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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The possible tower deal with AT&T was discussed at the regular meeting. Their representative had come to the Island on December 15, examined the Font Lake tower, and found it acceptable. A lease agreement was submitted two weeks later. It would give them a year to set up their equipment (for \$500), which would take 15' of height on the tower and not interfere with other uses. They would also build an additional 20' x 12' structure at the base. If they complete this, the lease would kick in at \$1,500 a month for five years. It would provide for four possible 5-year extensions, each, if taken, at a 10% increase in the price. They would pay for everything, including the extra power they would have to have run to the site. The entire Island would be covered.

The supervisor asked for and received the authority to continue these negotiations.

A request arrived for the granting of reservations for forty to fifty boats at the Municipal Marina (Beaver Island Marine was said to not have enough water for these particular boats) for a weekend expedition in early August. This annual regatta typically spends \$50

to \$60,000 in the targeted community. They would also bring entertainment, which would be another benefit to the Island. Last year they went to Mackinac Island. They would have to know soon if this could be granted, so the Board said they would meet with harbormaster Jim White in early February at the latest.

Pete Plastrik announced that a draft of the St. James Recreation Plan had been completed and made available to the public. A 30-day period for comments was now underway (four comments had been received), after which it would possibly be revised and then submitted to the Board. He was applauded for having provided a "very professional and worthwhile service."

The EMS reported that it had unanimously agreed that Danielle Dedloff should be the new EMS Director. Sarah McCafferty cited some of the recent EMS accomplishments: an upgrade of AEDs, the addition of a ventilator, the offering of various classes, helping plan the Health Fair, and standing by at the Marathons and the bike race. The Board agreed to support Danielle.

A motion to reappoint a member to the Library Board met with resistance because the job opening had not been



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posted. The Board agreed to post it and take up the matter again at the February meeting.

Stoney Acre asked for support for its renewal of its entertainment license, which, after some laughter resulted from the realization that the license also allowed for topless activities, was wholeheartedly granted.

A joint Township meeting to discuss the Emergency Authority and the Air Evacuation was set for January 23rd.

Peaine Township

The supervisor stated that on 12-28 the Circuit Court Judge had signed a judgment, closing the legal dispute over additional land for the Airport. He had spoken with the Michigan Aeronautics Department, and been assured that a grant to cover the costs of the lawsuit, the interest, and the land purchase was being prepared. It would draw from the accumulated \$600,000 from unused past annual grants, and possibly draw from continuing expected annual grants for the balance. The exact amount the Townships would have to pay was uncertain.

The matter of the Emergency Services Authority was reviewed. It had

been approved and recorded in 2002, but never empaneled, although a grant request to the Rural Development Authority in 2004 stated that it existed. The Township's attorney was to review this matter and suggest what should be done. Issues included whether or not the Authority should be empaneled, whether or not the Fire Hall bond is affected, what entity actually owns the Emergency equipment, and how the question of insurance is affected.

The outgoing EMS Director, Sarah McCafferty, recommended the ratification of its selected replacement, Danielle Dedloff, but this raised two questions. One was whether or not the Director should be appointed by the Emergency Services Authority (a two-person Board, one from each Township, which would have to be selected). The other was whether or not the position should be posted, and, if so, how far abroad the posting should be done. Several people spoke to assert Danielle's qualifications, which were never in doubt, but others thought the letter of the law should be followed by posting all such positions. A few minutes earlier the Hall cleaning job was declared vacant, and it was pointed out that no

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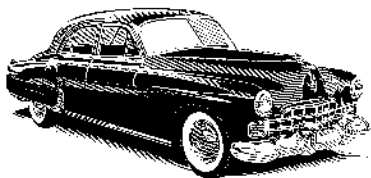


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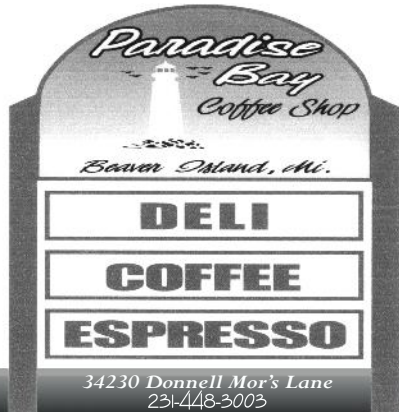
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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
one had suggested posting it on the mainland. Several people thought that to hire an EMS Director from off the Island could create problems because the Island has a unique style that requires time to master, and we would be at risk in the interim. After much argument Danielle was given a vote of confidence but it was decided to post the opening on the Island for ten days and make the appointment at the joint Township meeting on 1-23. The outgoing Director was lauded for all she has done.

NRESC

The Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee met on January 17, with ten members present

ISLAND AIRWAYS WINS AWARD

With sixteen full-time employees and six aircraft, Island Airways has been working to grow the business that began in 1975 (as Welke Aviation—they merged with McPhillips Flying Service in 1983), with help from the Michigan Small Business & Technology Development Center (MI-SBTDC). The SBTDC helped it update its business plan, and pointed to ways in which it could expand its business, one small step at a time.

Already it transports 300 passen-

and four on a conference call — including MSU facilitator John Beck, who set forth a tentative schedule for the next four day-long meetings, beginning on February 18 and running into the fall. This schedule is unlikely to produce a comprehensive plan to manage all aspects of the Island's natural resources, but it probably will result in agreements on several matters, which could stand as a preliminary plan.

The group approved a proposal to create a NRESC website, and to form its first subcommittee — on increasing voluntary property conservation easements and public acquisition of a few key parcels. All it can do is advise the full Board on strategies and make detailed recommendations; and all the

gers on a busy day in the summer (and 28,000+ a year), plus freight, mail, and groceries — 5 to 8,000 pounds a week in the winter (and over 1,000,000# of freight a year). Its efforts have earned Island Airways recognition as the Northwest Region SBTDC Small Business of the Year.

"We needed some professional guidance," Angel Welke said. "You can't do that by yourself anymore. The SBTDC helped us target areas for growth — such as government contracts — and to locate funding for expansion."

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NRESC Board can do is pass on its recommendations to the Township Boards.

The group agreed to host a May 21 presentation (open to the public) by a DNR waterfowl expert, at which the swan problem will be explained and discussed. (Later the possibility was raised of getting Dr. Guy McPherson, a climate change expert from Arizona, to make presentations to the school and the public on February 20.)

The meeting closed with a presentation on biodiversity by Pete Plastrik, with additional interesting commentary by Dan Martel, done simply to acquaint the members with the diverse meaning, interpretation, and application of this concept, not to try to reach any agreement or take any stand.

Special Meeting

Two meetings were scheduled for January 23rd. The first, a Peaine Township Board meeting called to decide on the new EMS Director, was held at 5:00, but most of the deliberation was done in closed session. It was announced that the Board concurred with the EMS recommendation that Danielle Dedloff be appointed its next Director. It said the Township would contribute some extra funds to cover her training (at North Central Michigan college) in the near future.

It also agreed to let the NRESC issue a letter of support for a Conservation Resource Alliance grant (to fund a comprehensive study of the Archipelago's resources), and to post the Transfer Station's manager's job opening.

HELP PLAN HEALTH FAIR

The Human Services Commission is readying for a fall Health and Human Services fair, but more people are needed to help with the planning.

If you have some time and energy to give to a group of Beaver Islanders who are planning an event that is driven by the motto, "Live Well, Feel Well, Be Well", perhaps you'd like to join us in preparing for this fall event!

The first Health and Human Services Fair planning meeting will take place Saturday, March 3rd at 11am, at the community school. Come if you'd

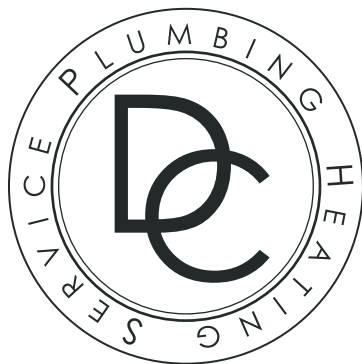
like to be a planning member, and also if you just want to add some input.

The most recent Health and Human Services fair was in mid-September of 2010. The attendance of on- and off-Island organizations was fantastic, and so was the attendance of island residents. Your involvement in the planning or happening would be a gift!

And certainly come to the Fair!

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C³F GRANT TO HELP RENOVATE WHISKEY POINT LIGHT TOWER

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A recent grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCCF) brings St. James Township and its supporters one step closer to launching a much needed project to restore and preserve the historic Whiskey Point Light on the north shore of the Island's harbor.

The CCCC Board approved a grant of \$4,269 to help fund the exterior renovations on the Lighttower, an iconic symbol of the Island built during the Mormon era. Funds

for the grant came from the Beaver Island Enrichment Fund and the John and Laurene Adams Fund, both component funds of the Community Foundation, as well as the Foundation's



Community Fund, which supports unrestricted grantmaking on a county-wide basis.

"We are very grateful to the Community Foundation for this grant," said Lighthouse Committee Chair Don Vyse. "We are now moving closer to our goal of beginning the much needed work in the very near future."

Several years ago, the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association partnered with St. James Township to lease, acquire title to, and then help facilitate the assessment and work on the Lighttower. An architectural condition assessment was completed,



outlining the extensive work needed to be accomplished on the structure and providing an estimate of cost. "As we work, we have to follow the Historic Lighthouse Preservation Handbook," Vyse explained. "We must comply with the manual. We have to do it correctly and restore it historically."

Exterior renovations include installation of a new door and windows, ventilation work, and cement work. All the wooden and cast iron elements in the tower must be scraped, repaired, primed, and refinished. By far the biggest expense and the highest ranking priority is the exterior masonry, with an estimated 2,600 bricks needing to be replaced and the mortar evaluated and replaced in many areas. The cost of the exterior restoration portion of the project is estimated to be around \$70,000.



The entire project will cost ~\$200,000. Then there's the Keeper's Dwelling....

CCCCF President, Chip Hansen, conveyed the Foundation's enthusiasm for the renovations as well. "The Community Foundation is very pleased to play a role in the renovation of the Whiskey Point Lighttower," he said, adding, "we're looking forward to watching the work as it progresses and, ultimately, the successful completion of such a worthwhile project."

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SELECTING A WILDFLOWER IDENTIFICATION

by Barbara Rahn

I don't like to admit it, but there have been many times when I was so ignorant about a topic that I didn't even know what questions to ask in order to educate myself about it. Wooden boat building comes to mind (but we won't go there). Then again, when you know a fair amount about a subject, you may know what questions to ask, but you require a very thoroughly written reference book to actually increase your knowledge.

Take Michigan wildflowers, for example. As I have been learning the Michigan Wildflowers that I didn't already know from my Indiana childhood and my multi-state professional experiences, I have used everything from a simple 4" x 4" photo ID booklet to more technical tomes. The 4 x 4 was positively maddening because there were so many plants that were not included. And the technical references were just too cumbersome. So with a little help from friends and neighbors,

and trips to the BI Library and the CMU Biological Station Library (thanks to Jim Luteyn) here is a selection of three Wildflower Identification Books for your consideration. These have been selected for ease of use, and accuracy of information.

First, if you want a book specific to Michigan, so that your search is not complicated by plants that may not even grow here, then try *Michigan Wildflowers in Color* by Harry C. Lund, first printed in 1985. I have seen used copies offered for sale for as little as \$2.50 plus shipping. This



light weight, paper back measures 6" x 10" and features color photographs of all listed flowers, and bold print "DO NOT PICK" warnings for endangered and threatened species. It also has a very handy matrix which allows you to compare similar flowers' attributes quickly without flipping pages back and forth. It does not use a key method of identification, but rather, starts with flower color.

It simply presents clear photographs for you to select, and then compare your specimen to the characteristics written in the accompanying text. A copy of this book is available at the Beaver Island Library.

The next two wildflower identification books, Newcomb's *Wildflower Guide* and *Wildflowers in the Field and Forest*, both use a key to guide you. A key is essentially a series of questions regarding the visible characteristics of the flowering plant, such as number of petals and the shape of the leaves. These two books both



cover the Northeastern United States.

Newcomb's *Wildflower Guide* is also available at the Beaver Island Library, and it is rumored that there are several copies in private hands on the Island as well. The format of the key was somewhat revolutionary at the time the book was first printed in 1977, because it uses the same 5 questions for every plant to start you on your way. The answers to



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these 5 questions lead you to a specific part of the book from which you narrow down your search with further questions. This keeps you from having to start over at the beginning of the key if you are having trouble later in the key. The images in this hardback book are all, very fine drawings, some with color.

Wildflowers in the Field and Forest is probably the best wildflower identification resource I have ever seen. Uncompromising in its accuracy, thoroughness and attention to detail, it is, nevertheless, easy to navigate and a pleasure to use. The

key can be used by anyone with a good command of the English language and crisp colorful photographs are each accompanied by a map, indicating range and text describing habitat. At about 6" x 8" x 1 1/4" this paperback fits into a back pack or large jacket pocket. As of the time of writing this, there was not a copy available at the Beaver Island Library, but it can be found online.



I would be remiss to not mention the *Guide to the Flora of Beaver Island, Michigan* by Dr. Matthew H Hohn, 1977, Central Michigan University, Biological Station, Beaver Island Michigan. While Hohn's guides to bog plants and his guide to plants on our beaches and dunes are available at the

Beaver Island Library, several internet searches have failed to find these for sale. It is, however, available as part of a work by Edwin E Leuck and Daniel E Wujek, entitled *Plants of Beaver Island*. This spiral bound book is for sale at various locations on Beaver Island, including the Historical Museum.

Equally, if not more, important than *Plants of Beaver Island*, is the three volume *Michigan Flora* by Edward G Voss, 1972, Cranbrook Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills, MI. Available at both the Beaver Island Library and the library at the CMU Biological Station, these are very scholarly books which, with

patience, could solve any of your conundrums identifying Michigan plants. But here is a list of the books I actually recommend:

Michigan Wildflowers in Color by Harry C. Lund, first printed in 1985 by Thunder Bay Press, Holt, Michigan

Newcomb's *Wildflower Guide* by Lawrence Newcomb, 1977, Little, Brown and Company, Boston MA

Wildflowers in the Field and Forest by Steven Clemants and Carol Gracie, 2006 Oxford University Press.

All three of the books recommended above will

provide hours of satisfying wildflower sleuthing. Each is respected by professionals and yet well-designed for amateurs. Happy Hunting!

Barbara Rahn is a degreed landscape designer and installer with over 30 years of experience. On Beaver Island she focuses on using native plants mixed with native compatible plants to create natural looking settings.



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12. ON THIS DATE

Ten years Ago The *Beacon* announced it had been sold by 75-year-old former advertising man Chuck Hooker to Liam and Marilyn Racine, owners of Stoney Acres. They planned to take over for the next issue. Liam had a degree in Film Writing, with minors in English and Theater; he proposed doing the writing, with Marilyn handling layout, production, and printing.

A letter from Joe Moore commended the school for its seniors having scored very high on the state-wide tests the past few years.

Beth McCafferty, manager of Unfinished Farms stable, was certified as a recreational riding instructor by the national Horseman's Organization.

The *Beacon* touted the Strang Writers Group, an organization of essayists and fiction writers whose work made use of the life of James Strang. Twenty-four new Life Members had joined the Historical Society in the past two years.

Signe Thomas's wildlife drawings won an award from *Michigan Tracks* magazine.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of 85-year-old Island-born Dorothy Gallagher McCann.

Twenty Years Ago The Road Commission reported that its application for a grant to enable it to repave the King's Highway was turned down.

A party was held to celebrate Jewell Gillespie's 75th birthday, with a slide show of his family and friends, the old-time music he loved, wrote, and played, and a presentation of the many inventions he'd made over the years.

The Chamber of Commerce prepared for a spring planting around town of Mt. Morency cherries and pear trees.

The youngest and oldest Island residents were part of the same family: Liz Mooney, 90, and Bryan Timsak, a few weeks.

St. James asked Peaine if it would like to go halves on buying the softball diamond from Ernie Martin for \$15,000.

Bill McDonough, BIBCo president, asked St. James Township to apply for funding to build a new ferry.

The Townships accepted the new 5-year Recreation Plan.

Each of the 290 donors who had helped save Gull Harbor were thanked by name.

A poem by Dave Gladish was printed, *The meaning (if not the letter)/ Of the ancient Bible curse/ Is if we try to make things better/ We only make them worse.*

The drive to raise money to improve the tennis courts had netted \$1,300 so far.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Catherine O'Donnell White, 80-year-old widow of John Clifford White and mother of John, James, Audrey (Beilman), Shirley (Sowa), Kathleen (Byers), and Pamela (O'Brien).

Thirty Years Ago The Medical Auxiliary announced that the Med Center needed a new furnace, new windows, and new doors.

The Sweet Adelines anticipated becoming officially chartered in the near future, having passed the membership size requirement of 20.



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Kitty McNamara replaced Sandy Fortier as president of the Civic Association, the parent organization of the *Beacon*. Among other things it sponsored the Winter Carnival, set for February 13 on Barney's Lake.

Terri Bussey, former Island teacher, brought noted folk music performer Mary Anne Rivers to the Island for a concert.

Mark LaFreniere and Karl Heller won at 8-ball and 9-ball in the Shamrock's pool tournament.

The results of Peaine's recall election of its supervisor were printed, without naming the ousted (89 to 72) official. Pilot Ed Demorest became the new official by a 90 to 78 margin over Bud Esch.

The passing of Father Alvin Yard at age 50 was bemoaned. A star basketball player in his youth, he became the Island priest in 1976, a position he held for three years. Also noted was the passing (in a car accident) of Sister Rose O'Donnell, born in the Sault in 1930 – where her father Patrick was in

the Coast Guard.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* stated that zoning was about to arrive on Beaver Island, thanks to a local effort driven by Ed Wojan, Jewell Gillespie, Lawrence McDonough, and Donald Cole. Vivian Visscher and Phyllis Townsend also helped. Public meetings were being scheduled. If the Island had not stepped up, the State would have imposed its own ordinance.

The deer herd was doing well, thanks to browse cut for them by members of the Game Club. Coyotes were on their trail; two were shot by John Kenwabikise. Fishing was down, although Bea Parker caught some bluegills at Barney's through the ice and Perry Gatliff took a pike from the harbor – but no perch. Don Cole towed a shanty to Geneserath but had not reported any luck.

A program began to double the size of the Med Center. At present the only place for the X-ray machine was in the basement, requiring some patients to be carried downstairs. With storage space

running out for records and devices, and new equipment expected in the future, more space would be required.

Sheldon Parker advertised a service he offered: inspecting winter cottages by snowmobile.

Passings noted included Mary (McDonough) Sendenburg, the sister-in-law of Joe M'Fro, and summer resident Richard Woodfield, whose brother-in-law had owned the Beaver Lodge.

Fifty Years Ago With much snow, high winds, and an average night temperature of 12°, the *Beacon* raved about the great variety of artistic snowdrifts, some blocking all possible vehicle traffic. Bud McDonough had to use a relay system to reach town from the Stone House farm, driving one car as far as he could and then hiking to where he'd left another.

The BIBC of the time prepared to open bids for a new ferry, which it hoped to have built by the summer. A rumor was floated that the *Emerald Isle I*

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would be put on a run between Beaver and Petoskey.

Henry Allen announced plans to plat his ~800 acres on the NW corner of the Island into half-acre lots as part of his Island Club Woods development. He planned to build a heated swimming pool, a clubhouse, a stable and trails, and an airstrip with two runways (E-W at 3,000'; N-S at 1,800'). He planned to give free boat tickets to potential customers, plus a free meal at the King Strang Hotel. Lawrence McDonough was building a buggy for him similar to those used on Mackinac Island.

The Shamrock hosted a party to raise money for the Polio Fund.

Lawrence McDonough took 25 youngsters on a sleigh ride through St. James. Unfortunately Jean Wojan fell off and broke a bone, and Lil Gregg discovered she was allergic to horses.

Readers were urged to check with

the Harbor Springs airport if the Charlevoix Airport was closed down.

Milt Bennett found one of the new turkeys dead in town. The body was sent in for analysis. The cause turned out to be "blackhead," a fatal disease attacking turkeys' liver and intestines. The remaining four turkeys were doing well.

Years ago, the *Beacon* said, Herman Pischner would move to Garden Island and rough it there for the winter, not returning until spring. He arrived back as a shaggy man, and was given the name Groundhog. The *Beacon* proposed that Ada Martin be given the name "Mrs. Groundhog" because when winter came she hibernated until spring.

Don Cole was out by the airport with the Martin twins, Ernie and Emmet, when they saw a coyote with its tail frozen to the ground. Since there was a \$20 bounty on female coyotes the

twins tried to choke it, but couldn't. So they stabbed it, pried it free, and threw it in Don's truck. Back in town it was still breathing, so they got a gun and shot it.

The *Beacon* printed an article from the 1896 *Detroit Free Press* in which the Island was said to be so angry at having its three townships (Galilee, Peaine, and Chandler) combined into one (Peaine), two years earlier, that it wanted to move from Charlevoix County to Emmet.

Loy Malloy was continued as *Beacon* Committee Chairman by the Civic Association.

The passing of several people with Island connections was noted. Bo Dunham had visited for many years. Charles LaBelaunga's mother was born here. Mattie (Cole) Pratt arrived with her parents and lived at Nomad before marrying Captain Forrest Pratt. And Christine (Schmidt) Gallagher arrived at the age of nine.

MARATHON, THREE YEARS RUNNING

The Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce has revealed that there are no current plans for a Labor Day weekend Marathon this year unless another professional promotion company steps forward. No plans for locating such a facilitator were announced.

The southern Michigan-based company, Good Boy Events, feels there is not sufficient guest accommodation space on Beaver Island to allow the event to be continued profitably, the Chamber released. "Due to uncontrollable circumstances, we made the decision

to cancel the event," said organizer Good Boy Events on their website and other marathon event sites. The three Island events in 2009-10-11 drew between 250 and 300 participants each. Events on the mainland, like the Charlevoix Marathon, routinely draw 1,000 or more.

"We are always on the lookout for events, particularly in the spring and fall, that we can support for the economic benefit of our Island," said new Chamber President Rachel Teague. "Member and community ideas are always welcome."

Some questions occur. Could a

Marathon be scheduled to be profitable for the Island? Could more lodging be located through an organized program? Could more runners be induced to come if the course were laid out more creatively?

If the event is not profitable enough for a mainland company to sponsor it, might a group of local organizations, take it on – after all, local non-profits are always looking for modest fund-raisers.

Or, might our great *Short Run*, the *Island Boodle*, which has been a strong fall event for years now, be expanded to include a Big Run?

IN MEMORY: DONNA ANN NELSON

Donna Ann Nelson of Bloomfield died December 27, 2011, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Pontiac. She was 82 years old.

Donna was born April 30, 1929, in Dearborn, to Gertrude (nee Haag) and Andrew Bracken, M.D. Donna was a loving daughter, wife, and mother who devoted her life to Jesus and the care of her family. Married 58 years, she



displayed steadfast love, fidelity and service raising her ten children and caring for her mother and her husband in their infirmity. She was always cheerful and optimistic. She endured hardship without complaint and was quick to relieve the burdens of others. Her home was always a place of welcome. She was a great source of life, happiness and security.

She and her husband built two solid homes at Cables Bay, and became an important part of Beaver Island.

Donna is survived by her beloved husband, Donald, and children, Don (Li-Chiu) Nelson, Bruce Nelson, Rick (Kathryn) Nelson, Janet (Dcn. Dave) Lawrence, Douglas Nelson, Kelly (Jerry) Bonar, Andrea (Tom) Best, Katie (Jim) Blaney, John (Laurie) Nelson, and Bob (Allison) Nelson. Donna is the proud grandmother of 32 and great-grandmother of one. Donna was preceded in death by her son, Andrew Nelson.



SNOW MIRRORING THE CLOUDS



IN MEMORY: BUSTER ELMS

Percy James (Jim) W. Elms, age 92, of Holland passed away on Friday, December 30, 2011, at Oak Crest Manor of Holland. He was born on, November 1, 1919, to Frank and Bertha (Staggs) Elms in the small town of Tulip, Arkansas. To his grandchildren he was known as Grandpa, to his Great Grandchildren he was known as Grandpa Jim but many knew him as Uncle Buster.

He graduated from Malvern High School and soon joined the United States Coast Guard.

This eventually became the turning point in his life as he was stationed on Beaver Island, Michigan during WWII. It was there that he met his wife Rita LaFreniere and the two married on July 23, 1942 on Beaver Island. After his enlistment was over he and Rita started up a restaurant called Shillelagh and lived on the Island for several years. It was there he learned to dance the Irish jig and could be easily persuaded to dance for us on occasion in his younger days.

Jim lived a rather interesting life and everyone enjoyed the great stories he had to tell. They will be remembered and passed along for future generations. He sailed the Great Lakes on the lower lakes, he sailed on the car ferries out of Ludington and eventually became a



telegrapher for the C & O Railroad, the job from which he retired. He and Rita raised their family and spent most of their lives in Ludington. After he and Rita retired they took many trips with their fifth wheel and spent their winters in Texas.

Jim had many hobbies, one of which was beekeeping. He enjoyed teaching the grandchildren about the hives and how the honey was made and processed. His garden kept him busy along with being a great cook. He played his harmonica and got his

pilots license. A "jack-of-all-trades" fit him perfectly. He would tackle anything.

Jim was a very active member of St. Simon's Catholic Church in Ludington, Michigan and belonged to Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island.

He was preceded in death by his wife Rita, granddaughter Theresa Elms of Kansas, his parents Frank and Bertha Elms, five sisters Beatrice, Jessie May, Alene, Trudie, Doris and one brother Lawrence all of Arkansas.

He is survived by his children: Michael and June Elms of Holland; Richard and Mary Elms of Houston; Thomas and Barbara Elms of Grand Ledge; and Nancy and Don Tritsch of Beaver Island. The family will have a memorial service this summer on Beaver Island.

JEANETTE MARIE BOGUS

Jeanette Marie Bogus, age 49, of Ludington, passed away on Jan. 18, 2012 at Tendercare of Ludington. She was born on Jan. 5, 1963 in Ludington daughter of John and Glory (Stiller) LaFreniere. Jeanette married John Bogus on April 7, 1979 at St. Simon Catholic Church in Ludington and graduated with the class of 1981 from Ludington High School. She is sur-

vived by her husband, John; children, Ryan, Tabitha (Al), and Adam; grandchild, Brynn; sister, Judy (Tom) and brother, Ed (Julie).

A celebration of life will be held for Jeanette at 2 p.m. on Saturday Feb. 4, 2012 at the Moose Lodge located at 215 S. James Street in Ludington.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Michigan.

FROZEN WORLD 17.

Blocked.
Painting bamboo
To consistently get the lines
Straight.

Working on getting the writing
Right.
Hoping for a break in the dam
Like a piece of frozen pond
Suddenly let go –
Then the rush of water flow...

Insights flashing by too fast
to get them down-
Before they slip away.
Silver thread ideas,
Insubstantial as snowflakes –
Shining, but then lost...
in a confusion, sentient profusion
Of frozen consciousness....

THE SKY CHANGES

The sky changes –
Just like my mind,
Always subject to
The wind of events and mood –
Sometimes subdued,
As an early morning fog....

A particular change
Can cloud and darken,
Or welcome change can clear
And make bright the heavens!

The sky changes.
Revealing, concealing as a veil –
The coming weather,
Cloud precursors
Of precipitation or warmth.
Cast across time
In a harlequin-colored web.

Infinite in combinations
Of clarity or benediction,
Though one's arms can never
Reach 'round to embrace it –

It nonetheless embraces us,
With endless possibility
Without conditionality,
One with the next rosy sunrise,
Or fiery sunset –
The Sky changes.

—Dawn George

18. COAST GUARD EFFECTS NEARBY RESCUE

The crew of a Coast Guard cutter came to the aid of two vessels which were beset by ice in the Straits of Mackinac at the end of January.

The *Biscayne Bay*, a 140' ice-breaking tug homeported in St. Ignace, aided the vessels while engaged in Operation Taconite, the Coast Guard's largest domestic ice-breaking operation, which began in December.

At 4:40 p.m. Friday, January 27th, the watchstander at Sault Ste. Marie was contacted by the crew of the ferry *Huron*, who reported they had become beset by ice with 68 people aboard while transiting from St. Ignace to Mackinac Island. There were no reports of injury or other medical concerns and the master of the ferry felt the 90-foot vessel was not in danger of running aground.

The *Biscayne Bay* arrived at 6:20

p.m. and was able to free the ferry without incident. After the ferry safely entered Mackinac Island Harbor, the *Bay* remained close by as the ferry offloaded their passengers and unloaded more.

Due to the ice building at Round Island Passage, the *Bay* remained with the *Huron* for its return trip to St. Ignace. At 8:25 p.m. both the *Huron* and the *Biscayne Bay* were safely moored in St. Ignace.

Early the next morning the *Bay* was called on again to assist a vessel in the Straits of Mackinac. The crew of the motor vessel *Manistee*, a 676' bulk carrier, contacted the Coast Guard Sault VTS at 5:18 a.m., reporting the ship had become beset by ice with 18 people aboard about 10 nautical miles west of the Mackinac Bridge.

The ship was reportedly in ballast, carrying no cargo.

For a time, the crew of *Manistee* was able to free it, but could only operate at low speeds, due to the icy conditions. The *Bay* was on scene at 8:50 a.m. and was able to safely free the motor vessel and escort it through the Round Island Passage and into the open waters of Lake Huron.

In support of Operation Taconite this year, the *Bay* has broken ice throughout Lake Superior and Lake Michigan, but aiding vessels close the cutter's homeport is particularly special for the crew. "We don't get many opportunities to assist our local community, right here in St. Ignace," said Lt. Matthew Walter, commanding officer of *Biscayne Bay*. "Any time we can meet the needs of industry here in the straits and take care of our neighbors, it gives us an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to our unit motto of the 'Sentinel of the Straits'."

GRAND TRAVERSE BAND CHAIRMAN AIMS TO REPRESENT MICHIGAN'S 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

As tribal chairman of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Derek Bailey made a name for himself as an independent thinker who can forge consensus between his tribal members and the broader community. Now he's ready to take that talent to Washington.

If elected, he would be only the ninth Native American Congressman in our nation's history. He recently talked about his qualifications: a record that rests largely on his three-and-half-year term governing his own sovereign nation, the Grand Traverse Band, which like other federally recognized tribes, is considered a semi-autonomous government within the United States.

Like any candidate, Bailey has his

challenges to overcome. No doubt there will be people who wonder about the possibility of a dual allegiance – to both his tribe and the United States.

And even when that is not an issue, Bailey will obviously have to work harder to explain where he comes from than either of his opponents, Democrat Gary McDowell, a former state representative, and Congressman Dan Benishek, a Republican and the 1st district incumbent.

He'll have other obstacles, too, Bill Ballenger of *Inside Michigan Politics* points out, among them name recognition and the fact that he is not from the Upper Peninsula, as are McDowell and Benishek. "They don't like to vote for trolls [the U.P. nickname for people who live below the Mackinac Bridge] up there," Ballenger says.

The candidate has a strategy, and it begins in the district's Indian Country, which includes eight of the state's 12 reservations. That's one reason why the night after he declared his candidacy, Bailey headed back north, to dance – clad in his traditional ribbon shirt, beaded yoke and double-eagle bustle – in a Sault Ste. Marie Rotary event. On stage with his stepdaughters, Dannis and Panika, he stepped through the ancient Sneak Up dance, moving in his beaded moccasins to the slow build of a drumbeat before finishing in a burst of energy, as in a hunt.

Bailey is a familiar face on Beaver Island, thanks to the many grants the Grand Traverse Band has awarded us. He has always come across with intelligence, dignity, and concern. He will soon speak here.



by Larry Hansz

Who are the men and women of the United States Coast Guard who are ready when we need someone sick or injured evacuated from Beaver Island? Who responds in the middle of the night, in bad weather, when no one else will come?

AMT 2 Steven Taticek joined the National Guard in his hometown of Rantool, Illinois and right after 9/11 his unit was called to active duty. He was sent to Germany where he remained fighting boredom. Upon returning to the states he searched for a service “with a mission” that fit him, and joined the Coast Guard. Steven now is a Flight

hot refuel, pick up our swimmer AST2 Luke Cotturone [an RS in TC now], and start making our way to a vessel which had run aground. We arrived and assessed the situation. Luke and I had a plan of attack almost immediately. The vessel was in no immediate danger but the crew on board had already put on their survival suits. The temperature outside was absolutely freezing. The entire deck and rails of the boat had a layer of ice. The vessel was listing partially on its side. I lowered PO Cotturone down direct to the boat and it was a perfect delivery, but due to the list and ice we opted to abort the hoist. After recovering the swimmer we reassessed the situation and decided since they

was a ‘save of the century,’ or anything of that nature. It was actually just considered ‘lives assisted,’ but it was memorable because of the cold temperature, ice on the aircraft deck, and hands numb. No one even considered quitting. There was an overwhelming feeling of achievement, even though it was standard operating procedure for that area.” This certainly is a humble account of “just another day at work.”

AST2 Luke Cotturone, the Rescue Swimmer mentioned above, is also now stationed in Traverse City.

His hometown is Suffolk, Virginia; he and his wife Nancy who is from Poughkeepsie, New York have two



Mechanic on MH-65C helicopter and has been at the Traverse City Air Station for three and one half years. A flight mech sits in the middle seat, handles the radio and GPS, acts as another set of eyes for the pilots, and operates the hoist. When operating the hoist he verbally “cons” the aircraft as the pilots cannot see the swimmer or basket so the mech gives them instructions: “right 20 feet”, “down 10 feet”, “hold.”

Taticek recalled one memorable flight. “I believe it was winter 2007 in Kodiak, Alaska. I was on the ready crew that day and was flying as Flight Mechanic on training flight. We received a call to RTB [Return to Base],

were in survival suits to put them in the water and recover each by basket. The swimmer was lowered to the water and one by one we put a survivor in the water and in the basket.

The first survivor came up with a load of water in his gummy suit [survival suit]. Water began to freeze to the deck of the aircraft making a very slippery surface for me to manage the hoist. Also, with being wet and the freezing temps my fingers became numb and I lost dexterity in my hands. I had to continue hoisting with just the use of my palms and arms. I recovered survivors 2 and 3 and then our swimmer. This wasn’t memorable because it

children. Luke originally considered the Marine Corps but joined the USCG instead. After basic training he spent three and one half years on the USCG *Tampa* a 270’ high endurance cutter based on the east coast. Seagoing life focused his desire to become a CG aviator, one of the “lite” Rescue Swimmers.

Aviation Survival Techs are currently getting a lot of TV coverage on the Weather Channel’s *Coast Guard Alaska* show. The sixteen-week training on the show is only the “prep school” which one must pass to attend the actual AST School. Seventy-two percent of candidates accepted for AST training

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do not make the grade, which for physical training is equal to or higher than that of the Navy SEALs. When the eighteen-week physical and flight aspect training is successfully completed in Elizabeth City, North Carolina the candidate goes to Petaluma, California for EMT training. Upon graduation a new AMT receives orders to one of twenty-four USCG Air Stations and is fully ready to stand Rescue Swimmer duty.

LTJG Matthew Kruger is from Waterboro, Maine. His father was in the Air Force and he had an older brother who was a pilot in the Coast Guard. Matt knew from high school days that he was going to join the Coast Guard.



He applied to the CG Academy in New London, Connecticut but was not immediately accepted, however, they sent him to the U. S. Naval Academy Prep School in Newport, Rhode Island. After excelling there he was accepted into the sophomore year of the Coast Guard Academy where he majored in government studies. The Academy offers eight degree options: electrical engineering, mechanical engineering, civil engineering, naval architecture, government, management, environmental science, and operations research. Matt also played football and hockey.

At graduation from the Academy

Matt received orders to Naval Air Station Pensacola, Florida for flight school, where Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, and some Air Force aviators train. Coast Guard pilots get the same training as the Navy and Marines except for carrier landings. Basic flight skills are honed in a T-34 two seat fixed wing trainer. After six months a successful candidate moves to advanced fixed wing training or advanced helicopter training. Matt chose helicopters as he says "helos are where the work gets done." Between eighteen and twenty-one months are required to complete all training modules.

Matt's orders following graduation

Cheboygan, Michigan and the Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinac* (the original *Mackinac*) as an "Engineering Officer in Training." He was on the *Mackinac* from June 2003 until May 2005, when he got orders to report to Pensacola for flight training. At graduation he received orders for Traverse City.

Kevin and his wife Christine went to the same high school in Mount Laurel, New Jersey. They have a two and one-half year old daughter. Christine received a masters degree from Grand Valley State University extension in Traverse City. Both love outdoor activities such as mountain biking and camping. When asked if he was going to stay in the CG, he



at Pensacola were to report to USCG Air Station Traverse City. He loves being stationed in Traverse City but looks forward to flying in Alaska or the northern coast of the U. S. He plans to be married February 25 to Carlie Braswell, who is a Pensacola native. She will be pursuing a masters degree from Western Michigan University extension in Traverse City.

LTJG Kevin Garcia has been in the USCG since 1999. He is a 2003 graduate of the Coast Guard Academy with a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Kevin's first orders were to

emphatically said "Absolutely! If they let me fly, I'll stay in forever!"

Although only four men have been profiled in this article, Air Station Traverse City has an active duty staff of about 150 men and women, which includes 28 pilots and 60 air crew. Also, many are non-aviators such as cooks (FS), health services technicians (HS), a doctor, a dentist, storekeepers (SK), yeomen (YN; handle administration), operations specialists (OS), and several non-rates directly out of basic training. They are *Semper Paratus*: Always Ready. Ready to help those in need.



DAVID BRODER'S COLUMNS TO APPEAR AS A BOOK TO BENEFIT THE BIRHC

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The Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board has approved a unique offer and fund raising proposal from the family of the late David S. Broder. The Washington Post reporter and columnist died last year, ending a career covering national politics that spanned more than 50 years. He was often referred to as the "Dean of the Washington Press Corps." Married to Ann Collar Broder, and son-in-law of Island historian Helen Hoffman Collar, Broder honeymooned on the Emerald Isle in 1951 and wrote about it often in his nationally syndicated columns that were carried in over 300 papers. Some of these columns, written from the Island, are the basis for the project to benefit the Health Center and the community it serves.

Ann and David's sons – George, Josh, Matt and Mike – have researched and compiled the Beaver Island columns, about three dozen in total. They are going to publish the collection in book form, and deliver copies to the Health Center by

Memorial Day this year. Ranging from the early 1970s to this past decade, the columns provide wonderful snapshots and insights to Island moments as they simultaneously reference national issues of the day (at that particular time). The Health Center, with support from other civic leaders and marketing by the Chamber of Commerce, will manage the retail distribution and sale of the book.

The Broder family is underwriting the entire cost of the project, so 100% of all revenues collected from book sales will support the Health Center.

"This is a terrific gift from the Broder family, and great opportunity for the Health Center to improve its financial standing. As a facility that serves Islanders and visitors of all ages, 12 months a year, we are constantly under pressure to find new sources of money," said Health Center Board Chair Denny Cook. "We are honored and pleased to be the beneficiary of this truly one-of-a-kind fund raising project. We will do all we can to encourage Islanders, summer residents,

their friends and their guests to acquire copies to read and enjoy for years to come," Cook added.

The exact number of copies to be produced, and the cost, is still being considered by the Broders. These decisions will be made soon, with input from the Health Center, civic leaders and the Chamber of Commerce.

"This book is a tribute to our father, who embraced Beaver Island as our entire family has for five generations, since 1915. He admired and delighted in the people, the characters, and the community over his long adult life – its quirky independence, Irish heritage, self-reliance and patriotism," said oldest son George Broder. "This effort is a demonstration of his and our family's love of Beaver Island that we hope delivers for readers the same type of smiles, laughs and joy we experience when reading these gems."

For more information on how to support and participate in this project, please contact Donna Kubic at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center . (231) 448-2275

Following is a list of photo subjects needed; Please take a look through your albums, archives, and libraries for any

images that you'd like considered for this fund-raising project. All photos used will receive a credit in the book. Deadline:

Friday February 10th. Bring to BIRHC or mail to Matthew Broder, 30 Spring Glen Terrace, Hamden, CT 06517.

PHOTO/ARTWORK LIST FOR DAVID BRODER BEAVER ISLAND COLUMNS BOOK

Beaver Island School circa 1970	High water on Lake Michigan (no beach, near a house?)	Fall photo on Island	Old town dump shot with people there
Nuns at Beaver Island School	Low water on Lake Michigan (large beach expanse)	Photo digging an Island water well	Fourth of July parade 1976 (bicentennial)
Harbor Scene	Images of Indian Sun Circle	Animals in the road (turkeys, fox, etc.)	Carnival near parade route, 1976
Harbor Lighthouse	From 1989 study of future of Island, drawings of condos on Paradise Bay?	Large Island snake	Cruise ship Columbus tourists on Beaver Island
"Planners Map" of St. James circa 1973	Peaceful shot of uncrowded St. James downtown	Shot of Post Office circa 2001 with large tree next to it	Ireland Ambassador visiting Beaver Island
Ferry boat circa 1974 unloading lots of passengers	Helen Collar visiting an Island family	Photos of Main Street repaving project	Photo of Matt Hahn from CMU
Bud McDonough circa 1975, preferably with gas pump	Helen Collar room at the Historical Society	Photo of Old Rectory	Charlevoix Drawbridge in mid-raising
Big Rock	Gov. Engler on Beaver Island, 1991	Photo of World Trade Center slab on Beaver Island	
Photo from Cole wedding in 1980	Gull Harbor scenery	Bush for President sign on Beaver Island	
Family reunion photo of large Island family	Winter scene on BI; lots of snow and ice	Mary Scholl	
Eddie Palmer and the Beaver Island Boys performing	Cruise ship <i>Columbus</i> in the harbor	Ferry dock with iron fence shown prominently	

24. 2ND ANNUAL "GAIL'S WALK" SUNDAY, MAY 27TH 2012 @ 3:00 PM

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

A minimum donation of \$10 per person is asked for this 5k untimed event. Children 5 and under are no charge.

If you can't join us, but would still like to donate to this worthy cause, your donation would be appreciated. Shirts

are available in adult sizes S-XL for \$10 and XXL are \$12.00. Order forms are due by April 1st; Walk forms will be accepted through the day of the event. Email Beth Croswhite or Kerry Smith for order forms.

Please make your check out to BIRHC (Beaver Island Rural Health Center) in memo please put: "Gail's Walk", and mail to: Beth Croswhite P.O. Box 143, Beaver Island, MI 49782



This walk will begin and end at the Public Beach parking lot.

Any questions please contact: Beth Croswhite bethjoddy@gmail.com, (231) 448-2820; Kerry Smith (231) 448-2601, ryanandkerry@tds.net; Joan

Banville 448-2092; Lynn Cary 448-2575; Lisa Gillespie 448-2888; or Dawn Marsh 448-2910. Lynn, Joan, and Dawn can also be reached at McDonough's Market (231) 448-2733.

THEN IT FELL

All fall and winter, loyal, trusting, hopeful Island residents and visitors went outside under the moon and did their snow dance, but to no avail. Christmas arrived with nary a trace of white fluff. People grew so angry at the local weatherman's unfilled promise of a large drop that many gave up watching TV.

Finally, on January 12th, we awoke to find the ground covered with a good inch. Rejoicing, snowmobile suits were climbed into and snowmobiles climbed on and driven out along the trails. Nobody wanted to quit—many surfed the drifts to and past midnight. This is why we stayed here instead of heading for Texas or Florida.

A week later we had a big melt (41°) that turned the ground to slush, but the next day it snowed again, and then a little more came down in many of the following days. Our five-pound boots stayed on, our faces remained rosy red, and our breath was exhaled as clouds of crystalline mist as we gave thanks, and energetically hoorayed.

C³F GRANT DEADLINE IS NEAR

Grant applications to support arts and culture, education, the environment, community and economic development, health and human services, recreation and youth are available by calling the Charlevoix County Community

Foundation office (231) 536-2440. All proposals must be discussed in advance. Eligible nonprofits must serve residents of Charlevoix County or Emmet County and work to enrich or improve life for local residents. The

deadline is March 1, 2012. Applications will be reviewed by community members and youth advisory committee members and recommendations will be forwarded to the respective Boards of Trustees.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Who should be this year's Beaver Island Citizen of the Year?

The Official 2011 Citizen of the Year nomination form is now on the Chambers's website and linked from the Beacon site as well. Once again there will be two possible awards: Individual and Organization, to honor an individual, couple or community organization

that has made a significant contribution to making Beaver Island a better place to live, work or visit.

Previous winners have included Don Vyse, the Beaver Island EMS, Connie Wojan, The Beaver Island Hospice, Phil and Lil Gregg, John Feigen, Jim Wojan, Pam Grassmick, Jim Gillingham, The Beaver Island Fire

Department, Jeff Powers, and Pete Lodico.

Nominating only requires writing a few paragraphs along with your name and contact info. The deadline is April 4, 2012. This year's Award Banquet will be Saturday, April 28 at the Shamrock. Please call The Shamrock (231) 448-2278 for reservations.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

Local human service agencies are planning the 5th annual Charlevoix-Emmet Project Connect for March 21 from 10 to 5:30 at the Community Building at the Petoskey Fairgrounds. Project Connect connects people in need with a range of health and human services needed to improve their lives.

"Project Connect provides an all-inclusive, one day event for people in

Charlevoix and Emmet counties to access a wide variety of resources and easily network with others in their community," says Kathy Hart, Co-Chair of the Events Committee of the Poverty Reduction Initiative, a workgroup of the Charlevoix-Emmet Human Services Coordinating Body (HSCB), and Director of the Manna Food Project. "By bringing together all of the services

to one place on one day, we can make an immediate difference in the lives of many people."

For more information or to volunteer goods, services or funds, call (231) 487-1006 or (231) 347-8852. The Char-Em United Way website is www.charemunitedway.org. And a video of Project Connect 2010 can be viewed on youtube.



NEEDS-A-JUMP



IN MEMORY: MICHAEL CULL, "CAPTAIN" OF BAY CITY

27.

Cull, Michael Carl "Captian" of Bay City, Michigan, age 64, passed away Monday January 23, 2012 at Bay Regional Medical Center following a lingering illness. He is survived by his mother Claire Cull; two children,

Mike Cull and Molly Cull; and their mother Kitty Cull; two grandchildren Madysen and Bayou; nine brothers and sisters. He and Kitty lived in the family home on Beaver Island briefly in the early 1970s.

BEAVER ISLAND READER IS TAKING SHAPE

The response has been very encouraging to the request to hear from those on the Island who feel its culture should be represented by writing, as well as music and art. Several people have offered to submit poetry, fiction, and commentary, plus art, either set on the Island or inspired by time spent here.

The hope is for more material to come in by April 1st, and for it then to be circulated, with the writer's names removed (names will reappear in the

book itself, of course), to a small group of volunteer readers. Work recommended will then go to the editors, who will do their best to meld it into an appealing book of around 120 pages, due out in mid-June.

A further hope is that enough copies (~200?) will sell to reimburse the project's backers, and provide funds for continuing the enterprise next year. If you're interested in being part of this in any way, send questions or material to beaverislandwriters@ymail.com

NMH EXPANDS

Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, which flirted with Spectrum and made overtures to BIRHC, has joined Flint-based McLaren Health Care, effective immediately.

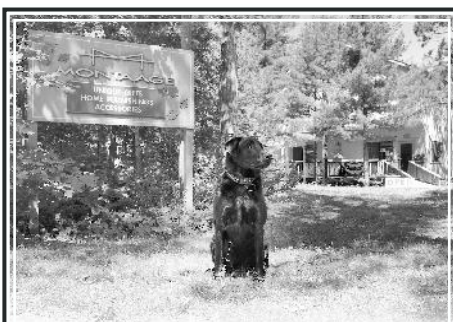
The process to evaluate a relationship began with a letter of intent in July. It committed both parties to negotiate exclusively and confidentially, precluding discussion with other potential partners. With the due diligence process complete, the Trustees at both organizations unanimously approved this new relationship, whereby NMH joins a network of nine other Michigan hospitals as a subsidiary of McLaren Health Care.

"This is a tremendous day for our hospital, and for the communities we serve. Today, we strengthen the future of Northern Michigan Regional Hospital, retaining local control while joining forces with one of the top 25 integrated healthcare systems in the United States," said Reezie DeVet, NMH President and CEO. "Joining McLaren Health Care is consistent with our strategic plan to develop integrated partnerships for resource sharing and to ensure the viability of our organization into the future."

With more than \$4 billion in annual revenue and "double-A" credit ratings from Moody's and Fitch, McLaren has sustained a revenue growth rate of 20% per year for nearly 20 years.

"This decision is the best choice for our Hospital and patients in northern Michigan," DeVet said. "One of the key benefits is the shared belief that the provision of healthcare is local. We will continue to be governed by our local Board of Trustees, and all funds raised by our Foundation will remain local. As in the past, NMH will make business decisions locally based on the needs of the communities we serve. At the same time, we gain the support of a large, successful, prestigious healthcare system. It is truly a win-win for both organizations."

"We are pleased to have gained the confidence of the management, physicians, and Trustees at NMH to pursue a collaborative relationship that supports their continued growth and success," said Philip A. Incarnati, President and CEO of McLaren. "We share the same perspective for the provision of healthcare services moving into the next decade – deliver high quality care that is measurable, accessible, and affordable."



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Recently our Historical Society celebrated having had a good year in 2011, which it attributed to the help of *many* volunteers.

It said 2011 got off to a great start last spring when 20+ CMU honors students arrived and helped with several projects – including removing debris from the interior and grounds of the

Mormon log cabin which became the Doney Home. Shortly thereafter several school groups, ranging from elementary to grad students, toured the Museum, and thought the Island's dramatic history was amazing.

Two Notre Dame interns arrived in June to spend six weeks digitizing, transcribing, and recording new interviews.

The Society also hosted and provided speakers for the Michigan Archival Association's annual conference.

During the summer several improvements were made at the Marine Museum, repairing and adding exhibits. The *Bradley* lifeboat was painted, and the *Grey Ghost* put in place.

The siding on the Protar Home's east

CLIMATOLOGIST, ECO-SURVIVALIST TO VISIT

Noted national climatologist Guy McPherson plans to visit the Island on February 20 to make presentations about the two primary consequences of our

fossil-fuel addiction: global climate change and energy decline.

Guy is professor emeritus of natural resources and the environment at the

University of Arizona, where he taught and conducted research for twenty years. His scholarly work, which has for many years focused on conservation of

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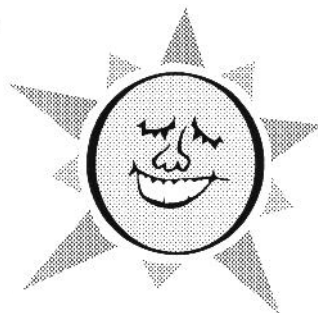
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side was removed, the upper part in the spring and the lower in the fall – neither time disturbing the bats, which moved to a newly-placed nearby house.

Membership exceeded last year's. Some large donations arrived. The special events were a great success. And the Endowment Fund continued to grow, reaching \$65,000.

The Society agreed to work toward a partnership with the Little Traverse Conservancy to enhance and preserve the Doney Home at its original location at Little Sand Bay. Plans include creating informative signs.

Speaking of signs, a Committee was formed to consider how many signs should be placed, where should they go,

what should they look like, and if a brochure could be created to locate the signs in a historic tour.

The Print Shop addition project began to pick up steam. The Board decided to focus on a simple but elegant 3-story addition (a full basement, a main floor for exhibits, and an upper floor for more displays plus archival research).

biological diversity, has produced 10 books and more than 100 articles. He lives in an off-grid, straw-bale house where he puts into practice his lifelong

interest in sustainable living via organic gardening, raising small animals for eggs and milk, and working with members of his rural community. Guy devel-

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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 lakefront 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." 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.

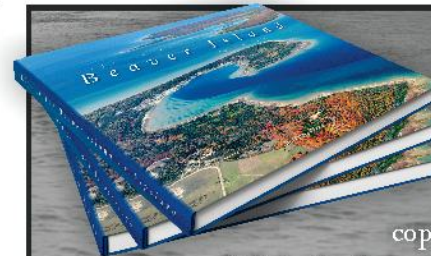
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THE "RUSHIN' GIRLS"

The Island was saddened to learn of the passing of the third of the "Rushin' Girls" quintet. Marian Rick Skubick passed away on 1-21-12, joining Mary

Fox Young who passed in 2009, and Margaret Lynch Gibson who passed in October 2008. During WW II they provided a monthly newsletter to Island

servicemen and their friends, starting with a few dozen and increasing circulation to 200 in four years. To do it they were "always rushin' around."



32. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

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

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 1, 1912
Marriage licenses:
"Dan P. Gallagher, St. James, 37; Christina Smith, St. James, 23.

Beaver Island News: "We received our first mail on the ice Jan. 19th. Willie Gibson and Frank Left, mail carriers, report good ice between Beaver Island and Cross Village."

"The ice harvest is on again. John Floyd and sons are filling ice houses for Mr. Donlevy, Robert Beutel and several others."



"Capt. M. J. Bonner is out again after two weeks illness."

"Miss Mabel Connaghan, teacher



at High Island school was sick and there was no school for a week."

"James H. Gallagher who was confined to the house the last three weeks with a severe attack of tonsillitis (sic) and grippe is improving."

"Deputy Sheriff Chas. Roddy made a business trip to High Island last week."



"Don P. Gallagher went to Charlevoix on business."

"Fred Nackerman arrived home from Newberry, where he was working for a year."

"Trout fishing is good. Pischner caught nine fine trout in one day."

"Married, at the Holy Cross Church Wednesday, James D. O'Donnell and Elsie Schmidt."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 7, 1912 Circuit Court Calender: "Chancery Division - Union Trust and Savings Bank, Flint, vs George H. Heimforth, et al, foreclosure of mortgage."

Local News: "For the first time in 13 years Lake Michigan is believed to be frozen from shore to shore."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 8, 1912 **Local News:** "They are spearing and hooking slathers of big trout at the Beavers, and most of them are shipped to the booth Co. here by the Cross Village route."

Beaver Island News: "Anthony Malloy went to Levering and Petosky with his team on business."

"Ed Pratt went to Harbor Springs



on business."

"Nels LaFinere (sic) went to Charlevioix as a juror."

"McCanns have filled their ice house."

"The ladies of Holy Cross Church gave a progressive pedro party. Lunch was served, and all enjoyed a good time."

"Mads Jensen and wife of Garden Island, spent a day

visiting friends and relatives on the Island."

"Trout spearing is fine this year. Jack Anthony done (sic) the largest



day's fishing this week, 131 pounds."

"The ice is about 22 inches in the harbor."



"The mail carriers made their trip twice a week, report good ice." (Note: Feb. 1 - 9, Fair, 2 degrees below zero to 20 degrees below Feb. 8 a. m.; Feb. 10 Snowstorm, 4 degrees below to zero. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 14, 1912 No Beaver Island related news.

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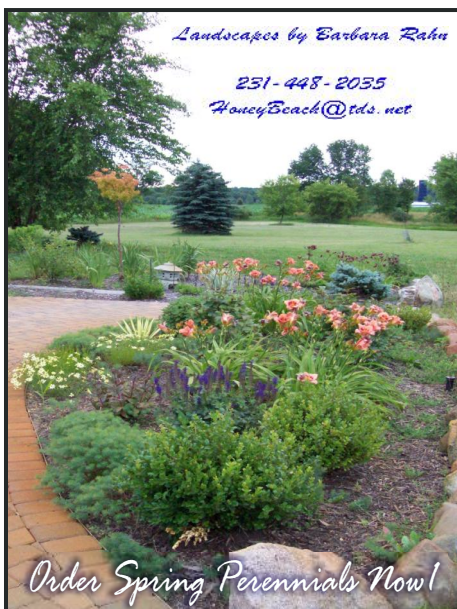
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34. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 32.
Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 15 **Beaver Island News:** "George Heimforth came over with a party to buy his mill and timber on High Island."

"Nels LaFeniére (sic) returned from a business trip to Charlevoix and Grand Rapids."

"The mail carriers report a very cold ride Friday facing a breeze of west wind - 21 degrees below zero when they left Cross Village."

"The young ladies of Holy Cross

Church gave a pedro party Wednesday evening."

"Mads Jensen has broken the record in trout fishing this year. He landed 17 in one day with hook and line. M. J. McCann, Oscar Martin and Jas. H. Gallagher are to be heard from yet."

"M. J. Bonner and Dominick are fishing perch. Tom claims to be the boss, but it looks as though he is the crew."

"The ice harvest is over. John Floyd and sons filled the last house this week."

"John McCann is fixing his dock up for the spring."

"E. C. Northcut of Garden Island, bought the Tilley and Milkie (sic) mill. He will operate it where it is for the year, but expects to move it to Garden Island later." (Note: Feb. 11 - 20 Fair; 10 degrees below zero to 18 above. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 21, 1912 No Beaver Island related news. (Note: Feb. 21 Storm, 7 degrees below zero to 20 above. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 22, 1912 **Beaver Island News:** "The Gleaners gave a dance for charity Friday night."

"Henry Vincent is here from Naubinway buying fish."

"The mail carriers went to Cross Village Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Crane, of Freesoil."

"The Apron Club had a party at Mrs. W. J. Gallagher's Sunday evening in honor of Miss Martha Gallagher. Cards, music and refreshments. All had fine time."



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February 12: Pastor Howard Davis



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"Married at Holy Cross church Monday, Daniel P. Gallagher and Miss Christina Schmidt. Supper at Schmidt's and dance at the new hall followed."

"A. Malloy took a party to Levering last week."

"Mrs. John Bonner is quite ill at her home."

"W. J. Gallagher has been visiting his family at the Island."

"Daniel Green, of this place, who was mate of a Goodrich boat the past season, disappeared from the boat about Christmas, and a search failed to locate him. His body was found last Sunday in Chicago river. His mother, who is a widow, is a resident of the Island."

(Note: Feb. 22 - 25 Fair, 10 degrees to 32 degrees, Feb. 25 first weak thaw at noon; Feb. 26 Snowstorm, 20 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 28, 1912 No Beaver Island related news. (Note: Feb. 27 - 29 Fair, 0 degrees to 10 degrees; still snow water. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday,

Grand Rapids, MI
February 19: Pastor Harold Kruse
Eastport, MI
February 26: Pastor Harold Kruse

ALWAYS UP AND RUNNING

Dorothy Willis wants to thank all the friends who welcomed her back to the Island last month, after her fall. If you are one of those she mowed down with her walker, either on that day or later, at the Shamrock or the grocery store, she wants to assure you she didn't mean it. "All they had to do was get out of my way," she recently stated. "I don't know what *they've* got to complain about - *I'm* the one who has to use the dang thing!"

A CORRECTION

Marc Tenser meant to say that the Assisted Living Center was located properly:

"Putting the Assisted Living 100' from a bar—finally we do something that makes sense."

February 29, 1912 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island mail carriers have been very fortunate in their Cross Village trips since beginning the service a month ago. Two trips per week have been made regularly without mishap and it is probable, the way it looks now, that the ice service will continue a month longer. Aside from the mail outfit, there have been almost daily runs by special rigs, carrying passengers and freight. Thus far there have been no accidents and nobody frostbitten, although trips were made on some of

the coldest days of the winter."

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Beaver Island News: "The body of Daniel Green, who was drowned in the Chicago River Dec. 10th, arrived at the Island the 23rd, via Manistique and the funeral occurred from Holy Cross Church on Saturday last. Mr. and Mrs. P. D. McCauley of Manistique, were here to attend the funeral. The K. of C. Officiated as pallbearers."

"Miss Lillian Green, of Manistique, is here visiting her mother." (Note: Feb. 29 At 1:30 a. m. Sophia Bonner died. F. Protar)

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Pat shares his unique insights into growing older—and colder—on Beaver Island!

February 18 – Annual Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids Party -
www.beaverislandclub.com
See page 34.

February 18 – Winter Fest at Lake G.
12 pm – 4 pm on Lake Geneserath -
Access from public boat launch.

Fun for all Ages – Come enjoy the winter – Ski plane flying (weather permitting), wonderful food, canoe rides, and special friends. A great way to enjoy a winter's day. New Event at Winter Fest – come learn some important outdoor winter survival skills. Participate in emergency fire-building and learn how to construct a survival shelter. Kayak Ken with Inland Seas School of Kayaking will be demonstrating these skills.

February 18 – 10:00 to 4:00: NRESC and MSU at the Community Center.

B.I.F.D.A. SUPPORT

The Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary works tirelessly to raise funds for our volunteer fire department. Thanks to everyone who has supported their efforts through the resale shop and in other ways. The following is a record of purchases by the B.I.F.D.A., 2009 to 2011:

7/15/2009	
10 new Tables for Firehall	\$592.22
12/19/2009	
Fire Pump	\$6,727.71
1/6/2010	
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1/6/2010	
Firemen's Jackets	\$1,642.00

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SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry. East Side Dr.—only four miles from town. Awesome sunrises — walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level.

No pets and no smoking. Please call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be seen at: www.bayhaven.beaverisland.net

A GREAT HARBOR VIEW - from a great "in-town" trailer. Perfect for a couple of working people. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Furnished and fully equipped kitchen. \$1500 a month. Please call (231) 448-2235 for reservations or more details.

LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY - pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: \$500. Call (734) 449-0804 or email dlelzey@gmail.com

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February 20 – **Guy McPherson** talk at School and then at the Center
 March 17 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day** - The Great Day and the Annual Games on Beaver Island
 April 29 – Beaver Island **Citizen of the Year Banquet**
 May 6 – **PABI Road Rally**. Meet at the Shamrock at 1:30
 May 27 – **2nd Annual Gail's Walk** 3 pm
 June 16 – both **Island Museums open** for daily visits until Labor Day
 June 21-23 – **Beaver Island Bike Fest** beaverislandbikefestival.com
 July 15 – 4th Annual **Beaver Island**

Archipelago Challenge Poker Run to benefit the Community Center. Call 231-409-6034 to register or email bicommunitycenter@tds.net

July 16-21 – **Museum Week**, including Lois Stipp's three-day **Art Show**

July 19, 20, 21 – **Beaver Island Music Festival #10** www.bimf.net

July 23-29 – **Baroque on Beaver** - A Festival of Classical Music www.baroqueonbeaver.org

August 10 - 12 – **Homecoming**

October 6 – **Bite of Beaver Island, Apple Pie Contest**, and the **Island Boodle**

3/26/2010
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 11/24/2010
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 12/21/2010
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 8 Fire Coats \$5,260.00

7/9/2011
 Radios and Pagers \$4,445.70
 7/9/2011
 Hoses and Nozzles \$573.65
 9/7/2011
 Pagers for EMS \$4,491.29
 12/19/2011
 More Fire Hose \$2,885.00
 Total 2009 through 2011: **\$39,412.23**

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$980 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.




WEEKLY RENTAL - Lakefront. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1 1/2 bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

WATERFRONT COTTAGE - On the east side. Available by the week or weekend. One BR, full kitchen and bath. Enjoy the water and the woods, year round. Off-season rates. Complete privacy. (231) 448-2907.

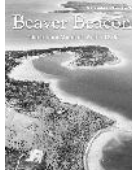


SAND BAY - sleeps 8—amenities—available May- September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email robin@robinleeberry.com

A HOUSE RENTAL - Cute 2 bdrm house in woods near town, public beaches, and bike path. Screened porch. Washer, dryer. No pets, no smoking. \$595/week. Call (231) 871-0477.

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dana.luscombe@gmail.com *continued on page 38.*

To place an ad that will be seen with the Island's largest circulation, please call (231) 448-2476 or email beacon@beaverisland.net

COMBS COTTAGE ON SAND BAY:

Charming beachfront cabin nestled in the woods 50 yards from the water, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, full kitchen, washer/ dryer, queen beds in 3 rooms with two sets of xl-bunks in the 4th. Satellite TV. Perfect for families. \$900.

Security deposit. Available June-Sept. Website: www.combscottage.webs.com email: combscottage@ymail.com; or call Nancy at (719) 599-3147



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

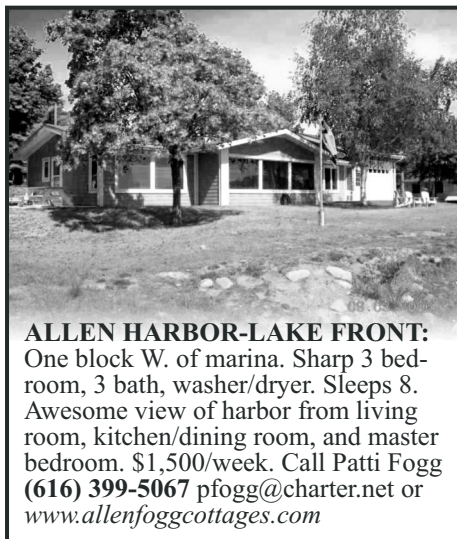


WATERFRONT HARBOR HOUSE FOR RENT:

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



JUDE'S RENTALS: Pleasantly situated in the heart of it all! Jude's house is nestled among the peaceful nature of Beaver Island in addition to being just walking distance from the harbor, historical museums, shops, restaurants and the beach. Call Jude Martin (231) 448-2673 or (616) 726-2432

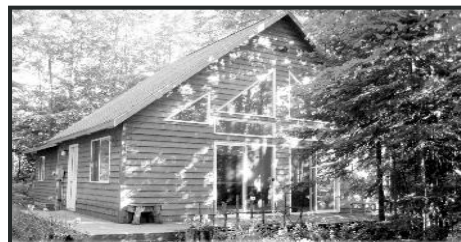


ALLEN HARBOR-LAKE FRONT: One block W. of marina. Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. \$1,500/week. Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net or www.allenfoggcottages.com



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

COTTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL FOX LAKE - One bedroom, one bathroom, full kitchen, laundry with bunkhouse. Cottage sleeps six and is 20 minutes from town. Dock, rowboat and deck overlooking the lake. \$700/week. No smoking and no pets please. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com
THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor. Four bedrooms, three with double beds and one with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed



BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE: Beautiful wooded lot on Donegal Bay, conv to beaches, hardwood floors, & cathedral ceilings. This chalet-style cottage is new, bright and airy with a large front room and cathedral ceiling, lots of windows, and double sliding glass doors. Convenient access to the best beach on the island. Only \$725/week. Off-season \$475. Call (517) 927-2374 nprawat@yahoo.com



ON THE HARBOR: Furnished upstairs apartment overlooking beautiful Paradise Bay. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully equipped kitchen. Porch and deck area on the harbor with possible dock slip. \$800 a week. Please call (231) 448-2235 for reservations or more details.



linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer/dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733 or tammymcd107@yahoo.com.
SECLUDED 1940s LOG CABIN just one block from lake and market on one acre - Sleeps 4-6, pets welcome (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$700/wk; weekends available. (219) 863-2655 or email cehlah@urhere.net

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10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD Beautiful, wooded, great building site; \$39,000. (231) 409-1214.

FOR SALE: PORT OF ST JAMES, LOTS, 717 & 716 perked, 716 well, septic and drive approved. First \$6,000 takes both lots. Firm. (231) 854-9831. michael.delia@muskegoncc.edu
40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD - Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.

WATERFRONT HOME FOR SALE - 3 BR, 1¼ bath, at Sand Bay. Sandy beach, 2 lots: 1 w/ recently remodeled home and garage, 1 w/ large pole barn. Just appraised at \$285k. Call (231) 448-2034.

FOR SALE, 11 ACRES ON EAST SIDE DRIVE - good land, 357' on road, 1373' deep; \$28,900. Phone (231) 448-2545.



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



FOR RENT MAIN ST. 3300 SQ. FT: 5 Bedrooms. 3 Baths. In-Town. 1/2 block from ferry - Across from yacht dock. 1 block from public beach. Responsible parties only. Reasonable. Call for info, Kathleen Wood, (231) 448-2311 Home (231) 598-1119 Cell.



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



SHORTY'S PLACE:

In town with a beautiful view of the harbor and our beach lot across the street. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sleeps 6. Dalwhinnie and McDonough's within walking distance. \$1,200 per week. Call Patti Fogg: (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net Website: www.allenfoggcottages.com



LAKEFRONT: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths + large lower level with sleeping for 6. Sleeps 12 total. Washer/dryer, bikes, kayaks, wrap-a-round porch, views of sunset & Garden & Squaw Islands. \$1400/week. (773) 663-7772. Website: www.LinnsLakeLodge.com E-mail: Info@whatproperties.com



HIGHVIEW - BEACHFRONT

HOUSE FOR RENT: Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1 1/2 baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (941) 921-2233 or (317) 769-6563 More photos at highview.beaverisland.net



7 PINES - Weekly Rental. Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, *DOG friendly*, \$750/week, Contact Gretchen Fogg at (616) 318-1424 or gabf24@gmail.com

HAGGARD'S SUMMER RENTAL HOME - Overlooks Paradise Bay across from the Maritime Museum. Sunset view of harbor and village of St James is a winner. Comfortable custom home sleeps 8-10. 3 baths. Public sand

beach close by. Well mannered pets welcome. Only \$1,200 per week. Call (231) 547-4046 (day) (231) 547-6600 (evening) or email samhunt59@yahoo.com

LOCH WOOD SHORES - About four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedrooms, 2 with double beds, 1 with two twin beds, one and a half bath, w/d, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Call (231) 448-2733 or 448-2499.

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

TWO LOTS IN THE PORT ST. JAMES - NEAR FONT LAKE. Perked, wooded, buildable. #708 & 709; electric and phone right there. \$14,000 each. Call Peggy at (269) 671-5557.

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

20 ACRES WEST SIDE ROAD - \$55,000; 16x18 rustic cabin (no electricity or water); Apple orchard and deer blinds; great location for hunting; 1/2 mile north of Fox Lake Rd; contact: Mike Eicher (248) 766-4205.

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NORTH SHORE 300' BEACH

FRONT: Newly remodeled Sunset Cabin overlooking Garden Island. Charming cabin with 3 season porch has Queen, Full/Twin bunk-bed and sleeper sofa. Located on Pine Street, easy walk to town. \$1,000. a week June through September. No pets please. Call (231) 448-2050 for more info.



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