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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

Running over two hours, November's St. James meeting made some audience members wonder if they were back in the Peaine meetings of a few years ago.

The first item of interest was a proposal from the Port St. James Board regarding the two township lots at the end of the Donegal Bay Road (168 & 169), the object of dispute for many years. "Give them to us," the proposal went, "and we'll declare them – and the subdivision's common lot next door – to be open to everyone, with these two lots being kept as Green Space." That would mean no facilities – no volleyball courts, campfire pits, picnic tables, or boat racks. The subdivision board said it might install an off-street parking lot on its own lot to solve the parking problem. They said they were willing to consult with the township, the county, and dunes control to work out the details. The Township Board was glad to hear this offer, but wondered if the Port St. James would be able to violate its own restrictive covenant. It decided to table the matter until more information was obtained.

Another proposal was equally interesting, this one made by the Woollam Foundation. It offered to buy the 0.65 acre Bonadeo property – the former Beaver Boat-tique site – and

donate it to the Township to serve as a natural park adjacent to the Municipal Marina. The building would be removed, there would be no dockage, after grading sod would be added, and the site would be given a conservation easement. There would be no parking. There would be a few benches in which people could sit and look at the harbor. The Town Board was in favor of this, but it was mentioned that there was an unresolved issue between Bonadeo and the Foundation: in addition to the money, Bonadeo wanted two slips for his boats. Comments were made that this might not be possible at the Municipal Dock because of rules and regulations. The Board decided to accept the Foundation's proposal, and hoped it and Bonadeo could work out their issues.

The possibility of passing a Dangerous Building Ordinance was brought up again, in which those found in violation would face a fine of up to \$500/day until they were in compliance. The version drafted in 2011 was passed.

A report was made about the Transfer Station manager's position. Of the applicants, three finalists were considered and interviewed, and Brad Swearingen was chosen. Then supporters of a fourth candidate claimed he too should have been interviewed. So he was, but the Waste Management



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Committee did not change its selection. It had met on 11-5 to confirm it, but the meeting was improperly posted and had to be called off. The Committee agreed to meet again before the Peaine meeting and make an official recommendation. St. James agreed to meet later that day and accept the Committee's selection.

John Robert said the kids wanted a skating rink, and he offered to install one on the public beach parking lot if the Town Board approved. Jim Wojan offered to find out if it would hurt the blacktop. Another possible problem was that the county right-of-way, which had been abandoned south of the lot, still ran through the lot, so the County would also have to approve. Depriving the Church and Hall of parking was also discussed.

Jim Wojan reported that Verizon was now running on the Township Tower, and AT & T would be soon.

Don Vyse, pursuing the possibility of having the Fresnel lens, if the Coast Guard has to move it, set up in the St. James Town Hall, complained that a letter from Bill Kohls said the Historical Society intended to pursue having it placed in the museum. Bill Cashman refuted this, saying he had been misquoted and the BIHS Board had voted unanimously to support the efforts of St. James Township. Two members of the audience who had been at the Peaine

meeting backed him up.

Members of the NRESC submitted proposed new Bylaws under which they would continue to operate. It would have two meetings a year, but a 7-member Executive Council (representatives from each Township and each Planning Commission, plus three at-large) would meet more often. Invitations would be sent to other organizations to send representatives. The Board objected to having no control over these other organizations' representation, and did not like the new Bylaws. They took the proposal under advisement, saying they would discuss it with their attorney. In the meantime the NRESC was asked not to meet.

A new location for the 12'-high Chimney Swift Tower (which was due to the Coastal Resource Alliance and not the NRESC) at the Government Building was approved; the previous one, it turned out, was half on Church property. The plunging out of and down into the tower was said to be likely to draw an audience in the summer.

Supervisor Bill Haggard reported that his phone was now working.

Special St. James Meeting

On 11-19 the St. James Board met to consider a proposal from John Woollam. In a letter he said the sticking point in his effort

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
to acquire the Bonadeo property, add a conservation easement, and deed it to the Township, was Jon Bonadeo's insistence that he receive dock space to make up for the slips he would give up. So Woollam proposed that he pay the Township \$15,000 for ten-year leases on the north two outer slips at the Municipal Marina.

The Board discussed the proposal. It said in the next ten years it would lose ~\$50,000 in tax revenue from the Bonadeo property, which it would accept. But it would also lose ~\$56,000 in revenue from those two slips, for which \$15,000 did not seem adequate compensation.

Jim Wojan reported that he had spoken with someone at the MI Waterways Commission, and he was skeptical that such an arrangement would be approved. Particular slips can't be promised; a commercial operation has not been allowed; and the Marina can't give something away without getting something of equal value in return.

The Board voted to table the matter for the time being.

Peaine Township

The monthly Peaine meeting began with the supervisor summarizing a few maintenance items on the Township Hall that should be pursued in the coming year. The exterior doors were starting to show some wear and may not be compliant with current ADA requirements. Bids would be sought. Additionally, the message kiosk wasn't waterproof any more and could be replaced with a smaller vinyl unit for around \$700. The handicap parking signs were faded and should be replaced. Posts should be repainted. The back door needs a closer. And the Hall sign will need to be repainted.

Next on the agenda was the revised resolution and amended bylaws for the Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee. NRESC would take a monitoring and coordination role to "actively pursue action plans to achieve the strategies and objectives" of the "Recommendations for Natural Resource Management in the Beaver Archipelago" Plan it put forth, which the townships approved and adopted. St. James had tabled this same request, and Peaine was inclined to follow suit.

Peaine also wanted to run this by its attorney for an opinion. No questions were asked.

The main issues that dominated the meeting involved the Transfer Station. First was the hiring procedure for the new manager, and second was our compliance with Hazmat regulations. There were a total of nine respondents to the job posting, of which four were interviewed. The Waste Management Committee recommended Brad Swearingen, who had 10 years of management experience, scheduling, and inventory, in an intensive working environment as assistant harbormaster for the seaport of Whittier Alaska. No one had anything bad to say about the recommended manager, but there was much concern over the process and specifically Bob, an employee of the transfer station, not being interviewed initially.

First, there had been some unfortunate meeting problems such as a wrong date posted and a meeting where it was commented that support would be given for the 1st choice but no vote was made. Special meetings were posted and held so they would be "beyond reproach," but there was still public concern about the process. The WMC which had been seven people, three from each township and one chosen by these six, was also down to a total of five members after two resigned, and one recused herself. So the WMC had only four voting members which was enough for a quorum, but less than the original seven.

John McCafferty succinctly expressed the audience's concern about the process: while it was understood the chosen candidate may have excellent skills and qualifications, why wouldn't the WMC work with existing employees to help them move up from within? A problem is that if someone lives on Beaver Island for a long time, they may not have as full and impressive a resume as someone on the mainland who has worked for large outfits and has the latest mainland certifications, and won't if our organizations don't help make this happen. Being a solid dependable long-term employee who has lived here on the Island for a long time shouldn't be a black mark because of no outside experience.

The Board voted, as Pete LoDico said, to have faith in the committee recommendation, with a vote of four in

favor and one opposed. So Brad was appointed the new transfer station manager.

The next issue, somewhat related, was Hazmat certification. Don Welke, the previous manager, was the only one who had completed DOT/OSHA/EPA/ and DEQ training for acceptance, classification, packaging, and shipping, and so with him having accepted a better position off the Island we would not be in compliance. Further, 12/1/13 was the due date for Hazmat standardization (known as "Global Harmonization") which it was said would mean much more stringent requirements. Our options, it was said, would be to close down until training was complete, or Angel, who was Hazmat certified, could work with the crew to get them trained and have hours for Hazmat to be delivered, and be on call for Hazmat issues until Brad is trained and in place. The fine for not being in compliance could range from \$300 to \$10,000 per day and the training takes 30-40 hours.

This brought up the issue of why the other transfer station employees had not been Hazmat certified. Amy expressed her frustration that a new computer had been purchased at taxpayer expense for Hazmat training, but only OSHA training had been completed. There was an issue with the new computer not being able to run the interactive dvd training disc. Don had completed his own certification using his personal laptop, and time, computer support, or resources were not provided for the other employees to become certified during their work time this season. An email was then produced which had been found by an employee in the newsprint box, in which a Township Board member reported that the manager didn't feel the other employees could or would pass. The employees felt demoralized by the lack of confidence and investment in them.

It was resolved that Angel with her certification will fill the immediate need and will help Brad and the staff get certified now. Jim Wojan from St. James said it was important to bury the hatchet and get together and work this out, and hopefully that will happen.

A third issue was then raised: during one construction job, the price of each Gaylord box had been increased from \$90 to \$125, a 38% increase which took

\$500 out of a contractor's pocket. 7. Meanwhile it was reported that the WMC had around \$300,000 in its savings account. The question was asked, if there was this surplus, why were rates going up so severely? The answer was that only 1/3 of the operating cost was covered by revenue, and 2/3 was covered by millage. The question was then, if there is such an increase in efficiency, shouldn't the millage be reduced instead of banking the money at taxpayer expense? A three-, five-, or seven- year plan to upgrade or replace assets would need to be examined. Many of the physical assets were "old" and require maintenance. Instead of the past ad-hoc response to broken equipment, a proactive plan to manage capital assets would be better. This issue will be looked at in more detail in the coming months.

Don was recognized for all the improvements he had made at the Transfer Station. And the audience asked that the Board consider giving Bob extra pay for the time he worked as interim manager since he had done the work very well which was the job at higher pay. Much concern was aired, and two major questions that may apply to many other things in the future were raised: 1) is the responsibility to fill top positions with the best qualified candidate from far and wide and/or should a continuing investment, possibly at taxpayer expense, be made to elevate Island workers' qualifications continuously so we can promote from within; and 2) how "good" is good enough? Should infrastructure be working to increase the quality and reliability of its equipment and service to make things better, or should services be delivered at a more affordable rate when possible and should it go to taxpayers when each upgrade is needed?

After all this, the final item was the Airport Budget, which was passed, including the \$100,000 aeronautics loan income and some adjustments – such as a \$2,000 savings for travel and education since representatives are coming here this year whereas usually Airport Committee members have to travel. It was pointed out that the fuel budget item is on a cash basis with a \$20,000 savings on purchase and no change to sales. The response was that it's a bit "hit and miss" when exactly the tank needs to be filled.

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8. CALL FOR BICAA MINI-GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association (BICAA) announced the opening of their 2014 Community Arts Mini-Grant cycle.

This is at least the eighth time BICAA has made Mini Grants available to local individuals and organizations. Over the last decade BICAA's Community Arts Mini-Grant program has awarded almost \$10,000 in grant funds in support of Island cultural initiatives.

Effective December 1, 2013, individuals or organizations may apply for a grant to support arts or culture-related projects within the Beaver Island community. The grant application is available from the Baroque on Beaver website: www.baroqueonbeaver.org or by phoning the BI Cultural Arts Association: (231) 448-2149.

Grant applications must be post marked by January 15, 2014. All

projects receiving grant money need to be complete by December 31, 2014.

For 2014 BICAA has set aside \$1,000 to fund projects which will directly benefit the Island and residents of St. James and Peaine Townships.

During BICAA's formative years, proceeds from the annual Baroque on Beaver Festival funded the Community School's instrumental music program, MAD camp scholarships, Instrument Petting Zoo, and other cultural enrichment opportunities for children and families.

In more recent years the Community Arts Mini-Grant initiative has focused on supporting various locally based proposals, including a Recorder Group, BI's Community Players, and the Comedy Club, as well as many other programs that assist local groups to bring all forms of the arts to a wide and diverse audience.



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– Dawn George

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In these trying economic times, the Board is determined to do what it can to ease the pressure on the taxpayers of Peaine and St. James Townships. It is not, however, the intent of the Board to cut the budget of (or services provided by) the library in any way. Instead, rather than adding to the fund balance for the upcoming year, the library will begin gradually drawing it down to an appropriate percentage of the library's annual operating budget.

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The gales of November
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Incessant,
High-pitched wailing.
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But there is no traffic,
no street light,
no road sign.

Just dark miles
of writhing tree tops,
unable to shelter life.

My cabin is solid.
Warm and safe.
Should a tree fall on it
I would survive.

Even thrive,
to meet the physical challenge
that others are afraid of.

— Barbara Rahn

The Wildlife Club dinner was served at the Shamrock and featured deep fried alligator, a duck risotto, wild game sausages and elk stroganoff. A great dinner, Shamrock!

Winners of the grand prizes were: Gun- Drew Youngedyke... of MUCC Binocs- Jon Fogg, and GPS- Paul Johnson

Other items included engraved knives, backpacks, hats, gift card to

Jay's, knife and lights, cleaning kit and much more. Winners of those items were: Beaver Gems, Wendy White, Alexis Trate, Rich Lawer, Roy Elsworth, John Haggard, Keith Brothers, Bill Detwiler, Tom Swearingen, Bob Welke, Dan Bomar, Hogarth's, Bob Mitcher, Alvin Ranger. There were also two 50/50 raffles, won by Trisha Chandler and Marty Walstom.

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12. LADY ISLANDERS BATTLE FOR DISTRICT TITLE

by Frank Solle

For the first time in eight seasons, and just the fourth time in the school's volleyball history, the BICS *Lady Islanders* played its way to a District Tournament title match early in November in Mackinaw City. Facing the Engadine *Eagles*, the champions of the Eastern U.P. Conference, in the district finale on Nov. 7, the *Islanders* put up a strong fight, but couldn't overcome the experience and depth of the *Eagles*, who have now won nine district titles over the last 10 years, brought



to the floor.

Engadine claimed the district title with a 25-18, 25-12, 25-11 victory. "I don't think we were out-matched," said *Islanders* coach Kerry Smith of playing Engadine, but she pointed out, "they were a very disciplined team and knew where to look for our holes."



game to the *Comets* 18-25, the *Islanders* ran off three straight victories to win the match and advance. "We really played an excellent match against Mackinaw City," Smith said.

The *Islanders* found success this season despite a number of factors working against

them. "We missed five matches due to forfeits or weather," Smith pointed out. "That meant a lot of practice time but not a lot of game time." Thanks to the end of the regular season coming early, the final regular season match was at home

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Left to Right: Coach Kerry Smith, Sarah Avery, Emily Burton, Hannah Robert, Olivia Cary, Madie Martin, Meg Works, Ireland McDonough, Katie LaFreniere, Sveta Stebbins, Paige Pryor, Assistant Coach Heather Cary.



against Mackinac Island on Oct. 12; the Islanders found themselves with nearly a month of practice time before playing in the district tournament. Smith points to the lost games as a lost chance to claim yet another NLL title, and one can imagine how more game time would have helped during the crunch of tournament competition.



While the team will be losing only one player next year, that loss is a large one as team captain Olivia Cary will graduate in the spring. "Olivia was our only senior this year," Smith said. "She was a great captain and leader and did a great job motivating her team." However, Smith is optimistic concerning the team's future. "I look forward to next year as we will have three

seniors, Madelynn Martin, Hannah Robert, and Meg Works, returning to lead our team," she said.

In addition to these players, this year's roster included sophomores Sarah Avery and Emily Burton, freshman Ireland McDonough, eighth-graders Katie LaFreniere and Paige Pryor, and seventh-grader Sveta Stebbins.



THANKS

Once again we would like to thank Ms. Connie Boyle and her students at Beaver Island School for the donations this year to Operation American Soldier. Thru the generous donations by the residents of the Island, the military men

and women from Michigan, who stand in harm's way, will be able to enjoy the holiday season a little more and feel a little closer to home with packages they will receive. We would also like to thank Sheri Timsak and the Beaver Island Boat

Co. for arranging the pickup of those donations to get them back to the mainland. You should all be very proud of your efforts. Thank you again and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.

— Christine and Larry Stalsonburg



A LITTLE CRAZY

In early November our Community Players excelled again. Joan Banville, Laura Green, Chad Helmer, Jeff Powers, Elaine West, and Jenna Wilk did a wonderful job in *Just a Little Crazy*, a “drawing room” dramatic comedy superbly directed by Jacque LaFreniere and John Fiegen.

The play centered around a middle-aged couple, Joan and Jeff, his sister Elaine, possibly a forgetful homicidal maniac, who has moved in, and a helpful neighbor, played by Jenna. As they are trying to rehab their old home while

keeping an eye on the sister to prevent further mayhem, the daughter, Laura, arrives unexpectedly, announcing she has left the man her parents had hoped she would marry because he doesn't pay her enough attention. It comes out that to get back at him she has cleaned out their joint bank account.

The beau himself soon arrives, pleading he doesn't understand why she's so upset.

The “over-the-top” characters engage in a series of misunderstandings before the truth comes out: the sister did not kill her husband way back when.

She may be forgetful, but she is no maniac. The young lovers reconcile; the beau pitches the father on a new business opportunity; and all differences are reconciled.

The acting was top of the line; if they missed a line, nobody knew. The Community Players continue to grow. Each put their heart into their performance, selling their character. The audiences were on the edge of their seat; they loved the show, as evidenced by the hearty rounds of applause.

Don't miss whatever our talented acting group takes on next!

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16. LAWRENCE'S DAY

On November 15th, Lawrence McDonough's family hosted a party in celebration of Lawrence's 99th birthday. Helping him celebrate were 70 family members, lifelong friends, and many, many acquaintances. Several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews were in attendance. He enjoyed bonding with his youngest great-granddaughter, Arden McPherson who is 5 months old. It truly was a multi-generational celebration.

The afternoon was spent sharing stories about what life was like long ago in his youth, his varied careers, all the changes and progress that he has seen throughout the years on the Island. Our Living Historian was raised on Sandy Bay on the Jordan River, and his family's



homesteaded farm at one time had 200+ sheep, 45 cattle, and grew 160 bushels of oats and rye per year. As part of a WPA project, he helped build the present day road from Lake Geneserath to the Beaver Head Lighthouse. In 1939 he married Winifred LaFreniere, and raised six children.

He was involved with the clearing of the township airport with a team of horses at \$5.00 a day. He owned a mill which sat on the site of the present day Tara's Meadow, logged and cut hay on Garden and High Islands, brought electricity to houses for the REA – for which one home owner paid him with a horse.

He owned and operated the first pasteurized dairy for 12 years, following the typhoid epidemic on the Island. He and his wife ran a



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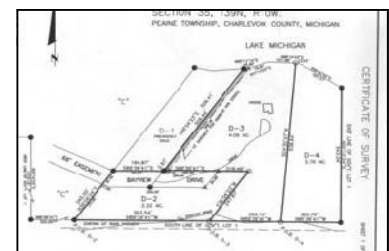


Parcel D2

A 2.32-acre lot, approximately 250' wide by 500' deep, with a 15' wide access easement to the lake that is recorded and permanently runs with the land, just east of the State land at

Luney's Point and inland from the Favazza house that is currently for sale. (The trail to Luney's Point actually touches the south line of this parcel.) Inland wooded site for a cabin in the woods with access to the beach southeast of Johnson's Point. Nature lover's spot. Location and access make it more valuable than most other, same sized inland parcels. This parcel has had extensive recent improvements, including a 500 foot gravel road on the easement to access Lake Michigan. Health Department Approved and cleared building site. Access to Lake Michigan without the taxes plus close to town! Land Contract with only \$6,000 down ...balance at 6% interest; comfortable monthly payments

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laundromat, and his son started giving trail rides on horseback. He worked as a carpenter, built houses, traded houses, and distilled whiskey – only to be used for medicinal purposes.

He was a partner in the Shamrock Bar, and sailed the Great Lakes on the *LE Block*. He served as President of the Beaver Island School Board, and for a very short time a county deputy. In later years, he served on the Board of Directors for the first BIBCO, captained the first *Emerald Isle*, which they built for the Charlevoix run, and



the *Beaver Islander*.

He managed the Beaver Island Boat Company until his retirement in

1980. These only name some of his varied careers he mastered over 99 years to support a family.

In the evening, Edward Palmer regaled those still present with traditional Island music, which was reminiscent of past Beaver Island house parties.

With cards-still-arriving from around the country, he is touched by the out-pouring of love and best wishes from everyone. He and his family wish to thank those who made it a

special day. "Best birthday I've had in at least fifty years, and maybe longer!"



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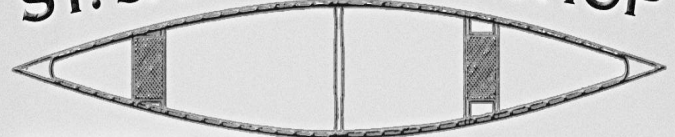
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18. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

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

(Note: Dec. 1 - 2 some storm & rain; some fair weather; 34 - 48 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 3, 1913 **No Beaver Island related news.**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 4, 1913

BOATS RELEASED

"With only an off-shore breeze blowing Sunday afternoon, the tug *Parmelee* released both the *Schnodin* and the *Arbutus* from the beach where they were stranded in the fog last week. They were towed to this port and found to be uninjured.

"Very much sympathy was felt for Capt. Mielke, owner of the *Schnodin*, during his anxious hours, when the rescue of his boat seemed doubtful, as all he had was invested in the boat. He asks us to express his thanks to all who lent a hand to help him out of his trouble.

"The *Arbutus* is ready for business again."

Beaver Island News: "Rolland McCann returned home Monday from Detroit."

"Miss Hannah Gallagher is here from Chicago on a visit."

"Mrs. Grace Hunt is here for the winter."

"W. E. Stephens was in Chicago last week on business."

"Oscar Martin is on the jury at Charlevoix, also H. P. Boyle."

"Hazel Hamrock, who has been visiting in Charlevoix, has returned home."

"Capt. Bonner, of the Hotel Beaver, is bringing lots of rabbits these days."

"The steambarge *Susie Chipman* last week took the last cargo of lumber for the year."

"The L. A. O. H. had card parties last week, and they were enjoyable events."

"John W. Cruse, of Honor, Mich., who was here over Sunday on business, left Monday for home."

"Rabbit hunting is all the rage, and some heavy bags of game are being brought in."

"DeForest Pratt, John Gallagher and Ed. H. Boyle, have returned home

after a season's sailing."

"George Williams, of Boyne City, spent several days here last week buying cattle and sheep."

"Mrs. Albon Smith returned to her home in Charlevoix after spending six weeks at the "old home."

"Mrs. P. A. O'Donnell returned home this week after spending two months at the Big Rapids hospital."

"Dr. Newman, I. L. Dice and Charles Wisner, of Charlevoix, were here a few days on a hunting expedition.

"Capt. Sam Rose, deputy game warden, was here several days the past week. Capt Rose will superintend the spawn fishing at the Island, A. T. Stewart representing the fish commission."

(Note: Dec. 3 - 6 Ideal; Wind E to W to NW; 38 - 50 degrees; Dec. 7 - 9 Storm, light snow; Wind NW; 20 degrees, Dec. 7 W Storm windows. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 10, 1913 **Front Page Article:**

OFF TO THE BEAVERS

"Saturday morning, a party of seven Charlevoix hunters, consisting, of Olaf Nordrum, Amos Webster, R. A. Emery, F.E. Francis, Ralph Washburn, Archie Lemieur and Roy Ripley, went off to Beaver Island on the *Arbutus* for a days hunt after rabbits, which are reported very numerous on the Island.

"The boys claim they had a hard time getting away from the rabbits, which would come out in front of them and sit still while being shot at, and a couple became so careless that by some accident their lives paid the penalty - for even Olaf and Ralph occasionally managed to get a few scattering shots to hit a still object."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 11, 1913 **Front Page Article**

INDIANS CLAIM MANY MILLIONS

FROM UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT UNDER ANCIENT TREATY

OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS OF MICHIGAN ENTER CLAIM FOR \$20,000,000
"Approximately five hundred Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in

Michigan early this month expect to enter a claim for \$20,000,000 against the United States government for alleged deprivation of valuable lands and fishing rights in the Great Lakes. Several attorneys who have investigated the claim, which is said to be the most gigantic ever entered against the public domain by Indians, say it is valid.

"Two former claims of similar nature made by these Indians were recognized as valid by the government and something over \$200,000 paid to the tribes.

"The validity of this latest and largest demand against the government hinges upon the interpretation of the treaty of 1833 between the government and twelve Indian tribes including the Northern Michigan Ottawas and Chippewas.

"Until recently it was supposed that under the terms of this treaty the red men had signed away all rights to land where South Chicago is now located, to all the Great Lakes islands and to unrestricted fishing rights in the lake waters, as well as other property of enormous value in Wisconsin, Illinois and Michigan. It now develops that through faulty wording of the treaty and through oversight the South Chicago land, the Great Lakes islands and the fishing rights were not included in the treaty.

"Some of the lake islands involved in the fishing rights claim are: North and South Manitou, North and South Fox, Beaver and its cluster of smaller islands, Mackinac, Bois Blanc and numerous fishing bays."

Local and Personal Notes: "A rabbit hunting party went to Beaver Island Saturday, returning Monday afternoon. The party consisted of Olaf Nordrum, Ralph Washburn, R. A. Emery, F. E. Frances, Archie LaMieur (sic), Amos Webster, Roy Ripley, B. A. Herman. The weather was rather unfavorable."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 17, 1913 Page 14 Article:

Local News Briefly Told: "W. J. Gallagher of Beaver Island arrived in the city Monday enroute to Traverse City."



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“Condy Gallagher of Beaver Island was in the city Tuesday enroute for Traverse City on a short visit.”

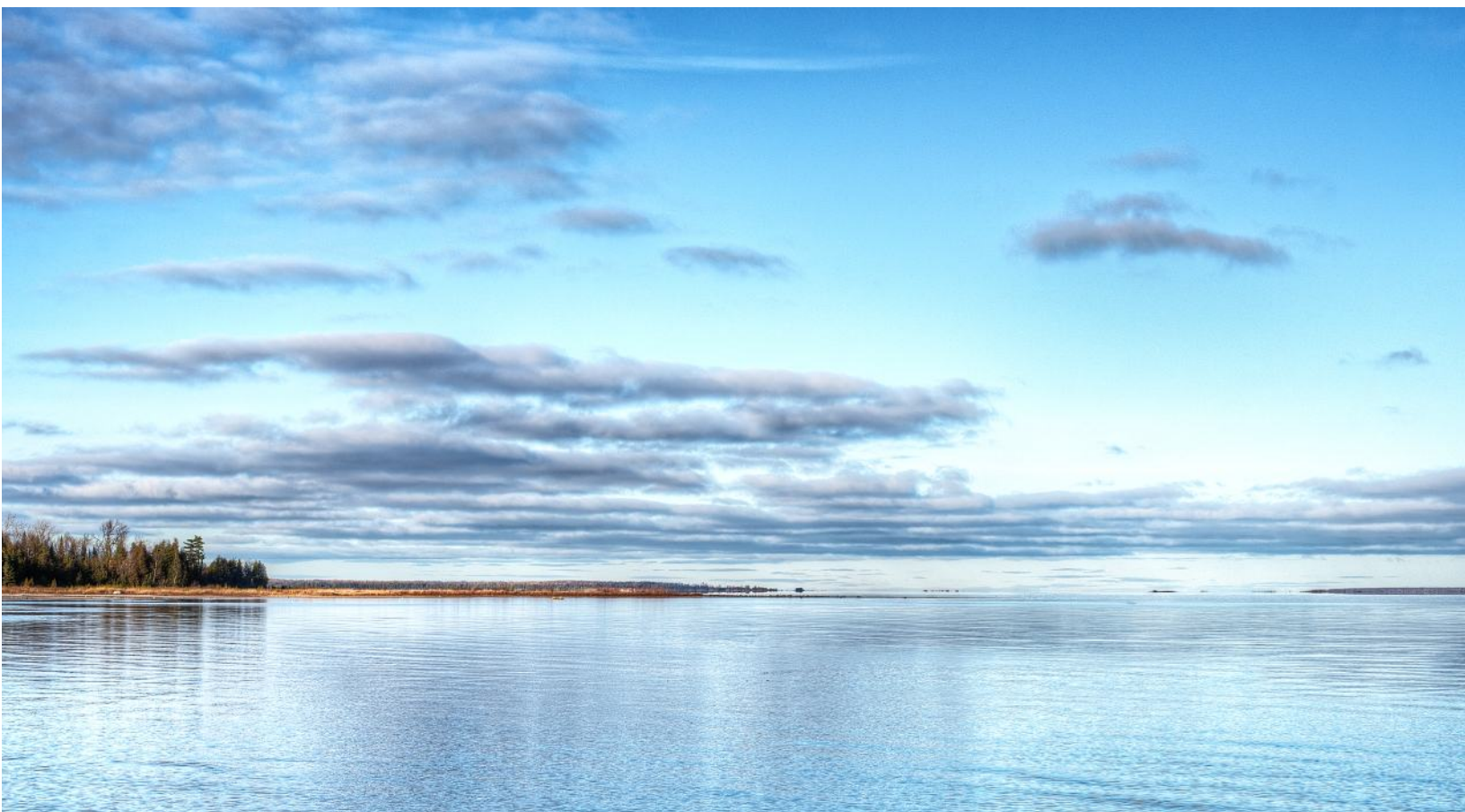
“W. P. Boyle, who has been working on the steamer *Verona* during the season, arrived in the city Saturday

night enroute to St. James where he was called by the serious illness of his mother. He left Monday on the Beaver for the Island.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 18, 1913 **Front Page Article:**

MAROONED

“The gasoline boat *Lucie A*, manned by John Weideman, Hugh Beady and Melvin Brady, fishing out of Beaver Harbor, and having nets in the region of ‘the Foxes,’ were shipwrecked





a week ago last Sunday on the east side of the uninhabited Little Fox, and were 'Crusoed' there a week on short rations.

"Saturday night they were under a good lee with the wind southwest and gradually rising. During the night the wind shifted to northwest and rose to a gale with blinding snow. Their only recourse was to beach the boat, which they did, working her to a position which they considered safe. Up the

beach to the south they found a fishermen's shanty, which they occupied. On their return to the boat they found her adrift and well out in the combers and pounding hard. They again succeeded in getting her out of the heavy seas. Monday morning the same thing occurred, but this time they secured her safely, but her condition was mighty close to a wreck. All her ribs on one side and three strakes of planking were stove

in, and her interior is a badly demoralized condition.

"They at once set about patching her up. They had some tools aboard, but the only material they had was what they could pick up on the beach, and the boards from the floor of the boat. Provisions were running low, but with the knowledge that their situation must surely be known at St. James, they waited patiently for relief. Saturday



Photograph by **Frank Solle**, Stillpoint Photography

night found them with but the small portion of a ham and three rabbits. Luckily they had a gun and twenty shot cartridges. But the heavy weather continued.

“Saturday the tug *Margaret McCann* came out to lift her nets in that locality and found the party, which preferred to remain with the boat until they could get here. Saturday evening the *McCann* returned to St. James, and

Capt. McCann cabled the particulars. At nine o'clock that night, Roy Ranger and a good crew left this port for Fox Island in the gasoline boat *Rhine* in fairly good weather. The *Lucie A.* was slid into the water and taken in tow by the *Rhine* for her home port.

“The crippled boat leaked badly, and in the passage of four hours across the crew worked every minute at the pump, and it was only with heroic and

exhausting effort that the boat was kept afloat. When they passed through the bridge the boat was in a sinking condition, and was beached in a safe place. The *Rhine* had taken with her a good supply of food, which was sorely needed.

“But it is all in the work of a fisherman, and the crew of the *Lucie A.* only speak of it as an incident, and they say they had a good time.”



Local and Personal Notes: "Spade and Starr last week removed their portable sawmill to Beaver Island, where it will cut the W. E. Parmalee logs."

"The steamer *Beaver* is still doing business averaging three Island trips per week, but the captain will soon surrender the mail to a tug and tie up."

"W. E. Parmalee left today for Beaver Island where he will remain through the winter to superintend his lumbering operations. Camp has already been established."

"The Robert Beutel Estate, wholesale fish dealers, have bought the C. C. Gallagher dock at St. James. On Monday local manager Ekingier and surveyor Nettleton went to the Island to establish the lines. The fish company expect to considerably improve the property with the view of enlarging its business there."

"A. T. Stewart, of the U. S. Fish Commission interests, concluded work here and left Monday for the central hatchery at Northville. During the fall spawning season he has shipped to Northville forty millions of lake trout eggs and thirty millions of whitefish eggs. This the largest harvest of eggs ever gathered here in any one season."

Beaver Island News: "Hannah Gallagher returned to Chicago after spending a few weeks visiting friends."

"A. T. Stewart, of Northville fish hatchery, closed up the spawning season for whitefish eggs Saturday; they have taken 30,000,000 whitefish eggs."

"Capt. Rose, of Charlevoix, deputy game warden, was here over Monday."

"Capt. James Martin went to Manistee Monday on business."

"Neal (sic) Gallagher, of Seattle, is visiting friends."

"W. J. Gallagher went to Traverse City Monday."

"David Nettleton of Charlevoix is here surveying."

"Dave Ekingier, of Beutel Fish Co., spent several days here this week."

"Dominick (sic) Gallagher, keeper of Beaver Head light, returned home Monday from Charlevoix where he was on business."

"Capt. Peter Green, of the big freight liner Ball Bros., is here for a week visiting his mother and other relatives. Another Island boy who has

'made good' is Capt. Ben J. Gallagher master of another big boat of the same line, who is expected here this week for a visit." (*Note: Dec. 20 S. Stormdoor; Dec. 22 N. Stormdoor. F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 24, 1913 **No Beaver Island related news.**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 25, 1913 **Front Page Article WILL BUILD BEAVER ISLAND TUG**

"For some time Frank Left, the well known Beaver Island fisherman, has been figuring with Capt. Silas Swales, the Charlevoix marine architect and shipwright, for the building of a new tug."

"On Tuesday, Capt. Swales went to St. James with designs and specifications and came back with a signed contract. The tug will be 55 feet long, 10 feet beam and six feet, eight inches of hold. She will be driven by a 10x12 engine and a Scotch boiler of 150 pounds steam pressure. She will be used exclusively for fishing and will have every modern requirement for boats of that class."

"Capt. Swales goes to Chicago Friday of this week to order the engine and boiler and buy the timber and other material required. He will have the boat ready by the opening of navigation."

Northern Michigan: "Ben Ettawagesick, one of the best known and respected Indians of Harbor Springs, was instantly killed there at noon Friday when he was run over by a freight car, which was being placed by the Harbor Springs crew of the G. R. & I. The train crew say that the brakeman on the car yelled to Ettawagesick as he was nearing the track, but that he apparently did not hear the warning. He stepped directly in front of the rapidly moving car and was ground to pieces beneath the wheels."

Local & Personal Notes: "The whitefish campaign recorded another big catch. One day last week the tug *McCann* took into St. James 4,800 pounds of the king of all lake fish."

"The steamer *Beaver* took a cargo of hay to Old Mission Monday, returning Tuesday morning on her regular run to Beaver Island."

Beaver Island News: "Peter Jensen, keeper of St. Martin light, is home for the winter."

"James Wachter, assistant keeper of Cat Head light house, is home for the winter."

"Ed B. Gallagher and wife returned from Detroit on Sunday's boat."

"Capt. C. C. Allers arrived home Sunday from Sturgeon Bay."

"Donald McKee and family returned home from Central Lake."

"The Hog Island homesteaders arrived from Green Bay to go on their farms."

"Dan D. Boyle went to Marquette, Mich., last week."

"David Bugh arrived home from Escanaba Sunday."

"Capt. Dan Martin went to Charlevoix on business."

"Mrs. Agnes Bessmer (sic) returned home from Petoskey, Sunday."

"Boyle Bros. went to Charlevoix on business."

"Tom Bonner built a new barn."

"Emmet and Clyde Gallagher are home for Christmas."

"Anthony P. McDonough arrived home Sunday after sailing all summer."

"W. D. Green is home for the winter."

"Born, Monday, to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gibson. Mother and son doing well."

"Oscar Richardson of Harbor Springs is here for the winter."

"Mattie Cole of Charlevoix is home on a visit."

"Mr. Benham and niece, of Detroit, is on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Northcot (sic) of Gardner (sic) Island."

"Capt. J. J. Martin returned home from Manistee, Sunday."

"Capt. Peter McCafferty, of Chicago, is visiting his mother."

"Ethel Hancock returned home from Charlevoix, Sunday."

"W. J. Gallagher arrived home Sunday after a trip to Traverse City and Petoskey."

"Christmas entertainment was attended by a large crowd."

"Miss Margaret Correy died Monday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Vesty McDonough."

"Saunders Bros. went to Charlevoix Sunday with their gasoline boat *Lady Agnes*, where they will leave her for the winter. They go to Petoskey for the winter." (*Note: December 10 - 31 Some Fair, some stormy; 22 - 34 degrees. F. Protar*)

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and Steve Perdue. Addie's middle name is after her great great grandfather, Doc Haynes, who was a physician on Beaver Island more than 40 years ago. Laney also shares her middle name with her grandfather, Stephen Haynes Perdue.

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year
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FIRST SNOW 25.

On the morning of November 11th many Island residents awoke to find a coating of snow pellets covering their lawn. The cover didn't last, as temperatures in the 40s followed. Then we had a torrential downpour that left roads flooded, and fierce high winds that blew down many trees.

Deer-hunting season got off without any snow, which didn't arrive in earnest until the morning of the 22nd. When many of those here awoke and saw the blanket of white, they called their friends and told them excitedly, "Winter is here!" The next day there was a little more. The morning of the 25th brought a solid white over the ground and the trees.

WELCOME MASON GREGORY JUSTIS!



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THE YOUNGEST ISLANDER

On October 24 the Island welcomed its newest resident, Mason Gregory Justis. A mid-morning kind of guy, Mason was born in Petoskey at 9:00 am and is the son of Riley and Jennifer Justis. Mason, whose dad is the BICS

Principal/Superintendent, weighed in at 8lbs 2oz at birth and was 20.5 inches long. Now at home and growing every day, Mason not only has his mother to care for him, but his big sister Sophie as well.



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28. GREGG FELLOWSHIP CENTER -THANKSGIVING DINNER

by Mary Acker

A Gregg family tradition continued this Thanksgiving with the dinner held at the Gregg Fellowship Center at the Beaver Island Christian Church. It has become a tradition for many Beaver Island fami-

lies to come together here for the holiday dinner.

A couple of years ago, during the beginning stages of construction on our home here, I arrived on the Island with my husband and son in tow on

Thanksgiving day. We were so grateful and thankful that we had a place to go and enjoy a home-cooked dinner, with such a wonderful variety of 'best recipes' on the table and the welcoming feeling that we were met with at the door.



This year, again, we were delighted to see the smiling faces of all who came to enjoy the feast, and join in the camaraderie between old friends and new.

As in many places, the preparations for the Thanksgiving feast started early in the day, with the cooking of the roast turkey. In this case, three large birds

were prepared in the ovens of Joe Moore, Jean Carpenter, and Phyllis Gregg. I caught up with Joe in the kitchen where he was busy carving the turkeys, boiling the potatoes to be mashed, and making other preparations for the meal. Jean was there too, putting food out on trays and taking in offerings

as they came in. Judy Meister was in and out, running last-minute errands, and setting up the hall for the dinner. I asked Joe how long this dinner had been a tradition here at the Center, and he answered, "I've been coming here to take part in this tradition for forty-three years, but it may have been going on for longer

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than that.” The Church is celebrating 50 years of service to the community this year, which began in 1963. I found out that the tradition of putting this dinner together for the community was started by Phil and Lil Gregg, and the younger

members of the Gregg family now carry on the yearly gathering that so many Islanders and visitors have come to enjoy. What started as a way of bringing together people who may not have a place to go on Thanksgiving has over the

years become a favorite tradition among many families on the Island, bringing much joy and warm tidings as we head into winter and count our many blessings of the year.

In the few minutes before dinner-



Photographs by Mary Acker

time, a flurry of activity ensued as a parade of serving dishes flowed out to the tables. Dawn George was busy dressing up the dessert table with someone's homemade pecan pie, and Mary Kenwabikise brought out several colorful salad dishes to the main buffet table. The chafing dishes were already loaded

up with ample amounts of roast turkey, real mashed potatoes, and a traditional herb dressing, with a crockpot full of tasty gravy along side. As each family arrived there was a new addition to the table, so there was plenty of food for everybody. The seats were filling up and people were talking, catching up with

each other while waiting to start dinner.

When I looked around the room, smiles reached across to familiar faces – to the ones we've met here before, or to our neighbors joining the gathering for the first time, and even some who were visiting from far away. They had heard about a place they could *continued on page 31.*

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Thanksgiving Fellowship. *from page 29.*
go to give thanks and have a good meal to celebrate the holiday with good company.

The room grew quiet as Ruthie Gregg stood up to welcome everyone and she was very proud to represent the family in leading us all in a Thanksgiving prayer. "Amen."

Then someone said, "Let the eating begin!" That's when we all lined up together to taste all the special dishes

laid out on this bountiful table. No matter how small the portions I tried, I just could not fit a bite of everything on my plate.

Then, after a while, I felt an urgency to see if there was a piece of that pecan pie left ... uh-oh ... just a little too late, but I did get a taste, and I was able to enjoy a terrific piece of apple pie as well. The coffee was excellent with that pie, and there seemed to be a general feeling of satisfaction around the room. Soon after,

the early volunteers slipped out to head home, and a whole new crew took over for the cleanup activities. It was great to see everyone pitching in and cleaning up that hall and kitchen, lickity-split, making short work of it all.

As my family and I made our way down the winding road home, another quiet prayer came to mind and I thought again how grateful I was to be here on Beaver Island for another Thanksgiving gathering.

WINNERS!

The "last ticket-buyer" standing after the drawing at the Shamrock was Hans and Davi Stein, who were absolutely delighted to win this beast.

Hans promised to drive it in next year's Fourth of July parade – so long as he can find others to drive his tractor and his classic Mercedes sedan.



Photograph thanks to Ann Partridge

CHILDREN'S LUNCH WITH SANTA

All children and their parents or grandparents are invited to the Gregg Fellowship Hall from 11:30 to 1:00 on Saturday 12-14 for a hot dog lunch before Santa arrives at noon to listen to each child's wishes. Bring your camera!

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN

The AmVets will again hold a Santa's Workshop on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at the Beaver Island Community School so the school children can pick out and purchase gifts for their family and friends.

This is a fun occasion for the workers as well as the children. If anyone in the community would like to come and help wrap, etc. please call Dee Gallagher (448-2262) for details.

OUR ROAD COMMISSION GARAGE

If all goes according to the Charlevoix County Road Commission's plan, it would be partial owners of the not-yet-built county garage on Beaver Island in 20 years.

The CCRC recently brought an offer before the Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners, asking them to approve a rent-to-partial-buy of the proposed building, which the county agreed to pay for last February. They also voted to own the building, which is projected to cost \$1.5 million.

"The CCRC would pay rent of \$6,000 per year for 20 years," reads the offer. "We would still pay the utilities and provide maintenance starting when

the building is occupied and continuing after the 20-year rent, into perpetuity."

The CCRC would assume the 10 and 20 year costs of maintenance. The road commission estimated utility costs at \$22,000 per year and about \$30,000 for periodic costs over 20 years.

At this time the county would be paid back for half its contribution to the building of the Beaver Island facility, and at the end of the 20 years it would own a percentage of the building. That would allow the road commission to insure the building under an insurance policy from the Michigan County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool.

Some commissioners were con-

cerned that the proposal would slow the building of the Beaver Island facility.

"We can negotiate down the road what the right thing is to do. Let's get the building under way," said commissioner Rich Gillespie.

The county provided a counter-offer, with commissioners George Lasater, Larry Sullivan, Gillespie, and Christensen supporting a deal that would give half ownership to the road commission building after 40 years rather than the road commission's proposed 20. Commissioners Reinhardt and Joel Evans supported giving the road commission half ownership after 20 years.

32. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago In the middle of the month the winds kicked up, reaching sixty miles an hour, the rain turned into a tumult, the temperature plummeted, and fifteen-foot waves kept the ferry at the dock. That evening the power went out for much of the Island – at nine for some, at midnight for others. It was back on the following morning, with the blown-down trees cut up and hauled off the lines. No one was hurt, and some pleasure was taken in learning that for other parts of the state the blow had been even worse.

The Laurain Lodge sponsored a pumpkin contest at Halloween, but something was different. One hundred and fifteen highly designed pumpkins were entered, placed along the walkways and kept lit by a man racing around with a small torch. Some were traditional, with interesting but familiar eyes, noses, and toothy grins. But several depicted scenes and images of gothic intensity that could have come from the latest witch's video game. The craftsmanship was truly outstanding.

After an all-day mediation session run by a professional, the Concerned Citizens Group and the BIRHC settled most of the differences which had produced such anger and noise over the previous several months.

A hurdle in the acquisition of the Whiskey Point Light was overcome: it had to be eligible for the National Registry, and the State Historic Office accepted the fact that it was.

Facilitated by the Nature Conservancy, whose Beaver Island Natural Areas Committee made it its top prior-

ity, the acquisition of the Petritz property was also on track. It was hoped this 15-acre beach parcel would become a "silent park" (walking on its trails, but not camping.)

Extending the Bike Trail to the Font Lake boat launch was estimated to cost \$150,000. Easements would have to be obtained, and the semi-wetland stretch near the Parker home negotiated.

The inadequacy of the Road Commission garage led to the possibility of Townships giving the CCRC five acres behind the Transfer Station, where it would build a new garage and relocate its operation.

A group of eight honed a set of questions to ask the public in an effort to determine the Island's character, but the Peaine Board vetoed circulating them because some were considered inappropriate.

After 23 years, Sue and Frank Solle moved back to the Island

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* opened with a story about the Post Office's name change from "St. James" to "Beaver Island." New Postmaster Pam Brazda was sworn in, and Lil Gregg was commended for her many years of service. Ed Wojan spoke about the history of Beaver Island mail, and congratulated the Chamber of Commerce for having gotten the change made. A new sign, created by Sue Thomson, was installed. A special cancellation was developed and approved, and covers that went out on November 10, 1993 testified to the dedication ceremony.

Dave Gladish's *Beacon Lite* included a poem titled *90% Inspiration*:

*Life's like sports: the pros all say
they practice four hours, every day,
which sounds a lot like work, I'm sure,
but life's no game for an amateur.*

Nine local men completed 56 hours of additional training to become certified as "Medical First Responders": Dave Adams, Phil Becker, Steve Crandall, Bruce Cull, Gordy Hayes, Tim McDonough, Jim Stambaugh, Joe Timsak, and John Works Jr. Amazingly, all nine were still here ten years later, and eight are today.

The *Beaver Island Community Players* announced that it had cast all 24 parts and would put on Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* in early December.

Gail Weede, cosponsor of the recent *Island Boodle*, prepared for the Columbus marathon by running comparable distances on the Island.

Mary Bert McDonough thanked all those who had helped her celebrate her 90th birthday on October 23rd, primarily Rich Gillespie, who had served as MC.

In Township news, a truck route through St. James was discussed; the EMS was guaranteed at least \$2,500; fuel oil was bought for \$0.92/gallon; a meeting was mentioned to discuss the possibility of building a cogeneration power facility here; and the Frey Foundation gave St. James a \$10,000 grant to develop an Island Master Plan with the help of MSU's Landscape Architecture Program (which would receive these funds.)

The passing of Ione VanAntwerp, The Beaver Island Christian Church's organist, was noted.

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon*

IN MEMORY: SCOTT VANLOOY

Scott A. VanLooy, 46, of Bellaire, recently passed away at his home.

Scott was born on February 12, 1967 in Detroit. He is survived by his

mother, our former nurse/practitioner Christine VanLooy (Ed McDuffie), of Bellaire, his father Hank (Margie) VanLooy of Bellaire, a sister Stacey

(Michael) Kelly of Urbandale, IA., three step-brothers, Brian (Lisa) Rathke of Bellaire, Todd (Mary) Rathke of Bay City, Kevin Rathke of Bellaire, two

IN MEMORY: CLINTON BRUCE McDONOUGH

Clinton Bruce McDonough, of Charlevoix, passed away November 15th at the age of 23. Clinton was born in Irving, Texas, September 12, 1990. He moved to Charlevoix in 1994 and graduated from Charlevoix High School

in 2008. After graduation, Clinton moved to Lake Orion to pursue work in the culinary arts. He moved back to Charlevoix to be closer to family, and he was most recently employed at Wojan Window and Door of Charlevoix.

He is survived by his mother, Judy (John) Harris (née McDonough); his brother, Travis Longley; his father, Billy Longley; his aunts Mary Lou (Randy) Stevens, Kathy McDonough, and Lisa (Rusty) Nichols; his uncles Ron,

reported that the deer hunt was less successful than in previous years – because of poaching, with meat flown away. The Game Club, the DNR, and the Charlevoix Prosecutor promised to crack down.

Alex Siudara reported that nine Sweet Adelines represented Beaver Island at the 37th annual competition at the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

The St. James Town Board moved to name the street running past the Christian Church “Haynes Street” to honor the late Dr. Harley Haynes, who had helped found the church.

The school board held a special meeting to consider hiring a Special Ed teacher. Four applications had been received, and two candidates arrived for an interview. Karla Karbowski was given the job.

The Civic Association reported that its annual brochure had become more expensive, so this year the business ads, which had been free for members, would have to carry a charge that would vary with their size. Funds from memberships would be used for stamps for mailing brochures and for the activities supported by the Civic: the Winter Games, the Halloween Party, and the Fourth of July. The Civic intended to make benches for downtown with the proceeds from a raffle of a lot in the Port of St. James.

The Medical Center offered free diabetes testing.

The passing was noted of Meg Works McDonough, who was hit broadside by a car in San Antonio as she pulled out of a parking lot.

There was a surprise party at the

Circle M to honor Vivian Visscher. Speakers included Phil Gregg, Len Siudara, Frank Nackerman, and Ed Wojan. She was presented with a Tree of Life by Martha Miller and Mary Scholl.

Beaver Island’s Loch Ness searcher, Phyllis Syer, returned from another trip to Scotland, where she dissected fish, labeled specimens, and helped pull a sonar and photographic rig through the deep, cold water from a raft. “She’s convinced that something is down there – maybe as many as thirteen mysterious creatures.”

Forty Years Ago This was declared to be a “holiday issue,” containing a Christmas story by Jim Bishop and wishes for good luck and health by the Island merchants.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* began by reporting that ice was making in the harbor, and the *Beaver Islander* had finished its season. Snow began falling on November 23rd, and the temperature dipped to 23 on the last day of the month.

The deer season was deemed a success: 65 bucks, 41 does, 23 buck fawns, and 20 doe fawns were taken by 345 hunters – a 43% acquisition rate. The biggest, taken by Ron Scott of Ada, weighed in at 202 pounds.

A week after the season closed, Frank Neer and Frank O'Donnell spotted two bucks who'd broken through the Barney's Lake ice. The conservation officer rounded up some volunteers and equipped them with ropes, but just as they approached, the deer drowned. They hauled out and butchered the bodies, noticing, from the tracks, that

actually four deer had gone in and two had somehow gotten out on their own.

Another unusual deer event was mentioned. Glen LaFreniere, Robert Gillespie, and John DeVogel and their dogs were out rabbit hunting in early November (rabbit hunting was very good, with one group coming back with 34) when a large buck bounded out of a thicket and dashed straight at Glen, whom it hadn't seen. At the last minute it noticed him and swerved sideways, but wound up jumping into a tree and breaking its neck. Glen was pretty shaken up because he'd felt its breath before it swerved. The conservation officer put it out of its misery.

Perry Gatliff won a prize for the largest trout, one from Fox Lake weighing 20 ounces.

Father Louis Wren presided over the wedding of Patricia Martin and A. J. Gallagher.

Passings noted included Ella Somerville and Mrs. L. J. Malloy, the former Ethel McDonough who was born in Chicago but lived here for 45 years. Also word was received of the passing of the wife of Roy Haverstock, who had helped start the *Beaver Beacon*. Births took place for Vickie Connaghan, Topper McDonough, and Bob and Sue Welke.

On the 1st day of December the Coast Guard closed its station and left the Island for the winter, after having partaken in 14 rescues this year.

The *Beacon* concluded with the story of the first auto trip from Beaver Island.

nieces Maia and Blythe, seven step nieces and nephews, Maggie, Katie, Matt, Faith, Wesley, Claudia and Jordan.

Scott was a 1985 graduate of Traverse City Central.

He was employed by various food industries in the Traverse City area.

Memorial services took place on November 30th at the Bellaire Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes, with Fr. James Gardiner officiating.


Shawn (Jean), and Kelly McDonough; and many cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bruce and Gretchen McDonough.

Clinton was an avid outdoorsman, and he enjoyed hunting with his brother

and uncles. His many passions included maintaining a strong connection to his Irish heritage, pursuing his love for music, and spending time with family and friends. Clinton recently completed a cross-country adventure with his dog,

Cujo, that took him from Michigan to Oregon and back.

Clinton's generous spirit lives on through his donation to Gift of Life Michigan. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.



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34. EMMA JEAN

I don't decorate much for Christmas in recent years, but I always haul out all the old memories.

My friend, Emma Jean, has an important role in my memories of Christmases past.

I first met Emma Jean in 1978. I had just moved to Beaver Island with my family. Emma and I worked together as waitresses for the breakfast shift at the Shamrock Bar and Restaurant.

It was my first job as a server, and I took it seriously. I was a perfect example of the completely over the top and very annoying "Hi, my name is Cindy and I'll be your waitress..." type. Combined with my clumsiness and ineptitude, I was quite a sight to behold.

Emma Jean, on the other hand, was very skilled at the job and a little bit famous for her "What the HELL do you want from me NOW?" greeting.

I'd see her rolling her eyes at me, or grumbling under her breath, or laughing out loud at my foibles.

As the year wore on, though (no-one was more surprised than I was!), I caught on to the job. Through busy mornings and kitchen disasters and after-shift cocktails, Emma Jean and I became friends.

She is #24 on the list of the sixty Most Influential Women in My Life that I compiled for my sixtieth birthday. In my life, though, Emma Jean is invaluable.

And, in my family, she saved Christmas. Twice.

The first time was in perhaps 1981 or '82. The Island ferry had quit running early that year, and we were dependent on the planes for supplies. The weather conditions were such that the planes couldn't fly...for days on end. At Christmas! The airport in Charlevoix was packed with groceries, gifts, and people waiting to come to the Island. Several of Emma Jean's children were among them, as was my husband...with our Christmas turkey and all of Santa's

gifts. In the little apartment we were renting from Madonna McCafferty that winter, we were facing a tree with few presents and a can of cream of mushroom soup.

On Christmas Eve, we gave up hope that the planes would fly. Emma Jean pulled out the food she'd planned for her family meals and started cooking. She called all the "strays." Anyone who had been trying to go home for the holidays and couldn't, anyone who'd been expecting family who didn't get here, anyone who hadn't ordered groceries early enough...all were on her list of invited guests.

Emma Jean's table had been extended to the limits of her small kitchen. Lace cloths covered the surface. Christmas lights twinkled and candles glowed. Bottles of wine and other spirits waited on the sideboard. Real crystal glassware. Her best china. Hors-d'oeuvres, salads, turkey and ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, several lovely side dishes, and elegant desserts. Offered, as if we were the most important guests in the world, to a motley crew that included a group of course linemen from Mississippi, a young bartender, a group of rabbit hunters and...thankfully...myself and my two young daughters.

It was a wonderful meal filled with laughter and camaraderie.

We walked home, my girls and I, around the harbor, with the water at our side, a sky full of stars overhead and the church bells sounding for the midnight mass. I still think of it as one of the loveliest nights of my life.

The second time was just a couple years later. My husband and I had separated in late October, and started divorce proceedings. As the days turned cold, staying in our house proved impossible. Faced with less than a cord of soft wood for heat and water that froze whenever the temperature dropped, my daughters and I moved

GOT TOYS

The Annual Toy Drive has begun! The toys collected go to children who qualify for assistance. Any child qualifies will receive brand new toys.

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drop off the toys to Connie Boyle at home, leave it in her car (or Neal's), bring it to the school office or the collection box at Island Airways (on the Island or in Charlevoix).

into a room at the Erin Motel for the winter. I packed up the car with the bare necessities while Jen and Kate were at school. In a moment of hope and with a bit of extra space, I added the tote of holiday decorations.

I was angry and sad and broke. Add confused to that list to get a picture of my girls' state of mind.

And yet, here was Christmas.

Emma Jean stopped one Saturday in early December, with the Shamrock truck, a large pruning saw, and a brown bag of refreshments. "Get your boots on, girls, and we'll go get trees!", she grinned. "We need two for the Shamrock: one for the dining room and one for the dance floor; two for my house: one inside, one outside...one will probably be enough for you here," she said with a glance around our crowded room.

That was the start of our wonderful day. We drove down the east side as far as it was plowed, and around McCauley Road to the King's Highway, Paid een Ogg Road to the West Side Drive, and on and on. Whenever a trail looked passable, we took it. Whenever a tree looked interesting, we stopped to check it from all angles. When we found a "keeper," I was the one to shimmy under it and cut it down. Though I'd heard a lot of, "Don't worry about who's property it's on, it's one small tree..." from Emma Jean, when a car came down the road while I was, belly down under an evergreen with the saw halfway through the trunk, Emma shouted, "Quick, into the bushes, girls, HIDE!" and they ducked for cover. If the driver of the vehicle had looked into the field, he would have seen a small tree swaying with my uncontrolled laughter.

By evening, we had dropped four trees off at their proper locations and were back in my little room setting up a fair-sized tree. I made hot chocolate; Emma Jean cracked a beer. I strung the

lights. Then the ornaments came out.

"Show me", Emma Jean said, and my daughters did, shyly at first, and ready to discount their offerings as worthless at the slightest indication.

"I made this one in Brownies when I was little" Jen shrugged. "It's a tuna fish can with cloth glued to it."

"I made this in Sister Marie's class" Kate offered, "It's a ring from a jar with yarn wrapped around it."

Before they could finish their description, the sparkle of interest in Emma Jean's eyes told them the items they held were of tremendous value.

"Bring that over here so I can get a better look..."

"Now tell me again, what? A canning jar lid? Amazing!"

One after the other the ornaments came out, and were described and discussed and marveled over. One memory at a time, we were integrating Christmas back into our lives.

"This one...", a big sigh, "...I made it in kindergarten...it's a lid from a margarine tub, and we cut out pictures from old Christmas cards and glued them on..." another self deprecating shrug, "...then we put glitter all over it..." another sigh. "I hate this one, really. I always want to hang it on the back of the tree where no one can see it. My Dad always says, 'NO! I love that one! That has to hang in the front!'..."

Without a moment's hesitation, Emma Jean asked, "So, where are you going to hang it this year, Honey?"

My daughter's eyes went to the side, and there was a slight pause before her face brightened and she laughed out loud. We all joined her.

There, in that tiny motel room, with hot cocoa and beer and evergreen, and with tremendous thanks to Emma Jean, we started to learn how to move forward.

And that is how Emma Jean saved Christmas...twice.

— Cindy Ricksgers

This toy drive is in memory of Ellen Welke. She always organized toys and treats for every child. Ellen made arrangements for Santa to fly to Beaver Island every year.

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— Connie Boyle



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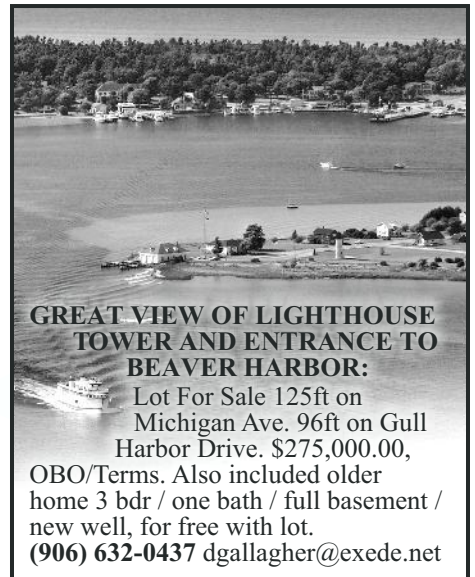
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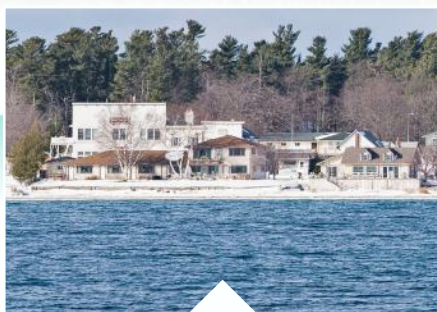
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