perhaps that story, with its intimations of betrayal and intrigue, will be the subject of Hett's next offering.

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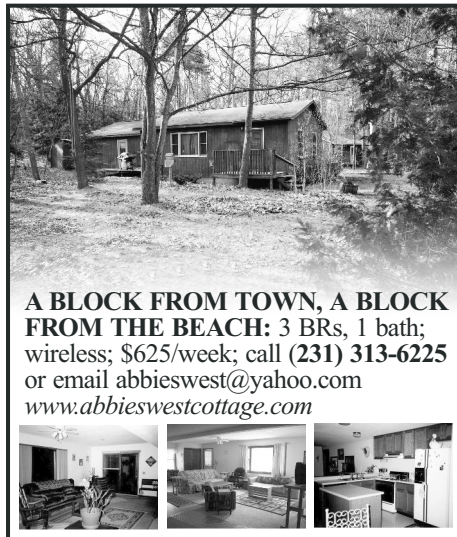
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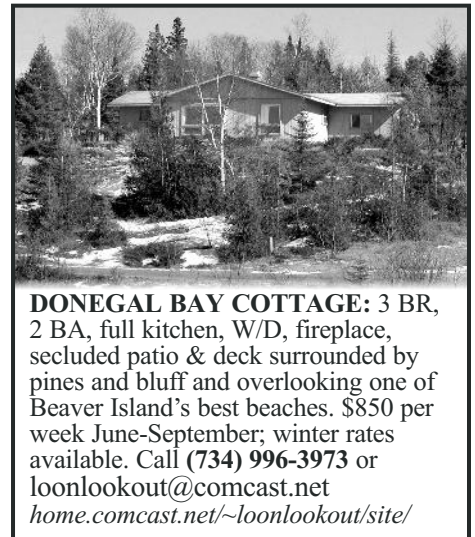
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