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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The Board of St. James met on July 10th because its regular meeting day fell on July 4th. There were discussions of the Air Evac contract, the progress on tower upgrades, and the Whiskey Island land swap, which has now been completed.

A date (two days later) was set for a joint Town Board meeting. The audience asked questions colored by the prevalence of rumors. Jim Wojan, who has a knack for summing up public sentiment, said he expected both parties to present their ideas and the joint Boards to work out any differences. When this is done, both Township attorneys will quickly review the agreement.

The two tower projects were moving forward. The EMS communication upgrade (primarily the mainland, but also here) would involve linking together the Donegal Bay Road and East Side Drive towers with the Coast Guard tower at the South End.

Now that St. James has acquired the deputy's house and land (which runs from the harbor 1300' back into the

woods), two opportunities were being considered: a boat launch, and a fishing pier. Separate efforts will be required, with the fishing pier a potential candidate for a grant from the Fish Trust (established from penalties assessed to Consumers' Power; see below). A \$27,000 design and feasibility study would be the first step. The Board felt a boat launch was needed, but it may be better placed elsewhere. One possibility was the land behind the Town Hall, which CMU acquired when they bought the Coast Guard Boathouse.

A letter was read praising Jim White's work as the Harbormaster.

Peaine Township

The Peaine Board met on 7-11. The Board was queried about the Emergency Services Authority; some of the basic documents have not been located.

The termination of a Transfer Station employee by the Waste Management Committee was challenged from the audience because it was done without the Board's knowledge or approval. However the operat-

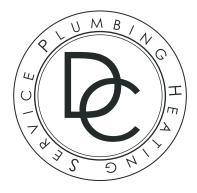
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ing agreement gives the Committee this power

Verizon was moving forward to put a new 100' tower on the King's Highway; the three there are owned by All-Tel (since 1994), the EMS, and Verizon—theirs will be replaced. They hoped to provide 4-G service by late July.

The Fire Hall tower was close to being activated by Central Dispatch (EMS); all the new equipment had been hung. The lease was being created. A propane generator would be installed to assure continuity. Lightning suppression equipment had already been installed.

The supervisor announced the joint meeting to be held the next day, and said there were three unsettled issues: the split of the fees, the time of availability, and the type of insurance needed to cover all parties and contingencies.

Air Evac: Almost

On July 12th the joint Township Boards met to listen to and hopefully resolve proposals from both Island Airways and the EMS. The week before, the legislature reduced the insurance requirement from ten million dollars to two, making an air ambulance feasible.

There were many rumors floating around about how much of the fees the various parties wanted, but they proved ill-founded. Don Spencer presented an analysis in which a typical year might generate \$112,000 in payments for evacuations—factoring in the different rates paid by different insurances, the 9% billing charge, and the percentage of non-pays.

Island Airways, which has been carrying the ball to make this muchneeded service a reality, proposed an even split of the revenue with the EMS, and after a little clarification the offer was accepted. The evacuations will include EMS staff and one family member. This will be a revenue raiser for the EMS, and may relieve the taxpavers of some of their burden. But most importantly, the time to get a patient to needed care will be greatly reduced, saving lives.

Both Boards approved the agreement.

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THEY CAME

Dr. Deb Rotman and her culturalarchaeologists from Notre Dame arrived in mid June to dig at site of the first cabin at the Boyle farm, which the family only occupied for 11 years before their increasing numbers forced



Beaver Island's traffic calming innovation—it works! —Pete Plastrik

SUCCESS

Beaver Island's Britta B. Cieslak made Grand Valley State's Dean's List.

CLEANUP

The Annual Beaver Island Association Beach Cleanup will be Saturday, September 15, 2012. Meet at the Community Center at 9:00 am for bags and data cards. Return to the Community Center at noon with your haul for a free hotdog lunch. Questions? Call Ken McDonald at (231) 448-2981.





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them to build a bigger home across the road. They unearthed everything thrown outside the door during that period – pottery shards, broken glass, the head of a cane. A rusted iron wedge. A bent screwdriver. Let that be a lesson.



HAPPY FOREVER

Mrs. Julie Forbush of Traverse City and Mr. Ken Kamp of Kewadin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Thayer Kamp to Drew McDonough, son of Tim and Denise McDonough of Beaver Island. Thayer graduated from Grand Valley State in 2007 with a bachelors degree in nursing. She is currently a registered nurse at Thorek Memorial Hospital in Chicago. Drew graduated from MSU in 2007 with a BA in General Business Management, and is a broker at Ryan Turner Specialty, also in Chicago. A September 2013 wedding is being planned.

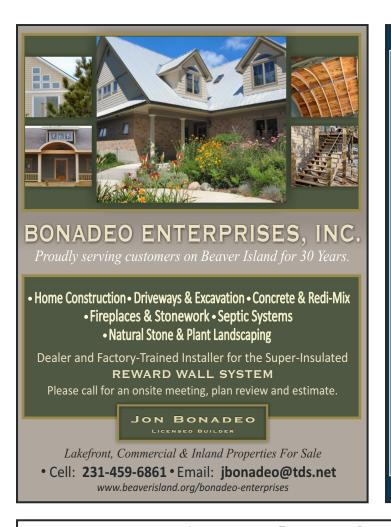


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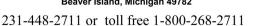






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very special retirement residence. Much thought and effort went into making this a comfortable, energy efficient, high quality home. You must see it to appreciate it. The owners are very proud of this fine place, the following is a list by Mr. Rich of some of the property's features: 200' of pristine Lake Michigan sandy beach with 15.29 Acres

- Lindal Cedar Home using post and beam construction that includes a 25' cathedral ceiling covered with western red cedar and laminated exposed beams. A 12' X 60' deck on the lakeside
- A 30' fireplace and chimney of cut field stone quarried in the Petoskey area
- Amish custom made solid cherry cabinets and corion counter tops
- Kitchen Aid appliances and an extra oven (refrigerator doors have matching cherry wood inserts) the ovens are convertible to conventional or regular; one oven and the glass stove top are located on an island also of cherry
- Carpeting throughout except for tiled hallways. Full basement with sauna, office and much storage
- Full bath on first floor with two bedrooms & laundry closet
- Master suite/loft upstairs includes full bath with walk in shower and separate whirlpool tub.
- Copper plumbing with soft water and a 250' free flowing well set in a limestone formation
- Central forced air heating. Windows that are double paned and with low Argonne E





250' deep free flowing well.

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BI CELTIC MUSIC "MINI-FEST"!

unique Celtic music and dance experience will take place on Beaver Island at the Community Center September 6th through the 8th. With dual concerts featuring Goitse, the upcoming forerunners of traditional Irish music, and RUNA, the acclaimed USA contingent in contemporary Irish music, multiple dance and instrumental workshops—where participants will actually perform onstage at the concerts—and local BI artisans and musicians, this will begin a Beaver Island Celtic Festival revival!

Goitse (pronounced gwi-cha) plays with an easy assurance. "They have a big musical imagination."

RUNA incorporates a variety of musical backgrounds, featuring vibrant velvet vocals, gentle piano, a "special"

style of percussion, violin, and multiinstrument arrangements, including uilleann pipes, flute, and whistle.

This very special Celtic Music weekend on Beaver Island will feature several award-winning fiddlers and violinists, dancers, bohdran & ceili drummers, banjo and mandolin players, tin whistlers, pianists, and piano accordion players, pipers and flautists who will be on the Island long enough to "meet and greet"... and learn from! Each group will play for an hour at the concerts, with each night's show uniquely highlighting different dance and music workshop participants.

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women do, and what they can do with it (and an anvil and forge) is quite amazing.

For an afternoon those who passed by the Heritage Park could be forgiven if they thought they were back in the Iron Age, as bellows were pumped and hammers rang out.

They brought their tools. Some were bought, others made, and some passed down through generations from the mythic past – when trade secrets were protected by the overall lack of communication. Although there are

journals and newsletters and books and seminars now, the real learning of all the tricks has to be done by doing.

The Industrial Age ushered in mass production – generally positive because it lowered the price of everything manufactured. But things also gave up their uniqueness, and when everything is the same, nothing is special.

Not so with these Artsmiths. Everything they make is a little different from the last piece. Their products are labor intensive; if they were paid union scale, nobody could afford them.

When a person can't charge enough

to earn a living but still keeps doing something, it must be a labor of love, and that's obviously the case with these Artsmiths. Seeing them work, watching them labor intensely over every nuance of what they make, ignoring the heat singeing their brow, gives the impression that what is taking shape is special and has a value beyond the utilitarian. Sure, you could use that piece of carefully molded iron as a hinge pin, or a pry bar — or it could be mounted on a polished chunk of oak and displayed on a coffee table, kind of like our cherrywood strip canoes.

ART PIECES FOR YOUR HEAITH

ome on in to the Health Center Lobby and start bidding on the art pieces, memorabilia. and services as well as our big hit from last year "The Beaver Island Bounty Basket," just in time for Homecoming. It includes 4 bottles of homemade wine from Pete LoDico, 2 loaves of bread from Barb Murphy, pie from the oven of Shirley Detweiler, 2 kinds of pickles from Heidi Vigil, maple syrup tapped from the trees of Jacque and Mark La Freniere, and to top it off a beauiful homemade apron by Connie Wojan.

Art pieces include a necklace from Nancy Peterson, a print by Beth Scully, Zentangle art by Jane Early, a framed Phyllis Fitzpatrick photo (donated by the Novaks), framed watercolors by Ruth Barrett, a print by Leonor Jacobson (honoring Ellie Hahn), pottery by Ruth Kelly, and a piece of Ray Matela's woodcarving. Pat Rowley has donated some pieces as well: a framed painting by Jane Schmitt, a painted plate by Leone Schellenberg, and an old Port of St. James sign. Pete LoDico has 2 rooms carpet cleaning included in our spring clean-up pack-

age. And there are many more. Please stop by and bid on those items that catch your eye. We will list the end dates in the Lobby.

All proceeds will help our Wellness Garden Project plantings. The Garden Tour will continue to provide funding for maintenance of the Garden. We already have six new gardens lined up for next years' Tour!

We will take any other donated items until Labor Day. So we hope to see you stop by and add your name and a bid to one or more of these items!

—Connie and Leonor

IN MEMORY: JERRY CHARBENEAU

Dr. Gerald Thomas Charbeneau of Ann Arbor, Michigan, devoted husband, father, grandfather, dental professor, and friend to many, passed away on July 2, 2012 from complications associated with Alzheimer Disease. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

The youngest son of Clarence and Pearl Charbeneau, "Jerry" was born on July 22, 1925 in Mt. Clemens, Michigan, where he spent his childhood and young adult years.

Dr. Charbeneau was educated at Michigan Normal College in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, from which he received his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1948, and a Master of Science degree in 1949.

On June 28, 1947, he married his college sweetheart, the former Margaret Jane Dohm, in Detroit, Michigan.

The couple have three children: Thomas and wife Michelle of Paris, Texas; Randall and wife Nancy of Austin, Texas, and Sue and husband Rodney Grambeau of Harbor Springs, Michigan. They have seven grandchildren.

Dr. Charbeneau spent the first four years of his dental career in private practice and the US Air Force Dental Corps. He then began a life-long career in dental education at The University of Michigan, rising through the professorial ranks to become Chairman of Operative Dentistry in 1969. He retired in 1988 after 40 years of service to the University.

Jerry was a consummate craftsman and builder and loved playing golf with family and friends. In 1967 the Charbeneaus built a cottage on Beaver Island. During several of the summers on the Island, he helped organize Red Cross blood drives. The couple moved to Petoskey, Michigan in May 2012 where Jerry was a resident of Mallard Cove assisted living. The family was most grateful for the compassionate care he received throughout his brief stay there.

Jerry and Marg were long-time members of Westside United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor. Following a memorial service at their Church on July18, his remains were placed in the church Memorial Garden. Memorial donations may be made to Mallard Cove, 2801 Charlevoix Ave., Petoskey, MI, Hospice of Northwest Michigan, 220 W. Garfield, Charlevoix, MI, or Westside United Methodist Church, 900 So. Seventh St., Ann Arbor, MI

Jerry's passing has left a void in the hearts of all those he touched, and Heaven has now become an even better place.

























MI YOUTH EXPERIENCE ISLAND KAYAKING

ost teenagers will not be awakening at 5 a.m. on a sunny July day, nor would

they be emerging from tents that they would soon be packing up and loading onto a pickup truck for an hour's drive to the Beaver Island ferry in Charlevoix, from their United Methodist camp on the shore of Thumb



Lake, east of Boyne Falls. But this is not your average group of teenagers: they had met at Camp Kinawind, on the lake that is informally known as "Lake Louise," for a week of kayaking and wilderness camping on the Beaver Island archipelago. These nine high school students gathered from across Michigan, with their three adult leaders, for an adventure on this historic and beautiful island in the middle of Lake Michigan.

This is the third year that co-leaders Chris Lane and Dan Duncan, both longtime United Methodist pastors, friends, and outdoor adventure lovers, have led this camp. Of our nine campers, one has made the trip all three years, and three others have been with us for two years. We spend four days and three nights on the islands, with our final day spent kayaking down the Sturgeon River near the town of Wolverine, east of Lake Louise. This year, we paddled out to Garden Island and camped at the campsite on the south side of Indian Harbor. On Tuesday, our group paddled around Garden Island, and on Wednesday, a day that brought muchneeded rain to the region, our campers learned how to deal with adversity,

shelter themselves from water coming from above, and also hiked four miles on Garden Island, seeing the mysterious Indian cemetery, and then the old Post Office and junction area on the east side of Garden Island harbor.

A highlight of the trip for our campers was an afternoon spent exploring St. James, including tours of the Mormon Print Shop, the boat building shop, the Toy Museum, and the Marine Museum. We appreciated the insights and Island lore provided by Bill at the Print Shop, and by Chuck at the Marine Museum (including the blueberries he shared with us, given to him by a neighbor). Such friendliness is one of the appealing features of visiting a remote island community like this.

Chris and Dan thought of bringing this group of young people to Beaver Island as a result of pleasant weeks they each had there in the 1990s; they each had a handful of years in which they preached at the B.I. Community Church, and were able to stay in that parsonage for a week's vacation. Dan remembers visiting the boat building shop, and marveling at the beauty of the strip-built kayaks and canoes, and being amazed that anyone would dare

to paddle such a small craft over to one of the islands, which the builder stated was not only "no problem" but something that people did all the time. Little could Dan have imagined then that ten years later he would build a cedar-strip kayak, and fifteen years later lead a group of young paddlers across the one-and-a-half mile crossing to Garden Island.

We plan to return with more groups to the islands in the upcoming years, the last full week in July.

—Dan Duncan

THE READER A SUCCESS!

A few months ago nobody knew whether or not the new collection of Island writing would be accepted, but now the answer is in, a resounding yes!

Signed copies were gobbled up at the Art Show, and the merchants have all reordered. Those who've read the new book have been surprised at the variety of voices it contains. If you haven't been here and would like to get a copy by mail, send a \$15 check to the B.I. Writers' Group, Box 254, 49782.

THE AUGUST HOMECOMING DINNER: 80 YEARS

The Holy Cross Parish Council met on July 2, 2012 to decide whether Holy Cross had sufficient parishioners to assist with the August Dinner, the Homecoming Dinner. Given that the number of people declining to help

exceeded the number willing to help, we had no choice but to cancel any preparation for the Homecoming Dinner this year.

The Homecoming Dinner had been a tradition upheld every August for the

past 80 years. It began in 1932 to celebrate Bishop Baraga's Landing, and originally incorporated the summer parade.

-Holy Cross Parish Council

PRAYFR

The Women's Prayer Luncheon that was cancelled earlier this summer has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 23, at the Gregg Fellowship Center: Punch, etc. at 12:00; a salad/dessert potluck at 12:30. To help ensure there

will be accommodations for all who want to attend, there will be sign-up sheets at all four Island churches and at the Community Center.

Any questions, call Jean Carpenter (2893).

IN MEMORY: TINA WAIKER

Tina Walker, who did so much for the Island - providing treats for the students, organizing the Easter Egg Hunt, loaning props to the Players, and having costumed figures appear in the Parade and at various functions passed away suddenly in Holy Cross Church on June 29. The cause was later diagnosed as a massive blood clot.

She had first arrived seventeen years ago with her daughter, who graduated from the Island school. She opened a store in the Cole Building on a dock on the harbor, Tina's Ts. She designed and built a stunning log cabin on the King's Highway, but then left the

STAINED GLASS

Tita McAvoy from Charlevoix won the stained glass window "Flowers of Beaver Island" at the July 21 drawing. The raffle was sponsored by AmVets Post #46 Ladies Auxiliary who thanks everyone who bought tickets.

Island for a short-term marriage. Upon her return she began planning to open another store, the Beaver Island Trading Post, but met with several obstacles in the zoning and building code, which she was doing her best to overcome.

She always did everything she could to help the community.

14. A BUSY JULY

ear by year, July on Beaver Island offers ever more options. Not only is there MADCamp, Baroque, and the Music Fest – and all the musicians playing at the various venues (such as the pirate Beans) – but the Historical Society's Museum Week provides many delights.

This year seemed particularly interesting. Patrons of Music on the Porch had to endure two crackling storms; many stuck it out, and half of those driven away returned in dry clothes. Between downpours a solitary seagull perched on the ridge of the metal roof took advantage of the strong breeze to repeatedly careen over the harbor and then resume its perch. Several Island favorites performed – the Gerish family (a cut-down version incorporating the grandparents), Sherri Timsak, Duff Conner, Phil Becker, John Hett, Bill Detwiler, Doris Larson (reprising Doc Lange), Bob Bass, the Irish boat greeter, and Sharon and Mike Hurkmans.

Everyone loves Pinky's Bingo – although perhaps it's not her charisma as much as the chance to win a thousand dollars, or at least one of the many door prizes provided by the generous merchants. Another great trouper is Antje Price, who once again opened the Protar Home (four times) to speak with visitors about this great man – now gone for 87 years, but not forgotten.

More people were wondering about the "mysterious experiments" at the old Coast Guard boat house than anyone realized. When CMU agreed to hold an Open House at their Great Lakes Research Institute, they never dreamed 525 visitors would arrive. Don Uzarski was there to greet them. That number was topped by the Art Show, which drew 565 – but over three days. The weavers, spinners, book signers (many contributors to the *Beaver Island Reader* signed special copies) and live music were as much of a draw as the art and fine crafts.

Whenever we circle the Island and stop at Iron Ore Bay to gaze at the southern mirage, we try to differentiate South Fox from North Fox, but can't – they blend together perfectly. But Catherine Allchin told stories about the two, particularly South Fox and the 115-acre Lighthouse estate she is helping turn into a remote educational center. It's even farther from the mainland than are we! Their efforts were especially interesting in lieu of our own intention to restore the Whiskey Point Light.

Bill Parsons fascinated a large audience with stories about the stewardship of the Archipelago conducted by the Little Traverse Bay Band. His presentation included many pictures which few of us had seen before, such as of snapping turtles in Lake Maria on High (never previously recorded), or the setting of nets in a hidden lake on Garden Island which is almost impossible to reach. The hit of his presentation was his story of monitoring 34 eagle nests - including climbing into them (50' off the ground) to check on the chicks' health. In one they photographed from a plane they could not tell what the fluffy white blanket it contained was, but when they pulled themselves in they discovered the bodies of eleven slaughtered seagulls.

Ross Richardson talked about the steamer Westmoreland, which sank off South Manitou in 1854. Many astute divers thought they knew where she was, such as Captain Pelfrey, who had been on board her and was living on Beaver Island 25 years later when he put together a team to search for the 500 twenty-dollar gold pieces she held (although some were more interested in the thousand casks of whiskey being taken to Fort Michilimackinac.) He talked about each expedition - including one by Jim Sawtell, who left his winch at Iron Ore Bay when he gave up trying to raise the Milwaukee Belle. None of them found her, though, until Ross used a new form of sonar and found her in a canyon 200' deep off Sleeping Bear.

The Michigan Artist/blacksmiths held their convention here, with eight of them setting up forges at the Heritage Park to demonstrate their approach. They weathered another storm (which forced everyone at the Pet Show up on the porch), and then spoke about their trade in the evening, talking about developments made during and after the Iron Age, and how people find them a welcome antidote to our throw-away society in which little is unique.

When the week was over, people wanted to relax. But the Beaver Island Association stepped up with a presentation and meeting the next day, and then the wonderful Baroque began. Echoes are still resounding in our ears.

BOARD FOLLOWING SUCCESSION PLAN TO REPLACE SUPERINTENDENT/K-12 PRINCIPAL

he Beaver Island Community School Board of Education is on target with its succession plan to replace long-time highly-respected superintendent/K-12 principal Kathleen "Kitty" McNamara, who will retire in June of 2013.

For the past 18 months, the board has followed the plan put in place after McNamara announced her pending retirement two years ago. Since the announcement, the board has worked with Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate

School District whose leadership team has extensive experience in superintendent searches regionally and throughout Michigan. A representative of the ISD has met with the board three times and with teachers since Kitty's resignation was announced.

"The board understands that its primary role is to select a new administrator," said newly-elected board president Jessica Anderson. "We recognize the final decision on whom to hire lies with the board, but our next phase is to start collecting input from staff, parents, students, and community members about the qualities they are looking for in the school leader."

As part of the process, school board members also attended sessions on succession planning during the recent Michigan Association of School Boards annual conference. In these sessions, board members were able to hear about the challenges and typical processes in superintendent selection.





















































DESTINATION: PARADISE BAY FISHTUG GLORIA

by Larry Hansz

ohn and Bridget are on the last leg of a dream odyssey visiting all five Great Lakes. The cruise is the culmination of John's dream project of completely rebuilding the old hard-working tug into a modern pleasure cruiser and then seeing all the lakes.

Mary is a retired nurse and John a retired merchant mariner who worked as chief engineer on a State of Florida marine research vessel. He has been boating for forty-five years, and earlier converted a smaller open stern deck Lake Superior fish tug to a pleasure boat. He has always admired fish tugs for their strength, history, and sea-keeping abilities. So he began shopping for a large tug to rebuild. Most vessels were still working and not for sale, or were just plain junk. Then he found Gloria in Manistique. Gloria had fished from 1945 to 2001 from Two Rivers, Milwaukee, Sturgeon Bay, and Manistique. She was owned by the Schuetter family for years. The father wanted his sons to fish with him but they found wages in the mill more attractive than irregular fishing income. So when the father died the family put the boat up for sale and along came John.

John moved the boat to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, where he spent a year cleaning and stripping out the hull. The next five years were spent completely rebuilding the vessel. All the steel cabin enclosure was removed and replaced and an aluminum pilot house added. The cruising layout started in the bow with large sleeping quarters for two people. Amidships is a galley with full size

refrigerator, stove, and large seating area. The galley area also includes an electric fireplace. The passageway to the aft cabin is on the port side and includes a long project work bench and tool storage. Midway in this passageway are the steps up to the wheelhouse. The aft compartment is a comfortable area to relax and entertain or watch tv. The complete head is on the starboard side under the wheelhouse.

John and Bridget's Great Lakes

cruise began in 2006 with a one-year shake down cruise in and around the Green Bay area and as far south as Milwaukee. They also entered the Door County Maritime Museums annual 'Wooden and Classic Boat Show.' Fishtug Gloria was named Best in Show - Powerboats Over 20' and Best in Show - Peoples' Choice. Prior to leaving on their cruise in 2007 she was again chosen

for the Peoples' Choice in the show.

Manistique was the first official stop on the voyage; then they came to Beaver Island. From here it was on to Sault Ste. Marie and Lake Superior. They actually spent two seasons in Lake Superior and stored her both years at Pequaming, Michigan, which is the site of Henry Ford's huge lumber operations

near L'Anse. The third year found them heading down the St. Marys River, through the North Channel, and down the inside passage on the east side of Georgian Bay. At the bottom of Georgian Bay they entered the Trent-Severn Canal, which takes a meandering path across southern Ontario to Trenton on Lake Ontario. The boat was hauled out and stored for the winter in Rochester, New York.

The path for the fourth year led from

Rochester through the Welland Canal into Lake Erie and on to Detroit, Lake St. Claire, the St. Claire River, and into Lake Huron. Winter storage was at Sheplers in Mackinac City. This season Beaver Island was their first stop following launching at Mackinac City. They left our Yacht Dock July 5 with the intention of cruising the eastern shore of Lake Michigan down

to Benton Harbor, where they will cross to Illinois and finally up to Milwaukee, where the odyssey will end in mid August. And, the voyage will end, as they intend to offer Fishtug *Gloria* for sale at that time. John said this dream will be fulfilled and Bridget said at a certain age (not to be mentioned) she wanted to be ashore.

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The AmVets also conduct burial ceremonies for deceased veterans. They assist the AmVets auxiliary in the annual Christmas program at the Beaver Island School. And they conduct an annual flag disposal ceremony for damaged and worn flags in June on Flag Day.

The AmVets make sure the flags at the Post Office, library, government buildings, and the Veterans' Memorial are flown at half-mast to honor deceased veterans when requested by the Governor. They conduct annual ceremonies on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Our Post 46 planned, developed, designed, managed, and built the Beaver Island Veterans' Memorial Park. The park now has over 300 bricks honoring individual veterans.

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18. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

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

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, August 1, 1912 **Local News:** "W. E. Stephens of the Beaver Island Lumber Company was in the city Monday on his way to Freesoil."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. Sophia Sanefenger and Anna E. Wolfson of Kansas are here for the summer." (Note: Anna E. Wolfson, Kansas City, Mo. and Miss Sophia Rotenbeeger, Kansas City, Mo. appear in the Hotel Beaver register, July 25, 1912)

"Mrs. Ed. Berger and family of Davenport, Iowa, are here for the summer." (Note: Mrs. Ed. Berger, Cora Berger, and Paul Berger, Davenport, Iowa appear in the Hotel Beaver register, July 25, 1912)

"Sidney E. Westhimer, of St. Joe, Mo., is here on a visit." (Note: Sidney F. Westhiemer, St. Joseph, Mo. appears in the Hotel Beaver register, July 26, 1912)

"Nat S. Hart of Chicago, is here at the Beaver Hotel." (Note: Nat. S. Hart, Chicago, Ill. appears in the Hotel Beaver register, July 26, 1912)

"M. S. Taylor of Benton Harbor, is here at Beaver Hotel." (Note: M. S. Taylor, Benton Harbor, Mich. appears in the Hotel Beaver register, July 27, 1912)

"M. A. Johnston of Lansing, was here on a visit Tuesday." (M. A. Johnston, Lansing appears in the Hotel Beaver register, July 27, 1912)

"J. Smedley of Traverse City, went to High Island on business in regard to the saw mill."

"The House of David of Benton Harbor, bought the saw mill and timber from the Heimforth Co."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gallagher and daughters, Elenore and Mrs. W. A. Schied went to Petoskey Tuesday on the *Arbutus* to visit Miss May, who is very ill."

"D. S. Payton of Charlevoix, is here on a visit." (Note: D. S. Payton, Charlevoix appears in the Hotel Beaver register July 29, 1912)

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

"Jim Wachter and (sic) Keeper of Head light is in Petoskey on business."

"John H. O'Donnell went to Charlevoix on business."

"Prof. Taft, of the Agricultural College is here holding a farmers' institute." (R. L. Taft, East Lansing appears in the Hotel Beaver register, July 29, 1912)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 8, 1912 **Local News:** "Jas. Donlevy of St. James, was in town Monday evening accompanied by James Connors, a Beaver Island resorter from Rock Island, Ill."

(Note: Aug. 11 – 16 fair to ideal, days to 72 degrees; nights to 39 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Wednesday, August 15, 1912 Front Page article:

"BUYING UP Land"

BURNS OF GRAND RAPIDS AND TWO OTHERS TAKE OVER BEAVER ISLAND CO.

A Grand Rapids paper prints the following: A deal for all the holding of the Beaver Island Lumber Company on Beaver Island, in Traverse bay, was closed yesterday by Wilbur S. Burns of this city, C. A. Hammond of Traverse City and John W. Cruse of Honor. This gives the three men the ownership of several thousand acres on the Island, which they will develop into fruit farms of from 10 to 40 acres each and sell. Some time ago they purchased 1,000 acres of the Beaver Island Lumber Company, and the demand for the land was so great that they purchased the remainder of the lumber company's holding. Messrs. Burns, Hammond and Cruse also have individual holdings on the island which they will still retain. Mr. Burns has planted between 5,000 and 6,000 fruit trees on his property. It is stated that a frost that would kill fruit trees has never been known to visit the island. This is attributed to the fact that it is surrounded by water." (Note: W. E. Burns, Grand Rapids, appears in the Hotel Beaver register, Aug. 1, 1912)

Local News: "Supt. Morton, of the U. S. Life Saving Service, was here officially on Saturday, proceeding to St. James Monday to inspect that station."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. H. Underwood, of Chicago, is here visiting her brother, W. D. Gallagher."











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20. One Hundred Years Ago, from page 18.

"Mrs. Capt. Ludwick went to Muskegon to visit friends Monday."

"Benj. J. O'Donnell, is home from Chicago on a visit."

"Capt. Wm. Cains (sic), of the Chicago Fire Department, returned home after a two week's visit."

"Dr. Benj. Hardy, of Davenport, Iowa is here for a few weeks." (Note: C. Bernhardi, Rock Island, Ill. appears in the Hotel Beaver register, Aug. 8, 1912)

"Miss Alice O'Donnell of Grand Rapids, is visiting relatives here."

"Irene Gallagher, who was in Petoskey hospital last week, has returned home."

"Mr. J. Tinner and wife, of Chicago returned home Monday, after a two week's visit."

"J. Harts (sic) and wife, who have been camping on the south end of the Island for the past two months, returned home Wednesday."

"Albon Smith and R. L. Lorraine spent several days on the Island."

"The launch *Catherine M* took a large party to Lake Genesert (sic) Sunday."

"Jas. Connor, of Rock Island, who has been here for a month, returned home Wednesday."

"Mr. and Mrs. Denney of Grand Rapids, is (sic) here for a few weeks."

"Wm. E. Stephens returned home from Freesoil last week."

"Capt. Morton, Supt. of the Life Saving Station at Grand Haven, was inspecting the B. I. L. S. S. Monday."

"Jas. H. Gallagher returned home Monday from Petoskey where he had been on business."

"Miss Sylvia Sendenburgh returned home from Charlevoix, where she had been visiting friends the past month."

"Mrs. Edgens (sic) Larsen who was at Charlevoix under Dr. Armstrong's care, arrived home Tuesday looking fine."

"John Stafford is at Charlevoix on business."

"Dan. C. Gallagher went to Grand Rapids Tuesday."

"Francis Donlevy, township treasurer of Peaine township, is at Charlevoix on business."

"H. S. Hull, W. D. G. Germaine, Frank Smith, and Mr. Chase, of Traverse City, are here looking over some timber lands." (Note: These names all appear in the Hotel Beaver register, Aug. 12, 1912)

"Mr. J. P. Maloney and family, of Chicago, are here for the summer."

"Dr. J. Dougher, of Midland, Mich., returned home after a week's visit with Fr. Malone."

"Mrs. Robt. Jones and daughter Mary, of Detroit, are here on a visit." (Note: Mrs. R. C. Jones & Mary E. Jones, Detroit, appear in the Hotel Beaver register August 12, 1912.)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Wednesday, August 22. 1912 **Local News:** "Deputy Sheriff Charles Roddy, came over from Beaver Island Monday, for the purpose of attending the present term of Circuit Court."

"Born Sunday night to Mr. and Mrs. John Grill a daughter. Mother and child doing fine."

"Francis McCafferty went to Charlevoix on business."

"Sadie Burns and Miss Ida J. Gallagher, are home from Manistique where they were all summer."

"Pat McDonough and family, moved to Escanaba, Mich."

"H. I. McMillan of East Jordan, called on the boys Monday and Tuesday." (Note: H. I McMillan, East Jordan, appears in the Hotel Beaver register August 19, 1912)

"Archie Lafineer (sic) went to Charlevoix on business."

"Hugh McLauglin of St. Ignace, is here visiting friends, it has been several years since Hugh was with us."

"Chas. Roddy Deputy Sherrif went to Charlevoix to attend court."

"Uri Winnie went to Charlevoix as a juror."

"Phil Beaudoin and son, of Charlevoix, are here on a visit."

"Joe A. O'Donnell and wife, spent Sunday in Charlevoix."

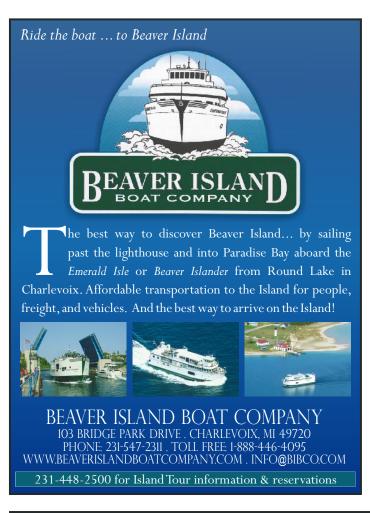
"Rollie Lewis of Charlevoix, is here visiting the boys Tuesday and Wednesday." (Note: R. L. Lewis, Charlevoix, appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 20, 1912)

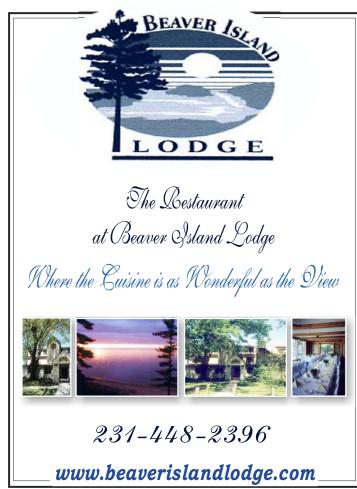
"A. J. Cunningham and wife, of Milwaukee are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. Bissell."

"Ella Green of Chicago, is here visiting friends."

"Mrs. W. A. Schied, returned from

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REAL ESTATE LIQUIDATION SALE

Circumstances are forcing us to liquidate at least one, maybe two Beaver Island properties. Contact me direct. Land contracts are possible on all properties.

- 1. Harbor lot on Carlisle Rd. 299 ft. lakefront lot. Very quiet and secluded, yet only a mile to town. Great views of the harbor and islands. Paid \$240,000.00 in 2004, will sacrifice for \$120,000.00
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deep free-flowing well, driveway, garage, septic, and boardwalk. Paid \$344,000 in 2006, plus \$82,000 in renovations total investment of \$426,000, will sacrifice at \$280,000.00

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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 20. Petoskey, where she was visiting her sister, May."

"Ed O'Donnell and wife, of Chicago, are here visiting friends."

"Hon. Rob't. Paddock of Charlevoix, was here visiting the boys last week." (Note: Rob't W. Paddock, Charlevoix, appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 16, 1912)

"Ben Langenhoff, of Pellston, is here writing up Life Insurance." (Note: Ben Langenhoff, Pellston, appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 17, 1912)

"Rob't. Jones of Detroit, is here on a visit." (Note: R. C. Jones, Charlevoix, appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 17, 1912)

"Jack Roddy and wife, of Escanaba, is (sic) here visiting his mother, Mrs. Andy Roddy."

"Salome McCabe of Chicago, is here visiting friends."

"Charles Novak, the Under Sheriff,

"Fr. Donalson, of Petoskey, went to High Island Sunday."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schied, Miss Eva Gibson, Mrs. Pat Roddy, and W. J. Gallagher Jr. went to High Island Sunday."

"S. A. Correll of Clarion, spent several days here on business." (Note: S. A. Correll, Clarion, appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 15, 1912)

"Mr. and Mrs. John Levi, returned home after a honeymoon trip to the southern part of the state."

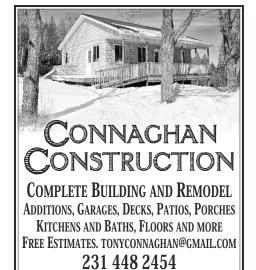
"Miss Maria Malloy is home on a visit."

"Joe LaBlanc of Naubinway, was here on his way to Harbor Springs with a boat load of blue berries."

"Louis Gingrass went to Charlevoix Monday."

Charlevoix Sentinel Wednesday, August 29, 1912 No Beaver Island related news (Note: Aug. 31, thunderstorm, 56 degrees. F. Protar)

Beaver Island Gardens Qush Annuals, Hanging Baskets New Perennials: 50 new varieties Tasty Vegetable Plants: Peppers, Tomatoes, Onions, Squash, Eggplants, etc. Tragrant Herbs: Lavender, Basil, etc. Planting Supplies: Potting mixes, containers Ready to eat fresh produce now available B.I. Cottage Hours 11-4 M-S 448-2998 Monthly Workshops When you are ready to play in the dirt G.J.G. is there to help Heidi Vigil, owner, operator, plant entrepreneur.



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The **Beaver Island Historical Society** invites all those with an interest in Beaver Island's history to attend one of two special meetings, called to elicit ideas about what the Island Museums should do to improve. Dan Truckey from NMU will moderate, with the audience forming brainstorming groups and throwing out ideas.

Everything will be "on the table."

Evening session: Monday, August 13th, 7:00 – 9:00 @ Peaine Hall

Morning session: Tuesday, August 14th, 10:00 – 12:00 @ Peaine Hall

WELLNESS GARDEN BENEFIT

Many thanks are in order for the success of our 2nd Annual Wellness Garden Benefit!

First of all to our gracious hosts who made their gardens so inviting, fun, and such a reflection of their Island uniqueness: Mary Scholl, Skip McDonough, Susie Bonadeo, Theresa Laurain, Cheryl Podgorski, Peter Amster, Carol Burton, Bruce Struik, and Bob Hoogendoorn.

The picnic lunch: Thank you Stoney Acres for the delicious wraps and lemonade, and Heidi Vigil (BI Gardens) for the table decor; and to the HC girls for all the work they do to make this such a success (tickets, posters, bookkeeping, auction bids); Stoney Acres for the bus, Gordie's Auto and Beaver Island Marine for their vans as well as volunteer drivers; Sharon Hurkmans, Dana D'Andraia, Joyce Runberg, Anne Glendon, Phyllis Kayne; Donors who gave us wine: Betsy and Glen Borre, Linda and Ed Troutman. Lastly may we say that garden planning begins in the spring. How can we ever give enough thanks to the care that Jerry LaFreniere, Garrett and Pam Cole, the Lighthouse School kids and staff, the CMU Masters students, Dana D'Andraia, Karen Whitecraft, Mary Jean Pike, Jan Paul, Michelle LaFreniere, Pete Lodico, Joyce Erber, Judy Jones, Jan Nank, Cary Johnson, Marianne Weaver, Jeff Powers,

Denise McDonough, Heidi Vigil, Cheryl Podgorski, and Pam O'Brien have given us in their labor, their ideas, and their donation. And on top of all of this we have the Rangers, Jacque LaFreniere, Patti Cull and Judy Boyle all helping put together a Fairy Garden for the little ones to enjoy this summer. Thanks also to Laura Gibson and her 21st Century team for the Fairy Garden Float in the parade this year.

Lastly (but not leastly) we have received memorial donations of plants and hardscape that have been put into the gardens. For Rita and Jewell Gillespie: knockout roses from the Gillespie siblings; for Joy and Russ Green: yellow roses from Beth and Steve Lucas; for Laurene and John Adams: pink roses from Connie and Ed Wojan; for Phyllis Fitzpatrick: pink knockout roses from Michelle LaFreniere, white lilac bush and angel from Sandy Latimer, and blue butterfly bush from step-daughter Marcia; and for Tina Walker: a stone lighthouse (with solar beacon) from Dale and Terry Keyes for the Fairy Garden. As we use any other memorial donations designated for the Gardens we will list our purchases for you as well as who made the donation. If you wish to remain anonymous, please let us know.

Many, many thanks for all the support! —Connie and Leonor.



he "Gaelic Blessing" was, once again, a moving finale to a week of beautiful music by the *Baroque on Beaver* Orchestra and Chorus. Visiting musicians enjoyed Island hospitality, Island singers participated, and audiences responded to outstanding concerts with standing ovations. Favorites included Peter Amster's portrayal of the devil in "The Soldier's Tale," Albert Wang's incredible violin performances, Copland's hauntingly beautiful "Appalachian Spring," and the Chorus's rous-

ing presentations of "Oklahoma" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." Gorgeous music in a spectacular island setting! — Ruth Igoe

Let's take a look at some of those who made this event so special:

Robert Nordling: Principal Conductor of the *Baroque on Beaver* Island Music Festival, he serves on the faculty of the Calvin College, and also conducts the Calvin College Orchestra and Calvin Alumni Orchestra. He has released several recordings and a DVD with the Calvin Orchestra and campus choirs. A

sought-after clinician, he performs orchestra and music educational clinics in the USA and abroad. He worked in the field of liturgical music ministry. An active composer and arranger, this is his third year as Principal Conductor of *Baroque on Beaver*.

Kevin Simons: A native of Pinckney, he is Assistant Professor of Music at Saginaw Valley State University where he teaches applied and class voice, choral methods, and conducts the Cardinal Singers and the Concert Choir. He is the Director of Music and Organist





at St. John's Episcopal Church in Saginaw. In 2007, he was appointed the Choral Director for the *Baroque on Beaver* Island festival.

Kevin is a frequent choral and vocal clinician. In 2011-2012, he conducted the Cardinal Singers in concert with the Saginaw Bay Symphony Orchestra. He serves as a board member for the Michigan chapter of the National Association of Teachers of Singing and as a Director for the Sewanee Church Music Conference.

Peter Amster: Peter has been a

professional director and choreographer for over 40 years. Although now a resident of Sarasota, he spent most of the last 45 years in Chicago, where he was nominated for Joseph Jefferson Awards. Peter has directed and choreographed operas for the Lyric Opera of Chicago, Chicago Opera Theatre, Skylight Opera in Milwaukee, and Light Opera Works in Evanston. Although now retired from academe, he has taught opera, theatre, and performance studies at several universities. He has been a proud summer

resident of Beaver Island since 1985.

Elizabeth Bert: Elizabeth was born into a musical family. Her father, sister, daughter, and son-in-law are all professional musicians. She began piano studies at 7, and cello studies at 10. She attended MSU as a cello performance major. Ms. Bert is Principal Cello with the Traverse Symphony Orchestra, serving in that position for over 30 years. She also performed with the Peninsula Music Festival Orchestra, in Fish Creek, Wisconsin. In addition she played with the Northwood





26. Symphony Orchestra, Midland Symphony Orchestra, Marquette Symphony, Sault Saint Marie Symphony, and 15 years with the Toledo Symphony Orchestra. She recently retired from her position as a middle school string teacher.

Kenneth Bos: Ken has been the principal keyboardist for *Baroque on Beaver* since 2009. He is a member of the faculty at Grand Rapids Community College where he serves as the full-time

Music Department accompanist along with teaching applied piano and organ and piano techniques classes. A well-known pianist, organist, and accompanist, he has performed in Europe, the Orient, and the British Virgin Islands as



BAROQUE ON BEAVER 2012 ORCHESTRA & CHORUS

First Violin: Albert Wang, Concertmaster, Oxana Sourine, CarlaJoy Strand, Connie Markwick

Second Violin: Patricia Wunder, Marla Smith, Ellen Boyer

Viola: Leonid Surin, *Principal*, Christine Wiest, Ann Schoelles

Cello: Elizabeth Bert, *Principal*, Jon Wiest, Zachary Boyt

Bass: Michael Hovnanian, *Principal*, Elizabeth Soukup

Flute: Leslie Graham, *Principal*, Laura Schipper

Oboe: Lynn Hansen, Principal, Dan Ruggles

Clarinet: Joan Van Dessel, *Principal*, Steve Landane

Bassoon: Drew Hinderer, *Principal*, Lauren Murphy

Horn: Lisa Honeycutt & Robert Pavelek, *Co-Principals*, Karin Willman **Trumpet:** Matt Thomas, *Principal*,

well as throughout the States. He has degrees from Calvin College and the U-M, and he holds a doctorate in piano performance from MSU.

The Choral Scholars: Based in Grand Rapids, since making its concert

debut in 2005, the group has collaborated with the Grand Rapids Symphony Youth Chorus, given many full concerts of their own, and sung as the featured guest at a variety of other

events around the area.

All ten members live and work 27 in West Michigan. They are in several community ensembles. The group released its first full-length recording in November 2007, plus two recordings with the Calvin Institute of Christian



Brian Sutherland

Trombone: Joseph Radtke, Principal

Tuba: Sam Griggs, Principal

Keyboard: Kenneth Bos, *Principal* **Percussion:** Tim Mocny, *Principal*

Soprano: Rachelle Austin, Annette Dashiell, Ellie Frazier, Pat Judd,

Susan Kelly, Sheri Timsak, Marianne Weaver

Alto: Mitzie Garnett, Jane Girdham, Leonor Jacobson, Tammey Kikta, Jane Maehr, Meryl Mantione, Lois Meier, Ellen Redfield, Wendy White, Pam Zick **Tenor:** Kyle Allen, Susie Fisher, Randy Judd, Jeremiah Kraniak, Paul Neihaus, Ric Roberts, Ken Zick

Bass: Peter Amster, Bob Bass, Brad Fergin, Jack Kelly, Don Taylor, Martin Maehr, Bob Meier, Seth von Wald



Worship: Global Songs for Worship (2010) and *Cry Out to God* (2012).

Robert Meyering: Robert and his wife Darlene have been involved in various theatrical productions in the Grand Rapids area. He has performed as narrator for Peter and the Wolf and the Story of Babar, and sometimes appears

as J.S. Bach at children's concerts as part of the Grand Rapids Bach Festival.

Fitah Rasendrahasina: Fitah is an active vocalist known as a "tenor phenom." He made his first lead role debut in the North American opera world with Opera Grand Rapids last May and played the lead tenor in the

company's production of La Bohème. Born and raised in Madagascar, Fitah received his initial music trainings at the Anglican Music Institute of Madagascar. He is currently enrolled as a "supersenior" at Calvin College.

He performed frequently in Madagascar and Europe, both as a soloist and





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quilts were hung where they could absorb the soft woodwinds' music and prevent reverb, which made the













member of professional choirs.

Judy Wagley: After a career in broadcasting, Judy became a member of the Gaylord community. She serves on the board of the Gaylord Area Arts Council, and plays Horn in the Gaylord Community Band and Orchestra.

Albert Wang: Albert made his solo

debut with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra at age 15. The winner of numerous competitions, he is also a recipient of a Fulbright lecturing grant, the Leo Sowerby Medal and a Helmuth Fuchs career grant. He has performed and presented master classes all over the world. As the Music Director of the Baroque Masterplayers since 1994, Wang has performed virtually every major baroque violin concerto with the ensemble. He also champions new music, and has numerous world premieres to his credit.

These are the people it takes to put on such a magnificent week of music!











Livingstone galleries even more of a special place, safe from the hustle and bustle of ordinary life. The hundred-

plus visitors thought the artists and jewelers and potters were getting better and better, although they might have been

influenced by the hors d-oeuvres, the wine, the music, and the interesting chats with many old friends.

30. DESTINATION: PARADISE BAY: CRUISERS' QUESTIONS

uring the last several years while writing the articles for *Destination: Paradise Bay* I have met hundreds of visiting boaters. Probably for every vessel and boater I have profiled I met boaters

from eight or nine other vessels which never ended up in a *Beacon article*. Many had interesting and often funny comments about Beaver Island and themselves. Here are a few: Is there a Walgreens out here?

The water is so clean!
What do you do on Beaver Island?
Everyone is so friendly!
The water looks like the Bahamas!
The store and hardware have everything you need.

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and dust had been a big problem for us because South End Road had not been treated this year. As a consequence, I did some on-line

research to find my own treatment for dust control. Most of the more expensive and effective treatments contain guar gum. Guar Gum (from the guar bean) is used in hydro-seeding, erosion control stabilization and dust control.

In addition to some commercial products, I discovered a blog that debated the effectiveness of one gallon of Elmer's glue, five gallons of water



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What is it like in January and February?
Let me get this straight: you have a vet and a dentist, but no doctor?
Wheres the Shamrock?
Whats with my cell phone?

Why does everyone wave?
Is there a Thai restaurant?
Is this Wisconsin or Michigan?
What is the *Beaver Beacon?* Can I get one in Ann Arbor?
Wasn't this the place where the

Mormons killed all the Irish?
This is the best stop in Lake Michigan.
We come here every year.
Where is Glenn, the old dock master?
We thought it would be like Mackinac Island.

—Larry Hansz

and two cups of vinegar. The debate was not whether it worked, but for how long. A primary ingredient of Elmer's glue is guar gum.

Ergo, I bought the glue and a

sprayer and spent about two hours mixing the ingredients and spraying about two hundred feet of road. Several cars passed over the road without sending up any dust. Two hours later, my wife and I were speculating on how long the application might last when the township dust control truck came by and sprayed South End Road.

—Jim Jones



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- Significant role in repaying of Boyne City Rd. and getting road work accomplished in Norwood Township.
 Planned assistance to work with Road Commission for upcoming Kings Hwy.



repaving project., and working to bring a grader to Island on a permanent basis.

- Reworked County Health Care benefits to save taxpayer money.
- Commission on Aging liaison, working to reduce costs and increase efficiency, such as new voucher program on Island.

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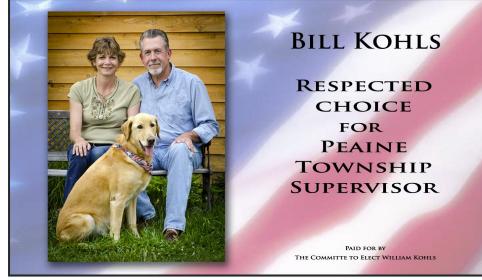
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Dear Editor,

The "Vote 'Yes' for the Senior Millage Campaign" signs that are being displayed throughout the Charlevoix County should state that voting "Yes" actually means voting for a .25 mill senior millage increase. If the millage increase is defeated the voters could vote for a renewal in November.

Last summer the Commission on Aging (COA) approved \$3100 for an independent focus group study comprised of carefully selected seniors and those about to enter the 62 and over age bracket. The results of that study showed that most Charlevoix County seniors are not interested in attending the senior centers on which the COA currently spends a large portion of its budget. Participants also made clear that their priorities were personal care and maintaining independence in their homes. These trends were confirmed in October 2011 press releases which revealed attendance at the senior centers is down while requests for home care are up and expected to continue to rise sharply. They were also confirmed in four community forums held in November and December 2011.

Yet despite the fact that the COA is running an unsustainable deficit, the Charlevoix County Commissioners have not shown the political courage to discuss phasing out the senior centers. They have overlooked the common sense solution of shifting center activities to locations like churches and libraries that could provide them much more economically.

Instead the Commissioners voted five to one to ask the struggling taxpayers of Charlevoix County to vote for more millage to fund expensive but sparsely attended senior centers. Vote "NO" on the Senior Millage Increase. Let your commissioners know that you want the most COA millage spent on those who need it the most: frail, homebound seniors who depend on services to maintain their independence.

—Connie Wojan

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Charlevoix County Senior Millage Vote August 7, 2012: The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging Advisory (CoA) Board gave strong support for the county's senior millage during discussion with the county board of commissioners in April. The county board subsequently approved the August 7 ballot language to renew and increase the levy to 0.65 mil (from 0.4) to support senior programs and services. CoA programs currently assist 750 Charlevoix County individuals, their families and caregivers.

Specifically, the millage provides 35,000 home-delivered meals (meals on wheels/MoW) annually to seniors who, for a variety of reasons, need help with their daily nutritional intake. For these shut-ins, the only face they may see each day is the smile of the meals on wheels driver, who also serves as a 'check point' on their health and safety. In addition, the millage provides 31,000 meals in senior centers which also offer activities that provide physical and mental exercise and socialization to seniors who can get to the centers located in East Jordan, Boyne City,

Beaver Island and Charlevoix. All meals include one third of the prescribed daily allowance of fruit, vegetables, protein and dairy.

Revenue generated from the millage also provides or supplements other basic services essential to the health and safety of seniors with limited mobility or dementia, including personal care, light housekeeping, caregiver respite, and medication management.

The goal of the CoA is to use funds raised to assist seniors in remaining at home for as long as possible. The intent is to help those with the greatest economic need and to emphasize independence rather than dependence. The cost for a senior in a nursing home or assisted living is three times higher than if the senior remains at home.

The senior population in northern Michigan, including Charlevoix County, will grow by 40% (vs 25% nationally) over the next few years as baby boomers age and life spans increase. Even as the resulting demand for services increases, revenue continues to decrease continued on page 35.

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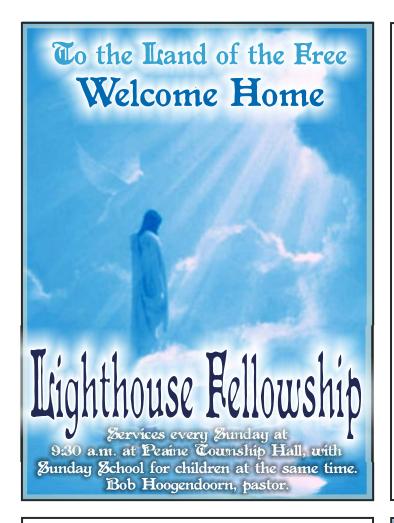
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Senior Millage, continued from page 33. significantly due to falling property values. The CoA's fund balance has been used over the past few years to offset the expense-revenue gap. A three-pronged approach has been adopted to address future shortfalls.

First, the CoA has already eliminated some programs, including those duplicated elsewhere, to ensure availability of 'essential' services which are designed to be hardy, not 'fancy.' Second, expenses are being offset through a fee for service to cover costs on a sliding income scale which protects the truly needy. The CoA previously offered services on a 'suggested donation' basis. Finally, a modest

revenue increase to maintain 35. services at the current level is being requested from voters on August 7.

Revenue generated by the millage increase will enable the county to keep the essential services in place for the next four years. The current levy of 0.4 mil has not been raised since first approved in 2000. The maximum senior millage allowed in Michigan is 1.0 mil and the current state average is 0.7 mil. If the levy is approved at 0.65 mil, a household with a \$50,000 taxable value (\$100,000 market value) will contribute \$32.50 annually for senior services.

Call (231) 357-6610 for questions or more information.

—Margo Johnson

BEAVER ISLAND WINNING THE WAR ON PHRAGMITES

Beaver Island has become a model for others because of the success of the *Phragmites* treatment program. The many groups, organizations and individuals that have joined in the fight against *Phragmites* have reason to be proud of their accomplishments.

The survey crew from JFNew has completed a survey of approximately 6,000 acres on Beaver Island. This year's survey was more in depth than previous years with inland areas and lakes being included. We were very fortunate that The Nature Conservancy paid for this entire survey. They not only looked for *Phragmites*, but also checked for 28 other invasives. This will aid us in continuing the treatment of *Phragmites* and also enable us to plan for the future and any other invasives that could be a problem for the Island.

This year's survey indicates that

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Fresh Air Aviation would like to publically state that the Beaver Island EMS management team has the full support of Fresh Air Aviation and we applaud them for the steps they have taken to date. This includes developing a sustainable air evacuation program that invites as many qualified service providers as possible, giving Beaver Island EMS and their customers as many options as possible. We agree with Beaver Island EMS that no one service provider can do this mission

there is approximately ½ acre of *Phragmites* that is scattered throughout the Island. When this program began there were 27.2 acres.

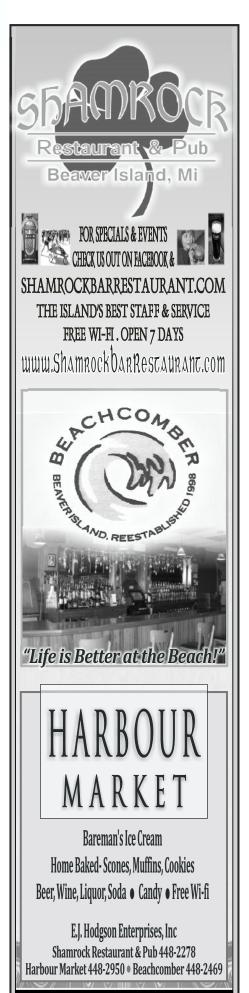
Treatment is scheduled for the last week of August or the first week of September. The cost of the treatment is expected to be \$ 12,600 with the DNR contributing \$ 8,500 through a grant. Many thanks to the DNR, The Nature Conservancy, the Beaver Island Association, and the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians for their contributions toward keeping our islands healthy and beautiful.

There will be an informational meeting in early August for the public to give their input, and a map of the proposed treatment areas will be posted at the library.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact: Lisa Welke, (231) 448-3164 Welke65@gmail.com

EMS SUPPORT

properly on their own and provide 24 hr a day coverage to the Beaver Island Community. Fresh Air Aviation desires to be of service and is actively working with Beaver Island EMS management to build a solid foundation so that we may pursue air ambulance certification in the near future. Thank you again Beaver Island EMS for all your selfless service and we look forward to working with you to provide air evacuation services to the Beaver Island Community. —Rachel Teague



36. TO P TO BOTTOM ON THIS ISLAND A GREAT DAY Beaver Island Community School On this island,

Beaver Island Community School once again received an 'A' on the State of Michigan Education YES! Report Card. Maintaining this grade indicates that the district is doing a good job of meeting state learning standards and other indicators of a healthy school district.

In the State of Michigan's 2011-12 Top to Bottom School List, BICS was ranked in the 94 percentile state-wide – that means our district performs at or better than 94% of the schools in the state! In reviewing schools with a higher ranking, most were elementary schools – only a handful of middle schools and high schools...so, BICS, whose scores reflect grades 3-11, did very well indeed.

It is easy to get caught up in the little things and not celebrate the big things; this rating is another indicator that should give us confidence. Congratulations are in order for our students, parents, staff, board and community! There will always be a long list of things, big and small, which need improvement, but let's acknowledge that the overall effect of everyone's efforts is that BICS is near the top of the list and will be recognized as one of the State's first group of 'REWARD SCHOOLS.'

BICS's percentile ranking was the highest of all the schools in Charlevoix and Emmet Counties.

47 & COUNTING

eptember 5, 2012 is a milestone at Island Airways – this dates marks the 47th anniversary of Paul Welke's first solo flight. It took place on his 16th birthday – the earliest age at which a student pilot can legally solo.

On July 14, 2012, Paul passed the 30,000 hours total time / hours-flown mark as well. This fall (mid-October) will see yet another milestone — Paul began his commercial flying career 40 years ago when he took a part-time job with Joe McPhillips at McPhillips Flying Service, flying a 170B between Beaver Island and Charlevoix. Paul has no plans on retiring anytime soon!

CLASSIC RIDES

Beaver Island Vintage Vehicle Show at Whiskey Point August 12, 1:00 pm. Call (734) 777-7391 to enter. On this island,
The sound of the ferry's
Whistle bounces off the
Harbor docks;
The notes of the bells from
Holy Cross Church float
Upon the breeze.

On this island, A lighthouse stands tall Above the trees Above the waves Looking to sunrise and sunset Guarding each opposite shore.

On this island, Narrow lanes Lead to grassy trails That cross dirt and gravel roads.

On this island, Monarch butterflies flutter by, Thick grasses are sprinkled With Queen Anne's lace, Daisies, and brown-eyed Susans.

On this island,
I watch for the sun
To push up past the
Horizon,
Fade to yellow, and
Burst into brilliant white.

On this island,
I travel through
Tunnels of trees
In a dark coolness ...
A window of sunlight
At the end

On this island,
I feel the icy coolness
Of the lake,
The warmth of the sun
Soaking into my skin, and
The dampness of dusk
Against my face.

On this island,
The leaves of birch trees
Shimmer in the wind
And setting sun ...
Their delicate rustle
Part of nature's melody.

On this island,
The scent of fresh rain
In the forest
Mingles with the smoky
Of a fire on the beach.

—Wendy Luly

n a calm sunny day in late July all the positive signs invited Mike Weede, Dick Burris, Jeff Powers, and dive instructor Mark Inglebrook to come up with a project to get them in the water. The project they came up with was a mission to set new buoys on some of the nearby shipwrecks—the *Cayuga*, the *Milwaukee* (or *Milwaukee Belle*), and the *White Swan*.

The team boarded the *Resolute* early in the day and set off for the Gray's Reef passage, 24 miles east north east of Beaver Island – where the *Milwaukee Belle*, a propeller-driven package freighter built in 1849 was hit on May 23, 1885, by the *Tiffany* in a fog, and sank in 90'.

They knew about where she was from previous dives, and set their anchor there and boarded Mike's skiff. Dragging a grappling hook, they zigzagged back and forth until it caught. Then it was into the water to see if what they had snagged was the target – except for Dick, who wanted to protect his ears. He dove on her plenty before.

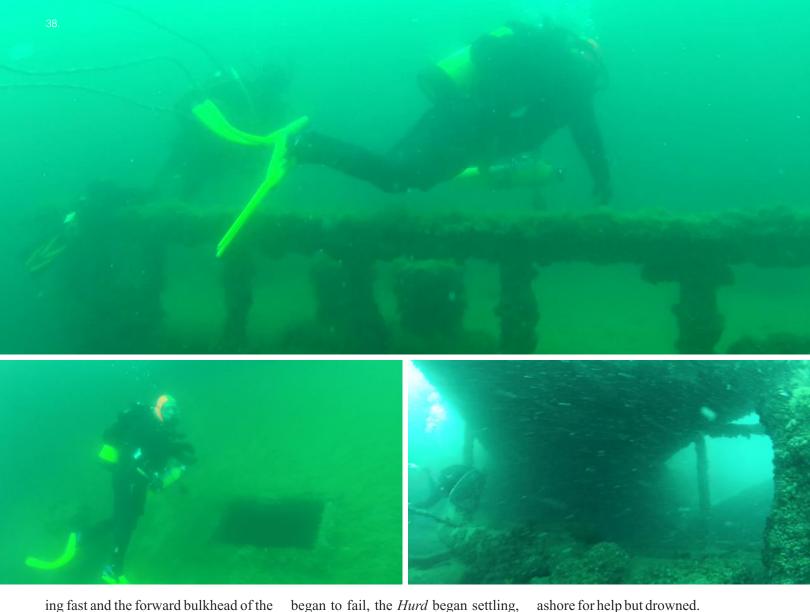
Jeff had an underwater camera – these are his pictures. After they made certain they were on the right spot (its steam engine had been salvaged and used in another ship), he downloaded his footage into his ipad, and was excited to show his fellow divers. They affixed a new buoy, cleaned the mussels off the old rope, and then it was off to the *Cayuga*.

The *Cayuga*, lying in 100' of water, was the victim of another collision in the fog. she and another freighter, the *Joseph L. Hurd*, came together with a mighty crunch when they collided in fog at full speed off Charlevoix, near the Skillagalee light, on May 10, 1895.

The *Cayuga* was steaming from Milwaukee to Buffalo with a cargo of flour and oats. The *Hurd* was carrying lumber and other goods on her way to Chicago.

The helmsmen aboard both vessels recklessly maintained the full speed of their ships, blowing signals and relying on their ears to tell them the locations of other vessels in the area. But the sound of horns and whistles from moving ships on water can be confusing, as





ing fast and the forward bulkhead of the *Hurd* was holding, so the *Cayuga's* crew boarded it. The crippled freighter then attempted to make its way into Harbor Springs. But the bulkhead

began to fail, the *Hurd* began settling, and the skipper was forced to run it aground on the nearest shore.

The only casualty of the wreck was the cook of the *Hurd*, who tried to swim

The passing steamer *Manola* later took the crews of both vessels aboard and brought them safely to port.

The Hurd was sold off the beach by



auction, salvaged and rebuilt in 1882, and converted to a barge in 1891. It stranded with a load of crushed stone off Sturgeon Bay in 1913, and was scuttled for use as a dock facing. What was left of the vessel burned that same year.

The Reid Salvage Co. of Port Huron attempted to salvage the *Cayuga* in 1899 and again in 1900 but was not successful. The vessel was found at 106 feet. During the effort a diver was killed. Salvagers got pontoons on the wreck and raised it enough to tow it, still submerged, closer to shore.

A few pontoons are still attached to the wreck, and the wooden bow of the *Hurd* is still imbedded in the side.

Our intrepid divers located her, and repeated their routine. Then it was off to the *White Swan*, lying in 10' of water and serving as habitat for many playful fish. She had hauled many loads of lumber off the archipelago for local loggers and crews from Charlevoix, and now was enjoying a well-earned rest.

Once again Jeff became more of a marine biologist, chasing playful fish into their cubby hole retreats. Dick continued to serve as anchorman, making sure the men in the water were not run over. Jeff and Mike and Matt swam down, attached a fresh buoy, and then climbed back on the boat.

Listening to them talk about their experience harkens back to TV characters talking about exploring an alien planet. The heavy gear is a lot like space suits. The men move cautiously, aware that no matter how serene it seems, danger might appear at any moment. They never know what they might find. Those old ships from a bygone era are similar to the space ships the crew from the *Enterprise* might find crash-landed on some uncharted asteroid. Except now, thanks to these men, the coordinates are accurately known.

Finally they decided to call it a day. It was time for dinner, so they fired up the *Resolute* and headed home, closing a grand day.

BEAVER ISLAND

August 4 – 4th Annual **Beaver Island Archipelago Challenge**

August 10 – **Drum circle** 8:00 pm at Whiskey Point: bring any kind of percussion, and a few chairs, for a campfire party to watch the sunset

August 10 - 12 - **Homecoming**

CANDIDATES' FORUM

An open letter to the Peaine Township Residents from Tina Morgan, Candidate for Peaine Township Treasurer.

I would like your vote in the General Election.

I have experience as Treasurer and as an active government participant. I was Logan Township: Deputy & Treasurer-16 years (Ogemaw County); Peaine Township: Treasurer for 6 years; Board of Review Work-4 years; Trails and Parks active attendance and member-12 years; Trails and Parks active attendance and member-12 years; Master Planning Commission; Regular Township Monthly Meeting Attendance-12 years; Michigan Township Association Membership-12 years and Member at Large-2 years.

In addition, as a Beaver Island full time resident-12 years, I am involved in other community activities: Youth Consortium Volunteer-3 Years; Island Treasures (Resale) Volunteer-3 years; Fire Dept. Auxiliary; AmVets Auxiliary

3 years; Active Holy Cross Church member-12 years; Vacation Bible School Volunteer-2 years.

I have been married for 44 years to Gary, we have four sons, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

I am running for election for the following reasons:

Importantly, there needs to be an increase in the Treasurer's bookkeeping detail, with timely and accurate figures...always available for Township Board meetings, as well as Taxpayers. Readily available information is basic not only for budgeting, but also to enable prompt and informed decision making by Township Board members.

I will accomplish this by:

*Utilization of methodology learned at Michigan Township Association work sessions

*A regular schedule of availability to Peaine Township Taxpayers

*Mandated dates for reporting and payment of income and disbursements of millage monies. —Tina Morgan

An Open Letter to Peaine Township Residents from Krys Lyle, candidate for Peaine Township Clerk.

I would like your vote in the General Election.

I've been a full-time Island resident for 19 years and a Peaine Township property owner for 17. As a 12-year member of the Township's Planning Commission, I've served as the Commission's secretary for most of that time, and helped draft the Island's Master Plan and Zoning Ordinance. My technical skills enable me to manage the Township's webpage on the Charlevoix County Website while also maintaining the web files for all Township Committees. Serving on the Beaver Island District Library board is my most recent government experience. I serve as the Island Coordinator for the Baroque on Beaver Annual Music Festival, and have been a board member since its inception. My prior experience as a business owner helped me develop the strong organizational and technical skills central to effective government today.

As Peaine Township Clerk, I would bring needed skills to the position and would update them regularly by attending MTA training sessions. I would be the first clerk to hold regular office hours for the public's convenience. In addition, I would prepare and make regular, accurate reports at all Township Board meetings—while also posting them immediately for public review on our Charlevoix County website. I believe fully in independent thinking to achieve common goals. I ask for your vote of confidence.

—Krys Lyle

EVENTS

August 11 – **BI Christian Church Bake Sale** 9am until noon at GFC.

August 12 – **Vintage Vehicle Show**, p. 36. August 13-14 – **Historical Society** community forums, *see page 23*.

August 16 – Annual Funky Fun **Potluck** Salad/Dessert **Fashion Show**, Bea-

ver Island Christian Church Gregg Fellowship Hall 12:30 pm.

August 16 – **Historical Society** annual meeting, 7:00 at Peaine Hall

September 6-8 – **Celtic Music Fest**, *page 9*. September 15 – **Beach Cleanup** 9:00 am October 6 – **The Bite & The Boodle**

40. CANDIDATES' FORUM

An Open Letter to Peaine Voters: From Jack Gallagher, Krys Lyle, Tina Morgan & Brad Grassmick

Mr. Kohls' requested reconciliation on our platform of openness and transparency with a letter written by Jack Gallagher. No reconciliation is necessary. The purpose of Gallagher's letter was to correct misleading information given to the DNR regarding Wildlife Certification on Beaver Island.

It was Gallagher's right and obligation as Supervisor, to correct the misinformation. He didn't need Board approval. In fact, it is the right and obligation of anyone holding public office to correct misinformation. Gallagher did not purport to speak for the Board, he used "I" throughout and never used "we or us"

Gallagher has a record of opening up government on the Island by encouraging open government policies: open meetings, public participation, and total disclosure of minutes, agendas, job openings, bidding on contracts through the Peaine Township website and by posting of notices.

As for commitment to collaboration and cooperation, Gallagher has repeatedly asked for joint budgets on shared operations to be discussed and agreed between the townships prior to adoption only to be denied by St. James. Having 1/3 of Peaine's budget determined by St. James without advance

agreement of Peaine is not collaboration or cooperation by any standard.

We believe that asking questions and respectfully confronting issues head-on should be our standard. In order to form a strong relationship between the two townships, questions, honest dialogue and conversation must take place. For a good relationship in the future, we propose St. James join us in a renewed commitment to an improved relationship of respect and equality. There cannot be a strong and prosperous Island without a real commitment from both townships to work together.

IN MEMORY: CHUCK SCHELLENBERG

Charles "Chuck" Frederick Schellenberg, 89, of Grand Rapids was taken home to his Savior on July 12. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 64 years, Leone; his daughter, Sheryl Schellenberg Struik; and his brother, Robert Schellenberg Sr. He will be remembered by his children, Larry Schellenberg, Mary and Todd Weston, Jim and Julie Schellenberg; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; brother, Herman and

Cheryl Schellenberg; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Leone Schellenberg, Nelson and Nellie Slachter, Elmer and Marian Slachter, Nancy Helmus; and his dear friend, Ruth Brightman.

Per his request, Charles' body was cremated, and his remains buried next to his wife, Leone, at the Grandville Cemetery.

He was part of a large group of long-time cottage owners at Wicklow Beach, where he summered every year—most of whom are gone now. He and his wife enjoyed shooting squirrels from their porch. He was a perfectionist who had a "right way" of doing most things and brooked no controversy. A long time CPA, he provided accounting help to many Island organizations. He served as the Historical Society treasurer for many years, and introduced them to computerized bookkeeping.

FATAL CAR CRASH

Just before 11:00 p.m. on July 22, Charlevoix County Sheriff's Deputies along with Beaver Island EMS and Fire were called to a rollover just north of the "Free Car Wash." Initial reports had the passenger unconscious, but it was quickly seen that 16-year-old Thandiwe Elizabeth Baton-Stawson from Pittsburgh had died as a result of the rollover accident.

The driver, Anna Rieker, age 16, also of Pittsburgh, was airlifted to Harbor Springs Airport by the Coast Guard helicopter and then driven to

McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital. A report indicated she may have swerved to avoid hitting a deer. The accident remains under investigation by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office Accident reconstructionist.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM LOSES ENTHUSIASTIC LEADER

Laura Gibson recently resigned her position as the 21st Century Community Learning Center site coordinator. Laura started in the position when the federal grant was received in late summer 2009. Laura built the after-school program from a few K-12 students in 2009 to 30 regularly enrolled students in the 2011-12 school year. Her creativ-

ity and dedication built the program to include such services as: academic homework rooms, chess club, private violin lessons, elementary sport and fitness activities, mainland and island field trips, cooking classes, individual academic tutoring sessions and much more. The school's summer program is also funded by the grant and coordi-

nated by Laura. This year over 30 students were enrolled in academic and enrichment activities. The school wishes Laura Gibson all the best as she continues her career off the island. The school is seeking interested candidates to fill the coordinator position vacated by Laura.



Perhaps the most surprising valued instance aspect of the Beaver Island earlier a s Music Fest is that it has so quickly and effortlessly been accepted by the Island and made into a highly-

valued institution. Thirty-some years earlier a similar enterprise had been attempted – the Flat-tail Beaver Fest – but the community found several ways to express their displeasure at seeing so

many apparent counter-culturists having a good time.

Several factors have changed. This Fest is much better organized, with attention paid to camping, entertaining





children, trash collection, skirmish patrol, and providing help whenever it's needed. Plus the music has more variety and polish, with dozens and dozens of bands vying to get on stage.

But the big difference is in the community, which has a more open attitude now. We have learned that an important key to our future is welcoming new people and new ideas.

The Beaver Island community is no longer under the gun, afraid everything might collapse. So now its members, young, old, and in-between, can kick back, relax, and enjoy a good time.



ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago: The *Beacon* announced that Jeff and Bill Cashman had acquired the *Beacon*, and this would be their first issue.

The teaching ship *Dennis Sullivan*, a tall ship from Wisconsin, arrived in Paradise Bay. At 98' (spars extended its length to 137'), it had a crew of 6 plus 16 students. It took 5 years for a team of volunteers to build. The 150-yeare-old trees used for the masts were donated by the Menominee Nation. A jumbo tug, the 120', 3400-hp *Barbara Andrie*, was pulled into our harbor after she broke down.

The Health Center was worried about a \$60-\$75k deficit in its budget, and to make up the shortfall was selling raffle tickets on a *PT Cruiser*. The \$1,500,000 grant for a new building was in the bank—now the fun would begin.

The Community Center fund-raising efforts were helped by an anonymous challenge grant of \$250,000—requiring other donors to pledge \$500,000 to claim. Plans were made to combine the Center with the Chamber of Commerce.

St. James supervisor Don Vyse secured a lease on the Whiskey Point Light, keeping it from falling into private hands. He began to investigate forming partnerships to fund its restoration and preservation.

Ted and Pam Nicholas announced they were moving to Beaver Island from Colorado.

Jeanne and Ralph Graham introduced the Island to the Michigan Land Use Institute by hosting a party at their Western Shores home.

The 183' *Grande Mariner* floating elderhostel stopped at St. James, with author Fred Stonehouse on board. Another author, Don Butcher (*Adventure of Gray Wolf*), signed copies of his book at the Beaver Boat-tique. Rita Rusco, the "Queen of North Manitou," arrived to plug her autobiography.

The Holy Cross Catholic Church placed a large white cross at the cemetery near Four Corners.

An internet summit had the Island abuzz about high-speed possibilities and hope of transcending the glitches of our first service provider, BIIP.

The Cull/O'Donnell reunion brought 166 relatives to the Island.

MAD Camp was attended by 40.

Baroque on Beaver introduced Charles Krutz as Johann Sebastian Bach.

The Island mourned the loss of Ruth Hirschey, Nancy Combs, and Ron Driscoll.

Twenty Years Ago: This was the last issue before Paul Glendon took over and upgraded the format and graphics, including the masthead that ran for almost ten years.

This issue reported the results of the primary election for Supervisors: in Peaine, Joan Petrak outpolled Dick Burris, and in St. James Neal Boyle beat both Liz Clapham and Edward Palmer, who were tied three votes back. At the County level, Rich Gillespie outpolled incumbent Walt Hufford for a seat on the County Commission, based on Rich's opposition to hiring a county administrator.

Two accidents of note were reported. In the first, Richard Corrington fell off his 27' sailboat Londonderry 11 miles out of Charlevoix. His wife turned into the wind, dropped the main sail, switched on the engine, circled back, and threw him a life sling, but he had hit his head and was too exhausted and chilled to climb back in the boat. Luckily Kevin McDonough spotted the problem from the Beaver Islander and pulled alongside. Crew member Tom Burzyck and passenger Lee Cobb dove into the water and got the man back in his boat, and then administered first aid and brought the sailboat into St. James Harbor. He had been in the water for 35 minutes.

In the second, a 1959 Cessna 179-A crash-landed on Gull Island (12 miles west of Beaver) on August 16th after the engine failed. The pilot, Richard Stone, and his passenger were shaken up and taken to Traverse City by the Coast Guard helicopter. "He would've done all right but he hit a log on the beach and damaged the nose gear," Paul Welke said. Paul was one of the first to respond to Stone's mayday, arriving about a minute after the plane went down. Two Cessna 172s that dropped from the skies of northern Michigan in the preceding month did not fare as well.

Kitty McNamara was elected president of the Historical Society, replacing Phil Lange.

The Chamber sponsored a sunset cruise on the *Beaver Islander*, with

music provided by Joe Moore, John McCafferty, Mike Moore, and Dan Peck.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Harold Ricksgers, 61. He went to cut wood on his property, and did not return. The BIFD Emergency Rescue Team began a search, along with the Welke planes, 14 State Troopers, and 5 tracking dogs. His body was found the second day. And for Nels Sorensen Sr., who had served as Island dentist for 46 summers.

Thirty Years Ago: Music on the Porch featured, among others, Terri Bussey, Shannon Rafferty, Andy Gladish, Sheri Mooney, Dick Burris, Dave Gladish, Rick Delamater, and John McCafferty.

Homecoming featured a dance (music by Rich and Dan Gillespie, Ed Palmer, Rich Scripps, Ed Sobie, and Dick Waltham), a softball tournament, a feast (overseen by Peter Greene) with 450 guests, and a parade.

Mark and Jacque LaFreniere were in their gift shop in the morning when lightning hit their TV antenna and sent sparks shooting through the room. The anchor in front of the Erin was also struck. Sparks flew out of the pay phone at the Shamrock as well.

The O'Donnells held a family reunion, organized by Margaret Bass.

David Sharphorn, co-owner of the BIPAS cabin at Donegal Bay, wrote a letter criticizing the Beaver Island Navigation Company's policies: increased rates, and inconsistent freight charges.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Island-born (1919) Father Victor Gallagher, and Mrs Gene Connaghan, the former Margaret Ellen McDonough.

Forty Years Ago: Homecoming raised \$2,056 for Holy Cross Church. The dance was attended by 130 people, who enjoyed music by Lorraine, Edward, and Ilene Palmer and Chuck Dudley. At noon the next day 310 dinners were served in the Hall. Martha Miller organized the parade; the clowns gave away helium balloons on which people could attach their name. Nancy Wagner's balloon was found in Greenbush, north of Oscoda.

John Gillespie fell off a telephone pole and was helicoptered to Traverse City. Then Frank Solle was given a ride due to acute appendectomy. *continued on page 44.*







44. On This Date, continued from page 43.

Fifty Years Ago: After several frustrating delays, the new ferry, the Beaver Islander, began its run. Archie LaFreniere, BIBCo Secretary/ Treasurer, introduced the officials and employees at a dedication ceremony on 7-27. Father Wren said a prayer, and Mrs. Paul Heflin sang the Star-spangled Banner. Petite Mary McDonough, mother of Captain Lawrence McDonough, broke the bottle of champagne. Captain Forrest Pratt, standing nearby, removed his hat, and was amazed to find it full of the bubbly. Captain Pratt had gone to Sturgeon Bay to ride back on the new boat, but it was delayed a week by mechanical problems. He ran out of money, but took a job picking cherries to survive-or so he claimed. Following the ceremony, 80 people got on board for an initiation run to Charlevoix for a celebratory dinner. Many were allowed to take a turn at the wheel.

The Historical Society was proud to accept the large carved wood eagle from the bow of the ship owned by the former Lighthouse Keeper Ward Bennett (1916), along with his sextants and compasses. It also accepted the caulking tools owned by Elston Pischner, and some household items from a house Tom Walsh bought near the airport.

Patrick Gallagher received several

cuts and abrasions when he slipped and fell through a window of the old *Emerald Isle*.

Dr. Haynes arrived to begin his duty as resident surgeon, and immediately was called on to deliver a baby.

A visiting doctor, Boynton Booth, was called on to remove a fish hook from *Beacon* editor Burdene Stromberg's beagle.

Of the 128 eligible Island voters, only 36 took part in the primary, 27 Republicans and 9 Democrats.

Two skindivers from St. Claire Shores were in the Harbor and came upon a large school of perch. They got into their boat and dropped hooks, and caught 60 in an hour.

Sympathy was expressed for the death in Ireland of Frank McCourt, who owned the log cabin at the edge of town now called Red Deer. Also Hubert McCauley, a former resident who had married Kitty Floyd, Henry Ahern, the brother of Ella Somerville, and Matt Jensen, a former Garden Island fisherman. He had a heart attack while fishing in Manistique; his body washed ashore. While here he had brought his catch into Paradise Bay on his tug, the *Captain Edward*.

Burdene Stromberg was the editor, and the *Beacon* was produced on a mimeo machine.

IN MEMORY: DICK WINNICK

Our itinerant tinker, Dick Winnick, has passed away.

People knew about Dick for his antique knife restoration, his knowledge of old firearms, his searching through the sand blows behind the hardware store, and his expertise about what people leave behind. Some visited him in the small portable shack that served as his home; for years it was located behind the Sanctuary

Farm, which let him plug in a 100' cord.

He first came to Beaver Island in the early 1970s as a friend of Louie Hachey, who was courting Doris Ken. For awhile he fell in with Joe Nuke's gang, but he was uncomfortable with their lack of direction and went off on his own.



He attended trade shows to sell his wares, and accepted repair work on antiques. He did his best to stay on the Island, retreating to Manchester to recoup when circumstances did not break his way. Always before, he returned.

He worked in construction for awhile, but his refusal to treat his various injuries (including a broken bone poking through his calf) made it difficult. His company

was treasured by many visitors, such as the archaeologist Clayton Kline. In his humble way he was an asset to the community, until his declining health forced him to leave. And deprive us of his allencompassing Vonnegut-toned expression, "Oh well."



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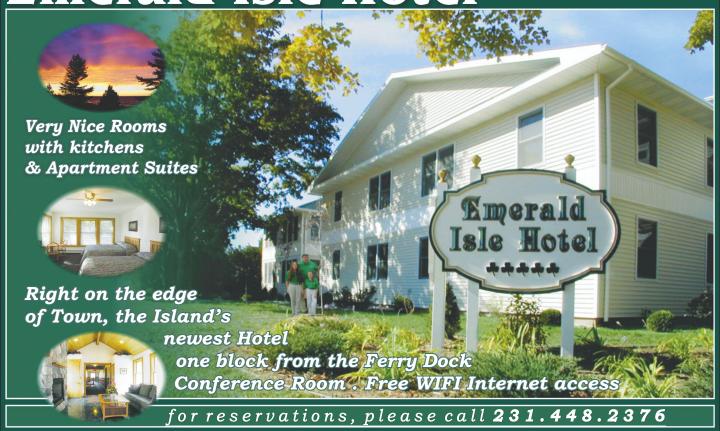
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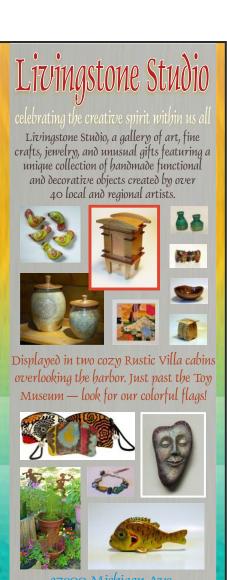
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bout 525 people attended an open house at the CMU Bio-Station's boat house on July 17. Bio-Station Director Don Uzarski and Station Manager John Gordon hosted the event, which offered

the community an opportunity to see the refurbished boat house and the mesocosm facility being developed by CMUBS. These 270 gallon tanks enable controlled and replicated Lake Michigan ecosystem experiments.











The boat house was decommissioned by the Coast Guard in 1973, and purchased by CMU in 2006. Funding from the National Science Foundation in 2011 covered construction of the 12 mesocosms.

Faculty and staff were on hand to provide information about Great Lakes research projects currently underway by faculty and students and to offer activities including fish prints and sand key chains for children.





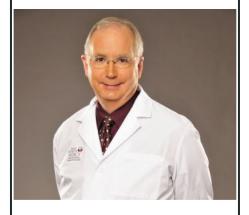
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48. LET THERE BE BIRDING

ately several people have been talking up birding, what an opportunity the Island presents for birdwatchers and how much birders could boost the economy. The NRESC chairman, Pete Plastrik, responded to this by conducting research about the feasibility, and issuing an 8-page report – with the help of Eric Myers, Angel LeFevre, Cathy Dewey, and others.

We have the basic elements, the

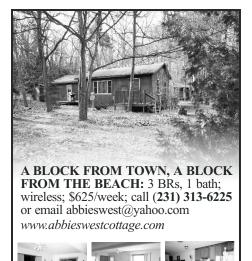
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report states, 230 different birds which use the archipelago, several habitats, and the presence of CMU, which has long monitored our birds and has gathered much information.

The report suggested that the best time for a Birding Festival would be the third week in May – to take advantage of migrations. It might reasonably be expected to draw 50 people. It would need to find leaders of small groups – up to 15, who might alternate sites. A

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speaker for the evenings (Friday and Saturday; participants might arrive late Friday and leave late Sunday), an expert on birds, would be an advantage. Lodging, dining options, and transportation would have to be organized.

The report set forth some numbers. A registration fee could not exceed \$40, so the Festival might take in ~\$2,000. Even using free publicity opportunities, the costs would likely exceed \$3,000, so sponsors would have to be found.

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The participants might spend over \$250 each, so the business community might receive an injection of \$13,000.

A Birding Festival is feasible, the report stated, but only if a leadership team steps up to handle all the details. At present NRESC is involved with other matters and can't take this on. So whether or not this happens depends on finding volunteers. Anyone who's interested can contact those named above, NRESC, or the *Beaver Beacon*.

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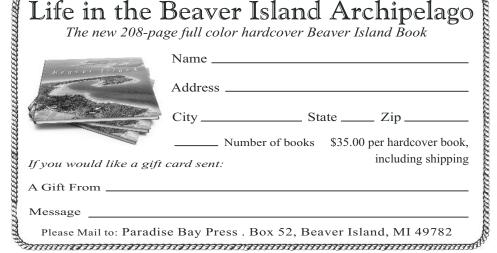
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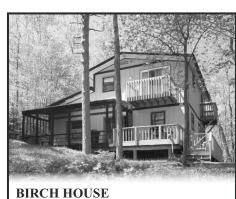
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