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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James

The January 2nd meeting began with three board members present – Supervisor Bill Haggard, Clerk Jean Wierenga and Trustee Jim Wojan.

Haggard said he believed the Island should ask the Charlevoix County Road Commission to hire another employee to help take care of the roads here. Wojan Excavating had recently needed to do tree removal along Donegal Bay Road to make it safe and passable.

Wierenga said the Transfer Station was running smoothly. It was noted that the Waste Management Committee was short by one member. After discussion of the process, Wojan said he believed the final member should be selected by the committee itself after posting the position in both townships.

Following last month's resignation by Trustee Tim McDonough, the board considered the candidates who had applied to fill the position. Brian Cole, Kitty McNamara, Marie Shimenetto, and Don Tritsch had submitted letters. Theresa McDonough had originally applied but had withdrawn her application. There was confusion about whether she had again wanted to be considered: a petition had been circulated and signed by several people. But the Clerk had not received that notification and it was decided that the possible reapplication had been after the

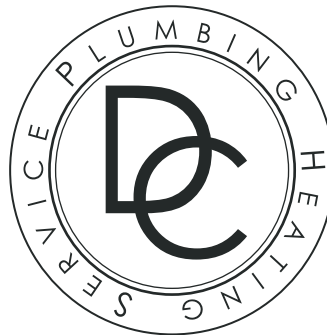
deadline anyway.

Wojan and Wierenga moved to appoint Don Tritsch to the Trustee position; Haggard supported Kitty McNamara. While the board discussed whether a two to one vote was sufficient, Trustee Rick Speck entered the meeting and voted for Tritsch.

Unlike what was thought in December, it was stated that the county would not schedule an election if the board did not act – that the county would appoint someone to fill the position.

The board unanimously approved the Dangerous Structure Ordinance, the first ordinance of 2014. This had been tabled at the previous meeting to allow the members to read the document sent by their attorney. It provides that the Township Supervisor or another person designated by the Township Board can "issue municipal civil infraction citations directing alleged violators of this Ordinance to appear in court." Zoning Administrator Doug Tilly was designated as that official.

The issue of the Bonadeo property on the harbor had been tabled at the previous meeting. Bonadeo had previously said he wanted two slips at the yacht dock for his boats if he sold his harbor property to John Woollam for the Little Traverse Conservancy. Haggard said Bonadeo has now said he would pay for the two slips, but Wojan said there are



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only three seasonal slips available at the dock and they are all spoken for, with a waiting list as well. He suggested Bonadeo talk to Harbormaster Jim White about the situation. Wojan also asked that Haggard talk to John Woollam to see if he would sell the property to the township, if funding were located, instead of giving it to the Little Traverse Conservancy. Wojan said he was concerned about the use restrictions that might be placed on the property.

Speck said he would like the township to hire a grant writer from Northwest Design to pursue funding for the boat launch project. The board approved asking for a Letter of Intent due before the next board meeting. Speck suggested that the cell tower fees could be used to pay the grant writer.

Peaine

The Peaine Township Board's first meeting of the new year (January 8th) was short – 11½ minutes from Pledge to adjournment – and warm, considering the Island was still in the icy grip of a Polar Vortex. Brevity was due to an agenda uncluttered with controversial items, or nearly any items at all; an audience which had fewer members than the Board and offered no public comments; and the deferral until after the meeting of any chit-chat about the recent

weather and its impact on life as we know it. Nonetheless, the session touched on three matters of some public interest:

Paving. Trustee Pete LoDico reported that the Charlevoix County Road Commission has selected two contractors to pave Kings Highway this year, although the project has not yet been authorized. He said the commission manager is "confident it will be approved for this year." The contractors are Reith-Riley Construction Company of Charlevoix and Payne & Dolan, Inc. of Gaylord. LoDico said anyone interested in having paving done—of their driveways, for instance—while the contractors are on the Island should contact them directly. "When the snow is gone, they will come over and give estimates for the paving work." He added that the plan is to have the approach to the new airport terminal paved at the same time. There was discussion about other paving possibilities: the parking lots at the school, Peaine Township Hall, and the resale shop, and finding out if St. James Township has any paving it wants done. LoDico noted that county officials urged the Island to find more paving work for the contractors. "Their complaint is that 'We're not just going to come over for only the highway. We want more work to make it more financially feasible,'" *continued on page 6.*



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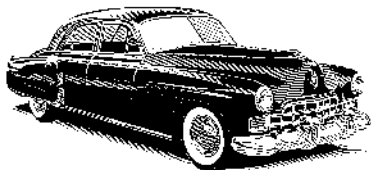
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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.

LoDico explained. "I say bull crap to that. They've had five years of our millage for that road. They aren't going to hold us hostage because they don't feel like it's worthwhile to come over."

Johnny Martin's Trail.

Supervisor Bill Kohls said action taken by the Board in December had "put the cart a little bit in front of the horse." At the urging of Bill McDonough and Doug Tilly, the Board had authorized

him to contact the Charlevoix County Road Commission to seek permits from the DNR to open up the Johnny Martin's Trail, which runs east-west in the southeast quadrant of the Island. But Kohls said Pat Harmon had said that while the commission was receptive to the idea, there were questions which had to be answered first, such as what the township intended to do with the trail and who would do it. "Part of his concern is that if they were to secure

DON'T FORGET TO NOMINATE YOUR

For the "Citizen of the Year." The Chamber of Commerce is asking for nominations by April 4th for the person

or group to have made the most important contribution to Beaver Island life. Every year it's hard to choose – and

FRIGHTFUL

January was the month when if you didn't shovel your walk every day, and sometimes twice a day, you might never get to your car again until spring. Snow? Oh yes; 12"+ one day; the local rumor was 7' for two months. Wind? That too, measured at up to 48 mph by the National Weather Service. Cold? Oh yes; some days with a high of 1°, and a wind chill factor of -40 °. The School closed; the

Before the First Cup of Coffee Donegal Bay, January 2014 Start-of-Day Temperatures

Chronological Order:

9, 8, 12,
29, 18, 9, 3, 8, 16
33, 38, 30, 37, 30
17,
25, 30, 25, 23,
11, 6, 18, 8, 12, 10, 8, 4, 0, 8
28,
7, 15

Community Center closed; the planes did not fly.

Even snowmobilers had trouble: the snow was too fluffy for them to stay on top.

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permits, they don't want to be left holding the bag if something doesn't get done or done the right way." Harmon said he would visit the Island and walk the trail to get a better idea of what was desired. "It'll probably be closer to spring before we're ready to do that," Kohls said.

Revision of NRESC Resolution and By-Laws. Kohls reported that he was drafting a revised version of proposed amendments to the joint town-

ships' authorizing resolution and by-laws for the Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee, which had been advanced by Pam Grassmick and Sandy Birdsall. He said he would shortly share the draft with the Board, Grassmick and Birdsall, and St. James Township Supervisor Bill Haggard, "to see if we can get to some common ground." Kohls added this might be an action item at the Board's next meeting.

CHOICE FOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

we've had many well-deserving winners. Just pick up an official form from the Chamber, or download it from the

Chamber's website. No fair nominating yourself though, unless you're sure you really *really* deserve it!

A GOOD CUT



Jadyn Johnson, age 7, is all smiles after cutting 16" for *Locks of Love*.

Her inspiration came from Malina Welke, her summer babysitter who has donated her own hair twice. Cathy Jones joined in the generous spirit of the

day and donated her time and talents with a beautiful cut. Jadyn grinned from ear to ear when we talked about how happy her gift would make some sweet girl. She loves her new cut but is already planning to grow her hair and donate again.



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8. RADIO BEAVER ISLAND? 100.1 ON YOUR DIAL!

Really? Well not yet—but soon. Last fall the Preservation Association of Beaver Island filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission (the FCC) for a new low power FM Broadcast Station on Beaver Island. It wasn't clear when the FCC would act on the request—possibly in mid or late 2014. But on January 17th, the FCC issued a public notice that PABI's application had been approved.

They now have a "construction permit" to get the station up and operating over the next 18 months. Working with others from across the Island, PABI expects the new station to be an exciting, collaborative, community-wide effort.

To be "up and operating" over the next 18 months means that the new station will broadcast at least 36 hours of local programming a week—no

small undertaking. But PABI's application envisioned lots of programming from many different folks on the Island, including students from the school.

The station will be housed in the small office to the left of the Community Center's entrance in the Welcome Area, while the transmitting apparatus will be located on one of the Island's existing towers—hopefully whichever one affords the broadest



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STRINGS SHUNTED

The Beaver Island Community School is expanding its fine arts offerings to its students. With the addition of an art teacher to the staff and the shifting of programming, BICS has made vocal music and art programming within the regular school day offerings available to all elementary students, and provide art instruction to students 7-12 while maintaining Strings music options. The Board of Education recently voted to shift the Strings Music

BLUE JAY CONVENTION 2014

Hear ye, Hear ye
Let all take note and record—
the Blue Jay convention in a Blizzard,
Because Old Man winter was Late!
No one dared to anger that wizard....

When everyone arrived
Frozen and counted in haste—
They all cried "where is Happiness?"
If They're not here, it's a waste!

The blue birds of Happiness
Simply are NOT quiet—
In fact the noise they make,
Can be Quite a Riot!

Their uniforms all blue and grey
disguise the inner Fire—
The racket is their fanfare,
The cold meeting snow being dire....

When it is time to dine,
Can you hear them shout?
Come now! where's the feed at!
Seeking their handout....

outreach.

You may wonder how this came about. Quite independently, several community members came to the PABI Board in late August, asking if they would consider making application for a Beaver Island station. Such an application opportunity doesn't come along often, but it would be due in October. The Board was uncertain about the idea at first, but as others from

program to after school while continuing the funding of instruction and providing instruments. This shift will expand the offerings to students while allowing the continuation of a program that has provided value to both the school and the community for a number of years. BICS will continue its relationship with the Crooked Tree Arts Council and will strive to provide as many curricular options, within the arts and beyond, to each of the students.



They politely let the Doves eat—
Remembering old Noah's day,
And when the sacred are done—
the blue birds have their say:

“When the Ancient one sacrificed itself—
in a sacred pyre of Flame,
It's spirit shattered into tiny sparks—
Becoming the Blue Jay of local fame!”

So you see they are little Phoenixes—
Brilliant messengers in blue,
Descended from an ancient world—
to bring Happiness to you...

Laughing they gift of their beauty!
Scolding they chase off the chickadee—
But these Blue Birds of Happiness,
Bring Happiness daily—for Free!

—Dawn George

across the community urged their support—and offered to help with the application—they decided to go for it.

The community members who stepped forward to help included Maureen Abele, Dennis Winslow, Mark Beltaire, and Kevin Boyle. They worked as a team with PABI's directors (Judy Gallagher and Eric Hodgson) and all contributed to the application. Kevin Boyle took the lead, however, and his

firm (Latham & Watkins LLP) approved his working on the effort pro bono. How fortunate for Beaver Island.

The next step forward will involve the creation of a working team for the actual development and operation of the station. PABI intends to keep the community fully informed as the *Radio Beaver Island* project moves forward. Stay tuned!

PUBLIC NOTICE

Beaver Island Transportation Authority PROPOSED STATE APPLICATION FOR MARINE PASSENGER CAPITAL AND OPERATING ASSISTANCE FY2015

All citizens are advised that the Beaver Island Transportation Authority has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance for Fiscal Year 2015, as required under Act 51 of the public Acts of 1951, as amended.

The Beaver Island Transportation Authority is requesting \$222,222.00 at an estimated cost of State of Michigan Marine Capital Passenger assistance, (new propeller shaft, dredging and dock design and renovation on Beaver Island, re-powering of vessel.) and operating assistance in the total amount of \$815,000.00. Local match amounts are included in both requests.

The proposed application is on file at the Beaver Island Transportation Authority, 26195 Main Street, Beaver Island, Michigan, and may be reviewed during a 30 day period beginning February 11, 2014. Between the hours of 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

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Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic, and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or requests must be received on or before March 11, 2014. Should a hearing be requested, notice of the scheduled date, time and location will be provided at least 10 days in advance.

Submittals should be mailed to Beaver Island Transportation Authority, Post Office Box 426, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* included the 100-year-old tale of an ice walk: "What might be called a very narrow escape and was surely a very anxious experience is reported here by Frank Sherman of St. James. Mr. Sherman who is a cobbler on the Beavers started Saturday morning from Hog Island to go to Charlevoix to buy some leather. He began the journey afoot toward Cross Village, the nearest main land point, but finding the weather fair decided to walk straight across the lake to Charlevoix, a distance of 30 miles. Early in the evening the lone traveler having reached within five miles of his destination was overtaken by the blizzard which made outdoor life unendurable, even on land. The blinding and dense snow made a definite course impossible and the darkness rendered his pocket compass of little use. He continued to walk, inclining toward the inner bay rather than the open lake, and hoped to strike the Petoskey shore at some point. He traveled the entire night, having been on the lake for 24 hours without food or rest, and daylight found him on the north shore of the bay near Emmet Beach very much off his bearings."

At the beginning of January Sand Bay residents were treated to a close up view of the mighty *Southdown Challenger*, the oldest boat still trading on the Great Lakes. Formerly named the *Medusa Challenger*, this 551' heavy-oil-burning steamer dates to 1906, when it rolled off the Great Lakes Engineering Works line in Ecorse as *Hull #17*. Along with the car ferry *Badger*, she is one of only two vessels still powered by the classic Skinner "Uniflow" engine.

The new bike trail was lauded for its value to walkers and runners as well as to bikers.

The planned yacht dock construction was in trouble on two fronts. On the first, the neighbor to the north was trying to get greater protection for his riparian rights, asking if an enforcement officer would be stationed on the Yacht Dock to make sure no boats tied up in his passageway – on the end of the slips. Questions were raised about the original conveyance of land from Henry Allen. On the second, it seemed standards had shifted since the design of the improvements began. Some new rules (such as cleat spacing, lighting design, and the

nature of the bathroom floor) would be easy to comply with, but others could force a redesign, which would then require reapplication for permits, a lengthy process. Eight years had already been spent on the current design.

In the middle of January Paul Nelson told some friends about having seen four bald eagles devouring game on the ice at Sand Bay – plus a fifth, too young to have a cap. One of those in his audience, Terry Saxton, said he didn't generally like story-toppers, *but* the other day he'd been at Beaver Head and was watching *five* bald eagles circling when *two more* came soaring in over the ice, so at one time there were *seven* within view.

Tree-cutting and chipping for the Main Street parking lot was underway. Although some old apple trees were in the way and had to go, a line of 8 white pines was left between the lot and beach.

Twenty Years Ago This *Beacon* featured a story by Phil Gregg about the Island's first Air Mail in April of 1926, when the Island had been out of touch for two months because of a broken telephone line to the mainland and shifting ice floes prevented any ice walking. The Charlevoix Postmaster, George Weaver, contacted Senator Ferris and Representative Scott for permission to fly the mail, but did not succeed. Then the Booth Fisheries got involved, persuading Interior Secretary Herbert Hoover to authorize a flight. Ex-RAF pilot Joe Donnelan was given the assignment, and he enlisted his friend Alvin Yieder to serve as his mechanic. They had to fly a two-seated biplane from Chicago to Charlevoix to pick up the mail, a chore made very difficult by an April Fool's blizzard.

They made it across Lake Michigan in the dark, putting down in a snowfield in Lawton, where all the excited villagers turned out. But each time they tried to dig out the plane to take off again, gusts filled the channel back up with snow. Finally after three days they took off, stopping briefly at Grand Haven and then Cadillac before reaching Charlevoix.

Island resident John McCann happened to be in town and was enlisted as a guide. They took off on April 7th with 400 pounds of cargo. Islanders glued their ears to their radios to keep up with the flight, which brought the plane down 45

minutes later on a patch of harbor ice marked with evergreens. Jackie, Joe M'Fro's 22-year-old horse, was hitched to a cutter and driven out on the ice, but the abundant cheering and thunderous engine noise was more than he could take. He keeled over dead, ending one era just as another began.

Another article covered the presentation of an award to just-retired Transfer Station manager Dennis Cieslak for his extensive efforts to start Island recycling.

In news from the Townships, the request for a grant for the Tennis Courts was denied; paperwork for Gull Harbor Park was finished; preliminary drawings for the new Harbormaster's office were critiqued; and the Peaine Township Board voted itself a 20% raise.

Passings noted included Peter Green, John Adams, Robert Burhans Sr., Bruce McCrone, and the McCann House B & B.

Thirty Years Ago This *Beacon* opened with a report from the School Board, at whose meeting Joe Moore was granted permission to give the Island's first computer seminar for a \$4 tuition. Michele LaFreniere was appointed as credit-earning assistant to new Special Ed teacher Karla Karbowski; her Learning Center was being used by more than her six charges. Principal Barb Rakowski pushed for a program to teach cross-country skiing.

There was mention of a book on Beaver Island's birds, being written by CMU's Dr. Hartley.

In Township news, Al Dudzik urged the Peaine Board to appoint a Building Committee to look into the possibility of building a new Town Hall (a 30' x 50' x 10' steel pole barn was first priced out: ~\$20,000.) The Airport Committee was increased to seven members. A special meeting was called to consider purchasing 572' of Iron Ore Bay beach, surrounding the creek; the Trustees voted to proceed. St. James considered hiring Charlevoix's Townships' Attorney, but decided they did not have enough work to meet his minimum of 2 hours a month.

The Civic Association decided to move the February 18th Winter Games from Barney's Lake, where the ice had been poor, to the Harbor, and to cap them off with a dance at the Shamrock.

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Bob Hoogendoorn, pastor.

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The Game Club appointed a committee to crack down on poaching. Bill Welke was thanked for using his plane to locate game and drop salt blocks.

An article by Phil Gregg talked about Todd McDonough's transfer to Central Lake High School so he could play sports, primarily football, at which he excelled. The previous summer, the Island experienced Central Lake's pre-season football camp, using the facilities at the ball diamond. That fall Todd had several hundred-yard rushing games, was named to the All-state First Team, and became Central Lake's Homecoming King.

Passings included Ruth Ann Nackerman of Lake Orion. A birth mentioned was GERALYN MARIE, to John and Gena McCafferty.

Assistant Deputy Nancy Gebert warned about the dangers of pulling skiers, sledders, and skaters behind a car.

Forty Years Ago The Game Club reported that with the temperature staying above zero and there being only 10" of snow in the woods, the deer were doing fine. Fox and coyote were down, judging by their tracks – the mange epidemic of the previous year was blamed. A group of hunters crossed the ice to Garden Island and came back loaded with rabbits. Bill Wagner, Dick Burris, and Sheldon Parker cut down about ten acres of scrub poplar for the game.

The Civic Association revived a past tradition: holding a business seminar to "encourage and promote tourism while preserving the unique characteristics of our Island."

A public hearing was set for the proposed first Island zoning ordinance.

On January 27th a cross-country snowmobile race was held on an 8.3-mile route crossing Barney's and Font Lake. Rich Gillespie came in first, Ed Wojan second, and old Buzzer was last – Buz Anderson, who naturally had sev-

eral explanations for this miscarriage.

On February 14th a scout plane reported that the ice was smooth and solid all the way to the U.P. so a group of 13 Islanders hopped on snowmobiles and headed for Naubinway: Charlie and Bud Martin, Jerry and Paul LaFreniere, John, Rich, and Robert Gillespie, Ron, Jim, and Ed Wojan, Jim Janda (who owned the Erin), Dennis Wagner, and Tim Timsak. They set off from the Beaver Lodge about 10:30 a.m. but came to a stop after a half hour when Charlie realized he had forgotten something terribly important, for which Jim Wojan was sent back to retrieve: his teeth. They reached land by 1:30, and proceeded to celebrate with old friends in several Naubinway homes, leaving in time to get back before dark. Before departing they all asked the same question: "Charlie, this time d'you have your teeth?"

Perky Nelson submitted a story about a picnic held on top of Mt. Pisgah. Ed Eicher submitted a poem in memory of Bert McDonough.

After years of worry, the Islanders decided to look into buying an emergency evacuation plane, and found one which could be purchased (it would have to be by the Charlevoix County Commission) for \$1,400 – which included the first year's insurance. In the previous 12 months there had been 5 emergency evacuations by Coast Guard helicopter, so people were very concerned. But when everything was set to buy this plane, a wrench was thrown into the gears by "the local charter service," which said that this would interfere with private enterprise.

Passings included Fred Floyd, born here in 1896; he had married Ruth Graham on Beaver in 1916; they moved to Muskegon in 1934. Births included Peggy Sue DeRosia, Angela Himebauch, and a son to Charles Carey.

The Chicago Club took out a full-page ad for its St. Patrick's Day party.

Fifty Years Ago Mild temperatures

and bright skies promised an early 13. end to this winter.

Fifteen introduced wild turkeys were seen repeatedly on "the road to the airport."

Rabbit hunting was so successful that six men in Baltimore heard about the full bags and flew here to take part, going home a day and a half later with 52. But they were topped by Leon LaFreniere, who spotted a bunny sitting in front of a juniper, got off a quick shot, and then discovered he had killed a second as well that had been on the other side of the bush. "Never stand in another's shadow," he announced.

Mort Neff, Mr. Michigan Outdoors, spent a day hiking, hunting, and taking pictures that were shown on his Detroit TV show on February 6th.

Advance notice of mainland parties was given: the Grand Rapids party would be first, managed by Charles Earley, followed a week later by the Chicago party run by Rosie McDonough and Bernie O'Donnell.

On a trip down the East Side Drive Russ and Joy Green and their kids spotted Ronald Gallagher playing a round of winter golf. Ronald was the only senior to make the Honor Roll. A letter from Dr. Sorensen encouraged the Islanders to promote the Beaver Island Golf Course. The legendary perch fishing had been gone for four years, and hunting and fishing trips to the other islands were iffy, but he thought we could count on America's appetite for golf.

Nel Gallagher fell in her home and had to be airlifted by the Coast Guard helicopter. Dick LaFreniere was laid up with a broken kneecap.

The Christian Brothers announced they would return in the summer after apparently having missed a year. The same Coast Guard crew also said they'd be back.

Dr. Haynes was urged to stop selling cigarettes at the Medical Center.

IN MEMORY: DICK DEROSIA

Former long-term Island resident and lauded carpenter Richard Ivan DeRosia, 75, of Onaway died Jan. 1, 2014. He arrived here to manage the restaurant across the street from the Shamrock, and wanted to stay after the season ended so went to work for Walt Wojan. Later he became Ron Wojan's right-hand man. He loved to explore two-tracks in

his jeep, and once managed to climb the French Bay hill with the aid of a winch.

He was an expert on finding the best strawberries and blueberries, and knew the sequence in which the wild apples ripened. For awhile he operated a portable hot-dog stand near the Ferry Dock. He also helped recycle throw-aways from the dump.

He is survived by five children, Sherry DeRosia, Tina (Dale) Wilson, Debbie Stoneham, Tonia Lewis, and Peggy DeRosia; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two sisters, Helen DeRosia and Betty (Willard) Gillispie; one brother, Alfred (Betty); and sister-in-law, Gail DeRosia.

GWEN MARSTON FEATURED AT THE DENMOS

Beaver Island's master quilter Gwen Marston was feted at the Denmos Museum in Traverse City for the opening of an

exhibit of over thirty of her quilts, which will run until April 27. It offers a survey of representative work, including some of her "Small Studies," which were



Photographs by Jason Lome



exhibited at the Taupo Museum in Taupo, New Zealand, in July 2013.

She was first inspired almost 40 years ago when she saw an exhibit of

quilts at an Ann Arbor museum. Now she works almost exclusively with solid fabrics, which have not been printed with a design so she can emphasize the

delineation between shapes for dramatic effect. In her work she begins by deciding on the basic form, and then thinking about color and scale. Once she





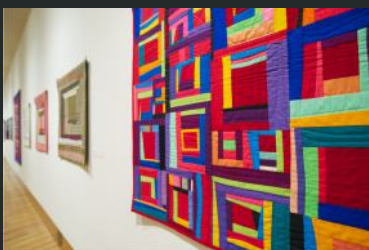
works out those general ideas she begins building the parts and designing the finished quilt. A few years ago she developed another approach: instead of

making pencil sketches she began making fabric sketches with the actual fabric she would use; it was a better way to work out composition and color.

These miniature versions are works of art in their own right—some were on display at the Denmos.

She also led a workshop in

▲ Photographs by Jason Lome



conjunction with the contemporary quilts exhibit. Students worked with free-form, improvisational construction to create their own original quilts using

Marston's design concepts and techniques.

Beaver Island is very proud of her effort, progress, and brilliance, which

has put her as close to the cutting edge of her chosen art as any other resident.

She has been an inspiration to the Island's artists for the past thirty years.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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Bid proposals will be accepted for the structure located at SJX, Beaver Island Airport, Beaver Island, Michigan. The structure (existing terminal building) shall be removed from the premises. Proposals will be accepted until 3:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST), Friday, Feb. 28, 2014, at Beaver Island Airport Commission, PO Box 134, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782 or may be hand carried and delivered Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 9:00 AM EST at the Beaver Island Airport, 28215 Airport Road, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

An original and one copy of each proposal must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked **STRUCTURE TO BE MOVED, # BI 01-14** on the outside of the envelope, as well as the name and address of the proposer. The proposals will be opened by the Beaver Island Airport Building Committee on Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 9:00 AM EST, at the Beaver Island Airport terminal.

An open house/walk thru is not scheduled, however, if a walk thru is requested, bidders should contact Elaine West, Beaver Island Airport Commission Chair, at 231-448-2377.

Bidders should take caution if using the U.S. mail if mail delivery services are used for the submission of bids. Mailing should be made in sufficient time for the bids to arrive in the PO Box, prior to the time and date specified above.

For further information contact:
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18. THE BIRDING TRAIL

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation has recently provided major funding for the creation of The Beaver Island Birding Trail, a project initiated by the Beaver Island Association (a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting economic and environmental sustainability on Beaver Island), and its project partners. It is intended to provide significant benefit to the Beaver Island economy while serving to protect our natural resources by stimulating sustainable recreational use.

The Beaver Island Birding Trail identifies a comprehensive listing of habitats and birds likely to be seen at thirty-three public birding sites on Beaver Island. The Birding Trail project includes printed maps of the birding trail for Island visitors, noting quality bird sighting locations, listing best birding practices, and providing "eBird" tracking information (eBird is an online database, developed by the Cornell University School of Ornithology, of bird observations providing researchers and amateurs with real time data on bird distribution and quantity).

Interpretive signage will be posted at select locations and a companion Beaver Island Birding Trail website is under development to provide extensive information about each location and the birds to be found in that habitat (www.beaverislandbirdingtrail.org).

In addition, a birding tri-fold checklist based on the Michigan Birding Atlas will be provided to birders. The Beaver Island Community Center, which is open 7 days a week, will act as the trail head site.

A trail dedication will take place on Beaver Island on May 24-25, 2014, with regional and state officials. National birding experts will lead field trips.

In addition to the support of the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the following organizations have helped the project.

- Saving Birds Thru Habitat – assistance with all areas of development of BIBT

- Beaver Island Community School
- Beaver Island Preservation Association/Community Center – Trail Headquarters location
- Beaver Island Natural Resources and Ecotourism Steering Committee



- Little Traverse Conservancy – birding sites and public education
- Michigan Audubon Society – eBird coordination with Cornell
- Michigan Department of Natural Resources – interpretive signage at birding sites
- Sleeping Bear Birding Trail – technical assistance and website development
- Central Michigan University – birding sites, vans, and faculty professional assistance
- Charlevoix County Commissioners–GIS map assistance and resolution endorsing BIBT
- Charlevoix County Conservation District – habitat education and maintenance
- Conservation Resource Alliance – assistance with bird/land stewardship practices
- The Nature Conservancy – natural resource assistance.
- Corporate Sponsors include the Beaver Island Boat Company, Island Airways, Beaver Lodge, Shamrock, and Harbor Market.

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all citizens of Charlevoix County by building permanent endowments, addressing needs through grant making, and providing leadership resources to serve the community. More information about it may be found at www.c3f.org or by calling 231-536-2440.

More information about the Beaver Island Association may be found at beaverislandassociation.org, or by email: beaverislandassociation@gmail.com, or by writing to The Beaver Island Association, Box 390, Beaver Island, MI 49782.



BEAVER ISLAND LEARNS ... TAEKWONDO

Skipping front kick — Erin Boyle kicking, Jewell Gillespie Cushman holding board. Sue and Dave Avery watching.



Crescent kick defending knife attack — Jewell Gillespie Cushman attacking Levi Connor. Instructor Dave Avery watching.



Spinning roundhouse kick — Ryan Boyle, Jewell holding.

ART EXHIBIT: BIRDS AND MORE BIRDS

The opening of the Beaver Island Birding Trail will be celebrated on May 24th and 25th with state, regional and national speakers and field trips to Island birding sites. As a part of the celebration, Beaver Island artists will be displaying “Birds and More Birds,” an art exhibition featuring original artwork —

painting, photography, sculpture, wood working, fabric, drawing — every kind of artistic expression will be presented.

The Beaver Island Community Center has graciously allowed the “Birds and More Birds” exhibition to be scheduled from Friday, May 23rd until Monday, June 2nd. Artwork will be for sale. Artists are asked to bring their

pieces to the Community Center between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 22nd. Jim Luteyn (448-2085), 32075 Eastside Drive, is willing to store work from artists unable to bring their work on the 22nd. If you have questions, contact Doris Larson (616-243-1037), or sanctuary3@mac.com.

—Doris Larson

from Joyce Bartels

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

(Note: Feb. 1 - Fair; Feb. 2 - Snow storm; Feb. 4-5- 6 Fair; Feb. 3 - Wet snowstorm. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 4, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news.**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 5, 1914 **Front Page Article:**
NET LICENSE

"Most Local Fisherman Are Ignorant of the Provisions of the New Law in Force

Under an amendment of the fishing boat law of 1907, passed by the legislature of 1913, fishermen operating nets are required to have a license costing \$10.

Few probably knew of the law, which is quite excusable. Changing the fishing laws is a favorite pastime of the legislature, and the general impression among the small fishermen is that the changes are more or less at the instigation of the big operators who, the little ones believe, have the 'pull' to get things fixed to suit themselves. This, however, has nothing to do with what we are going to say about the ten dollar license law.

The provision in question is tacked on among other amendments to a law of 1907 to license boats. The original title of the act says it is to regulate boat fishing. Therefore nobody can be blamed for not looking into such an act for provisions about nets. The amending act doesn't amend the title.

Deputy game warden Frank Guinan of Manistique was here Monday to draw local attention to the law. As might be expected, he found, we believe, that most of the local fishermen were ignorant of the fact that they should have a net license. Deputy S. M. Rose of Charlevoix was to meet Mr. Guinan but missed his train. He came Tuesday and went over to the Mackinac Island fishermen that day, returning Wednesday.

Notwithstanding the apparent unconstitutionality of the amendment, in going beyond the title of the act and also in seeking to accomplish two purposes with the one statute, the law will likely be observed, the fee being but so trifling in amount. (*St Ignace Republican Press.*)"

Local and Personal Notes: "Hopes were revived last week of another trip of the Beaver Island mail boat. Both sides of the route were clear of ice Wednesday night, and Capt. John McCann made all arrangements to come over Thursday morning, but a shift of wind and snow storm interposed. Hopes of another trip are abandoned."

"C. H. Raber, of the city, who went to St. James to do a job of boiler work is 'marooned' on the Island, and will be compelled to come home by the ice route - if it ever develops."

Beaver Island News: "Floyd Bros. filled Capt. Bonner's ice house this week."

"The L.A.A.O.H. gave a Pedro party and dance Friday evening."

"Mrs. Patrick P. Boyle is seriously ill."

"Married, at Holy Cross church January 28th, William J. Boyle of St. James, and Miss Elizabeth O'Connor of Harbor Springs."

"Mrs. James Donlevy is seriously ill."

"The L.O.T.M. gave a social last Wednesday. Everybody had a good time."

"Born, Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scopp, a son."

"Mrs. Ella McDonald is on the sick list."

"January 20th a crew of men sawed ice from McCann's dock to the point to let the tug *McCann* out of the harbor. The tug reached the point about sundown but came back with the intention of going to Charlevoix the next day. The wind changed that night bringing back the ice from the straits." (Note: Feb. 5 - Mr. P. Boyle died, 7 a.m.; Feb. 6 - Fair; Feb. 7 - 9 Snow Storm, Feb. 10, 11 Fair; Feb. 10 - Speidel (?) Died. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 11, 1914 **Additional Locals:** "Thirty sacks of mail left the local post office Monday for St. James, via Cross Village, where it will be taken across the ice by dog teams to the Island." (Note: Feb. 11 - 15 - Fair. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 12, 1914 **Front Page Article:**

THE BEAVER ISLAND MAIL

On Sunday word came from St.

James to the Charlevoix postmaster to send all Island mail to Cross Village, and a full dray load was sent the same Day.

Tuesday morning at eight o'clock the mail outfit started from the Island via Hog Island with hopes of getting through by Wednesday noon. Seven passengers accompanied the outfit, all residents of the mainland who have been marooned there for three week."

"Later - the mail equipage made a good run across the channel, arriving at Cross Village early Tuesday evening. The carriers report the roughest traveling they ever encountered on the route."

Local and Personal Notes: "Silas Swales has the keel, stern-post and stern of Frank Left's new tug placed. And the ribs are being put on. The work is so far advanced as to show a shapely craft, and excellent stability of construction. There should be more of this class of work going on in Charlevoix. There will be no better boat of her inches afloat than Frank Left's boat when she takes the water."

Beaver Island News: "Floyd Bros. are putting up ice for R. Beutel."

"James Donlevy has been very ill but is improving."

"Mrs. Patrick P. Boyle, age 64, died Thursday night."

"Mrs. Ella McDonald and five children are on the sick list."

"Daniel B. Green broke his leg Friday while unloading logs."

"There were several people here from Garden Island, Monday."

"The mail carriers, Wm. Gibson and Frank Left, left for Cross Village Tuesday."

"The Hog Island homesteaders were at the harbor last week. They report good ice."

"Some of the people of the House of David skated to Beaver Sunday." (Note: Feb. 12 - First ice mail; Feb. 15 & 17 - Fair; Feb. 16 - F. Blizzard, Wind NW, 8 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, February 18, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news.**

(Note: Feb. 18 - Dense snow, Calm, -15 to -10 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 19, 1914 **Front Page Article:**



‘BOWERY’ TAKES EXCEPTION

St. James, Mich. Feb. 12, '14
Editor *Sentinel*:

In the article published in the
Charlevoix Sentinel of January 9, 1914

taken from a circular (unreadable word)
by the Citizens Realty of Michigan with
offices in Chicago, the editor adds
a little. He claims it is all true except the
distance which is 35 miles from

Charlevoix instead of 18 miles. Now, I
think the editor is mistaken. In the
circular it states that Beaver Island
lies about 18 miles northwest of
Charlevoix. Is that not right? I think if



22. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 21.

the editor would look this up, he would find that about 18 miles is correct. —W. J. Gallagher”

“Our friend Gallagher is technically right but practically wrong. The distance should be reckoned on the line of travel and communication which is 35 miles. If you are going to Beaver Island, you must go to Beaver Harbor.”

Local and Personal Notes: “The St. James mail carriers started back from Cross Village on Thursday morning, arriving at St. James at six the same evening. They started out again Saturday morning and will continue to make semi-weekly trips.”

“P. D. Campbell is in Manistee this week, looking after work on the steamer *Beaver*.”

“The St. James mail carriers, who crossed to the mainland Saturday, returned Sunday reaching St. James at 4 o'clock p.m.”

Beaver Island News: “James Mooney, who broke his leg some time ago, is getting along finely.”

“Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas Gallagher, a son.”

“Mrs. James Donlevy, who has been very ill for some time, is up and around again.”

“Jas. H. Gallagher went to Garden Island Monday to lease Larsen’s ice

house for the booth Fisheries Co. The Floyd Brothers have contracted to fill same.”

“Trout fishing is good. The boys are all out spearing.”

“McCann boys are filling their ice house.”

“There are 280 of the House of David on High Island this winter. They have a brass band of 32 pieces.”

“The shingle mill on High Island is running, cutting 30,000 shingles per day.”

“The surprise party on Mr. and Mrs. Owen McCauley, Monday night was a very enjoyable affair. The evening was spent in playing cards and dancing. A

PRAYER OF FISHERMEN TO ST. PETER THE FISHERMAN

As the days grow longer again and reflections on fall and seasons past merge with hopes for the coming spring and musings on all the things that have changed and stayed the same, thanks very much to Dale Cull for sharing the following piece from the Island’s history:

Help Us Pray For The Return of The Fishing Industry To Beaver Island

O Blessed Apostle Peter, we beg you this day to be our special advocate and intercessor with Almighty God.

We rejoice with you that you were

called by Our Blessed Lord from your occupation as a fisherman to be a “fisher of men.”

We recall the Savior’s words addressed to you, “Put out into the deep and lower your nets for a catch.” (Luke 5:4). You had toiled the whole night and



lunch was served at mid-night.”

“Born to Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCafferty Saturday, a daughter.”

“The mail carriers are making two trips per week.”

“Mrs. John C. Gallagher, who has been ill, is again better.”

“About 25 friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh D. Gallagher gave them a surprise on the 18th. Refreshments were served and a good time is reported.”

“The A. O. H. will have a dance Feb. 23rd.”

“W. E. Stephens and W. A. Scheid went to the woods Tuesday to scale logs.” (Note: Feb. 19 - 23 Fair; Feb. 2 Dense snow. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Currier Wednesday, February 25, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news.**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, February 26, 1914 Local and Personal Notes: “The ‘ice bridge’ from Beaver Island to Cross Village is so firm and reliable that the semi-weekly trips are made regularly and loads of merchandise and other heavy material are going over from the mainland every trip.”

“The first consignment of trout eggs from Northville for the local hatchery arrived this Wednesday afternoon in charge of Mr. Phillips. Both Mr. Stewart and Mr. Phillips will remain here until the hatch is all out -

probably May first.”

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Beaver Island News: “Mrs. Smelzer went to Detroit Friday to visit her sister, who is ill.”

“Tuesday James B. O'Donnell lost a horse between Garden Island and Naubinway. Ben O'Donnell and Nels Lafremer (sic) were with him. They drove into a crack in the ice. They returned to the Island.”

“Andy E. Gallagher left for Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Monday.”

“Jas H. Gallagher had the Booth Co. Ice put up at Garden Island this week.” (Note: Feb. 26 & 27 Fair; Feb 28 Wet snowstorm, Winds SW, 33 - 32 degrees. F. Protar)

had taken nothing, but at His word, you were willing to lower the net. Your faith and trust in Jesus were rewarded with the miraculous catch of fishes, causing you to fall at Jesus' knees and exclaim, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.” (Luke 5:8).

We also acknowledge our sinfulness, and humbly beseech your intercession in our behalf, that after lowering our nets we may not only experience a plentiful catch of fish but may also come to acknowledge the Almighty power of Our Lord Jesus Christ who

with the Father and Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.
Imprimatur

Francis J. Haas

Bishop of Grand Rapids

Dec. 12, 1952. Holy Cross Church, Beaver Island, St. James Michigan



Photograph by Frank Solle. Stillpoint Photography

Scott Solle wonders if that's the way back to Moab UT.



DRIFTS

I like this winter.

Oh, like everyone else, I've had my fill of the cold temperatures. I'm tired of shoveling snow. I've gone way over budget for plowing, and the season is not yet half over. I'm terrified to look at the gauge on top of my propane tank. Luckily,

it's inaccessible, buried under at least two feet of snow. I've had quite enough of nerve-wracking, heart-pounding drives to town, thank you.

Still, there's something very positive coming out of this extreme weather.

Every morning Phyllis Moore posts

a weather report on a social media site. Every morning I look forward to it. In addition to the best report on current conditions here on Beaver Island, she provides an “on this day in history” news item and a “word of the day” bit. Phyllis gives a wry, humorous bent to



her report. I wonder if she'll ever run out of "one-liners" to lead in to the weather! She also gives stern warnings and admonitions based on the conditions.

I've been seeing that in other encounters as well. There is a mood of "we're all in this together" that dominates our casual conversations. Folks ask, "Are you staying warm?" and, "Are you getting in and out okay?" and "How are you managing this winter?" and they really seem to care, and wait for a response. The usual good-byes have been replaced with words of caution:

"Be careful out there!"

"Keep warm!"

"Stay safe!"

"Hunker down!"

Hunker down...I like that idea. The phrase has questionable origins, but has been around for quite a while. It can mean "to hold stubbornly to a position" or "to squat close to the ground." The third definition, "to take shelter, settle in or hide out," is how we are using it here this winter. I believe I'm becoming quite an expert at it, in fact. Thinking it over, there are several elements involved in hunkering down. My list looks like this:

Sleep

The bears have something here! Winter is the perfect time to enjoy a good snooze. Go to bed early, with a good book for company. Sleep until you wake up naturally, and then just lay abed. Take advantage of any opportunity for an afternoon nap. No rules apply when it comes to a nap. Pajamas are out; wear whatever you have on. Forget the bed; the sofa or even a comfortable chair will do just fine. Grab a cozy afghan to wrap in. It's okay to leave the TV or a radio on for background noise. If the low winter sun is warming your spot, that's perfection! It seems to me that sleep is deepest and dreams are sweetest when all of the night-time regimen is ignored. A short afternoon nap can be more restorative than a full eight hours in bed!

Make Soup

Having a pot of soup simmering on the stove is a winter's comfort in every way. It evokes memories; it scents and moisturizes the air and warms us inside and out. Saint Scholastica's Feast Day is the 10th of February, and this is a good time of year for her soup. I make a version of the recipe found in *This Good Food: Recipes from a Monastery*

Kitchen by Brother Victor-Antoine d'Avila-Latourrette.

- Put three tablespoons each of lentils, split peas, wild rice and barley in a soup pot.
- Add three quarts of water or broth (I use a combination of stewed tomatoes, vegetable broth and water).
- Simmer for about an hour
- Add three cups of vegetables (I use stems and leaves of broccoli and cauliflower, in fine dice, and a few carrots).
- Continue simmering for another hour or two.
- Add salt and pepper to taste.

This makes a mild but hearty vegetarian soup. I have altered it by adding a couple shakes of tabasco sauce and cooked white-meat chicken. It's also good with bits of leftover ham, bacon, or Italian sausage. My favorite version is the vegetarian one, with each bowlful topped with a dollop of sour cream and a splash of balsamic vinegar, and served with a crusty, warm bread.

Bake Bread

We have wonderful bakers here on Beaver Island, and I've tasted some heavenly breads over the years. Unfortunately, few of them come out of my kitchen. Perhaps I don't knead aggressively enough. My home-made loaves are passable, but not stellar. I continue to make bread, though, and now and then the stars align. This recipe—from James Beard's *Beard on Bread* cookbook—makes a consistently good loaf of crusty brown bread. With no kneading and only one rising, it can be ready to serve in just a couple hours.

Myrtle Allen's Brown Bread

- 3 ¾ cups whole-wheat flour
- 1½ packages yeast
- 1 tablespoon salt (I use a scant teaspoon)
- 2 cups warm water
- 2 tablespoons molasses

Combine the flour and salt. Dissolve the yeast in the warm water with molasses. Combine liquids with the flour mixture. put directly into a buttered loaf pan. Cover; let rise. Preheat the oven and bake at 450° for about 50 minutes, or until the crust is nicely browned and the loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Serve warm with butter.

Read

In the summertime, my reading

leans to magazine articles and newspapers, books of essays and short stories, and predictable fiction by familiar authors. There isn't time, then, to explore the nuances of a well-written piece of literature, or delve into thought-provoking journalism. Poetry needs to be appreciated slowly. Winter is my time for good reading.

I just finished Barbara Kingsolver's *Flight Behavior*, started last Spring, and set aside until now. I'm reading *Detroit: An American Autopsy* by Charlie LeDuff and *The Dog Stars* by Peter Heller. The first is non-fiction, the second is science fiction and both get a little intense for me at times. I'm balancing them with *Let's Explore Diabetes with Owls* by David Sedaris and *E.B. White on Dogs*. Waiting in the wings is *The Valley of Amazement* by Amy Tan. After that, I intend to finish *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, also started and set aside several months ago. If it's still winter when I'm done with those, I think it may be time to pull out and re-read some of my books on Arctic and Antarctic exploration. Nothing makes me count my blessings like reading about explorers marching hundreds of miles through sub-zero blizzards—losing toes and eating dogs, for heaven's sake - to retrieve a penguin's egg for science!

Daydream

This is the time for flights of fancy! This is the season for list-making, for drawing up plans and for setting intentions. Time to page through the seed catalogues and plan this year's garden. Plot the changes to make in the house and yard, when the weather allows. Dream of travel to exotic and warm destinations.

Embrace the Extraordinary

An extra day at home, or inside, is not a day to do all the chores one would do on any other ordinary day. This is a special opportunity! This is the chance to look into the areas of endeavor where time or energy have never quite gone far enough. In terms of cooking or cleaning or home maintenance, eschew the day-to-day activities. Embrace the frivolous! Clean out the drawers you haven't seen the bottom of since the turn of the century. Sort through the box of sewing notions. Make Beef Bourguignon!

Finally: Keep Warm, Stay Safe and Hunker Down!

—Cindy Ricksgers



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Where's the gold? It seems almost everywhere Doug Tilly searched for gold, he found it! Even though sometimes, not very much. Doug has been 'prospecting' or treasure hunting in some way or other, since around age twelve, always having an interest in finding fossils and interesting stones, and of course, the ultimate treasures of gold and diamonds. Back then, Doug found his areas of exploration in the farmlands of lower Michigan where he grew up. There, he learned at an early age what a little creek-bed can offer a young explorer on a sunny summer day. Something took hold of Doug back then and never let go, as it did in many of us who found inspiration in the outdoors and getting back to nature. Hunting for gold and other treasures is a perfect hobby to get you outdoors in quiet solitude, or to enjoy the peaceful camaraderie of friends and family. I emphasize the word 'hobby' because that's what Doug says he has taken away from all his years of prospecting, "...that's all it is," says Doug, "... you may dig for days and find nothing, while the guy down the road might get lucky. It's just something I enjoy doing, whenever I get the chance." Then he added, "Sometimes I get enough to pay for a new piece of equipment, or offset some of the expense of the trip."

Even though we might all have dreams of striking it rich, realistically speaking, it's nice enough to find enough treasure to keep the hobby going and to

spend some time enjoying what you like to do.

So this past summer, Doug headed out on a new treasure-seeking adventure out west. He made his way to Utah, and after finding an out of the way place to set up a camp, he spent four days, sifting, sluicing, and panning, "I like to go where the people aren't," says Doug. Then, after finding a lot of small pieces of gold that added up to about 3/4 ounce, he moved on to new grounds in Nevada, where he spent a week, and then to New Mexico for two days, and finally ended up in Arizona for another several weeks. All in all, about seven weeks on the road, doing exactly what he wanted to do, mining for gold. The gold didn't really amount to much, but the experience is one that he will remember forever. Turns out Utah yielded the most, but it's mostly a matter of luck and how much time you are willing to spend seeking out that perfect place to dig.

Once Doug got back home to Beaver, he decided to share the fruits of his long trip with the residents here. In early January, he put the word out via the school's electronic bulletin board, there would be a Gold Hunt right here on Beaver Island. What a great idea! This was one of those opportunities that doesn't come around very often, and in the wintertime, when we don't have a lot of family activities going on, the Gold Hunt was a welcomed treat.

Doug was joined by long time Island

resident and friend, John Barrett, in the setup and assisting people with the project. John seemed equally knowledgeable when it came to using the equipment and getting good results. He shared stories of his own prospecting endeavors with the visitors, and helped them get started on finding some hidden treasure in the sand. The Peaine Township Hall was nicely laid out with several panning stations on tables, and displays of different types of equipment used to aid in removing the unwanted sand and rocks from the material; a setup called a sluice. If anyone ever wanted to learn, first hand about panning for gold, this was an ideal opportunity. Doug had collected and purchased buckets of material, brimming with all sorts of stones and metals, including gold, throughout his trip, and brought some to share with whoever showed up. I asked him what made him want to do this project and he said, "I thought it would be something fun and educational for the kids." Little did he realize, he brought out the kid in all of us, with the well thought-out arrangement that kept kids and adults alike busy with eyes peeled, looking into their pans for the shiny stuff.

It turned out there were a lot of like-minded people that day who seized the chance to see how to find gold. Results were surprisingly quick when participants started in sifting and spiraling and panning. Marge Peters, one of the first to



IN MEMORY: GENIE VREELAND

Eugenia Anne Vreeland, 90, of Beaver Island, passed away on December 29th in Charlevoix. She was born on May 16, 1923, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Andrew and Anna (Geldersma) Setsma, and graduated from Ottawa Hills High School in 1941. She attended Western Michigan University, and later

taught high school. She retired from the Kindel Furniture Company in Grand Rapids, where she wrote ad copy.

On February 14, 1952, she married Harold "Bucky" Vreeland in Caledonia. They moved permanently to Beaver Island in 1980, and remained full-time residents at Lake Geneserath—where

they had spent time since 1956. For 16 years they spent half the year in Feakle, Ireland. They were members of Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Bucky preceded Genie in death on December 21, 2005. She was also preceded in death by her sister, Ruth J. Kohorn.



arrive and start hunting, had already found three large opals in her first scoop of the sandy material. The big stuff comes out in the first sifting. Those first few stones really perked up the interest in getting your hands on a pan and learning how to swirl it just right, so the heavier material would be all that was left, and that of course, is the gold.

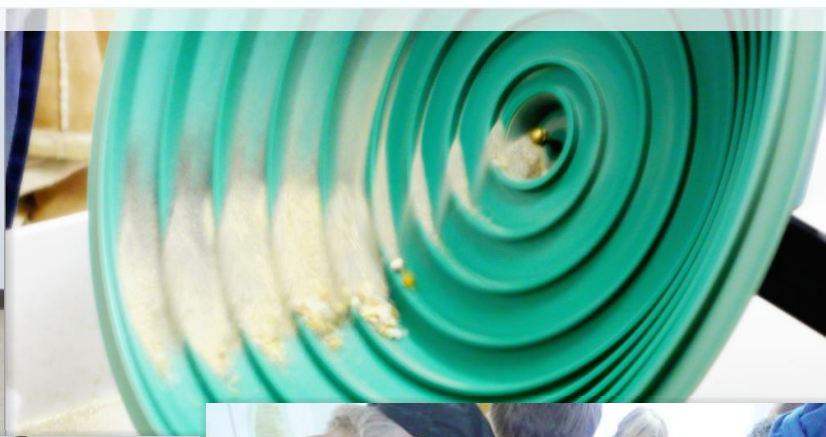
There were lots of questions for Doug about how to find the right place to dig, where to set up a sluice, and just

where might someone find gold on Beaver Island. He revealed some clues in what to look for in a place to dig that might have some gold, and a couple of his favorite places to go here on the island to grab a bucket of material. He also talked about a trip that he and John had taken last year, up to the U.P., where they camped and did some prospecting. If planned right, a mining expedition could be a great family campout, too. It sounds like a great time and, with the

added possibility of finding gems to pay for the trip!

Doug mentioned, during the gold hunt, that he would be interested in taking an outing with a team of prospectors this summer, with the hopes of teaching kids and their families how to look for and find the hidden treasures on Beaver Island. And we know, there are a number of those here. Thank you, Doug Tilly, for enlivening the curiosity in all of us.

—Mary Acker





THE BEAVER ISLAND ICE CLASSIC

The tower is now on the ice and tickets are available from any PABI board member, McDonough's Market, the Community Center, or by calling (231) 448-2022.

The ice classic tower was in bad shape after last year's dunking, and early

in January Jon Fogg, Don Tritsch, Bob Tidmore, and Bob Banville met at Jon Fogg's barn and reconstructed it from the remaining pieces.

Past winning times were:

2013 12:18 pm, April 11 – Prize \$700
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2011 12:22 pm, April 10 – \$1000
2010 4:10 pm, March 18 – Prize \$700
2009 1:58 pm, April 9 – Prize \$1100
2008 11:34 pm, April 8 – Prize \$1200
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BORN A POET, HERE'S THE PROOF

The nine 11th and 12th graders in Mrs. Helmer's English class recently each created a sonnet.

What is a sonnet, you ask? Well, for starters, it is a poem comprised of

fourteen lines. It must also be written in iambic pentameter – each line has a total of ten syllables. Sonnets usually also have some form of rhyme scheme to them.

Here's the work of Emily Boyle, Erin Boyle, Olivia Carey, Jewell Cushman, Emily Jines, Ron Marsh, Madie Martin, Hannah Robert, and Meg Works:

UGH!

I am scared, too afraid of what is here
The world is going to swallow me up
I cannot stop it from coming. It's near
The point where I grow up, it's not enough

Time to be a kid, for life to work out
Who will I be? What will happen to me?
I'm not sure, it is beyond any doubt
There will be good and bad waiting for me

The future will be full of surprises
It's ready to shape who I will become
Taking charge, so my childhood will reprise
Life will go on, change will be overcome

So to all those that know the way, goodbye
Adhere to me, to Neverland I'll fly

My Hero

I know a man unlike any other
He is brave and caring and always there
He is way better than any brother
And he has a kindness beyond compare

He may not be the richest man alive
He may not live in a really big house
He may not have cool toys that he can drive
He may not even have a lovely spouse

But none of that makes a difference to him
He has a family and has his health
So there's not any reason to be grim
Because he's still happy, without the wealth

He's the greatest hero that there can be
He's my daddy, who means the world to me!

Friends 'til the End

On a small farm, was a cow named Grettie,
Who loved to eat and roam, or be settle.
She was very old, but you'd never tell,
And the only cow that we would not sell.

She was friendly, very calm, also nice,
She made friends with anything, even mice.
She likes to be alone, and do her thing,
Up until she hears that dinner bell ring.

A very close best friend she is to me,
It is something that only her and I see.
I dread the day she will finally go,
She means more to me than anyone knows.

Down through the woods and out to the pasture,
Long as I'm with you, it will not matter.

Brotherhood

Today is the day that we all go home,
But first we have a job that will be done.
The house was burning so quick, just like foam,
But us, we like it. For us this is fun.

We suit up and go in to fight your fear,
We are on call ev'ry day, ev'ry year.
We come to the rescue even at night,
For people we even don't know, we fight.

Many of us have died fighting for you,
So many bad dreams, you haven't a clue.
It doesn't matter if you're rich or poor,
We will even come and kick in your door.

The Brotherhood is strong in all of us,
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Our hearts and souls were invested in this;
This was the final game no one would miss.
The girls on the bench, they could hardly sit;
It was like our lives depended on it.

The crowd was so wild, they never sat down;
The intensity consumed the whole town.
The opponents looked like mad animals;
At times, I thought they could be cannibals.

And in the heat of the basketball game,
Both of our scores were exactly the same.
Meg got a fast break and ran to the end,
With no time to breathe, the ball she did send.

With four seconds on the clock, she let go,
The fate of this game, nobody will know.

A Star I Will Be

I can't wait until graduation day,
It's like a new chapter most people say.
That also means summer's very nearby,
Which leads to college and people ask why.

Leaving family will be hard enough,
But leaving my home will also be tough.
In August I will be off to college,
Where I will make friends and gain more knowledge.

Maybe I'll stumble on my one true love,
Or I might just have to give him a shove.
College is a whole new chapter of life,
Once I graduate I may make a wife.

I will always be one to return home,
And I will show my parents I have grown.

What is the Answer?

Everywhere we look they surround us,
Making up the foundations of the world.
Look outside the window, it is a must,
All together all of the children twirled.

Seeing the building blocks of planet Earth,
Buildings all covered with them head to toe.
Technology, windows, books are the worth,
The rooms are all this same shape, what a blow.

All different sizes, shapes, and colors,
Everywhere they occupy your eyes.
Don't think so hard, think about the others,
Not something that is alive and then dies.

The answer to this simple question is?
Silly, the answer is square to this quiz!

Daydream

35.

Procrastination is what I do best
My homework assignments never get done.
All I want to do every day is rest
I miss summer, the beach, and the bright sun.

Riding jets skis and swimming in the lake
Tanning on the deck, late nights with my friends.
To going to school but not feel awake
Imagining that summer never ends.

Papers I write are daydreams from the past
Pencil goes down my memory comes back.
Writing about the good times that don't last
Being at school gives me a heart attack.

I'm so excited for summer to come
Staying out 'til the sun goes and then some.

Free Fall

I'm in love with the feeling of falling
When my stomach plummets I have done it
I'm free from the monster I am brawling
Fate is out of my hands and I love it

Gravity grab the gavel, no mercy
It is time you gave the court your ruling
So do you find the defendant guilty?
Is this a story made to be fooling?

Innocence Corrupted by addiction
It is a shame to have lost her so soon
I'm afraid this is no work of fiction
Simply just another tale of youth doomed

At no altitude will she ever stop
Living for feeling; dying for the drop

And one more. written the next day:

To Be Continued

All I really want is to close my eyes
And drift away in the arms of deep sleep,
To dream of a me I do not despise
Where dreams full of light are all that I need.

Except it is not yet my time to leave
Nor my place or desire to choose my end,
There are places to go, people to see
Still postcards to read and letters to send.

I am exactly like everyone else
Victories and struggle, highs swing to lows,
I have a past and a story to tell
My life is a wild card, not to me known.

In conclusion I refuse to conclude,
But my demise I still cannot elude.



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The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association (BICAA) has elected two new officers, vice-Chair and treasurer, and three new directors to its board. Current board member Frank D'Andraia, a professor with the State University of New York and a long term seasonal resident, was elected to the new office of Vice Chair. Jenna Wilk, a member of the current board and the Site Coordinator for the Beaver Island Community School's 21st Century After School Learning project was elected treasurer of the Association. Well known St. James residents Sheri Richards, Ed Troutman, and Linda Wearn were elected to the Association's board of directors, returning its size to 10.

"Ed, Linda and Sheri all have extraordinary interests, expertise, and talent and we are delighted they have joined the BICAA board. They are a great addition to our organization," said Anne Glendon, BICAA chair. Glendon added, "We are very grateful to Frank and Jenna for stepping up and being generous with their time to attend to critical Association activities as officers.



The extraordinary commitment made by all our board members makes a difference and insures BICAA provides quality activities and events. The word is out about our programs, for last year attendance at our signature event topped 1,400. The implications for the festival, the Association, and the economic impact on the Island reflect positively on the work of our citizen-centered board."

The continuing members of the BICAA board are Wendy Fogg, Anne Glendon, chair, Jane Maehr, Don Taylor, and Marianne Weaver.

A Michigan musician with national

and international conducting experience has been appointed as the Interim Director of the Baroque on Beaver Chorus. Peter D. Sims, noted educator, musician, singer, and director of the Northern Michigan Chorale in Petoskey, was selected to conduct all festival ensembles for the 2014 season. "Peter D. Sims' depth of knowledge of choral music is an incredible asset to bring to the festival and our Island community," said Anne Glendon. "His knowledge coupled with his extensive experience brings richness to the festival that promises to propel it to new artistic levels."

Sims also is the chorus master for the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra. Recently he performed as soloist with the GLCO, singing Copland's *Old American Songs*, Vaughan-Williams' *Songs of Travel*, and Handel's *Messiah*. Also, he sang Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* with the orchestra as bass soloist. He has served as music director for several area productions performed at the Harbor Springs Performing Arts Center and Little Traverse Civic Theatre.

THE HEART OF BEAVER ISLAND

February is when the heart of Beaver Island shines. The core reasons for living here are most in evidence. There is so much snow that even a frigid day is brilliant and beautiful. People have been inside by the fire for so long that they call each other to make sure everyone is OK. Snowmobilers and cross country skiers skim around the trails and come back for a hot drink. We've got brilliant sunlight, cozy fires, good friends, and hot liquids. Put those all together in late February or early March, and you've ALSO got..... Maple Syrup Season!

Last year's sap was not very good, perhaps because the summer of 2012 had been so dry that even mature maple trees were seen to have dying leaves on the tips of their branches. By contrast, the island had pretty good rain in 2013, so the prospects are good for a full flavored and sweet sap.

Our wood pile for this year's syrup is



most excellent. We have aged and split oak, birch and maple, plus plenty of kindling to make the fire really hot when there is lots of sap in the vat. Of course, the entertainment this year will be keeping the melting snow from putting the fire out! I'm envisioning multiple snow shovels, plus some 2 x 10s to channel away the runoff. Nothing like good exercise to burn off some of that

cabin fat.

Our dogs, Buck and Gracie, adore Maple Syrup Season, too. They romp over snow drifts and dig under the slush for scents of rabbits, deer and chipmunks. They eat snow and bring us sticks for the fire. To cool off, they rub their bellies on the snow, panting with contentment. And when we go inside to finish off the syrup on the top of the stove, they flop on the floor with the satisfaction of being both stimulated and exhausted.

Perhaps my favorite characteristic of Beaver Island is also most in evidence during Maple Syrup Season: an indifference to fashion. I can wear three pairs of leggings, two hats plus ear muffs, three pairs of socks and really big boots and no one will even blink! It's all about outdoor fun and making something from nature's bounty. That is the heart of Beaver Island.

—Barbara Rahn

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38. IN MEMORY: RICK ANDREW

William "Rick" Patrick Andrew, 66, of Traverse City, passed away on January 21st at Munson Medical Center. Rick was the son of the late William and Amy Andrew and grew up in Southfield, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan, then earned a master's degree from Cornell University, and a Ph.D from Penn State University. He was a professor of Finance at Penn State for 37 years. Rick enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling, summers on Beaver Island, and keeping a very close eye on the stock market. Rick is survived by his wife, Janine, his daughter Jamie, brothers Brian (Vicky) Andrew, Gary

(Jean Braxton) Andrew, sister Joan (Peter) Cristiano, and cousins, nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life will be held in the spring, when he will be buried at The Bohemian Cemetery on Old Mission Peninsula. Memorial contributions may be made to: Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, 3860 N. Long Lake Road Suite D, Traverse City, MI 49686 Rick cared deeply about those closest to him – his family and friends. His depth of character and trustworthy nature made him a source of support and reliability for those who loved him most. For that, and many other fine qualities, he will always be remembered.

KATHERINE MCELWAIN

Katherine Ann (Geraghty) McElwain, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, daughter, and friend, passed away at home on Fripp Island, SC, on January 3.

She was born to the late Thomas and Margaret Geraghty, June 22, 1932, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Kay was married for 55 years to James E. McElwain. She was a 1950 graduate of Julianne High School in Dayton, OH. Kay and Jim lived in Steubenville, Ohio, later moving to Dayton, where they raised their family. During their retirement years, Kay and Jim spent time between their homes in Ohio, Beaver Island, and South Carolina. She enjoyed time with her grandchildren, traveling, golfing, and socializing with their many groups of friends. She was an active member of Holy Angels Church in Dayton, Incarnation Church in Centerville, OH, St. Peter's Church in Beaufort, SC, and Holy Cross Church here. She was involved in the Christ Child Society of Dayton and took communion to the resi-

dents of Morningside of Beaufort and River Oaks Assisted Living. Kay volunteered with Hospice on Beaver Island.

Kay and Jim built their cottage on Sand Bay in 1976 and have visited Beaver every year for 37 years. Kay loved every moment she spent on Beaver, the cottage in Sand Bay, Sunday Mass, and daily Rosary at Holy Cross Church, sunrises over Lake Michigan, sunsets on Donegal Bay, and her many dear friends and golfing partners.

She is survived by her devoted husband and four children: Ann Feltner (Bob), Clare Dowrey (Scott), Jane Shine (Charley) and Jim McElwain, Jr. (Ellen), sixteen grandchildren, their spouses and fiancés, and three great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings, Edward Geraghty (Corinne), Peggy Carroll (Jack), and Thomas Geraghty (Suzanne), and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Alice Geraghty.

She was perfect! and will be greatly missed by all of her family and friends.

BRIAN REED CRUICKSHANK

Brian Cruickshank, a resident of Royal Oak for 36 years, passed away on January 27 at the age of 60.

He is survived by his wife, Deborah Ullmann of 40 years, his daughter, Angela; parents, William and Barbara of Beaver Island; brothers, Dan and Scott (Patty) and many nieces and nephews.

He is predeceased by his brothers, Bill and Grant.

"He was a passionate man, who was in love with his family and his projects. He believed in working hard and giving back to those in need. It's difficult to describe how supportive and proud a father and loving and thoughtful a husband he was. He is and was an unforgettable spirit with a tender heart and rough hands."

SONNY BOLTON

39.

Albert "Sonny" E. Bolton III, age 46, of Rapid City passed away Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at Munson Medical Center. He was born June 13, 1967 in Traverse City to Albert E. Bolton Jr. and Margaret L. Kenwabikise-Way.

Sonny operated his own construction company for many years. He was a hard worker and there was always someone he was helping. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. In his spare time he enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, movies, and he was a Red Wings Fan.

Sonny is survived by his father Albert Bolton Jr. and a step dad Daniel Way;

children: Kandyce (Karl) Ott of Kewadin, Paul (Brittany) Kalinowski of Mancelona, Jonathan Vasher of Alden, Taylor Hooper of Colorado, Whitney Lewis, and Amy Zundel; 5 grandchildren: Maddilynn and Natalee Kalinowski, Emmett Ott, Tiana Ashley, and Brookelyn Zundel and another on the way; siblings: Brenda Romitti of Green Bay WI and Jack Bolton of Manistee, MI; niece and nephews: Casey Bolton, Joshua Romitti, Niko Romitti, Jason Romitti, and Sabrina Romitti; many aunts and uncles.

Sonny was preceded in death by his mother Margaret Kenwabikise, who was born on Beaver Island.

PATRICK LAFRENIERE

Patrick "Paddy" "Pa Pa" E. LaFreniere, 79 of Manistee, died Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at his home, unexpectedly. He was born on January 18, 1934, on Beaver Island, son of the late Patrick W. and Elizabeth (Floyd) LaFreniere. Patrick married Marcia Platt on February 9, 1989 in Manistee.

He started his sailing career with his father as a wheelsman on his father's boat in route from Beaver Island to the mainland. Pat started his career on the Great Lakes in 1951 aboard the tug *Williams* and the Corps of Engineers' *City of Milwaukee*, a Grand Trunk Railroad car ferry; in 1952, the steamer *SS L.E. Block*, 620' Inland Steel; and in 1953, the motor vessel *E.J. Block*, 550' Inland Steel.

In 1955 he served our country in the U.S. Army Air Force as a heavy equipment operator building highways in France up until 1957 when he was discharged and continued his career on the Great Lakes aboard the steamer *Wilfred Sykes*, 676' 7000 HP Inland Steel, in 1960, the carferry *Ludington*, carferry *Badger* and carferry *City of Midland*, Ann Arbor carferry *City of Milwaukee*, Ann Arbor carferry *Viking*; in 1989 the self-unloader steamer *Wilfred Sykes*, 676' Inland Steel; in the 1990s, the motor vessel self-unloader *Joe Block*, 729 7000 HP, Inland Steel, *Adam E. Cornelius*, diesel self-unloader, 680', chartered for

Inland Steel and Joe Block, retiring in 2000. In 2001, the carferry *Badger* and *City of Midland*; in 2004-2005, three new Staten Island carferry deliveries, in 2006-2010, the carferry *Badger*; and in 2009, the Coast Guard cutter/buoy tender *Acacia*, which he wheeled from Chicago to Manistee.

Pat had a deep love for the water. He is survived by his loving wife of almost 25 years, Marcia A. LaFreniere of Manistee, one grandson, Patrick and Missi LaFreniere and their children, Madison and Skylar all of Jenison, Michigan; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Kimberly and Daniel Bolles and their children, Delaney and Alexis all of Muskegon; Kendra Nowak and Trisha Wyman both of Elkhart, Indiana, Kristen and Darin Sytek and their children Caden and Cohen all of Twin Lake, Michigan; his daughter in law, Cindy and Doug Miller of Belding; his adopted daughter, Lynn Herald of Cadillac, one sister, Jean LaFreniere of Ionia; numerous nieces; and nephews also survive him; as well as his special companion "Tigger." Many special friends also survive him.

Pat was preceded in death by his son, Patrick E. LaFreniere; three sisters, Mary Minor, Margaret Ann Polhemus and Isabelle LaFreniere; and two brothers, Joseph and John (Beaver John) LaFreniere.

BIRHC MEETINGS SCHEDULED

The board of directors of the BIRHC has set these meetings for 2014. All are on Saturdays at 10 AM in the

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40. BEAVER ISLAND EVENTS

Note: Winterfest 2014 will not be held this season. "Fresh Air will be using this year to redesign its party to allow it to be more self supporting, customer oriented, and geographically (ice conditions) stable. Please

have a safe, warm winter and we look forward to seeing all of our customers at Fresh Air Aviation's winter party next year!"

February 15 – **Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids Party**

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WATERFRONT HOME FOR SALE

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 July 16 – **Garden Tour Benefit**
 July 17-19 – **Beaver Island Music Fest**
 July 21 - 26 – **Museum Week**

July 23-25 – **BIHS Art Show**, at the Gregg Hall, 12:00 – 5:00
 July 25-August 3 – **Baroque on Beaver**
 August 8 - 10 – **Homecoming**
 October 4 – **Bite of Beaver Island** and the **Island Boodle**

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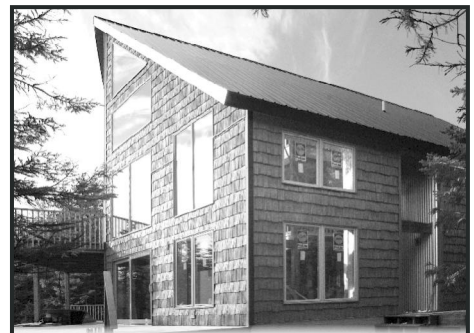
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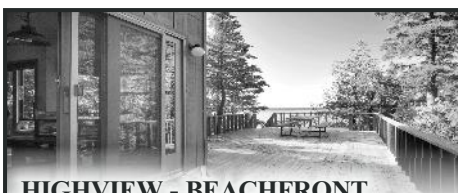
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