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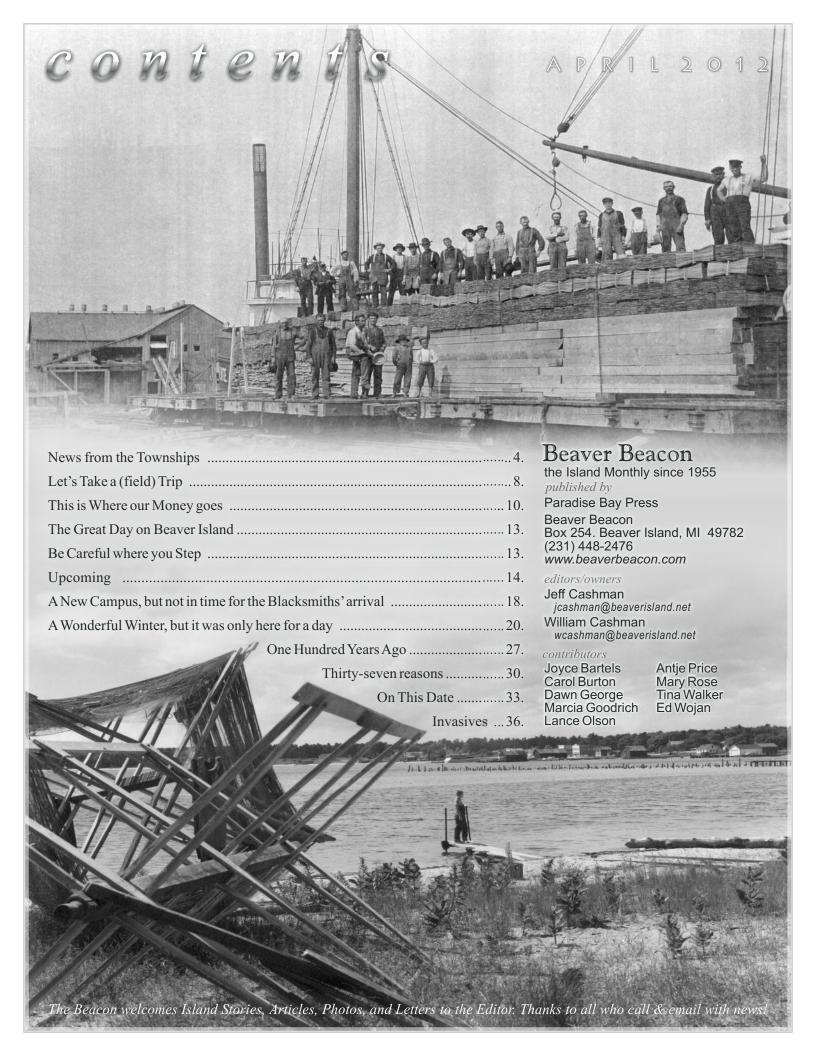
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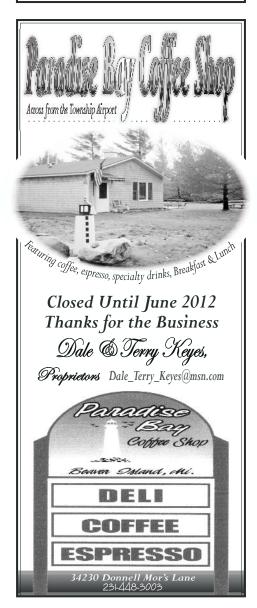
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#### 4 NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

#### St. James Township

At the monthly St. James meeting Elaine West was reappointed to the Airport Commission and Linda McDonough appointed to replace Jayne Bailey on the Planning Commission.

The Drain Commissioner proposed coming to Beaver Island to explain the new storm water ordinance to a joint Town Board meeting. The view was expressed that this ordinance was not applicable here.

The idea of creating a building near the Transfer Station to be the base for the Road Commission, the Sheriff, and the Transit Bus gained steam. The County Commissioners were offering support, and the Road Commission planned to apply for a federal TIGER grant (Transportation Initiative Generating Economy Recovery, part of the 2009 Recovery Act, with \$500,000,000 to award in 2012). The Board voted to write a letter of support.

Joe Moore inquired about the GLE surcharge, asking for an audit of how much money had been generated and how much of the initial cable cost had been repaid. It was asked whether or not some of the profit made by sending electricity back to the mainland should apply to reducing the balance.

Emails sent to the Board by Ken Taylor and Kirk McBride were dis-

cussed; they concerned the county prosecutor's urging of the Boards to better understand the nature and importance of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act.

Larry Sullivan, the county planner, congratulated St. James for its new Recreation Plan.

Pam Grassmick announced that a \$75,000 grant would support an inventory of the natural resources of the archipelago this summer. She has completed a comprehensive *phragmites* manual, and urged the posting for a *phragmites* administrator to work with contractors.

Don Vyse thanked the Grand Traverse Band for a \$10,000 grant to help restore the Harbor Light Tower.

Ray Cole stated that he felt it was a shame that the Township Boards were occasionally pillaged by those who did not understand how much work was required to meet and solve the constant crises that developed in areas with which no one was familiar. He hoped this could be reversed so more and younger people would be interested in playing a role in Township work.

#### Waste Management

At a meeting in early March Ed Troutman explained the process used by the sub-committee established to recommend its choice as Manager to the



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Waste Management Committee. There were 15 applications and all were interviewed except one, who withdrew. The interview process was the same for all candidates.

The sub-committee recommended Don Welke for the job of Manager because of his experience, and his qualifications most closely matching the requirements laid out in the newly adopted job description.

The full committee accepted the sub-committee's recommendation and extended an employment offer to Mr. Welke at the recommended salary of \$36,000 per year.

#### **Air Ambulance**

Consultant Mike Slattery addressed a full room at a special joint-Township meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup>. He began by summarizing concerns over the current MedEvac system, primarily the time a response takes (2 to 2½ hours—beyond the "Golden Hour," the critical 60 minutes for applying medical treatment), but also the high cost (\$10 to \$20,000).

Efforts have been underway to create a local EMS air ambulance program, but they have been stymied by two factors: the \$10,000,000 insurance required on *each plane* to be used, and the cost of the equipment needed to prepare a plane for use—primarily a cot for the patient

which can be secured in the plane. Another problem was the restrictions on a pilot's flying time: a pilot who works a full shift would not be allowed to fly a MedEvac until the next day.

Despite a few minor gaffes, Slattery impressed everyone present with his complete knowledge of the process required and the steps we needed to take. (He has spent 22 years in the field, and works for the largest MedEvac company in the world, which currently operates 450 helicopters.)

But the real heroes of the evening were Bill McDonough and Paul Welke. Bill announced that the year-long lobbying had paid off, and Senator Walker and Representative McMaster were pushing bills to give Beaver Island an exception to the insurance rule. We would have to only put \$2,000,000 in insurance on a plane, and it would be allowed to make 45 medical evacuations. Then Paul stated that Island Airways had obtained the equipment it would need to equip one plane, and was willing to designate a plane as being available for BIEMS flights. Paul also said Island Airways' operations manual had been approved—another critical step, almost a year in the making.

The Township Boards felt this upgrade was so important that there was talk of underwriting continued on page 6.









6. News from the Townships, from page 5. the costs, but Paul indicated that would not be necessary. Insurance reimbursement for a flight seemed to be fixed at \$4,500, and Paul was willing to try operating for a year to see if that would be enough to keep them in the black. The Boards might still invest in qualifying a second plane.

Both Townships moved to form a committee under the direction of Mike Slattery to move this to completion, consisting of Angel and Paul Welke, Rachel and Keith Teague, Donna Kubic, Danielle Dedloff, and Jerry LaFreniere. A suggestion to add more people was rebuffed by Trustees.

When the meeting concluded, the general feeling was that excellent progress was being made.

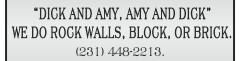
#### **Peaine Township**

The Peaine monthly meeting began with comments from Keith Teague regarding air ambulance service. He fully supported the consultation process with Michael Slatterly. He said Fresh Air Aviation is interested and capable and could spend \$25,000 to provide air ambulance service, but needs to see a business plan from BIEMS before proceeding. He said not to rush, because we will have to live with the chosen plan, and emphasized that there should be as many service providers as possible, each treated fairly and equally.

Board members Pete and Paul were authorized to let a contract and approve the lowest bidder for gravel and clay, following last year's operation.

Bill McDonough addressed concern over a letter which had circulated. He also talked about Michigan Senate bill 995 introduced by Senators Walker, Casperson, Hansen, Colbeck and Booher on March 1, which, if passed, will greatly reduce the insurance requirement to make small air emergency transportation services possible in small and atypical situations such as ours, restricted to 45 flights per year. Greg MacMaster has sponsored House Bill 5497 to amend sec 20934.

Don Spencer addressed the Emergency Services consultant process. Work would be complete within 40 days, and cost no more than \$2,660exclusive of travel-and provide a framework for the EMS. Concern was raised on how to address Fresh Air's request for a business plan from the EMS; it was said it would come from this and was a matter of terminology. Some debate ensued on what the EMS should provide to the consultant. The supervisor said a consultant would typically be given expectations, and asked what the work product will be, and what information are we providing to the consultant in relation to the service we expect to receive. On one hand, it was argued this would be jumping to conclusions before



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the consultant does the work; on the other, it was argued that it would provide a reasonable starting point, a beginning for the work.

Paul Welke said he would be glad to sit down with anyone and provide information necessary for EMS to develop an implementation plan.

A member of the audience pointed out that Slattery's report doesn't include any costs. He would need a package of revenue, how it's spent, and what it costs the EMS. A business plan normally would be produced by both sides working together. While Northflight is servicing the Island now, it was inconceivable that they would station a plane here, and given the golden hour so important to survival in emergency cases, only two RFPs would be sent out. The provider must be FAA certified. Don was asked if he would be part of the process, and he said he would if asked so long as he wasn't stepping on any toes.

With the Board of Review hearing assessment appeals in the other room, the next topic revisited an old issue. In St. James there had been a reduction in one person's taxes which sparked the question: should Peaine be due a refund to correspond to this specific reduction since Peaine Township matched St. James 1:1. Otherwise Paine would have paid slightly more than 50%. The response was that it would basically be a wash. First the question was raised, if St.

James refunded money to Peaine, 7. how would Peaine refund this money short of divvying it up to each and every Peaine taxpayer. More to the point, St. James doesn't ask Peaine to increase the match when they get additional checks from the County due to increases, which is more frequent than decreases overall. The Peaine supervisor asked if accounts could be reconciled at the end of the year. The response was that this could possibly be done in the future.

Gary Morgan was appointed to the Parks and Trails committee. No interest had been expressed by the public to a posted opening.

Don Welke was appointed as Transfer Station manager. Two members of the St. James Board and two members of Peaine's Board (one abstained from voting due to a relationship) took part in the vote to hire, but it was questioned why the full Township Board had been asked to make a motion to post the opening but not consulted or advised prior to the actual hiring. This job had been posted due to the death of Doug Bugai. Each candidate had been interviewed for an hour, and several other capable people who applied are now known for future job openings. A Board member asked how a committee was able to hire an employee and not come to the Board for hiring. Attorney Brian Graham had been contacted; the 2010 continued on page 8.

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Fax (231) 228-5637 233 E. Kasson Rd. Maple City, MI 49664 8. News from the Townships, from page 7. lawyer's interpretation of the 1991 one-page document was that WMC responsibilities include all activities to run and execute what is in the interest of the Transfer Station. The chair of the Waste Management Committee noted that they were working on revised bylaws and will add the concern regarding hiring power to the bylaw review.

A two-week window for applicants for the *Phragmites* administrative position was given.

Pam Grassmick summarized invasive species work: \$75,000 was in hand to treat all the islands, \$22,000 from a Tribal grant, \$15,000 from Fish and Wildlife left from previous years, and the rest from the Nature Conservancy. The project entailed surveying the entire shoreline and inventorying 6,000 acres. Two responses to RFBs had been received. The low bid was \$10,000 away from target; the bidder was asked to trim.

Federal funds were to be sought for a 12,000 ft² multi-modal garage for equipment. Pat Harmon asked for modification to the letter of support. Two years ago there was talk of building a similar garage; with new funding available the county is now interested. It is putting in a significant portion. The township will not bear the cost, but agreed to provide up to 4 acres of the Transfer Station property for the building and salt storage.

The Michigan Department of Transportation released funds to pay the airport judgement, with an additional \$2,400 of interest.

Letters had been received and were distributed regarding Airport Commission Open Meetings Act and FOIA issues. Prosecutor Jarema will be invited to visit the Island to discuss the legal obligations of Boards, Commissions, and Committees if they are supported by township money. A member of the audience pointed out that this same issue was highlighted in the

Michigan Township Association newsletter, so it's not only here that this issue is being raised. The Airport Commission had discussed whether a request made by email would be honored. It was said that a request should be made by mail. The supervisor argued that a request by email should be acceptable, but email will not be recognized as received for 24 hours. The Attorney, based on what he had been told but not established himself, worried that these seem to be noncompliant. A member of the Planning Commission expressed interest in clarifying some fine points of their operation (visiting a site together to view but not deliberate.)

NRESC was charged with the job of developing an Island-wide natural resources plan. The DNR and two MSU facilitators were provided at no cost and met twice, and are coming back to moderate focus-group sessions.

A member of the audience raised concerns over \$5,000 spent on legal opinions. With 98% of this work on the Emergency Services Agreement, it was suggested that the Board should set time and dollar limits on what is spent on this document. The supervisor responded that just as when a doctor is visited, it has to remain somewhat open-ended. The amount of work done was significant, and we should pay what good advice is worth. Another member of the audience drew a comparison between these legal fees and the EMS consultant. A third member wondered if the public would know what the lawyer had advised in closed session, but for now attorney-client privilege must be maintained until the issue is resolved.

A letter was read in which Donna Stambaugh resigned as chairman of township zoning Board of Appeals effective April 1. She commended Bill Markey and Arnold Rich, saying it was a pleasure to have served with them for 15 years. Donna was lauded for her years of service.

Finally, Mike Scripps' term on the Airport Commission would be up in April. However, the supervisor wanted to increase understanding of the "earth shaking" judgement before reappointment, allowing him to continue to serve in the interim. With the tension palpable, the meeting was drawn to a close.

#### **NRESC**

The new NRESC website is up: www.binresc.org

The Steering Committee met during one of the several Community Forums conducted by the MSU facilitators, which were well attended and drew a broad range of comments.

Ten members of the Steering Committee discussed several ideas. One was whether or not to expand the DNR's list of "featured species" (chosen because they are important, identifiable, and measurable) into a list of "key species," in part by adding plants. such as the white cedar, and smaller animals. The survey crew coming over this summer to inventory our resources will look for 24 species. The DNR may conduct a complete fish survey on Lake Geneserath (the Little Traverse Band has been studying the lake for three years). Kay Charter hopes to take our students on a birding trip in mid-May, and intends to bring 70 pair of binoculars. The Wildlife Club is considering ways to promote turkey hunting. Beth Leuck and Frank Solle are organizing a knapweed pull for July.

The NRESC approved forming a subcommittee to create an Island-wide Recreation Plan. It will follow the procedure used by St. James, and be folded into the next revision of the Master Plan after its approval.

The members were anxious to see the compiled results of the Community Forums, and were looking forward to discussing them with the MSU facilitators at the next all-day meeting, set for April 14 (10:00-4:00 at the Peaine Hall; anyone can drop in).

#### CMU/BIHS FIELD TRIPS

Thanks to the CMU staff's great love of nature and commitment to educating people about its beauty and complexity, a full schedule of summer Field Trips has been organized.

Saturday, May 26: Nancy Seefelt's Beaver Island's Breathtaking Birds.

Thursday, June 21: **Ed Leuck's** *Our Wonderful Trees and Shrubs*.

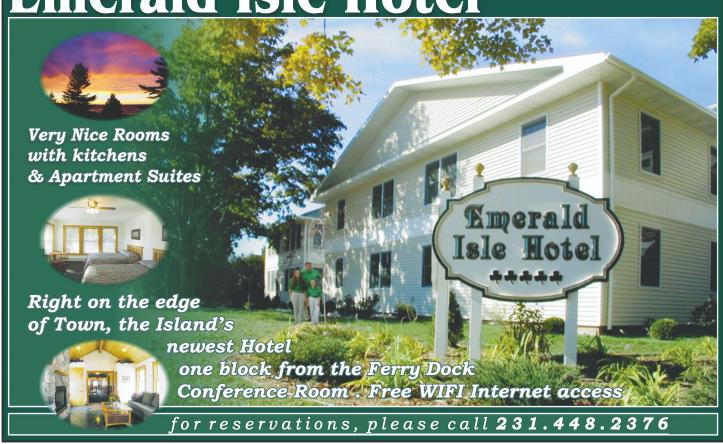
Saturday. July 14: **Dan Benjamin's** *Our Mysterious Inland Lakes*.

Thursday, July 19: **Jim Gillingham's** *A Field Trip for Curious Children*.

Thursday, July 26: **Don Uzarski's** *The Surprising Ecology of Wetlands*.

Wednesday, August 1: **Beth Leuck's** *The Amazing Dunes of Cable's Bay.* 

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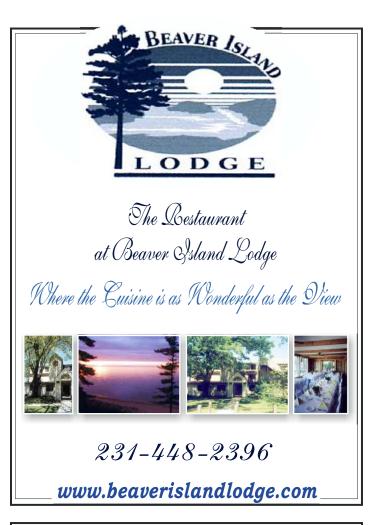




# 10. IT'S YOUR MONEY!

Following is an overview of the townships' budgets showing generally how your money is used to fund Beaver Island infrastructure and services.

category	St. James Budget,	St. James Actual YTD,	St. James Budget,	Peaine Budget,	Peaine Actual YTD,	Peaine Budget,
Revenue	2011 – 2012	(2-29-12)	2012 – 2013	2011 – 2012		2012 – 2013
Balance Forward	152,604	152,604	118,600	330,000		352,000
Taxes	185,450	186,873	189,710	231,400	241,218	216,813
Administration fees	21,165	18,246	20,930	6,800	6,067	7,000
County Swamp Tax School collection fee				6,800	11,189	6,800
Zoning permits	1,000	800	1,000	3,000	1,935	2,500
Campground fees	1,600	1,227	1,400	3,000	2,350	3,000
State revenue sharing	8,900	6,449	7,000	15,600	22,215	20,800
Interest	500	56	100	600	385	500
Rents	4,980	800	9,468			
Town Hall rent			,	2,500	2,600	2,600
Tower leases				5,000	4,826	4,900
Reimbursement (Peaine)	26,000	25,906	23,810			
Reimbursement (Library)	5,000	1,589	2,000			
Reimbursement – other	0	23,803	24,000	3,000	18,427	2,000
Reimbursements						
Miscellaneous				1,000	13,568	1,000
USDA Grant				3,000		
Total Revenue	254,595	265,751	279,418	281,700	324,780	267,913
Total Available	407,199	418,355	396,018			619,913
Expenditures						
Trustees	8,624	6,340	8,842	60,500	54,811	50,650
Supervisor	14,267	13,078	14,267	20,600	18,889	20,600
Assistant Supervisor	1,200	1,100	1,200	}		
Treasurer	14,267	10,700	14,267	31,000	26,416	24,600
Deputy Treasurer	1,350	1,013	1,350	}		
Treasurer expense	5,500	5,321	4,000	,		
Clerk	15,534	14,239	15,534	) 22,500	20,270	20,500
Deputy Clerk	1,228		1,228	}		
Clerk expense	1,500	381	1,000	'	Othorn	
Payroll taxes	7,070	6,383	7,070		Other:	
Pension	4,200	14,815	4,200			
Board supplies	2,000	1,979	2,000	Municir	al Airport	
Professional fees	4,500	4,266	4,500	Peaine		43,000
Insurance	16,000	14,967	15,250	1 1	nes taxes	43,000
Telephone	3,200	4,299	4,200	AvGas		82,500
Maintenance man	40,262	36,907	43,400		revenue	1,800
Assistant maintenance man	1,500	394	1,000		ing expenses	65,460
Maintenance truck payment	1,335	1,335	4 000		purchases	75,000
Maintenance supplies	3,500 1,500	3,323	4,000 1,500	Develo		29,840
Shoreline restoration	1,300		1,500		Pintin	25,010
Phragmites eradication						
Campground manager	4,200	4,578	4,600	57,300	51,769	55,000
Second deputy / Safety	4,200	7,576	4,000	37,300	31,709	33,000
Deputy housing Zoning administrator	6,087	5,580	6,270	22,000	20,145	22,200
Elections	1,000	492	1,000	2,000	920	2,000
Assessor	49,400	48,320	16,500	29,000	25,841	25,700
	1,000	1,940	1,000	27,000	23,071	23,700
ZBA/Planning Commission Board of Review	1,000	638	1,000	EMS		
Cemetery payment	800	150	800	1	ownship	69,000
Hangar utilities	2,500	1,500	2,500		al Society	09,000
Fireworks	4,500	2,750	4,500		ownship	11,197
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Transfer to other funds	6,555	6,555	0			















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12. category (continuea)	Budget,	Actual YTD,	Budget,	Budget,	Actual YTD,	Budget,
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Expenditures	2011 2012	(2-27-12)	2012 2013	2011 2012	(3-20-12) 2	012 2013
Parks and Recreation:					Other:	
Ball park	1,250	1,895	1,500			
Public beach	4,200	3,061	4,200	Total join	nt operation	216,654
Landscaping	3,250	3,608	3,500			
Lawn mowing	2,750	1,560	1,750			
Restroom maintenance, upgrade	3,750	3,027	3,750		ıdget (St. James	)
Trash pickup	1,650	1,985	2,000	Balance f	orward	24,486
Tennis Court	500	1 222	2,000	Taxes		36,875
Campground	1,500	1,332	1,500	Use fees		25,920
Gull Harbor	1,500	100	500	Other inc		4,000
Pest Control	250	250	250	Bond p		41,462
Lighthouse restoration	6,000	200	6,000		xpenditures	27,415
Utilities	3,400	309	500	Remainin	g balance	22,404
Township properties	1,250	424	1,250			
Recreation Plan			7,500			
Township Hall:	2,000	5.002	2 000	Yacht Do	ck (St. James)	
Utilities	3,900	5,992	3,000	Balance f		12,850
Repair	4,500	443	5,500	Dock fe	ees	46,000
Cleaning Grounds	500	385	500	Wages		28,470
	350	375	450		xpenses	21,700
Insurance Governmental Center:	525	500	525	Remainin	g balance	8,830
Fuel oil	1,450	3,337	3,000			
Electricity	2,750	1,926	2,100			
Insurance	450	450	450	Waste M	anagement	
Grounds	500	350	500	(administ	ered by Peaine)	
Building maintenance	500	437	500	Balance f	orward	278,000
Cleaning	900	770	900	Peaine	taxes	69,000
Snow Removal	400	229	400	St. Jam	es taxes	69,000
DNR Building:	400	229	400	Other rev	enue	89,400
Electricity	2,550	2,497	2,550	Wages		84,000
Insurance	300	300	300		xpenses	149,100
Fuel oil	2,600	1,135	2,600	Remainin	g balance	272,300
General maintenance	3,000	4,198	3,000			
Building and Grounds	3,000	7,170	3,000	30,500	26,047	18,200
Cemetery				1,000	20,017	10,200
Recreation and Culture				36,250	27,107	37,000
Capital outlay				7,500	15,862	10,000
Debt service				12,500	12,025	11,600
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	282,004	295,186	249,453	334,650	301,099	300,050
Remaining Balance	125,195	123,169	148,565	22.,020	201,000	319,863
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Fire Department:						
Taxes	46,017	45,947	45,938	46,017	46,017	45,936
Donations and other income	2,900	12,379	2,900	16,000	20,133	21,500
Balance Forward	105,388	105,388	114,160	·		•
Expenditures	98,805	90,575	107,814	16,000	16,710	21,500
Remaining balance	101,517	119,156	101,118			
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Roads:						
Taxes	79,500	79,388	76,394	75,000	64,483	69,000
Other income	6,795	6,682	269,122	5,250	4,820	5,300
Balance forward	239,992	239,992	140			140,000
Expenditures	88,770	54,019	87,420	75,000	62,205	74,000
Remaining balance	237,517	272,043	258,238			140,300
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St. James

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St. James

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Both Township Boards have worked hard to conserve the limited resources and make reduced revenues go as far as possible.

Many of the categories appearing in these charts have been broken down further.

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he camera captured the precise moment when Denise McDonough let go of the rope

and everyone on the other side fell over – the winning team got a big kick over that, which shows in their grins. They

traded sides and went again. Besides pulling the rope, there was plenty of dancing, drinking, and meeting friends.

#### THE GLOP THAT ATE OUR BEACHES

by Marcia Goodrich - reprinted from "Michigan Tech's magazine "Research," thanks to Bob Trudgeon

The oozy, green, bottom-dwelling alga called *Cladophora glomerata* has squished around toes about as long as people have been wading in the Great Lakes. It was never a serious nuisance, however, until the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, when an unprecedented number of huge, gooey mats of *Cladophora* (pronounced klah-DAH-for-uh) blooms uprooted and drifted ashore, fouling entire beaches with a thick layer of rotting muck.

Then came the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, and the mats of Cladophora all but disappeared. Says Robert Shuchman, codirector of the Michigan Tech Research Institute, "It was a great success story." It was also a short one. After thirty years in the wings, Cladophora is back on center stage.

The story began in the 1970s, when Martin Auer was a PhD candidate at the University of Michigan. His advisor asked him to check out the relationship between the phosphorus-rich effluent flowing from a sewage treatment plant and the jungle-like growth of

Cladophora thriving nearby. Auer, now a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Michigan Tech, demonstrated that lowering phosphorus levels from the effluent removed most of the Cladophora.

Guided by Auer's findings, the US and Canada developed regulations that would slash the amount of phosphorus entering the Great Lakes. Soon the massive algal blooms faded away.

"People said we were done," Auer remembers. "It seemed that was the end





of it." They appeared to be right. Auer calls 1985 to 2005 "the Dark Age of *Cladophora*. It looked like there was no more *Cladophora* work to be done."

Of course *Cladophora* was still around; it just wasn't a nuisance. "It's not an invader," Auer notes. "It's always been in all of the Great Lakes except Superior." A filamentous green alga, it attaches to anything solid, like rocks, and floats upward toward the sun.

A generation after the *Cladophora* problem had supposedly taken its final

bow, it returned with a vengeance. Vast stretches of lake bottom in Lakes Erie, Huron, Ontario, and Michigan were coated. "The stuff was washing up and clogging the cooling water intakes for nuclear power plants," Auer says. "The power plants had to shut down."

Initially no one understood what was going on. "We'd been removing phosphorus, and everything was supposed to be getting better," Auer says. As it turned out, the reason why it wasn't came in the form of another pesky species.

Practically no one in the Great Lakes region had even heard of zebra mussels during the first *Cladophora* explosion. But the oceanic invaders hitched rides in the ballast tanks of sea-going vessels and became established in all the Great Lakes, save Superior.

They not only clogged water intake pipes and disrupted the food chain, "they changed the Great Lakes in three ways that benefit *Cladophora*," says Auer.

First, zebra mussels filter particles out of the lakes, clarifying the water and

### BEAVER ISLAND

April 8 – Christian Church Easter Brunch. Noon at GFC.

April 14 – all-day NRESC/MSU facilitators meeting 10:00 – 4:00 at Peaine.

April 27 – **Alma College Choir** 7 pm April 28 – Beaver Island **Citizen of the** 

#### EVENTS

**Year** Banquet at the Shamrock (231) 448-2278 for reservations.

May 6 – **PABI Road Rally**. Meet at the Shamrock at 1:30

May 8 – **School millage renewal** election May 27 – **2**<sup>nd</sup> **Annual Gail's Walk** 3 pm

June 14 – **Invasive Species Summit** at the Community Center. *See page 36*. June 16 – both **Island Museums open** June 21-23 – **Beaver Island Bike Fest** *beaverislandbikefestival.com* June 22-25 – **Camp Quality** arrives





letting sunlight penetrate deeper. It's like turning on a grow light. "Now, where *Cladophora* used to grow at depths of ten feet, they now grow at forty-five."

Second, the mussels are whipping up *Cladophora's* favorite food. "Rivers carry a type of phosphorus that *Cladophora* can't use, which used to go out to the center of the Great Lakes," Auer said. "Now come the zebra mussels, and they filter out that phosphorus and spit it back in a form that's perfect for *Cladophora*. For them it's like living

upstairs of the bakery."

Finally, the zebras are creating new real estate. Billions of zebra mussel shells coat the once-sandy lake bottom, providing a hard surface where *Cladophora* filaments can attach. "So you have a triple whammy," says Shuchman. And thus far, no one has found a way to evict zebra mussels from the Great Lakes. Controlling 21st century *Cladophora* is turning out to be far more complicated than keeping excess phosphorus out of the ecosystem.

In 2009 the EPA took aim at the myriad problems plaguing the Great Lakes through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. With funding from the initiative, Shuchman and his research team are helping resource managers get their arms around the *Cladophora* problem.

"The EPA asked us to find out where *Cladophora* is concentrated," Shuchman said. It seems like an easy enough question if your boat's propeller is encapsulated in slime, but with thousands of miles of Great Lakes shoreline, no one

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
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had a good estimate of the extent of the *Cladophora* beds.

To find out, they are using remotesensing data from satellites. They measure "radiance," or reflective brightness, to distinguish *Cladophora* beds from areas where the lake bottom is clear. That's relatively easy at a constant depth, but radiance drops as water gets deeper.

To account for the difference, Shuchman integrated the satellite data with information on the lake bottoms and developed an elegant algorithm that compensates for the depth of the water. "This lets us map *Cladophora* in a straightforward way," he said. To verify their results, they use ground truth, i.e., upclose sensing: researchers boat along the shoreline and visually check for *Cladophora*, often using a remotecontrolled mini-submarine camera. These surveys showed their remotesensing analysis to be ~90% accurate.

Shuchman's team will also track the

historical ebb and flow of *Cladophora* by applying the algorithm to satellite images that go back decades.

Armed with this, resource managers will be able to locate *Cladophora* beds and tell if cleanup efforts are working. The EPA is already using their data to track the health of the Great Lakes. Auer and Shuchman are also considering ways to track the algal mats, which typically slough off the lake bottom in midsummer, and possibly block them before they land on beaches or in the cooling water intakes of nuclear power plants.

The team members will map all US waters in the Great Lakes that are optically visible—those parts where light can be reflected off the bottom. Already they have determined that sunlight is reaching much more of the lake bottom than in years past, thanks to the mussels' insatiable appetite for water-clouding plankton. "I hate zebra mussels, but they have made it possible for us to look into

deeper water," Shuchman said.

The team finished mapping Lake Michigan. They have found *Cladophora* on 591 square miles, a third of the optically visible area. Ironically, it is superabundant near Sleeping Bear Dunes, where 20"-thick algal mats lie just a few yards off shore. In addition to creating a repulsive viewing experience, rotting *Cladophora* provides ripe conditions for avian botulism and has been implicated in the poisoning of thousands of birds.

The abundance of *Cladophora* could have even broader implications. "It's scary," Shuchman said, in part because the Michigan DNR reports that the exotic Asian carp can eat *Cladophora*. The voracious fish have infested the Mississippi River system, and many fear they will expand their range into the Great Lakes.

The filter-feeding quagga mussels have essentially wiped out their potential food supply in the middle of Lake Michigan, "so the carp will never survive in



deep water," said Shuchman. "But there's plenty of *Cladophora* near the shore for them to eat."

In addition to its *Cladophora* efforts, Michigan Tech is working on three other projects as part of the federally funded Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

# Everything you wanted to know about the Great Lakes

Anyone from anglers to the DNR can check out Great Lakes maps for data on lake surface temperature; sediment plumes; color-producing agents (chlorophyll, dissolved organic carbon, and suspended minerals); harmful algal blooms; the type of land cover, such as forests, agriculture, wetlands, and urban; and lake-bottom type (sand or algae). Go to: www.glosaocmapping.org

#### Finding Phragmites

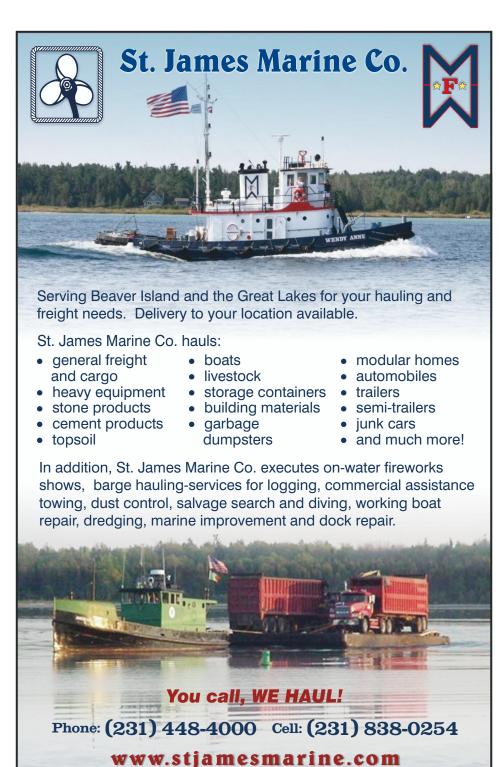
Phragmites may be on the move. The invasive form now grows mostly south of a line that runs roughly between Lake Huron's Thunder Bay, Traverse City, and Green Bay. Farther north, mostly the native version of *Phragmites* is found. But if it gets warmer and lake levels drop, the invasive form may come north, and the US Geological Survey and the US Fish and Wildlife Service want to know where it is and where it might show up because of climate change. "It's great to have a map, and it's even better if people use it," said Bourgeau-Chavez. Maps of Phragmites and MTRI's field data are at www.mtri.org/phragmites.html

#### Beyond Cladophora: Toxic algal blooms

Cladophora isn't the only problem alga in the Great Lakes. Western Lake Erie is undergoing one of the worst algal blooms of *Microcystis* in decades. Harmful algal blooms have also shown up in Green Bay and Saginaw Bay.

"This is a record year for HABs," says research engineer Michael Sayers. Concentrations have skyrocketed in portions of Lake Erie, from 35 micrograms per liter to 1,000. The blue-green algae are toxic, killing fish and endangering other wildlife and human health. They thrive in nutrient-rich, stagnant water.

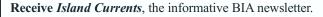
Sayers and other members of the MTRI team are developing algorithms that describe the extent of HABs dating back to the early 2000s. "The trick is to tell blue-green algae from regular algae, but we're coming up with a nice algorithm using satellite data," he says. "It's very robust. Our goal is to help the people who are trying to remediate this."



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#### 18. A NEW CAMPUS

hen the students from Nortrhern Michigan University began digging around the remains of the Burke Farm on CMU property in 2010, few realized the excavation would lead to something even more interesting—the creation of a branch of NMU right here on Beaver Island.

Thanks to several months of hard work by Ed Wojan, NMU was able to purchase 20 acres on the north side of the Greene's Lake Road adjacent to state land, a wooded parcel containing the foundation where Gail Lowe had planned to build a home. Their intent is to create an Island campus for various research activities—archaeology, geology, and biology. Their working design includes a 36' x 72' main building (lounge, conference area, kitchen and dining area, three bathrooms, two bedrooms), an outdoor pavilion and cleaning station, and four small double-bunk-bed cabins.

Meanwhile two of its staff are organizing a Beaver Island exhibit for the on-campus Beaumier Heritage Center. The exhibit will include a time line of the Island's entire history, starting with its appearance after the retreat of the glaciers, and imbed the found artifacts in the appropriate places to give a sense of how life here developed. After finishing its run at the Center the exhibit is scheduled to come to Beaver Island, if sufficient space can be found.

#### ARTIST BLACKSMITHS— MUSEUM WEEK 2012

This year, for Museum Week, Blacksmiths from the non-profit **Michigan Artist Blacksmith Association** will demonstrate blacksmithing in Heritage Park. The main event will be on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am until 5:00pm. However, some early arrivals may appear during the week to demonstrate the art and answer questions posed by observers. Some hand-forged items will also be available for sale.

Also, Saturday evening, at the Community Center, several blacksmiths will discuss the art of blacksmithing as it exists today, as well as the history and purpose of the formation of the Michigan Artist Blacksmith Association.

Most blacksmithing demonstrations that occur downstate require minimum expenses for the volunteer Blacksmiths...basically fuel costs to get there. They generally camp on site. As you know, the cost to these volunteers will be considerably more to come to Beaver Island. Expenses for equipment transportation to the Island, food, and lodging may be an effort for many of them.

With this in mind, they are asking for "Sponsors" who would be willing to help provide housing (and maybe some food or transportation) for those Blacksmiths who need that extra incentive to come to our Island. For the most part, they will arrive on Friday and leave on Sunday; however some will come earlier in the week.

Any money donations would also be gratefully received. Make checks payable to The Beaver Island Historical Society and write "blacksmiths" on the check.

If you have a loaner vehicle, an empty bedroom and shower and would be willing to help out, please contact me, Lance Olson, at my Island number, 448-3133, or (517) 531-5226, or email me at lance.olson@hotmail.com









## WINTER IN ONE DAY









fter a winter of only occasional dustings, the mother lode of snow struck Beaver Island during the night of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. When residents awoke on March 3<sup>rd</sup> they

found a blanket of thick wet snow everywhere—on the ground and in the branches. It ranged in depth from 8-10" at the north end to 18-20 at the south. The wind swirled as it fell, so everything was blasted from all sides. And the snow stuck—to fences, chicken wire, power lines, and, most of all, the trees. Branches were pulled down, and the tips touching the ground were welded















down by continuing snowfall. Many could not take the added weight and fell, or sacrificed their limbs. It took all day to dig out a car. Down the East Side Drive the county plow was trapped by the piles it had pushed up and had to

be rescued by a contractor's big loader—and then the loader got stuck.

Everyone was excited the next day. The landscape was beautiful. Everything was white, above and below; we felt as if the Island had been

purified. But then two days later the temperature began rising toward and past 50°, and our mighty piles which towered over our heads became streams running down our driveways.

At the end of the week the tempera-







ture dropped again and there was a sprinkling of white dust, but then the jet stream swung north and warm air from the south teased our nostrils with its balmy fragrance.

Temperatures soared toward 80°. Records were set, here and all around us. Not only were jackets abandoned,

but long sleeves too. Yet the memory of that one remarkable day lingers on, and we tell our friends, "Yes, we had winter this year—but only for one day."

Thanks very much to Mary Rose for sharing these stunning photographs of the Island's one-day winter of 2012.











## BILL FREESE

he much-admired Island canoe (and bucket) builder Bill Freese passed away in early March.

He first arrived in 1982 with his new wife and her daughter, looking for a home on the water's edge with a garage facing the lake where he could build boats and skid them across the beach to test. Such a request could not be met, and the family moved to Texas, but things did not work out and he returned two years later by himself.

He still had the same goal, but it had to be modified. He began designing and building canoes, first in a rented pole barn on the Back Highway and then in the old McDonough's store. He was a self-taught engineer (he volunteered to design a skidway for the Ferry Dock) who grandfathered into a certificate, and he brought that same can-do attitude to his craft, learning from every mistake. Soon he was regularly turning out grand works of art, constructions that deserved to be hung from a high ceiling in a great room by chromed wire, using some mechanism that would allow them to be taken down and put in the water from time to time.

Of all the full-time residents over the past 25 years, he was thought to be the least interfering with the events of the day. Yet his enforced observe-only mode produced a laid-back mood in which he was uncommonly aware of the general common pratfalls. At times he became depressed, but he always had his craft to pull him back. Everyone respected him, and no one disliked him. He will be missed.

# IN LOVING MEMORY: WILLIAM T. FREESE

William Thomas Freese, age 79, quietly passed away on March 3, 2012, at his home on Beaver Island in the company of longtime friends Neal Boyle, Tim McDonough, and his helping aide Sherry Freidman.

Born on March 7, 1932, he was raised and spent most of his life around or near Detroit. At the age of 18 Bill joined the Marines. He proudly served our nation and toured overseas including Korea and Japan. After the Marines, Bill, engineer by trade, joined and retired from the Sheet continued on page 24.



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#### 24. HAPPY EASTER

I would like to thank all of the kind-hearted wonderful people who helped make this year's Easter Egg Scramble the best ever! WOW! What a great group of hardworking generous individuals who really put their hearts ... and hands into this group effort! It takes very special people to help these events take place for our community. It was nice to see friends and families gathered together to watch the children having so much fun!

Easter Egg Stuffers: Sandy Birdsall, Shirley Detwiler, Tina Morgan, Betty Scoggin and Karen Slanga

Treat Bag Stuffer: Doug Tilly

Decorating Crew: Shirley Detwiler, Tina Morgan, Ann Partridge, Paige Pryor, Doug Tilly and Tina Walker

Egg Layers: Melissa Pryor, Paige Prior, Taylor Pryor, Kenn Scoggin, Doug Tilly and Tom Whitman

Supporting Crew: Melissa Peyor, Kathy Richards and Kenn Scoggin

Emcee: Ann Partridge

Special Assistants to the Easter Bunny: Shirley Detwiler and Betty Scoggin

Special thanks to the Easter Bunny for hopping over to The Beaver Island Community Center!

The Easter Bunny would like to personally thank Powers Do It Best Hardware for the use of the wooden bench for the photos!

Special thanks to The AmVets

**Bill Freese**, continued from page 23. Metal Workers Union. Bill was a private man in nature and his personal past is somewhat of a mystery; he only shared that side of himself with his closest friends.

He is survived by his son Mark Freese and daughter Peggy Freese-Simpson, several grandchildren and possibly great grandchildren. For Beaver Islanders and Island Visitors his story really begins here in 1984 when he made the decision to become an Island resident. Bill's love for sailing, the water, and his passion for boats and canoes was his inspiration. He opened the St. James Boat Shop in 1985 and let his artistic abilities lead him to creating his own designs of Beaver Island cherry wood canoes and buckets. He was a true













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Special thanks, once again, to Ron Wojan for allowing us to use his enclosed trailer. Ron, I don't know what we'd do without your generous heart!

A very special thank you to The Beaver Island Community Center for hosting this event! I think the community will agree, your efforts in helping to make this years Easter activities the best ever, are greatly appreciated!

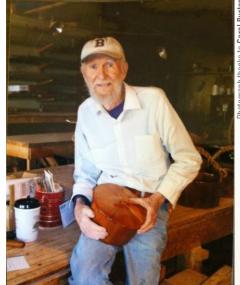
And I would like to thank all of the people who attended this year's event!

—Tina Walker

craftsman/builder, whose artwork has traveled around the world.

Over the years Bill met and touched the lives of thousands. He always had a smile and wit for the ladies and a good old boy story for the men. Not a summer day could pass without a visitor stopping by the shop to chat with Bill. He was a charming character, teacher, and friend. Even one encounter could give you a unique story and lasting impression. During his first years here you could find him paddling in his canoe to the Shamrock every morning for coffee, and the lights were often on way after dark in the evening. He had a hand in starting the first Marine Birthday Celebration on Beaver Island. It was a simple affair in the Boat Shop with a cake and a sword, but it has

become a tradition that continues today. He has passed his knowledge of canoe and bucket building on, and his great



talent, craft, and love of it will be continued. Bill also left behind with many of us his outlook on life. If you cut a piece of wood in half and lay the pieces side by side, you get a mirrored image no matter what way the grain may run. In this you could find inspiration and beauty in the two sides, or you may find just a plain piece of wood, but no matter what, no two are ever the same. That is how he looked at not only his art but people.

Bill did not wish to have a Memorial or a service for him after his passing. We will host an Open House, at the Boat Shop in his memory this summer. He would quite enjoy everyone stopping to share a picture, story, or good conversation. He will be truly missed but never forgotten in our hearts.



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

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Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 4, 1912 "Local Option Proposal: Peaine Township - Yes, 29, No, 12; St. James Township - Yes, 38; No, 66. (Boyne City also voted Yes).

#### **Front Page Article:** TO CHANGE FISH LAWS MEASUREMENT OF NETS IN WATER PLACES FISHERMEN IN DANGER OF ARREST

"Undersheriff Martin Brown of Leland, returned today from Lansing, says the Traverse City Record, where he has been in the interests of the lake fishermen of this vicinity. The new law provides that all nets shall e measured when in the water which makes practically all the fishermen in the state liable to arrest and confiscation in case an over-zealous game warden wants to make trouble in this direction. This clause in the law was not discovered until the law became effective and as a result the fishermen have been on the anxious seat ever since.

Mr. Brown took the matter up with Senator Robert E. Walter, who became busy at once and introduced a measure in the senate providing that nets shall be measured as manufactured. It passed the senate but when it came up in the house, where it was introduced by Representative Warner, the representative from Charlevoix succeeded in defeating it. A little more work (?) further consideration in the house and the chances are that it will pass that body and become law, as Governor Osborn is in favor of it and sent a special message to the legislature asking for consideration of the bill in both houses."

Beaver Island News: "Tom Hunt's home caught fire last Thursday. Total loss."

"Mrs. Owen C. McCauley is very

"H. P. Boyle went to Cross Village after a load of oats last week."

"W. J. Gallagher was re-elected supervisor of St. James township." (Note: April 1 - 6 Fair, 10 - 36 degrees;

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, pump open after just 3 months; last ice mail. F. Protar)

> Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 10, 1912: "Board of Supervisors -Peaine, H. P. Boyle; St. James, W. J. Gallagher."

> Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 11, 1912 Front Page Article: JOKER IN BILL

> FISH MATTERS COME IN FOR A LITTLE EXCITEMENT - BILL PEARSON AGAIN

"An alleged attempt to slide through a joker in the Ming fish bill, governing the netting of fish on the shores of Michigan, stirred up a hot row in the house one day last week. It was alleged by Rep. Pearson, of Charlevoix, that the bill, which looks innocent enough on its face, would tie the hands of the state game and fish wardens and 'undo two years of labor that were required to build up the Ming law for the protection of the fish of the state.

'It is about time the legislature stopped legislating for the fishermen and started legislating for the people and the fish.' said Rep. Pearson hotly.

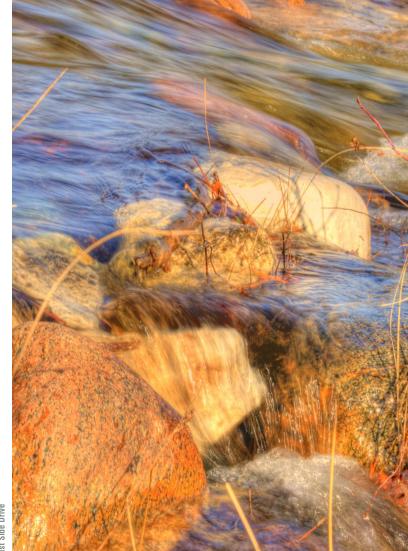
The Ming law, passed in 1910, provides that the mesh of nets shall be a certain size 'as found in the water.' The amendment proposed changes the quoted words to 'as manufactured.' Game Warden Oates, who opposes the amendment, claims that the change would permit fishermen to escape any prosecution, as the nets shrink, and it would only be necessary for a fisherman using too fine a net to allege that the net was right when manufactured.

Rep. Warner started the row when he tried to have the bill taken from committee of the whole and placed on final passage. The bill was taken away, but Rep. Pearson moved that the bill go to the fish committee. Rep Jensen, an Escanaba fisherman, objected strenuously.

'I don't want to hurry this, but the bill might just as well go to a cemetery as to the fish committee,' he said. Rep. Jensen became so personal in his reference that Speaker Baker was compelled to warn him against the house rule against continued on page 29.

Left: a section of an 1854-1855 map of the Beaver Island Group given to Ed Wojan by Lee Sachnoff from Chicago.









One Hundred Years Ago, from page 27. such personal rowing. The motion to refer to the committee was lost by a vote of 37 to 35. The bill was finally unanimously laid on the table."

Local News: "Ice conditions are somewhat cheering. In Lake Michigan there are signs of a breakup. Strips of water are seen far to the westward, and on Monday and yesterday no ice to speak of could be seen to the eastward from Beaver Harbor, although the harbor was full. Same conditions to the south and west of Beaver Head. Mail carriers report ice getting unsafe on Cross Village route."

"The is some question whether or not the eating of fish produces brain power, but there is no quibble over the fact that catching fish produces liers."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 17, 1912 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 18, 1912 **No Beaver Island** related news. (Note: April 15 - 20 46 -38 degrees; April 19 - first boat mail, gasoline launch.; April 21 - first thunderstorm. F. Protar)

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, April 24, 1912 **No Beaver Island related news**.

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, April 25, 1912 **Front Page Article:** 

" A USEFUL WARNING

"The U. S. Weather bureau has inaugurated a system of 'small craft warnings' that will be greatly appreciated here. The warning will consist of a red pennant displayed on the storm warning tower. No light will be displayed at night.

"The small craft warning issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau indicates that moderately strong winds are expected that will interfere with the safe operation of small craft, such as those engaged in fishing, towing, motor boating and yachting, but not of sufficient force to affect high-powered vessels."

**Local News**: "James Donlevy was a *City of Boyne* passenger from St. James Tuesday."

"John Floyd, old resident of St. James, and a Gettysburg Veteran with four years service to his credit, is in town on business."

"The first Beaver Island navigation was Thursday of last week, when the Booth boat *Arbutus* made the trip taking

the mail. The B. I. L. Co. tug *Ryan* 29. came over the same day."

"An old Beaver Island citizen who was over this week, says that never since he went to the Island over 40 years age, has communication with the mainland been so uninterrupted as this past winter. The mail boat ran late and the Cross Village 'ice bridge' formed early, and barring the past two weeks, they have had two mails every week, and, independent of the mail outfit, had excellent freight and passenger communication."

"The steamer *City of Boyne* made the Beaver Island trip Monday, but was wind-bound there over night. The *Beaver* was inspected Tuesday."

**Beaver Island News**: "Francis Green went to Petoskey Tuesday on business."

"A. Malloy went to Charlevoix Friday on business."

"Supervisor H. Boyle went to Charlevoix Friday on business."

"Capt. Ed. Martin was here on a visit last week."

"Mrs. Dan Martin went on a visit to Charlevoix Tuesday of this week."

"A. Blase (sic) of the Rob't. Beutel Fish co., is here buying fish."

"Capt. Owen Gallagher, keeper of the life saving station stood test at Grand Haven and will continue in charge of the St. James station."

"John Floyd went to Traverse City Friday on business."

"Nalley Cram, was at the Island Friday, to look up Booth Fishing Co.'s interest."

"The tug *Chas. Ryan* went to Boyne City last Friday, returned Sunday."

"W. E. Stephens went to Manistee on business Friday."

"Wm. Armstrong, of the Johnson Cracker Co., of Milwaukee, was here on business."

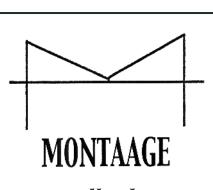
"Fred Smith of the Petoskey Grocery House, called on our merchants Monday."

"P. Beecham, John Cheney, and several others called on our merchants this week." (Note: none of these names appear in the Hotel Beaver register)

"City of Boyne, made a trip here Monday and returned Tuesday."

"James Donlevy went to Charlevoix Tuesday on Business."

"Clyde Gallagher went to Chicago for the summer." (Note: April 27, 30 - B. I. L. Co. fires. F. Protar)



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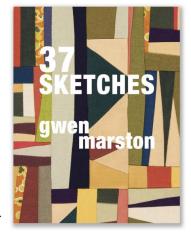
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w e n Marston, local quilter and prolific author, just learned that her new book, 37 Sketches, has won an award in the 2012 New York Book Show.

It's a really beautiful book, both artfully designed and beautifully made. It shows her new work built on the idea of exploring the elements

of design by constructing small studies, which she quickly began to think of as sketches. She began to see these sketches in much the same way as a painter does in using sketches to explore technique and to work out color and composition ideas. These pieces are abstract compositions, worked primarily in solids. Constructing them provided her with a valuable and expedient way to explore new technique, color, and composition. She explains her process for making these small studies using her liberated, improvisational methods, with



which many are very familiar, and discusses how the experience of making this series of sketches was like taking a crash course in design.

Pat Holly had this to say about 37 Sketches: "I am so excited about this book! You did a great job; in the text also you explained

your process very clearly and

simply. This is not easy to do!" The page layouts are done in an artful way: the text on the left page and the quilt on the right interact in a supportive way. Patricia Ensey expressed it this way: "The layout of the pages added greatly to the text, tying it to the art."

She's off to New Zealand soon to teach at the National Quilt Symposium in Taupo, New Zealand in 2013, and she's been invited to present a onewoman, month-long exhibit of the work shown in *37 Sketches* at the Taupo Museum during July.

Gwen noted, "Ok ... fine! Michael Pollan got first in our class and a book from the American Museum of Natural History got second. Still ... look how fabulous my little *37 Sketches* looks sitting right there in 4<sup>th</sup> place! I'm happy with that. Look at the company I'm keeping! And actually, it's cool for me because this is my second book award,



having won a 2005 Michigan Notable book Award for a biography I wrote. This one's published by the University of Michigan Press."





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Eagle Scout, Dan LaFreniere, attended the March 26th reception in Grand Rapids at the Devos Place.

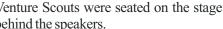
This reception was held for all the 2011 Eagle Scouts and Silver Award Class from Scenic Trails Council and the Gerald R. Ford Council.

Governor Rick Snyder was the keynote speaker and the 100 or so Scouts

got a meet-and-greet photo opportunity with the governor. During the program, the Eagle Scouts and Silver Award Class Venture Scouts were seated on the stage behind the speakers.

Michael D. obtaining Eagle

rank as a Lone Scout, as Dan had done. All in our council and beyond were very proud of Dan's achievement.



Toward the end of the program,



#### MOVINGUP

Forrest Powers was accepted into the Diagnostic Radiology Residency Program at William Beaumont Hospital In Royal Oak Michigan in the middle of

#### EARTH GERM

I'm a leaf in the Wind— I wish the Wind would stop Blowing me around, So I could fall to the ground-And compost...

—Dawn George

#### HATIN

Nancy Ferguson, the former "Bank Lady" who brings over the Camp Quality kids, is running for County Commissioner from Peaine and St. James. She rides Budger near her property here.

#### FOR THE BIRDS

People have been talking about the possible economic benefits that might come from popularizing the variety of birds that can be seen here.

Ohio seems to be ahead of Michigan in this regard-not that they have

more birds, just better p.r.; Ohio recently released the information that it draws 2,400,000 birders to 84 sites along Lake Erie. A survey was just completed at one of its leading sites, the Magee Marsh, and it stated that the birders visiting the marsh support 195 local jobs and provide a \$19,000,000 boost to the economy (within a 15-mile radius). The re-spending of money which results from this generates \$1.48 for every dollar the birders spend.



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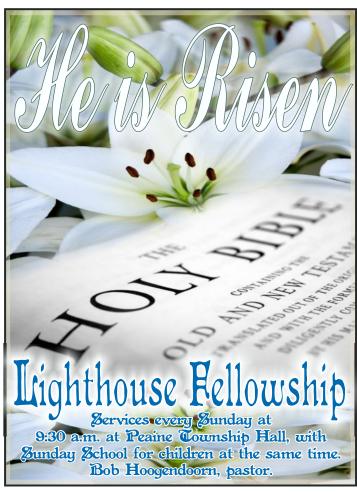
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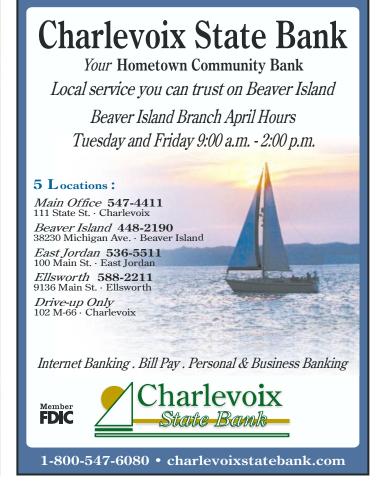
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#### ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The Beacon included its first work of fiction, a story called Flummoxed about a woman who confronted James Jesse Strang about his allowing a man to take multiple marriage partners for their economic protection, and tricked him into agreeing that if a woman had sufficient means, the same thinking would allow her to take multiple husbands.

The school sponsored a Drug Awareness Presentation for parents, which focused on the sudden availability of "rave drugs."

The Health Center received a grant to cut in half the cost of its T-1 line. The Center had a consultant improve its billing system, and hired Island resident Tim Dwyer to streamline its systems. Three architects applied to be interviewed about designing the new facility. The Health Center Board decided to replace the annual "Swing and Sway" with a car raffle.

At the Townships' annual meetings a 3% CoL increase was approved.

The Chamber was pressing for public boat launch improvements and a Harbor Nuisance Ordinance.

The Beaver Island Partnership Project requested support from various boards, and was generally asked to make a presentation about its hopes and plans. The Townships declined.

Trail maps with GPS readings supplied by CMU were forwarded to the DNR.

The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Leadership Retreat was set for late April, sponsored by the Chamber, the Property Owners; Association, and the Historical Society. It planned to focus on "managing growth and tourism."

The Youth Consortium set its goals for the year: hold a high school cooking class, sponsor an Irish dancing class, conduct a mechanics' workshop, and create a 4-H Club branch.

Don Spencer was named to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation's Board of Trustees.

The push for a new Health Center was supported by citing the fact that patients seen between 1990 and 2001 had soared from 550 to 2.700.

The *Beacon* reported that on March 15<sup>th</sup> the *Emerald Isle* started its season by braving a field of ice midway across,

with some ridges up to 6' thick. It had to drop to 4 knots, but it kept slicing through and soon hit open water again and could accelerate to 14 knots. The return from Charlevoix was much quicker.

The *Beacon* profiled Joe Moore, an Island treasure. He had just suffered a pulmonary embolism and after having helped so many others survive became a patient himself. He grew up in Traverse City, one of seven children, and met (and eloped with) Phyllis when they were both leading students at Grand Valley State.

The Fire Auxiliary named Pinky Harmon as its Woman of the Year, and promptly made up several lies about her (at its annual roast).

A Technology Forum was held at Peaine Hall, with 50 residents asking questions and hearing various presentations about internet access options and their advantages.

Twenty Years Ago The Island Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts held a Klondike Derby, with such events as log sawing, first-aid lashing, map orientation, emergency shelter construction, and Morse Code signaling.

The *Beacon* ran a Q & A about the new school bond, which was needed because an increase in the number of subjects the State required forced a decrease in the number of grades per room, so more rooms were required. A bond issue the previous year resulted in a 101-101 tie, so it was put on the ballot again. Phil Gregg explained that in each of the three previous school expansions, limited funds forced short-term thinking, so what was created was quickly outgrown.

The DNR approved the Island's new Critical Dune Ordinance.

New sidewalks were to be built, 2,000 linear feet for \$22-25,000.

The joint Townships passed a resolution opposing any State attempts to sell any of its lakefront land on the Island, requesting a written right of first refusal for any such parcels the State considered letting go.

Peaine Township passed a resolution objecting to a motion in the House which would allow the State to remove the Natural Beauty Road designation from a road upon the petition of affected land owners. The Township was

thinking of suing the Road Commission over its failure to repave the King's Highway. It supported a proposal by the MSU Urban Planners to develop an updated master plan over the following 15 months—if a grant could be obtained to cover expenses.

The name "St. James" was officially changed to "Beaver Island" as a mail address.

St. James decided to sell its rescue boat because it no longer had a captain available for it.

Jewell Gillespie's 75<sup>th</sup> birthday was celebrated at a party at Holy Cross Hall. There was a little music.

Thirty Years Ago The Beacon opened with a story about former Island Conservation Officer (1942-58) Karl Kuebler, who was moving into a retirement home. It mentioned that in October of 1943 the new man confiscated some illegally set fish nets, and at 5:00 a.m. the next day someone (egged on by his brother) fired several shots into his bedroom, all narrowly missing the sleeping man. The next year his car was attacked with an axe. Yet even after he left the DNR, he stayed on the Island drilling wells—the one-armed man (with a 4<sup>th</sup>-grade education) could outwork many of his peers. He had a thing about covotes, and killed as many as he could. In 1970 he moved away.

Jacque LaFreniere was acknowledged as the co-editor, with Terry Liller.

Joe Moore reported on a day in which everything went wrong. First his pipes froze, so he tried to thaw them by placing a hair drier in his well pit. But the hair drier melted and quit. So he tried using a gas-fueled arc welder. That started okay-until an arc jumped from his kitchen faucet to the kitchen light, a distance of 24". So he took his wife and son to her parents' home, and stopped at the school to prepare lesson plans for a substitute teacher in case he did not make it in the next day. When he left, he discovered his battery was dead. He got a push, but ran out of gas on his way home and had to walk the rest of the way. Opening the door, he discovered his cats and his dog had tipped over the garbage can and spread its contents through the house. After cleaning up, he fell asleep on the couch—but was wakened by a smoke alarm: continued on page 34.

34. On This Date, from page 33. the room was full of smoke from a chimney fire. The way it goes.

The Sweet Adelines planned a dinner and dance for June, hoping to cover their performing expenses. The Historical Society was getting ready to celebrate its 25th birthday. The Game Club had been placing mineral blocks throughout the Island, and reported that the deer herd was in good shape. The Civic was planning a Spring Fling, with Rich Scripps and Rich Gillespie set to perform.

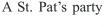
at the Parish Hall featured a Talent Show and an Open Mike.

Island teacher Sister Marie Eugene was the female Teacher of the Year, as named by Delta Kappa Gamma.

Vera Timsak bought a lottery ticket at the Shamrock and won \$10,000. Her hands started shaking so much she could not hold a glass to reciprocate the other patrons' toast.

Shannon Rafferty reported that as a child her dream was to become an Olympic-quality ice skater, and with her father's patient instruction she was well on her way. But his unexpected early death made her scuttle her plans-until this winter, when she created a rink in front of her family's grocery store and began giving lessons to Island kids.

Sympathy was offered for the loss of several Island people, Anna Left, Charles Scott, Cressie Dubell, and Bob Omer. Anna was a teacher from Charlevoix who married Carl Left; they moved to Beaver Island in 1947. Charles Scott was born on Garden and lived on High, and then Beaver, before joining the Air Force. He was the brother of Isabel Waninimkee





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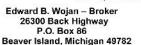
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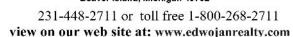
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# Ed Wojan Rea









#### **Lot 1 PSJ #1**

This is a North Shore lakefront lot facing northeast with a fantastic view of Garden and Hog Islands and the Pass between Garden and Beaver. It is 78.16 feet of frontage down at the water's edge. The lot is 75 feet wide over its full 300-foot length. The building site is on a bluff looking down at

the lower plateau and toward the beach frontage. A lot of the houses to the south and northwest of this lot have been built with the structures right at the edge of this bluff. Brian and Dee Gallagher's home at 38360 Indian Point Rd. is one lot northwest of this Lot #1 (they are Lot #3). Some trimming of the trees out front needs to be done to really open up the view into a view that will take in four of the Islands to the north. Chances are that adjacent property owners would participate in doing a common project to open the view more for everyone. This location is just west of the Pagetown Plat shown on the 2006 Second Wojan Cashman Map of Beaver Island. It's an easy and fast trip back to town, not too far from Font Lake and just a 3/4 mile drive or bike ride to Donegal Bay. The seller needs some cash to pay off a bank loan so the price of this lot has been dropped below the traditional market price for lots in this area. Seller paid \$87,000 for this lot four years ago. It's now being offered at \$40,000 less than the seller was going to sell it for

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Kenwabikise. Cressie was a Boyle born on Beaver in 1900. Bob was the husband of Island teacher Mary Ann; he perished after a long illness.

Forty Years Ago For the first time in many years no one on the Island was trapping this winter.

The Beacon pointed out that the burning of automobiles was technically not allowed.

Twelve picnic tables were built by volunteers and placed around the Island to go with eight from the previous year.

This year the Sundew was unavailable, and the ice had to be broken by the smaller (110') cutter *Kaw*. The ice was 2' thick, and the going tough. Unfortunately after she left, the wind shifted and the harbor was clogged with so many large cakes that the Beaver Islander's season was delayed.

The Island businessmen wrote a letter to Governor Milliken protesting the increase in property taxes, said to range from 100 to 400%.

The Green Acres laundromat bought new equipment and was preparing to open, as was Grace Cole's Killarnev Inn.

The Beacon published all 126

Island phone numbers.

Fifty Years Ago The Boat Company was negotiating to lease the Emerald Isle to the Straits Transit Company.

St. Pat's was celebrated with a potluck dinner at the Hall. Jewell Gillespie sang, Ed O'Donnell recited poetry, and Larry McDonough and Colleen Nackerman demonstrated the "Irish twist."

The highlight of the annual party thrown by the Beaver Island Club of Lansing was the modeling of a fulllength Island black continued on page 36.

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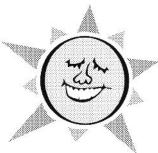
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36. *On This Date, from page 35.* beaver coat by Mrs. Murray Wanty. The Christian Brothers planned to hold a 20-day retreat here.

When the cutter *Mackinaw* delivered fuel for the road crew, the ice was measured at 27" thick. A month later the *Sundew* broke out the harbor, measuring ice at 12".

Amo Ludwick's book, *A Russian Doctor in Paradise*, would soon be out.

A movement was afoot to make the

U. P. an independent state, the 51<sup>st</sup>, with its revenues supplied by legalized gambling. An invitation was extended to Beaver Island to join them.

Bruce Meixsell was moving forward on his plans to introduce ringtail pheasants to the Island.

A request was made for the fishermen trying for Fox Lake trout not to use minnows as bait because they can escape and thrive, and impact the trout population.

## INVASIVE SPECIES SUMMIT

The Beaver Island Association is sponsoring an Invasive Species Summit on June 14, 2012 at the Beaver Island Community Center from 2 pm to 5 pm.

"The purpose of this meeting is to inform you of the dangers of invasive species, how to control them and their negative impact on outdoor activities, real estate values, the island economy and our environment. Invasive plants are spreading on almost all private and public lands on our island archipelago.

• Invasive plants can decrease your ability to enjoy hunting, fishing,

#### AMVETS POST 46 THANK YOU

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A plane spotted two dead deer on Lake Geneserath, so a group of men set off to investigate. They could not drive beyond Sand Bay because of deep snow, so Vernon Fitzpatrick (the game officer), Archie LaFreniere, Larry McDonough, and Don Welke snowshoed the rest of the way. They felt the deer had been killed by coyotes. Other deer were later found, also killed by coyotes. A newborn calf was also taken. Roy Chambers, the noted coyote hunter, agreed to come over with 37. his dogs. Ray Schofield, Game Division Supervisor, addressed the Game Club and said our coyotes were on the increase. He suggested making coyote hunting a sport.

Island beaver trappers were doing well. Walt Wojan had taken the biggest so far, weighing 53½ pounds. The average was 35, but prehistoric fossils indicate they once reached 500. "That was a long time ago," Walt said.

mushroom collecting, bird watching, and other recreational pursuits.

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for a boiled corned beef dinner, as well as many "Irish" items. The lucky winner of this basket was Bob McDonough of

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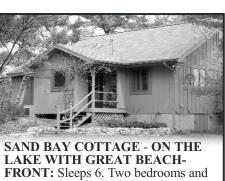
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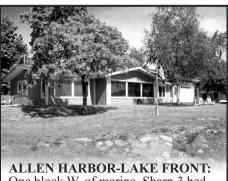
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ALLEN HARBOR-LAKE FRONT: One block W. of marina. Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. \$1,500/week. Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net or www.allenfoggcottages.com



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

FOR RENT YEAR AROUND - 950 sf, 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Furnished House, Washer Dryer, elect/propane heat, deck. 1st House north of Medical Center, 37362 King's Highway. \$500.00 month. Looking for long term lease. (303) 287-2212. WEEKLY RENTAL - Lakefront. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

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

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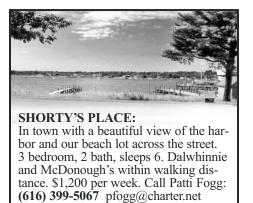
**10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD** Beautiful, wooded, great building site; \$39,000. (231) 409-1214.

**40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD** - Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.

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



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





7 PINES - Weekly Rental. Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1½ bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, *DOG friendly*, \$750/week, Contact Gretchen Fogg at (616) 318-1424 or gabf24@gmail.com

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

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

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



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



NORTH SHORE 300' BEACH FRONT: Newly remodeled Sunset Cabin overlooking Garden Island. Charming cabin with 3 season porch has Queen, Full/Twin bunk-bed and sleeper sofa. Located on Pine Street, easy walk to town. \$1,000. a week June through September. No pets please. Call (231) 448-2050 for more info.

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

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

THÉ FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor. Four

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

WATERFRONT HOME FOR SALE
- 3 BR, 1<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> bath, at Sand Bay.
Sandy beach, 2 lots: 1 w/ recently



FOR RENT MAIN ST. 3300 SQ. FT: 5 Bedrooms. 3 Baths. In-Town. ½ block from ferry - Across from yacht dock. 1 block from public beach. Responsible parties only. Reasonable. Call for info, Kathleen Wood, (231) 448-2311 Home (231) 598-1119 Cell.



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

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.

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

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.

TO PLACE AN AD - (231) 448-2476 or email beacon@beaverisland.net



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



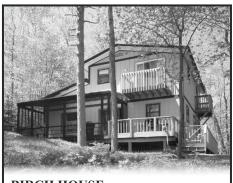
## WATERFRONT HARBOR HOUSE FOR RENT:

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









#### 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









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