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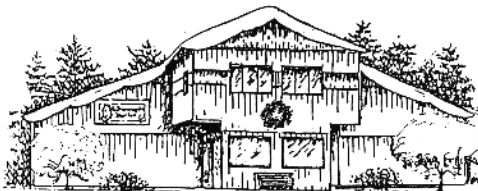
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013

Clerk Jean Wierenga reported for the Waste Management Committee that Brad Swearingen had completed his Hazardous Materials training and that Amy Burris and Bob Marsh had nearly completed theirs. She said she and Paul Welke had met with Supervisors Bill Haggard and Bill Kohls and that monthly reports from the committee would be presented. The township board voted to keep the WMC membership at seven – a downsizing to five members had been proposed at one time. The board later appointed Joe Moore to serve on the WMC.

Jim Wojan said the harbor dredging would be happening.

Jean Wierenga said the township had been notified that the grant application to the Great Lakes Fishery Trust had not been funded. Rick Speck explained that this meant the fishing pier that had been part of harbor development plan would be removed from it until other funding appears. The development would now include a boat launch, parking area, and perhaps a small pier for boat tie-ups and fishing.

There was no representative of the Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee present to answer questions about the proposed amendments to the NRESC bylaws that were

tabled at the previous township meeting. Jim Wojan said he did not believe there was a reason to change the current bylaws. Ed Wojan said the only change he would recommend was for the townships to not have to approve each new representative from a NRESC member organization, but that new organizations which wish to join should still be approved by the townships. The Board approved such a motion.

Supervisor Bill Haggard agreed to serve as St. James' WMC representative to the new NRESC.

The proposed Dangerous Structures Ordinance had been reviewed by the township attorney. The Board voted to table its consideration until all had a chance to read the attorney's changes to the generic form already approved by the Board.

Connie Wojan asked the township for support for a tribal grant application on behalf of the Community Development Corporation. The \$7,000 grant would pay to complete installation of air conditioning for the Forest View Community apartments. The Board approved a support letter.

The Board reopened discussion of a request from the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association to hang 17 banners from downtown light posts during the annual Baroque on Beaver. The organization would donate the brackets and



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banner holders, with installation to be completed by the township. Other organizations might be able to use the holders at other times. Discussion centered on how large and numerous the banners would be and how decisions would be made about who else could use the holders. The Board voted that the Zoning Administrator would have to approve the request and permit application, and that three banners could be installed this year as an experiment to assess the impact.

With regret, the Board accepted the resignation of long-time member Tim McDonough and voted to present him with a small token of their appreciation for his 35 years of service. The Board has 45 days to appoint a replacement before the county would set a special election to fill the vacancy.

During public comments, Don Vyse asked the Board to approve the signing of a contract with an architect who will design a kiosk for installation at the Whiskey Point Lighthouse. The kiosk might include signs about the Light's history and donors who contributed to its restoration. The cost will be paid from lighthouse funds. The contract was approved.

John Robert asked about approval for a skating rink in the public beach parking lot. Board members reported that their research indicated that it would


be feasible, but that the Charlevoix County Road Commission should be consulted as well.

Tim Resigns. After 35 years of exemplary service, Tim McDonough resigned from the St. James Board. During his tenure there was much discussion of various issues, which occasionally saw a raised pitch. But Tim could always be counted on to remain calm, to let the arguments rage back and forth, and then deliver a reasonable pronouncement.

Tim grew up with a father and grandfather who had both served on the Board, so he knew the tension the position could sometimes bring. He is an accessible man: if someone wants to give him their opinion of a certain matter, they can phone him, stop him on the street, go to a fireman's practice or a ball game, or catch him at the meat market. Throughout his service it can honestly be said that he *always* based his decisions on what he believed was best for the Island – an attitude that sometimes did not please his friends.

Another thing that can be honestly said is that he was always prepared. To do justice to the job, there is an amazing amount of material that must be read, digested, double-checked, and considered. People affected by the decision – and casual observers – want to present their opinion, and

continued on page 6.



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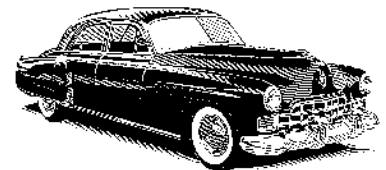
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6. **On This Date**, continued from page 5. these too must be weighed. Then the question must be asked, "What else is there? What am I missing?"

The Trustee position pays a little over four thousand dollars, but when all the time spent is factored in, it amounts to quite a low hourly wage. We are lucky enough people are willing to make the sacrifice.

Even in resigning, Tim could not completely let go, telling them that creating the Emergency Services Authority was vital and urging them to act as quickly as possible. That's Tim – the good of the Island will always be at the forefront of his mind.

Peaine

The Peaine Township Board, at its December 11 meeting, handled a set of ongoing items in efficient manner.

Waste Transfer Station. Supervisor Bill Kohls reported a discussion with St. James Township's Bill Haggard and Jean Wierenga in which it was affirmed that the 1991 agreement between two townships that established the Waste Transfer Committee needs to be a more complete and formal document. Items of

importance to clarify include making sure there is more complete reporting from the committee to the township boards about what is going on and identifying which decisions should be referred by the committee to the township boards and which ones can be made by the committee. In addition, the Board decided to post a vacancy in the 7-member committee, and adopted a resolution of appreciation and thanks to former station manager Don Welke for his service.

Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee (NRESC).

Kohls noted that the Board has received comments from its counsel concerning proposed amendments to the NRESC Resolution and Bylaws, which had been tabled by the Board. The comments focused on approval by the township boards of appointments to the NRESC and suggested that there might be voting and non-voting members of the NRESC as a way of expanding participation in the body. Kohls said he would work over the next few weeks to resolve disagreements about the proposed amendments, and whatever might be proposed at that point would have to be approved by both townships.

NAPTIME

Looking out my window makes me sleepy
The Couch and the Bed
they both remind me too –
Listening to the Winter blow outside,
Isn't Naptime long overdue?

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Forest View Community. Connie Wojan, speaking for the Beaver Island Community Development Corporation (BICDC), asked the township to support in writing a request to the Grand Traverse Tribe for \$9,090 to complete air conditioning for the Forest View facility. Wojan and Pete LoDico explained that summer temperatures were a health hazard for the elderly residents, but the original "bare bones" budget for construction of the apartments had not been able to cover air conditioning. Since then, three of the six apartments have been air conditioned. The BICDC has received a \$7,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, but needs the additional funding to be able to complete the work. Total cost of the project, LoDico said, will be much less than it would have cost to include air conditioning during the construction. The Board authorized Kohls to write a support letter.

Johnny Martin's Trail. The Board authorized Kohls to write a letter to the Charlevoix County Commission asking it to request permitting by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to reopen the trail and make it available for

hiking, biking, birding, and also to serve as an east-west emergency route.


Fox Lake Land Purchase. Kohls announced that the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund has approved a \$155,300 grant to the township to purchase approximately 20 acres along SE Fox Lake.

Birding Trail. During public comments, Pam Grassmick reported that the Beaver Island Birding Trail planning is advancing. Thirty-three sites have been identified; a donation from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation and additional funds from an anonymous donor are paying for development of a Web site and printed materials; the Web site should be operational in January (www.beaverislandbirdingtrail.org); a trail dedication ceremony is planned for May 23-24, with professional birding guides and speakers attending; the Beaver Island Community Center will serve as Birding Trail headquarters; a number of Island businesses have signed on as sponsors; signage is being developed; and a State of Michigan outreach office has offered to do a Web Blast to its 100,000 subscribers in the spring.

Please turn the phone off –
Put another log on the fire,
Please excuse me from having guests –
I think I may expire!

I'm worn from the Holydays –
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– Dawn George

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8. RESOLVED

This is my favorite time of the year.

It's not the beauty of it, though it is definitely beautiful with the white snow drifting across the fields and the blue sky — there is never such a blue sky as what we see on Beaver Island in the winter — and the bare trees. It's not the cold ... I could do without that. I don't mind the isolation — the distance from

the mainland seems farthest right now, in the first days after the ferry boat stops running — but it's not that, either.

This is the beginning of a new calendar year.

This is the time for renewal ... for fresh beginnings ... for starting over.

I'm big on self-improvement. I like having a plan. I love making a list. What

could be better?

I once made a list of one hundred New Year's resolutions! They ranged from diet and exercise to house-keeping, patience and spending. It wasn't such a bad idea. Due to their sheer volume alone, it was several months before I'd let all of them go by the wayside!

Because, yes, though I'm very adept at making resolutions, I'm not so good on the follow-through. In fact, I should probably just make one list, and lots of copies, as my goals haven't changed much over the last thirty years or so. I'm still trying to lose those extra pounds ... still working to keep my desktop in some kind of order ... still trying to be a better person.

I've tried "theme" lists, where all of my goals revolve around organization ... or health ... or improving my attitude. A year seems like a long time, though, to let everything else go to the dogs while I work on one small area.

This year, I'm trying something new. I have three resolutions:

- **Pay Attention**

"Pay Attention!"

As I've always been a daydreamer, I've heard a lot of that in my life. I can close my eyes and clearly hear it in my mother's urging voice, the stern, warning tone from Sister Mary Aloysius, or the urgent, shaky yell from my driver's training instructor.

It always seemed like an admonition.

Until I had children, and they grew up and away so fast they left me dazed, and wondering where all the precious days of their childhood had gone. Until, lately, the years are punctuated with the loss of friends and family members and loss has become so common that almost every encounter is shadowed by the idea that it might be the last. Until I realized the seasons and the years I have left behind are greater in number than those ahead of me ... and what do I have to show for it? What memories do I hold of all the days that are gone forever? Worse yet, how many of those days went by without even my notice?

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the beauty and the people that make up my life, so that I can say that I am actually living each day, rather than just letting time pass.

• *Do No Harm*

I'll tell you honestly, I'm not nearly as nice as most people think I am. I love the reputation, though. I've heard myself described as "the sweetest person on Beaver Island."

My siblings would tell quite a different story. I was the bad-tempered child. I was the one who might resort to biting or hair-pulling or Indian snake-bite. I was the mean one.

My daughters remember my rigid adherence to bed-times and cleaning-times and rules. They have stories of me coming home from work and saying, "Just let me sit here for a while, not smiling or talking to anyone." I was not the "fun" parent.

When I speak up, it's usually after holding it in for too long. It comes from a defensive position. Still, there are times when I've said too much ... instances where I have hurt other's feelings.

I try, though, to be a kind person. This year, I'm trying even harder.

• *Rejoice*

This has to do with gratitude.

It harkens back to paying attention, too, to all of the things I have to be thankful for.

It also refers to being satisfied.


For all of the blessings I have in my life, I have a list just as long of things that I want. It seems like that elusive thing that will make my life complete is always just out of reach. No matter what I have, it's not quite enough. I'm working to change that.

As one step, I've been making a daily list of things that make me happy. Sometimes it's as simple as my first cup of coffee in the morning, a card in the mail, or socks, warm from the dryer. Looking over the list, it's surprising how often articles of clothing make me feel happy.

There are the warm mallard duck slippers, a gift, years ago, from my friend HueyChu. When she visited me

here, she made note that — according to the ancient Chinese system of Feng Shui — the location of my bathroom cursed me to a life of forever flushing away any chances of success with love or money. She said the slippers, if kept in the bathroom when not being worn, might unhinge some of that bad luck. The mallard duck is a symbol of good

fortune; having a pair of like figures enhances romantic prospects; at the very least, they would keep my feet warm in my cold house. My friend has since gone back to Taiwan; our contact is limited. When I wear those slippers, though, I remember Huey, and the fun we had as two young art students at Michigan State. Over the years, I've had




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10. cats and puppies that think I am dressing for play when I put on the slippers; they keep me laughing as they attack the waterfowl on my feet. When my daughter and grandson visited last Thanksgiving, the winner of our card games gained control of the mallard duck slippers...a pretty good prize in my cold house!

My fleecy bathrobe makes me happy. It is a white, wrap-around robe, covered with images of gray and white sheep. When my mother gave it to me, I was pretty definite in thinking, "that is not my style." I thought chenille would have been nice, and that I could do without the sheep. Mom reminded me that I'd had a gray and white fleece robe when I was a teen-ager, and that I always looked comfortable in it. It is certainly warm. It wears like iron. As

the years have gone by, it has kind of come to feel like it is my style, after all. Now that Mom is gone, I have an added reverence for anything that came from her. When I wear the robe, I remember that she could look at me in middle-age and still see me as a seventeen-year-old, cozy in my fleecy bathrobe.

Then there are the soft red (with white polka-dots!) Vera Wang pajamas that my sister, Cheryl, gave me a few years ago. Vera Wang, who designs wedding gowns for the rich and famous! They are made of the softest, warmest fabric I've ever seen. They are red (my favorite color!) with white polka-dots! What could be better? They definitely make me happy.

However....

I got out of bed one cold day last week. I slid into my slippers and put on

my robe, let the dogs outside, and went to make coffee. I caught a glimpse of myself in the mirror. There I was, in the red polka-dot pajamas ... the white fleece robe with gray and white sheep ... with the green heads of the mallard duck slippers peeking out at floor level. All of those elements that were on my happy list, combined in that image in the mirror, did not make me one bit happy. More is not necessarily better.

This year, in addition to being appreciative, I'm going to work on being satisfied.

So there, that's it for me in 2014: Pay Attention, Do No Harm, Rejoice ... and maybe, just maybe get that file drawer organized ... and make it to Zumba class now and then....

— Cindy Ricksgers

ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago PABI appealed to the St. James Planning Commission to reduce the required number of parking places so it would not have to pave over its entire lot and could install some landscaping. It reduced the size of its planned building because the rules called for one parking space for every 400 ft² of building space. It also asked for permission to put a well on township land. All requests were turned down.

The Concerned Citizens Group criticized the Health Center for its choice of propane instead of higher-btu/\$ fuel oil for heating. The Health Center issued a public explanation in reply making note of price changes over time and the direct line run to the health center.

A comparison was made between the Beaver Archipelago and the islands clustered around Washington Island.

The deer hunt concluded with 177 deer being taken, including 93 bucks with up to eight points.

The AmVets hosted a visit by Santa Claus and Mrs. Kringle, providing hot dogs, punch, and cookies.

The Fire Department was called to a house fire on McCauley Road—which turned out to be firewood stacked outside. Little harm was done before it was put out.

Ron Gregg put on a presentation

about his role in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* included a history of the Post Office (which had just changed its name and operator) put together by Phil Gregg. The building was built, in one week, by Johnny Greene in 1904, and served as a saloon—the Silver Top Saloon, run by Willie Boyle. Silver Top beer was served on the first floor, but the card players up above could get their drinks in a box pulled through a hole in the floor by a rope. The bar was put out of business by Prohibition in 1918. It became a tailor shop for awhile—Frank Nackerman got his first pair of long pants there. When the tailor left, it became a Post Office in 1923, with Willie Boyle appointed Postmaster. He held the position until Frank Nackerman took over in 1939.

News appeared of the passing of Frank's wife, Grace (Campbell) Nackerman, 87. She lived on Beaver Island for 65 years, including 20 spent as postal clerk.

Jene Casper wrote a letter thanking the EMS for their prompt, courteous, and effective help; her husband Ed had called them about her sudden stomach pain.

Russ Green was profiled, recounting his childhood on the Green farm, his

service in Korea, his courting of Joy McDonough, and his putting all eight of their children through school. His retirement was commemorated in a poem by Bea Ransom, with this first stanza:

*For many years you've sailed the lake,
But now you say you're done.*

*We'll miss your warm and friendly smile
When you've made your final run.*

The marriage of Kathleen Green to Dana Dvoracek of Charlevoix was announced.

In the Peaine Township minutes, mention was made of a thank-you letter written by Phil Lange of the Medical Center for "the loan needed to carry out its fiscal year."

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* reprinted James Pooler's 1954 *Detroit Free Press* story, "When Santa Missed the Boat for Beaver Island." Part of the story recounts the exploits of Frank Left's horse *Queenie*, who had a magical sense of how to cross the ice safely.

In Township news, Darrell Butler suggested that St. James install two independent bubbler systems at the Yacht Dock so they can be alternated and better maintained. The proposed purchase of two lots at Iron Ore Bay could not be put to a vote until March. The GAO offered

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On This Date, continued from page 10. to sell the Whiskey Point Boat House. The Fire Department bought a second-hand paging system from Northville. Jon Bonadeo asked that Main Street south of Bonner Street (the playground) be improved because he had property that would benefit from this access. Other property owners in the area, namely the Fitzpatrick's and Evan Karnes, objected to any improvement. The St. James Board declined, noting that a rough trail exists for access and the limited road funds should be used for more crucial projects.

The Civic Association again made plans to hold Winter Games—with the added event of snowshoe softball.

Heavy snow kept the Airport closed the three days prior to Christmas. Quite a crowd of Islanders developed in Charlevoix, all wanting to come home; the one coming the longest distance only to be stopped 32 miles short was Ray Cole from Barrow, Alaska. When the weather broke at 11:00 a.m. on Christmas morning, a hooray went up from the mainland that was heard all the way here.

The New Year's Eve party at the Parish Hall featured music from Ed Palmer, Dan and Rich Gillespie, Randy Osborne, and John McCafferty. Another favorite Island band, including Joe Moore, Rick Delamater, Joe Cunningham, and Gwen and Matt Marston entertained those who went to the Shamrock.

Joe and Tim Timsak were headed down the King's Highway in a pick-up, until Joe heard a funny sound and asked his dad to stop. When Tim applied the brakes, the truck tipped. Climbing out, they discovered a wheel had come off a mile back, but the vehicle drove fine on three until the brakes were put on.

Lynn Ann McDonough and Greg Cary were married; Diane Wojan and Rich Scripps were married; and Laura Esch and Rich Gillespie were engaged.

The passing of William J. Carnes, 91, was noted. He was the grandson of Lamus O'Donnell, heir to the O'Donnell castle. Lamus came to Beaver and near Beaver Head, and then bought 40 acres on Slopstown. One of his daughters met James Carnes in Chicago; they married, and their third son William J, a violin prodigy, was a frequent visitor to the Island—sometimes arriving on what

was thought to be the first motorcycle here. He played at several dances on a fiddle borrowed from Ellie Raymond, and also helped the fishermen tune their engines. In 1917 he married Sylvia Senderburgh (Joe M'Fro's sister.)

Forty Years Ago The Beaver Island Boat Company announced the purchase of a 2nd boat, the *South Shore*, a sturdy if slow 65-footer, from Put-in Bay.

The Game Club issued its hunting wrap-up: 30 deer taken, but better luck was had with grouse and rabbits. For rabbits Melvin Napont was acknowledged as being the Island's top hunter. Bill Wagner again spearheaded a timber cutting to provide habitat for the deer. The coyote population was said to be low.

Passings noted included Bert McDonough, who was born here in 1898 and served at Beaver Head Lighthouse; John R. Martin, known as "Big Dick," a commercial fisherman; and Ted Hine, who had helped bring power and telephone to the Island. Word reached Beaver of the engagement of Elaine Pike to Steve West, breaking several hearts.

On New Year's Eve two of the five Coast Guards stationed at Lansing Shoal decided to come to Beaver to see the new year in. They set off at 4:30 p.m. in a 16' open boat powered by a double set of oars. Unfortunately they became lodged in drift ice off the north shore of Garden. Word went out from Lansing Shoals to the Charlevoix post, which alerted Deputy Sheriff Bill Welke. Even though the temperature dropped to 12 degrees, there was nothing Bill could do until first light. As soon as he could he hopped in his plane, found them, and called the Coast Guard, which dispatched a helicopter. The men, Lyle Hansberger and David White, were treated for exposure in the hospital and released.

Buz Anderson was dealt a perfect cribbage hand in a match with Topper McDonough, Bert's son.

Father Herbert thanked the Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids for three kind donations, to the Church, the Medical Center, and the cemetery.

Fifty Years Ago A white winter was celebrated for providing good rabbit hunting—particularly for Milt Bennet and the Martin boys, Erwin,

Ernie, Emmett, and Bud. Plans¹³ were made to keep the East Side Road open all the way to Lake Geneserath.

News arrived that Father Roland McCann was installed as pastor of St. Vincent Ferrer's church in mid-town Manhattan. Father McCann was born on Beaver in 1924, served in WW II, and then joined the Dominican Order.

The Coast Guard increased the passenger allowance on the *Beaver Islander* from 150 to 200.

Bud McDonough was elected President of the Civic Association. Mary Minor became President of the Altar Society.

The Historical Society published its financial statement for the preceding year. Thanks to \$438 in dues, \$253 in admissions, and \$24.25 in donations, it was able to balance its income with its annual expenditure of \$1,484.80.

The Island girls, young and old, went door to door singing Christmas carols once again.

Dr. Haynes decided to repeat the program he started the previous year, in which adults get together every two weeks in the basement of the Medical Center to discuss "topics of interest."

Phil Gregg's *Beaver Tales* supplement concerned Buffalo Malloy, who was 19 in 1876 and found himself working in a logging camp on the Fox Islands. He could see Beaver on a clear day, where the girl he loved was living. Close to Christmas he decided to go see her—by walking 18 miles across the ice. Ominous cracking began to occur more frequently as he neared Beaver Head. Noticing that the ice was only an inch thick and hearing the cracks, he decided the only thing to do was to lie down to distribute his weight. Not wanting to spend days lying there as the ice thickened, he tried rolling, and quickly learned he could roll quite well. He rolled until he reached some snow-covered ice and then stood, discovering the Lighthouse was not far away. He walked to shore, and then on to Nomad, where his sister lived. Unfortunately, she ruined his day, telling him the girl he loved had despaired of seeing him and had just married another man. After he got over his grief he married Bridget Boyle, and they raised 12 Beaver Islanders.

14. THE LAST FERRY OF THE SEASON...

by Mary Acker and Greg Doig



We knew this was going to be a trip worth remembering ... the unplanned last ferry trip across for the season. Early Ice was to blame. Timing is everything when you need to get your supplies in for the winter. I had my vehicle booked for the crossing, from Charlevoix, back home to Beaver Island, and I arrived on schedule despite the wintry roads. It never fails to be a challenge to make the ferry on time. I left my down-state house at 4:30 am, hit bad weather driving north. The radio said all the schools were closed.... I saw several cars in ditches ... drove behind many very slow drivers, all that pressure to make it on time for the ferry. I hardly sleep the night before, whether

I'm coming or going, so the whole ordeal starts the night before and doesn't end until safe and sound at home again.

I came in by way of Petoskey, and watched as a wall of snow clouds filled the sky to the west. The sun was bright on the east side of the road. It was a foreboding sight, but I didn't have time to think about it, with my destination just a few miles away now. When I finally arrived and checked the car in, I found out I had a little time to relax in the ferry office as the boat was delayed. Then the *Emerald Isle* arrived without too much delay, and the folks who made the trip over quickly dispersed in every direction, so glad to be on shore.

No one could have guessed what

might happen next, and we were all unaware of what the Captain and crew had just endured on the trip over. The water looked pretty smooth, so I felt it would be a fairly uneventful trip. That changed quickly when we were boarding and were immediately warned about the ice on the deck and the ramps. They had found no remedy for the slick passageway, and said we should be "...really careful walking out there." The extremely cold weather had come early and brought an early end to the ferry schedule. This would be the last crossing of 2013.

As soon as I entered the forward cabin, I could see the signs of an icy ride ahead, but I was still confident in the warmth and safety of the big boat.







I started to get excited about the photo ops appearing before me. The icy cabin windows provided some interesting effects, and really showed the biting cold of the early onset of winter. Rolling out of the channel onto the open water, we could see the astounding effects of the ice and freezing temperatures on the jetty where the Charlevoix lighthouse stands. It's funny how something so potentially hazardous is, at the same time, so profoundly beautiful. The ice formations on the outside of the cabin looked like gnarly teeth, ready to bite through anything to get back to home port. Looking out ahead, we could only see a white mist and funnels of snow pouring like sugar across the sky, just a few hundred feet out in front. Further out into the lake we hit a snow band and almost everyone was out of their seats when we noticed the Island ahead. Things were getting exciting as the snow got a little heavier. We could see a

white strip on the horizon that made Beaver look like they were floating on a white cloud. "It could be the ice," someone said, "...heard they had to bust it up with the tugs on the Island side."

The closer we got to the Island, the more ice sheets we saw on the water ... until the sheet became large and filled the harbor. The Captain steered the ship through a passage the tugs had opened just hours before. It was frozen again, and the bow of the ship took on the punishing ice. It was a sound and a feeling underfoot that makes you cringe. The boat slowed as we crunched our way through. Everyone was quiet and listening to sounds we never thought we'd hear and waiting to see just how thick that ice would get. Just before entering the harbor we saw five Bald Eagles, fishing on the ice and flying together. It was like they all got together for a holiday dinner. Maybe a

good sign, all things considered. 17.

Getting close to the lighthouse, we saw Buddy Martin with his truck on the ice waving us in. He was part of the early crew that saved the day, busting up the ice so the ferry could get out. Everyone was waiting and watching as we approached the dock. Turning around was certainly a feat, ably performed by the Captain.

I looked back toward the lighthouse, where I could see the next wave of snow rolling by. Funny, "it didn't even snow here today," someone standing down on the dock said. A beautiful end to an intense journey.

Once back on land, I headed home through the falling snow. Luckily, friends plowed my driveway just the day before. I was excited to see how my photos turned out, and I posted a few online for friends and family. That led me to contact Greg Doig, nephew of Kathleen Wood, who was on the ferry as



she got underway early that morning from Beaver Island. I asked him if he would give us the story from his perspective and include some of the photos he was able to capture of the initial part of this ice-breaking adventure. He was more than happy to do so.

The story continues here...or begins with Greg's version of the eventful day:

Monday morning, 12/16/13, was my second boat trip from Beaver Island to Charlevoix, which required ice breaking in the harbor to occur, before the *Emerald Isle* could proceed.

I was on the first trip out on 4/4/13. It was scheduled for 4/3/13 but delayed a day to await the Coast Guard breaker *Biscayne Bay*. We also had to wait another three hours to see if the winds would subside. They did, some. That ride over was one toss and bounce for the first 90 minutes or so. The one on

12/16/13 was a pleasure ride, minus the cold, compared to April's. The cabin, though, was toasty.

The crew wasn't sure if we would get out Monday, but the *Wendy Anne* was more than capable of getting us out of the dock and the harbor. Matt Fogg was the captain, with another I couldn't make out through the icy windows of the tug. The *Emerald Isle* crew knew once we broke out of the harbor the season would be over by day's end. One trip back and that's that. Word to the wise: contingency plans, at the beginning and ends of each boat season are required.

I like the slight adventure provided by the difficult rides more so than the routine. The crew and captains are excellent and provide a great service to the folks who depend on them. They should be able to have a tip jar going on

and off the boat.

This year I had a bad weather day going back in late April, and asked Captain Kevin McDonough, before boarding, what he thought about the upcoming ride. He said something along the line of 'I have had better ones and I have had rougher ones.' I thought great, somewhere in between is fine by me.

I've been a happy customer since 1956, don't remember the first few rides of course, but a lot since then. My mom, Grace Gatliff Doig, started taking my older brother Hank, myself, and another 5 siblings behind me to the Island each summer, from our home in Chicago. Nice place to be, whenever, you can be there. Leaving, no matter for how long, is a bit sad for most.

– Mary Acker and Greg Doig



A REAL WINTER

We had a taste earlier, but a true winter descended on the Island in the middle of the month. First there was a freezing rain, which made it tricky to drive down the road. Luckily there were no power outages. Then the temperature

dropped. The Live Nativity had to be cancelled because the wind chill reached zero. The lakes froze over, and the harbor; the local tugs had to break ice. Then the temperature shot into the high 20s and we got almost a foot of

snow, which stuck to the trees. The sun came out, revealing a glistening wonderland.

Before Christmas a foot of fresh snow fell, and the snowmobilers came out to criss-cross the landscape.



Clarence Maudrie dropped the rudder of the *Shirley K* just off the coast guard station in the harbor of Paradise Bay in 45' of water. The *Sundew* icebreaker was to come in with heating fuel for the island which was running out, and the harbor had been froze in.

He wanted me to find it and secure a line to it so he could retrieve it and reinstall it on his boat. I told him to throw a block with a line as close to it as he could.

The *Sundew* came in on a cold windy day. It was near 0° F with a norwest wind of about 16 mph; bitter but our only opportunity to retrieve it before spring thaw. There were quite a few rugged volunteers there to assist bringing it to the surface. Perry Fortier, my son in law, and always ready assistant tender, was there to help me in and out of the water with all of the paraphernalia necessary for the dive.

The ice was broken up almost to the

dock with chunks almost two feet thick. I had my red Poseidon drysuit on and Perry helped me don my double 72s, mask, fins, and rope I hoped to attach to the rudder.

The wind was beating against the neoprene suit and really making me cold. I told Perry to hurry up — that I had to get into the water to warm up. He said, “You gotta be kiddin me!” I really wasn't because when I dropped through the ice, it was like jumping into a bath tub of warm water.

Anyway when nearing the bottom I adjusted my buoyancy to stay above the silt to search for any part of what might be the rudder. There was a lot of circling around. I located some steel scrap and even found a navy anchor that was salvaged the next spring. Finally about six feet from the line marker Clarence had dropped in, I found a six inch piece of heavy steel protruding from the silt. OK! I thought, closing my eyes and seizing the rudder post and

applying some half hitches around it. It was all by feel, for the whole area was in blinding silt. Then we hefted the rudder plate to pass the rope under and position it in the middle so it wouldn't slip off when they were lifting it. Back to the post with some more half hitches. Then as prearranged (two hard pulls on the rope) we signaled the surface crew.

I held on the rope to find my way out and NOT be under a 300-pound rudder. Upon surfacing I made a dash for the *Shirley K*, which had a coal-fired stove, to doff my suit. Low and behold, the arms and front were smeared with black grease from the rudder post lubrication, which later took two hours to clean. The crew outside had to use a chainsaw to make foot notches in order to bring it up and out on the ice.

Later across the harbor they lifted the *Shirley K* with a crane and reinstalled the rudder. That's my LIE for the day and I'm sticken to it. Grambo

— R.E.Burris

HOW MUCH ICE? HOW MUCH TIME?

It has already stayed below freezing on Beaver Island for more than 3 continuous weeks, much to the surprise of local weather buffs. For example, the forecasted low for December 23, 2013 was plus 5° F. The next morning, the thermometer read minus 12°! That's 17° lower than predicted. Yikes!

So, the mischievous mind wonders. Are the temps going to stay low enough for ice to encase the entire Beaver Archipelago? And will it be cold enough to be able to walk or motor to the outer islands this winter? And lastly, what should we do about it?

Historically speaking we may be due for another freeze-over. The last big

freeze for Lake Michigan was the winter of 1978-79. Previous to that, the February 28, 1963 *Muskegon Chronicle* described the conditions which created the freeze of 1962-63. It said temperatures averaging 3 to 4° below normal in December, 8 to 10° below normal in January and 6 to 8° below normal in February are what caused so much of the lake to freeze that year. By comparison, Beaver Island's high temperatures from December 1 - 26, 2013 have averaged 6.8° lower than the normal daily highs, and it has not risen above 32° since December 6th as this issue goes to print.

Such on-going, lower than usual

temperatures would not only be cold, they would be cool! Just think! Hike Squaw Island without the threat of poison ivy. Saunter over to Whiskey Island to have a swig with the BI Pirate. Buzz over to Gull Island and back in less than half a day (to deliver supplies for future visits). Add lights to the air strip on Trout Island. And the obvious: PUT A CELL PHONE TOWER ON HIGH ISLAND!

Such exquisite heights of accomplishment might just be possible when the temperatures are so low. Think about it!

— Barbara Rahn

IN MEMORY: MARY BONNER ANTRIM

Mary E. Antrim, 77, of Grand Rapids, passed away Tuesday, December 17 at Emerald Meadows. A Funeral Mass was held on December 20, at St. Jude Catholic Church in Grand Rapids. Burial will be in the spring at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.

She was the daughter of Rose and Pat Bonner, the fiddler, and the great granddaughter of one of the first post-Mormon settlers.

Mary is survived by her husband of forty-seven years, Ronald E. Antrim; her children, Rose Antrim, Monty

Wunkel, Dan Wunkel, all of Grand Rapids, Cathe Wunkel of Loveland Co.; many grand children; and, brother, Robert (Nancy) Bonner of Lake Leelenau. Mary's son, Patrick, preceded her in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church.



▲ Walter and Ed

WALTER TURNS NINETY

Long time Beaver Island resident Walter A. Wojan just turned 90 years of age on December 18th. Nine of his ten children, most of his grandchildren, and some of his great grandchildren visited him to celebrate his 90th birthday on Saturday, December 14th at his Burt Lake home. His daughter Audrey was already scheduled to come from Anchorage, Alaska, with her husband Ken to spend Christmas with Walter, so she attended the birthday party via Skype. One of his grandchildren, Katie Scripps, did the same thing on a different I-phone from Miramar formerly Burma. Walter talked to Audrey and Katie and they talked to him as if there were sitting in front of each other, which amazed this 90-year-old.



In the afternoon of December 14th the whole group went to two of their favorite bars near Topinabee for drinks, pictures, and fun, before a 7 pm meal with the throng of children, grandchildren, and in-laws. Walter's great-grandson, Liam Hodgson, was his designated driver for the evening taking him from his home to the bars and back. Children and grandchildren arrived in absolutely horrendous driving and flying conditions from Beaver Island, the whole lower peninsula of Michigan, and the Chicago area.

Walter came to Beaver Island in 1935 with his parents and many of his siblings. They did a lot of timbering of the Island and built saw mills in four

different spots. The last mill was torn down and their house moved from what is now the lot on which Harbor View II Motel sits.

Walter was drafted by the Army only six years later and was sent to the Pacific for World War II service. Starting from Australia he fought through all of the islands, including Borneo and New Guinea all the way to Okinawa. He was in the Army for three years and two months in the

Pacific until the war ended. After coming back to his family on Beaver Island he met and married a local girl, Vera McDonough, in 1947. When his family left the Island a couple of years later, Walter stayed; the house they bought



September 1971



next to the King Strang Hotel and his lovely Irish wife and family kept him here.

He became a general contractor, building his first home for A. J. Roy on the back beach for \$1.25/hour. He built most of the Island's summer homes in the 1950s, 60s, and 70s. In doing so he provided employment for many of the Island's young men, training them so they could find work elsewhere if they chose. A natural mechanic, he mastered every aspect of the trade. During hundreds and hundreds of jobs everyone marveled at his engineering ability, how he could intuit the way something broken should work and either find or make what was needed to fix it.



Ryan and Walter, 1982

He set up a saw mill behind his home, and in the winter took his crew into the woods to cut hemlock, cedar, pine, poplar, and yellow birch; he could then offer air-dried construction lumber, siding, and trim to his customers. His houses were known for their solidity.

In the 50s and 60s he joined with other civic and business leaders to push Beaver Island forward, not so much to improve their rustic quality of life as to help guarantee the Island community's survival. The benefits of their uphill battles are still with us today.

Although he built himself a beautiful second home on Burt Lake near Alanson, Michigan, he still considers

Beaver Island as home. Whenever Ed, Ron, or Jim Wojan has a project, he'll come back to the Island and spend months working on it, and use his home

which his whole family gathers at for a couple of weeks every July. He still works at construction or other projects as if he were



40 years old. In September he fell off a ladder finishing the siding on a new pole barn he built breaking his neck, his back, his sternum, and right wrist. On November 11th he was back on the Island to go deer hunting with his family and on November 24th he helped Ed drag a large buck out of the woods.

Congratulations and a belated happy birthday to Walter Wojan.



WALTER WOJAN WITH HIS 20 GRANDCHILDREN AND RYAN WOJAN'S NEW WIFE, JULY 13, 2013, AT CASTLE FARMS IN CHARLEVOIX

Left to right in picture:

Jamie Brynaert (parents Patty Wojan Brynaert and Greg B.), Bill Marzella, Melissa Marzella McDonald (their father Neil Marzella and stepmom Linda Wojan Marzella), Kendra Wojan (parents Jim and Karen

Wojan), Christie Brynaert, Sarah Brynaert MacLean (parents Patty and Greg Brynaert), Michael Wojan, Katie Wojan (parents Ron and Patti Wojan), the bride Amanda Bodjanac Wojan, directly behind Amanda against door is



Taylor Brynaert (Patty and Greg Brynaert's youngest), the groom Ryan Walter Wojan (parents Ed and Connie Wojan), grandfather Walter A. Wojan, directly behind Walter against door is Jared Wojan (parents Jim and Karen

Wojan), Dana Gillespie Hodgson, Heather Gillespie Barile, Rene Gillespie Merriam (parents Jeanne Wojan Gillespie and John G.), directly behind Rene (with glass) Kyle Wojan (parents Jim and Karen Wojan), Jason

Chapman (in striped shirt) (parents Audrey Wojan Chapman and Ken C.), Carrie Wojan, Jennifer Wojan (parents Ed and Connie Wojan), Rachel Scripps, Katie Scripps (mother Diane Wojan Scripps).



The ice puzzle



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Winter's east shore





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Already frozen early December

Photographs by Jill Campbell

saw something to shoot, even from the airplane going back and forth. Once

An interesting yin yang in the powdery snow

again she shares her discoveries with *Beacon* readers, and encourages them to

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GRANT RECEIVED TO BENEFIT FOREST VIEW COMMUNITY

The Beaver Island Community Development Corporation (BICDC) is pleased to have been awarded a \$7,000 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation (CCCCF) to finish the installation of the air-conditioning system in three Forest View Community senior apartments. A very tight construction budget pre-

vented the inclusion of air-conditioning in the original plans. Last year, a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians provided the installation of three built-in air-conditioning units. The support of the CCCCf will ensure that all residential units in Forest View, as well as the common areas, will enjoy cooler, more healthful temperatures during the hot

summer months.

There are very few funders to which the BICDC can appeal for support. This grant marks the third time that BICDC has received funding from the CCCCf for this project. The BICDC Board of Directors and the residents of the Forest View Community are sincerely thankful to the Community Foundation for this latest and much appreciated award.



If you stop to remember, December 25, 2013 was a very sunny, very cold day. Temperatures started at about -5 ° that morning and by late afternoon it had reached a balmy +2°. At about 4:30 in the afternoon Joe and I were sitting in comfortable chairs with our noses in our books off somewhere in time wherever the books were taking us. BAM! A bird hit the window in the dining room. It was so loud I jumped, thinking it had to be a grouse or maybe even something larger. Joe glanced up and saw feathers flying. I ran to the window looking for the poor creature. I barely glimpsed feathers deep in a pile of powder snow. Quickly putting on boots and a jacket, I ran out on the deck to retrieve the bird.

It was small, a female Gold Finch. I grasped it in my hands and brought it into the house. I held the poor thing for several minutes and could feel her little heart beating so I knew she was alive. After several minutes she was still wet so Joe brought a soft paper towel and I wrapped it around her but still held her

securely in my hands. Several more minutes went by and I thought she might be ready to be released outdoors but when I took her outside and opened my hands she simply crawled back up the sleeve of my jacket. My heart was breaking for her. I could not just turn her loose with night coming fast and the temperatures plunging, so I placed her in a box already prepared for such emergencies—a box 3 x 4 x 6" with holes poked into it for air. I sealed it up and decided to wait for morning—she either made it or she didn't.

Rescuing songbirds in the winter is nothing new to me. Even though I put streamers on the window to distract birds they still occasionally hit the glass. In winter temperatures their chance for recovery is practically zero. So, when we hear a bird hit the window we both go into action. I run out to get it and Joe mans the door. I have rescued finches, chickadees, nuthatches, red polls, and a Downey woodpecker (that was the largest). Only once before did I have to put one in a box when it didn't

revive quickly, but never before have I boxed one up for the night.

That night I had weird dreams of the bird morphing into a fish and swimming in the bathtub. I kept thinking I heard it making noises from the box but the fact is I heard nothing.

Christmas morning arrived and it was snowing—not just snowing but coming down at a rate of 1" every 30 minutes. I didn't turn on the light in the laundry room where the bird was. I heard nothing from the bird. Joe left to walk Raven, our dog. I made up my mind that when he returned we would open the box together out on the deck and face whatever the outcome was. I met him at the door and stepped out. With trembling hands I got the tape off one side. As I was attempting to remove the other tape I created a small opening and WOOSH that bird came up out of that box like a small tornado and flew right into the woods. Now that's a Christmas Miracle Flight don't you think?

— Lois Williams

BEAVER ISLAND ARCHIPELAGO PICKED AS ONE OF NASA'S MOST AMAZING EARTH IMAGES OF 2013

The Beaver Island Archipelago made the NBC National Nightly News on December 27th, 2013, the second of three featured images of NASA's best Earth photos of 2013. It was also one of *Wired* magazine's two dozen showcased photos of "The Most Amazing Images NASA Took of Earth From Space This Year."

The photograph of the reef between Garden and Hog was featured as a quiz on NASA's Earth Observatory website in August. Cyndy Hunting was the first to catch this. Adam Voiland explained:

"Over thousands of years, retreating glaciers scoured and carved out much of the basin that now holds Lake Michigan. But in some parts of the lake, patches of erosion-resistant rock still protrude above the water. A cluster of small islands in the far northern reaches of the lake – the Beaver Island archipelago – are composed of limestone

bedrock covered with a layer of sand and gravel (glacial "till").

"Except for Beaver Island, the largest of the group, the islands are unpopulated. About 700 people live on Beaver Island, mainly in a small town on the northern part. A Native American community survived on Garden Island until as recently as the 1940s, but the size of the community dwindled until the last remaining residents died or moved away in the 1945."

The Operational Land Imager (OLI) on Landsat 8 captured the image of Garden and Hog islands on May 24, 2013. The overall image, a broader view, shows Beaver Island and the other islands in the context of the Great Lake. Dense forests, swamps, and sandy beaches dominate the landscape. Offshore, deeper waters appear dark blue, while shallow areas are turquoise.

The shallows around Garden and Hog islands contain numerous parallel

rock ridges interspersed by deeper channels. These reef areas offer ideal spawning ground for various species of fish, notably lake trout and perch. Federal and state resource managers have attempted to replenish depleted lake trout populations by stocking northern Lake Michigan waters.

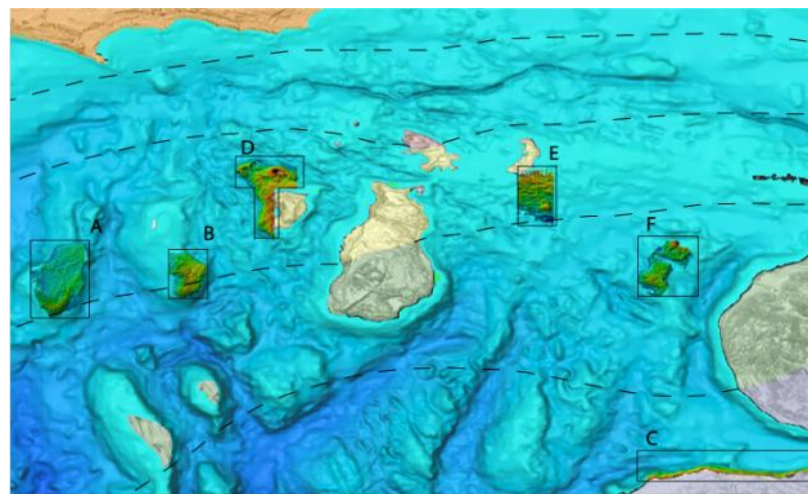
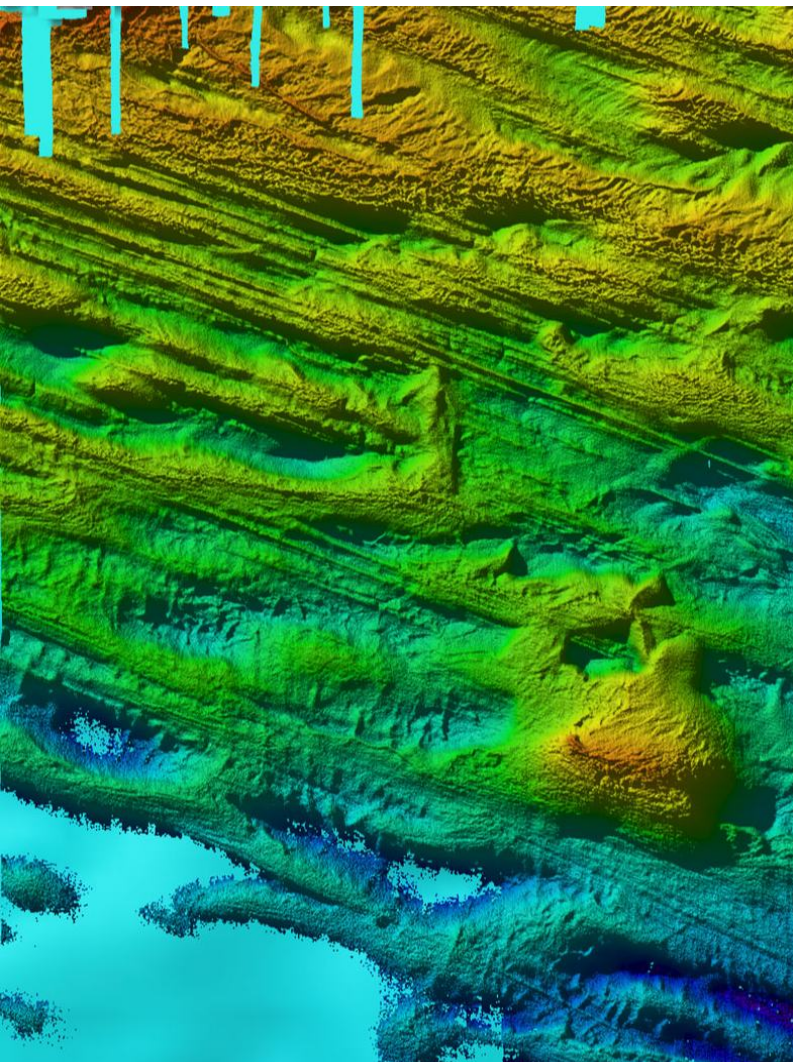
To make stocking as effective as possible, researchers have used airborne lidar to map the lake floor around the islands, producing detailed maps of spawning areas near Hog Island and at five other sites. (*see facing page*)

Credits: NASA Earth Observatory image by Jesse Allen and Robert Simmon, using Landsat data from the U.S. Geological Survey. Caption by Adam Voiland. Kudos to Cyndy Hunting and CEM as the quickest to solve the puzzler. Also congratulations to Shawn O for providing interesting details about the submerged ridges. Instrument: Landsat 8 - OLI.



STILL HARBOR

► Photograph by [Frank Solle](#), Stillpoint Photography



Paleozoic

Middle Devonian

Antrim Shale, Traverse Group
Bell Shale, Dundee Limestone

Lower Devonian

Detroit River Group
Bois Blanc Formation
Garden Island Formation

Upper Silurian

Point aux Chenes Shale,
Engadine Group, Manistue Group





SETTING THE TONE FOR CHRISTMAS



For a community to celebrate Christmas as a community, some extraordinary

event has to occur to unite its members. On Beaver Island, that is the wonderful

cantata, an event of instrumentals and songs by performers of all ages—

THANKS

A beautiful season, just perfect for sending many thank-you's for all your cards with special words, prayers, and love. How grateful I am for people like you! The people in our lives are real

blessings.

—Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all from Janet and Richie O'Donnell

WHO TOOK THE 'T'?

Last month a 't' disappeared from the end of Dawn George's 19th line. The word should have been "heart," not "hear." Try reading it again with this correction.





followed by the core presentation, the 11-section mix of readings and songs. The

Island thanks those who took time out of their busy life to make this happen, to

inspire us. Kathy Speck, the talented Director, deserves extra applause.

ALL-LEAGUE!

The Northern Lights League schools, made up of the Beaver Island Islanders, Grand Marais Polar Bears, Hannahville Soaring Eagles, Mackinac Island Lakers, Maplewood Baptist Black Bears, Munising Baptist Bobcats, Ojibwe Eagles, and the

Paradise Rockets announced its 1st Team and honorable mention All-League Northern Lights League teams. The All-League teams are selected by all coaches from each of the Northern Lights League schools. The following Beaver Islanders were selected:

2013 Northern Lights All-League Soccer 1st Team:

Jewell Gillespie-Cushman, and Alex Williams

2013 Northern Lights All-League Honorable Mention Team:

Nick Williams, and Meg Works.

THANKS

Some of you know that in November I was diagnosed with lung cancer, and have put me in your prayers, which was a great comfort and for which I thank you.

On December 11th my treatment started—rough, raw chemo. The first three days were a walk in the park, but then the chemical concoction took off its kid gloves and began delivering a sequence of body blows that laid me low.

I was too weak to attend the wonderful benefit put on for me on December 17th, cosponsored by the Preservation Association, the Community Center, the

Historical Society, and the Shamrock Bar and Restaurant. Eric and Dana Hodgson managed the event—and donated all the food plus the use of their premises and staff. My wife and son were able to go, though, and their report of a constant flow of over a hundred and fifty well-wishers coming in and out, and the need for some to eat standing up or take their meal home, touched my heart.

I wish to thank all those who came, hugged my wife, donated so much toward my medical expenses, or sent cards. Even more donations arrived in the mail in the next few days. I am truly

humbled by this outpouring of concern.

I also want to thank our new priest, Father Jim, for taking time out of his schedule to bestow his good will upon me, even though I am not a Catholic, and Island Airways, which, as it usually does for people in need, provided great help.

The only down side to receiving such support and compassion is that I used to think I might some day make it up to the community for all the joy I have received over the past forty years. I'll do my best to live up to this wonderful concern.

— Bill Cashman

from Joyce Bartels

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

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 31, 1913 **Local News Briefly Told:**

"The steamer *Beaver* made its first trip Tuesday to the Island since Christmas."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 1, 1914 **Front Page Article:**

CAPT, 'TIP' MILLER

"Capt. Harrison Miller, of Frankfort, is here after having spent Christmas with his daughter in Petoskey. The *Petoskey News* has this to say about 'Tip:'

Capt. Harrison Miller of Frankfort, one of the real old timers of this region, is here, accompanied by his wife, to spend Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. W. H. Gibson, Michigan Street, and with other relatives and friends.

Capt. Miller first came to Petoskey in 1857, when this city was just a very small Indian village and when Chief Petoskey had his wigwam pitched on the banks of Bear River. He also spent some time in Harbor Springs; in fact spent the winter of 1857 in that village. Then there were but six or seven white people there and none at all in Petoskey. He remembers much of the very early history of both Petoskey and Harbor Springs and is no doubt today the oldest of the early settlers of this region in Petoskey.

Capt. Miller spent thirty-three years in the life saving service on the Great Lakes and was stationed for eleven years at Beaver Harbor and for twenty-two years at Point Betsey station. He is perhaps the oldest life saver on the lakes."

Local News: "The steamer *Beaver* made her last trip to the Island Tuesday and as we close these columns, she is about to leave for Manistee, where she will go into dry dock for boiler repairs. After her return she will undergo extensive repairs to her hull and upper works. The tug *McCann*, of St. James, will make mail trips as long as weather and ice conditions permit." (Note: Jan. 1 Fair, wind SW, 28 degrees; Jan. 2 - 3 Steady snow, wind SE, 31 - 34 degrees; Jan. 3 BILCo. Right-of-way until 1-1-

15; Jan. 6 Jim the Jew died. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 7, 1914 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Patrick O'Hara of St. James was brought to this city Monday morning and placed in the county jail. Wednesday morning after an examination he was taken to the State Hospital at Traverse city for the insane."

Additional Local: "Jimmy Gallagher, aged 44 years, of St. James, died Tuesday evening at his home on the Island."

"W. J. Gallagher of St. James, arrived here Monday morning on the *Beaver*."

Beaver Island News: "Mr. Mike McCafferty, Canada, N. W. is home on a visit."

"Daniel D. Boyle arrived home from Escanaba after a week's visit with friends."

"Miss Kate Hamrock is home for the winter."

"Capt. Sam Rose, of Charlevoix, was over last week on business."

"Chas. Novak was here last week on business."

"James McCann went to Mackinac Island to visit his sister, Mrs. J. Dowd."

"W. E. Stephens, president of the B. I. Lbr. Co. spent Sunday in Charlevoix."

"Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Nash went to Charlevoix last week on business."

"Mrs. Thos. Graham went to Charlevoix last week on business."

"Dr. Branch went to Charlevoix last week, returning home Saturday."

"Fr. Jewel went to Charlevoix last week, returning Saturday."

"I. Neaden and John O'Brien were called to Charlevoix on Tuesday."

"Miss Elizabeth O'Connor, of Harbor Springs, is here visiting friends."

"The tug *Shamrock* went to Charlevoix last Friday returning Saturday."

"Joe Floyd, Tom Gatliff and L. J. Malloy went to Charlevoix last week on business."

"C. C. Gallagher's son Robert is on the sick list."

"Irene R. Gallagher is on the sick list."

"Capt. and Mrs. M. J. Bonner and family go to Chicago for the winter."

"Big dance Monday night was a success."

"The portable saw mill is running at Green's camp."

"W. F. Parmelee, of Charlevoix, who is operating a camp at the south end of the Island reports everything is running fine."

"W. J. Gallagher of St. James, arrived here Monday morning on the *Beaver*."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 8, 1914 **Northern Michigan Notes:** "Petoskey News:

Indian residents of Petoskey and Emmet county are interested in a suit now before Judge Carpenter, of the United States district court at Chicago, recently instigated in the interests of over six thousand Indian residents of Michigan, to recover title to a valuable strip of ground along the lake front of Chicago. E. B. Stark, who was in Petoskey several years ago in the interests of the same suit, appears with a lengthy article in the *Hartford (Mich.) Day Spring*, giving detailed statements relative to his efforts on the part of the Michigan Indians, and more especially the Pottawatamies. Mr. Stark claims to be the first white man to discover that the Indians' claim to this valuable strip of ground had not been extinguished, and will continue his efforts to prove the Indians' claim to the title. The suit involves millions of dollars."

Local and Personal Notes: "News came from Beaver Island that James C. Gallagher died Tuesday night. Deceased was 57 years of age, and was one of the best known of the pioneer residents of the Island."

"The tug *Margaret McCann* came over from Beaver Island Monday with about 20 passengers, most of whom were round trip passengers. She is expected again this week, weather permitting, and twice a week as long as the lake remains navigable."

"Patrick O'Hara was brought over from St. James, Monday, by deputy sheriff Roddy, charged with being an insane person; and it was a good case of alcoholic mania."

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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 32. O'Hara came from Escanaba last May, and has managed to keep a good jug on board ever since. As he belongs at Escanaba, Judge Cornell has asked the probate judge at Escanaba to send for his man and pay the costs. O'Hara was committed to the state hospital at Traverse City Tuesday at the expense of Delta Co."

Beaver Island News: "James C. Gallagher is very ill with the grippe."

"W. E. Parmelee went to Charlevoix Monday on the boat."

"School started on Garden Island with Miss Mary O'Donnell as teacher."

"W. J. Gallagher went to Charlevoix Monday on business."

"Deputy sheriff Chas. Roddy took Pat O'Hara to Charlevoix on Monday's boat. Mr. O'Hara will be sent to the Traverse City hospital for treatment."

"Fred Nackerman is home for the winter."

"Mr. and Mrs. George Sisco returned home from Fremont, Mich."

"Miss Palmer goes to Charlevoix on Monday's boat."

"Agnes Floyd goes to Detroit for the winter."

"Capt. Floyd went to Charlevoix on business."

"Fred Sendenburg went to Charlevoix Monday."

"Nels Lafienere (sic) went to Charlevoix Monday."

"W. A. Schied went to Charlevoix on business."

"Mrs. John King made a trip to Charlevoix on Monday."

"Perch fishing is picking up some."

"The tug *Margaret McCann* is carrying over mail. Capt. John always gives us good service this time of year."

"Myrtle Douglass went to Grand Rapids to work."

"Mrs. Patrick E. Gallagher went to Charlevoix last week."

"Miss Ethel Hamrock went to Charlevoix for the winter."

"Died, Sunday, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perrin."

"C. R. Raber of Charlevoix is here doing work on Beaver Island Lumber Co. engines." (Note: Jan. 8 - 14 steady snow to storm, 32 degrees to -8 degrees to 20 degrees, Wind N-W-E-SE. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 14, 1914 **No Beaver Island**

related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 15, 1914 **Local and Personal Notes:** "The tug *McCann* was to have come over Monday, but the blizzard and cold snap prevented. The future is uncertain."

"Frank Left, of St. James, was in the city several days the past week, on business connected with the building of his new boat."

"Henry LaFrenier (sic) of St. James, has been appointed third assistant keeper at Poverty Island lighthouse." (Note: Jan. 15 - 19 Wind SW - N, 20 - 34 degrees; Jan. 20 FF storm with snow, Wind E, 32 degrees; Jan. 15 Last boat - Tug *McCann*. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 21, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news.**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 22, 1914 **Front page article:**

STRANG'S EMPIRE

"Capt. E. A. Bouchard Tells of Raiding Mormon King's Stronghold on Beaver Island

Capt. E. A. Bouchard, of Cheboygan, a well known veteran lake vessel master, gives the *Detroit Free Press* the following account of the exodus of the Beaver Island Mormons:

"My first recollection of hearing of the Mormons was in 1852, when as a lad in my 'teens I listened horrified to tales of their inhuman treatment of Gentile fishermen on Beaver Island said Capt. E. A. Bouchard when asked regarding the role he played in freeing Beaver Island from the tyranny of King Strang and his followers.

"I then vowed that if ever the opportunity presented itself I would take a hand in dealing with those people. I was only 20 years old when I received summons from my older brother who had promised to keep me posted and who was in charge of one of the brigades hastily organized at Mackinac Island for a raid on the Mormon stronghold.

"I was sailing out of Chicago at the time and hurried north, reaching Mackinac just as the expedition was embarking. In fact I jumped from the Chicago boat on board the *Eliza Corline* as the boat was about to start.

"When the Mormons were 35. driven from Navaux, (sic) Ill. in September, 1844, Joseph Smith and Brigham Young took colonists to Utah and Strang led his followers to Beaver Island where he founded a kingdom - a veritable paradise.

"The Mormons taxed the Gentiles unmercifully, and if they refused to pay, dire consequences befell them, even death being inflicted as a punishment.

"The climax was reached when George Bennett, a fisherman beloved in northern Michigan, was shot for the nonpayment of taxes. He was leaving his humble cottage when a band of Mormons set upon him. His body was ripped open, his heart torn out, and crushed into his face - this outrage being committed in the presence of his wife and children.

"From this time the feeling against the Mormons became bitter, and steps were taken to down King Strang's supremacy. Time and again he was arrested, but no charge could be proven against him.

"Petitions for redress were sent to Washington, the reply to which invariably stated that while the Mormons were recognized as undesirable citizens, still there must be specific charges and absolute proof before Uncle Sam could act.

"A full year elapsed before word came from congress that a second petition and complaints had been duly considered and that again evidence was found wanting. However, the government seemed to sympathize, saying: 'We cannot interfere under the circumstances but there are arms at Mackinac Island.'

"The demand was made, and a full supply of arms and ammunition secured for the expedition. It was one morning early in August, 1856, that our party embarked from the island in four schooners, the *Corline*, *Madeline*, *Ocean* and *Friendship* for the expedition.

"My brother Eli, afterwards lieutenant in the Civil War, assumed command of our party, Capt. McKinley remaining behind on the *Corline*. We approached quietly from the rear of the village, and took possession before the other three boats had made their landing.

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36. *One Hundred Years Ago*, from page 35.

"There was no resistance. We far outnumbered the Mormon men. They surrendered at once and we took them to McKinley's dock, where we set guards about them. We left the women in the homes to pack their belongings.

"Some of the wives of the persecuted fishermen and other Gentiles were expecting us. They had banded secretly to welcome the relief party. On our appearance they ran up from the office of the *Beaver Islander*, a Mormon newspaper, a flag on which was inscribed: "Free from the Mormons, Glory to the Gentiles."

"We transported the whole party to Racine, Wis., where a month previous King Strang had died from wounds inflicted the 14th of June by Tom Bedford, a fisherman."

"Strang had become enamored of Bedford's beautiful wife; Bedford resented it. Strang caused his arrest on some trivial charge, and had him

sentenced to be set adrift to perish in a small boat without oars, sail, or rudder or anything to prevent it.

"Bedford drifted about for hours but was finally picked up by a schooner and taken to Chicago. Later he returned to Beaver Island.

"He concealed himself behind some wood piles and when King Strang and two of his wives, who were entertained on board the boat, left it, Bedford stepped out and fired three shots at Strang, each of which took effect.

"Bedford was promptly arrested and taken to Mackinac Island, where he was placed in the jail to await trial. Sympathy was so great for persecuted Gentiles and for Bedford in particular, that no formal charge was made against him and he was discharged."

List of Jurors: "Peaine Twp., Francis McCafferty; St. James Twp., John O'Brine (sic). (Note: Jan. 21 - 23 *Ideal*, 5 - 20 *degrees*, *Wind N to SE*; Jan. 24 - 27 *Fair*, *weak winds*, 16 - 34

degrees, *much snow*; Jan 27 - 28 *Steady rain*, *Wind SW. F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 28, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news.**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 29, 1914 **Front page article:**

BEAVER ISLAND LOTS

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Seller is motivated and will consider offers, but this parcel is priced to sell at

\$225,000

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know the Charlevoix region as being the most beautiful and aristocratic summer resort section of Michigan. Beaver Island is infinitely more delightful than the main land of Michigan. Boat lines direct from Chicago—a daily mail boat to and from Charlevoix connecting with Pere Marquette and Grand Rapids and Indiana railroads—give over-night service to and from Chicago. Beaver Island is a gem. It is beautifully wooded with maple, beech, silver birch and other hardwood trees—high and dry, cool, breezy and delightful."

All of which is true except the distance from Charlevoix, which is 35 miles instead of 18. There is no question about the magnificent attractions of Beaver Island. We know of no other spot where nature has been more lavish for her gifts, and the man or woman who can sojourn there during the summer is indeed favored.

Furthermore, the Island has great future fruit possibilities."

Local and Personal Notes: 37.

"Immediately following the last trip of the St. James tug to this port, Beaver Harbor closed in with ice, which extended three miles out. Ice on both shores will now probably prevent another trip, and we shall have to wait for the resumption of the Cross Village ice route."

"It is Captain Don Campbell now with the accent on the 'Captain'. He returned from Grand Haven last week with a master's license that qualifies him to command steamers on Lake Michigan, and the straits of 3,000 gross tons. This would take in the *Manitou* and some to spare. His license also qualifies him as first class pilot (first mate) of unlimited tonnage covering the entire length of lakes. He will begin on the *Beaver*, 525 tons, at times when Capt. Pete elects to stay ashore." (Note: Jan. 29 - 31 Fair to storm, 16 - 22 degrees, Wind E. Snow gone!! F. Protar)



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38. LETTERS: RESPECTING OUR ELDERS: AN APPEAL FOR THE PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF THE MORMON PRINT SHOP AND ITS SITE.

This past summer I learned of a plan in the works by several committee members of the Beaver Island Historical Society (BIHS) to begin fund raising for the removal of the back wing of the Print Shop and for the addition of a very large and modern structure in its place. I believe such an addition would be both historically inaccurate, confusing, and would appear to ignore past efforts to keep the Print Shop and its 19th-century additions intact. Furthermore, directing financial resources at this time for a new building overlooks a more pressing issue, which is the need for a careful restoration of this most historic structure as it now stands.

At 164 years of age, the Mormon Print Shop is the oldest building on Beaver Island. Along with the Protar Home and the two lighthouses, these structures are the most iconic and historic on the Island and should be given all the respect, attention, and funding possible to keep them in good repair and to serve as portals to the Island's rich past.

A walk around the exterior of the Print Shop Museum today will quickly convey its poor state of preservation and the need for repairs and restoration. Such work should be supervised by a qualified preservation contractor and include preserving (or possibly rebuilding) the back wing, which was added at some point when the Print Shop was repurposed as a boarding house (known as the Gibson House). While not of the Mormon period, this addition is still very much a part of the Island's early

history and worth saving.

When the Mormon Print Shop was purchased by the newly-formed BIHS in 1956, much work was done by members and volunteers to repair it at that time and to make it usable for the organization's home office and museum. In 1977, the post office addition was rebuilt as a replica of one that was there during the building's period as the Gibson House. These efforts and more, by dozens of dedicated men and women over the years, were made to preserve and restore what this building, and its various additions, once represented in its long and colorful history. The proposed plan, to raze the back wing and to add something that was never there, would appear to disrespect these efforts and is contrary to the basic principles of historic preservation.

Should a professional restoration of the Print Shop Museum be completed, I, and others of like mind, would support efforts for an expansion but such a building should not diminish or detract from the Print Shop and its historical context. Such an addition would honor historical accuracy and scale, much as the post office addition did when it was rebuilt.

Before we embark on putting up new buildings to tell the story of Beaver Island's past, we first need to be good stewards of the few remaining buildings that are actually of that past. We owe it to generations past and future.

—Owen Neils

Beaver Island history buff and
part-time resident since 1961

IN SYMPATHY: LARRY FORTH

Larry Forth, 67, a resident of Calumet since moving there from Beaver Island last summer, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital in Laurium.

He was born on April 4, 1946, in Detroit, a son of the late Arthur and

Elizabeth (Schwartz) Forth. Larry graduated from Northville High School in 1965, later attending Austin College, Michigan State University, and the University of Toledo, obtaining a masters degree. He was employed as a professor at Austin College, Huston Tillotson College, and the University of

CLEARING UP SOME MISCONCEPTIONS: 39.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE IDEAS GUIDING THE PLANNING FOR BETTER TELLING THE STORIES OF BEAVER ISLAND'S PAST.

For many, many years the BIHS Board has been frustrated by a lack of space. The more it learned about the Island's surprising history, the more it wanted to present the fascinating stories to the public.

The opening of the Marine Museum in 1980 alleviated the problem, but the Historical Society still yearned to expand the depiction of various aspects of the Island's past: how the Island was formed by a glacier, almost drowned when the lake rose, then and was connected to the mainland when the lake fell. How its current features gradually formed. How the various plants and animals arrived and created interconnected communities. How Native Americans first lived here during the early copper trade, and how more recent tribes arrived to make this their home.

How James Strang made this the base for his new religion, brought civilization to the wilderness, and made an effort to create a broader empire based on his alleged inspiration from God. How Strang was murdered and his followers exiled by force by a brutal, rowdy mob.

How the Irish flocked to this place and transformed it into a Gaelic-speaking community. How a sequence of interesting characters, such as Bishop Baraga, Chief Peaine, Father Peter Gallagher, and Feodor Protar, left their mark on the Island. How a railroad was built from camp to camp and then dismantled ten years later. How the Island supported itself through good

times and bad. And how Modern Times belatedly arrived, transforming Island life yet again.

To get help in figuring out how to accommodate these stories, in 2009 the BIHS hired architects recommended by the Michigan Historic Commission. They thought what was needed was a functional, spacious building behind the Print Shop, connected with a thin transparent passageway to clearly demarcate the Mormon structure.

The Print Shop, they said, was where Strang met with his elders to plan the creation of a community and its extension to the mainland. Secret meetings were held in it as Strang's inner circle worked out their plans. They dealt with attacks, mass arrests, and economic downturns, and planned political campaigns. Through it all Strang continued to receive and interpret messages he claimed were from God. He published a newspaper here – the first in the North – and printed various religious tracts. This was where he translated the mysterious Plates of Laban into the 200+-page *Book of the Law of the Lord*. It was ravaged and the unbound copies of his life's work hauled into the street and set on fire.

The Mormon Print Shop has historical significance. The Gibson kitchen, cobbled on three decades later, where some travelers had their meals, does not.

The BIHS feels it is moving in the right direction. It wants to present the fascinating stories of Beaver Island's past. To do this, it needs the space.

Houston in Texas, retiring in 1995.

He lived for several years in the Port St. James on Beaver Island. He was involved in many activities, such as decorating the tree at the Community Center and being the Pets' Santa at the Hardware Store. He and John were very well liked. Larry loved his trees was an

avid gardener. He was always working in his yard.

He was married to John Bowie on May 24, 2010 in Canada.

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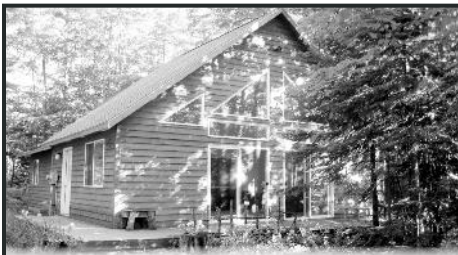
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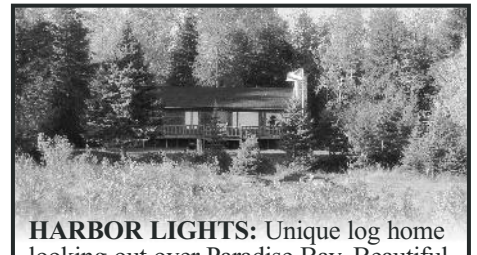
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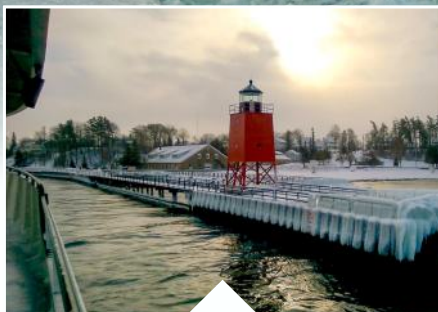
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