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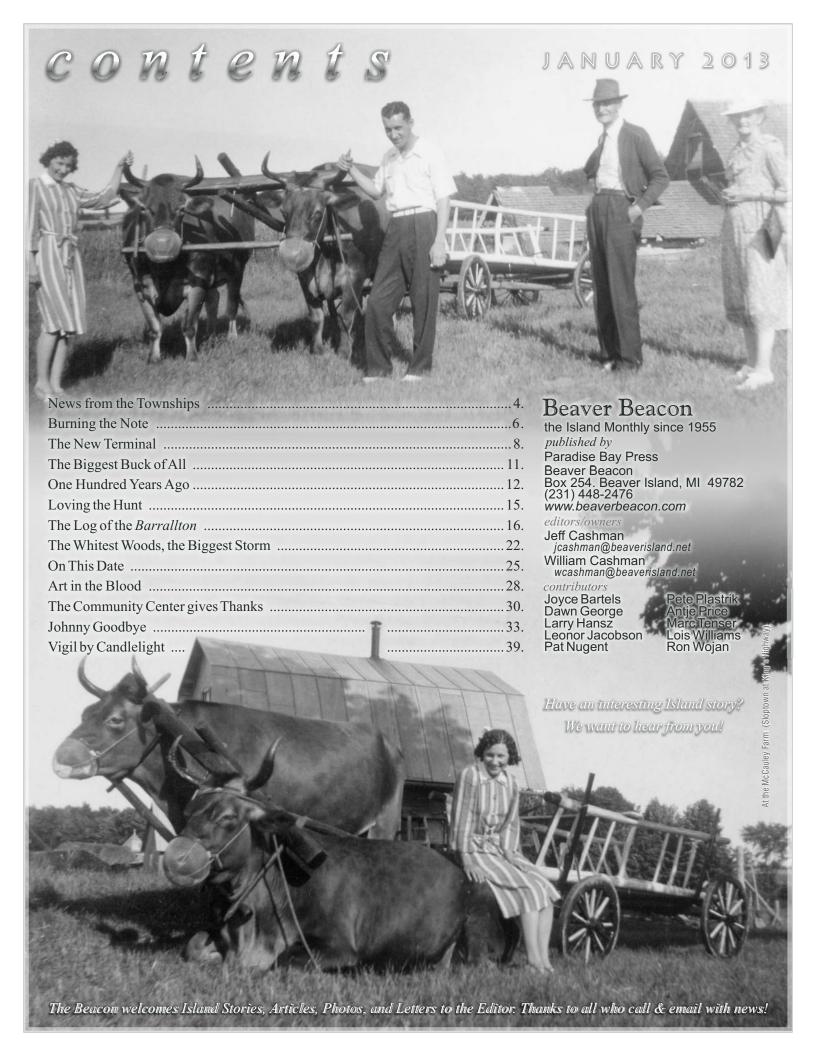
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

New supervisor Bill Haggard conducted an efficient regular Board meeting. He fielded a request for a wedding at the Harbor Light Tower next September, listened to a report from Fire Chief Tim McDonough about the receipt of a \$2,000 grant from the Volunteer Fire Assistance program (through the DNR) to purchase brushfire-fighting equipment, and announced he would hold office hours on the same schedule as his predecessor, Wednesday from 10:00 to 2:00.

He reported that he had met with Jon Bonadeo to discuss the deed restriction imposed on the Transfer Station property, with no resolution. He said they would talk again.

The Fire Department Auxiliary asked permission to apply for a \$25,000 grant from the Grand Traverse Band,

which was granted. The purpose would be to build a pole barn behind Island Treasures, the Island resale shop, to allow it to accept donations of larger items. The Auxiliary had raised \$25,000 for this project already, which they felt was about half of what it would cost.

The clerk and the treasurer stated that they would keep their previous deputies. The supervisor said he would lean on an assistant supervisor rather than a deputy, and had selected Bob Tidmore to fill this position.

The supervisor will replace his predecessor on the Yacht Dock Committee and the Election Committee.

Peaine Township

The Island's other new supervisor, Bill Kohls, presided over the December Peaine Board meeting, announcing that his deputy would be Julie Martin. He said he would replace his predecessor on

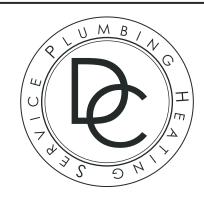
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the Board of Review and would take the place of Jim Birdsall, who resigned, on the Waste Management Committee.

He introduced the subject of the new county road commission garage, saying he had spoken with Jon Bonadeo and learned that the possibility of modifying the deed restriction on the Transfer Station was not a simple matter but would involve the owners of other property Bonadeo had sold. He promised that other options would be investigated, possibly including a different location (~2½ acres are needed).

The Fire Department asked for and received Peaine's approval to apply for a Grand Traverse Band 2% grant for the resale shop. The Board agreed to write a letter of support.

The 9-1-1 manager reported that the building at the base of the tower they're using was in need of repairs: soffit work,

lighting, and signage. Darrell Butler fixed the soffit but noticed other problems, which will be explored.

A discussion about the coming airport terminal building produced a request to consider geothermal heating (and cooling) and LED lights. An Airport Commission member said the architect was selected in part because of her familiarity with new energy-saving technology. The supervisor said he would press to keep the operating costs as low as possible, and to investigate the possibility of obtaining free or discounted furnishings—perhaps from other airports.

The new supervisor introduced a resolution to honor Jack Gallagher, not only for his innovations and upgrades as supervisor but also for his work on other civic projects, such as the Community Center. It was unanimously passed.

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6. BURN THE NOTE

n the middle of December the Preservation Association threw a small party for a big event: the

burning of their mortgage, with the final million-and-a-half discharged through the successful meeting of a two-for-one challenge grant. A few dozen people gathered for the event, which began with heartfelt thanks offered to the founding



said it could not be done, yet it only took twenty years! Now all it has to do is continue raising money (but at a less frenetic



pace) to keep the doors open, pay the utility and repair bills, and bring in more movies, speakers, and first-rate enter-



tainment. Along the way there were many costs other than raw construction. Fees for engineers and architects, demo-

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Board members, the current Board members, the donors large and small, the many volunteers, and the few employ-

ees. Following a delicious catered dinner the mortgage note was set on fire in a large pan. The Community Center is now debt-free, and firmly established as the hub and heart of Beaver Island. Many



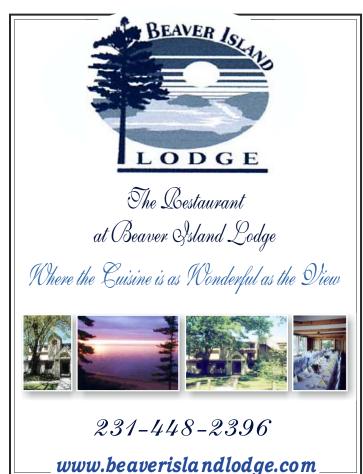






lition charges, paid staff, and furnishings. Apparently the building itself came in at just under three million, which

means that over half was raised during the past year and a half—two years after it opened. Talk about pulling a rabbit out of a hat! Hat? Yes, the same one as in Hats Off to those who made this marvelous miracle happen!





THE NEW TERMINAL

he design of the new Terminal at the Municipal Airport is proceeding rapidly, thanks to the dedication of architect Kendra Thompson of Manistee. She returned to the Island on the 28th to meet with the Airport Commission (plus a dozen interested residents) in the morning and then with

the community after lunch. She had sketched a version of the 2008 plan after her first visit a few weeks ago, incorporating the ideas put forth at that time.

These two sessions produced many ideas about how her sketch should be further particularized.

The contents of a manager's office were identified, and the requirements

for the equipment needed to operate the airport's systems, provide for airevacuations, and be ready for emergency management. The budget forced the elimination of a basement. Now storage (of records not requiring quick access, for example) and some mechanicals will be above the ceiling and under the roof.



The architect presented the schedule that would have to be followed if we are to achieve occupancy by next December. She expected to return at least ten times during the process, every other week at the onset starting with January 14th at 11:00 a.m. at Peaine Hall. Revised concept drawings should be finished a week later. They will be reviewed and tweaked, and then a systems analysis will lead to the construction drawings being done in March. Bids will be due by late April; a contractor will be

selected in May; and construction will start at the beginning of June.

Two projects will be done simultaneously: the \$650,000 new terminal, and up to \$300,000 in site work (the expansion and upgrading of the parking lot, rerouting the access drive, expanding the apron, and removing the old terminal, using two years of the Federal \$150k/allotment).

The architect said her sketch would have to be cut down to fit into the budget (of the \$650k, about \$525k will be for construction, which may run at

\$200/ft²). The conference area will be designed to serve as passenger-waiting overflow (a few times a year there are 25 to 30 people in the current terminal) through two double doors. Other spaces will have to be smaller.

Some design elements the community would like, either for their impact or for their reduction of maintenance or operating costs, would either have to be left out or underwritten by other funds. Geothermal heating/cooling, a propane fireplace, a metal roof, cultured stone cladding, and a high roof extended over

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lights, lower-temperature zones for areas such as baggage handling, cement-board siding and polymer trim, and a gap between trusses and ceiling in which to run ducting and electric lines.

help raise funds from private

donors. Kendra Thompson said

she would likely specify LED

Her idea is that the building should be easily expandable.

She was asked about it accommodating a second flying service, and responded by drawing out how a second counter could easily be added north of the first after moving the entry and pilots' room north. The Commission guessed that the chance of a second carrier appearing

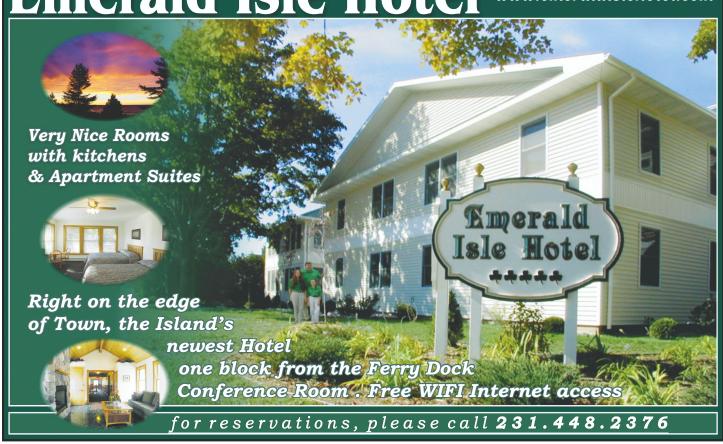
The well-run meeting was a success, with everyone focused on making the airport serve the community. The architect demonstrated a willingness to listen and adjust her thinking, while also providing information based on her expertise. When the meeting was concluded, the Commission was saluted for their long-term efforts and a generally positive feeling prevailed.





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I shot this contest-winning buck on the south end of the Island on State land. I've been hunting in this spot since 1980. I started going out hunting with my Dad when I was 10 years old. That's 50 years ago. I've only missed opening day of Deer Season three times due to work or other reasons. It's a sport passed down from one generation to the next.

There's something special about spending the entire day in the woods whether you see a big buck or not. The big ones are few and far between. We do see deer every day and have most often passed on smaller bucks (especially in recent years) as the rules and game management have changed. I've gotten one other 9-point in those years.

It was a little bigger than this deer,

but this one had a nicer rack.

I only intended to hunt the 1st two days of the Season because we are so busy. I knew there was a big buck in the area due to the buck rubs, and I did see him once on the trail camera. So I was there on last day of the Season, and he did come in about an hour before dark. I didn't think this buck would win the Big Buck Contest; I knew there were a couple of bigger bucks taken. Fortunately for me, they were not entered in the contest, and this one took the prize.

The new game management strategy of needing a minimum of 3 points on one side seems to be producing more large bucks. My compliments to the Wildlife Club for their work on this.

-Ron Wojan

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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 1, 1913 **Front Page Article:**

"BOY LOST ON LAKE SEVENTEEN YEAR OLD BEAVER ISLAND BOY CAUGHT IN A GALE. SKIFF PICKED UP BY STEAMER *BEAVER* NEAR HARBOR LAST TUESDAY.

"After several days the men who have been making a vain search for Freddie Geneck, the 17 year old Beaver Island boy, who was lost last week have given up all hope.

"Sunday afternoon, of last week, Geneck went out in a skiff to raise his nets, and was caught in a gale. On his failure to return, his employer, Mr. Cole, went in search of him but failed to find any trace. Tuesday his skiff was picked up by the steamer *Beaver*. The net was fastened to the boat. The general belief is that the boat was swamped and he perished in the lake.

"Geneck was employed in this city as a hotel porter last summer and during a part of last season was assistant wheelsman on the *Beaver*. At the time of his disappearance he was employed on Beaver Island where his mother Mrs. Briggs resides."

Local News Briefly Told: "The steamer *Beaver* made her last trip Tuesday of last week and is laid up for the season. The tug *McCann* is taking her place on the Beaver Island run."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner and family of St. James, were in the city the latter part of the week on their way to Chicago where they will spend the winter."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 2, 1913 **Local and Personal Notes:** "J. O. Plank, of Chicago, the Fox Island magnite (sic), is in Charlevoix this week."

"Frank Left, of St. James, has his fish tug, *The Little Maeta*, here for repairs to her boiler."

"Rev. Father Malone, of St. James, came over on the tug *McCann* Monday, returning the same day."

"The steamer *Beaver* having laid up for the winter, the St. James tug *Margaret McCann* has begun the work of carrying the mail this winter as long as weather conditions will permit."

"The *McCann* came over Friday of last week and again Monday of this week, and expected again as we go to press."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 8, 1913 Local News Briefly Told: "Dr. A. J. Shockley of St. James, is spending a few days in the city.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 9, 1913 **Local News Briefly Told:** "The tug Margaret McCann came over on a mail trip Monday, returning the same day." (Note: Jan. 2 - 9, snow flurries to blizzard, 34 to 24 degrees; 10 - 12, Fair, 24 to 4 to 12 degrees; 13 - 14, Calm to snowstorm, drifting snow, 10 to 23 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 15, 1913 **Local News Briefly Told:** "The tug *McCann* was over yesterday from the Beaver Islands."

"Miss May Gallagher went to Petosky the later part of the week to the Petoskey Hospital."

From Beaver Island: "Dr. Shockley visited Charlevoix last week."

"Capt. C. C. Allers was a Charlevoix visitor last week."

"James J. Martin transacted business in Charlevoix last week.:

"M. J. Bonner, wife and family are spending the winter in Chicago.

"Miss Ollie Switz, who spent the summer here, has left for her home at Freesoil, Michigan."

"Capt. Peter Green, who has been visiting his mother for the past two weeks, has returned to Chicago."

"James Wilkinson spent a few days on the Island last week installing new heaters in the school house."

"E. B. Gallagher, Harold McCann and J. J. McCann have gone to Gloucester, Massachusetts, for the winter."

"The Indian Point Wood company is the name of the new corporation under the management of Oscar Martin."

"Miss May Gallagher has gone to the Petoskey hospital for treatment. She was accompanied by her father W. J. Gallagher."

"About fifty guests were present on the occasion of the celebration of a wooden wedding given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gallagher on the 8th instant."

"Emmet and Clyde Gallagher, who have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Gallagher, during the holidays, returned to Chicago last week to resume their duties with the Northern Michigan line."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 16, 1913 (Note: Jan. 15 - 17, Big thaw, 34 degrees; Jan. 18 - 21, Storm, snow, big drifts, 20 - 18 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 22, 1913 **No Beaver Island related news**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 23, 1913 (Note: Jan. 22 - 28, Ideal, fair, light snow, 1 to 20 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 29, 1913 From St. James: "W. A. Shield (sic) transacted business in Charlevoix last week."

"Dr. King of Charlevoix made a professional visit to the island this week."

"All work in the woods has ceased for awhile on account of the lack of snow."

"Some fine perch catches are being made by the harbor fishermen lately."

"Mrs. Joseph Burke, who has been so dangerously ill for the past two week, is improving somewhat."

"Charles C. Tilley has the contract for the erection of two cottages on the South Terrace for Cleveland parties."

"Will Gilden, who has been so low with typhoid for the past month, is reported to be out of danger."

"An epidemic of 'Grippe' is going the rounds of the Island and most of the dwellings have the appearance of hospitals. Our mail boat still continues making her semi weekly trips, and it looks as if she might continue running all winter."

Captain John McCann should be tendered a vote of thanks by the fishermen of the Island for breaking the ice in the harbor in order that the fishermen might get their nets."

"Is all his twenty five years experience on the lakes Captain McCann of our mail boat, informs us he has never encountered a worse storm than he had on his return trip from Charlevoix last week. The boat was one mass of ice when she reached here."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 30, 1913 **Beaver Island News:** "Dr. King returned to Charlevoix Tuesday."

"Perch fishing in the harbor is improving."

"Capt. John McCann makes his mail trip regular no matter which way the wind blows." (Note: Jan. 29 - 31 Heavy snow, storms, 30 - 10 degrees. F. Protar)





LOVING THE HUNT

n November 15, 2012, I was out of the house and on my way to hunt white tail deer at 6:15 a.m. What possesses a person to do such a thing? What drives a person to do such a thing when that person eats a whole food/plant based diet? Deer are not plants. Further more, why would a person at age 75 pick their way through the woods in the dark to sit at six thirty in the morning in the cold?

The answers lie in the love of the hunt. In the early 1980s I was introduced to deer hunting by my husband, Joe. I became a hunter by learning as much as possible about whitetail deer; habitat, signs, behavior to name a few. I learned about firearms and where to place a killing shot and got caught up in the sport of hunting this beautiful, unpredictable silent gray ghost of the woods possessing skills of concealment and a surprising instinct for survival. Some of my most memorable hours have been spent sitting in a deer blind. Anticipation is high on the list of emotions that surface while hunting. Patience is a virtue vou must hone. I have seen and heard wildlife you could never see or hear without being silently hidden in the woods.

This year was no exception. The first few days I saw plenty of deer, mostly does and a few small bucks. One day I was watching a doe out in front of me as she browsed tender shoots at the floor of the woods. Then she turned and stared at me. She picked up her head and sniffed the air. For the next 20 minutes

she tried to figure out what was 'wrong with the picture.' She sniffed, bobbed her head, walked away, came back and started the whole scenario all over again. She got within 30 feet of me and even looked like she was going to start down the little trail to my hidden spot. Finally, satisfied that there was no threat, she walked away. The weather was exceptional with temperatures in the high 30s and 40s, lots of sunshine and no rain. I found that by using a walking stick I was more stable walking through the woods. I found I was enjoying myself—was enjoying the hunt.

On the evening of the seventh day of the season, I got my reward. It was 5:10 p.m. when I caught movement on my right. A deer was coming down an overgrown two track approaching a small clearing in front of me. Through the trees I could not detect the sex so I waited for it to come out into an area where I had cleared out a peak hole through the evergreens. As it approached I put my field glasses up to my face. Surprise! There was another deer hidden behind some balsams in the woods. Thinking it was my imagination I glassed again—definitely a deer. Then I got to view the first deer—it was a doe. She came across in front of me and I kept my eyes on her and continued to glass the deer in the woods. He turned and I could see his antlers. Then I could count them—at least 6 points. He stepped out of the woods his eyes on her. My eyes were on her and him and my decision

was to take him. It took 10 minutes for him to present himself so I could shoot. My rifle was in position, the safety off and I scoped a site high on the shoulder and squeezed off a shot. He went down like a load of bricks at 5:20 p.m. I waited a bit but it was getting dark. Knowing he was down I took my rifle with me and went to see. He was very dead. He sported six points, three on each side. Even though he wasn't the huge rack I had longed to harvest, he was a huge deer. I was so excited to have witnessed the act of buck seeking out doe and to have outwitted him in the classic hunting style.

I zoomed home to get Joe and tell him to put the champagne on ice for a successful hunt. We enlisted the aid of our nephew to get him into the back of the jeep. It was all they could do to get him onboard. Joe skinned him and he was left to hang in the garage in near perfect cool weather. After three days we processed the meat. Most of it was boned out except for the shoulders and it was all packaged to give away to friends and neighbors. However, we kept the tenderloins for ourselves.

The next day I opened a nice bottle of Cabernet Sauvignon, made some garlic mashed potatoes, cooked some fresh broccoli and sautéed those tenderloins from that deer finished off with a reduction wine/shallot sauce and exotic mushrooms, Yum!

Don't tell the VEGAN POLICE.
—Lois Williams

August 9-11 – Homecoming

October 5 – The Bite and Boodle

BEAVER ISLAND

January 14 – Airport Planning, 11 am January 19 – BIRHC Annual Meeting 10 am at the Health Center

SPORTS AWARDS

The Northern Lights League passed out its soccer and volleyball awards, and several Beaver Island students were among the recipients. Jewell Gillespie-Cushman made the all-league soccer first team at #5, and McCauley Connaghan joined him at #8. Michael Pryor and Alex Williams were given honorable mention status.

In volleyball Olivia Cary was chosen the all-league first team captain and player of the year, and was awarded the #1 slot. Madie Martin received the #4. Marissa Crandall made the

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honorable mention list.

In receiving the player of the year award, this was said about Olivia:

"We are pleased to announce that Islander volleyball player Olivia Cary was voted by all the coaches of the Northern Lights League as the Captain and the Player of the year of the league's 1st team. She is a junior at Beaver Island Community School, a National Honor Society student, and a stellar athlete. Olivia has played volleyball since she was a 7th grader, became a starter on the volleyball team in the 8th grade and has

remained a starter each year. She was a captain this year, and helped lead her team to an undefeated season. She is excellent leader both on and off the court. She is supportive of her teammates, always encouraging and cheering them on, and she picks her team up when they are down. Olivia was an asset both offensively and defensively. Some of her stats for the season: 165 aces, 127 kills, 116 digs. We look forward to another great year watching Olivia compete as a senior and wish her all the best! Congratulations Olivia!"



16. TRANSCRIPTION OF BOB'S LOG SHEET ABOARD

ne of the often asked questions of Beaver Islanders is, "What do you do on Beaver Island?" Well, you do whatever one does anywhere, and in my case that includes researching my ancestry. It is an especially good pastime in the winter when short and blustery days keeps one inside.

One of the characters of my past that I have become very interested in is Daniel Donald Brown, a great uncle of mine who was a captain in the Ford Motor Company fleet. The following story about Dan was first published in the *Inland Seas* volume 68, Fall 2012;

the quarterly journal of the Great Lakes Historical Society.

This is a transcription of Dan Brown's log describing Robert French's trip on the tug *Barrallton'* from Port Huron to L'Anse in Michigan's upper peninsula and return. The *Barrallton* was a 142' WWI United States Shipping Board tug; Ford Motor Company acquired it along with several others of the same class in 1925 and operated it to 1946. The tugs were converted from coal fired to oil burners and had a crew of eighteen to twenty. Dan Brown was captain for the years 1929-1931, 1937-1940, and 1941-1945. He

married Florence (Vogt) French in 1936. Bob French was Florence's son from her previous marriage, born in 1922. The log is dated August 3 but a year is not noted; it could have been during the 1929-1931 period when Bob was seven to ten years old, or the 1937-1940 period when he would have been fifteen to eighteen. Let the reader judge as he/she reads numerous passages which suggest it might have been when Bob was seven to ten years old.

Spelling, punctuation, and grammar are as written by Dan. The log is written on Ford Motor Company stationary and reads as follows:













TUG BARRALLTON

written by Capt. Daniel Donald Brown, transcribed by Larry Hansz

AUG. 3RD. Come aboard *Barrallton* on Linn's boat. Pt Huron 3 PM. Had cookies and two glasses of milk Watched us slack out the towing cable. Capt went to bed at 4 PM and slept till 6:45 pm

Bob looked over the boat and got acquainted by himself.

7 PM. Had supper with the Capt. Had corned beef cold and fried potatoes milk pears and cake.

7:30 PM. Visited Mr. Culp, Chief Engineer and he explained most everything to Bob. Looked all over engine & auxiliaries. Explained generators, ice machines, air pump, surface condenser,

vacuum. And how formed and need.

8 PM. Went to Capt. Room and took lesson Chanter²

9 PM. Went in Pilot House and listened to radio and looked at Charts. Took lesson in Shaping Course with parallel rules & dividers on Chart. Took lesson on figuring speed of boat between Light Houses.

9:50. Went down to Galley had glass of warm milk.

10 PM. Turned in and was asleep in just sixty seconds. Little Man you had a busy day.

AUG 4[™] 6:45 AM. Turned out fresh as a daisy and raring to go. Had break-

fast with the Capt (Old Man). Had glass tomato juice, half sugar melon. Bowl of Puffed Rice & milk. Honey & toast

7:30 Went to Engine room and the Little Fat Rascal, gave him some more information on cylinders, pistons, and their names and how they work.

8 AM. Took the Wheel and steered the boat as straight as a die for 45 minutes.

8:45AM. Was relieved at the wheel by Louie Deagen the Wheelsman and just done as he pleased looks over the boat again.

9:45. Got a loaf of bread from Louie the cook and fed the seagulls. They all













came around to Say Hello to Bob, even a little dark one. We got a whole pail of garbage saved to feed the gulls on Lake Superior. Bob will play ball with them tomorrow. They will catch what you throw them on the fly.

12:15 PM. Had dinner with the Old Man and the Little Fat Rascal. Had roast pork & roast lamb. Boiled potatoes and string beans. Cherry pie, milk.

12:45 PM. Turned in and had a nap for 2 hrs and 30 min. The fresh air made Bob sleepy.

Turned out at 3 PM and Relieved

the Wheel. Steered the boat ³/₄ of an hour for Angus MacDonald, no complaints from the Mate.

- 4 PM. Up in pilot house taking observations Fresh breeze from NW. Boat raising and falling with the swell.
- 5 PM. Drank glass of orange Juice and washed up combed hair and got ready for supper.
- 6 PM. Supper with Old Man and Little Fat Rascal and the rest of the port watch. Had beef steak, fried patatoes, hot whole wheat, biscuts with lots of butter & honey, 2 glasses of milk. And a

big piece of watermelon. You ought to see his little Tumie stick out. All Hands had a good laugh at that. He has made a big hit with everyone. We call him Brother Froggie, like Honey Boy & Sasafras. Bob is all set to stand watch with the Capt all night as we get to St. Mary's River about 10 PM so we will have night time going up the River. Sorry as the scenery is so beautiful. But we may have daylight coming back We will arr at Soo about 6 AM so we will have daylight for that. Bob is a regular fellow I'll tell the World. The best kid I



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ever met. And smart (Wow). Keen as a razor and is he absorbing knowledge. And gaining weight. (What a Man)

AUG 5[™]. Bob was up part of the night and when we locked up. went over to lock office with the Old Man, and got the mail and sent some mail & telegrams and turned in canal report. We departed Soo about 7:30 AM and Bob was all in so he went to bed and slept all day. (Got up for chicken dinner and went to bed again.)

6 PM. got up for supper. But did not eat much. The big supper he had the

night before stalled him and stretched his little tummy so much. Listened to radio and took observations and tied knots. Went to bed at 9 PM.

AUG 6[™]. Turned out at 8 AM. Washed up and had breakfast with Capt. Puffed Rice. Orange juice. Toast & milk. Went to pilot house and took observations till we got to L'Anse. Went ashore as soon as we landed with Louie the Wheelsman and Geo the Mess boy looked over L'Anse and a lot of Indians who were in town. Service car took them to Pequaming to meet us there

about 4 PM Went through all & Ford yacht, the tug that is fixed up as a yacht, and took pictures. Came back on boat and we departed Pequaming at 5PM with *Folcroft* and *Louise* in tow.³ Bob went to bed at 8 PM and was all in bed till 11:30 AM the 7th.

AUG 7TH. All through the fog did not like to hear the fog whistle blowing. Had dinner at 12 PM and played around Louis, got him an air plane. So he played with that and tied knots and spliced line. Stayed up all afternoon Had supper at six. Old Louie was

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AUG 7[™] 6 AM. Towline parted at Detour on stern barge, lost one hour making up tow again. Bob got up at 8:30 and went down and had orange juice and Graham Crackers & Honey & Jam. Raspberry. Went back to pilot house and tied knots and spliced line and steered.

12 PM. Had dinner with Capt and crew. Spare Ribs & Sauercraut. Boiled patatoes and lemon pie. And milk. Went up to the pilot house and Angus MacDonald told Bob ghost stories and fairy stories But Bob did not believe in them. 6 PM had supper with Capt & McCulp. Had pork sausages and corn fritters & fried patatoes and peach sauce. Honey Maple syrup and Raspberry jam.

7 PM. Bob was tired and went to bed. He is not getting enough exercise I guess. He just throwed one awful big feed into him that was the night we had the watermelon. He has kind of hove to since then. I guess he got his crop to full that night. Well I guess he will keep you all laughing for a few days telling his tale. Well anyway his stock is worth a million a share and cant be bought at that. Its not for sale. Hes a Bonnie wee lad and I dont mean maybe. I hope my stock is worth as much to him.

AUG 8TH Bob slept till 8:30 AM got up & had breakfast. Orange juice graham crackers & Raspberry Jam Had sun bath on top of the pilot house. Had shower bath Packed his clothes. And killed all the flies in the Capts room. I expect he will be happy to see Mother. He has had enough Boat for awhile The trip was just the right length.

12:15 PM Had dinner. Roast pork

& roast lamb, boiled patatoes, pea soup. Sliced tomatoes, milk, spinage. Lots of Gravey and Desert.

3:10. Lake Huron Lt Ship. Takes us 9 hours from here to Detroit

A little bit more information about Bob French and Capt. Dan Brown:

Bob French was born in 1924 to Raymond and Florence French. Ray and Florence divorced sometime after 1930. Florence married Daniel Brown in 1936 and he adopted Bob. Florence said she met Daniel when she worked part time cleaning at the Toledo Light House. Her story says that Dan would come close enough to the light when entering or leaving the Toledo harbor to throw newspapers from the tug to the crew. He admired the pretty woman who was sometimes aboard the station and a romance developed.

Daniel Donald Brown was born in 1885 to Scottish parents in Tiverton, Ontario, on the Bruce Peninsula on the eastern shore of Lake Huron. He was the youngest of fourteen siblings, eight from his mother and six half siblings from his father's first wife. Dan is listed in the 1901 Canadian Census as a sailor at age sixteen, and had first shipped out at an early age on a lumber schooner. His first marriage was in 1908 to Clara Stang in Milwaukee; they had a daughter in 1912. The date of their divorce is not known. Dan's 1918 WWI Draft Registration lists him as a pilot for "Becker-Mcauleys, Cleveland, Ohio" with a home address of Milwaukee and still married to Clara.

In about 1926 Daniel was employed by the Ford Motor Company and was for many years the Captain of the *Barrallton;* he also spent time on the *Barlow, Buttercup,* and *Humrick,* all Ford tugs. He was employed through WWII and retired about 1946. Retirement did not suit him for long and soon he was again working, this time for Nicholson Transit located in Ecorse, Michigan. He was Third Mate of Str.

Ironwood, in 1948, Third Mate of the Str. Adrian Iselin in 1949, and in 1952, Second Mate Str. Canopus. Dan's tug Captain license did not allow him to captain the larger vessels so he was content to sail as a mate.

aniel Brown's Death on the Str. Canopus:

On September 26, 1952 while underway on Lake Erie, Dan Brown died in the wheelhouse of the Str. *Canopus*.

The coroner noted on the death certificate the *Canopus* was en route to Cleveland and the cause of death was probable Coronary Thrombosis; he was sixty-seven years old.

Dan Brown has always been of particular interest to me as I research family history. I probably have accumulated more information and background on him than most others in the family tree. I remember being with him when my father would take me down to the Nicholson car loading dock on the near east side of Detroit when the ship was loading cars (probably Chrysler automobiles).

Hugh Brown, a cousin, also remembers the only time when his family got fresh fish while he was a child living in Dearborn. It was when Uncle Dan brought fresh lake trout back on the tug from the Upper Peninsula. So it was a very special moment for me to visit the restored wheelhouse of the *Canopus* at the Great Lakes Historical Society in Vermillion, Ohio and to stand at the wheel where he at one time stood.

About the Author

Larry Hansz is sixty-nine years old and lives on Beaver Island with Maureen, his wife of forty eight years. They have three grown children. Larry is a retired hospital equipment planning engineer who worked much of his career in Traverse City. Both Larry and Maureen have sailed extensively. He is a USCG licensed 100 ton captain and has taught sailing.

- Barralton: Built in 1919 in Elizabeth, N.J. for the U.S. Shipping Board; it was 142' with a crew of 18. Ford Motor Company acquired it in 1926 and operated it until 1945 when it was removed from documentation. Bowling Green State University; Historical Collections of the Great Lakes.
- Chanter: the reed pipe of a bagpipe with finger holes on which the melody is played. Merriam-Webster Dictionary.
- Folcroft and Louise were Ford barges, Lake Folcroft and Lake Louise. 251' Lake Folcroft was built in 1919 in Detroit for the U.S. Shipping Board, acquired by Ford in
- 1929 and converted to barge and lengthened to 313'. Lake Louise was built in 1918 in Ashtabula, Ohio for the U.S. Shipping Board, acquired by Ford in 1927 and converted to a barge. Bowling Green State University; Historical Collections of the Great Lakes





wishing and praying for snow – and then we got a winter's worth in one day.

It dropped on us on December 20th, during the night. The temperature hovered at 32°, rising above and then slipping below; consequently as the

We awoke in the morning to an amazing sight: every branch and every power line had put on thick whitefrosting gloves, making them look like the sparkly twigs kindergarten teachers place in sugar water. The ground was

half of what fell was stuck in the trees and never reached the ground.

Shoveling was no fun – the snow was dense and heavy. But the snowmobilers were out; they had to be, because for many it was the only way to get out





of their driveway.

Those without these buggies had to stay home, many huddled in the cold and dark that befell them when bent trees and limbs gave up an unwinnable fight and dropped on the power lines, pulling them off their poles and snapping them. The back roads sizzled with errant juice as the GLE staff struggled to find and repair the breaks, going without sleep for three days.

Because of the admixture of ice and the low temperatures after the deluge (mid-20s) the snow gloves stayed on for days, bringing many Islanders out to view the swollen and bowering trees in

the hinterland. Some parked just south of the airport and walked down the West Side Road, marveling at the abundant whiteness. Looking through the woods presented visibility of less than thirty feet. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and thank God the power was on for many when they got home.





ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago Two groups of carolers competed with each other just a few days before Christmas, Vera's Voices and the Martha Guth Ensemble.

The fifth volume of the Historical Society's series, *The Journal of Beaver Island History*, was reviewed.

The body of Ellen Bellamy was discovered near the Charlevoix cement plant. She and husband Mel were flying back from Wisconsin a month earlier.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Bill Welke, Ruth Arden, and Marshall Smith. Bill was the long-time resident who started the first Island-based flying service and also served as Deputy. Ruth was active in the community, and lived with her husband Glen on the back beach. Marshall had built a home twenty years back at Donegal Bay.

Twenty Years Ago The January, 1993 Beacon reported that St. James Township was preparing to go to court against the Charlevoix Road Commission, and had added another charge: Bad Faith, for the CCRC not having fulfilled its promise to apply for a grant to cover the cost of repaving the King's Highway. Other roads received new names: Darkeytown Road became Barney's Lake Road, and Sloptown supposedly became Old Orchard Road - despite the objections of residents such as Sherri Timsak, who wrote to the editor to suggest keeping the old names and educating the public about what they mean.

E. B. Lange consulted with CMU about our Gypsy Moth and Birch Tree Disease problems.

The Boat Company made a presentation to St. James Township about establishing a Transportation Authority, which could apply for grants to fund the construction of a new ferry. The Township took action, adopting articles of incorporation for BITA and appointing Don Vyse, Kitty McNamara, Ken Taylor, Larry Malloy, and Vince Olach.

Bill Boelter wrote to the Editor to say that his occupation of the Island predates that of Murray and Wave Wanty: Walt Wojan poured his slab in 1956, and he then built his own cabin. He flew here from Saginaw in his own plane, and wrote a book about it which is in our library: 610 trips to Beaver Island.

Kitty McNamara made a suggestion about how to supervise young people

and create appropriate entertainment opportunities. She challenged the parents to organize and divide up the year; 15 sets of parents could each take 3 weekends, sponsoring proper activities at which they opened their homes to the group of kids but stayed out of the way.

Thirty Years Ago The Beaver Island Fire Department selected a site for the Fire Hall behind the public bath. Santa arrived on December 18th to pass out gifts to 72 kids under the age of 11 at the Shamrock Bar. The Civic Association began to plan a "Memorial to the Dead at Sea." The date for the Winter Games at Barney's Lake was set: February 12th.

Sherri Timsak shared a story she'd been told by her father about TV's early days: "We had one of the Island's first 3 sets, so neighbors would come over to watch. One night my mother and dad and my brother Gene and I were watching a murder mystery with Peter Johnson, who lived nearby. A singer, referred to as a 'canary,' had been killed, and the gist of the show was to catch the killer. But before the end, the power went out -a not uncommon experience. We sat there in front of the lifeless set for awhile, speculating, but eventually we gave up. Peter went home, and Gene and I went to bed. But early the next morning, here's Peter pounding on the door. 'What d'you want so early?' Ma asked him. 'They caught that guy.' 'What guy?' 'The guy who killed the canary. 'How d'you know, Peter?" 'They announced it on the radio just a few minutes ago, so I come right over to tell you.' 'On the radio? Peter, you darned fool! That was just a story last night. It wasn't real'."

Sherri's sister Dawn contributed a poem, *The Sounds of Winter*: "Listen very carefully/you can hear the snow-flakes fall/you can hear the whisper of the wind/you can hear the blue jays call. ... You can hear the sounds of chain saws/as they cut the winter wood/Or the gentle sound of silence/which always sounds so good."

An article written by occasional reporter Jacque LaFreniere announced the impending merger of Joe McPhillips and Bill Welke to form Island Airways.

Forty Years Ago The January, 1973 *Beacon* opened with a little game news: there were more bunnies than bunny hunters, and Perry Gatliff had not yet

had a chance to haul his shanty onto the ice and drop a worm through because of the variable weather. At Lake G Dick Burris had no such trouble, but had a problem of a different kind: using perch as bait to fish for pike, things were going along fine until his bait bucket fell through his hole in the ice. Not one to ever give up, he simply got into his diving gear and went in after it.

Doc Christie presented a progress report on the proposed expansion of the Med Center. (The Med Center's Constitution provided for each Town Board to appoint two members to the Med Center Board, plus a member was chosen from the Civic Association and another from the Medical Auxiliary; these six then chose a seventh and final member.) The expansion plan provided 5 additional beds, two emergency rooms, and supporting facilities. At this point the Board was still seeking funds for construction.

Bob McGlocklin used the offseason to remodel the *Circle M*, expanding the bar and dining area.

Peter Johnson, a bachelor who spent many years on the lakes, died at age 93.

Bill Welke was appointed a year-around Deputy Sheriff by the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department; formerly he was paid for full time work during the summer and part time the other 9 months – although he was always on call. (Bill was also named as the President of the Civic Association.)

Fifty Years Ago In its 8th year, the *Beacon* announced that it had 385 subscribers. Skating on the glare ice in the Harbor was excellent, with a large bonfire built on the far edge of the designated area every night. Walker Hill and his wife left for India on a two-year assignment, but their daughters stayed behind; Mary to study at Antioch, and Ellen to take part in a Chicago Icecapadesstyle skating extravaganza.

Amaritta Ludwig, owner, with her husband, of the *Beaver Lodge* and author of *Russian Doctor in Paradise*, passed away, as did Herbert Boyle and Mrs. William (Alice) Belfy, Erwin and Delbert's mother.

Barry Pischner became an officer in the Grand Rapids Furniture Designers' Association, which, among other things, donates books on design to libraries and awards design continued on page 27.

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n December 17th the Little Traverse Conservancy acquired a 173-acre parcel with 2,700' of frontage on Barney's Lake, 1,770' of frontage on Lake Michigan, and 900' of frontage on Barney's Lake Road. It was previously known as the Scully property. This new preserve acquisition was made possible by the

extremely generous donation of the property to LTC by Terry and Beverly Scully. The acquisition of this parcel complements the nearby Barney's Lake Preserve and means that the majority of the shoreline of Barney's Lake is now protected and open to the public.

The Scullys' residence and 11 acres of surrounding land will remain in private ownership and be off limits to the public. Additionally, the Scullys retain an exclusive driveway access to their residence through the preserve.

Like all of LTC's 160-some

Nature Preserves, this property is open to the public, with certain restrictions:

PERMITTED ACTIVITIES

Non-motorized travel such as hiking, snowshoeing, skiing, mountain biking, etc.

Harvesting of wild fruits like berries, nuts, or mushrooms.

Other uses such as wildlife observation, photography, dog walking (although dogs must be leashed), etc.





PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

Camping
Motorized Vehicles
Dumping of trash or yard waste
Fires
Cutting of Trees
Salvaging Firewood
Removal of Plants
Alteration of natural features
LTC staff are familiar with this pro-

LTC staff are familiar with this property, as it had been protected by an LTC

Robert and Elaine Smith's son Steve a

conservation easement for many years. Even so, more assessments will be conducted in the coming months before a management plan for the property can be finalized. Preliminary management ideas for the parcel include the following:

• First and foremost our goal will be to protect the special or sensitive environmental features found on the property

(steep slopes, forested dunes, mature upland forests, Great Lakes and inland lakes shoreline, and rare plants and animals).

- Maintenance of the Kuebler Trail which runs through the property from North to South.
- Possible establishment of a small rustic parking area off Barney's Lake Road.
- A trail from Barney's Lake Road connecting with the Kuebler Trail.
- Spur trails leading to a Barney's Lake overlook, and a climb to one of the high forested dunes.
- No hunting will be allowed on the property.

Specific plans for this property will be announced by Spring or Summer, 2013. Following that there will no doubt be volunteer opportunities to help construct trails or implement other aspects of the management plan. A volunteer for monitoring will be needed; anyone interested should contact the LTC. In the meantime, it is ready to answer any questions or listen to suggestions concerning this property and its management.

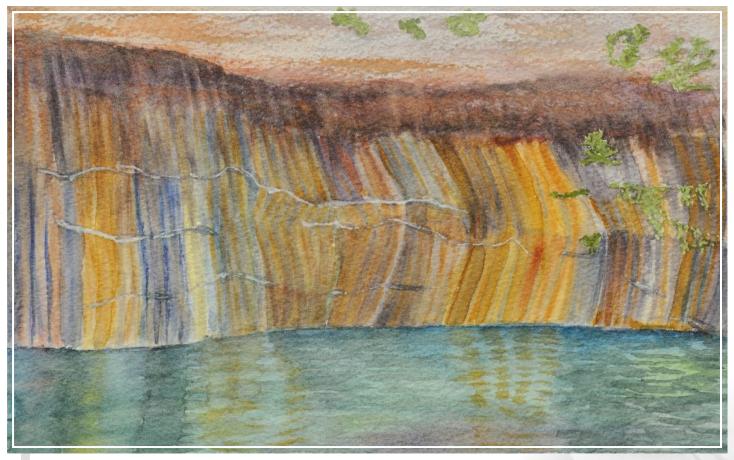
On This Date, continued from page 25. scholarships to Kendall.

A number of professional coyote hunters descended on the Island. The pros had bagged 286 coyotes in the Indian River area, but in 3 days of tromping around on our trails only four wild animals were bagged. The Game Club gave

Robert and Elaine Smith's son Steve a prize for having caught 1962's largest bass. The rabbits were running for cover, with the beagles of Milt Bennet, Perry Gatliff, Archie LaFreniere, and Karl Kuebler not far behind.

A campaign was started to raise the estimated \$6,000 needed to build the

Episcopal Church on property donated by Warren Townsend (former owner of High Island). This log building would replace the old house in which services had been held since 1934. The Holy Cross Parish Hall was repainted with paint donated by the owner of the Kreuter Paint Company.



ART IN THE BLOOD

y interest in art comes by way of my mother's family. She herself, being a fine arts major in college, was supportive and encouraging in our childhood art endeavors. Christmas always included art supplies as well as craft books which kept us quite happy during the vacation break.

We children always were aware of my grandmother's family history. Her relatives were originally from Spain.

Her father owned a tile factory making tiles used throughout the haciendas in Durango, Mexico. His talent led him to the competition in tile arts both in Paris in 1879 and at the renowned 1893 Chicago Exposition. He sent his two

daughters to Guadalajara Collegia where my grandmother's talent blossomed.

After coming to Detroit following the revolution in Mexico, my grandmother and my grandfather, a Scotsman from Canada, settled down with their family, and my grandma never picked up a paintbrush again.

But she started hooking rugs at age











75, and even won first prize at the Michigan State fair in 1964! However, she encouraged us with her praises (even though we liked to do paint by number pieces).

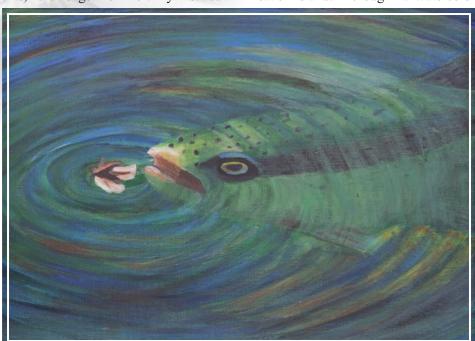
My mom's artistic prowess came out in her table settings, vegetable trays, and her wonderful sense of "couture," which alas, I did not get from her! My first adult attempt at artwork came when we were overseas and a woman's group took Chinese brush painting lessons. My interest was piqued!

Lately, I have been trying both watercolor and acrylic lessons, but enjoy the watercolor best – they seem perfect for capturing the subtle pastel blends of Beaver Island. I brought a watercolor

teacher to the Island this past summer in hopes of encouraging Beaver Island residents to express themselves artistically. We all had a lot of fun, *and* learned a great deal.

I will continue to take classes this winter. My goal is to sell an original piece this year. I can dream, can't I?

—Leonor Jacobson





BEAVER ISLAND'S COMMUNITY CENTER RECEIVES SPECIAL GIFTS IN 2012, GIVING IT MANY HAPPY NEW YEARS!

hristmas came early for the Preservation Association (PABI) and The Beaver Island Community Center. On December 14th—just one day before their challenge grant deadline—several more donations came in that put them over their \$500,000 capital campaign goal. The Welter Foundation wrote a check for the full \$1,000,000 as promised, matching the donations of all Community Center fans and supporters who helped with the 14-month, two-for-one "Big Challenge" grant.

What a gift! The week before Christmas the Community Center

found itself debt-free, with an endowment approximating \$165,000 at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. And it still has a growing number of Community Center "Members" coming forward to help with their annual donations of time and money for Center operations.

Island visitors, summer residents, and our small but hardy year-round population can now foresee many happy and healthy years ahead for the Center. With no taxes levied for its support, the Center operates solely on public generosity and some modest charges for its goods, events, and services.

To mark the Center's 5th year of serving the public-and now being debtfree—PABI will celebrate and hold a "re-envisioning" summer to evaluate how well it serves its public—and what it can do to improve. Created by and for the Island's residents and visitors to enhance the culture and spirit of community here, it could not succeed without the help and encouragement of many good individuals, families, and organizations. The challenge now is to serve our generous public by continuously improving the Center each year-at the heart of a very good community.

PERSEVERANCE

Who knows how he lost it, But he comes every day— Waits patiently for his turn, The one-legged Blue Jay.

Imagine watching him perched, Wobbly because he only has one— Hungry and all fluffed out, Hoping for the Sun.

Was it a cat a-prowling, That robbed him of his foot? Or a razor sharp edge, That on it he did put?

Yet, in spite of cruel fate, He flies and did escape— To Bless the feeder crowd, With his lovely bluest shape.

While the flock is scrapping, To get a "Lion's share"— On his strong one leg, He sees another morning fair.

Blue Jay of one foot,
You still can praise the Sun—
And join the raucous feeding crowd,
Because you still can Stand—on One!
—Dawn George

FIRST SNOW, TIME TO GO

Lucky Speaks
On Titans
Not gods, but bigger than men
Only need one name, like Atlas
They move and shake
Make rivers and break rules
Carry this Island on their shoulders
Citizen of the Year:
A nomination

I support the "Tourists" for the 2013 CotY Award. Why? Without them, few people could live here. They bring nothing but money and a good attitude to Beaver Island. They take memories, and make jobs. So Vote FUDGIE!

On Growth

People talk about old and mature, but it is through the young growth that one sees the health and strength of our environment. Those little trees are relentless, and I draw power from them.

Who's an Islander?

Some say you are not an Islander unless you were born here. Others say you must live here full time to be called an Islander. I say you're an Islander every day you ride this bucking Beaver.

As I write this, I'm a blessed Islander; as you read this, I'm a wretched Mainlander from Downstate Nowhere.

Farewell, land of the living Marc Tenser

THE FRAILTY OF LIFE

We cremated my father and I shook His ashes into a nearly dry stream bed in New Jersey.

We cremated my mother too. Her ashes flew in a gust off the Hudson River.

Sometimes I count the people I care about who have died,

from the beginning: Uncle Jean, a call in the night, my mother's soft weeping. Gandy, a heart attack on Madison Avenue.

Deborah, cancer in her 40s. Essie, Sol, Terry and Kate, Betty, Bernard, Sam, Mémé, Pépé, Bob, Bill, Mike, Alain. It's not many,

but I lose count.

23, 24, 25... In the late fall I bury Dead birds on the beach below our house: loons, gulls, ducks, and cormorants— Bloated, mangled, desiccated,

drenched, chewed, some still bloody.

I know grave digging cleans the beachscape and keeps rotting

flesh away from pets. But when I finish covering each carcass with wet sand I feel I have done something good for the birds too

and for myself.

—Pete Plastrik







ne hundred and seventy people braved the 24° weather on Christmas Eve to gather just after dark at the Michigan Avenue home of Matt and Wendy Fogg for a "living Nativity." Bonfires provided a sense of warmth.

Candles and programs were distributed, microphones set up, and there was a large stable built from slab wood and filled with straw. Wendy announced that the purpose of the event was to demonstrate the true meaning of Christmas through a combination of readings, songs, and enactments.

The program began with characters dressed as Mary and Joseph arriving, needing lodging, and being told that all that was available was the stable. Eleven young girls dressed as winged angels arrived to witness and celebrate the birth of Jesus, followed by thirteen costumed shepherds with their flock—in this case, two miniature donkeys, dogs, and a goat. Soon wise men appeared in flowing robes and gold crowns, bearing gifts. In between several speakers (Terry Saxton, Peg Hoogendoorn, Matt Fogg, Terry Carey, and Al Brouard) read selections from

the Bible to illustrate what was being shown.

The Richards family sang a song, harmonizing beautifully, and then Bill Detwiler sang another (*O Holy Night*) – after which the audience joined in to sing several more whose words were in the program, under the lead of Bob Hoogendoorn, who also delivered the closing prayer.

The audience was invited to extend their fellowship by sticking around for drinks and birthday cake, and many did. Everyone felt moved by the event, and hoped it would be repeated next year.



John Paul Kenwabikise, 74, of Beaver Island died Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in Charlevoix, where he had spent the previous two weeks because of poor health. Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, December 11, at the Holy Cross Church, followed by burial in Holy Cross Cemetery. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, and he attended Holy Cross Church.

John was born July 6, 1938, on High Island to Paul David and Isabelle (Shabageshikoqua) Kenwabikise. He worked as a commercial fisherman, and with the exception of living on High Island for two winters when he was 14 taking care of free-range horses lived on Beaver Island his entire life. He was also an accomplished carpenter, plumber, welder, and mechanic who built his own motorized vehicles.

John is survived by his children, Erick (Ardis) Kenwabikise of Cheboygan, Simon Kenwabikise of Alanson, Rose Kenwabikise, Katheryn (Lee Fisher) Kenwabikise all of Petoskey, Patrick Kenwabikise of Empire; nineteen grandchildren; sisters and brothers, Caroline (Orville) Ramey of Benzonia, Nancy (Denny) Harris, Leonard (Peggy) Kenwabikise all of South Haven, Pauline (George) Anthony of Traverse City, Sarah (Jack) Bray of Pulman, Joey Kenwabikise, Diane (Steve "Sonic") Smith, James (Barbara) Kenwabikise all of Charlevoix, and Mary Kenwabikise-Haplin of Beaver Island. John was preceded in death by his sons, John, Kenny, Dennis, and Jesse and daughter, Wendy; his sisters Margaret and Doris, and brothers, Steve and Robbie.





PAT'S TRIBUTE

was at Johnny's one autumn afternoon, and we happened to Lbe watching the Weather Channel-what a surprise! And the meteorologist commented, "The northeast is enjoying a splendid Native American Summer today." And Johnny exclaimed with fire in his eyes, "Did you hear what she said? It's not Native American Summer, it's called Indian Summer! It seems that everything good that we have, they try to take away from us." And for that reason, when I use the

word "Indian", I am using it with the utmost of respect. I know for a fact that Johnny was proud to be called an Indian.

For the next few minutes or so. I've got a few Indian stories to tell that will honor my best friend, Johnny Paul Kenwabikise. But for these stories to have their deepest meaning, I must first tell you about two important background things. First, I must tell you a little bit about me. And secondly, I must tell you what continued on page 34.

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34. *Tribute, continued from page 33.*I have learned about Johnny's Indian stories.

So, for me: I was born in the cowboys & Indians generation. You know... Jim Bowie, Davie Crocket and Daniel Boone. But wait! For me, that was the Walt Disney generation of Alan Ladd, Fess Parker and James Arness! But think about it for a minute, these pioneers could leave home with their horse and their musket. They would travel for days and be completely selfsufficient as they headed west. But as soon as they reached the Mississippi River, they needed a scout - they needed an Indian. I was always fascinated by these Indians who were portrayed as a cut above the pioneers who could seemingly do things that white people could not do. If that was my childhood introduction, my later years firmed my belief that the Indians care for the Spirit of the land. And for this reason, I have always had a deep respect for Indians.

The second important background piece is to know that an Indian story from Johnny is not necessarily factual. For example last summer, Simon and the kids were visiting for a week or so. One day, sitting around his table, Johnny commented, "Last Summer was beautiful every day." He pointed to me and said, "Every Sunday, I drove around the Island with Nugent. We stopped along the way, drank some beers, and pulled into friends' houses." In reality however, Johnny and I drove around the Island only twice that summer and certainly not every Sunday. But the spirit of his story is that for the time spent, it was as good as it gets. I learned to listen to the spirit of Johnny's stories.

I will freely admit that initially, I was a bit fearful for what I was getting into. Although I was genuinely attracted to this great man who cared for the Spirit of the land, I was afraid that it would challenge my own Faith. However, that changed one day. I flew with Johnny to the Emergency Room in Petoskey due to his severe pneumonia, and helped him check in. When asked his religion, he said, "Roman Catholic." And when asked if he wanted to be visited by a priest, he responded, "Oh yes! Father Pat will be here every day to give my Holy Communion." From that

point on, I realized that the things that I would learn from Johnny would only deepen my own Catholic Faith.

Johnny had a pretty good sense of the Kenny Rogers song, "Know when to hold'em, and know when to fold." He talked about the tense days in the mid-80s when the Indians were given exclusive fishing rights. He would recall pulling nets and boxing the whitefish and heading to the mainland. As they left their boat with the catch, they all had carbine rifles strapped to their backs as they walked through town. He said, "Nobody ever bothered us when we carried our rifles." Johnny stood firm to protect his livelihood.

Another time, I was sitting in the Shamrock with Johnny and sipping a beer. He commented, "I wonder why they took out the Indian Room?" I asked him, "What the heck is the Indian Room?" He walked me around the Shamrock and we looked at old pictures on the wall until he found one with the Indian Room. It was essentially a leanto shack built off of one of the walls. In reality, it was an ugly remembrance of the time when we thought segregation was the proper way to deal with Indians. Johnny said that it was great! He knew that whenever he went there that he would be surrounded by his friends and family. If the Shamrock were packed with summer people or hunters, he said that he knew he would always have his seat in the Indian room. I was humbled and embarrassed to hear of this story. However the true spirit of this story is that when you are handed lemons, why not make some lemonade and enjoy life to the fullest?

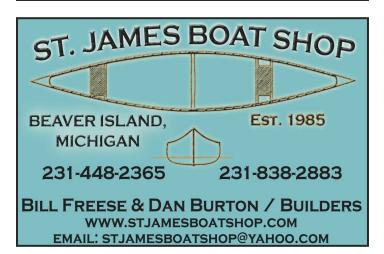
Wendy's death was hard on Johnny. I never met Wendy, but he always spoke of her as if she were still his little baby girl. When she was sick, he recalled that he would go with her to Grand Rapids every weekend for her cancer treatments. He would recall, "We would pack sandwiches and take smoked fish and coolers of beer and go to Grand Rapids in the van. We told stories all the way there and back. When she was having her treatments, sometimes we would stay in the van all night and tell more stories until she was ready to come back home. We did this every weekend."

Johnny spoke many times of John, Kenny & Dennis continued on page 36.











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and the terrible days surrounding their death. No story was ever the same. Sometimes, he recalled waiting for three days looking out the window of the Shamrock. Sometimes, he was out on the water for three days with friends looking for them. And sometimes he was simply waiting at home for them to walk in the door. Details were always scrambled. I soon realized that the spirit of these stories combined to tell me of the disaster that struck his life on the

day when his family lost 3 sons. It was as if an explosion went off, and Johnny was still picking up pieces. I was sitting on the hill behind the fire station one time as Johnny talked about that fateful day. I asked him, "Aren't you angry with God?" Johnny responded with a firm and emphatic, "No!" "How could I ever be angry with God? Look how good He has been to me." Tears welled in my eyes as he began to explain...

He picked up a tiny ant racing across the front of his scooter. He asked

me, "Do you think this ant knows what time it is?" He said that the ant has no concept of time, but it simply does the best it can all day long – and lives its life to the fullest in the process. He said that people are the only ones that deal with time. He told me, "God doesn't even deal with time." He told me that when he dies that he would be reunited with his sons, daughter, brothers & sisters, and mom and dad – just as if nothing happened. He told me, "When you are in Heaven with God and with your family, you will look back on this life only as a blink. When I get to Heaven, my kids won't even realize that I was gone!"

And this, my friends, is the most profound Act of Faith that I ever heard in my life. By the way... he returned the ant to his scooter when he finished explaining.

Johnny confirmed this same Act of Faith when he spoke of Jessie. He had just dropped off the fish boxes in Charlevoix, and had cash in his pocket. He walked into the Villager, and ran into Eddie Maudrie and Jessie. After a few beers and a few stories, he parted, and Johnny told me: "I said to Jessie, 'Catch you later!' And that was the last time I saw him. But without time, Jessie



Many people are aware of the plight of the chimney swift, birds that nest and roost in chimneys. They were abundant in North America, but by the late 1980s, the number of swifts migrating to North America from the Amazon River Basin greatly declined.

A growing number of people across North America are building nesting towers and conducting Chimney Swift conservation projects in their own communities. Now the Charlevoix County Community Foundation is giving \$3,250 to expand the construction project on Beaver Island.



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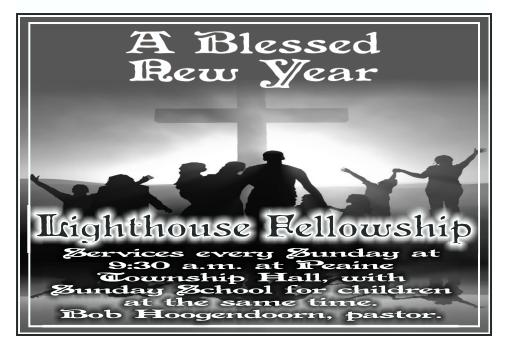
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knows that he will see me in just a few minutes. And I will see him, too."

Most of Johnny's stories were fun times. He spoke of caring for horses for Warren Townsed when he was 14-years old and spent the time as the only one on High Island through two long winters. He spoke of the great times when Hermie fixed breakfast every day for every kid on the Island before they went to school. He told (several times) of stories of fishing with Jimmy and turning dozens of boxes of whitefish into cash. They would leave Charlevoix in late afternoon, and tie off the wheel of the Sunny Don and drink beer all day until they finally fell asleep. They would all wake up when the boat beached itself somewhere on Sand Bay in the early morning hours. He loved those times, and I feel so privileged to hear of them.

Johnny is salt. Salt is mentioned many times in Holy Scripture. St. Matthew's Gospel refers to the "salt of the earth". And Johnny, as an Indian, cares for the Spirit of the land. All of us recognize salt. The salt-shaker is always on the table. It gets spilled & knocked over. Possibly falls on the floor, and gets kicked around. But when the time comes, and we want to use the



JOSEPH LAFRENIERE

Joseph LaFreniere, 70, of Hegwisch, IL, passed away December 20, 2012. "Little Joe" was the sixth of seven children of Pat and Liz (Floyd) LaFreniere, who lived in the home they built next to Pat's brother Archie on the King's Highway at the edge of town.

After finishing school on the Island he joined the army, and then went to work on the Ludington car ferry. He met Lois Micelli, Donna (McCafferty) Kubic's good friend who she brought with her to Beaver, fell in love, married her, and lived with her in Chicago until succumbing to cancer.

salt, we take it for granted and grab it. For you see, salt is this simple substance. And when salt is used in the proper proportion, it brings out the best of everything that it touches – without calling attention to itself. Johnny was my salt.

It has been almost 75-years now since Johnny was born on High Island. Paul & Isabel baptized him John Paul. And they also gave him his Chippewa name – Nangoshe, meaning 'Little Star.'

I can imagine the party in Heaven

right now. There's a bonfire, 37. fireworks, and of course great food and a few warm cans of Bush beer. As Johnny casually walks in, he is greeted, "Boozhoo, Nangoshe! Aniish na?" or "Greetings, Little Star! How are you?"

Today, we say, "Goodbye, Johnny!"

"Boozhoo, Nangoshe...... Ani"

"Farewell, Little Star."

And with Faith we say, "We'll catch you later......Ani"

—Patrick Nugent



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MDE announced the school has obtained the status of a "Reward School" and a "Beating the Odds" school. Beaver Island is one of 44 schools across the state to achieve this dual designation. "This proves our staff and students are very dedicated to getting

the best education possible," said Superintendent/Principal Kitty McNamara. "This is quite an accomplishment and demonstrates that our staff support different strategies to increase achievement for all our students."

McNamara attributes the following factors in contributing to the achievement of the two designations:

- high expectations of all students by school staff, families and community as a whole;
- a highly qualified staff, including 2 nationally board-certified teachers;
- low class sizes and use of data to modify instruction;
- school board members who are dedicated to students and families;
- a community-defined plan for 21st Century Learning on Beaver Island:



- a strong after-school program which includes homework help, private tutoring and enrichment; and
- a commitment to the use of varied technology to support, not drive the curriculum.

Reward Schools is one of three new school designations that came as the result of Michigan receiving flexibility to the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act from the U.S. Department of Education. "We applaud the hard work and achievement of the educators and students in our Reward Schools because they are zeroed in on improving learning," said state Superintendent of Public Instruction Mike Flanagan. "We need to instill that goal in so many more schools, in order to help all kids be career- and college-ready and successful in life."

Reward Schools include the top five percent of schools on the annual Top-to-Bottom ranking of all Michigan schools, and the top five percent of schools making the greatest academic progress over the previous four years. The 286 Reward Schools are located in 178 different school districts across the state. On top of this designation, Beaver Island Community School was identified as "Beating the Odds." This program recognizes Michigan schools that are finding ways to overcome identifiable risk factors associated with low student achievement.

Flanagan characterized that Beating the Odds schools

have found ways to work smarter and harder, not just harder. "They have good leaders, knowledgeable and prepared teachers who engage students and a commitment to involve and embrace parents and the community," he said.

Beaver Island Community School is a pre-kindergarten through 12th grade public school system with a current enrollment of 60 students. With a strong tradition of academic excellence and caring, the school follows a community-defined educational plan, 21st Century Learning on Beaver Island, to ensure that all students meet defined expectations.

The school boasts a high teacherto-student ratio, high academic standards, music and art programs, and outstanding access to technology, intramural and interscholastic sports.

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young, offered a different way to cope. BICS students held a candlelight vigil the Monday evening following that horrible event, with a cluster of 20 for the children

on shore, and a heart-shaped cluster on one of the new sandbars in front of the playground. Almost half the student body attended and everyone was moved.



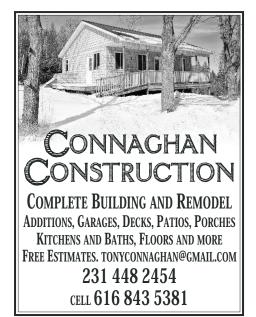


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40. THE CANDIDATES

The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education members narrowed the field of candidates for superintendent/principal to four at a special board meeting last week.

The four candidates selected for interviews are all from Michigan. The candidates are:

• Jennifer Verleger, Principal at Mt. Pleasant High School, Mt.

Pleasant

- Riley Justis, Curriculum and Technology Administrator at Hope Academy Schools, Detroit
- Melanie Allen, Multi-Tier Systems of Support Transition Coordinator at Holt Schools, Holt
- Greg Paxton, Superintendent at Beaverton Schools, Beaverton All interviews are open to the pub-

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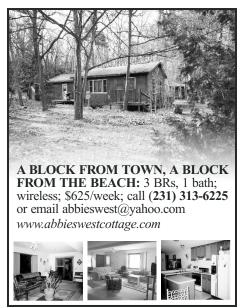
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lic and will be held in classroom 115. School Board President Jessica Anderson said the Board encourages the community to attend the public interview process. If time permits, public questions may be entertained.

"We were very pleased with the caliber of candidates who applied," Anderson said, adding that it was difficult to narrow down the number of can-

didates selected for interviews. "I want to thank each candidate for giving us the opportunity to review their applications," she said.

A total of 20 candidates applied for the administrative position, which is being vacated at the end of the school year by Kathleen "Kitty" McNamara, who has been superintendent for more than 24 years.







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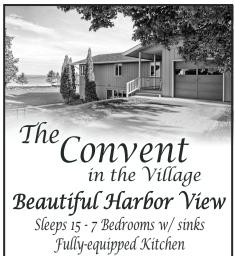
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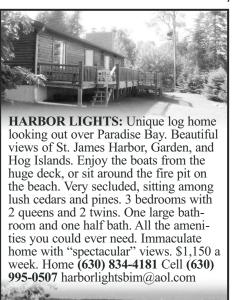


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