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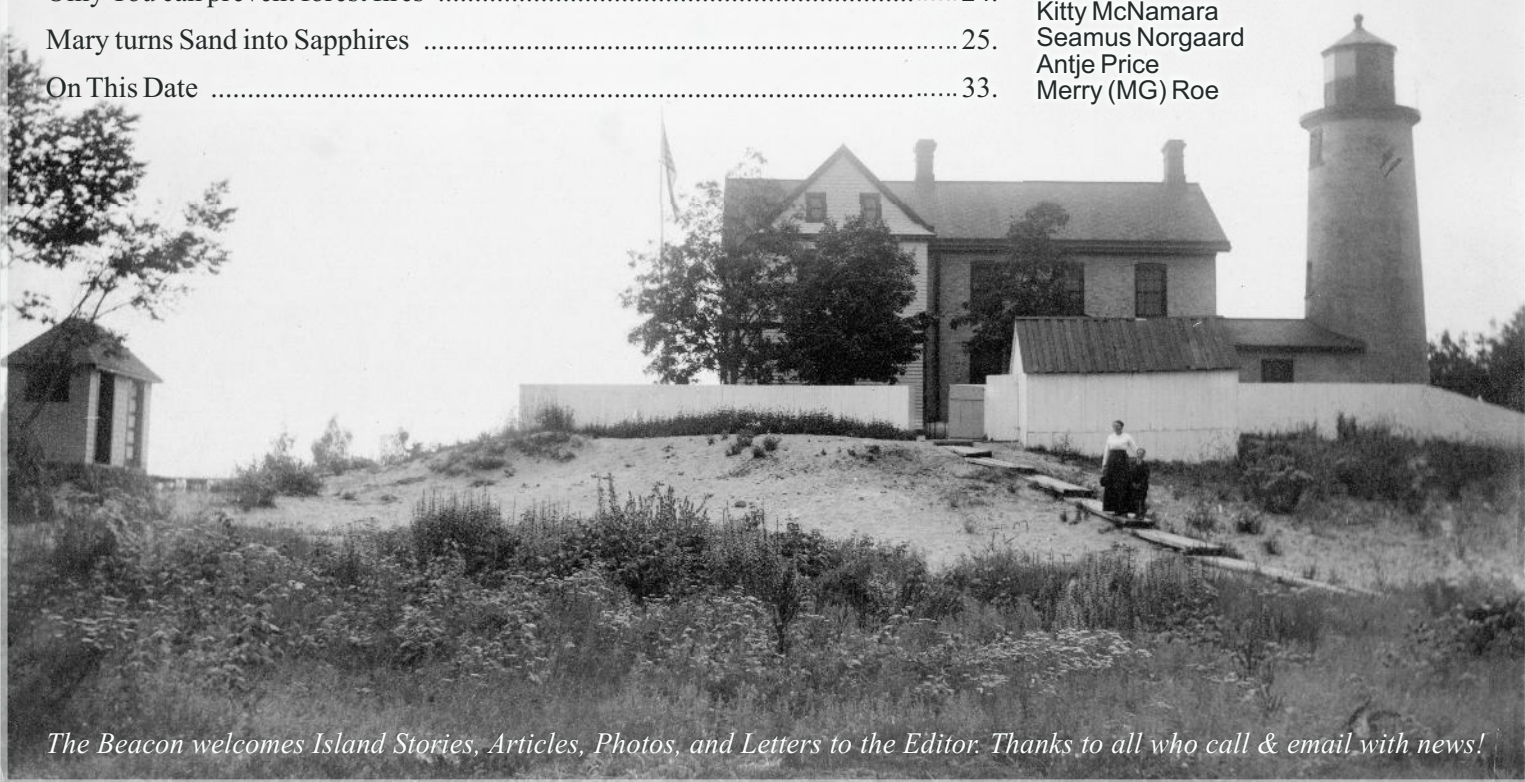
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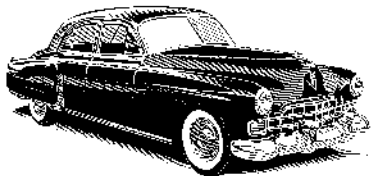
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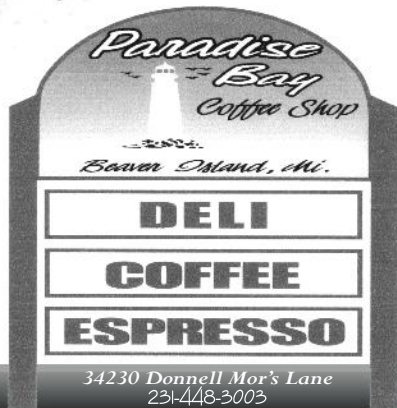
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### St. James Township

Appointing a member to the Library Board, which had been deferred from the previous month's meeting because it had not been posted, was taken up. The previous applicant had withdrawn her application because of the controversy, but two new applicants appeared, Kathy Tidmore and Joan Vyse. Both submitted excellent resumes, showing experience with schools and libraries. Joan Vyse was chosen because she had been the Beaver Island librarian and so was very familiar with our procedures and needs. The Clerk pointed out that technically a position does not have to be posted if a reappointment is being considered.

The Board discussed the possibility of installing a reservation system for some of the slips at the Municipal Marina, but did not make a decision. The committee researching this was to continue its work. There was hope that the Walstrom party could be given the go-ahead for August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. It planned to utilize every dock in the harbor to accommodate its many boats. At the same time the Board did not want to alienate any long-term customers.

The Board approved the grant

application to pay for the additional land at the airport. It listened to a brief annual report about NRESC's activities over the past six months, supported a grant request to the Grand Traverse Band for funds to install air conditioning in the Senior Housing, agreed with the Waste Management Committee's request to post for a full-time manager at the Transfer Station and a part-time bookkeeper (10 hours/week to catch up, then 5 hours)—five applications had already arrived, and decided to not ask for a raise in their salaries.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation presented a check for almost \$5,000 to the Township for work on the Lighthouse restoration.

The Board of Review dates and times were set: on March 12, 9:00-12:00 and 3:00-9:00, and on March 16 9:00-3:00. The assessors would be here on March 16.

### Recreation Plan

At the St. James meeting Pete Plastrik presented the proposed Recreation Plan. He explained the lengthy process involving determining current recreation assets, conducting a survey of people's needs and wishes, posting



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the results, considering feedback, holding public meetings, and finally arriving at a comprehensive plan.

Recent additions to the plan included a greater provision for special-needs recreation seekers, and protection for the Garden Island cemetery. The plan was said to be fiscally responsible but not have "something for everyone." In particular it seemed the construction, maintenance, and operation of a much-desired community swimming pool was well beyond our financial ability.

Members of the audience asked for the plan to give more emphasis to the traditional recreations of hunting and fishing. At the same time a clause in the draft suggesting the Chamber make this its priority was tempered by a statement that the Chamber should support all forms of recreational activity.

An audience member also stated that any work to come from this plan should be slanted to help provide local jobs. The supervisor said that one project might involve the construction of a pier and dock after the Whiskey Island trade is consummated, but before any work could begin an engineering feasibility would have to be done—and that would be

the subject of the first grant application.

The proposed plan called for the Township to consider maintenance and upgrading requirements in its annual budgets for the next five years. The supervisor thought such an allocation was feasible but could not exceed \$5,000/year.

The St. James Recreation Plan was approved unanimously by resolution, and its author received many compliments and thanks for his work. After a few revisions it will be sent to the DNR.

#### Peaine Township

The monthly meeting only lasted a half hour. The members of the Board agreed to not seek a raise in their salary.

The annual Electors Meeting was set for March 31, starting at 11:00. The Board of Review would be held on March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. The special joint township meeting with Michael Slattery, the airport ambulance consultant, would be held at 7:00 at the St. James Hall on March 8.

The Wildlife Club presented a proposal for improving fishing at Fox Lake. It hoped to improve shoreline access by trimming limbs from trees, which currently block *continued on page 6.*



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6. *Township News*, from page 5.  
casting (and are full of lures). It also wanted to install portable dockage to make it easier to get in and out of boats. A more orderly way to store boats there was also being considered. The Club hoped to receive public input about its ideas, and then to discuss them further at the next Peaine meeting. It wanted to complete its work by July 1.

### Whiskey Island

News was circulated that the trade has now been consummated. St. James has given up Whiskey Island, which it purchased on a tax sale for a little over \$13,000, and in exchange has acquired the former Field Station—the home where the Deputy resides, plus 100' of frontage on the harbor.

### NRESC

The NRESC held an all-day meeting with John Beck and Julie Brockman, the MSU facilitators, on 2-18 at the Community Center. Several Islanders also attended. There were two parts to the meeting. The first was a presentation by Brian Mastenbrook about the DNR's past, current, and future plans for its third of the Island. He invited questions as he went, and several were asked—and comments made. It became obvious

during the talk that the DNR is experimenting, trying to fulfill its mandate and trying to balance input from special interests and ordinary citizens. Along the way it has changed direction several times, and embarked on programs that had to be revised or even abandoned as results were analyzed.

At present its holdings here are classified as a Wildlife Research Area. There are a hundred other comparable sites in Michigan, all of them much smaller. They all have been given individual master plans to guide their use, but ours has not—because its size and location has made it more complicated. Like every other state agency the DNR has lost funding, and its staff of wildlife researchers has dwindled. The task of creating a master plan for the State land remains, though, and the DNR is hoping a citizen effort, probably helped by the NRESC, can at least do some of the preliminary work. This would be good for the Island too, because it would allow the Island people to suggest elements they feel would be in everyone's best interests.

Throughout the morning a number of interesting facts came out, such as that the Island's beavers had become extinct and were reintroduced by the DNR in 1947. More than half of the

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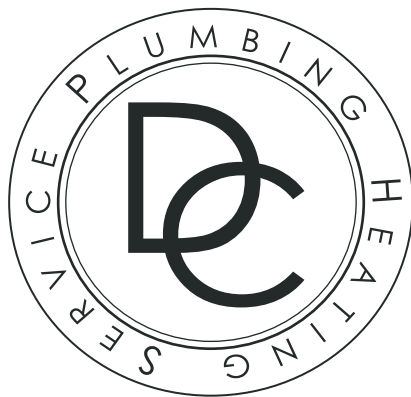
State land (64%) was purchased through the Pittman-Robertson Act (money from hunting equipment purchases). Thirty years ago an attempt was made to place a designation on High Island that would have eliminated trail clearing groups on machines and not allowed craft to come to shore anywhere other than at the Israelite clearing, but it was fought off by Islanders. In the 1960s pilot programs (such as about grouse) were instituted on the Island, but that has ended.

The 21 people in attendance appreciated the better understanding of the DNR and its involvement with the Island provided by the discussion.

After a lunch break the group moved upstairs to the Hangout, where it talked through its plans to gather input from diverse groups of stakeholders about what an Island-wide natural resources plan should contain and what it should avoid. The facilitators are willing to conduct several small group discussions—with students, hunters, hikers, business people, government officials, residents, land owners, and visitors—starting in the middle of March. NRESC members had submitted questions that could be asked to get people talking, and these questions were cooked down (and later modified).

Some people had thought the former commission attempted to do too much; its natural resource management plan was heading toward a comprehensive list of detailed action steps when the effort was rerouted. Now the project is to first seek broad consensus before suggesting what could be done. There is an overarching desire to not ignore a single voice, to not leave out anyone's point of view.

Two days later the NRESC's executive board met briefly to discuss the day-long event, which it found helpful. It agreed to recommend to the full body that a second subcommittee be created to work with other agencies to create an Island-wide recreation plan, following on the heels of St. James' success. It thought some Township funds would be needed for publications (including drafts of the management plan expected to take shape in the fall) and to bring in desired speakers for special presentations—such as for an invasive species summit. It learned that this summer's program to conduct an inventory will begin at the Island's south end and move north, concentrating on State land; the target is to study 6,000 acres this year. It hoped to press for the completion of protections at the Wagner Campground as well.



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## RESILIENCE ON BEAVER ISLAND

The recent visit to the Island of Dr. Guy McPherson, Conservation Biologist and professor emeritus, stirred many emotions in the public. It's not surprising. The voluminous research, studies, and implications he shared on the twin topics of Climate Change and "Peak Oil" (the decline in the petroleum that has fueled our way of life) were not fun to hear. Whatever our reactions might be though, we should recognize this was a rare opportunity to hear the latest statistics and studies on these topics, and address our questions to a very knowledgeable research scientist. We were fortunate to have Dr. McPherson here to speak for free, and our sincere thanks go out to the several individuals who made this program possible, as well as to the Community Center and the school for hosting.

It's not widely known that the study of Climate Change is part of the Michigan Curriculum for public schools. We might think that with the rapidly melting ice caps and the recent, wildly damaging weather patterns there would be more of a public consensus on human-caused climate change. Yet a recent study conducted by Yale University found that while 40% of American adults are alarmed or concerned about climate change, another 25% remain dismissive or doubtful. This shows a lag time in public awareness, despite the fact that

for climate scientists the debate is largely over. Quoting the Yale Study: "approximately 97% of publishing climate scientists agree that climate change is occurring and that it is caused primarily by human activities."

So what do we do? And what can we tell our children? As a historian who has interviewed many Beaver Island elders, I know the Island community here to be resourceful and resilient. Many of the elders speak with pride of passing through the Great Depression with ample foodstuffs on the Island. Everyone was fed, precisely because there were self-sustaining farms that produced nearly all that was needed to feed folks on Beaver Island. This was still possible for some into the late 1950s, when the last of the sustainable farms disappeared, and the Island became an oil-dependent community (with apples now coming from China, shipped over with the rest of our food).

There is a saner alternative. With a growing public awareness now of the implications of rising oil prices and climate disruption, there is a worldwide movement called the "Transition Movement." It involves communities that are aware of the twin challenges of declining oil and climate change, and are in the process of "re-skilling" in order to move toward more food, energy, and economic self-reliance. First founded by

Rob Hopkins in Ireland, the Transition Movement is now almost 1,000 communities strong in 34 countries around the world.

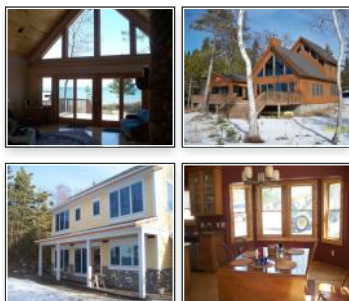
There are whole islands that have taken on this challenge, and Beaver Island certainly could become one of them. For an interesting example of one island that is transitioning toward greater self-reliance, google "Transitioning Whidbey" and click on the youtube video there.

In conclusion, we can balance our response to "the bad news" we heard by remembering the serenity prayer: "grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and the wisdom to know the difference." Instead of denying that these changes are coming, we might try to make lemonade from the lemons. As Rob Hopkins puts it: "While Peak Oil and Climate Change are understandably profoundly challenging, also inherent within them is the potential for an economic, cultural, and social renaissance the likes of which we have never seen. We will see a flourishing of local businesses, local skills and solutions, and a flowering of ingenuity and creativity. We will have become more humble, more connected to the natural world, fitter, leaner, more skilled, and ultimately, wiser."

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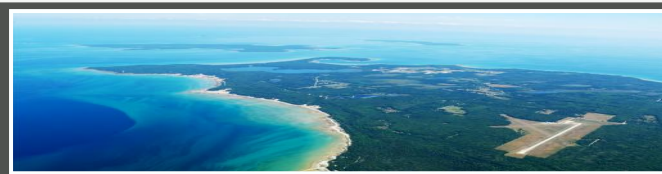
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Noted climatologist Dr. Guy McPherson was on the Island on 2-20 to speak to two groups at the Community Center, the students in the afternoon and 23 citizens in the evening. What he had to say was not welcome news, and he was attacked both before and after his talks, for only presenting one side.

His talk concerned the soon-to-arrive change to the world culture, and involved two major issues: the effects of burning oil, and the new lifestyle we'll have to adopt when the oil is gone. He

did not present his personal views so much as cite the opinions of a growing number of those who have taken a careful look at our situation and found our prospects dire.

Our use of oil has unleashed a vicious cycle of global warming, 75 named prominent individuals, such as George Soros, agreed. The amount of carbon we have injected

into the atmosphere in the past century, which has been more every year, has had unfortunate consequences. The global temperature has gone up by almost 1° C. That doesn't sound like much, but it has set off "feedback loops" which current projections indicate will cause an increase of perhaps 6° C by mid-century or earlier, which will be a disaster he said: land will flood, crops will fail, the oceans will die, and diseases and small predators will flourish. It will be difficult for humans to survive. The industrial

economy with which we have grown up, which many of us have assumed would carry us into a Star Trek-like future in three or four hundred years, will simply wither and disappear.

One example of a feedback loop is the melting of the glaciers and the polar ice cap. With them present, a certain portion of sunlight is reflected away from earth, but as they diminish, more sunlight is absorbed by the blue seas so that the warming is accelerated—which then accelerates the melting. Other loops involved the proliferation of methane bursts into the atmosphere from peat under the Siberian forest and the bottom of the sea, and the drying out of the Amazon rain forest to the point where it has now become a producer of carbon dioxide to the atmosphere, instead of a carbon trap.

Our economy has been based on consuming, and to consume is to exhaust, he said; nothing is in infinite supply. We have heard warnings of the oil supply beginning to run out all our lives—usually offset by reports of new

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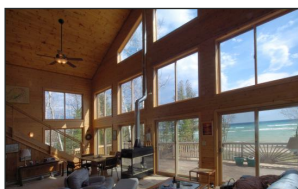
compared to our great need, and are increasingly more expensive and more dangerous to procure. At the same time the global population is increasing by 227,000 people a day, so the diminishing resources are being doled out in increasingly smaller shares. None of the alternatives (wind, solar, waves, or nuclear) can be geared up to the scale required by our industrial economy, which, without energy, simply cannot be maintained McPherson explained.

But these observers felt the imminent economic crash was actually good news because it was the only thing that would stop us from killing ourselves via global warming. Everything will soon change, they maintain, and all we can do is take baby steps to postpone it a little while preparing ourselves for the coming realities by getting a jump on leading a simpler life. Dr. McPherson recommended four steps: recognize that the economy is dependent on the environment; use only local materials; consume materials at the rate they're produced; and rely on human support. All we really need, he said, is water security, food security, body temperature control, and community.

discoveries. But research suggests the peak has been passed (in the U. S. in 1971 and in the world supply in 2006), and every year there will be less oil. New discoveries are a drop in the bucket



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## BEAVER ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTER

*At the Heart of a Good Community*

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*March Madness!*

**Sat 3/10 2pm – Pot 'O Gold 'O Fun!** Come paint the Window Rainbow and reach into our Pot'O Gold for treats and prizes!

**Sat 3/10 3pm – “Jig”** Documentary telling the remarkable story of the 40<sup>th</sup> Irish Dancing World Championships.

**Sat 3/24 1pm – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Easter Egg Scramble & Visit w/the Easter Bunny**  
Hop on over to the Comm Center and scramble for the Easter Eggs filled with treats and prize tokens! Then visit with the Easter Bunny for more fun and treats and stay for the Muppets new movie at 2pm!

**Coming Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm – Alma College Choir**  
No other Michigan college choir maintains as intense a concert and touring schedule as Alma. Join us for this polished group's BI debut. After singing here, their next performance will be on the Emerald Isle – and we don't mean the boat! Tickets: \$12  
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## 12. STRIVING FOR BALANCE

The Beaver Island Community School did not intend to sponsor Guy McPherson's message, or to promote his teachings. The school did not pay any fee or any other expense for this speaker. The School simply wanted to provide an opportunity for our students to hear from a nationally-known conservation biologist. The school's science curriculum exposes students to a variety of instruc-

tional materials relative to these topics.

Our intention was to allow our students the opportunity to hear this speaker and to use their own critical thinking skills to evaluate for themselves the validity of the views presented. After the presentation, secondary teachers took time to discuss the presentation with the students and to help them use critical thinking and reasoning skills in

science, math, and social studies classes to draw their own conclusions.

The school has made arrangements with Cheri Leech of Raven Hill Discovery Center in East Jordan to present a different view of the subject to the students. Cheri's presentations will focus on Climate Change, but tie it to the more optimistic long-term nature of change in the natural world. —Kitty McNamara

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### Public Notice

#### Beaver Island Transportation Authority Proposed State Application for Marine Passenger Capital and Operating Assistance, FY2013

All citizens are advised that the Beaver Island Transportation Authority has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2013, as required under Act 51 of the public Acts of 1951, as amended.

The Beaver Island Transportation Authority is requesting \$222,000.00 at an estimated cost of State of Michigan Marine Capital Passenger assistance, (new boarding stairs, dredging and dock design and renovation on Beaver Island) and operating assistance in the total amount of \$801,100.00. Local match amounts are included in both requests.

The proposed application is on file at the Beaver Island Transportation Authority, 26195 Main Street, Beaver Island, Michigan, and may be reviewed during a 30 day period beginning March 1, 2012. Between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

The Beaver Island Transportation Authority ensures that the level and quality of transportation service is provided without regard to race, color, or national origin in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. For more information regarding our Title VI obligations or to file a complaint please contact us at the address given below.

Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic, and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or requests must be received on or before March 31, 2012. Should a hearing be requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to Beaver Island Transportation Authority, Post Office Box 426, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782

## I DARE YOU

A few weeks ago Joe and I watched a documentary DVD titled FORKS over KNIVES. It wasn't a long DVD but it was an eye opener. The subject matter is one that affects all of us, every day of our lives, determines our health and our well being. That subject is FOOD. The message is clear, what we eat determines our health. We in the United States of America are faced with a population that is getting sicker quicker than any other nation in the whole wide world. Isn't it time to take personal stock of you? Isn't it time to make some dietary changes that could change your life?

I dare you to watch this video. It is now available for your education at the public library. —Lois Williams

## "GAIL'S WALK"

In honor of Gail Weede, we will have a Memorial Weekend Walk to raise money for Island families with unexpected or long term medical treatment. 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, please do. Shirts are available for \$10 to \$12. Orders are due by April 1<sup>st</sup>; Walk forms are due by the day of the event 5-27. Email Beth Croswhite [bethjoddy@gmail.com](mailto:bethjoddy@gmail.com) or Kerry Smith [ryanandkerry@tds.net](mailto:ryanandkerry@tds.net) for order forms. Please make your check out to BIRHC; 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 starting at 3:00 pm. For questions contact: Beth 448-2820; Kerry Smith 448-2601, Joan Banville 448-2092; Lynn Cary 448-2575; Lisa Gillespie 448-2888; or Dawn Marsh 448-2910.

### Health Occupations Students

The Health Occupations Students of America class went to Muskegon on January 20<sup>th</sup> to compete in the regionals competition. Thirteen students went to the regionals and all thirteen students are going onto the state competition in April at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. The students had to make it into the top 10 to move on in their categories. Their categories were Forensic Medical, Sports Medicine, Physical Therapy, CPR/First Aid, Medical Math, Extemporaneous Health Poster, Extemporaneous Writing, and Medical Photography. The students were seniors Jamie Campbell, Michael McCafferty, and Olivia Schwartzfisher; juniors Marissa Crandall and Michael Pryor; sophomores Erin Boyle, Jewell Cushman, and Ronnie Marsh; freshman Emily Boyle, Madie Martin, Hannah Robert, Trent Williams, and Meg Works. BIEMS director Sarah McCafferty prepped the students for this competition as their Health Occupations teacher. Island Airways flew the students to Muskegon for the event where the pilots and owner Angel Welke acted as chaperones for the event.

—Olivia Schwartzfisher

### Junior Achievement Titan Challenge

The Beaver Island team of Olivia Schwartzfisher, Michael McCafferty, Jenna Battle and William Lemmink traveled to Davenport University in Grand Rapids for the annual Junior Achievement Titan Challenge. The Titan Challenge is a business computer simulation where teams use their knowledge of business and finances to determine who is the Titan of Industry. Students act as chief executive officers of virtual manufacturing companies and compete to earn the highest performance index. The teams are prompted to make decisions that affect the profitability and sustainability of their virtual company and attempt to outperform their competitors in profit, sales, and market share. They set prices, determine production levels, invest in capital, plan marketing and research, and development budgets. The BICS team, The Omegas, took first place in their pool of teams – outscoring the

other teams by 100 points! They then competed against the other first place teams in the final round. They took 5<sup>th</sup> place in that round. Overall, there were over 200 students participating in the Titan Challenge. BICS's 5<sup>th</sup> place was out of approximately 56 teams. The team has been preparing with business teacher Connie Boyle. Parent Dusty Cushman traveled with the team as a

chaperone.

Both of these competitions are a required part of our state certified vocational programs: Health Occupations and Business Services Technology. Funding for these programs comes from the Career & Technical Education millage levied in all school districts in Charlevoix and Emmett Counties.

—Connie Boyle



## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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Thank you,

Keith and Rachel Teague

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# THE BIOGRAPHY OF A BOAT BUILDER

by G. Felixson

**H**is name was Carl E. Felix. Carl was born January 5, 1920 on the north side of Chicago, Illinois, the son of Knute and Elvina Felix, who had just immigrated to America from Sweden a few years before. He and his older sister Esther spoke Swedish until they went to school.

My Pa had a love for the water and a love for boats that just went to his very core. Because of his love for boats and the water, he spent much of his life around the old boat yards on the North Branch of the Chicago River. There were a lot of them in the old days; Heinrichs, Bonds, Grebe, Zenders, just to name a few. I know because that's where I grew up too. I am his second son, Captain Glenallen G. Felixson. Yes, he's a Felix and I'm a Felixson – it's one of those Swede things.

But enough about me, I would like to share my Pa's story with you. Though Carl wasn't a large man, he had a larger than life personality, always searching for more knowledge and looking for the next adventure. He admired wealth and had a desire to succeed, and what follows is only a glimmer of the life that Carl lived and the stories that he had to share.

Carl was always nuts about boats and airplanes. His biggest hero was Charles Lindbergh. Carl's dad taught him how to use tools and he was a natural, being born to a craftsman. He once made a real airplane in his dad's garage! Being so young, it wasn't long before Carl's dad thought, "This kid is going to kill himself with that damn thing!" So he broke up the airplane. Carl's old man did

not have the vision that my Pa had. Maybe it was a good thing or I wouldn't be writing this.

Having established himself at a young age, Carl always found work at the harbors or in the boat yards. He ended up in the loft at Grebe Shipyard located on the North Branch. For those of you who might not know, a "loft worker" would lay out the lines of a boat on the floor of a building according to the dimensions that the ship's architect specified. During World War II, Grebe Shipyard was one of the last shipyards that produced wooden ships for the



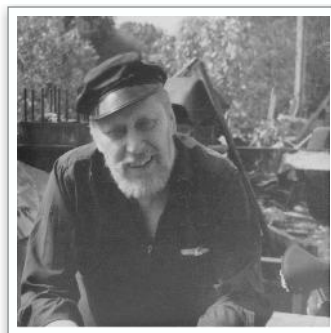
U.S. Navy (minesweepers, which could not have a metal hull). From what I know, he got an opportunity to sail up the lake in the summer of 1937 as part of the crew on an old sailing yacht. That's when Carl discovered Beaver Island, Michigan.

Back then, the Beaver was still a pretty wild place from the old school. The Island was 32 miles from Charlevoix and out in the middle of Lake Michigan.

It was an isolated community founded by Irish immigrants, loggers, fisherman, and farmers. "Tougher than a cob," as their fathers and grandfathers were when they took the Island back from King Strang and his Mormon followers in 1856.

What a place it must have been in the late 1800s.

Steamboats, sailing ships, fish tug—and three taverns in town! No wonder he fell in love with the Island. It was in his heart – a true Viking to the core! I don't know how long he stayed here but it



must have made an impression since he returned years later.

Around 1940 he met my mother, Eleanor Johnson, at a dance. What a beauty! He didn't realize that he had gone to grammar school with her. Ingrid Bergman had nothing on my Ma except her fame! Face, figure, sweet nature – a complete knockout, if you know what I mean. The poor fool didn't have a chance. So Carl and Eleanor were married in 1940 and my older brother Kurt arrived shortly thereafter.

Carl worked in pattern shops (this has to do with foundries) when he wasn't fixing or building boats. Around 1944 things were getting tougher with the war. They needed men, especially men like my Pa who knew how to do things.

He got drafted right around the time that I showed up. They let him postpone his induction for a few weeks to see me born and then he had to go. I didn't see him for two years.

Carl ended up in the Corps of Engineers and in all places, Bastogne, where the Battle of the Bulge was held. He was up to his waist in river

water trying to rebuild bridges the Germans had bombed. My Pa told me that he would never forget the look on the faces of our young guys – just out of boot camp and heading to the front to face the best that the Germans had to offer – hardened battle troops fresh from their Russian front. This was before we took control of the sky. The Messerschmitts were bombing and strafing us at will. Well, enough about that, Carl made it home around 1946 and did receive a Bronze medal for all his efforts. I saw my Pa for the first time after I saw the "black mailman": he was wearing a uniform (what else would I think?) so I asked him, "Are you my Daddy?" There was a good laugh over that one.



Now back in the U.S., Carl went to work for Howard Foundry Co. and bought an old 1908 40' Friendship Sloop with his buddy Harry Geffert. After somewhat fixing up the *Captain Pierce*, they headed for Beaver Island. They had nothing but a box compass and an old atomic-four motor that barely ran. That's the way it was back then. A chart and landmarks, no radio, were all they had to go by.

They must have had a good time on the Island, though, because when Carl got back he sold his half of the house (which his dad and he had bought on a G.I. loan after the war). Carl loaded up the *Captain Pierce* with everything he needed and sailed back with my grandpa (my Ma's dad). My Ma, brother, and I took one of the last trains to Charlevoix. It was 1952.

We took the old *North Shore* ferry (the true inventor of rock and roll) over to our new home on the Beavers. What a dynamo my Pa was! He built "alone" four cabins, a hot dog stand, and a restaurant with a dance floor, all out of logs. Swede's Villa was on the map.

Carl was in heaven! He was having so much fun that out of nowhere my younger brother Leif showed up in 1955. What a place to be a kid! I was in heaven myself. After some hard times, a lot of adventures, but mostly good experiences through the fifties, the glow wore off.

Business was slow if it existed at all so Carl decided to go back to Chicago. He sold our place on the Island in 1959, took the money, and bought a nice old house on the North Branch of the Chicago River. Carl was given the position of Superintendent at a large new yard on the North Branch. What a "head trip" for a guy who never went to high school! Carl's main goal was to make sure that the craftsmanship was up to par but it was a challenge dealing with the big corporate world. He toughed it out until I graduated from High School. My older brother Kurt had already joined the Coast Guard and had become a Cutterman. (The Cutterman, a professional mariner, would endure the rigors







and dangers of sea duty for a substantial period of time. Kurt's ship would spend six weeks straight in the North Atlantic off and on throughout the year.)

It was 1965 and Carl headed up to Door County, Wisconsin to "super" a yard in Sturgeon Bay. He rented an old farmhouse just outside of Egg Harbor, and met a guy named Frank Hoffman. Frank owned a bar named the *Twin Anchors* (which was mostly for fun) and was a commercial diver and steel worker. Frank was "One Tough Guy" so naturally he and Carl became good friends. Carl was also a diver and was a founding member of the Aqua Ventures, one of the first dive clubs in the Great Lakes back in the forties.

Pa's diving adventures are what led him to the "raising" of the *Alvin Clark*. She was a 150' old gaff-rigged schooner that sank in Green Bay around 1854. This schooner was wonderfully preserved because it was in 100'+ of dark, cold, fresh water. When she hit the surface they pumped her out and she actually floated on her own. A little piece of trivia about the *Alvin Clark*: she was all double-plank white oak construction; there was actually one plank in the interior of the schooner that was 64' long, 24" wide and 6" thick! Anyway, Frank dug a channel in the Menominee River so the *Alvin Clark* could be brought to shore, thus creating the Mystery Ship Seaport – then located in Green Bay. But Pa's adventures would continue elsewhere.

After that, Carl once again traveled back to Chicago where he bought an old wooden fish tug named the *Sparta*. He proceeded to turn it into a showpiece as it contained a piano, fish tank, galley, and a head with a tub. All were built from scratch. Around this same time, Carl was reading about the diamonds being discovered in Central America. He took a two-week course in Geology at the YMCA and headed for British Guiana – right into a revolution. There were armed guards at the ramshackle hotel where Pa stayed, complete with gun shots at night and bodyguards – if you could afford them (not on his budget).

Pa met a guy at the local bar (but where else?) who had a car and a plane just out of town. The two of them would sneak out the back door of the hotel at night, make it to the airstrip and take off at dawn. Somewhere in the interior of the



country they started digging holes. This certainly didn't impress the local natives who had "damn Yankee gringos" messing around in their back yard so the *federales* promptly escorted them out of the country before things became any worse.

Well, Carl made it safely back to Chicago where he and I ran the old Heinrich's boat yard for a couple of years. Good times, but not much money. We lived in our boats on the river, where we often found ourselves working with local authorities to keep the area safe and crime-free. It was a decent living because we didn't pay rent and we didn't have to worry about taxes and the electricity came from the factory above the bank. We even tapped into the city water line.

Around 1974, Carl got the itch to go to the North East Coast so he sold the *Sparta* and bought property on Grand Manan Island, Canada (south of New Brunswick). But because of international complications, Carl decided to sell the Canadian property and bought an old wreck of a place outside of Lubec, Maine. It was older than dirt but structurally sound. It took Carl, my two brothers, and I six months to fix it up. We gutted the interior and repaired the roof, foundation, and septic, and it turned out pretty nice.

Seafood was abundant in Lubec and before long Carl started "Nordic Delights" a pickled herring company. However, he was eventually bought out as he pursued another adventure that would ultimately provide a better future. That's when he answered an ad in the local newspaper for a boat building instructor for the Washington County Vocational Technical Institute - boat school. He got the job and became good friends with "the boss," Junior Miller. Those were the good years for Pa. It was a post graduate course and a bit of a challenge dealing with the sharp



young guys who were really interested in learning how to build a boat from scratch. Carl made many good friends and their continued correspondence with him is why I am writing this story.



Unfortunately Junior Miller died in the early eighties. Pa wanted to take his place and run the school, but the others at the university and those who owned the school couldn't accept someone like my Pa (who didn't have a sheepskin) running their school. So under new management



with someone who didn't 17. know squat about building a boat, my Pa retired in 1985 and moved back to Beaver Island.

Carl and my Ma were well received by the Islanders since they left in good standing many years before. He opened a little shop on Main Street where he made custom boat models. This was satisfying since he was his own boss and there was never a shortage of customers. He later got together with a guy who wanted to build white hulls down in Tampico, Mexico. Carl decided to head south to teach his craft to the Hispanics. They were good craftsman and after awhile they were turning out fine quality boats. But the whole thing went south in more ways than one – something to do with "deep pockets and liability."

My sweet Mother passed away in 2003 and that was the only time I saw my Pa cry. As time went on Carl lost the vision in his right eye from a detached retina and his hands became too shaky to run power tools. I joined him in the shop to split the rent. We had a nice place to meet old friends. After all, I had become a Captain and had spent over 15 years as the Harbormaster on Beaver Island. I knew a little something about boats and people too! Carl must have had some influence on his children as his youngest son also inherited the love for water; Leif became a commercial diver and once worked as a "Lobster Man."

Pa passed away on Beaver Island on June 23, 2011. The respect that Beaver Island had for Carl was prevalent in his send-off. Carl was given a full blown AmVet ceremony with rifles, horns, and a procession – the whole works. So here I am sitting in his favorite chair looking at his portrait on the wall. You had a full life Pa and since I was a part of it, thanks for memories.

© Your Number Two Son,  
Capt. Glenallen G. Felixson,  
February 3, 2012



## 18. NEW FERRY DESIGN AWARDED

**E**lliott Bay Design Group (EBDG), of Seattle, recently won a contract to design a new 150' steel ferry for the Beaver Island Transportation Authority (BITA). The 150-passenger, 24-vehicle ferry will be operated by the Beaver Island Boat Company and will replace a 50-year-old vessel serving the small Island in Northern Lake Michigan, the *Beaver Island* (see the note in *On This Date*). The new ferry will be powered by two geared diesel engines of approx-

imately 1,500 horsepower each, with fixed pitch propellers.

"We are trying to go as green as possible with our new design by increasing fuel efficiency with a narrower beam and newer engines," said Barbara Schwartzfisher, Executive Director of BITA.

The vessel will have a design speed of 13.5 knots, a beam of 42' and a hull depth of 15'. In addition to reducing the service's environmental footprint, BITA is looking to design a better expe-

rience for passengers on the 2.5 hour crossing by offering Wi-Fi and making the boat quieter and more comfortable.

The design will meet accessibility guidelines for passenger vessels, and feature an enclosed car deck.

"We are very pleased to be working with BITA and the Beaver Island Boat Company on this project," said the Chief Concept Engineer at EBDG. "We recognize that ferry boats are essential lifelines and a critical part of both daily life and the tourism trade."

## PABI'S "BIG CHALLENGE" CAMPAIGN

Late in 2011 the Beaver Island Community Center received a tremendous boost when PABI was given a \$1,000,000 challenge grant to eliminate the Center's debt and build its endowment. Accepting the generous offer from the Welter Foundation, PABI quickly developed and announced its "Big Challenge Campaign" and sought help in raising the \$500,000 needed to match the 2-to-1 million-dollar award.

The PABI Board recognized the extent to which the Beaver Island Community Center has been an asset for the people of the Island—for year-round and seasonal residents as well as visitors. The Board knew how much enjoyment the Island's comedy group, community players, visiting musicians, guest speakers, student actors, and other presenters brought to our community. They realized that the children of the Island performed their best on a good stage with bright lights and big sound. They watched Island seniors enjoy their CoA activities, and they saw how much people of all ages appreciated a place to get information, relax and share with one another, and enjoy leisure activities in a pleasant setting.

But the PABI Board was not prepared for the tremendous "vote of appreciation" they would receive after an initial appeal for help with the new Campaign aimed at sustaining the Center's future. The response was gratifying and heartening to the many community volunteers and donors who've given so much over the years to have the Center here.

In the first three months of the BIG CHALLENGE Campaign, appreciative residents and visitors contributed over half of the monies needed to match the Welter Foundation Grant. PABI received over \$250,000 from Beaver Island residents and visitors who deeply appreciate what the Community Center offers to Island families and the Island community. The Preservation Association Board members were understandably surprised and extremely grateful for the response.

But they must still raise another \$250,000 over the next ten months to get to the \$500,000 needed to leverage the 2-to-1 match from the award. And this will indeed be the "Big Challenge" – since the Center's most ardent fans certainly came forward first—and the

task of getting the next set of donations will be more difficult. But there are still folks out there who didn't know or who've forgotten about the opportunity to pay off the Center's debt and build its endowment at a time when every dollar they give will be tripled—thanks to the Welter Foundation.

The PABI Board has affirmed its intent not to seek tax dollars for support of the Center, and has worked instead to build and operate the facility only as community support and private donations allowed. Now the future long-term success of the Center can be assured once the Big Challenge is met—though the Center will always rely on volunteers and community participation in its events and activities to break even. But it will be forever available to serve the Island's year-round and seasonal residents as well as its many appreciative visitors.

Those who might want to know more about the Big Challenge Campaign can contact PABI Board members or the Community Center by phone (231-448-2022); their website [beaverislandcommunitycenter.org](http://beaverislandcommunitycenter.org); or e-mail [bicommunitycenter@tds.net](mailto:bicommunitycenter@tds.net).

## A WHIZ KID

In the long tradition of BICS-graduate excellence at institutions of higher learning, Beaver Island's Maeve Green was named to the Northern Michigan University Dean's List for the fall 2011 semester, which ended in December. She qualified for the honor by earning a grade-point average between 3.25 and 3.99.

## AT LAST

Nature has teased Beaver Island this winter with its many hints of snow. The weather channel promises, but we have learned not to believe. There might be a dusting in the morning, but with temperatures usually running into the thirties all that's left by noon is a thin white patch here and there. If the entire lawn is somehow covered, it's taken as a special favor, a sign that those who

live inside deserve nature's bounty.

A typical conversation at the grocery: "We got three sixteenths last night!" "Lucky you; we only had nine sixtyforths." Some people shoveled their back yard and spread it in the front to appear chosen by fate. Finally, on the 29<sup>th</sup>, a mega-deposit of the precious white fluff descended, and everyone went outside to stand under the fall.







## Lake

Despite the lack of real cold, the ice on Lake Geneserath's North Arm

was measured at 9", plenty enough for the ski planes to glide past Hemlock Point and shoot down the channel onto

the North Arm's ice, where everyone was gathered on this mid-February day.



With almost no ice surrounding the Island itself, and only a glassy glazing on the south of the harbor for the mildest winter since the early 70s, fewer cars and trucks dared drive across from the public launch this year—after waiting for a heavy van to try it first.

New activities were added besides

the flights for kids ... and the many "young at heart" who looked forward to a quick sightseeing flight from Lake G. to liven up their winter. There were canoe tows, and winter survival skill demonstrations by Kayak Ken. Examples of emergency shelters were constructed from snow and branches.

Delicious and plentiful free food was set out, and the large happy crowd milled around an open fire, catching up on news and gossip.

Several people pitched in to help including Phil and BJ Wyckoff, Jim Wojan, Dave and Sue Avery, Gary and Tina Morgan, Bruce and Jean Kinsley,




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Dalton and Ruthie Cothran, Jeff Stone and Sarah Rohner, Bill and Shirley Detwiler, Tom Whitman, Darrel Butler, Vince Pickhardt, Steve and Tina Drost, Kathy Speck, Nancy and Terry Saxton, Mike Jones, Derek Deruiter, Ken Bruland, Jim Stambaugh, Tim and

Trisha King, Paradise Bay Coffee Shop, Mike and Sharon Hurkmans, Jim Luteyn, and others. Thanks especially to Keith and Rachel Teague for providing outstanding flights.

The roads were all ice, thanks to a freezing rain the night before, and a few

people went into the banks, but no one was hurt. Everyone had a wonderful time. What started as a small gathering on Lake G. has turned into a rite of winter on the Island, a great continuance of winter games past. How will next year top three planes? We will see!







THE WINTER ROAD



from Joyce Bartels

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

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, March 6, 1912 **Front page article:**

**"FOUND ICE TO BE SOLID"**

**SIX TON BOILER TAKEN TO SOUTH MANITOU ISLAND FROM MAINLAND**

Last week a six ton boiler was transported on sleds from Glen Haven, across the ice to South Manitou Island, a distance of 13 miles. The boiler will be placed in a shingle mill at that place. The ice all the way was as clear as a crystal and not a particle of snow was encountered. This is the first time in history that a load of any size has been transported from the mainland to the Islands in this manner, and the first time that the residents of the Islands have ever known such high winds, heavy snow and intense cold, also the first time that the lighthouse has been closed on account of the lack of anything for the keepers to do.

Lake Michigan is frozen on this side as far as the eye can reach, and the ice is so thick and clear that it will bear almost any weight placed upon it."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 7, 1912 **Local News:** "A. T. Stewart, Foreman of the U. S. Fish Hatchery at Northville came Monday to look over the plant in contemplation of spring hatching. He will remain but a few days, and will not be in charge of the local plant this year. The new man will be up later. The hatch this year will be greater than that of any previous year. The intention is to hatch ten million trout and fifteen million whitefish."

"'Continued cold' is how the weather bureau forecasts have read the past week, and it has been continued. Zero and below has been shown by the mercury about every morning. Monday and Tuesday morning registered 10 below, with a clear sky. Ice conditions remain the same as far as can be seen from this port."

"Mr. Sweitzer, who is lumbering near the head of Beaver Island, came over Saturday and makes the startling statement that last Wednesday, there was open water to the eastward as far as they could see from that point. This

indicates more favorable ice conditions than were expected. Mr. Sweitzer returned to the Island yesterday."

**Beaver Island News:** "Trout fishermen report poor week."

"James H. Gallagher went to Petosky to see a doctor."

"Dave Switzer (sic) went to Charlevoix on business."

"E. B. Northcott is moving his mill to Garden Island."

"Ed. B. Gallagher drove to Harbor Springs Tuesday."

"Capt. Ben Gallagher of Escanaba, is on the Island visiting friends."

"Wilfred O'Brien returned from a business trip to Harbor Springs and Petosky."

"Mike McCafferty and H. O. Boyle are home from Escanaba where they were working all winter."

"E. J. Parker (?) Returned from Grand Rapids, where he spent three weeks visiting his mother."

"Mr. John Connelly and sister, of Escanaba, came to attend the funeral of their sister, Mrs. John B. Bonner."

"Sunday, Mr. And Mrs. Gus Milkie, Mr. and Mrs. Wm Schied and Miss Eva Gibson walked to Garden Island. We expect to see them carrying the mail between Cross Village and St. James next year."

"Mr. and Mrs. John Stafford entertained number of their friends last week. The occasion being the birthday of Mr. Stafford. The evening was spent in playing cards, after which refreshments were served. All report a good time."

"Mrs. John B. Bonner died Thursday last. Deceased was 79 years of age. She came to Beaver Island shortly after the Mormon exodus in the early '50s. She leaves five sons and one daughter—Capt. M. J. , Thos. J., Daniel and Patrick Bonner, of St. James, James of Portland, Oregon, and Mrs. Henry Hardwick, of Beaver Island. She was very highly esteemed by the entire Island population. The funeral was from Holy Cross church Saturday morning."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, March 13, 1912 No Beaver Island related news

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 14, 1912 **Beaver Island News:** "Rev. Father Malone visited Rev. Father Norbert, at Cross Village, last week. Rev. Father Norbert returned the visit this week."

"W. J. Gilden returned Tuesday from Charlevoix where he went to attend the funeral of his brother."

"James H. Gallagher, who went to Charlevoix last week returned home Tuesday of this week."

"Mail carriers are making regular semi-weekly trips, and pronounce the ice the best they have had in many years." (*Note: March 1 - 16 Fair, 10 degrees below to 32 degrees above; March 17 - 19 Stormy, rain and snow, 38 degrees to 10 degrees; March 19 temperature dropped 28 degrees in one hour. F. Protar*)

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, March 20, 1912 No Beaver Island related news

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 21, 1912 No Beaver Island related news

(*Note: March 20 - 25 Fair, To 0 degrees at night, to 40 degrees in daytime. F. Protar*)

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, March 27, 1912 No Beaver Island related news

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 28, 1912 **Local News:** "Three St. James boys started for Cross Village after one o'clock Sunday in an ice boat, and reach (sic) the mainland at three o'clock. They went back Monday and had a good rum."

"Ice conditions remain the same as last week. No water in sight in Lake Michigan and the inside lakes are yet unbroken. Monday morning the temperature was two degrees below zero."

"Thomas Gallagher formerly of Beaver Island, aged about 35 and unmarried, was killed in a lumber camp at Manistque last week."

"A house owned by James Gordon, at St. James, was destroyed by fire last Friday night." (*Note: March 25 - 29, Stormy, 10 degrees to 38 degrees; March 30, Fair, 30 degrees to 36 degrees; March 31, Snowstorm, 26 degrees - still snow water. F. Protar*)



## TRANSFORM YOURSELF AND YOUR WORLD

The natural world today gives constant reminders of a need to change. People have learned to discount nature for a very long time, they have measured progress by how much they can conquer, how much they can control, and how much money they can make. The natural world — with its animals and land and waters — have been disrespected. Now, as you are realizing that everything is connected, you are becoming aware that nature's crisis is humanity's crisis — and therefore yours. This awareness stirs your inner desire for radical personal transformation. It also ignites your wish to heal what is broken, whether on an inner level or in your outer world. It triggers an ongoing recognition of the crisis that, indeed, is a shared dilemma.

Your role in today's world crisis — the planet today is in crisis, with everything turned upside down. Global turmoil impacts your personal life as well as the lives of those you love. In modern society — with all its gadgets and endless choices of what to consume next — people can lose touch with the sacred. You don't really lose the sacred, of course, but you can feel distant from it.

How does this happen, and what can

be done about it? People become disconnected from the sacred when their focus is dominated by things, acquisitions, and obsessive thoughts about the past or the future. It happens when people forget to take time in nature and to breathe deeply. It occurs when people take their lives for granted. People distance themselves from the sacred when their interactions with others happen more through technology than through one-on-one voice or in-person connections.

Consider how many times you tell yourself that you have no time for a walk, no time to sit in front of a tree in contemplation, or no time to see a good friend in person. Everyone does that, so don't judge yourself. Life today is being lived in a fast-paced and high-pitched way. Yes, there is a lot to do. And yes, people need to meet their deadlines and keep their word by showing up when they say they will. You cannot fully connect with the sacred, however, by living in an automated way that discounts the natural world.

Accessing the sacred — you may tell yourself that you are too busy to slow down and connect with the sacred. It may feel impossible to incorporate the sacred into your life. In reality, though,

even a person in a prison can access the sacred. This person can do it with his or her mind. It may not be easy, but it can be done. You however, are not even living in a prison, so you have countless choices each day about how to connect with the sacred. If you have a backyard or balcony, you can go outside. No backyard or balcony? You can look out the window. You can simply be with the nature that is there, even if it's only the sky, one tree, or one flower pot you have placed there.

Likewise, you can make time in your life for friends. While you may treasure these relationships, they need regular attention and care in order to thrive. You can choose to occasionally take some time away from working, and meditate or participate in any activity that helps you to open more to the sacred. The key here is remembering to do these things and understanding their importance to your overall well-being.

To be sure, it's not always easy to stay connected to the sacred. You have a multitude of stresses during these times. Anything can change in a moment, and often does! The stress of constant change can be managed.

—Merry (MG) Roe

## ICE CROSSERS — WATCH OUT!

The Coast Guard warned that the ice bridge between Mackinac Bridge and mainland Michigan was broken. The crew of Coast Guard Cutter

Biscayne Bay broke the ice between St. Helena Island and mainland Michigan, between the Mackinac Bridge and Brevort.

“All recreational ice users should avoid using the ice between St. Helena Island and the mainland until further notice,” they said.

## DON'T BURN DOWN THE TOWN

Once again, with our mild winter weather and low precipitation, we are looking at a very dry spring and a potentially high-risk spring wildfire season.

Our hope is that we have a good spring with a lot of warm rain to fill the lakes, creeks, rivers, and bogs, and provide the moisture necessary to green up our vegetation.

Here are a few reminders that may help keep our Island free from grass and wildfire emergencies. Burning permits are needed for any outside burning unless the ground is snow-covered. Permits are issued on a day-to-day basis and may be obtained by calling Tim McDonough at (231) 448-2733. Our fire signs located around the Island and

at all of our boat and airline terminals provide great signage for our daily changing fire conditions.

Once again, we are thankful to Jacque LaFreniere for gathering the necessary daily weather readings that dictate wildfire conditions.

Creating fire breaks around your home is very important. The “home ignition zone,” a 33' clearing around your home, can provide enough distance to prevent a wildfire's radiant heat from igniting your structures.

Another condition to consider is fuel breaks. If you have property or a home near a logging operation, you should reduce or cut down the slash (stumps, limbs and debris) left behind

by the loggers. Reducing or lowering the slash will slow down a wildfire from sweeping across the landscape. It may also provide better access to the fire department.

Also: keep grass mowed 100' from structures, keep roofs clean of leaves and pine needles, keep those gutters clean, clean leaves and debris from under your porch, decks, and patios.

Everyone is responsible for keeping our Island safe, so if you see a situation that is questionable, please call the Fire Department or the Sheriff's Office.

Thank you for your help, and hopefully we will have a great summer. Winter sure wasn't much fun!

—Beaver Island Fire Department



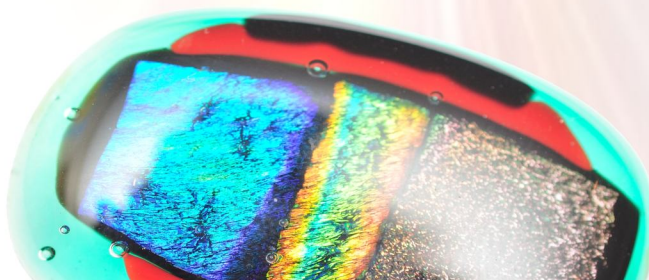
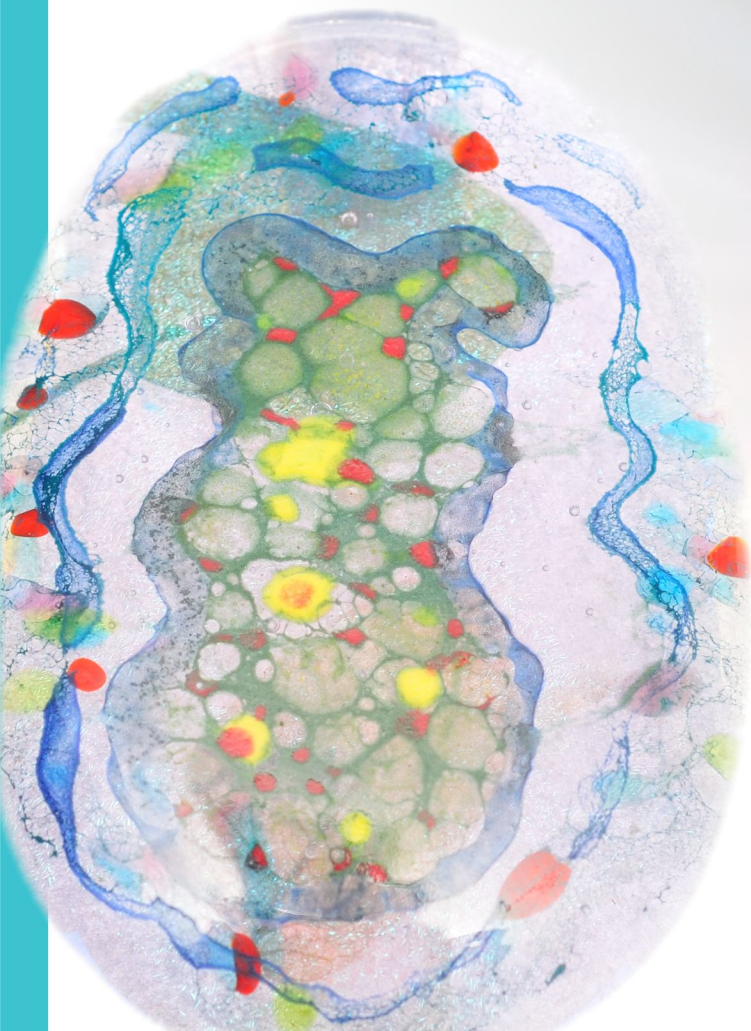
## MARY FRIES GLASS

The difficulty of having an ultra-creative mind is that its owner is never satisfied to rest on laurels and continue the same procedures that have been mastered. Our Mary Rose falls into this category. Every year she has turned to a different venue, and this year it involved fusing pieces of cut glass.

To do this she had to purchase an electric kiln capable of taking materials up past 1400°. It was expensive, but the bigger problem was finding a place to put it—every square inch in her gnome's-home studio is already overflowing. So some piles were stacked higher. Then she had to learn all the tricks of using it, which were different

for each material, each kind of glass—and she had never realized there were so many. Plus all the possible additives.

Undaunted, Mary plunged ahead, and soon was turning out beautiful, unique, and colorful creations, which she finished with the help of another new tool, a diamond-head water-cooled







grinder. She learned that the best procedure was to heat her composites slowly, then run the temperature up and hold it for awhile, and then ease it down; the entire process took around ten hours, and might yield as many as 15 pieces of artwork. Along the way she discovered which additive would burn out in the kiln and which would hold its color. Rope did not work, but some exotic

paper did. Crushed glass (blown into a balloon and then smashed) was best. In mixing different pieces of glass she discovered much about balancing coefficients of expansion.

There was also trick to keeping her new creations from sticking to the kiln.

She began to use various molds once she'd mastered the basic techniques. Soon she was off and running in

her typical obsessive way, turning out batch after batch of unbelievable pieces of glass art, and polishing each keeper after it was done. Yet despite all the effort that goes into each one, she plans to offer them in the \$20 range this coming summer. No matter how alluring they are, this warning must be given: "Kids, don't try to make these at home."





## CONNECTED COMMUNITY

27.

Charlevoix County leaders hope to boost its broadband through an innovative program. A new plan will stimulate growth in the area's economy and enhance the quality of life for Charlevoix County residents through increased access, adoption, and use of broadband technology.

"Representatives from throughout the county are teaming up with the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance, the Michigan Public Service Commission, and the Connect Michigan program to encourage increased broadband system development and use," said Michael Cain, Boyne City manager.

Charlevoix is a county with lush resources that attract many to the area, but it's technologically challenged because of natural topographical barriers

and a highly dispersed population.

"The Northern Lakes Economic Alliance hopes to help local communities," said Jan Kellogg, NLEA economic development specialist. "By working together with Connect Michigan we will be able to identify collaborations." Connect Michigan's community engagement program ([connectmi.org](http://connectmi.org)) will guide an assessment of overall broadband and technology status, using criteria that parent organization Connected Nation has developed as a "community certification" model. The program helps train regional team leaders and supports the formation of community planning teams made up of various sector representatives with a goal of creating an actionable plan for expanding access, adoption, and use of broadband.

## LOST KAYAK

A rescue aircrew from Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City rescued a male kayaker on February 4<sup>th</sup> who was stranded on South Manitou Island.

Coast Guard Sector Lake Michigan, in Milwaukee, received notification of the stranded kayaker at about 4 p.m. from Coast Guard Station Frankfort. Watchstanders at Station

Frankfort were notified by Sleeping Bear Dunes State Park dispatch.

The aircrew, aboard an MH-65C Dolphin rescue helicopter, transported the man back to Traverse City, where they were met by waiting EMS. He was released in good condition. The Coast Guard is working with the individual to coordinate recovery of the kayak.

## COME SEE A MOVIE

Nineteen Beaver Islanders have formed the Emerald Isle Movie Club to add to the number and variety of movies shown by the Community Center during the winter and mud months. The Center shows new releases on Saturdays, while the Movie Club is focusing on classics selected by vote of their members and showing movies at 4 p.m. on alternate Sundays.

The next showings will be:

March 12, *On the Waterfront* (the 1954 winner of 8 Oscars starring Marlon Brando, Karl Malden and Lee J. Cobb, the story of a longshoreman's struggle against corruption);

March 25, *Philadelphia Story* (the 1940 romantic comedy classic starring Cary Grant and Katharine Hepburn);

April 1, *Seven Years in Tibet* (a 1997 film of true story of an Austrian mountain climber who becomes fiends with the Dalai Lama at the time China is taking over Tibet);

April 15, *Once* (the 2006 Oscar-

winning modern musical about a busker and immigrant and their week in Dublin as they write, rehearse, and record their love story); and

April 29, *Dr. Strangelove, or, How I Learned to Love the Bomb* (the 1964 Stanley Kubric film starring Peter Sellers and George Scott about an insane General starting a process to nuclear holocaust).

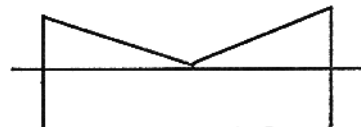
Two additional movies will be shown on October 28 and November 11, *Chinatown* and the original *True Grit*. In addition, club members will get together for a theme movie and dinner.

All movies shown are open to the public and membership is still open as well. Members pay up front for all the movies at a rate of \$2.50 per movie. Non-members are asked to make a suggested donation of \$5 per movie.

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## 28. BIA FIGHTS ON

The Beaver Island Association was recently lauded by the Charlevoix Conservation District for its Endangered and Invasive Species Initiative, a program intended to inventory endangered and invasive species and devise a program to protect the former and control the latter.

The Association, which started out

as an organization of property owners but broadened to include anyone interested in protecting the Island's natural resources, is dedicated to promoting ecotourism, maintaining viable populations of all species (including game species for hunting), and promoting tourism with responsible recreation and use

of Island habitat.

It has four goals in mind: educate, inventory, recruit, and rehabilitate. It hopes to educate property owners and visitors on how to identify and eradicate invasives through circulating brochures, erecting signs, and sponsoring discussions. It would like to develop and main-

## THE 'READER'

Progress on the *Beaver Island Reader* has been promising. So far 23 positive replies have arrived—fourteen from people who'll submit poetry, fiction, or essays, six from people who wished to be one of the readers, and

three others who offered to help with layout. Another dozen indicated an interest in the project. A half-dozen submissions have already arrived.

The deadline for submissions is April 1. More are needed. E-mail them

to beaverislandwriters@ymail.com.

Readers will be selected by March 20. During the first week of April, all submissions will be coded to not disclose the name of the writer. They'll be divided in half so each reader will

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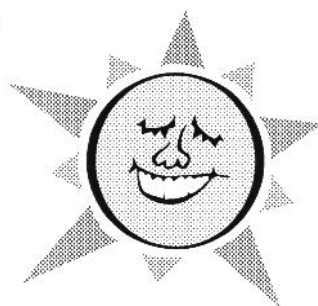
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tain lists of endangered and threatened species, and establish a method for reporting sightings. It would like to recruit and train a volunteer team to detect, treat, and monitor invasive plants. And it would like to eradicate invasives and restore the habitat where it can.

receive half of the submissions. Each reader is expected to receive ~30 poems and 3-7 prose entries. The editors intend to follow their recommendations.

In the meantime, the editors will determine a layout by mid-April. The

Recently it announced the top five invasives on Beaver Island: *phragmites*, autumn olive, Scotch pine, European swamp thistle, and spotted knapweed. The second five were also named: purple loosestrife, black locust, Japanese knotweed, garlic mustard, and wild parsnip.

book will be put together during the last two weeks of April and the beginning of May, with the manuscript hopefully sent to the printer by mid-May. Copies of the *Reader* should be available for distribution in early June.

It is working with the DNR and the Michigan Natural Features Inventory. It is connected to the Nature Conservancy, the Midwest Invasive Species Network, and the Little Traverse Band to develop strategies to protect our natural resources. A draft of a 5-year protection plan will soon be circulated.

## A CORRECTION

Bridget "Bid" Sendenberg, the wife of Joe M'Fro, was born on January 17, 1900, not in 1871.

Bridget was one of seven daughters born here to "first settlers" Don McDonald and Ellen Roddy.



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## Bowers Home

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Lots 5 and 6 of the Cable Bay Plat near the south end of the bay; this house is located on the north side of the little point just above Pat's Road as shown on the Second Wojan-Cashman Map of Beaver Island. The house looks across the road at its beach frontage on Lot 6. This 1376 sq. ft. home has three bedrooms and 1-1/2 baths. It has a large deck on the front side of the house; it also has a full basement underneath but deliberately with a dirt floor to allow year-round storage of items that could freeze. The height of the basement is only a little over six feet but it is a drive-in basement for a lot of equipment the current owner has. You can keep all of your beach toys and other recreational equipment in this basement as if it was a garage. The house is really well insulated and very easy to heat. It has a 5/12 pitch roof so that you never have to worry about snow load. This would be a nice second home but it's really a very good year-round retirement home for a couple or small family. There is a good storage shed off toward the south line of the property right at the parking area in front of the house. The house is fairly new (2002). This spot just abounds with birds and other wildlife that the owners have enjoyed. It has a new 5" 157' deep well, LP gas furnace, a high quality kitchen, an auxiliary country wood stove, Pergo wood flooring in the living room and kitchen. This place was built for the owners to stay for the rest of their lives. They do not want to sell but family circumstances dictate that they must move back to the Lower Peninsula. The beach has quite a bit of vegetation right now but that will disappear and the sand to the edge of the shore will start coming back soon with the higher water levels we are now experiencing. Seller is motivated so make an offer. Original asking price was \$231,500.

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## 30. A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

Theodore Prawat is presenting an art opening this month in Williamston at 205 Keller's Plaza. The current show, "Reflections: Art Through Time 1999-2012" showcases Prawat's artistic journey from his undergraduate program to his current work.

After receiving his Master of Fine Arts from Indiana University, Prawat taught in Beijing for four years. As a resident artist in Beijing he studied the art of brush painting and calligraphy, and has painted in his own unique style using Chinese culture as his starting point. The paintings from 2005-2009 reflect the visual traditions of Chinese painting.

Prawat is currently a graduate student in MSU's digital media arts and technology program, bringing his talent



in art and painting to film, and computer games for learning. Prawat's current work reflects his interest in the figure as well as his desire to use color to create the mood in his paintings. "I've tried to create the effect of looking through color in my paintings," he says. "If you are someone who loves color you will

not want to miss this show. In looking at the paintings in person you can get a sense of the way I've explored color over a period of time."

These art works also show his love of and respect for the Island, and give the impression that this beacon must have sustained him during his sojourn abroad—in a political environment where creativity is not always appreciated.

The show is open from 12:00-5:00 on

March 3<sup>rd</sup> and March 10<sup>th</sup>, when there will be a special Art Sale for works that were not included in the show. All are priced under \$300.

He hopes to spend time on the Island this summer, drawing fresh inspiration from both the landscape and the growing number of fellow artists.



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Signè Thomas, a junior at Florida State University majoring in Economics and International Affairs, was the winner of the first annual Conservative Political Action Conference essay contest. Presented by Charlie Gerow, Board Member of the American Conservative Union, Signè received a certificate and delivered her winning speech on the CPAC stage before a national audience on February 11<sup>th</sup>.



Soldier, and she is a member of Gamma Phi Beta sorority, and the Students for Economic Enlightenment. She served in the Student Senate, and is a member of several honor societies including Phi Beta Kappa. She also created a portrait of Sarah Palin, which Ms. Palin praised.

Signè is the daughter of Bill and Eula Thomas, summer residents of Beaver Island and owners of the Emerald Isle Hotel, and the grand-daughter

Titled "Why We Still Hold These Truths", her speech received a standing ovation and was followed by Governor Scott of Florida. The points she outlined were principles set forth by our Founding Fathers: a constitutionally limited government, individual liberty, a free-market economy, preserving traditional values, and

a strong national defense. "It was an immense honor to speak at the same podium as the most prominent leaders in the conservative movement today," she said.

At FSU she is involved in many aspects of campus life. She founded a student organization called Thank A

of William and Ruth Thomas of Traverse City, and the late John M. and Elsie Ferguson of West Liberty, KY. During her time on the Island she frequently appeared in various talent shows singing and dancing. For more about Signè's life, you can go to [www.signethomas.com](http://www.signethomas.com).

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**Ten Years Ago** This was the first issue produced by Liam and Marilyn Racine, and introduced a four-color cover. The familiar lighthouse logo was removed, and the table of contents and credits relocated. They were full of ideas and energy as they began, and hoped to make a great improvement.

The *Beacon* reported on meetings convened by both St. James and Peaine Townships to gather input for a five-year Island Recreation Plan. Among the ideas was upgrading the campgrounds, building new campgrounds, improving trails, and creating an indoor swimming pool—*sound familiar*? Building a bike path toward Donegal Bay, adding a pavilion to Arranmore Park, and adding an ice-skating/skate-boarding rink were also suggested.

The Chippewa Nature Center sent nine of its naturalists to the Island to look over its natural resources. In the evening they enjoyed a presentation on Island history, featuring stories about Father Peter Gallagher and James Jesse Strang.

The Chamber of Commerce called for nominations to its new Citizen of the Year, with an award banquet set for April. Tim Dwyer debugged the Chamber's computer.

BIBCo was urged to upgrade the landscaping at its Donegal Bay Road parking lot by the Planning Commission, which took up a proposal by Ed

Wojan to allow a land split to facilitate the creation of a new Health Center on the King's Highway—which he and others worked hard on for a year to bring about.

**Twenty Years Ago** The *Beacon* lauded volunteers who helped move the 42' trap-net boat *Gertrude K* from the Kenwabikise's yard to the Marine Museum, Jim Wojan and John Gillespie, plus Melvin Napont, Jack Erber, and Joe McDonough. The Kens were glad to give it up, figuring it was beyond use, and as it turned out it was beyond restoration as well.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Clan-Na-Gael's St. Patrick's Day celebration was reported. Events included a cart race (won by Brian Cole, Ernie Martin, Kevin McDonough, and Craig Petrak, with "Missie" as the driver), a tug-of-war (won by the hayseiders), and the pitch-a-pike, won by Bill McDonough. Steve Boyle had the best Irish limerick:

*There was a big man from Poughkeepsie  
Who entered the bar fairly tipsy  
He crawled back to his tug  
And said with a shrug  
Who the heck is Johnny Gillespie?  
Well, he found out.*

A joint Township meeting was held to discuss the status of the King's Highway paving. It was agreed that the pavement from Four Corners to town should not be torn up under the Road Commission grant because the portion that was

reconstructed so far was hazardous. It was also agreed that the terrible condition of the Highway and other roads was hurting the Island's economy. The Road Commission was accused of intentionally misleading the Island about its plans, and claims were made that it should be held responsible for the poor situation. The Township Attorney was instructed to demand that the Road Commission improve the Highway's condition. The answer came back: you can't get blood out of a turnip.

The Chamber was offering Montmorency cherry trees for sale, and hoped to fill St. James with blooms.

The Historical Society was seeking support for a grant application to allow it to purchase and preserve the Squaw Island lighthouse and the Baraga Cross. They did not succeed.

Henry Hill sent a letter to the Island protesting using any Township money to widen the Redding's Trail, which he felt was the responsibility of the Road Commission. He did not believe in the turnip theory.

Bill Markey stated that the mid-Island site which held the old Peaine Hall would be a good location for the proposed new EMS tower.

The Boat Company wanted the Townships to apply for a grant to build a new ferry; the Townships would then own the boat and lease it to BIBCo.

*continued on page 34.*

## IN MEMORY: ELIZABETH MALONEY STEPHENS

Elizabeth (Ebbie) Maloney Stephens, age 97, passed away on September 21, 2012 at Calusa Harbour in Fort Myers, FL with John (Bud), her husband of 72 years, sitting by her side. Elizabeth was the daughter of the late J.P. Maloney of the Island and Elizabeth Barrett Maloney of Charlevoix. Her sisters, Agnes Payne, Marion Madiol, and her bother John Maloney preceded her in death. Her mother and siblings would spend every summer up on the Island through their childhood where they made life-long friends with many of the families on the Island. One of her last visits was with Helen Pike a year or two ago up in Port Charlotte, FL.



Neither ate much as they were too busy catching up on years past.

She and Bud were married on September 21, 1939 and had a wonderful and full life together. She worked at the Oak Park Public Library as secretary to

the librarian, bookkeeper, payroll clerk and personnel record clerk, and retired after 40 years of service. She and Bud traveled the world and to this day we still enjoy listening to Bud tell stories of all their adventures. She loved to entertain and garden. Her passion was shoes and hats; she never left home without them!

Besides John, her nieces, Nancy Madiol Hannon, Patricia Accurso, Kathleen Connelly and nephews, Brian, Dan and Philip Maloney and her adopted nieces, Janet O'Callahan and Mary Beth Lyons, survive her.

Her burial will be this July in Holy Cross Cemetery next to her father.



34. **On This Date**, from page 33.

A mini-rebellion over paying "personal property" taxes occurred in St. James.

At Chuck Hooker's instigation the Chamber started the ball rolling to change the name of the Post Office from St. James to Beaver Island.

Because of the increasing number of students in the Island School the computers were to be taken out of the special computer room built in 1985 and set up in the School Library. To accommodate them some of the books would have to be removed and put into storage.

The DNR was chastised for never paying the bill sent to it by the Island Fire Department for costs it bore in putting out a brush fire at French Bay.

Two energy professionals from Grand Rapids addressed the School, stating that the 1970s concerns of running out of energy had been replaced in the 1990s with worries about global climate changes due to

CO<sub>2</sub> production.

**Thirty Years Ago** This year February and March were covered in a single issue.

The date for the Ludington Beaver Island party was given: May 8.

Three students were named winners in a Farm Bureau essay contest about America's future, Chris Welke, Brian Cole, and Debbie Higdon. Chris hoped President Reagan would keep a strong defense in place and work to create more jobs; Brian wanted the nuclear arms race to be drawn down; and Debbie suggested greater protection for our natural resources.

The Game Club put a \$25 bounty on coyotes.

**Forty Years Ago** The Island was alarmed by deer predation done by coyotes. Eight coyotes were killed during the winter. Usually deer have the advantage, but not when a crust forms on the snow, which paws can run over while hooves break through.

A snowmobile trip was recounted in which John Gillespie, Jim Wojan, Bud Martin, Jerry LaFreniere, and Charlie Martin headed across the ice for Naubinway. At the north edge of Garden Island Jerry's machine quit and was left behind, with him becoming a passenger. A bad blow forced them to stay overnight. On their way back they picked up Jerry's machine and towed it home.

St. Pat's was celebrated at the Beaver Haven Marine, with a free lunch and foot races for kids in the barn and snowmobile races across the harbor for adults. In the evening the Altar Society put on a turkey dinner for 136.

Dick LaFreniere wrote a letter to correct misinformation published in the *Detroit Free Press*. He set the date for the arrival of the Dominican Sisters as 1899 (not 1940), said that our teachers were not the State's lowest paid (\$3,100 was attributed, whereas the actual pay was between \$7,550 and \$9,200), and



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insisted they were completely qualified as teachers. As proof he cited the consistently high scores Island kids earned on state-wide tests.

Milt Bennett, the Island's turtle man, reported that a large raccoon had moved into a vacant dog house on his property and would not leave.

The *Beacon* published excerpts from a long letter from Clementine McCauley about the "true" Island history. Her father was the Squaw Island lighthouse keeper (and survived the Squaw Island tragedy); when the family wasn't there they lived just north of the School, but one year their house burned and the land became the School playground. She said before the Church was moved to town her family and many others had to walk to Four Corners and back every Sunday. Her version of the arrival of the Dominicans: it came about after the Bishop met the School Superintendent on the boat coming over and heard how difficult it was to find

good teachers willing to live here. Before that, uncertified people such as Frank McCauley and Mamie O'Donnell taught school. She said an 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade weren't added until 1913.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Dorothy (Gatliff) Licavoli in Detroit, Mrs. Agnes Boyle, and Robert Gordon. Dorothy Licavoli had been born on Beaver and attended the Island School, and had been a waitress at the Shamrock around 1940. Mrs. Boyle, a lifelong Charlevoix resident, was the widow of Islander Earl Boyle. Mr. Gordon, of Chicago, had been born on Beaver Island.

**Fifty Years Ago** The front page of this issue was colored—by hand!

John Roen's Sturgeon Bay shipyard submitted the winning bid to build a new ferry: \$187,000. The *Beaver Islander* was to be 95' long with a 27' beam and have 1,020 hp—three times the power of the current boat, the *Emerald Isle* (72'). Roen arrived on Beaver

Island (when his freighter cap- 35.  
sized) as a teenager and got a job cutting cedar posts for Gus Mielke's sawmill in 1912. The plan was to build the boat quickly enough for her to be launched for a June 23 run.

Charlie Martin made his annual trek to Naubinway, covering 28 miles in 3½ hours and returning with 50 pounds of fresh whitefish taken from Lake Superior.

The cutter *Mackinaw* arrived with 2,000 gallons of gasoline for the Road Commission, required because of unusual deposits of snow.

The Conservation Officer offered another fawn to display at the Township Park next to the Boat Dock—last year's was quite popular.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Chicago/Beaver Island St. Pat's party was held on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Worried about turkey inbreeding, Bruce Meixsell (Sloptown Road) arranged to bring fresh blood from a turkey ranch in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

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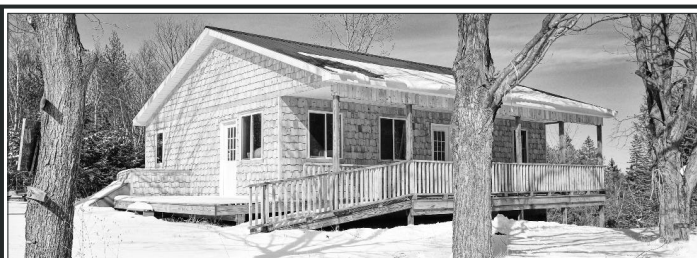
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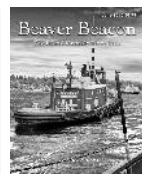


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## 36. BEAVER ISLAND EVENTS

March 7 – **St. James Twp. Meeting** 7:30  
March 8 – Michael Slattery at **Joint  
Twp. Meeting** 7pm. *See page 5.*  
March 10 – **Paint** the Community Cen-  
ter windows. *See page 11.*  
March 11 – **CoA Sunday Dinner**  
March 12 – St. James **Board of Review**  
9am-12pm, 3-9pm. *See page 4.*  
March 12 – **BICS School Board Meet-  
ing** 7:30 pm  
March 14 – **Peaine Board of Review**  
10am-10pm. *See page 5.*  
March 14 – **Peaine Twp. Meeting** 7 pm  
March 16 – St. James **Board of Review**  
9am-3pm. *See page 4.*  
March 17 – **Happy St. Patrick's Day -**

### **The Great Day on Beaver Island** and the Annual Games

March 17 – **BIRHC Board Meeting** 10  
March 19 – **NRESC Meetings**, 6pm  
March 24 – 5<sup>th</sup> Annual **Easter Egg  
Scramble & Visit with the Easter  
Bunny**. 1pm  
March 31 – **Annual Twp. Electors  
Meeting** 11 am. *See page 5.*  
April 8 – **Christian Church Easter  
Brunch**. Noon at GFC.  
April 27 – **Alma College Choir** 7pm  
April 28 – Beaver Island **Citizen of the  
Year Banquet** at the Shamrock  
(231) 448-2278 for reservations.  
**Nominations due April 4, 2012**

## EASTER BRUNCH

Easter Brunch will occur on  
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May 6 – **PABI Road Rally**. Meet at the Shamrock at 1:30

May 27 – **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gail's Walk** 3 pm

June 16 – both **Island Museums open**

June 21-23 – **Beaver Island Bike Fest**  
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July 16-21 – **Museum Week**, including Kathy Speck's *Music on the Porch*, Lois Stipp's three-day **Art Show**, new archaeological info, Ross Richardson's shipwreck dives, and Lance Olsen's smithing!

July 19, 20, 21 – **Beaver Island Music Festival #10** [www.bimf.net](http://www.bimf.net)

July 23-29 – **Baroque on Beaver** – A Festival of Classical Music

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August 4 – 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **Beaver Island Archipelago Challenge** Poker Run to benefit the Community Center. Call 231-409-6034 to register or email [bicommunitycenter@tds.net](mailto:bicommunitycenter@tds.net)

August 10 - 12 – **Homecoming**

October 6 – **Bite of Beaver Island** and the **Island Boodle**

March **Worship Leaders at the Christian Church** – March 5: Pastor Howard Davis, Grand Rapids; March 12: Steve Finch, Lighthouse School; March 19 & 26: Pastor Harold Kruse, Eastport MI

**Movies**—see page 27.

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The DNR reminds Beaver Island hunters that leftover spring turkey licenses go on sale to unsuccessful applicants in mid-March.

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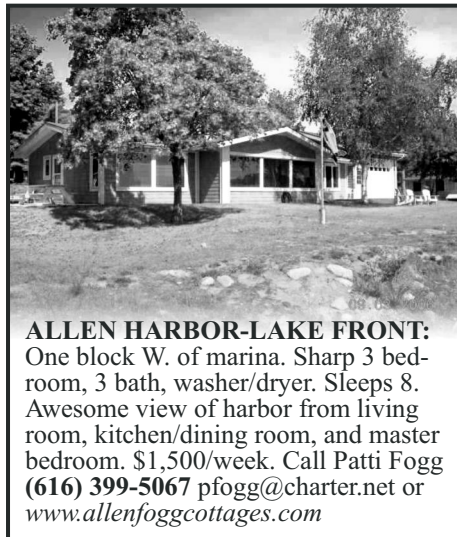
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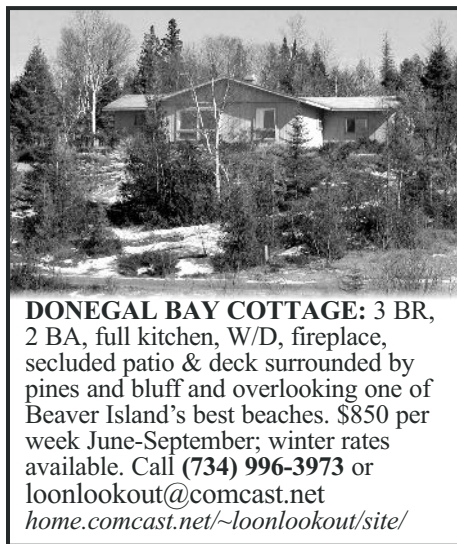
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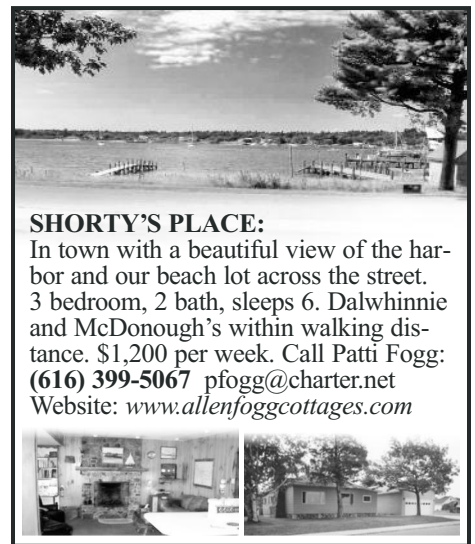
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Spectacular view of Paradise Bay! Large home with all the amenities, linens provided. 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, sleeps 8, washer/dryer, fully equipped kitchen, satellite tv. June - Sept. \$1250 a week. Short walk to the Stony Acre Grill. Please call (231) 448-2235



**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](mailto: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

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](mailto: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](mailto:cehlah@urhere.net)

**WATERFRONT HOME FOR SALE** - 3 BR, 1 1/4 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.

**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.

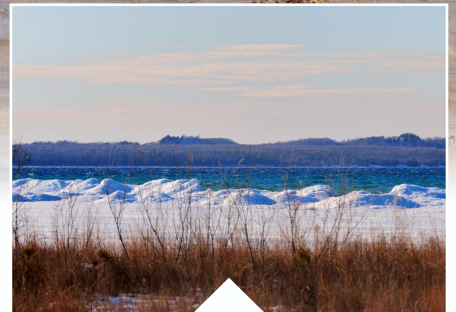
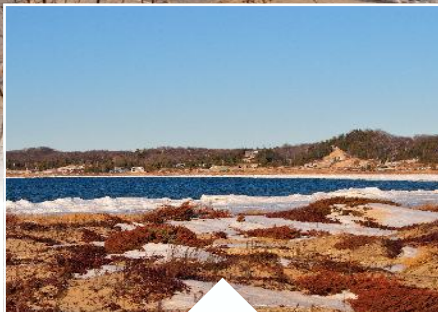
**TO PLACE AN AD** - (231) 448-2476.



**BIRCH HOUSE ON FONT LAKE:**

Close to town and Donegal Bay, 3 bedrooms, 1 bath, fully furnished home. \$900.00/week. (630) 750-7870 [lhmrinc@aol.com](mailto:lhmrinc@aol.com)





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