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Have an interesting Island story? We want to hear from you!





4 NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The St. James Board set June 6 at 6:45 for a public meeting with the Drain Commissioner to discuss the new storm water ordinance. Peaine would be invited.

The Board agreed to buy 10,000 gallons of the locally provided and sprayed dust control solution at the same price as last year.

A public meeting with Robin Luce Hermann to talk about the FoIA and CMA was to be set for May 23. She is the general counsel to the Michigan Press Association, and recently won a case against Charlevoix prosecutor John Jarema over his refusal to release emails between himself and another County Commissioner made during a meeting. Jarema was also to be invited.

The cost for training paramedics was discussed. The mood was for the Townships to cover some portion of it but require some degree reimbursement if the trained person leaves the Island, with the amount proportional to how

long they stay. Another similar idea was for the Townships to require the individual to pay the full cost and then gradually reimburse them, as long as they are here.

Nancy Ferguson requested permission to create an OCTA Ball court at the Jewell Gillespie Playground. This sport evolved from an online game, and involves an 8-sided court; players try to avoid being hit by a ricochet of a soccerlike ball "served" off a 2 to 2½'-high wall; the last one unhit is the winner. She said this game is very popular on the mainland, and she would like to offer it at Camp Quality. The court could be set up and taken down as needed, and the Township would have no cost.

The deteriorating steps and deck at the old Livery Building were discussed as being a hazard.

Peaine Township

The supervisor announced that Verizon planned to replace one of the

HEALTH CENTER FUNDING

Thanks in large part to the work of Sen. Howard Walker, the state Senate on Wednesday approved a MCH budget that will include \$325,000 for Island Health Clinics.

Walker appealed to the chairman of

the committee overseeing the money. He said the money for Island Health Clinics is critical.

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Tina Morgan turned in her papers to run for Treasurer, a position she held until she and her family decided to leave the Island (and then changed their mind).

The estimated cost of a new Charlevoix County Road Commission garage adjacent to the Transfer Station was \$1,800,000. Application has been made for a TIGER grant to cover 40%.

Peaine agreed to cosponsor the FoIA and OMA meeting with Robin Luce Hermann, with only her travel expenses to be paid.

Mackinac, and Drummond islands," he said. "Stripping this money from the budget would have had dire consequences for those living on or visiting the islands, which is why I fought for it."

The first monthly financial report made in the promised new system was distributed, but discussion was put off until next month. The newly-codified 156-page zoning ordinance was to be reviewed next month as well. The Zoning Administrator has been using his own computer and printer. The Board voted to spend half of up to \$1,200 and \$150 to buy new equipment for the office, with a match from St. James.

Pete LoDico agreed to press the CCRC to keep its word about repairing the King's Highway in 2013 or 2014.

The Board discussed the problem with the Hall burner: to replace burner (\$950), replace the boiler with an 80%-efficient oil boiler (\$4,050), or replace it with a 95%-efficient propane boiler (\$6,200).

A letter from the MI Aeronautics Commission was circulated, cautioning us to follow the intricate procedure for condemning land—the 20 steps were detailed.

He sent letters to other congressmen. "The small amount of funding provided ensures that the residents have a first line of medical care until they can reach the mainland, where more robust services are available," Walker stated.







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6 GARDEN TOUR UPDATE

he 2nd Annual Garden Tour to Benefit the Wellness Garden project takes place July 11th beginning at 9:00 am at the public beach parking lot in front of the Holy Cross Parish Hall. The half-day tour will begin at 9 am and end after lunch; the all-day tour will end at 4pm.

The cost is \$25 for the half-day tour plus catered picnic lunch at the Wellness Garden including a ride, and \$40 for the full-day tour, catered picnic lunch, ride, and dessert at the final garden stop.

Bikers or those with their own transportation: \$10 (no lunch), or \$20

LET'S RIDE

John Kurtz appeared at the May NRESC meeting to talk about the Top O'Michigan Trails Council, which has established a bike trail from Charlevoix to Alpena. The group wants to include Beaver Island in its network.

This nonprofit has funding from the DNR and is able to procure grants, and could be a great boon to local efforts..

John spoke to the Trails Committee earlier, and invited the Island to attend the Council's annual meeting on June 22 at the Harbor Springs Airport. Further information about this was available at *trailscouncil.org*.

with lunch included, but you must buy your ticket by July 8th.

Tickets: Pre-sale to last year's supporters will be available from June 15th until June 23rd. After that, anyone wishing to buy tickets may get them until July 8th if you want lunch. On the day of the tour you may pay at the parking lot, no lunch available, provide your own transportation. Buy them at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center M-F 8:30-5.

Any questions, call Leonor 448-2894 or Betty (BIRHC) 2275

The vans and drivers are limited, which will limit the number of tickets.

THIS IS OUALITY

After 25 years of organizing Camp Quality (the last 12 of which have included Beaver Island), Eleanor West will retire after bringing this year's Campers to the Island on June 22 - 25.

There will be an open house for Island folks at the Community Center on Friday, June 22 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Tammy is making a cake for us, and there will be coffee and punch as well. Hopefully there will be some photos flashing on the screen. Please join in the celebration!

Other events planned for the group include kayaking, biking, and bonfires.



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n May 21st a meeting was held to plan the control of invasive species on the Beaver archipelago. Representatives from several different organizations used their combined knowledge to develop a plan for 2012. We are fortunate to have The Nature Conservancy donating \$70,000 to this program. Their representative, Shaun Howard, outlined their plan of paying for a survey of 6,000 acres, which includes Hog, High, and Beaver Island shorelines and some interior areas of Beaver Island. They will survey not only for Phragmites, but 23 other invasives. This will be invaluable for us in deciding what our priorities should be in the coming years.

TNC is planning to fund treatment for High and Hog Islands, and the Odawa Tribe has pledged funding to treat Garden Island. The B.I.A. was awarded \$8,500 from the D.N.R. Private Land Incentive Program for invasive species control and will work with the townships to fund treatment for

MUTES

Some people who admire our growing population of mute swans are concerned about the notion of reducing their number on the Island. At a recent NRESC meeting the DNR's Brian Mastenbrook discussed the issue.

Beaver Island. Many thanks to all of these organizations!

Todd Bowen from Cardno JFNew presented the plan for survey and detailed the steps for treatment. JFNew is very experienced in this field and has a lot of respect for the islands and their natural ecosystems. The surveys are slated to begin mid-June, so if you see their crews out and about, please show them our "Island hospitality".

The results of the survey will be available on the MISIN website so everyone can view them. This site has tons of information on invasive species throughout the entire Midwest.

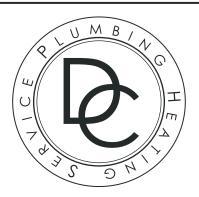
If anybody has questions about the plan or the invasive species please contact: Lisa Welke, (231) 448-3164 or welke65@gmail.com

There is also an Invasive Species Summit on June 14 from 2-5 at the Community Center. Everyone is welcome. Please stop by and learn more about maintaining the natural beauty of our islands.

—Lisa Welke

"They're invasives," he said. "They drive out other birds, ducks and geese as well as loons. They pull out water plants, which impacts the vertebrates. They live for fifteen years, and breed prodigiously."

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The musicians give their talent and hours of their time for a small honorarium to help cover their expenses. It is obvious that they love coming to Beaver Island and that they enjoy the camaraderie of the festival because almost the entire Festival Orchestra is returning from last year. In 2011 the brass section asked to present its own concert in addition to playing in the orchestra. The Beaver Brass Quintet was born, and the enthusiastic audience at Holy Cross Church gave them a

standing ovation!

Islanders and visitors give generously to support Baroque on Beaver. Local businesses buy advertisements in the program. In addition, they offer discounts for travel, accommodations and food for festival musicians. Many residents open their homes to directors, musicians and their families; often hosts and visitors become good friends who look forward to an annual reunion during the week of Baroque on Beaver. Soon after they arrive to begin rehearsals, the musicians are treated to a bountiful potluck dinner at the Christian Church Hall. Delicious food is organized and donated by the Holy Cross Altar Guild, the Christian Church, and other generous Beaver Island cooks.

A recent addition to the festival is the Opening Night Gala Benefit, the only event with an admission charge. Ticket sales for this performance raise money which helps fund the entire week of the festival. At each subsequent concert appreciative audiences donate

to a free will offering, and throughout the year many people make financial contributions to the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association. This continuous financial support is crucial to Baroque on Beaver.

Each year as musicians depart on the Sunday afternoon boat, it is hard to know who should thank whom. Musicians are grateful to their hosts for a wonderful visit and to each other for a memorable musical experience. Islanders and visitors have enjoyed a week of outstanding classical music performed by these artists. Everyone who is a part of Baroque on Beaver has benefitted and everyone has contributed.

The Opening Night Gala Benefit Concert for 2012 will be held on July 24, at The Community Center. Additional Baroque on Beaver events are scheduled through July 29. Ticket information for the benefit and program information for all the concerts may be found at www.baroqueonbeaver.org. and on Facebook.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 9 – BICS **Graduation**, 1 pm June 14 – **Invasive Species Summit** at the Community Center from 2 pm to 5 pm. Sponsored by the Beaver Island Association

June 16-both **Island Museums open** June 21-23 – **Beaver Island Bike Fest** beaverislandbikefestival.com

June 22-25 – Camp Quality arrives June 27 – DNR Q&A, 3-5, see page 12.

4th of July – Theme: *The Faces of American Freedom*. **The Big Parade & Island Airways Flyover**, featuring the missing man formation at 2:00. Line up for the parade starting at Holy Cross Church starting at 1:00. **Cannon fire** by John Works. Parade Theme: *In Tribute to our Armed Service Men & Women*.

July 6 – **Protar Home** from 1:00 to 3:00 July 7 – Glen McDonough **Concert** page 27. July 11 – **Garden Tour**, see page 6.

July 16-21 – Museum Week:

Monday – **Protar Home** with Antje Price; **Music on the Porch** with Kathy Speck as MC

Tuesday - A Tour of the Great Lakes

Research Station with Don Uzarski; Pinky's **Bingo** at the Parish Hall

Wednesday – A Day at the Boyle Farm
Dig with Deb Rotman and Notre
Dame students; Everything you
want to know about archaeology

Thursday – Children's Field Trip with Jim Gillingham; The South Fox Lighthouse history and restoration; Biological Discoveries of the Little Traverse Band with Bill Parsons

Friday – **Protar Home** with Antje Price; CMU TV Film; plus **What's Down There, underwater adventures** in Lake Michigan with noted explorer Ross Richardson.

Saturday – **Pet Show** on the Print Shop Porch; **A Demonstration of Blacksmithing Skills at Heritage Park** all afternoon; The art and life of today's Artist - Blacksmiths, evening, with Lance Olson and friends

Sunday – **The Dennis Banks film project** with Dennis Banks and Hollywood director Darrin James!

Wednesday - Friday - **The Art Show** at the Gregg Hall 12:00–5:00.

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

July 22 – Beaver Island Association Annual Meeting at Beaver Island Community Center at 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm. followed by a presentation: "Saving the Family Cottage" at 4:30 pm.

July 28 – Livingstone Studio's **Meet the Artist** Show & Sale, 12 - 4:30 pm.

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

August 4 – 4th Annual **Beaver Island Archipelago Challenge**, *page 27*.

August 10 - 12 – **Homecoming**

Aug 16 – Annual Funky Fun **Potluck** Salad/Dessert **Fashion Show**, Beaver Island Christian Church Gregg Fellowship Hall 12:30 PM

October 6 – Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle

Christian Church services: June 3: Pastor Jim Vander Meiden; June 10: Pastor Norm Ratering; June 17: Pastor Howard Davis; June 24-July 1: Pastor Joseph Fox.



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10. COMMUNITY CENTER OPENS SUMMER SEASON





he 2012 summer season of cultural arts performances at the Community Center kicks

off on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 26th and 27th with the return of the *Mongolian Children's Palace*, and concludes on Friday and Saturday, September 7th and 8th with a unique Celtic "Double Header" featuring

Goitse and Runa in tandem concerts.

Since opening its doors July 1st of 2008, the Center has presented every-

thing from Native American Drums and Hoop Dancing to "Yooper" Theatre, Mongolian Dance Troupes to Mexican Mariachi and Choirs, American Roots and Folk to Classical Baroque and Bluegrass, Big Band Swing and Blues to Country Rock and "Swamp Stomp" – not to mention original Variety and Comedy productions by the *Beaver Island Community Players* and Comedy Groups.



The Center's entertainment season kicks off with a return of the Youth 'Talent' Folk Dancing Ensemble of the *Mongolian Children's Palace* on June 26th & 27th at 8pm. For this second US tour, the performance













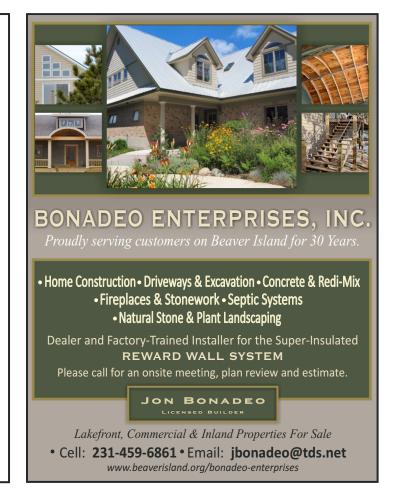
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Forty performers with six instructors will travel from Ulaan-baatar to participate in the 2012 Children of the World in Harmony Festival in Northern Michigan June 21st thru the

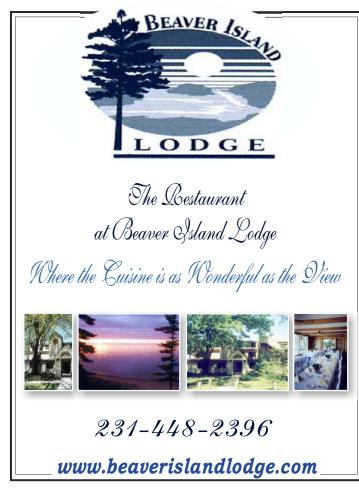


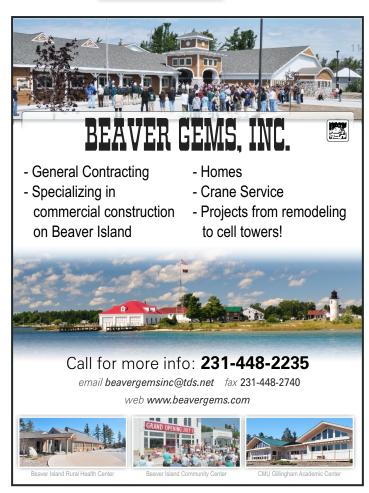
27th – including Beaver Island! If anyone is interested in "home hosting" any of these international performers, please

contact Ann Partridge at the Community Center (231 448-2022).

"This season the Center continues to offer something for everyone, with an emphasis on family entertainment at affordable prices," says Ann Partridge, Events Director, "with special opportunities in our 'Monday Night Series' for visitors to experience something 'uniquely connected to Beaver Island' from our year-round, Summer, and 'extended' Islanders!"

> The Monday Night Series will feature family-oriented activities and presentations, including Artists, Musicians, Storytellers, and "Characters", all with Beaver Island connections and perspectives.





12. The series kicks off July 2^{nd} with

an appearance by Father Peter Gallagher (on furlough from Purgatory), who was Pastor of Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island from 1866 to 1898. Father Gallagher recounts stories of his life on Beaver Island in a comedic presentation, complete with fancy footsteppin'! General admission, free will donation.

July 3rd will feature *PuppetART* performances by the *Detroit Puppet Theater*; including a Vintage Puppets exhibit/display and Puppet Workshops following each performance.

First up at 2pm will be *Sleeping Beauty*, a Marionette ballet of a classic story to entrance all ages...but with a twist! Tickets are \$15/Advance, \$18/Door – followed by a Puppet Work-

shop for \$10 (includes materials).

Kolobok, a Russian Folk Tale known in America as the Gingerbread Man, will start at 7:00 pm. Featuring original music and lyrics, and colorful "animal" and traditional costumes, along with "floor puppets." Tickets are \$15/Advance, \$18/Door.

On Friday, July 6th at 8pm, the *Beaver Island Comedy Group* will present its 2012 season opener with some of the best of their Winter *Holiday Hilarity* show – along with new material. Everything is created, written and directed by them. They specialize in poking fun at life on Beaver Island and have created characters and sketches certain to provide an hour and a half of laughter.

The Comedy Group calls the Community Center "home" and, aside from

production costs, generously contributes performance proceeds to sustaining live events at the Center.

Additional season events will feature: Jennie DeVoe on Thursday, July 12th (a sultry, sweet, powerhouse of a performer); Museum Week July 17th – 22nd (packed with BI above and underground and even underwater); Baroque on Beaver, July 24 – 26; Claudia Schmidt & Sally Rogers Friday, August 3rd (a beautiful BI reunion of harmonies, guitars, and dulcimers); Beaver Island Comedy Group again on August 4th & Sunday, September 2nd; An Dro Saturday, August 11th (Celtic infused world-beat); Sister Wilene Friday, August 24th (classic country crooning); and Goitse & Runa "Celtic Double Header" on Friday & Saturday, September 7th and 8th.

THE GARDEN ISLAND CEMETERY

ee Boisvert spoke at the May NRESC meeting about the Garden Island Cemetery, which has been owned by her organization, the Minis Kitigan Drum (a 501(c)3 since 1974), since 1977. At that time the Catholic Church put the property up for sale but neither local Tribe could purchase it. So the followers of Keewaydinoquay did, and have been protecting it ever since.

She spoke about her group's mission of teaching how to live in an environmentally harmonious manner. Its annual

summer camp teaches ethnobotany lessons revolving around Garden Island and Lake Michigan. It includes scientists, professors, students, Tribal members, business people, and many others; it does not allow drugs, alcohol, or firearms at its north shore camp.

She cited some of the abuses that have taken place—the theft of artifacts and the desecration of spirit houses, and urged anyone who goes there to treat it with the utmost respect. "It is private property," she said.

A person brought up the occasional talk about restoring the spirit houses. "Don't," she cautioned. "They are intended to return to the earth. If the family feels the spirit is not yet ready, they may make some repairs, but it's their prerogative." Someone else said fifty years ago there were many more spirit houses. "I know. The graves filled the forty-acre plot, and went over the lines. There were thousands of burials over the years. Now there are only a few spirit houses. Yet people are still being brought there and buried."

PEACE GARDEN AT THE BIRHC WELLNESS GARDEN

Thanks to the careful planning, propagating, and caring over the winter, Heidi Vigil (BI Gardens) has put into the ground a new section of the Welllness Garden. Her Peace Garden, honoring our Angels in White (BI Hospice), and in memory of those they served with such love and devotion over the years, has come to fruition with the help of some of our gardening committee: Connie

Wojan, Dana D'Andraia, Mary Jean Pike, and Leonor Jacobson. The beautiful pear tree, peonies, roses, as well as various perennials are provided by Heidi.

She also will incorporate Ruth Igoe's white irises, Joyce Runberg's white phlox, Joyce Erber's shasta daisies and JoAnne Cashman's white roses. Future plantings will also include

hydrangeas from Jeff Powers, and annuals from Denise McDonough's and Cherl's flower sales. Jim Wojan has dropped off the mulch, the Lighthouse schoolkids have spread it, as well as several CMU Masters students. The BICS Rangers are also prepping the Fairy Garden this week for your enjoyment. Things are growing in our Wellness Garden!

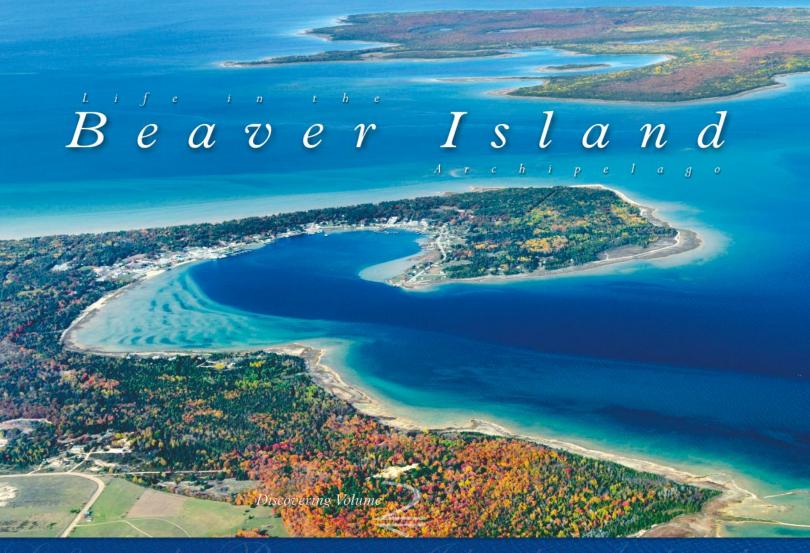
SCHOOL MILLAGE PASSES

On May 8, voters in the annual school election renewed two millage levies. The first renewed 15.7908 mills on non-homestead property for 2 years. This had not changed in at least 19 years. Revenue from it provides 72% of the district's general fund money – used for day to day operation. This passed 110 to

46. The second renewed 1.16 mills for 4 years for special education in the Char-Em District. It supports such professionals as speech therapists, social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, and others who work with special education students. It had not changed since 1981, and passed 107 to 47.

DNR Q&A

On June 27, from 3:00 until 5:00, the DNR's Brian Mastenbrook will be at the Peaine Hall to talk about and answer questions on the DNR's role on Beaver Island – forest management, hunting and fishing issues, game rules and policy, and other important subjects. Everyone is invited.



WHERE ARE YOU IN THE CYCLE?

Island fans are jockeying their schedules to get some time here. Some find it hard to make up their mind. June — or August? The music Fest — or Baroque? Museum Week — or maybe Homecoming? The problem is not knowing what one might miss if one chooses wrongly.

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ture.

This year Scott and his assistant and his wife arrived with eighteen students toward the end of May, intending to conduct a dig at the site of the little village that grew around the Cables' trading post in the early



1850s, when "Gentiles" were moving away from St. James to escape the Mormon rule. They could see dots on an 1854 military map showing where the cabins, work areas, and docks were located, but a preliminary trip indicated that was now State land.

Having been through this before, they did not worry. They applied for per-

mits in what would ordinarily have been enough time, but unbeknownst to them construction work last fall uncovered bones in the area, so now the Native American



In the meantime, the students conducted a set of digs behind and inside the Print Shop Museum. Terry Bussey's Suttons Bay Archaeology Club had dug here a few years back, but the NMU team was able to find the marks of their three 4' x 4' sites and dig elsewhere. And

deeper. Proceeding 10 cm at a time, they carefully lifted out dirt and sifted it through a fine screen, collecting hundreds of minifacts and noting the origination of each one.

Some recovered items were mundane: bits of asphalt shingle, lumps of coal, modern nails, and pieces of the brick chimney that was knocked off the back of the "kitchen addition" when it

was reroofed six years ago. But others were more interesting: pieces of pottery and old bottles, stoneware, plates, square cut nails, a handforged coat

hook, a curved pipe stem, a variety of buttons (in those pre-TV days may families entertained themselves by playing *button*, *button*, *who's got the button*; many hidden buttons were never found), seed

beads, a hand-carved pipe-bowl face, and an old penny — said to be worth twelve thousand dollars.

Usually each dig only goes down a little way into the prehistoric level

- typically seven or eight levels. But one on the side of the building promised to be the site of the privy, so they reached level 12 in

the quest for a trove. Nothing was found, except that the diggers could not climb out and had to be lifted by the topside crew. The group is being housed

for their month-long visit at the CMU Bio-station, which also provides lab space for their nightly two-hour task of cleaning up their finds. They occupy four large tables, working gently but diligently with toothbrushes, soft brushes, cleaning rags, and water, removing decades of grime and rust to get a better idea of what each item is.

There is a pride of discovery 15. present in each student. These artifacts aren't just something they've been asked to investigate; these are *their* discoveries! The quest to elucidate the meaning of each find and place it in the context of the culture of the time is personal. For the rest of their lives never again will they be handed something unusual and be able to just shrug and



hand it back. Their experience on Beaver Island is teaching them that each little piece of discarded debris has the potential to act as a window on a past time, and a lifestyle rela-

tively inaccessible to our modern understanding. It is making them into not just archaeologists, but to people with their eyes open to the transient vagaries of life.

At this writing it seems their planned dig may not occur, and they are considering other options. The Historical Society has offered a few, as have some of the many people who saw them at work and stopped to talk. The Island abounds in

promise.



If all goes well, NMU will continue to make use of Beaver Island. It acquired twenty acres on the Greene's Lake Road, and is in the process of raising funds to build its own base camp there; it already has

well, power, septic, and phone, and would like to use the base for geological and biological research as well.

This bodes well for the Island's future. Recent committees and commissions, as well as individuals, have pointed to the research opportunities the Island offers as one key to its economic growth.









NEW "BEAVER ISLAND STUDIO AND GALLERY"

espite a few recent minor setbacks, Beaver Island is continuing to move forward in its quest to establish itself as

a place that inspires and supports Art.

A good step is the opening of Lois Stipp's "Beaver Island Studio and Gallery" in Karl Felix's boat model shop between McDonough's and the Canoe Shop.

Lois has long been praised for her ability to capture a poignant moment in

























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which all of life's typical tensions seem to cancel each other out. Her original paintings can be seen here, as well as her prints, cards, magnets, the jewelry she's been creating for six years, and everything you need for a tea ceremony. In addition her gallery carries Shirley Sowa's unique woven hats, Ian McFadden's pottery (he recently won "Best in Show" in a California competition), and the exquisite photographs of Frank Solle.









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Hagerman-Point House- 37735 Gull Harbor Dr

Hexagonal house across the street from the Harbor Light at Whiskey Point overlooking the entrance to Beaver Harbor and with a view of most of the Harbor. This is not a big house but the remodeling of the original house and the addition of the front deck and the large covered summer porch area is all done with exceptional quality. This house only has 840 sq. ft. of inside, year-round finished living area but the decks and the large seasonal covered porch make it seem a lot bigger. The exterior of the house was recently redone with very expensive, maintenance-free James Hardy cement shingles. This house is on a full basement that is fully bermed except for a thermo-pane window on the south side. A new deep well was installed August 2009. The first floor level of the house has a nice kitchen, small living room, central-core fireplace, circular stairway to the second floor, plus a private bedroom and main floor bathroom. The upper floor has a larger bedroom with its own bathroom, and a sliding glass door onto the upper deck. This master bedroom area is open to a second room that is a sitting room/reading room with its own large sliding glass door onto the deck. The view of the Harbor entrance and Beaver Harbor is utterly fantastic from this second-floor level. You look east, south, west and northwest; you see sunsets to the west year-round. This house is on a lot that is 115 feet wide by 180 feet deep; the house sits toward the west edge of the lot so there is plenty of room open for additions to this house or other buildings to the east or north sides of the house. This is a unique property because of its very unusual location and very special views. With simple, second-tier view lots on the west side of the Island selling for \$79,000 to \$85,000 each, this larger lot in the open part of Whiskey Point has a value of close to \$150,000. Right across the street is Township lake frontage that you can use for access. Most of the view is also guaranteed to remain open in perpetuity because of conservation easements and deed restrictions. There is nothing else any place on Beaver Island that is quite like this property. You have to see it to appreciate it. Seller is motivated so you can make an offer.

The asking price is \$349,500.

THE BEAVER ISLAND COLUMNS

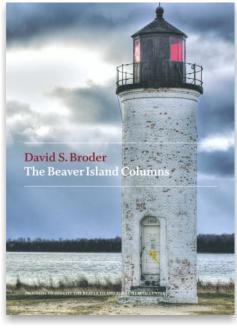
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"Beaver Island displays, in microcosm, the qualities America must somehow recover if it is to survive as a nation," David Broder wrote in 1970.

The family of the late David S. Broder, Pulitzer Prize-winning nationally syndicated columnist for the Washington Post, has created a unique book of his "Beaver Island Columns." Proceeds (100%) will benefit the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

The book features those wonderful columns (1970-2010) that reflect the history of our nation and how Beaver Island coped with national issues, but it is also full of beautiful color photographs. It's a limited edition book to cherish, and will make a great addition to any northern Michigan collection.

David Broder first visited Beaver Island in 1949 with his future wife Ann Collar. The family owns a summer



home on the Island. Broder visited regularly and deeply loved Beaver Island's self-sufficient community.

The Health Center will host a reception with the Broder family present on July 3, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the St. James Township Hall. Family members will be available to talk about how this project came to fruition, and to sign copies of the book.

The book is \$25, five for \$100 and the proceeds will benefit the Rural Health Center. It is now available at the Health Center and at a number of

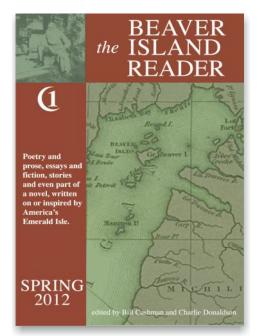


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This new demonstration of the broad range and talent of Beaver Island writers has been sent to the printer, and should be back on the Island by Fathers' Day. Thirty-two writers are included in its 140 pages of poetry, essays, and fiction — even a chapter from a new novel set in the time of King Strang.

The writers, men, women, even a ten-year-old prodigy, are drawn from a cross-section of the Island's fans. They include Mary Acker, Melissa Bailey, Audrey Beilman, David Bernstein, Jon Bonadeo, Bill Cashman, Robert Cole, Charlotte Cox, Jeff Crawford, Charlie Donaldson, Conn Finley, Randy Flood, Dawn George, John Gordon, Ron Haggard, Dan Hendrix, Henry Hill,



Chris Jones, Doris Larson, Bayard Kurth, Peter Martin, Kay Masini, Patrick McGinnity, Joe Moore, Sandra Morris, Rob Okun, Mark Pearson, Sally Stebbin, Lois Williams, Connie Wojan, Ken Zick, and Pam Kirby Zick. Noted graphic artist Bayard Kurth contributed the cover (at left).

The soft-cover book is expected to sell for twelve dollars, and will be available at Island stores.

The Beaver Island Writers' Group, which is behind this effort, hopes it is successful enough to warrant continuing the series in the following years. They believe Island writing belongs on the same high shelf as is currently accorded to the Island's music and art, a claim they feel is proven by this book.

The Group also holds regular sessions in which new work is read and critiqued—new members are welcome.





from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 5, 1912 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 6, 1912 **Front Page Article:**

TROUBLE FOR STEAMBOATS

Drastic changes in the construction and operation of passenger vessels on the great lakes will be brought about if congress enacts the legislation proposes by Senator Smith of Michigan.

The bill provides that lake, as well as ocean vessels shall have two water tight shells instead of one shell as now. The old boats will be allowed to run as they are, but all new boats on the lakes would have to be constructed with two shells at least two thirds of the way back from the forward collision head.

This requirement would not apply to the boats of 100 tons or under which do not go more than fifteen miles from the mouths of bays and harbors. All lake boats as well as ocean would be required to have ten cubic feet of life boat capacity for each member of the crew and each passenger. Every vessel, lake or ocean, which carries fifty passengers or more would have to assign to each passenger his place in some particular life boat before the voyage was started. The bill calls for lifeboat drills twice a month. Four members of the crew being assigned to handle each boat."

(Note: June 1 - 10 Mostly stormy, rain 46 - 64 degrees; May 7 BILCo. Fire, meadow, 3/4 field lost. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 12, 1912 Local News Briefly Told: "W. D. C. Germaine returned to Traverse City Saturday after paying a visit to St. James."

From Beaver Island: "The *R. C. Wente* loaded lumber here this week."

"Mrs. H. Herrick visited Charlevoix friends last week."

"W. A. Germaine of Traverse City is here again this week." (Note: W. D. C. Germaine, Traverse City appears in the Hotel Beaver register June 10, 1912)

"Schooner *X-10-U-8* took a cargo of shingles to Ludington."

"Gus Kitzinger of Manistee transacted business here last week." (Note: Gus Kitzinger, Manistee appears in the Hotel Beaver register June 6, 1912)

"The Lighthouse Tender *Hyacinth* was in the Harbor Monday night."

"Alfred Richards and wife of Provement were Island visitors last week."

"Barge *City of Baltimore* took a cargo of shingles from here last week."

"Frank Greene has opened up a meat market in the Greene building on Main Street."

"Miss Mae Gallagher, who spent the winter in Chicago, has returned home for the summer."

"R. Gilden and mother, who have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gilden, returned to Charlevoix the first of the week."

"Frank Miller of this place has been granted a patent on an invalid bed with a sectional spring frame, so arranged whereby it can be adjusted to any inclination so that an invalid might be com-

fortably supported in any desired position."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 13, 1912 Local News: "Gus Kitzinger of Manistique, Sec. And Treas. Of the B. I. L. Co. Spent several days here last week."

"W. O. Germaine of Traverse City, and Frank Smith were here looking over some timber land last week. (Note: F. H. Smith, Traverse City also appears in the Hotel Beaver register, June 10, 1912)

"Mrs. Mary Martin of Milwaukee, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Andy Roddy."

"May Gallagher, who was in Chicago all winter returned home on Monday."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hart of Chicago, are here on a visit." (Nat. S. Hart and wife, Chicago appear in the Hotel Beaver register, June 11, 1912)

"Mrs. Chas. Gallagher went to Charlevoix Monday on a visit."

"W. D. Gallagher went to Charlevoix last Saturday with his horse Dixie."

"Francis Dunlevy (sic) returned home from Chicago and Milwawkee, where he was visiting friends."

"James Dunlevy (sic) went to Charlevoix last week returned Saturday."

"Capt. Peter Allers and wife, of the Gray's Reef Light Ship came on Wednesday's boat for a visit with friends."

"W. A. Smith, of Charlevoix, is on the Island for a few days." (Note: June 11 - 14 Fair 58 degrees; June 15



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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 19, 1912 From Beaver Island: "Miss Olive Seitz of Manistee has arrived here for the summer."

"Schooner *C. H. Hackley* took on a cargo of slabs here last week."

"Mr. and Mrs. H. Hartwig visited friends in Charlevoix last week."

"Under Sheriff Novak visited the Island on official business this week."

"Mrs. W. H. Bestman of Snohomish is visiting her parents here for the summer."

"Sam Bergslin has purchased the auto formerly owned by Capt. P. D. Campbell."

"Alfred Gibson of Petoskey is the guest of James McCann and family this week."

"Manager A. Blaze for R. Beutell Fish Co. has moverd his family here for the summer."

"Mrs. John Wachter left on Str. *Hart* for Manisquique on a visit with friends for a week."

"Prs. Peter Allars (sic) wife of Capt. Allars (sic) of Greys Reel Light Ship arriver here last week to spend the summer."

"A company from Benton Harbor has purchased the mill and timber of the G. Heimforth Lumber Co. on High Island."

"Miss Hattie Gallagher and Henry Lafriniere (sic) were united in marriage at Holy Cross Wednesday morning June 12. About fifty guests were present at the reception given at the home of the bride's parents in the evening." "Mrs. Fred Nackerman was called to Elk Rapids Friday of last week by the death of her nephew Ralph Briggs. The young man spent the past year on the Island and made many friends here, who will regret his early demise."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 20, 1912 Front Page Article:

AN ISLAND REALM

BEAVER ISLAND
FORGING TO THE FRONT –
ERA OF AGRICULTURAL PROSPERITY
FAIRLY STARTED

No one who visits Beaver Island can doubt for a minute that this is a period of transition from old to the new for Beaver Island. Net-lifters have not decreased in number, but farm machinery has, and the improvement, while perhaps not so marked as it is on the main land, is nevertheless visible on every road that diverges from historic old St. James.

The scribe was there two days last week and made a trip into the country. There were many indications of agricultural improvement, but the most striking evidence was the great increase of orchard acreage, and the scribe did not see a quarter of it. We are told that over west and south a few miles was the Burns tract, where over a thousand fruit trees have been set this spring, and more contemplated.

Another good sign is the evidence that the farmers are taking better care of their trees than formerly, and many of the young orchards that have been set out under the influence of the campaign of education of the past five years are just coming in to bearing and look thrifty.

The Island turned out a fine crop of potatoes last fall, and, while a profitable return was realized in fall sales, many were held over, and sold this spring at an advanced price. There will be a large acreage of potatoes this year. A large source of profit to the Islanders is the raising of horses and cattle – especially horses. Several buyers have been there already this season, and a large number have been sent to the mainland. The quality of the stock is surprisingly good.

Beaver Island is on the map of Michigan; it is part of Charlevoix county, and it is in the wonder land of a period of agricultural and pomological prosperity. It has the soil, the climate and the transportation facilities for it, and nothing can stop it."

A WEDDING FEAST

It was the scribe's good fortune to reach the Island just as a wedding party was returning from Holy Cross church, where Rev. Father Malone had united in marriage Mr. Henry Lafreniere and Miss Hattie Gallagher. It was a notable event, and the best of the Island was out. The feet of the scribe had barely touched the dock when he was bidden to the wedding dinner which was to occur at the home of the bride's mother Mrs. E. F. Pratt at five o'clock.

The scribe, under the escort of Mr. and Mrs. James Donlevy, was there; there was (sic) thirty quests and the feast was a continued on page 22.



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22. One Hundred Years Ago, from page 21.

gastronomic event that could not be excelled on the mainland. There was no wedding tour – the young couple just settled down and went to work.

There is one quality that the Islanders have not improved in for at least forty years, and that is hospitality, and we know whereof we speak. It was always royal, bounteous and sincere. It could not improve. The good people of St. James never let anybody go hungry nor hunt for shelter."

Local News: "Over on High Island there are camping for the summer Mr. T. C. Melier and family, recently from Denmark, but now residing in Chicago. Mr. Melier is a distinguished landscape painter, his wife also being an artist. Mr. Melier last week told the writer that he found on the Islands some of the finest subjects for his work, and some of the most splendid forest coloring he had ever seen. They spend the summer in painting the scenery of all the Islands."

"Undersheriff Novak went to St. James Monday and brought back William Massingham who is now lodged in the county jail. The prisoner is charged with an unspeakable offense, alleged to have been committed in this city."

Beaver Island News: "Mr. and Mrs. H. Hartwick spent a few days at Charlevoix last week on business."

"Joe Donlevy has gone to Chicago for a visit with relatives."

"Mrs. Fred Nackerman has gone to Elk Rapids to attend the funeral of her nephew, Ralph Briggs."

"Jack Cunningham went to Charlevoix on business."

"Miss Ollie Seitz of Fresoil, is here for the summer."

"Chas. Novak, Deputy Sheriff, was over Monday on business."

"John O'Brien is visiting friends in Charlevoix this week."

"Mrs. Adolph Bliss and family of Bay City, are here for the summer."

"A very pretty wedding took place at Holy Cross church Wednesday morning, in which Miss Hattie Gallagher and Henry Lafreniere were united in holy bonds of matrimony. The bride was attended by Miss Rachel Donlevy and the groom by Mr. Jerry Yettaw. In the evening a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, in which about fifty guests participated. The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, June 26, 1912 Local News Briefly Told: "F. F. Frazier and William Turner made a trip to Beaver Island Thursday."

"Capt. Campbell sold his auto last week to parties on Beaver Island."

From Beaver Island: "Str. Osborn was in the harbor one night last week."

"Miss Mabel Connaghan visited Charlevoix last week."

"Dan J. Gallagher has gone to Chicago for the summer."

"Ed. E. Pratt went to Chicago to ship on the Str. *Manistee*."

"Rev. Fr. Malone visited Bay City and Grand Rapids last week."

"Charles Allers left last week on a visit to his former home in South Haven."

"James C. Gallagher transacted business in Petoskey Thursday and Friday."

"Miss Rachel Donlevy has gone to Chicago for a month's visit with friends."

"State building inspector Darrah visited the Island officially last week."

"John P. Maloney of Chicago, is visiting friends and relatives here for a few days."

"The Misses Mary and Ruby Connolly of Escanaba are visiting friends here for a few weeks."

"Emmet Gallagher, who has been visiting his parents here for the past month, returned to Chicago Friday."

"Mrs. Fred Nackerman returned from Elk Rapids Thursday. She was accompanied by two nephews and a niece."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 27, 1912 **Beaver Island News:** "Mrs. Elizabeth Boutin and son Joe are here visiting friends."

"Miss Clara Laines and daughter Clare of Provemont, Mich. is (sic) visiting friends here."

"Sam Isles of Traverse City, called on his friends Tuesday."

"Ed Pratt went to Chicago for the summer."

"Capt. Frank Left went to Charlevoix on business last week."

"Mrs. Mads Jensen, Mrs. El Larson and Mrs. Martin Nelson went to Charlevoix Monday."

"Miss Rachel Donlevy went to

Chicago ona a visit."

"F. E. Frazier, os Charlevoix was a visitor last week."

"Andy E. Gallagher went to Petoskey Monday on business."

"W. J. Gallagher and Hugh P. Boyle supervisors are at Charlevoix attending the meeting of the board."

"Mr. and Mrs. Northcott and family, of Garden Island, went to Petoskey on a visit."

"Fred Benham, the fruit man, is at Garden Island putting out an orchard."

"W. D. Gallagher returned home after a two week's visit to Charlevoix."

"Str. Chase *Osborn* was in port last week."

"Miss Mable Conningham (sic) went to Charlevoix on business."

"James C. Gallagher went to Petoskey last week on business."

"Emmet Gallagher returned to Chicago after three weeks visit with his parents."

"Charlie Allers went to South Haven for the summer."

"Mrs. H. Pischner went to Charlevoix last week on business."

"Mrs. Plum is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. Albert Biggie."

"Dan Gallagher went to Milwaukee for the summer."

"Rev. Fr. Malone spent a few days at Petoskey last week."

"Mrs. Fred Nackerman returned from Elk Rapids Thursday accompanied by two nephews and one niece."

"Misses Mary and Ruby Connelly (sic) are here with their sister Mrs. Jane Kappas for the summer."

"Alfred Gibson of Petoskey, returned home after a week's visit with his aunt. Mrs. James Gibson."

"Schooner *C. H. Hackley* of Michigan City took on a cargo of slabs here this week."

"Mr. Ed Pratt went to Chicago to sail on the Str. Manistee"

"Mr. J. P. Maloney of Chicago, is visiting friends and relatives here for a week."

"Mrs. Charles Bissell went to Milwaukee on a visit."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scheid gave a 500 party Sunday evening, June 23, in which about 15 guests participated." (Note: June 16 - 27 Fair 38 - 82 degrees; June 28 Calm 90 degrees; June 29 - 30 Fair 80 degrees. F. Protar)



he's a good 'ol girl and we love her"...was what I posted on Facebook this past April after taking the American Girl out for a foggy afternoon cruise in the harbor. Matt and I, with Sam in my lap, drifted around talking about the wonderful times we have had together and he had as a young boy on this classic 1922 tugboat. We were dating when Matt Fogg was captaining her back and forth to Ironton working for Robert Gillespie. I had cleaned her and washed her top to bottom numerous times when I worked for Robert, and have traveled the 38 miles to Ironton so many, many times. My hair even caught on fire on

this boat! (It was during a fireworks show and I was with Heather Cary. Enough said.)

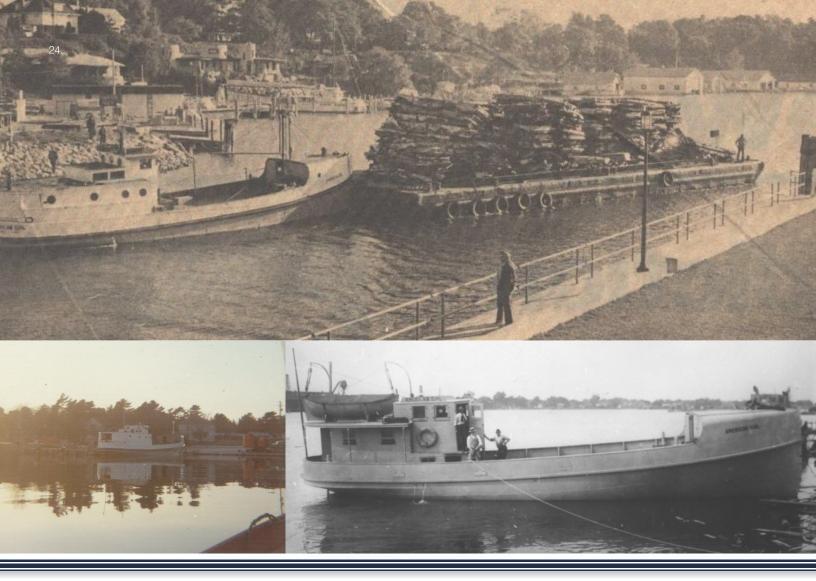
The boat has a strange twist relating to my family as well. I'm an East Coast-born-girl who has a Lake Michigan-born-Dad who used to summer on Washington Island as a boy and remembers a tug that hauled an oil tanker named *Oil Queen*. Little did he know that years later he would watch that same tug, the *American Girl* again, run by his son in-law whom he loves and admires so much. I love how life can work itself out sometimes.

I also love how the *story* of the *American Girl* has worked itself out as

well. This 62' old tug was built in Saginaw at Devoe Shipyard. She used to haul fruit from Benton Harbor to Milwaukee and then fuel and supplies from Green Bay to Washington Island where my dad used to see her. Then Jewell Gillespie bought her in 1971 and hauled general freight, cargo, oil, and gasoline. And next was Johnny Gillespie shipping fuel for the Islanders. Next was Robert Gillespie, and she hauled building supplies and freight. Matt was then, and still is, her captain.

But the story is much more deeply intertwined than a few men passing her on to the next captain. Her story weaves together families that have





strong connections to each other and with this boat. Children grew up climbing around on her or reading books on her back deck "just to be near the water," said one of Jewell's girls. Countless times she has hauled families to Garden Island for a swim and a picnic. And I have even seen old movie footage of her towing a barge load of guys on motor bikes doing "wheelies" while under way! (Where were you two

going, Johnny and Joe McDonough, anyway?) She has seen kisses of lovers and dogs on board despite Robert's grumbling. She's left the harbor in high winds and rough seas where worried wives watched on shore. She carried Jewell, all those years, and then finally one last time she carried him home to his beloved Island. She has seen new engines go in and old ones come out. Her living quarters were ripped out and

a new pilot house welded on in the 70s. Her colors have changed as well; her original paint—a white superstructure with a grey hull, to green and black, and now back again to a white superstructure. She spread the ashes of my husband's late Grandpa Clyde, who had also been behind her helm and worked on her with Jewell and his boys.

Matt and I bought her, along with St. James Marine Company, in 2009.





She had been active for so long, but when the "new gal" Wendy Anne came to town she took a well deserved rest at the dock at our cottage. Some of her green had turned to brown and she looked old and tired. As she was docked bow-in facing our nearby kitchen window, it was if she was sticking her big nose into our conversations at dinner, saying, "What about me? What about me?"

At times folks asked, "What are you going to do with her?" or "I'll take her off your hands for you. She'll make quite a bit in scrap." Matt and I knew *exactly* what we wanted to do.

Last month she was hauled out with special care at Walstrom Marine in Harbor Springs, which has a big enough Travelift to hold the 56 tons of riveted steel. After 41 years of seeing an active life on the seas (and an active army of

zebra mussels), her hull met Matt's eyes, this time without his scuba gear. Her prop was removed and reconditioned at Holland Propeller and was returned in its original state: shiny and beautiful brass.

"With that prop and without the zebra mussels, she'll pick-up at least 5 knots!" joked Mike Weede. Mike was dark-faced and very dirty from welding. The hull was in good shape, and























Captain Weede made it even better. Next it was up to me and the "Little Skiff" Jenna Butler to transform the green and rust-brown to beauty. The interior and exterior paint job was a long 4 ½ weeks of scaffold-climbing and people asking, "Is that *paint* in your hair?" Sam was in his Pack and Play, and "the Pigs" watched Mom from

below. The new paint took *years* off of her and she looks ready for action. She has quite a busy summer lined up, with a trip to Canada assisting the *Wendy Anne* towing the *S.S. Keewatin* and a 125th birthday celebration of the Mackinac Island Grand Hotel fireworks show in July.

Matt and I have immense love and

respect for this tug. After being a part of so many lives, she deserves great care and love and I know no better care and love provider than my husband.

"That is the most American boat I have ever seen!" was said by several spectators. Well, she *is* the *American Girl*.

— Tugwife







CHOICES ON THE BALLOT

With the busy summer season just arriving and providing a reprise from winter politics, it may seem like the following letter is peeking ahead. But this year more local candidates will appear on the ballot than remembered in recent history.

The Beacon strives to provide unbiased coverage of Island events, and will welcome interviews with each candidate to bring information to its readers in the upcoming issues between now and the election.

The first letter received so far appears below:

PEAINE CANDIDATES TEAM-UP FOR RESPONSIVE GOVERNMENT

Earlier this month we filed as four candidates for various positions on the Peaine Township Board. Our individual decisions to run for office came after much thought and talk, and a growing understanding of our shared hopes for local government.

We're running as a team with individual minds of our own, but shared commitments to transparent, informed, responsive, and independent government. If elected, we will work cooperatively and respectfully in the best interests of Peaine residents and taxpayers, and we pledge to collaborate with St. James Township for the best interests of Beaver Island overall.

The township board elections begin on August 7th with the primary, and end with the general election on November 6th. As candidates for the Peaine Township Board, Jack Gallagher will run for re-election as Supervisor, Krys Lyle for Township Clerk, Tina Morgan for Township Treasurer, and Brad Grassmick for a position as Trustee.

To deliver on our shared commitment to *transparent*, *informed*, *responsive*, and *independent* Peaine government, we individually and collectively

pledge:

- To be thoroughly **informed** about township issues and to come to meetings with both knowledge of the issues and resident's views. We will attend training sessions to assure knowledge of best practices in township government—while drawing heavily on the knowledge and wisdom here on the Island.
- To be **independent** of outside influences except the tax payers and residents of Peaine Township—giving consideration and weight to the views of all—and with preference to none. While each of us will honor our shared commitments, we will maintain our independence of thought for all Township decisions.
- To be **transparent** in governing—following both the letter and spirit of the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act—making decisions only at public meetings and never making any backroom deals.
- To be available and **responsive** to all township residents and taxpayers by (1) working and

maintaining records at the Peaine Township Hall; (2) scheduling and keeping hours each week when we will be at the township offices; (3) responding to all citizen requests by phone, U.S. mail, e-mail or in person in a timely way; and (4) providing informal open houses every other month when residents can talk freely about their hopes and concerns.

This is one of the more important elections in the history of Beaver Island. Each member of our candidate team will be providing additional information on the experience and expertise we bring to our potential roles in township governance. We will provide a number of opportunities to meet and talk with any and all Peaine residents and taxpavers. We hope you will find out about each of us as candidates, what we stand for, and what we hope to accomplish in your service. Let's work together for Peaine Township government that is informed, independent, transparent, and responsive.

-Jack, Krys, Tina, and Brad

GLEN MCDONOUGH MEMORIAL CONCERT

The 4th Annual Glen McDonough Memorial Concert will be held on Saturday, July 7 at 7pm at "Red Deer," Patrick and Jenny's front yard at 37670 King's highway. This concert is a benefit for the Glen McDonough Music Scholarship Fund. Scholarships have already been awarded to students studying violin, piano, guitar, and other musical projects.

Glen was born on Beaver Island on April 20, 1934. He always enjoyed playing music with many Beaver Islanders and other friends around Michigan. Glen was an active member of the Original Michigan Fiddlers Association, and the Jordan Valley Fiddlers Group. He played at several OMFA Jamborees in the Grand Rapids area and other places. Scholarship forms are available by writing to: Mrs. Eleanor McDonough, 301 May Street, Charlevoix, MI 49720. Join us for an evening of great music!

BEAVER ISLAND ARCHIPELAGO CHALLENGE

The 4th Annual Beaver Island Archipelago Challenge Poker Run is scheduled for Saturday, August 4, 2012. This year, there are expected to be a larger number of boats participating

adding to the fun. Boats will be stationed around Beaver, High, and Garden Islands to give out poker cards. All are welcome – cruise on your boat, or enjoy the company aboard one of the

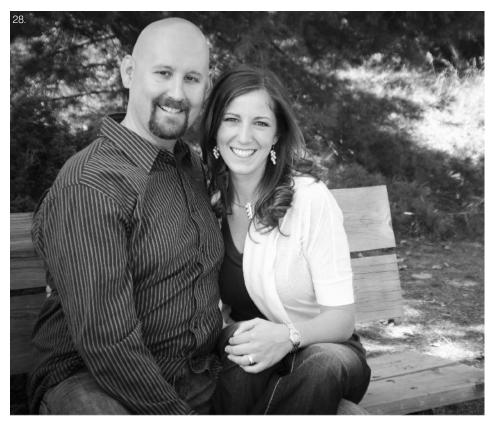
boats taking part.

The entry fee is \$100 per person to benefit the Beaver Island Community Center. Call (231) 409-6034 or email bicommunitycenter@tds.net to enter.



Sticks and Stones,
Feathers and Bones,
the shop previously located at
Daddy Franks, has joined the
Montaage emporium, moving 500'
west for the new season. In addition to the previous craft items
Cheryl has added miniature potted fantasy gardens and air plants
for the coming season, from late
May through Labor Day.





TAKING THE PLUNGE

reg and Patty Brynaert of Romeo, Michigan are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Brynaert to James MacLean, son of Josie MacLean, of Harbor Springs.

Sarah, a graduate of Romeo High School and Grand Valley State University, is a teacher at Concord Academy in Petoskey. She is currently working on her masters degree through Central Michigan University.

James is a graduate of Harbor Springs High School and Northern Michigan University. He is currently a certified sommelier and works as the wine buyer at the Bay Harbor Yacht Club in Petoskey.

The couple will be married on August 18, 2012 in Harbor Springs.

BEAVER ISLANDER TURNING FIFTY

On May 26th the ferry *Beaver Islander* celebrated her 50th anniversary

with a special voyage, her first outing this year. Filled with happy well-wishers, she left the Beaver Island harbor for Charlevoix early in the morning.

Some people say that this is still their favorite ferry. "It saved us from the roller-

coasterish *South Shore*, and cut 45 minutes off the trip," one said. "It's more intimate," another averred. "I like

to sit down in a booth and start talking with strangers. I've made some good

friends doing that over the years." Another said the captain and crew were more likely to stop and chat. "They've told me some powerful tales on the Beaver Islander."

In June the Beaver Island Boat Company will provide a free

one-way ticket to anyone either born in 1962 or enjoying their golden wedding anniversary.





SPRING TOWN TREK

hanks to all who participated in the walk. We enjoyed our trek and made a substantial contribution to the food pantry. Along the way, people asked us about The Beaver Island99, and we explained that we join with the other 99% of Americans, many of whom are

unemployed or have seen their wages stagnate over the period of the last three years in which the 1% saw their incomes increase by 247%.

At the same time, Wall Street tycoons continue to take enormous risks with their monies. Just two weeks ago, JP Morgan just lost several billion dollars in high risk investments, a form of greedy and arrogant capital management which once again could endanger

the U.S. economy and world economies. In light of these serious problems, we support a more equitable tax structure and enforcement of legislation to constrain the excesses of Wall Street since big banks and investment houses do not seem to be able to responsibly manage themselves.

> Citing a study of the major countries of the world. Fareed Zakaria of CNN recently reported that the United States now ranks near the bottom among other nations in a measure of opportunity of those in poverty and the lower class to work themselves into the middle and upper classes. The American Dream is at the core of our country. Let's not let it die.

> > —Charlie Donaldson







Note: East Wind Spa at the back of Montaage is now closed—but East Wind Services remain available—just call Karen Whitecraft at 448-2881 or 448-2266.





Buongiorno! Every morning when we went to our local Venetian trattoria for delicious cappuccino, the owners would say Buongiorno or "Good Morning" to everyone. When you go into a store, it is courteous to first say Buongiorno to the shopkeeper. You don't just barge in and

We found the Venetians to be very friendly and courteous, willing to try some English conversation as we spoke very limited Italian. Beaver Island is similar to Venice in some ways, in that it is a friendly, courteous island, everything arrives by boat, and all garbage is recycled!



start talking, like we are more apt to do here in the United States. It seems to be a slower, gentler way of life in Venice, maybe due to there being no motorized vehicles, other than boats on the canals.



This past April I spent a wonderful two weeks in northern Italy with four other friends in a three bedroom rental apartment in the lovely, residential, quiet Dorsoduro section of Venice, near the La







Salute church. Since this was my third visit to the Serene City, I could more easily find my way around the maze of calles/walkways. We arrived in the city from the airport in a water taxi, which is a rather luxurious way to enter Venice. Water taxis are speedboats that take you and your luggage directly from the air-

in a boat, you see the city so close to water level, along with the skyline pierced by many glorious church steeples.

Venice is an old city, shaped like a fish with the Grand Canal running down the middle. The mouth of the Grand Canal is the portal where people and



port (you walk out the Marco Polo airport to the dock) to the place you are staying. There was a canal in front of our apartment so we exited the boat right at our residence! As you approach Venice

food enter the city by boat, passing under the Rialto Bridge and ending up at San Marco Square. Venice was built on a foundation of more than a million trees, or wood pilings driven nearly 15 feet into











the clay. The population of Venice has been slowly decreasing. It currently has about 60,000 residents but nearly 25%

are 65 years of age or older, compared to 180,000 inhabitants in 1450. High humidity and occasional flooding make it difficult to maintain apartments, and the ability of residents to remodel homes or apartments is curtailed by regulations due to the historic nature of Venice. Walking is the norm, as well as going up

and down the canal bridges. Baby strollers are a real challenge. Grocery stores are few and far between, and often required a good hike, especially back home with all your groceries, up and



over bridges. To save our energy, our grocery store excursions involved taking a vaporetto (water bus). Thankfully,

> there were also several specialty shops in our neighborhood where we could purchase fresh cheese, bread, and wine. One of our grocery trips on a rainy morning was to the historic outdoor Rialto

Market. This festive market is incredible with its array of fresh fruits, vegetables. fish, and meat spread out under several large open tents, which were needed that morning.



At the Campo San Giacomo (built in the 1500s) and near the Rialto Market is a most interesting little statue that I found

> by reading my Rick Steves Guide to Venice. This little guy is a hunchback bending over with a flat piece of granite on his back creating a platform. Until the 1550s, when a financial crisis hit the area, Venice was Europe's trading capital. Rick Steves calls this campo the "Wall Street" of medieval Europe and the

statue-platform was sort of a "Wall Street Journal." A town crier would climb the stairs to stand on the platform every day at noon and read aloud the daily news with the names of ships that had docked,





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which foreign ambassadors were in town, the price of pepper, etc.

Our apartment was fairly spacious

for a Venetian apartment, having three bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, lounge, and dining room. Plus there was a large entryway to store raincoats, boots for the Aqua Alta (street flooding), and umbrellas. It had the traditional and historic speckled-colored flexible floors. If you drop something like a small white

pill, on these floors you probably will never find it. When Venice was originally built, flexible flooring was made to absorb the inevitable settling of the buildings. A small washing machine was



in one of the bathrooms which we did not use since it is time-consuming. We simply washed clothes by hand and hung

> them to dry on the line outside the window or on the balcony. In rainy weather we hung our wash inside. Clothes dryers are rare due to the high cost of electricity and natural gas in Italy. Most apart-

ments have security shutters of some sort. This apartment had roll-down shutters operated with a pull cord inside. Most apartments also had outside gates; to enter, you would ring a bell outside the



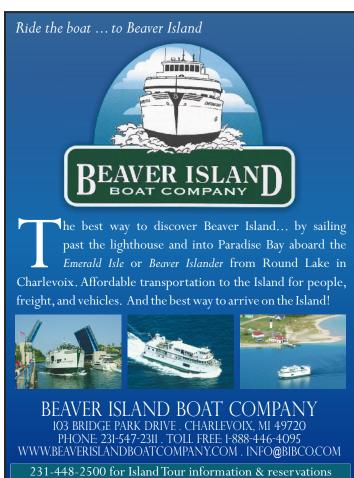
gate. Some of the apartments had intercoms, even cameras. It was fun to see the different intercoms on some of the old

apartments. The door knockers were old iron and brass; my favorite being the lion!

Vaporetti are Venice's aquatic public transit system. They are like city buses but no wheels! You board at yellow and white stops around the city. We bought an iMob card which is good for five years, re-charging tickets as

needed. My iMob card from two years ago was still good to go. The iMob card makes it easy to flash in front of the ticket machine and hop onto a vaporetto. Since single tickets are 6.50 Euros, it is





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34. much more economical to buy groups of tickets. Now, of course, I have to go back to use the iMob card! The closest Vaporetto stop to us was La Salute on the Grand Canal. It was in front of the church La Salute which is dedicated to Santa Maria della Salute (Our Lady of Health). It was the last grand Venetian structure built before Venice's decline.

Since we were in Venice over Easter, a few of us decided to go to church on rainy Easter Sunday. We entered a neighborhood church expecting to find an Italian Catholic service, but found it was an English-speaking Anglican church, St. George's Anglican Church of Venice! One of our group wrote the follow haiku:

Venetian Easter; church bells veiled In cold rain

spiritual light of Venice; wisteria cascades over walls

We took a quick overnight trip to Florence the day after Easter. It turned out to be a "bank holiday" so everybody was touring Florence, including us! It is about two hours on the train. My fellow bead-maker friend, Elena, met us at the train in Florence and spent the day showing us around this beautiful city. Elena is an English-speaking Italian tour guide so we had the best of tours! And of course we did some shopping for scarves and leather goods; we helped the economy of Italy by spending many Euros!

One important communication tool was the wifi access gadget or gateway that Maurizio, our rental agent, made available for our iPads. You plugged in the gateway unit (about the size of a cell phone) to charge it up and it then provided wifi access anywhere in Italy. I don't know if we have those here in the U.S. but it was a great way to keep us connected to our families.

Of course we went to Murano to admire (and buy) jewelry. The glass school was having a special open house so we visited and watched glass being made in a furnace by a master artisan and also the lampworkers making glass beads (like I do). Some of the lampworkers were people we knew from the U.S. so it was fun to visit with them. Another haiku from my friend:

Murano; molten glass becomes a sea horse

One of the museums we visited was the Peggy Guggenheim Collection. Peggy was an American-born heiress to the Guggenheim fortune who helped modern artists such as Jackson Pollock. She retired to Venice in 1948 and her half-finished palazzo on the Grand Canal is now a museum with the best collection of 20th Century art anywhere in the world. She and her dogs are buried in the garden!

When traveling around Venice you notice many different styles of chimneys on the old 1700s buildings. Their funnel shapes forced hot embers through a loop-de-loop channel until they were dead. This was required in the days when stone palaces were surrounded by small, wooden buildings and a live ember from a chimney could cause fires.

There is always more to see and places to explore in Venice so I am sure I will visit the Serene City once again. I just know I need more work on my Italian speaking skills and drink more of the best cappuccino in the world!

-Nancy Peterson

IN MEMORY: DORIS SOUTER

Doris Souter, 93, of Holland, Michigan, passed away on Friday May 11, 2012, at her home. She was born on December 18, 1918, on Beaver Island to Martin and Sybil Larsen. Doris moved to Holland in 1938 when she married Raymond Souter.

She was featured in a story, A Fisherman's Daughter, in Volume Five of The Journal of Beaver Island History. In that story, she recounted her family ties to the Island. Her grandfather, Egedieus Larsen, started fishing commercially after he emigrated from Denmark to Garden Island. He originally fished aboard a sailboat and later on his motor vessel, the George M. While on Garden Island, he met his wife-to-be, Christina Jensen, also a Denmark native, when she visited her brother Matt and his wife, Lena. Egedieus and Christina moved to Beaver Island in the early 1900s with their two children, Christina and Martin Arthur, who became known as "Big Art" for his strength and imposing stature. Egedieus and Christina initially lived in a log cabin on the front part of the harbor property where their permanent home was constructed in 1905, north of the Coast Guard station.

Art grew up learning the fishing trade from his father. When it came time to marry, Art settled down with Sybil Tilley, the daughter of Islanders Charles and Emma Redford Tilley. After Doris was born, Art and Sybil moved into a home built across the field from the homestead of his parents. In 1926, at the age of 8, Doris and her parents left that house to move into the home of her deceased grandparents. The Larsens took in borders and were responsible for feeding Coast Guard personnel after a barracks was built at the station in 1933.

Art spent much of his life on Lake Michigan netting whitefish and trout as a member of the Island's fishing fleet. Not long after Doris left the Island to seek employment in Grand Haven, her father's days as an independent fisherman ended as the result of an Armistice Day storm in November of 1940. The loss of nets off his boat, the *Estonia*, forced him to sell the vessel to pay off the debt on the nets. Until his death in

1964, Art continued to work on the water aboard several other fishing boats, the Island ferry, and a small Great Lakes freighter.

Illness forced Doris' mother from her Island home in the early 1980s to Petoskey where she lived until 1983. Although born on the mainland in Northport, Sybil was raised on the Island. Her father, Charles, a carpenter whose family emigrated from England to Michigan, was living in Northport when the Beaver Island Lumber Company asked him to relocate to the Island for employment with the business. He helped build a number of Island structures, including the McCann home and the King Strang Hotel.

Doris was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, in 2007. She was a member of Central Park Reformed Church and a former member of Bethel Reformed Church. She is survived by three children, Art Souter, Ken and Judy Souter, and Jan and Mike Lozon; three grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren. Burial took place in Pilgrim Home Cemetery in Holland.



GRADS GALORE

he Island school's graduating class set a modern-day record by awarding diplomas to eleven students: Jenna Battle-

Salutatorian, Jamie Campbell, Agustust Connaghan, Matthew Cull, Brighid Gillespie-Cushman, Kaylyn Jones, Dan LaFreniere, William Lemmink, Brogan Maudrie, Michael McCafferty, and Olivia Schwartzfisher-Valedictorian. The *Beacon* salutes them, and wishes them success in the years to come.

AMVETS POST 46 MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY















GAIL'S WALK

n memory of dedicated runner Gail Weede, over fifty Island residents and visitors turned out on what seemed would be a rainy day near the end of May. As luck would

have it, the sun came out, the chill departed, and the only difficulties the seventy-some walkers (many with dogs or husbands) encountered were following the first part of the route, which wound through Karnes' Woods, and ignoring the teasing of the Republican politicos gathered at John and Phyllis Haggard's home in support of friend-to-the-Island Greg McMaster.







A MEMORIAL DAY DISPLAY OF

PAUL WELKE'S COLLECTION

Paul Welke has been seriously collecting memorabilia from the Army, Navy, and Marines for 30 years, and put some of

his items on display at the Island Airways airport – including rifles, a frag bomb, uniforms from the services, a 40mm anti-aircraft shell, maps, train-

ing manuals, and a print signed by Jimmy Doolittle. He is considering offering to mount a display for the AmVets Park.

















IN MEMORY: VERN VANCE

Vern Vance died at home on May 18th, 2012 with his family nearby.

Vern was born in Kenosha, Wisconsin in 1930 to Ralph and Minnie Vance. He grew up in Belding where he was active in sports and scouting,



becoming an Eagle Scout before graduating from Belding High. He attended Central and Western Michigan University and received a B.S. in Education. He taught at Ionia High School, where he met Sharon Hoy; they married in 1957.

The next year they had a son, Blake, and a daughter Lisa arrived two years later.

They moved to Lansing in 1965 where Vern taught and coached at Waverly schools. In 1974 the

family bought a cottage on Beaver Island and moved there every summer, where Vern enjoyed many beautiful sunsets (grading each one). Here he raised monarch butterflies, helped protect the Piping Plovers, and taught Driver's Training. He also supported the Health Center, Community Center, CMU Bio Center, and many more

Island organizations. He always enjoyed watching the Island's softball team play in the Homecoming tournament — despite getting a homerun softball through his windshield. After retiring from teaching Vern and Sharon

moved to Traverse City to help raise their grandkids. They spent many winters on the Gulf in Orange Beach, Alabama with their snowbird friends.

Vern's hobbies included swimming, tennis, cycling, shooting pool, playing

> cards, watching sports, and cooking for his family. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Sharon, his brother Keith, son Blake, (Susan), daughter Lisa Gillespie, (Robert), grandkids Brady,

Mackenzie and Lily Vance and Cody Gillespie.

A memorial gathering will take place in Traverse City on June 24th. In lieu of flowers, the family would like friends to consider donating blood at the Rita Gillespie Memorial blood drive or making memorial contributions to the Red Cross or Michigan Blood.

MEMORIAL

...Second star to the left, And straight on till morning...

Once on a morning just yesterday, With the glimmer of the dawn— We rose up with the morning star, And began to travel straight on—

We headed for an Island of dreams, Where we shall ne'er be old— Neverland, Foreverland, Yet our stories will 'ere be told.

We went to play like children,
On an endless Saturday—
Because the rest of the week was outlawed,
And could only turn into Sunday.

Though it seems we've left the world behind, Where everyday is but a dream—
We will be with you always—
In every golden sunbeam.

We'll meet again someday,
Never more to roam—
Some Angels will never be more perfect,
So God just calls them Home.

We Remember~For Gail and Logan

— Dawn George



IN MEMORY: FRANCIS STOUT

Francis Paul Stout, 77, of Ionia passed away May5, 2012 at his home.

He was born Feb., 26, 1935 in Ionia Twownship, the son of Frank and Freda (Winchell) Stout. He attended Badder School, graduated from Ionia High School in 1953 and graduated from Michigan State University

School of Agriculture in 1957. Francis married Betty Stone in Ionia on June 21, 1956 where they made their home and raised their family together. He was a lifetime resident of Ionia.

To supplement his farm income he worked as a substitute Rural Mail Carrier on Route 4 in Ionia County. He



became an employee of the Coca Cola Bottling Co. and in 1970 became a partner with James Oliver and Larry Hood, renaming the Company Hood-Stout, Inc.

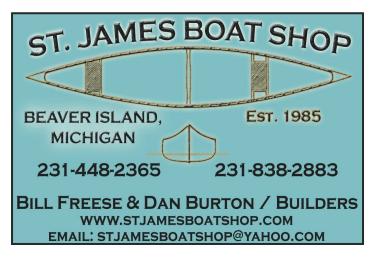
On June 1, 1976 the partners opened the newly constructed public golf course Rolling Hills in Ionia where he managed and maintained the

golf course. Francis later took over as sole owner of the golf course.

He retired from the golf course in 1996, but continued to farm. Francis is survived by his loving wife of nearly 56 years, Betty of Ionia; daughters, Denise (Tim) McDonough of Beaver Island, Cathy (Steve) O'Mara of Ionia,

Karen (Mark) Quinn of Naperville, Ill., and Linda Stout of Hubbardston; grandchildren, Lindsay (Andy) Gorlewski, Bradley McDonough, Drew McDonough and fiancée Thayer Kamp, all of Chicago, Alex and Riley O'Mara of Kalamazoo, Lauren Quinn of Charlottesville, Va., Matt Quinn of Naperville, Megan (Bryan) LeRoux of Hastings; great-grandchildren, Savannah and Makayla LeRoux of Hastings and Trevor Gorlewski of Chicago; brother, Clyde (Gladys) Stout of Ionia; sister, Ann (Ken) Felice of Ionia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He truly loved Beaver Island, and enjoyed every minute he was able to spend here









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LIVINGSTONE — AS IT LIVES AND BREATHES!

hank goodness for Livingstone Studio, one of the best galleries in northern Michigan for finding a wide variety of unique and unfamiliar *objets d'art* – it holds the record for the highest number of such objects per square foot.

Long a place to find original creations in crystals, carvings, paintings, sculpture, bracelets, pendants, rings, prints, cards, handbags, books, plaques, and much else, Sue Thomson's store is introducing new kinds of work by some of the Island's favorite artists,

and introducing some new artists as well. Such as Bob and Alana Anderson, John Johnson, and Jim Thomson, the artist's brother.

Jim, an engineer and artist living and working in Elgin, Illinois, has turned Island driftwood (and other













exotic species of wood (his "other job" takes him to many parts of Asia) into sculpted pieces. He is careful to preserve the natural characteristics and personality present in each piece.

Bob and Alana work together to

hand-carve and paint their wide variety of fishing lures – guaranteed to pull in never-before-seen fish (top of the page), even if they're on permanent display in a living room.

John has been working with raku

clay, experimenting with additives like iron oxide and glass (*above*). This has become quite popular lately, and John got in at the beginning. Adjusting his kiln to temper the glaze, he produces unique pieces with a mysterious aura.







40. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago Citizen of the Year Don Vyse was chosen as Grand Marshall for the July 4th Parade.

Charles Krutz agreed to appear in the guise of Johann Sebastian Bach for a concert at the St. James Episcopal Mission.

Both Townships declined to join the Partnership Project. They were working together on a Recreation Plan (with Jack Kelly) but separately

(although cooperatively) on a Master Plan update.

The EMS was lauded by Dr. Patrick Malonev for saving the life of an Island man who suffered a heart attack in the hardware store: "I am impressed with your skills. Congratulations on a job well done!"

An article by Jim Gillingham pointed to the pristine natural beauty of the Island as the most important element in its appeal to tourists. He stressed maintaining public access to the rich biodiversity here through programs and means similar to those initiated by the Little Traverse Nature Conservancy at Barney's Lake and Little Sand Bay. He said other wonders are less well-known, such as the "double bluff" at Iron Ore Bay.

In another article Robert Cole praised the efforts made on the behalf of zoning, infrastructure development, and natural resources conservation, but suggested that the Island was behind schedule in creating an economic development plan. He argued for a sustainable economy that would include environmental and social needs, and hoped for an increase in ecotourism and the offering of incentives to attract compatible light industries. He thought encouraging high-tech businesses would be important, and wanted to see educational, artistic, and health-centered retreat centers arrive.

A humorous article mentioned the rumor that the Chamber was acting to help control the rampant beaver population by offering a "Beer for Beavers" program, and suggested that beaver steak would soon be available at the markets and the restaurants.

Marilyn Clark paid tribute to the Island's oldest native resident, Helen Pike. Her father sent her to Aquinas, where she graduated; she earned a second degree from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo – the same institution where her daughter Elaine met her husband Steve West. Helen had met Merchant Marine David Pike, who later attended WMU – at the same time as their youngest son Francis. The family settled in Montague but returned to the Island for a week every summer. She taught English and history for 39 years – a profession three of her four children followed.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of three Island stalwarts. Rhea Christie, 77, lived on the Island from 1968 to 1979 with her husband Joe, the Island doctor, and son Frank. Phyllis Duda was a leader in the Island quilting scene. Doris Morlan baked pies for every community occasion. All were greatly loved.

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Mon, July 2nd – Monday Night Series. The Beaver Island Monday Night Series kicks off July 2nd with an appearance by Father PeterGallagher (on furlough from Purgatory), who was Pastor of Holy Cross Catho-

lic Church on Beaver Island from 1866 to 1898. Father Gallagher recounts stories of his life on Beaver Island in a comedic presentation, complete with fancy footsteppin'! General admission, free will donation.





Weds, July 3 -The Detroit Puppet Theatre! Featuring a "Vintage Puppets" hibit/Display! 2pm, Sleeping Beauty A Marionette ballet of a classic story to entrance

all ages...but with an original twist! Tickets: Adv/\$15 Door/\$18. 3:30pm, Puppet Workshop \$10. 7pm, Kolobok A Russian Folk Tale. Featuring original music & lyrics, and colorful "animal" and traditional costumes, Adv/\$15 Door/\$18. 8:30pm, Puppet Workshop: \$10 puppetart.org



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prisoners from the Pellston Work Camp rebuilt 2,000' of St. James sidewalks during a ten-day sojourn, saving the Township 75% of the cost. None escaped.

The B. I. Energy Project scheduled two Town Meetings to discuss energy efficiency. Residents were invited to sign up for a free energy audit of their homes.

Sheriff's Deputy Jim Owens was replaced by Mike Russell, who moved here with his wife and three daughters.

Bill Palladino bought Rich Gillespie's satellite TV business a year after moving here from Minneapolis.

The Chamber moved its office into the Jewell Gillespie building, and the *Beacon* relocated to the Propeller Place – the remodeled Cole Fish building built over the water.

Holy Cross announced that after two years Father Jocys was being transferred to Mackinaw City, and Father Joseph Scallon would be our new priest. He had several degrees, including a PhD in English.

Daily excursions were being offered on the schooner *Lucy R*.

MSU offered to help formulate a 20-year Master Plan and Economic Development Plan for the Island. It would take two years to complete. It asked for help from the Townships—\$2,500 to start, and \$5,000 the following year. It would work with the planning commissions and hold public meetings. It would involve its students in the work; they would stay at CMU.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Island fisherman Earl Madrie. He had been a seaman and a heating plant engineer before moving here, following his father Clarence's arrival.

Thirty Years Ago The Historical Society held a dinner and dance at the Parish Hall to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the opening of its museum.

The Beaver Island Fire Department was selling its *Beaveropoly* board game throughout town. It reported being called to Cable's Bay when one of the cars Dick Burris rented at the Livery caught fire (and was destroyed).

Terri Liller, coeditor of the *Beacon* with Jacque LaFreniere, resigned her post to concentrate on her job at Sanctuary Farm, leaving Jacque in

charge. Jacque planned to take on a new coeditor soon.

A man who arrived on the Island the previous November was arrested by deputy Ham Gebbert on an outstanding warrant, discovered when Ham ran his name through the police data base. Ham was in his second year here. The former handyman with a degree from CMU had just married Nancy Anderson, a former teacher who joined him here.

They both enjoyed riding horses, hunting, and fishing.

Bucky and Genie Vreeland went morel picking near Fox Lake, but Bucky soon tired of the hunt and told his wife he was going to walk over to the water's edge and go fishing. She said she'd join him after filling her basket. When she failed to appear after an hour, he went back to where he had left her, but she was gone.

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42. *On This Date*, continued from page 41.

Worried, he called for help, and a search party was formed, including a plane. An hour later two mopeds came upon her sitting under a tree on the edge of the West Side Road. "Are you the woman everyone's looking for?" they asked. "Heavens no," she replied. "It's my husband who's lost. I can't find him anywhere."

Ads appeared for tree work (Dave Gladish), painting (Topper McDonough), odd jobs (Kitty McNamara), hand-crafted lawn furniture (Roger Sommer), and custom wood products (Curt Petrak).

Forty Years Ago Fishing for smallmouth at Garden and Hog was

excellent. Perch were being caught in Font Lake. The deer herd was thought to be rebounding from a bad period.

The St. James Episcopal Mission announced plans to show movies on Wednesday evenings.

Cary Wise was offering swimming lessons in the Port St. James pool.

Judy LaFreniere and Kevin McDonough graduated from Ferris.

Mrs. Fred Zalusky (the daughter of Bowery Bill Gallagher) wrote to update information from Clementine McCauley, which appeared in the *Beacon*. The Dominican Nuns, she said, arrived after Father Zugelder (who came here in 1899) called a meeting to suggest requesting them and was

authorized to petition Bishop Richter. When the Bishop agreed, a delegation was sent to Lansing; it secured the Governor's recommendation to pay them the same as other teachers. Three nuns arrived at first, staying in the home next to the Hall (next to the home was the Boyle store, long gone in 1972). Father Z and his housekeeper, Mrs. Reginalds, stayed across the street next to the Boyle saloon (where Grace Cole lived before Bud Left tore the house down and replaced it with a prebuilt home). Father Z (the architect of the Rectory) built the Convent in 1901. The Sisters had to come to town in a horse and buggy to teach, but got a car in 1924. Dr. Wilkinson arrived and lived

IN MEMORY: ARTHUR ROY RANGER

Arthur Roy Ranger, 52, of Big Rapids and formerly of Charlevoix, died on March 30 in Charlevoix.

He was born on April 10, 1959, at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, the son of Arthur Alvin and Patricia (Ratigan) Ranger. He graduated from Charlevoix High School in 1977. He received his bachelor of science in land surveying in 1981 from Ferris State College. He married Beth Ward on June 6, 1981, in Big Rapids.

Upon graduation, Art was employed by Wightman & Associates in St. Joseph until he received his professional surveying license in 1985. He and Beth moved to Charlevoix where Art took charge of the surveying

activities in his father's company, Ranger Engineering. In 1994 Art started Ranger & Associates, Inc., a stand-alone land surveying business.

Art was a long time member of the Michigan Society of Professional Surveyors. He was first and foremost a surveyor and an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting and fishing and roaming



in Grace Cole's house; he opened a drugstore across the street. He built a new home but then left. Dr. Graham arrived; his wife Tillius made beautiful paintings.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Island-born Captain Andrew Greene, born in 1903, who became a Master of a Columbia Steamship vessel at the age of 33.

Fifty Years Ago Some commercial fishermen anchored here and quickly sold their catches of whitefish. Fishermen were pleased with the bluegills at Lake Geneserath and the bass at other lakes and islands. Thirty fishermen took 33 trout at Fox Lake in 78 hours.

in the out-of-doors. He especially loved the deer and small game hunting on Beaver Island and joined his dad and brothers on many a hunt.

There was no place in the world that he would rather be than on the Island. When he wasn't hunting or roaming the woods, you may have seen him surveying for Islanders.

Lloyd and Eva McDonough attended a Spartan Stores party, where Lloyd won a brass tea kettle and Eva won a color TV.

One day Willie Schmidt looked up and saw one of his cows galloping toward his barn - with a coyote in pursuit. He jumped up and ran toward the commotion. When he entered the barn he discovered that the covote had bitten offhalf of the cow's tail.

Lawrence and Wini McDonough bought a Shetland pony for their kids. It took over parenting duties for a stray kitten.

Swallows built a nest in the Emerald Isle's anchor davit, and were riding back and forth to Charlevoix

with the ferry, flying around her as 43. she sailed along. No one was sure who to bill for the tickets.

The McLure Oil Company reported finding some oil in its third well, but decided it was not enough and closed up shop, leaving the Island.

The BIBCo Board was disappointed to learn that the new ferry, the Beaver Islander, would not be ready until July 20. The delay was caused by new USCG regulations requiring more detailed drawings of various sections, each requiring acceptance before the work could proceed.

Don Welke offered to sell his 1926 Model T coupe for \$400, saying it was in A-1 condition.

He had a great appreciation for the unspoiled natural beauty of the Island woods and beaches. His parents have had a cottage on the East Side Drive for many years.

Art is survived by his wife, Beth Ranger, of Big Rapids; his parents, Alvin and Patsy Ranger, of Charlevoix; sister Corinne (Paul) Vita, of Saratoga,

CA, and their children Jonathan and Julia; two brothers, Robert (Lisa) Ranger of Midland, Ml, and their children, Scott and Alissa, and William (Amy) Ranger of Traverse City and their children, Max, Emma and Isabelle. Memorial contributions may be directed to Little Traverse Conservancy.

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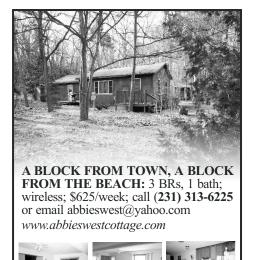
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44. NEW TIMES, NEW BYLAWS

Even though the role of the Historical Society has been changing, it hasn't updated its Bylaws in over ten years. But that could change this summer because three Trustees created and circulated a draft of a new version over the winter, and the Board has called for a membership meeting at 6:30 on June 21 at the Peaine Hall to review and possibly modify this draft.

Hall to they would like it to focus on in the raft. coming year.

REAL ESTAT

DEEP WATER HARBOR FRONTAGE FOR SALE - 66.5'
Harbor Frontage; Deep Water; Space for four 45'+ Boat Slips; Main Street Frontage; 1570 Sq. Ft. Building with Commercial/Residential Use; City Sewer; Option to Purchase Adjacent Parcels; \$399,000. For Further Information Please Contact Jon Bonadeo at (231) 448-2489 or (231) 459-6861

20 ACRES WEST SIDE ROAD - \$55,000; 16x18 rustic cabin (no electricity or water); Apple orchard and deer

E, FOR SALE

The final version will be voted on at

the Annual Meeting this August. In

addition, Board members are elected at

this meeting, with officers being

selected in a second brief meeting after

it closes. The Annual Meeting gives the Society's members and the public a

chance to lobby for whichever projects

blinds; great location for hunting; ½ mile north of Fox Lake Rd; contact: Mike Eicher (248) 766-4205.

PORT ST. JAMES LOTS 607 AND 608 - A block from the Font Lake boat launch. (231) 675-2514.

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.

40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD - Call (231) 448-2397

REAL ESTATE,

ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATH ROOM UNIT ON FOX LAKE with full kitchen, and laundry - Sleeps two and is 20 minutes from town. Canoe and paddleboat available with balcony overlooking the lake. \$600/week. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com No smoking and no pets please.

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.



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



FOR RENT

SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry. East Side Dr.—only four miles from town. Awesome sunrises — walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. No pets and no smoking. Please call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be seen at: www.bayhaven.beaverisland.net

WEEKLY RENTAL - Lakefront. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1 ½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

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LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY - pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: \$500. Call (734) 449-0804 or email dlelzey@gmail.com SAND BAY - sleeps 8—amenities—

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

Representatives of an engineering firm working with Verizon visited the Island at the end of May to look at their tower on King's Highway. They indicated that Verizon plans to replace their existing tower with one capable of providing 4G service to the Island. They indicated that Verizon plans to provide this service in July 2012. They may also consider using the St James

Township tower on Donegal Bay and possibly Peaine's tower on East Side Drive at the Fire Hall.

Earlier this spring, it was reported at a township meeting that AT&T and St. James were in contact regarding the use of the St. James tower on Donegal Bay Road; things looked promising, but there hasn't been any development announced yet.

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

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

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