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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The Board announced that Don Welke had resigned as manager of the Transfer Station, and a search for his replacement would begin immediately.

The installation of electric heat had begun but was not completed, as the Board had wanted by mid-September. There were some complaints — until it was pointed out that although the Board motion had set a time limit, neither the bid posting nor the contract had mentioned it.

Ed Troutman was reappointed to the Planning Commission; his term had expired.

Bill Haggard reported that the low bid for removing the fuel oil tank and filling in the hole was \$475, but that the work had not yet been done.

To answer a question about the Harbor dredging, Bill Haggard said he had been calling since March without getting an answer — whereupon it was pointed out that several calls to his office were greeted with the buzz of a fax machine. It was mentioned that the UDA, the company supervising the project, has submitted a permit application, and the DEQ would be on the Island in a week to take core samples.

UDA wanted the Township to sign a professional services contract in which it would be paid \$30,000 (or more), but the Board wanted the document to state that

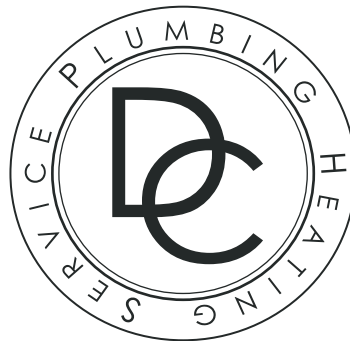
this fee would come from the grant and the Township would have no independent obligation.

Kirk McBride asked, on the behalf of the Port St. James POA Board, for a definition of "Green Space" as it is used on the new Wojan/Cashman map in conjunction with two lots owned by St. James Township at the west end of the Donegal Bay Road. The Board called on Ed Wojan, who was in the audience, to explain.

He identified the lots as 168 and 169, and said that a previous dispute had been settled by the Township's agreement not to develop them; there would be no picnic tables, campfire pits, off-road parking, volleyball nets, or a boat launch, and parking would have to be along the road. He said the "Green Space" designation was made on the map to support this agreement, and it simply meant the land would be left in its natural state.

He mentioned the restrictions imposed on public access to the Kuebler Trail's north end.

He said in 2001 the Township acquired other lakefront lots from the State, which had taken them back for taxes; in the process, the POA's restrictions had been extinguished, so the Township could do whatever was permitted by zoning. But it had refrained from any development out of a spirit of



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cooperation. He added that there were legal steps the Township could take to remove the restrictions on the two lots in question, but made it clear he was not recommending that at this time. He said he had consulted with the POA's attorney and had gone out of his way to satisfy him.

The supervisor commended Wojan for his presentation. The Board unanimously approved the "Green Space" designation for these two lots.

The Board discussed a recent memo from the Coast Guard in which it said the Fresnel lens in the Harbor Light Tower would be removed and replaced with an LED light of equal color and intensity. If the lens is moved, a "lampist" will come to disassemble it into three pieces.

The Fresnel Lens was removed from Beaver Head some time ago and shipped off the Island – possibly to Maryland, but nobody has seen it since.

The Lens had been offered to the Historical Society – if it would meet requirements for security, environmental controls, and public access. The Board favored an alternative location: in the small room on the Town Hall's SE corner, facing the Light Tower. It said it would be willing to meet the requirements, replacing all or much of the wood wall with glass and adding explanatory signage. The BIHS director said those Board members with whom he had

spoken agreed that, for now, the Town Hall was a preferable location. The Board passed a motion calling for the Lens to stay in St. James and favoring the Town Hall as its location if it is moved from the Tower. Don Vyse was appointed to represent the Township in this matter.

At a meeting on September 18th, five bids for reroofing the Public Restrooms were opened, ranging from \$3,061 to \$6,500. Steve Boyle's was the lowest and he was given the job, but two days later announced he was going to have surgery and could not fulfill the requirements. So the second-lowest bid, \$3,665, was accepted, and KM Contractors (Ernie Martin) was given the job, which had been completed, inspected, approved, and paid for.

At that same meeting the Board reversed its earlier decision to only accept the NRESC recommendations if Peaine adopted a blight ordinance, and accepted them with one stipulation: that before any project is implemented it must be approved by the Board.

Peaine Township

The Board discussed the matter of the library vacancy. A memo was distributed stating that the library board *could* make a recommendation about a new library board member although the joint township

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5. agreement for operating the library does not speak about this. In any event, the Peaine Township Board could choose the new library board member, which it did by selecting Kirk Welter.

The resignation of Don Welke as the Transfer Station manager and Jim Luteyn from the Trails Committee was noted; both positions were to be posted.

Angel Welke said the Transfer Station needed a new fork lift; its standby fork lift was broken and would

take \$18-\$22,000 to fix, while a Toyota had been located for \$31,000. It could become the new primary lift, with the current primary demoted to stand-by status. She said the Transfer Station had ~\$300,000+ in its savings, and asked permission to draw from this to make the purchase. The Board approved.

Sandy Birdsall said some members of the NRESC had recently met and were proposing to continue their work. They may modify the Bylaws and the mandate, and ask both Town Boards to

HEALTH CENTER SEEKS BOARD APPLICATIONS

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center is seeking applicants interested in serving on its board of directors. The board position will be filled at its annual meeting on Saturday, December 14, 2013. Board terms are for three years and directors are not compensated. The BIRHC board meets on a Saturday morning every third month. Directors are expected to attend most of the meetings, either in person or by speakerphone.

Candidates should be team players who will champion the cause of the

Health Center and be willing to contribute their time and talents to board activities, including fundraising. Full or part-time residents are encouraged to apply by letter to the BIRHC Selection Committee, P.O. Box 146, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

For more information, applicants may contact Managing Director Donna Kubic. Candidates should send or drop off a letter which states their interest and tells a little about themselves by the deadline of November 15, 2013.

IT'S THE WATER

Due to lower precipitation than usual (82%), Lake Michigan has been losing height. In mid-summer it had rebounded from dipping below its all-time low in

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approve. She envisioned the committee to have a different makeup, meet less frequently, and play more of an oversight role, trying to encourage other agencies to take on the enactment of parts of the recommendations which the Town Boards had previously approved.

The possibility of opening up some ORV trails was discussed. Proponents pointed out that these trails could be a great help in fighting a fire, searching for lost people, or helping people with medical problems. They thought some of

the two-track roads in the lower half of the Island were listed as county roads and thus might be used, since the county permitted ORV use on the far right-hand side – unless a road was specifically closed to ORV use by local ordinance. The northern part of King's Highway is the only road closed to ORV use on Beaver Island. The supervisor said the Board would not take any action to affirm this until it received a specific proposal.

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8. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

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

(Note: November 2 Put up sauerkraut; Nov. 1 - 3 Ideal to fair to rainstorm; 48 to 54 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 5, 1913 **Local News Briefly Told:** "James Martin of St. James lifted 10,106 pounds of trout Sunday."

"The barge *Rising Sun* from High Island, is in port this week loading apples, potatoes and hay."

Additional Local: "E. A. Nordrum spent Sunday and Monday at St. James, Beaver Island on business."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 6, 1913 **Marine Notes:** "The steamer *Beaver* was stormbound at the Island Sunday and Monday." (Note: F. Protar denotes the fierceness of the storms by the number of 'Fs' he uses. Nov. 4 - 6 FF storm, Wind SW 40 degrees; Nov. 7 - 8 Steady all day rain to FFF storm to blizzard, wind S to NW to N, 62 to 34 to 26 degrees; Nov. 9 - 10 FFF storm, wind NW, 22 degrees. November 11 Harry {F. Protar favorite horse} born April 8, 1885, died, served from May 4, 1893. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 12, 1913 List of Jurors: "Peaine township, Hugh P. Boyle; St. James township, Oscar Martin."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 13, 1913 **Front Page Stories:**

STORM OF BIG PROPORTIONS

The severest northwest gale of the year started on Saturday evening and continued with varying force until Monday morning, accompanied by snow which piled up in drifts knee deep in places. During Sunday night the registered velocity was 50 miles per hour, diminishing Monday morning to 40, and continuing at that velocity during the day.

A big chunk of the leeward corner of the south pier was washed away, the sea being tremendous.

A large section of the metal roof on Booker's garage was taken up. But the worst wreck was at the cottage of Miss Emma Bennett, on Michigan Avenue.

The steamer *Illinois*, during the gale, was sheltered at South Manitou, bound south; the *Missouri*, bound north, taking refuge at Ludington.

Telegraph and telephone service throughout a large section of the north was badly demoralized."

GREAT FISHING UNPRECEDENTED CATCHES GLUT THE WAREHOUSES - FISH BY THE TON GREATEST HARVEST ON RECORD RECENT YEARS

"If you had visited the Booth Fisheries Co. Warehouse in this city almost any day the past week you would have found manager Oluf Nordrum with overalls on shoveling crushed ice, and the largest force of men at work that ever congregated in the same place. The cause of all this was the enormous catches coming in from local fishermen and St. James. The oldest inhabitant can scarcely remember when, during a like period of time, so many fish were caught in the waters tributary to this port. The 'lifts' have been phenomenal. The weights have gone down in the books by tons. The steamer *Beaver* has had hard work to keep the St. James docks clear, coming over loaded every trip. On Friday she brought seventeen tons. In one lift the tug *Margaret McCann* brought into the harbor seven tons, the greatest lift she ever made. There have been several lifts of from two to three by local tugs, and the gasoline boats have come in with about all they could comfortably carry. The catch is chiefly lake trout, with a small percentage of whitefish and a few perch.

Fisherman attribute the large catch to the change in the close season period - heretofore for years the first week in November having been included in close season, but this theory is disputed by the fact that spawn gathering has been prosecuted during that period, and there are no such catches on record. One thing is certain, it proves the benefit of artificial propagation.

The Booth receipts of fish since the first of the month, when the open season began are sixty five tons; the Beutel Estate handled almost seventeen tons, and the Lake Superior Fish Co., which operates here with the tug *Arthur*, has about seven tons to its credit, making a total of eighty-nine tons that have come

through the bridge during the period given.

Eighty-five percent of these fish have gone into the freezers, the Booth Co. having three carloads of frozen stock now stored. Every boat and train takes out big consignments to Chicago. It is the greatest fish business ever done at this port for a like period."

CHANGE OF PRIESTS AT ST. JAMES

"Rev. James Malone, who has very acceptably officiated as priest of Holy Cross parish, Beaver Island, for several years, has been promoted to Big Rapids parish, and will leave for there this week. This will be very much regretted by the Beaver Island people, as the good Father has endeared himself to his people in an exceptional manner.

His successor is Rev. Father Jewell, who comes from Elk Rapids parish. Father Jewell is a convert from the Protestant Episcopal faith, having been ordained to the Catholic priesthood about two years ago. He was formerly rector of the Petoskey Episcopal church. He is a clergyman of excellent theological attainments, and will doubtless do good work.

The change will take a resident physician to the Island. A friend of Father Jewell, Dr. Branch, goes to the Island with him to locate. Dr. Branch was baptized by Father Jewell on the day he celebrated his first mass."

Local News: "Mrs. Mary Malloy, wife of Patrick Malloy, formerly of Beaver Island died at Manistique one day last week, aged 91 years. The remains were taken to Beaver Island for interment today."

"Dr. A. M. Wilkinson was called to St. James Tuesday afternoon to treat a bad case. Mrs. Gus Mielke was the patient, and she is reported as doing well after having an abscess in her throat lanced." (Note: Nov. 11 - 19 Fair to storm to rain; Wind SW, 30 - 35 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 19, 1913 **No Beaver Island related news.**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 20, 1913 **Front Page Article:**

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THE REASON WE'RE HERE

ANOTHER WEEK OF BIG FISHING

BIG STORM BROKE IN UPON THE BIG FISH HARVEST – LOSS OF NETS WILL REACH BIG FIGURES

"It is true that the large lifts of fish the past two weeks means large financial returns; but there is a corresponding risk, not only to property, but to life itself.

The round-up reveals a large loss of twine in the recent three days gale. Nearly every fisherman here and at Beaver Island suffered loss by having their nets riddled by the tremendous seas. The loss cuts a big chunk out of the profits.

Taking in the entire straits and Traverse Bay region is was the worst disaster that ever happened to the fishermen. Charlevoix fared well compared with other points. At Northport, St. James and other points some fishermen are about put out of business. The tug *Margaret McCann* lost a gang of new nets west of Fox Island; Frank Left, of St. James, lost a gang; Nelson & Jensen lost a gang of gill nets and a pound net; W. J. Gallagher lost a gang of gill nets and two pound nets, and James Martin lost a gang. The fishermen are out, when they can get out, grappling for their corks and leads. The effect on the late fall fishing is disastrous.

The heavy lifts have continued nearly up to this writing, the catches now showing a decreasing catch. It has taken a large force of men to dispose of the fish. Booth froze 17,000 pounds Thursday, and the shipments were large. Friday evening, Beaver Island had about 20 tons on hand. The steamer *Beaver* brought over 18 tons Saturday. Some very good lifts are reported – the tug *Parmalee* bringing in four tons.

There is much criticism of the new close season law. It is contended that the close season should extend to Nov. 15th instead of to Nov. 1st. While the present law means big fishing now, it does not accomplish what was intended. While fish in big values were caught, there has been destroyed millions of unripe spawn that might have been 'conserved' for future years. This is the opinion of the representative of the U. S. Fish Commission here, and conservative, fair minded fishermen concede it.

Local News: "Mr. A. T. Stewart, of the U. S. Fish Hatchery Service, is still engaged in securing trout eggs for the hatchery. About 10,000,000 eggs have been secured, and at least that many are wanted, and will probably be gathered if bad weather does not prevent. The spawn is being gathered by Charlevoix and St. James fishermen, W. J. Gallagher having charge of the work at the Island. The spawn is all being shipped to the Northville Hatchery where they will be stored until the first of March, when they will be returned here for hatching."

Beaver Island News: "H. P. Boyle and his bride arrived home last week from Escanaba."

"W. E. Parmalee, of Charlevoix, is putting in a portable sawmill on the south end of the Island."

"At the 500 party one night last week James Donlevy and James McCann won first prize—W. J. Gallagher and Mrs. Donlevy were not 'in it'."

"Lots of rabbits are being brought in by local hunters."

"Miss Rachael Donlevy returned from Chicago, after a month's visit with friends there."

"Ed B. Gallagher goes to Detroit this week to be married."

"Mrs. James Mooney is at Mercy Hospital, Big Rapids."

"John Williams and family returned to Chicago after a month visit here with friends."

"Mrs. Albon Smith of Charlevoix is here visiting her parents."

"Miss May Gallagher, of the Petoskey Hospital, is home on a visit."

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Cross, a son."

"Mrs. F. Dunlap, of Boyne City, is here visiting her mother Mrs. J. Johnson."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 26, 1913 **Front Page Article:**

TWO BOATS GO ON ROCKS

MEMBERS OF CREWS TAKEN OFF BOATS BY LOCAL LIFE SAVERS

"Heavy Seas Rolling Made Work of Tugs Releasing Boats Impossible

Saturday night the Life Savers were called to the rescue of the *Schnoden* in command of Captain Allers which went on the rocks about three and one-half miles north of Charlevoix at 7:30

o'clock. The crew of four was rescued and returned to the local station.

The *Schnoden* was on her way from Cross Village with a 20 ton cargo of grain for the Argo Milling company, of this city when she became lost in the fog. Tuesday the Life Savers went out with the tug *Parmalee* at 7:30 in the morning returning at 1:30 p. m. The seas were so high that the tug could not reach her to do anything.

At 11:00 o'clock Saturday night the life saving crew to the rescue of the *Arbutus*, the Booth Fisheries Boat and took Amos Webster off where she went aground on Big Rock Point. The *Arbutus* was returning from Northport. The life savers boat was taken up to Big Rock Point with a team of horses and the crew did not return home until 3:00 a. m. Sunday morning. At 9:30 a. m. the tug *Geiken* and the life saving crew went out to pull the *Arbutus* off, but were unsuccessful owing to the heavy seas and they returned at 3:30 p. m. Sunday.

Captain Partridge of the local station informs us that no more attempts will be made to release the boats until the lake is calm as the tugs can not get to either boat when the sea is rolling. He also informs us that no Particular damage has been done to either vessel so far as can be seen. Weather indications are pointing to northwesterly gales which will make the release of the stranded boats indefinite."

Local News Briefly Told: "Miss Mae (sic) Gallagher was in the city Saturday enroute from St. James to Petoskey where she is training in the Lockwood hospital."

Marriage Licenses Issued: "Hugh P. Gallagher, age 27, and Miria (sic) Malin (sic), age 24 both of St. James.

"Edward B. Gallagher, age 28, of St. James and Nora E. Berry, age 25 of Detroit."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 27, 1913 **Front Page Article:**

TWO BOATS STRANDED

"Booth's Gasoline Cruiser *Arbutus* and the St. James Barge *Schnoden* (sic) Piled Up on the Beach

The Booth gasoline boat *Arbutus* and the small coasting barge *Schnoden* lie on the beach north of this port total wrecks. The disaster occurred Saturday evening in the

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12. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 10.
dense fog which prevailed.

The *Arbutus* was bound hence from Grand Traverse Bay. Her whistle was heard off this port about five o'clock, but the wind being fresh on shore her master could not hear the fog bell.

The *Arbutus* was the best business boat of her class in these parts. Amos Webster was in charge, with Roy Ripley as engineer. She was owned by the Booth Fisheries Co., and was used for picking up fish at bay and straits points. She was insured.

The *Schnoden* was built by Gus Mielke at St. James last winter, and only went into commission in September. She was about 65 feet long and her boiler and engine was that which was formerly in the *Okenema*. She was on her way to this port with 500 bushels of wheat for the Argo Milling Co. from Cross Village.

Sunday afternoon both boats laid well up, but were leaking very little. But the terrific northwest gale of Sunday night made their condition uncertain. The tug *Geiken*, assisted by the life

saving crew, worked on the *Arbutus* nearly all day Sunday, but could not move her.

Later examination of both boats shows that they are comparatively uninjured. Both are resting easy. As soon as weather is favorable it is thought that both boats can be saved. The *Schnoden's* wheat cargo is in bags, and can be easily removed, when there will be little difficulty in pulling her off."

Local News: "C. H. Raber has gone to St. James to work a month on the boilers of the two Beaver Island Lumber Co. locomotives.

Beaver Island News: "Roland McCann went to Detroit on a visit."

"Mrs. Frank Dunlap returned to Boyne City after a week's visit with her mother."

"Howard K. Balch, of the American Net and Twine Co. of Chicago, called on the fishermen last week."

"May Gallagher returned to her work as nurse in the Petoskey hospital."

"Hugh R. Gallagher and Marie (sic) Malloy were married in Charlevoix Monday."

"Julia Gibson went to Onaway this week to visit her sister."

"John Stephens returned home from a seven week visit in Charlevoix."

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Belfy, a son." (Note: Nov. 20 - 30 Ideal to rain; many storms, much rain; 40 - 30 - 51 degrees. F. Protar)

COST OF HELP

So far this year, our EMS has made 60 emergency ground transports, for which it received a little over \$24,000. As of this August it has also assisted in 10 emergency air transports, for which it received another \$45,786 – but had to pay \$30,390 to the air carrier.

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Second, 2 mills for road construction and maintenance was renewed 64 to 16 for five years (which will raise an estimated \$93,604 for the township for

the first year 2013.)

Third, 2 mills for the purpose of providing funds for the operation of the Island's Rural Health Center was renewed 65 to 15 for five years (to raise an estimated \$93,604 when first levied in 2013.)

Once again the 80 voters who cast their ballots reflected a strong interest in continuing to strengthen St. James' health, fire, and road services, important parts of our infrastructure.



"My name is Satori Shomin. I come here every summer with my grandparents to dance in the parade; sometimes my grandmother dances too (Irene Cornstalk) and my Auntie Alvina Napont. My Auntie lives here on Beaver Island. We love it here; my ancestors came from here.

I will be back again next summer.
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Green/McNamara Home - 26330 Carlisle Road

This home is just east of Kings Highway, past Forest View Apartments. All places you would regularly go to in town are less than a mile away. This home is almost 2,000 sq. ft. of living area. This 3-bedroom, 2-1/2 bath home with a lot of special additional rooms and features was built by Bob and Betty Pittman in 1983 as the ultimate retirement home. It has been the home of Michael Green and Kathleen McNamara and their daughters since 1994. The home sits on a 9.3-acre parcel, most of which is open or lightly wooded. It has a 30' x 50' steel-beam construction storage building. It also has a 24' x 42' horse barn. The barn has a hayloft that will hold 400 bales of hay; it has three stock stalls and doors to the pasture. There is also a chicken coop and rabbit area to the side of the barn. This Dutch-Colonial style home is a home built for energy efficiency and is very comfortable year-round. With things like three re-circulating pumps, four heating zones, 24 inches of attic insulation with 12 inches under the floors, and high quality thermal windows this home's oil fired/hot water central heating system is state of the art. Parts of the house were originally very formal in arrangement but are now comfortable family rooms. There is a large living room with fireplace. It has a lot of glass in the dining room, family rooms, and kitchen to the south side for passive solar heating in the winter. The kitchen has a lot of cupboards and a nice size pantry and kitchen fireplace. There are utility rooms, laundry areas, a "sun room", etc. The house has a 20' x 20' attached car garage with a connector room from the garage to the house with more cupboards and closets, chest freezers, etc. You have to go through this house to appreciate it. Ask Ed to give you a tour. There is an additional 11.3 acres with frontage on Beaver Harbor that could be purchased for an additional \$70,000 - if purchased with the house.

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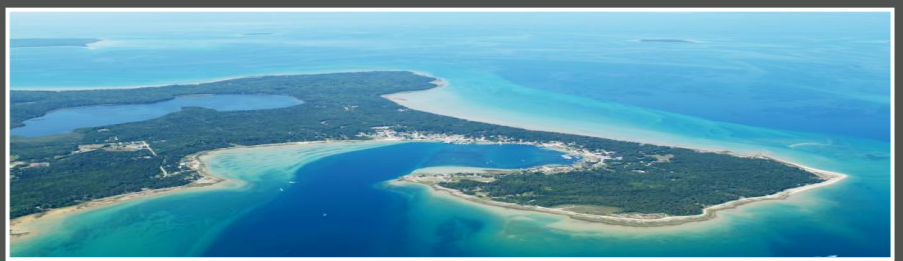
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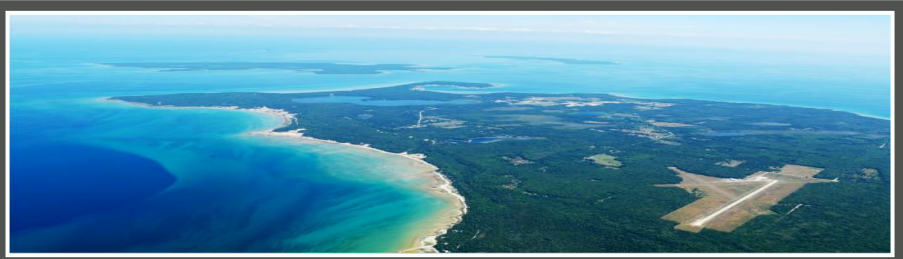
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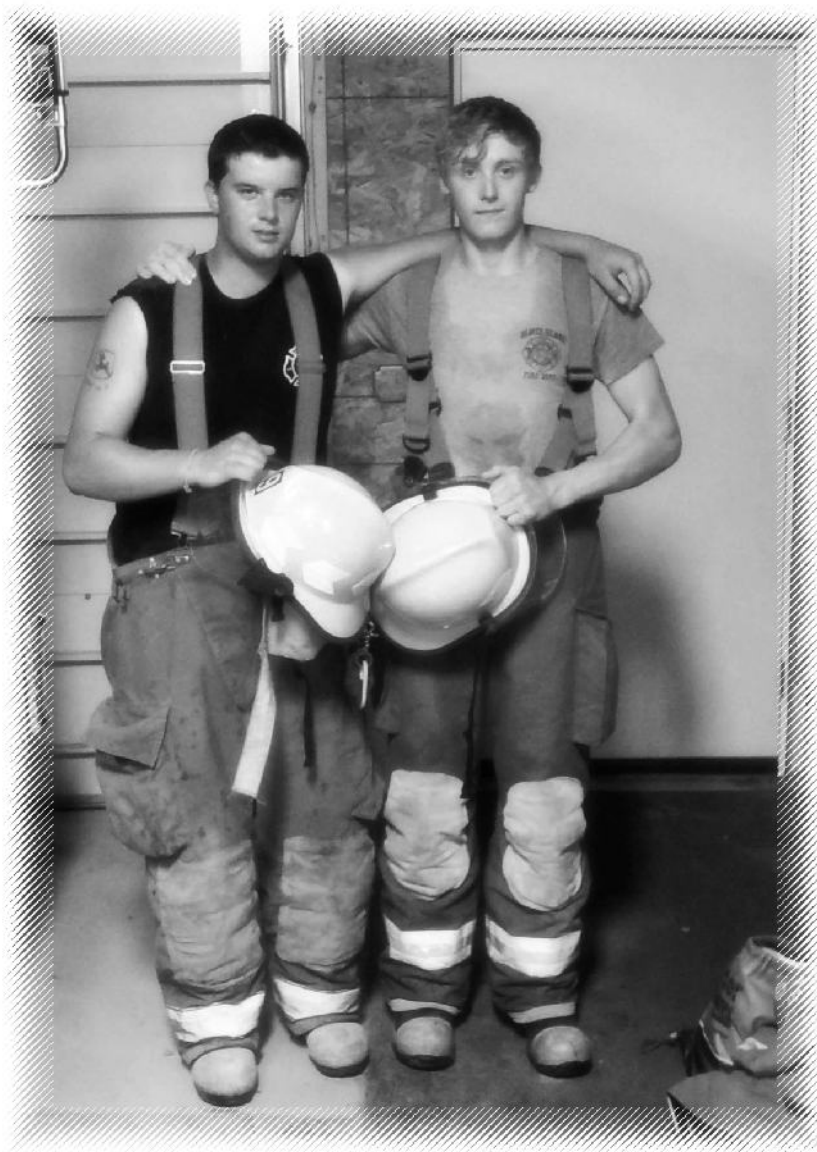


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FIRE SCIENCE CAMP

This summer, Jewell Gillespie Cushman, and Ron Marsh were given the wonderful opportunity to attend a fire science camp at Lake Superior State University. They have been training with the Volunteer Fire Department since helping at a fire last winter. The cost of this class was \$650.00 per student, which was paid for by The Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary. This camp would not have been possible without their generosity, as it meant they would have to take a week off of work, during the busiest time of the year. Their employers saw the benefit of them attending and

allowed them to go.

Ron and Jewell say, "the week started with becoming familiar with SCBA for it must be worn for all the training done throughout the week. Once familiar with SCBA the next step was to build muscle memory when donning it. This was done by constant practice. Throughout the rest of the week a lot of hands on training took place such as search and rescue, window hanging, climbing ladders, learning the trucks etc.. Also there was a lot of classroom time as well. During classroom time was when CPR/AED class was taken and also hours of videos where shown on different kinds of fire. At the time it was rough training for 9

hours a day but in the end it benefited us more than anything we have done before."

Ron and Jewell thought the experience was very valuable and are very grateful to the BIFDA for funding their camp. They would also like to thank the people who covered for them at work, and for Bill and Marty Jozwiak for transporting them back and forth. They are also Thankful to the Beaver Island Fire Department, for allowing them to be a part of their team.

Jewell and Ron have hopes of completing an EMT class this year. They are both interested in furthering their training for as long as they can with the Beaver Island Fire Department.

16. THOREAU'S CELL PHONE

by Peter Plastrik

Henry David Thoreau was a great walker long before he settled into the cabin he built alongside Walden Pond to escape, at least partly, from society and change his way of life. He took walking excursions of many days, keeping a journal and then publishing the results. Of course, in the 1840s walking or riding and driving horses were still the main ways to get anywhere on land. Railroads were just catching on—one steamed past the other end of the pond—and the first commercially successful bicycle was still decades away (in France).

Thoreau often walked from Walden Pond into Concord, Massachusetts, the village where his family and many friends resided. One way it was a two-mile stroll. That's a bit shorter than the distance that Deb and I live from the Village of St. James. Walk down our steep, rain-pitted driveway, alongside wondrous Donegal Bay, uphill a bit to the top of the ridge that's a high water mark for ancient lake levels, past shallow Font Lake and its swans and loons, around the skiddish S-curve, past the 80-foot high tower, and then it's a straight shot into town and, some would say, civilized society—from our door to McDonough's Market is about three miles. I've walked it, jogged it, and biked it, but mostly I drive it, spewing my

share of carbon into the Earth's warming atmosphere.

When I tell friends around the country about the Island, it must sound like I'm living in a Walden—removed from society, alongside an iconic body of water, roughing it in the near-wild. It's not a bad image to cultivate with city folks, but it's an exaggeration. There's a grocery store, a hardware store, a school, a health center, airlines and airports, ferry service, a library, a community center, churches, museums, township halls, a paved road, street lights, stop signs, cell phone service (in some places)—you name it, we've got it. Even the Internet, that modern blessing and curse, is here. (However, we don't have cell coverage at our home.) The Island way of life is different from the mainland, and especially from city life, but it's not unrecognizable.

That changed one Saturday in October. The familiar came crashing down around us, literally. In the middle of a big lightning storm that sped in from the west, a discharge of atmospheric electricity struck right next to our home. Deb screamed, the dogs jumped, and the phone system fried. Along with the phones went the DSL connection to the Internet. All of a sudden, we were cut off from the global human communications

grid: no landline with which to call anyone, no emails coming in or going out, no asking the Internet anything. A little nearer to Walden were we, and there we stayed for about 36 hours.

It wasn't hard to work around the problem. I drove into town and used my smart phone to alert the phone company and catch up with emails. But losing instant connectivity, now that was unsettling. At home, out of habit, I kept clicking on browser icons or checking for a flow of emails. Then I remembered the day, seven or eight years earlier, when I landed at Detroit Metro after working in South Africa. As I walked through the airport and waited for my luggage, I was bombarded by sounds and images—advertising. It wasn't anything unusual, except that I had traveled without a computer or cell phone, and there wasn't anything to watch on the TV at the hotel. And I'd been gone two weeks, long enough to lose my insensitivity to the blazing sights and blasting sounds that surrounded me wherever I went. When I started my car, more noise shot out of the car radio. When I drove down the highway, billboards and neon lights met my eyes. Absence had made me sensitive to what I had barely noticed before, and I didn't like what I was seeing and

LETTERS: THE ISLAND OF STRANGE

I recommend the "The Island of Strang(e)" [DVD] by Amanda Trudell, recently graduated

from the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan. The movie is a historical documentary about James

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In the spring of 1862, Thoreau rode a train to Detroit and then Chicago, heading to Minnesota in the hope that the dry air there would ease the tuberculosis that had long afflicted him. Would he have wished that he could book passage online? When he arrived in St. Paul would he have wanted to check his phone for local restaurant reviews? When he had lunch with the state geologist would he have wanted to Google the man's name before the meeting? When he saw volunteers training at Fort Snelling for the Civil War would he have wanted to tap an app

and read the latest Washington gossip? When he visited the Sioux agency where Indians performed a ceremonial dance would he have wanted to shoot a video on his phone and instantly share it with hundreds of friends? (Would it have gone viral?) When he sailed from Milwaukee to Mackinac City on the *Edith* would he have complained when the propeller ship moved out of cell tower range? Would he have wanted to search a digital map for the location of Beaver Island to the south? When he realized that the trip had not helped his health, would he have wanted to tweet the news to his followers?

Thoreau's trip across northern Lake Michigan carried him through the view from my house on Donegal Bay. Other historical figures preceded him there: Jean Nicolet, in 1634, was the first European to arrive, on his presumed way to China. Alexis de Tocqueville, the French aristocrat, traveled in 1833 to Green Bay in search of insight into America's exceptional democracy. Douglass Houghton, the U.P. explorer, Michigan geologist, and Detroit mayor ambled along the shore in 1841. With the nation's westward expansion the route became busier, so 50 years after Thoreau's passage, the federal government built Seul Choix Lighthouse on

Lake Michigan's northern shore to protect mariners.

In the fall, after the trees shed their leaves, we can see the Seul Choix light from our home. A few years ago, Deb and I drove over the Mackinac Bridge and visited the lighthouse. From the tower, we used binoculars to see Beaver's northwest shoreline. With a line of sight to the house, I used my cell phone to call our son, David, who was in our home. When he answered, I also had a line of sound to the house. There was something indescribably exhilarating—electrifying, even—about being connected physically, but remotely, to another person in another place across miles and miles of water. The distance is unwalkable and nearly unfathomable, yet it's often traversed.

Thoreau's *Walden* isn't a manifesto against technology or progress. It's an example of a way to live—unplugging, moving oneself far enough away from most of society's busy-ness so that a different sensitivity to the world becomes possible and this, in turn, feeds one's reflection—feelings and thoughts—and stirs the dark, creative energy within. When lightning strikes and severs the links, this is where you can end up, even if only briefly. Even on Beaver Island.

issues. DVDs of the film are available for sale at \$15 per DVD with \$3 for shipping. Please contact Trudell at

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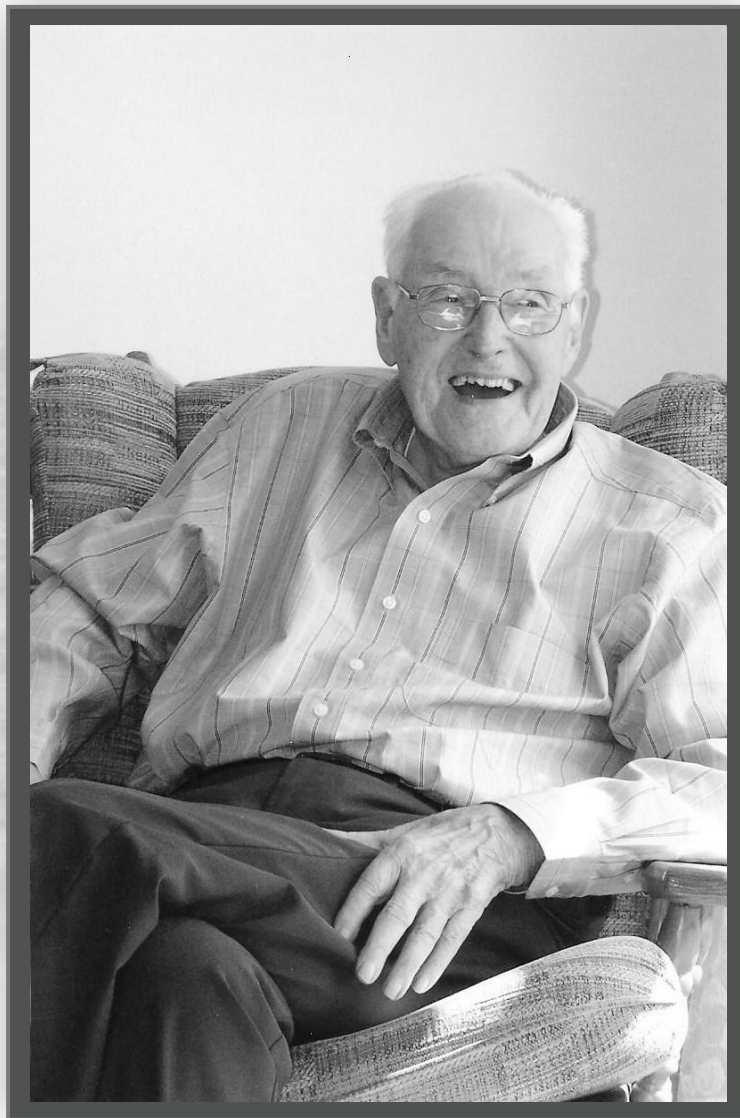
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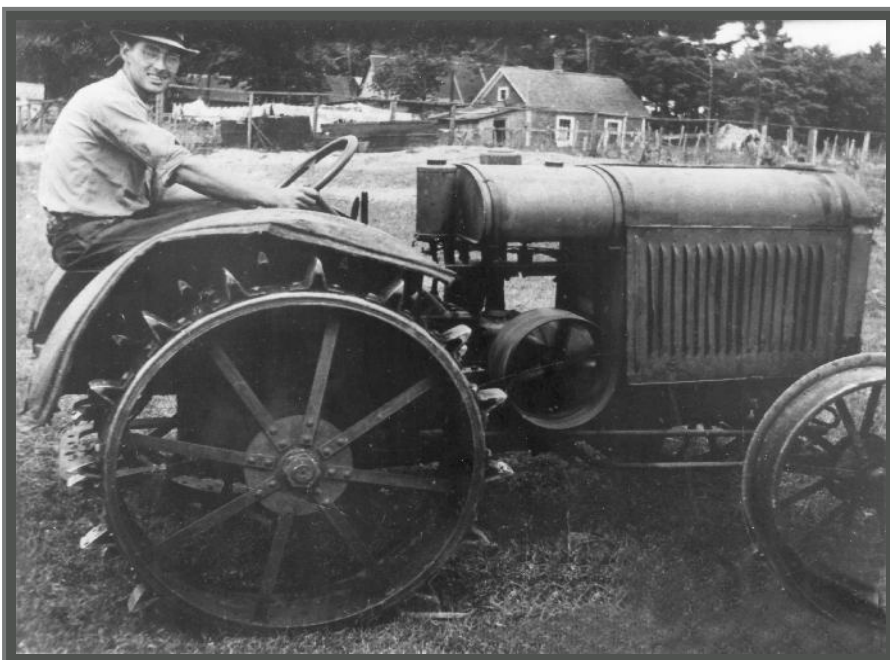
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HAPPY 99TH BIRTHDAY, LAWRENCE MCDONOUGH

The community is invited to stop by Lawrence's house on November 15th from 3-5 p.m. for his birthday celebration.







ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago Beaver Head Lighthouse received a *Save our Treasures* grant of \$150,000 for its planned restoration. It had previously received \$257,000 from the Clean Michigan Initiative – Waterfront Development Program.

The school received a \$10,000 grant to help strengthen and showcase the unique arts and culture of Michigan's rural communities through community-based collabo-

rations relating to community or regional arts, history, and culture.

L. D. Ryan played his sax and his piano to entertain the 300 participants in the first Bite of Beaver.

The BI EMS expressed its disappointment that after their 16-year partnership,

plans for the new Health Center did not include space for them. The BIRHC Board chairman responded that 400 ft² would be set aside for them.

Nine residents of Washington Island were flown here by Paul Welke, and spent the day examining the similarities and differences between us and their home.

Mike and Sharon Hurkmans began hosting karioke parties.

Beaver Island's tinker, Dick Winnick, who had been living in a





10' x 16' shanty at Joe Nuke's property for two decades, unplugged his extension cord and had his home towed by a loader to a new location.

Four years after the appearance of *Volume 4*, the next edition in this series (which was established by the Bicentennial Committee) appeared. Many of the articles focused on the dangers of living here, on the fickleness of the weather which produced a litany of shipwrecks or required such extraordinary measures as hauling the mail by

sled across the ice.

Twenty Years Ago The headline announced that Ross Perot had beaten George Bush Sr. on the Island – by one vote. The referendum to revoke the 200' rule for R-1 property was defeated by 70 votes. The two new Supervisors, Joan Petrak in Peaine and Neal Boyle in St. James, both said their primary agenda was to improve the roads. Rich Gillespie, elected to the County Commission, also rated this as important, and said he would try to get a

handle on whether Beaver Island was receiving its fair share of funds coming into the county (such as for a County Transit bus) as well.

The School supplied its Honor Roll, which included nine members of the second grade.

The Chamber of Commerce printed the names of their 45 business members and 32 associate members; their "annual hunter's dinner" drew 76 people, who particularly enjoyed the elk enchiladas.



On This Date, continued from page 21.

The Tennis Court Committee listed the 40 donors who had contributed \$4,860 towards the project. The Boat Company said passengers were down by 5% but freight was up enough so the total revenue was the same as the previous year.

Kevin White's performance at the Denmos Museum received a glowing review. Plans were announced for a Community Christmas Tree, and a candlelight walk and caroling. Island Airways once again flew in over 100 pumpkins, purchased by Paul and Ellen Welke. Dana Gillespie (Hodgson) returned home from five weeks in Europe, glad to be back.

A profile of Murray and Wave Wanty included their story of enjoying a fish fry at the Parish Hall when a fire broke out. Instead of succumbing to panic, the tables were moved outside and the meal continued as the firemen arrived, went to work, and put out the blaze. In exchange they were invited to sit down and have dinner.

Thirty Years Ago People are still talking about the Halloween party at which Rick Speck dressed up as a Playboy Bunny and won first prize. Other winners were Laurie McGlocklin and principal Barb Rakowski. The CMU Orchestra performed (under the direction of Mike Scripps) at the Holy Cross Church. The Sweet Adelines sang at the Regional Meeting in Flint. The volunteer firemen received more training. The Junior Class raised funds by selling princess pine wreaths.

ET, the school biology experiment (a basilisk lizard), was the only hatching from a group of eggs. When it became apparent there would be no

other births, the students proposed dissecting the eggs. Darrell Butler did the honors, after which a funeral was conducted for ET's stillborn brothers. KK Belfy made the casket and Amy Green created a tombstone. Robert Cole said a few words at the grave.

Obituaries included Ed Demorest, Peaine Township Supervisor who died in office, and Lil Gallagher's sister Mary Green, who had taught at the Greenetown School in 1925.

Forty Years Ago After a school trip around the Island for the 1st- and 2nd-graders, and a tour of the Big Rock nuclear generating station for the High Schoolers, the 3rd- through 8th-graders had a two-day outing to Mackinaw City. Phil and Lil Gregg and Bill and Marge Wagner were the chaperones. They visited Fort Michilimackinaw, drove over to St. Ignace, and stayed at the Wilderness State Park, where the Conservation Officer gave a talk and showed a film about the park's endowment. The next morning, while eating a hearty pancake breakfast, the Island kids saw a skunk outside the mess hall window.

Milt Bennett's friends finally caught him and forced him to ... celebrate his birthday, which he'd refrained from doing for almost ten years. To make up for it they threw him an old-fashioned Polish Party, a three-day affair starting with a turkey dinner followed by broiled steaks the next night and then a whitefish fry. Just enough tippling was done to float the food down. Bucky Vreeland and Joe Kilmartin were present for the entire shindig, but don't remember a thing.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* reported that for the third time this year a Coast Guard boat was found washed

up, this one, 54' long and in good shape, at Cable's Bay by Ralph Rutt and Island turtle king Milt Bennett. They wanted to move it to Lake Geneserath to give excursions, but Charlie Martin also wanted it. Before the dispute could be settled, the Sundew arrived to claim it.

Karl Keubler, our Conservation Department's officer, was single-handedly (this is literally true) improving the Township Airport, digging up stumps and hauling them away in his pick-up. He had thinned the surrounding woods, improved the access road, and started to widen the N/S runway. While he worked he registered the planes to land. His list topped 400, and he felt he'd missed another 400 while attending to his many other duties.

In game news, 257 of the 458 allowable deer permits were issued. The previous year's stocking of Fox Lake with rainbow trout was so successful that this year 3,000 brown trout were added. Fishermen were warned that when baiting up, if they were in a boat they should kneel down and apply the worm to their hook under the seat, or if they were on shore step behind a tree, because the new fish were desperately hungry.

Two bold hunters arrived on the *Beaver Islander* and were driven to Donegal Bay, where they launched their 12' motorboat for a sojourn on High Island. Two days later they did not return to the prearranged pick-up point, and people began to worry. It turned out their motor quit, so they attempted to sail back, using a blanket for a sail. Having no oars, they were unable to steer, but luckily were blown ashore near Bonner's Landing.

THE ISLAND CARES

Once again Eric and Dana Hodgson stepped forward to help out a community member in need – this time Pam Chapman, who had fallen off a ladder and ended up with compression fractures of her lumbar spine. Pam is in a back brace and in a great deal of pain.

On October 21st Eric and Dana put on a wonderful Italian Buffet that included pizza, salad, spaghetti, and cheesy bread, plus several desserts. The

Shamrock Bar and Restaurant was packed with no empty seats. Several families had to wait for a table, and everyone commented on how good the food and desserts were.

Pam Chapman posted on Facebook: "Just a few things to say, this Island is unlike any other place I've ever known. And what makes this Island is the people here. Dana and Eric, you go out of your way to help people in need.

And I can't thank you guys enough for what you do for people in this community. I never thought in this twenty-six or so years of work I would fall off a ladder but I did. And this community was like angel wings wrapping around me."

The 147 people attending the event raised \$3,300 to help Pam with her medical expenses – thanks, again, to Eric and Dana.

24. "GENTLY USED, BARELY USED, LIKE NEW"

The Transfer Station is no longer able to accept cloth as part of the recycling program. This change has a direct affect on the operation of Island Treasures Resale Shop. Previously, when we received donations of clothing that were stained, torn, or otherwise unusable, we would take them to the transfer station where they were recycled for free. Now, because of a change of Transfer Station policy, the rejected clothing items must go into a \$4.00 "green bag"

Transfer station employees, Bob and Amy, told us that over half of the

volume of cloth that they handled, over the years, was generated by the resale shop. Now, the resale shop must absorb the cost of the four dollar green bags. To help defray the added cost we will have to raise the prices of clothing and linen items.

We are asking our generous donors to carefully sort each donation of linens and clothing. Items must not be stained, torn, or frayed. Please check that buttons and zippers are working. Clothing is accepted in season.

The Resale Shop, including Carol's Barn, is open Thursday through

Saturday from noon until 4:00. If you need help at other times, just call.

People frequently ask about "big" donations. We do not accept mattresses, upholstered furniture, large appliances, computers, or TVs.

We are happy to serve our community and financially aid our first responders. Thank you for the decades of support and encouragement.

FYI- We have been at the Donegal Bay Rd. location for 6 years! Time flies when you are having fun!

Call Donna at 448-2797.

MULCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

So you think you know what makes Beaver Island special. You say it's the natural scenery, the laid-back pace, the lack of pretense, the people who wave, the people who smile at you, the long, long summer days, the good food, the boating, the events and the Beaver Island Transfer Station mulch.

Well, you'd at least be right about the mulch, because you can do so much with it, AND the whole scene at BITS is

so totally cool! First you get to watch the HUGE loader as it torques left and right and up and down all at the same time. It's like a slo-mo of Michael Jordan driving for the paint, then springing up, faking left and fading back for a jump shot. And then there's getting to chat with Amy and Bob while searching for treasures in the recycling bins!

Once you get home with your mulch you can smother weeds with it, bulk up

your compost, fill in holes and low spots on your property, protect erosion prone areas of dunes, and hide unsightly things like septic tank tops and all those annoying Beaver Island Parking Tickets.

You can make pathways and even driveways. This keeps so much sand from being tracked into the house. You can cover tripping hazards like tree roots and uneven rocky paths, and you can



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field day where the students practiced firing a rifle, loading and unloading and safe handling of firearms, and archery. After lunch the students then met with the instructors who reviewed material and tested them, and the CO officer, who discussed legalities of hunting with them. All of the fifteen who attended the Field Day achieved their Hunter Safety certificate, including two adults and thirteen kids; the youngest two were 9 years old! Congratulations to them all!

A special thank you to John Clevenger, Ron Svoboda, and Andrea

Erratt who took the time to come over that day. Also, special thanks to the School, which allowed them to use a classroom for the afternoon and excused the students from classes. More thanks go to the helpers—Don Tritsch, Travis Williams, and Dan Burton—who spent field day morning aiding the instructors. And finally, thanks to the Wildlife Club for pursuing this and paying for their flights to come over and finish the coursework with the students.

—Jacque LaFreniere

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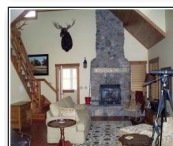
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Thanks to Dave and Sue Avery, five Beaver Island students were able to compete in their first Taekwondo tournament on Saturday, September 28th in Kalamazoo, MI. The Taekwondo class, taught by Dave and Sue, began as an after-school program in 2012 and continued throughout the summer. The kids trained hard, breaking boards, sparring each other, and wielding

knives and swords throughout their forms programs.

Their hard work paid off when they came home with a total of 15 medals for the group. The group was comprised of two tenth graders, Sarah Avery and Ryan Boyle; two seniors, Erin Boyle and Jewel Cushman; and one seventh grader, Forrest Avery. Forrest and Ryan won gold medals in events that qualify them to participate in the upcoming

Junior Olympics. Congratulations to all and keep your feet and fists flying!

Bermuda sent its National squad to the tournament in Kalamazoo in order to qualify for its standings for national ratings. Because Forrest is a dual citizen, and won gold in forms, he is now a member of Bermuda's Junior Olympic Team and is eligible to compete in the World Cup and the Junior Olympic games.

DO YOU NEED A HELPING HAND?

Eighteen years ago two Island residents teamed up to bring compassionate care to residents in need. For many years the group, consisting of volunteers, used the name Beaver Island Hospice and Helping Hands. We had recognized the need for services that needed to be extended to anyone in need, not just the dying patient. In more recent years Munson Hospice became a reality and that care is administered by the nursing staff of the Rural Health Center. Seven volunteers have been trained to offer respite care.

HELPING HANDS still exists with many of the volunteers serving both teams. Our services are offered to any Island resident in need. Our services are confidential and varied. This includes running errands, grocery shopping, an occasional meal or even taking someone to visit a friend or out to eat lunch. We offer respite care for the caregiver. Occasionally we might be requested to write a letter for a client, walk the dog, or play cards. In short, we will help in many little ways to bring comfort to those in needs.

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"Got no checkbooks, got no banks. Still I'd like to express my thanks - I've got the sun in the mornin' and the moon at night."

—Irving Berlin

Here it is, November: that "thanksgiving" time of year.

Thanksgiving has never been one of my favorite holidays. In fact, it's pretty close to the bottom of the list. There's too much emphasis on food. And football. It seems there are always too many family members...or not enough. The folklore surrounding Thanksgiving is a bit sketchy...and one-sided. I find the legend of Pilgrims and Indians having a lovely meal together a little sad. We all know how that story ended. Then there's the whole "count your blessings" thing. It feels a bit contrived.

Of course I have my "list" of things I am grateful for. I just hate to shed too much light on them, for fear they'll be snatched away. I'm not good at looking at the bright side. It feels unrealistic and naive. Pollyanna-ish. A good dose of cynicism seems a more intelligent approach. A pessimist is rarely disappointed in an outcome, but is occasionally pleasantly surprised.

One year, inspired by an appearance by Sarah Ban Breathnach (author of *Abundance: A Daybook of Gratitude and Joy*) on the *Oprah* show, Mom got me her book for Christmas.

"Just read it, Cindy, and sincerely give it a try! Just give it a chance, and see if your life doesn't improve..."

I say things like that to my daughters when it seems they are struggling or unhappy. I suggest books or programs that might help to make sense of the chaos their lives seem – to me, from this distance – to be in. Even over the telephone, I can almost hear the sound of their eyes rolling, they do it with such vehemence!

A talk like that was rare from my mother, though, and I listened.

I read the book, as she requested, and started a "gratitude journal." Not being one to throw away perfectly good paper, I have it still. It looks like I was pretty faithful about writing down the things I was thankful for from April 9, 1996 through May 10, 1996. There is one entry in December of that year, then a long interval until July 24, 2001...then February 3, 2002...then February 1, 2005, where the first entry is, "I'm grateful I didn't let 3 *entire* years go by without keeping up with this." Very funny. I kept up the daily practice, then, for another five days. That's it. I'm not even a quarter of the way through the book!

What is even more startling than my lack of dedication to the task, is my pathetically negative attitude.

I have my moments.

"I am glad to have two beautiful,

sweet daughters"

"...my friends and family"

"...my grandchildren"

These sentiments repeat frequently enough, as well as gratitude for a package, a letter, a good book, a sunny day, a fresh snow, a warm cat curled beside me, the arrival of Girl Scout cookies...

I am sincerely grateful that I at least noted these good things because mostly my gratitude journal is shameful.

"I wasn't totally depressed today"

"I'm so glad the tire didn't go completely flat"

"My hair looked okay for a change."

"I did not sit home alone feeling sorry for myself tonight"

"I'm glad I left the party before I got even more depressed"

"I am grateful to have made it through the day"

"I feel okay today"

"I'm glad the green paint doesn't look so bad on the bed frame"

This is like the "Dark Side" of gratitude!

It's no wonder I didn't keep up with it...I was horrible at it!

Now complaining...that's another story. I'm awfully good at that. Most of us are, I've noticed. We grumble about the weather from too hot to too cold, and the conditions from rain to ice to dust. We grouse about our jobs and our





Hunting's Field



Blueberry Ridge on Fox Lake

Off Martin's Bluff

lack of jobs, our lack of money and the cost of everything. We whine about being too busy or of not having anything to do, of having too many people around or of being lonely. More than two hundred years ago, Abigail Adams wrote to her husband, "Grumblers...there always was and there always will be." Boy, she was right about that!

Have you noticed, though, that nobody really wants to listen to complaints? There are those who will tell you how to fix the problem ("Just quit that stinkin' job!") or try to fix it for you ("Do you want me to give her a piece of my mind?"). Others will try to say it's not a problem at all ("Yeah, three feet of wet snow...that's nothin'!"). Then there are the people who will tell you why you have no right to complain ("So you're dead broke and have no job...at least you've got your health!").

My mother was a master at that tactic. She combined Anthropology, Geography and History - with guilt - to take away any notion that we had a right to be dissatisfied with our lot in life...or our dinner, for that matter. Children were starving in China, crowded in India, and living with a complete lack of privacy in Africa. A hundred years ago, children our ages were working sixty

hours a week in dark factories and we dare to grouch about a few chores? My little brother, David, once - when faced with some disgusting thing he was supposed to eat and too young to realize there was no winning over her logic - brightened and said, "Mama! We could send *this* food to China!"

Mom was great at counting her blessings. My sister, Brenda, has taken it even further, turning the negatives into positives, insisting that there's a good reason for every occurrence and that something better is always on the way. I telephoned her once, sobbing and devastated over a break-up. "Now, aren't you glad that happened?" she asked, "Much better now than after you got more attached!"

"I've gotta go," I murmured, "I think I have to call Chris."

My friend, Chris, has been the one I have turned to for the last thirty years, whenever circumstances get me down. I can rant, weep and whine to my heart's content. She doesn't try to get me "over it," she doesn't try to fix it and she sees no silver lining. Chris may offer a half-hearted, "Things will all work out"...but that's it. If you ever really need to complain, Chris is the one to call!

I realize, though, that I am too quick to see the bad and much slower to notice

the good all around me. I have long 33. anecdotes about my beat-up Island cars, but I have two good vehicles now, generously given, that I have hardly mentioned. I can whine at length about the job I didn't get, without a single mention of the eight jobs that sustain me. I walk nearly every day of the year; every day that I walk through rain or ice or clouds of mosquitoes, it's worth a mention. I wonder how many glorious days I've walked out in...without paying attention to what a blessing it was.

I'm going to turn it around. Rather than have one official day per year for being thankful, I suggest one day per year for grumbling. I'll call it "Complaints-giving." Nothing will be held back. I will gripe and moan all day. I will vent until I'm sick of it, until I've said it all, no holds barred. I may have to have Chris on "speed-dial." Then, I'll wake up the following day, and every other day of the year, and notice all the good things. Every sunrise. Every smile, and wave, and kindness. Each and every blessing, of which there are many in my life. I'll watch for the good things; I'll pay attention and notice them. Maybe I'll even start writing them down again.

I still have plenty of pages to fill in that gratitude journal, after all!

—Cindy Ricksgers

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

This year's Holiday Bazaar will take place on Sunday, November 17, 2013, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Gregg Fellowship Center. Letters with reservation information are available at Jean Kinsley's real estate office, the Community Center, and the District Library. Reservation forms must be returned by Monday, November 11, 2013. Telephone or personal contact reservations are not accepted.

In the tradition begun several years ago, the Beaver Island Food Pantry will be serving home-made soup for a donation.

Also, in the tradition begun several years ago, each vendor will donate an item for a drawing. Tickets for this drawing will be sold for 25 cents. Funds raised from this drawing will be donated to the Beaver Island Food

Pantry.

There will be a few additions to the bazaar this year:

1. There will be a decorated Christmas tree just inside the door. If you bring a canned good to donate to the Food Pantry, you will get 1 free ticket for the drawing mentioned above. If you bring an unwrapped toy to put under the tree, you will receive 2 free tickets for the drawing. The donated toys will be given to Island children for Christmas. Other gift items placed under the tree will be gratefully accepted.

2. There will be an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" parade at 12:00. Prizes will be awarded in 2 categories: "Adult" and "Kids of All Ages".


Winners will be selected by bazaar attendees.

3. There will be a table where young children can write and mail a letter to Santa.

4. Vendors will be participating in "Vendor Wars" (someone has been watching too many "Storage Wars" episodes!) Bazaar shoppers will have an opportunity to vote for the most festive display table.

For more information, contact Judi Meister (2963) or Jean Kinsley (2856) or Judy Boyle (3189).

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When the Lake gets rough, it's not unusual to find a freighter tucked into the Island's lee for safety along Sand Bay. Photographed on a stormy October day from the Bill Wagner Campground, this is the 40-year-old 650' *Algoway*, which carries 24,000 tons of cargo – frequently salt – at her maximum mid-summer draft of 28 feet 10 inches. (She went aground

in 2001 and 2005.) She's a powerful ship, with 8,000 horsepower able to move her at up to 16 knots.

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IN MEMORY: JOHN JAMES BOYLE

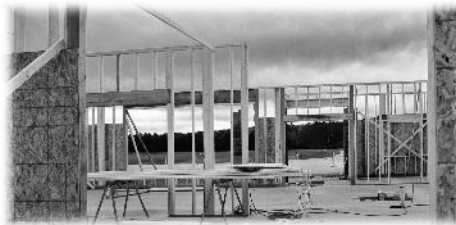
John James Boyle, 74, passed away unexpectedly but peacefully at his home in Bloomington, Minnesota on October 19th, of natural causes.

John is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Marge, of Bloomington. He also leaves behind his children Michael Boyle, Stacey Boyle Ng (Ben), and David Boyle (Donna), and his five beloved grandchildren, Isabella and Aidan Boyle, and Griffin, Connor and Charlotte Ng, all of California.

John came from a large family. His parents Jack and Bea Boyle predeceased him, as well as his sisters Sharron Simpson (Neil) and Grace Matela (Ray). John's remaining ten siblings survived him as well: Morris Boyle (Sally), Don Boyle (Chris), Neal Boyle (Connie), Bernie Boyle (late wife Kathy), Steve

Boyle, Tim Boyle, Pat Boyle, Theresa Gacek, Jean McDonough (Gary), and Susan Heynig (Doug). John is also survived by many cousins and other extended family.

John was born on Beaver Island February 23, 1939. In the early 1940s, he moved to Chicago with his family, and in his youth he worked alongside his father Jack in his construction company. John attended Mt. Carmel and Breman high schools, and Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, where he graduated with a degree in engineering in 1961. Upon graduating, he took his new bride Marge and their baby Mike across country to Los Angeles to work in the aerospace industry in the 1960s. Children Stacey and Dave followed. John worked at Douglas Aircraft, later



AIRPORT PROGRESS

Despite the rainy and cold weather, the new Airport terminal is moving forward. And although there were several unexpected line item changes in the budget, at this point it seems the initial cost expectation will be met.

The work is so impressive that it was the focal point of a tour recently given to four MDoT representatives by BITA,

which hopes to procure funding for a new ferry. Other feathers in our cap to which they were taken were the Transfer Station, Rural Health Center, Senior Housing/EMS, School, Library, the BIBCo Parking Lot/Storage Building, the Fire Hall, the Community Center, the CMU Boathouse, Light Renovation, the County Garage, and the Ferry Dock.

McDonnell Douglas, as an aerospace engineer for many years, including many seminal aerospace projects, such as the Apollo rockets to the moon. In the 1980s John went to Hughes Helicopters. He and Marge remained in Los Angeles until 1990. With the kids in college, John and Marge relocated to Minneapolis for a job at Honeywell. They remained in Minneapolis thereafter. John worked at Honeywell where he was Director of Precision Weapons. He also worked at Alliant Tech Systems, and then SAIC until his retirement in 2009.

John was an accomplished man in many areas. From home repairs and improvements, to coaching his kids' basketball and football teams, John was a great husband and father, always devoted to his family. He was an

insatiable reader, and a dedicated follower of his Chicago home teams, from the Cubs to the Bears. Coming from a large and enthusiastic Irish family, John loved a good argument and a spirited debate. In his younger years, he enjoyed golf and was hoping to be able to get back onto the course. John cherished his Irish heritage, and had deep ties to Beaver Island. He loved the water and could sit all day enjoying the view, whether bay, lake, or ocean, despite never learning to swim! Most of all, the great love of his life was Marge, together 53 years, who was selflessly dedicated to caring for him through a series of health setbacks in the last few years.

John was a towering figure to family and friends, and a good man of deep integrity. He will be dearly missed.



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BACKHIGHWAY CABIN, GREAT IN TOWN LOCATION - Newly remodeled. Close walking distance to anywhere in town. Sleeps 5 plus a baby crib if needed. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, futon in one of 2 living areas. No pets please. Reasonable rates at: Memorial day to Labor day, \$600 wk. Early May, September and October, \$400 wk. Contact: Linda (231) 448-2330 or (231) 330-4156. lindamcd50@hotmail.com

THE GETAWAY - 2BR, one bath recently renovated cottage in town on a quiet back street on Lake Michigan. Enjoy the sunset, the beach and the closeness to town all in one location. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com \$650/week.

A HOUSE RENTAL - Cute 2 bdrm house in woods near town, public beaches, and bike path. Screened porch. Washer, dryer. No pets, no smoking. \$595/week. Call (231) 871-0477.

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40 ACRES ON SCENIC WEST SIDE ROAD, SECLUDED - mature hardwoods with 2 driveways & small clearing, perfect for RV. Great hunting, privacy, & building potential. \$85k, terms available. (231) 360-0189, (989) 312-0850.

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

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

THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor. Four bedrooms, three with double beds and one with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer/dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733 or tammymcd107@yahoo.com.

7 PINES - Weekly Rental. Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer, linens not furnished, freshly remodeled, *DOG friendly*, \$850/week, Contact Gretchen Fogg at (616) 318-1424 or gabf24@gmail.com



FOR SALE: 90' OF BEACH FRONTAGE ON FONT LAKE:

Lot cleared for building: Lot 7 on Pine Chip Road, turn just past the Sub sign on the Donegal Bay Road. Marge Armstrong, (231) 448-2143 or (941) 729-2637 (cell).



GREAT VIEW OF LIGHTHOUSE TOWER AND ENTRANCE TO BEAVER HARBOR:

Lot For Sale 125ft on Michigan Ave. 96ft on Gull Harbor Drive. \$275,000.00, OBO/Terms. Also included older home 3 bdr / one bath / full basement / new well, for free with lot. Call (906) 632-0437 or email dgallagher@exede.net

June 21 – **BI Bike Festival**
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DEEP WATER HARBOR FRONTAGE FOR SALE - 66.5' Harbor Frontage; Deep Water; Space for four 45'+ Boat Slips; Main Street Frontage; 1570 ft² Building with Commercial/Residential Use; City Sewer; Option to purchase adjacent parcels; \$399,000. For more information Please Contact Jon Bonadeo at (231) 448-2489 or (231) 459-6861.

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

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

SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry. East Side Dr. - only 4 miles from town. Awesome sunrises - walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. No pets and no smoking. Please email lauriesbos@chartermi.net or call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 Photographs of Bay Haven can be seen at: www.bayhaven.beaverisland.net

HOUSE AND CABIN NEAR INDIAN POINT - Enjoy fine country living. A 2-BR, 2-Bath home @ \$650/month and a beautiful studio in a second bldg @ \$450/mo; phone (231) 448-2575.

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

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

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

ADVERTISE A PROPERTY FOR SALE — call (231) 448-2476 or email details to beacon@beaverisland.net

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

LOCH WOOD SHORES - About four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedrooms, 2 with double beds, 1 with two twin beds, one and a half bath, w/d, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Call (231) 448-2733 or 448-2499.

FOUR BEDROOMS - PETS ACCEPTABLE: ON THE BEACH AT THE SOUTH END OF DONEGAL BAY - a stone's throw to the Kuebler Trail and the State Land at McCauley's Point. A wonderful home; everything works! Deck; balcony; and only \$1,050/week. Contact Patricia at (412) 779-0030, or denkoven@verizon.net

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SECLUDED BEAUTIFUL CHALET FOR RENT: 10 Acres of pine with 360' of sandy Lake Michigan Beach. 2-BR (including loft), one bath, Great Room with 2 sofa sleepers. Fabulous views of the Lake. Large decks. Sleeps 7. Across from state land and hiking trails. Satellite TV. No smoking. Dogs allowed. \$800 per week. Call Ed Eicher (810) 629-7680

COMBS COTTAGE ON SAND BAY:

Charming beachfront cabin nestled in the woods 50 yards from the water, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, full kitchen, washer/dryer, queen beds in 3 rooms with two sets of xl-bunks in the 4th. Satellite TV. Perfect for families. \$900. Security deposit. Available June-Sept.

Website: www.combscottage.webs.com
 email: combscottage@ymail.com; or call Nancy at (719) 599-3147



A BLOCK FROM TOWN, A BLOCK FROM THE BEACH: 3 BRs, 1 bath; wireless; \$625/week; call (231) 313-6225 or email abbieswest@yahoo.com
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JUDE'S RENTALS:

Pleasantly situated in the heart of it all! Jude's house is nestled among the peaceful nature of Beaver Island in addition to being just walking distance from the harbor, historical museums, shops, restaurants and the beach. Call Jude Martin (231) 448-2673 or (616) 309-8033

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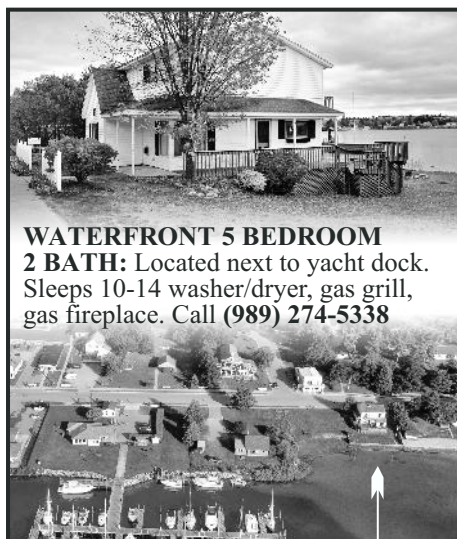
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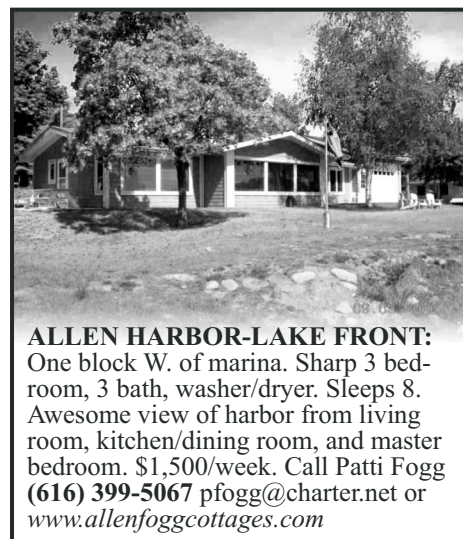
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HARBOR LIGHTS: Unique log home looking out over Paradise Bay. Beautiful views of St. James Harbor, Garden, and Hog Islands. Enjoy the boats from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. Very secluded, sitting among lush cedars and pines. 3 bedrooms with 2 queens and 2 twins. One large bathroom and one half bath. All the amenities you could ever need. Immaculate home with "spectacular" views. \$1,150 a week. Home (630) 834-4181 Cell (630) 995-0507 harborlightsbim@aol.com



WATERFRONT 5 BEDROOM 2 BATH: Located next to yacht dock. Sleeps 10-14 washer/dryer, gas grill, gas fireplace. Call (989) 274-5338



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



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WATERFRONT HARBOR HOUSE FOR RENT:

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

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

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$980 a week. Reduced rates for off-season.

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



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

**SHORTY'S PLACE:**

In town with a beautiful view of the harbor and our beach lot across the street. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sleeps 6. Dalwhinnie and McDonough's within walking distance. \$1,200 per week. Call Patti Fogg: (616) 399-5067 pfogg@charter.net Website: www.allenfoggcottages.com



James is a winner. Comfortable custom home sleeps 8-10. 3 baths. Public sand beach close by. Well mannered pets welcome. Only \$1,200 per week. Call (231) 547-4046 (day) (231) 547-6600 (evening) or email samhunt59@yahoo.com

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On

dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dana.luscombe@gmail.com

ADD A PLACE - Call (231) 448-2476 or email beacon@beaverisland.net to place an ad to rent your home or rent your cottage more this season.

**BIRCH HOUSE ON FONT LAKE:**

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

**HIGHVIEW - BEACHFRONT**

HOUSE FOR RENT: Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1 1/2 baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Now with wireless! Call (941) 921-2233 or (317) 769-6563 Photos at highview.beaverisland.net



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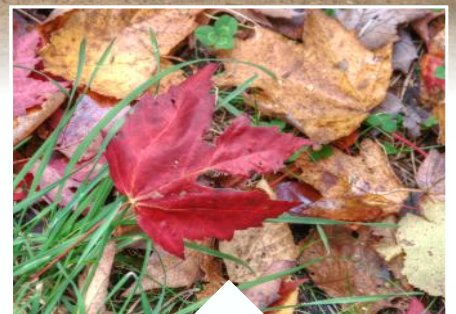
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