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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James

The March meeting began with a Public Hearing to hear input on the application for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Application Proposal for development of a boat launch facility. Lucas Porath of the Northwest Design Group was present to answer questions. The Phase 1 scope includes construction of a concrete boat launch with associated sheet pile seawalls, paved drive, segmental retaining walls, railings, sidewalk, side pier and restoration.

The total estimated project cost is \$450,000. The Trust Fund Grant Application would ask for \$240,000 of that amount, the largest portion of the proposal. Other sources to be considered are: a MDNR Waterways Grant Application in the amount of \$93,750; a Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Coastal Zone Management grant in the amount of \$41,250; other grants and foundations in the amount of \$63,750 and local match of \$11,250. The Trust Fund Grant deadline is April 1. Public input included questions about restroom facilities. The current plan is to use portable toilets until monies are available for the other phases of the boat launch facility. The public hearing was closed after about fifteen minutes of discussion.

Present for the regular board

meeting were Supervisor Bill Haggard, Clerk Jean Wierenga, Rick Speck and Don Tritsch. Treasurer Jim Wojan was absent.

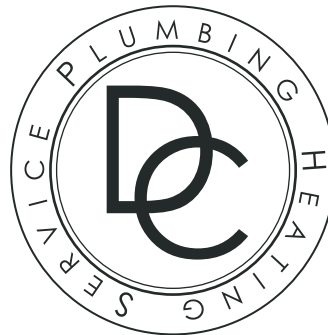
The cold winter has led to higher costs for energy at the yacht dock for the bubblers, Jean Wierenga noted.

Reports included one from the Waste Management Committee: Jean Wierenga said that the group was working on the budget and was figuring out the cost for a new truck. They are also considering how to enclose and heat the back room of the transfer station. She reported that Peaine Township had indicated it did not want to pursue the question of providing health insurance for part-time workers, so she recommended that St. James table that question for now.

Don Tritsch reported that the proposed Island radio station had been approved to move ahead with plans to broadcast at 100.1 frequency. Locations for broadcast equipment were being researched.

Under new business, the board approved the application for a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant with a roll call vote of four ayes. Lucas Porath will work with Rick Speck and Marie Shimenetto, the Supervisor's secretary.

The board voted to accept the US Department of Health and Human Services poverty levels in its Homestead



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Poverty Resolution for the year.

Elaine West asked on behalf of the Airport Commission for a letter of support to apply for \$25,000 from a tribal grant. The grant would buy furnishings for the new airport terminal. The board agreed to sign the letter of support. On a related note, Jim Wojan was reappointed as the township representative to the Airport Committee.

A vacancy on the Planning Commission had been posted. Bob Tidmore was appointed to fill the vacancy. A posting on the Library Board had received no applications and would be posted again.

A property owner received permission to name his private road Connelly Lane. Permission is required by the Equalization Department, reported Jean Wierenga.

The Board of Review would be meeting soon and had vacancies. It was agreed to post for two members. Because of the vacancies and the vacation of one of the members, appeals to the Board might have to be heard as scheduled but decisions deferred until a quorum could vote. Ed Wojan pointed out that some property owners might travel to the Island to make their appeals and deserved to be heard as scheduled. He noted that Jean Wierenga had reported that Bill Haggard had not attended the organizational meeting for

the Board. Wojan said that serving as secretary to the Board of Review was an important part of the Supervisor's duties and that it wasn't right that he had not attended.

The board discussed again the need for replacement of the outhouse at the Township Campground. It was suggested that Lucas Porath would be a good resource person. He suggested that a prefabricated building could be shipped and placed on site at a budget of about \$25,000.

While the budget was not yet complete, the board discussed several possible projects to be included. Taking advantage of the equipment and labor that will be coming here to re-pave King's Highway was discussed. The parking area in front of the governmental building is in very bad condition and the ramp and stairs also need to be replaced.

Supervisor Haggard said he had spoken to the county engineer about the cost of paving Donegal Bay Road through the S-curve (\$240,000) or further to the Font Lake boat launch (\$375,000). Jean Wierenga said there were other top needs that should be funded first, especially the governmental building improvements. Others stated that the previously-discussed idea of straightening the S-curve should be dropped because it would lead to increased speeds

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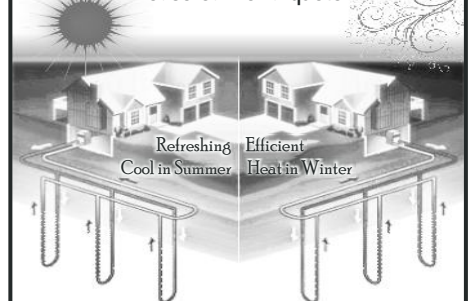
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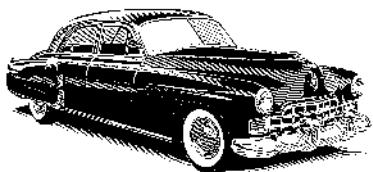
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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
on the road and that a bicycle path
extension would be preferred.

The annual meeting for St. James
Township was set for 1 p.m. on Saturday,
March 29. The budget needed to be
available for review before that time.
The Supervisor asked for help in
preparing the budget. Rick Speck said
that his business (BI Management
Services) had been paid to work on the
budget last year. Bill Haggard said that
he would pay Rick Speck and Jean
Wierenga to help him this year, but the
feeling in the audience was that the
Supervisor was paid to do that work and
that the township should not pay twice.

Ed Wojan reported that the purchase
of the two harbor-front lots had been
completed. John Woollam purchased the
lots and the Little Traverse Conservancy
has set a conservation easement on it.
The lots will eventually be turned over to
the Township and left in their natural
grassy state. Wojan said that an access
path could be plowed in heavy snow
winters to allow islanders to get to the
ice.

Cindy Ricksgers reported on
Phragmites control, saying she had
attended an archipelago meeting in
which she was told that Beaver Island
was a beacon of hope to others in their
attempts to eradicate the invasive.

Peaine

To pave or not to pave?

That was the question facing Peaine
Township on 3-12: whether to pave a
1.1-mile stretch of East Side Drive, from
the road's intersection with King's
Highway at the "Four Corners" to Welke
Airport. And the initial discussion at the

township board meeting revealed some
of the pros and cons likely to emerge
when the public gets a chance to tackle
the question.

A little background: A few months
ago, county officials floated the idea for
the paving work, asking if the township
board was interested in the project,
which they estimated would cost
\$356,000-\$380,000, depending on road
width. The county's inquiry was linked
to a pending decision by the county to
pay for re-paving Kings Highway,
something the township board felt was
already overdue. The county was hoping
that having additional paving work to do
on the Island, paid by the township or
private property owners, would reduce
the county's bill for sending a contractor
to the Island to do the King's Highway
project. In response, the board decided to
analyze what the options for funding the
East Side project would be.

At the board's March 12th meeting,
Supervisor Bill Kohls reported that
township counsel suggested long-term
borrowing—a "capital improvement
bond"—to pay for the project, repaying
the debt either out of the township's
general fund or from dedicated millage.
Board members calculated the annual
cost of paying off a 10-year bond
(assuming a 3.5% interest rate): about
half (.5) of a mill. Township voters
would have to approve the millage
increase. A vote of the people would
come after a public hearing on the
matter—and the approval process would
have to be completed in time to meet the
schedule for the King's Highway
project. Trustee Pete LoDico reported
that he'd been told by a road commission
liaison that King's Highway "is a go"



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and would be scheduled for "as early in summer as they can get here."

At that point, various trustees and audience members weighed in with questions and comments, summarized here:

- While some people favor having more paved roads on the Island—less wear and tear on vehicles, less dust and rutting—others oppose additional paving. Among those who favor paving, there are differences of opinion about which stretches of road should be a priority for paving. East Side Drive is heavily traveled (by Island standards), but so is McCauley Road connecting King's Highway and East Side Drive. And the driveway into the new terminal that's being constructed at the Township Airport needs to be paved too. "The people should be asked at a special meeting to comment on where road money should be spent," said Ed Wojan.
- Some people may favor a millage increase to pay for paving, but others will oppose additional taxes. The township already levies 1 mill for roads, but those funds are fully spent every year and supplemented with money from the township's general fund. There's little chance that the paving would be paid for from the general fund.
- A concern that the county road commission should be paying for the East Side Drive paving that it had suggested, because it appears to be likely that a long-planned county facility—garage and more—will be located on a parcel along that

stretch of road. "If the county is planning on putting a new building there," said Jim Wojan, a member of the St. James Township board, "make the county pay for the road. It's a primary road and the responsibility of the road commission, not the township."

- Beware of the county's estimated cost for East Side Drive paving. "Be careful of the county," warned Ed Wojan. He said that a high bid for the East Side Drive paving would reduce the cost to the county for the Kings Highway paving. "They ought to ask for bids on both portions."

As a result of the discussion, the board asked Kohls to ask the road commission where it plans to put a new facility, what part of the East Side Drive paving cost it would be willing to pay, and what the timing of a township decision needs to be. Pending answers to these questions, the board took no action.

In other township business, the board:

- Approved renewal of four millages: General, Fire, Waste Management, and Medical Center.
- Appointed Ernie Martin and Joe Moore to the Waste Management Committee.
- Agreed to provide a letter of support for an application by the Airport Commission for a Grand Traverse tribe grant to pay for furniture for the new airport terminal.
- Reappointed Colleen Martin to the Airport Commission.
- Set March 29 for the board's annual meeting, at 11 a.m.



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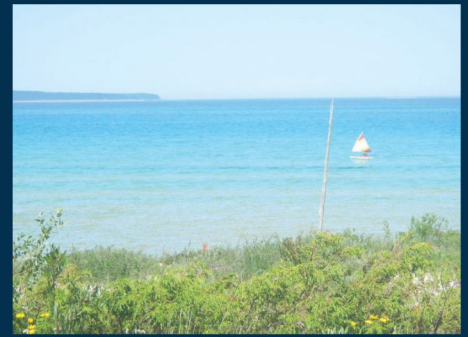
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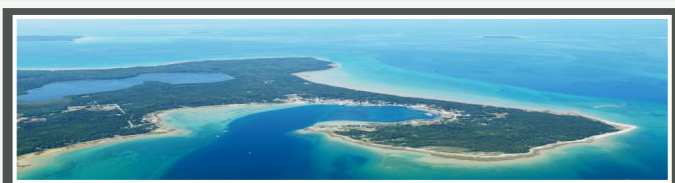
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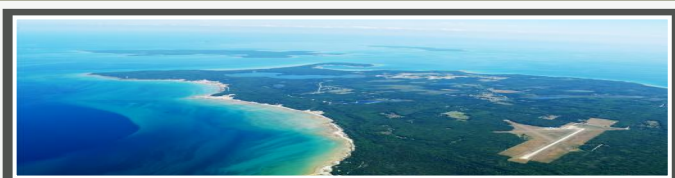
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9.

Both Townships held their annual meetings on March 29th, and presented their budget proposals for the coming year (April 1 2014 through March 31 2015). Peaine's was discussed and passed in under a half hour, but several adjustments were proposed for St. James', and after almost two hours the decision was postponed until April's regular meeting – where the suggested modifications were presented and accepted.

Before the annual meetings were convened the Township Boards had each agreed that none of their salaries would be increased. But at the Peaine meeting the non-Board voters in the audience thought that with the Board's work load increasing every year and no raises being given for the past seven years, a 3% increase in salary would be appropriate. The measure was proposed and passed unanimously. At St. James, later that day, the same increase was passed for the Treasurer, Clerk, and the two Trustees.

Peaine's General Fund budget calls

for a reduction in *projected* revenue from \$288,070 to \$285,643, and a much larger abatement in *projected* expenditure, from \$287,449 to \$244,674. The *actual* income last year was \$274,238, and the *actual* expenditure only \$243,403.

St. James operates its General Fund on a *projected* revenue of \$330,800 and *projected* expenditures of \$325,970 – more than last year's *actual* revenue of \$303,668 and expenditure of \$308,592. Part of the reason the smaller Township has the larger fund is that it pays the Maintenance Employee (\$52,000) and then bills Peaine for its share of work done.

Projected property taxes in Peaine, for the General Fund, are \$232,000, and in St. James \$190,000.

In addition to their General Funds, both Townships have equal millages to support the Rural Health Center. Each also has its own Road Fund, for which Peaine will collect another \$69,245 in taxes and St. James \$62,000. St. James alone pays for the Township Cemetery

and the Municipal Yacht Dock.

Several growing aspects of our infrastructure are funded by millages in St. James, with Peaine then matching the amount collected, such as the EMS, the Fire Department, and the Historical Society. Because of this arrangement (initially imposed by St. James), the per taxpayer millage, assuming equal assessment value, is less in Peaine, which has long been a point of debate. The Fire Department operates on \$44,500 from each Township. The Transfer Station operates on \$65,000 from each Township, plus \$90,000 in charges. The Municipal Airport gets \$46,800 from each Township.

St. James also has the expense of its municipal sewer, which operates on \$67,500 from assessments and user fees. Unfortunately that's not enough. Design flaws led to a \$60,000 expense for coating the tank a few years ago, and this year the line froze and had to be cleared. Now three or four additional clean-out stations have to be added.

THE BEACON GROWS WITH THE ISLAND

After eleven years of making one small change after another to improve the *Beaver Beacon*, a big change is now in store. Beginning with the next issue, the *Beacon* will expand its size, decrease its frequency, and go to all-

color pages. In short, it will look more like the other magazines which pay homage to their much-loved bases.

Hopefully the new format will please subscribers and advertisers – most of whom have been on board for

many, many years, and continue to reflect the charm, beauty, and unique character of Beaver Island in a new bigger and better format.

The change will begin with the next issue – June/July. So sit back, and enjoy.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES PLANNING GRANT



Mishelle Shooks, Program Administrator of the Charlevoix Community Foundation, arrived on February 18 to present a check for \$4,030 to Joe Rahn, a board member of the Beaver Island Historical Society (BIHS). This planning grant is in support of a study done by Malone, Inc., which was commissioned by BIHS to design new exhibits and a building concept for a 3,700 ft² expansion of the Print Shop Museum.

Recently the BIHS Board approved the hiring of a capital campaign coordinator to begin fundraising for the estimated \$1,200,000 needed to complete the project. The BIHS Capital Campaign Committee has selected a candidate who is expected to win board approval at the next BIHS board meeting in March.

Bill Cashman, BIHS director, put it this way: "For over twenty-five years,

expanding the Print Shop Museum has been the goal of BIHS. Toward that end, the Committee for Museum Expansion has put in thirty months of hard work to devise a general plan. This CCCF grant allows us to take an important step: publishing this plan in a 24 page booklet, and sharing it with all those in the community who would like to see it become a reality."

—Joe Rahn

10. BEAVER ISLAND BIRDING TRAIL DEDICATION CELEBRATION

Friday, May 23rd

As a part of the Beaver Island Birding Trail celebration, we are staging an art exhibition at the Community Center featuring the work of island artists and...birds! Local artists will create a bird work for the show in any medium (paint, collage, wood carving, photography, fabric, clay, beads, yarn). Island artist, Doris Larson, is coordinating this exhibit. Please stop at the Community Center to marvel at the Island's artists' work.

Dr. Nancy Seefelt will meet with Beaver Island Community School students for a presentation on birds of Beaver Island and to engage the students on how birding research is conducted on the islands.

5:00 p.m. Join us for a Birding Meet and Greet at the Beaver Island Community Center and Beaver Island Birding Trail Headquarters. Refreshments will be served. No fee is involved, but registration is required.

6:30 p.m. Introduction - Dr. Beth Leuck.

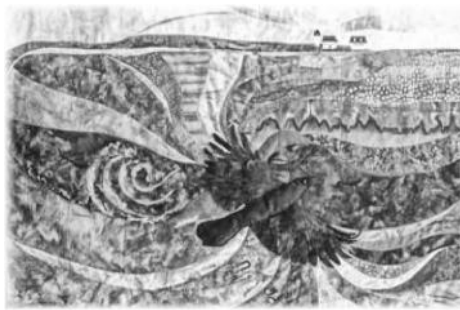
Friday Night Guest Speakers:

Jon Allan, Director of the Office of Great Lakes, discusses his personal birding experiences on Beaver Island. He has a strong background in fisheries, wildlife and the aquatic sciences and several decades of experience in environmental policy and law. He has taught courses in biology, ecology, environmental impact assessment and marine biology and island ecology at Michigan State University and other institutions. His research on wetlands, stream ecology, impact assessment and water policy has been published in journals in Canada and the United States. Time and again, organizations and individuals have called on Director Allan to participate in and lead environmental planning in Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

Paul and Carol Rose have been residents of northern Michigan for over 30 years and are frequent visitors to Beaver Island. During this time they have become involved in a variety of local, state and national conservation organizations. Paul is the immediate past President of Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), has served as a regional Director of the National Wildlife Federation, and is a former Chairman of

Huron Pines.

Paul and Carol own a consulting firm which specializes in commercial real estate valuation and the appraisal of larger forestry and recreational lands throughout northern Michigan. Through these professional activities, Paul has also been involved in numerous land protection projects on Beaver Island including conservation easements and nature preserves, as well as public land acquisitions.



Saturday, May 24th

7:30-8:00 a.m. Meet at the Beaver Island Community Center/Birding Trailhead to board buses for birding sites with expert field leaders. Registration required.

Return at approximately 11:30 a.m. to the Community Center/Birding Trailhead for lunch on your own in town.

1:00 p.m. Meet at the Beaver Island Community Center/Birding Trailhead to board buses for birding sites with expert field leaders. Registration required.

4:30 p.m. Return to the Beaver Island Community Center/Birding Trailhead. Refreshments will be served.

5:00 p.m. Guest Speakers: Following the last field trip, Dr. Dave Ewert, Senior Scientist with The Nature Conservancy, will discuss the importance of Great Lakes islands to birds. Michigan expert birder Brian Allen will share his impressions of birding on the Island.

Saturday Evening Guest Speakers:

Dr. Dave Ewert is a Senior Conservation Scientist for the Great Lakes Project of The Nature Conservancy; he initiates and coordinates science-based conservation work throughout the Great Lakes Region. He works on winter habitat of the Kirtland's Warbler in The Bahamas, protection of stopover sites for migratory birds in the Great Lakes re-

gion, evaluation of wind energy relative to Great Lakes regional biodiversity, and Great Lakes coastline and island protection. Dave also teaches ornithology at the University of Michigan Biological Station.

Brian Allan fills up his time with island birding. When he attended Michigan State University, he was such an accomplished birder that he taught the ornithology lab while taking the course. Upon graduation, Brian joined the Peace Corps. He served two years in Botswana, living at the edge of the Kalahari Desert, teaching biology, chemistry and physics at a regional high school. Declining bird populations inspired Brian to become involved in conserving bird habitat. In the 1990s, he founded the Points Betsie to Sable Conservancy. This Conservancy became part of the Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy. He served on the Board of Directors of the Conservancy for eight years, where he was thrilled to help steer protection for birds and their habitats. Although Brian felt fortunate to experience the rich variety of birds found in the Andes and Amazon, he also felt responsibility to tell people about the struggles of the conservation movement in that area of the world. Articles he wrote about the issue were published in *Traverse Magazine*, *The Jack Pine Warbler*, and *Michigan Birds and Natural History*. Brian is a Board Member of Saving Birds Thru Habitat. He sees many threats to our avian fauna and hopes his work for Saving Birds Thru Habitat will help extend the organization's reach and efforts.

Sunday, May 25th

Morning birding trips offered by leaders from Trailhead.

10:00 a.m. Drs. Beth and Ed Leuck have taught college courses in ecology and botany on the island, conducted field surveys and led field trips and produced a number of publications pertaining to the botany of the archipelago. Join them at 10:00 a.m. for a field trip: Exploring the Botany of Beaver Island. This event will leave from the Community Center.

1:00 p.m. Join us as Dr. Eric Myers takes us through the process of using eBird/BirdTrax to record our birding observations.



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feet in depth from East Side Drive to the edge of the water. The lot is wedge-shaped so it narrows up to only 50 feet on East Side Drive. The driveway into the parcel is at the sign that says "Kelly's Point"; it is a shared driveway that starts on the adjacent larger log home lot and then ends up on the Old Stinner lot. The beach has stone on it and there are rocks in the water out front, but this is an absolutely beautiful spot on Lake Michigan. Power is right at the road and easily hooked to the cabin, but the two previous owners have elected to use propane for lights, their cooking stove, refrigerator, heater, etc. The little log cabin on the site is in good shape with a roofed porch on the lake side and stone around a concrete slab. Sitting on the front porch you feel like you are on 600 feet of frontage all by yourself. There is a fieldstone fireplace that is functional. With the cabin near the south line of the 200 feet of frontage someone could build a new lakefront cottage or home to the north and keep the cabin as a guest house. The appliances can stay with the cottage and some furnishings; this is negotiable. With the land value of this Lake Michigan parcel at \$150,000 a purchaser would be getting a functional, cute Lake Michigan cottage to use for only \$5,000.

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Off Sand Bay

A number of Islanders followed the unfolding story of the *St. Mary's Challenger* this winter. Older than the *Titanic* and longer than a football field, the venerable ship was captained by three Beaver Islanders, and was frequently seen passing, or tucked in along Sand Bay over the many years she hauled on Lake Michigan.

A grass roots campaign was launched to "Save the *Challenger*" when it was learned the 107-year-old freighter was to head to dry dock for a mandatory 5-year federal inspection during which the condition of the hull under the engine room was closely scru-

tinized. The company's decision came down to whether the existing steam propulsion plant would be removed and she would be outfitted with a new diesel engine – costing \$15 to \$20 million – and returned to Lake Michigan as a freighter, or transformed into a barge.

The giant ship became a frequent sight in Chicago in the 60s and 70s. The 562' vessel was the longest ship to use the Chicago River, and navigating the downtown bustle often proved a challenge. There were at least 20 instances of bridges malfunctioning while the vessel was nearby, often stranding drivers and earning the freighter a nickname

as Chicago's "jinx ship." Compared to this, the infrequent challenges with the Pine River bridge are a piece of cake.

Alas, over the winter the decision was made to convert the *Challenger* to a simple articulated barge. The work is being completed in Sturgeon Bay and includes removing the steam engine and engine room and adding a new Bludworth-style ATB notch. While it's sad that a piece of history has disappeared, and the steamship will be missed at Sand Bay, maybe we'll see it in its new form with a large tug continuing to transport cargo around the Lake, which is better than becoming scrap steel.



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14. RAZEL BROTHERS SINKING

Aug. 21, 1986 8:09 PM ET
WHISKEY ISLAND, Mich. (AP) — Crew members of a fishing tug apparently ignored radio and horn warnings from a freighter, causing an accident that left one man dead and two others missing, officials said Thursday.

The three victims were aboard a 30' boat on Lake Michigan. The freighter was a 620-foot Yugoslavian package freighter, *Jablanica*. The accident occurred Wednesday morning on the lake about seven miles northwest of here, said Coast Guard Senior Chief Gary Howard.

"Whatever happened, happened very suddenly. The fishing tug sank literally in seconds," said Lt. Cmdr. Terry McKay of the Coast Guard Marine Inspection office in St. Ignace. He said the fishing boat either collided with the freighter or was swamped as it passed.

McKay said he interviewed the master and the third mate of the *Jablanica*, which was moored temporarily at Sault Ste. Marie. It later was allowed to proceed to Duluth, Minn. "They saw (the fishing boat) 8 to 10 miles away. Then it became closer. They made a number of (radio) contacts which were never answered. Then they sounded their horn," McKay said.

An inspection of the freighter's hull revealed no signs of a collision and said those aboard the freighter did not feel an impact, he said. "They are puzzled by it," McKay said. "Normally if you are on a large vessel, even if you hit a log, you can feel it. They felt nothing, they heard nothing."

McKay said the fishing boat may have sunk when it came too close to the freighter and was swamped by the ship's wake.

The victims were the only people on board the fishing tug, the *Razel Bros.*, which operated out of the Upper Peninsula cities of Manistique and Naubinway, said Machinist Technician 1st Class Tim Ramey of the Coast Guard station in Charlevoix.

None of the crew on the freighter was believed injured in the accident, which occurred in calm seas with visibility of 10 miles.

One body recovered was identified as that of Kirk Peterson, 27, of

Manistique, Ramey said. Peterson was thrown overboard by the impact of the crash and his body was recovered by a lifeboat from the *Jablanica*, he said.

Missing and presumed drowned were the co-owners of the boat: Russell King, 31, and Ed Perkins, 45, both of Naubinway.

A Coast Guard surface water search was called off Wednesday evening after two helicopters and a 44-foot lifeboat failed to find the missing men, Howard said. Divers from the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Department were en route to the scene Thursday to resume searching for the bodies, he said.

Dorothy Perkins, wife of Ed Perkins, said her husband was a third-generation fisherman. He and King were Sioux Chippewa Indians, she said. "We've had death before," she said. "There have been close calls. If they had their choice to go, this is the way they would have chosen it."

Foreign vessels are required to navigate U.S. waters with U.S. pilots, Howard said. The American pilot on the *Jablanica* at the time of the accident got off the freighter Wednesday evening at DeTour as part of a routine change of pilots, he said.

Coast Guard investigators don't expect to question the pilot until Monday, Howard said.

The three fishermen were close friends, and Perkins and King started their commercial fishing operation about three or four years ago, said Leon King, father of Russell King. He said family members were angry that the surface search was called off.

"We're pretty perturbed at the Coast Guard right now," he said. "Evidently, they didn't make much of an effort to locate the boat."

Buddy Martin called me and later brought a portion of a chart showing the near position of sinking of the *Razel Bros.* fish tug. The Coast Guard had given up search for the vessel. So The Islanders got together a multi-boat search party. We searched for about an hour when Richie Gillespie made some dip passes on an area of the vicinity. Clarence was the first to sound out the image that was on a underwater plateau of about an acre of 40' of water, sur-



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rounded by an 80' depth all around it. I anchored on the vessel and suited up for exploration. When I was about to enter the water I was admonished by members of the DNR and the sheriff's deputy that I couldn't search alone. So I said to the DNR official who claimed to be a diver, "suit up" and he told me he had no buoyancy jacket so I told him I had an extra in the cabin of the *Barquichuelo*, my boat; he said he couldn't wear someone else's equipment. So I said OK, and went overboard not worrying about his threats.

When I reached the fish tug I

discovered a body inside, then went around to retrieve it. When at the stern I saw hundreds of feet of nets between myself and the body; knowing the perils of these grasping enveloping webs, I elected to come back with carpet runners to roll over the nets to retrieve the body. So according to Buddy I brought up a boot for clarification.

By the time I unsuited and was ready to leave, all of the other boats had left, and in the water was a marker buoy. There were two deputies on board my boat informing me that they had to remain on the site. They were told they

had better know how to tread water for it was my boat and I had a good friend waiting for me who had made a special trip to the Island that day. "They rode back to the island with me." Later on, Police divers returned to the tug and used the runners and brought the body back. Days later the last of the crew was found and accounted for.

—Grambo

Type at loss : propeller tug, steel, fishing; built in 1949, at Manitowoc; 30', lost just W of Whiskey Isl., N of Charlevoix. Her crew may have been asleep at the time.



Photograph by Frank Solle



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A LITTLE ICE AND SNOW WON'T STOP US!

A few years ago we had "The winter that wasn't." This year we made

up for it. Half of the Island moved to Florida. Several records were set. Most

snowfall ever. Most sub-zero days and most desire to see some green!



Ten Years Ago: Lil Gregg's 30 years of service to the Beaver Island Post Office was celebrated at an informal gathering. Postmaster Michelle Dreffs presented Lil with a certificate, a 30-year pin, and an engraved clock. Friends and family were there to watch her mystification gradually dissolve and to enjoy cake and coffee. She began her service as Mary Minor's clerk in 1974.

Rehearsals were underway for Beaver Island's first dinner theater event, "An Evening with Stephen Sondheim," scheduled at Holy Cross Hall on Beaver Island. The audience was first treated to a gourmet buffet prepared by Deborah Harwood. Co-directors were Brenda LeFevre and Elaine West, who promised a show packed with all the witty lyrics and humorous emotions Broadway audiences have come to expect from Sondheim. The cast included Jayne Bailey, Melissa Bailey, Phil Becker, Bill Detwiler, Shirley Detwiler, Susie Fisher, Bob Hamil, Brenda LeFevre, Chris McMullen and Elaine West. Pinky Harmon provided the narration.

A little after noon on March 26th a mystery began to unfold. Some people taking a late lunch break in their car at Whiskey Point heard creaking and churning sounds somewhere to the southeast, yet no matter how hard they strained their eyes they could not see a thing. Far from going away, the noises grew louder, and others looping past the Light stopped to ask why they were staring. "Something's there," they were told. "Listen – it's very close. It's almost upon us, but there's nothing visible." Finally someone stopped who knew the truth: the Coast Guard cutter had left Charlevoix at 10:00 a.m. to chop through the harbor ice. It was right where one might expect, totally masked by the fog.

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* announced it would not report on the St. Patrick's Day celebration because the Shamrock had functioned as a sanctuary, and its patrons' right of privacy had to be respected.

Mary Blocksma reported on the feting of Dr. Lange at a semi-potluck dinner, a celebration organized to make sure he felt appreciated for his kindness, concern, and expertise.

A "Traveling Beaver Island All-

stars" basketball team challenged the over-30 men of Charlevoix, and, led by Mike Green's 16 points and Greg Cary's 13, won 51-48. Four hundred dollars was raised for the Island school's "bleacher fund."

A letter was printed from Commissioner Rich Gillespie to the Road Commission's manager, asking for better equipment for our roads and suggesting the Townships might pay up to two thirds of the ~\$30,000 cost. He also sought to advance the stalled issue of county transport for Beaver Island.

The *Beacon* contained a story written by Paul Welke recounting a flight he made with Marilyn McFarland and Angel LeFevre to Los Angeles after the earthquake, to pick up Marilyn's sister and her three dogs and bring her to Michigan. While he was in Dalhart, Texas, he asked the airport officials if they remembered a plane being forced down by DEA officers six years earlier when it was suspected of running drugs from Mexico. When they did, he revealed that he and Ellen had been the flyers. He said when he reached LA, the visible damage was not as great as had been shown on TV. While he was gone our weather was so bad that Island Airways could not fly. But he saw no clouds once he'd crossed Lake Michigan until he returned. He averaged 180 mph flying out (12 hours) and 220 coming back (10 hours.)

The *Beacon* ran an article describing the operation of the Chamber of Commerce, which had recently replaced the Civic Association. At that time it was working with the State to preserve the Dockside Market, organized the Fourth of July festivities, planted flowering crab trees around the harbor, printed and distributed a Beaver Island map, built and maintained a walleye pond through the Wildlife Club, provided salt blocks, and was expecting 21 more wild turkeys. Pam O'Brien was the Office Manager.

Jim Gillingham wrote that it was unfair to blame the double-crested cormorants for being alone responsible for the decrease of fish. He challenged the notion that yellow perch and smallmouth bass were their favorite food, saying research revealed it to be alewives. He agreed they do take many fingerlings released in the daytime by the DNR, but thought that could be

improved by night releases. "These beautiful birds," he concluded, "along with a host of other shallow-water avian fish-eaters, including the Ring-billed and Herring Gulls, Mergansers, Caspian and Common Terns, and the Common Loons, have been fishing the waters of Lake Michigan long before man plied its waters. The Double-crested Cormorant belongs here and is indeed an important part of our natural ecosystem. It would be a great injustice to wage war on this bird, based on the spurious evidence put forth in last month's article."

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* announced that the effort to purchase the Ferry Company from John McGoff by a group of Island-affiliated people had succeeded. On February 27th the new Beaver Island Boat Co. signed an agreement to acquire McGoff's B. I. Navigation Company. A month later the new company distributed a brochure describing the efforts it would now face to raise the needed money through a (successful) stock sale spearheaded by Ed Wojan and Bill McDonough.

A special election was held to approve the purchase of 572' of frontage and 20 acres at Iron Ore Creek for \$48,500. It passed in St. James 88 - 13 and in Peaine 78 - 18.

The Historical Society moved forward on its plan to build a 40' x 24' tall barn at the Heritage Park. One idea for the Park, according to curator Shirley Gladish, was to build a replica of a typical Island log cabin. A suggestion was made to have a tape for the Protar Room describing why his life had been so special and such a boon to the Island.

Rich and Laura Gillespie were married; Ron Gregg became engaged; Hermie and John Kenwabikise welcomed baby Kathryn; and Greg and LynnAnne Cary welcomed baby Heather.

The St. James Town Board notes contained some interesting tidbits. A \$1,200 payment scheduled for the Med Center was returned as not being needed. The building which became the Town Hall was appraised at \$45,000 prior to acquisition from the GSA. The Board voted to strengthen its Public Gathering Ordinance by subsuming it to a comparable county-wide ordinance. The Clerk agreed to ask the

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18. **On This Date**, from page 17.

Road Commission to replace the defaced street signs. The Health Department ordered a new well installed at the Yacht Dock before July.

Father Herbert wrote to say his new posting at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Frenchtown Ohio would keep him too busy for him to attend Homecoming.

An editorial warned against letting dogs chase game, which was dropping in number. Deer hunting was said to be way down in '83, and rabbit and grouse hunting bad for years. Squirrels were up, but few hunters were likely to come here just to shoot them.

The Fire Department Auxiliary announced it had opened a resale shop on February 13th.

The Civic Association created a new brochure, and planned for harbor beautification. It asked for volunteers for April 28th to plant trees and flowers (heather, lavender, and marigolds), and place six

new benches around the Harbor.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* reported on a meeting between the Game Club and the DNR. Plans were made to try planting more turkeys, this time live-trapped instead of farm-raised. It was thought they would not be given feed because in the past this has made them too tame. Adding pheasants to the Island was considered, as well as Makinaw Trout fingerlings in the harbor – they'd have to be penned for three weeks. Cutting for habitat and burning off huckleberry marshes were also discussed.

Islanders formed a Businessmen's Association. Its first project was to bring a restaurant back to replace *The Castaways*, which was not expected to open.

After a lengthy study by the Dominican Sisters of Grand Rapids, the Island school was notified that the Sisters would be removed within the next two years, due to a shortage in their ranks. Since they were an important part of our culture, and had consistently elevated

our students' test scores, it was hoped a way could be found to prevent this – perhaps by hiring retired or semi-retired Sisters.

Martha Miller said the *Beaver Island Players* could use more help for its planned summer productions.

The passing of Alberta LaFreniere, Bussey's wife, was announced. After brain surgery in Chicago to remove a tumor left her paralyzed, she came back to the Island, partially paralyzed and unable to speak. She was cared for here by an informal hospice during her final eight months.

Passings were also noted for Charlevoix's Bruce Zeitler, the brother of Dick LaFreniere's wife Jean, and Margaret (Dunlevy) Miller, who had been born here in 1886.

Help with tree planting was offered by Pete LoDico, posted to Boyne City.

Mat and Ellie Hohn noted that their St. Pat's Day dinner was disrupted by a band of hungry raccoons. Laurie

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Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* celebrated an early appearance (April 2nd) by the Coast Guard cutter *Sundew*. But winds held the cut ice in the harbor, where it refroze, prompting a second visit six days later.

Two state representatives, Don Gordon and Riemer VanTill, pushed a bill through the House that would award a \$20,000 grant for the restoration of the Protar Home.

The Island said goodbye to its Conservation Fire Officer of the past five years, Vern Fitzpatrick, who was promoted to a post in the northernmost tip of the Upper Peninsula. He had done many things to fit into this community (such as fixing radios and TVs, and promoting activities for kids). His departure was filled by Bill Wagner, who agreed to move here with wife Marge, daughter

Jody, and son Dennis.

The Civic Association began selling \$1 tickets for a \$100 vacation.

Thanks to captain Justin McCauley in St. Joseph, a film promoting the Island was shown to the Southwestern Michigan Boy Scout Counsel, which led to a plan for 50 scouts to come here for a week the following June – which in turn led to nature improvement projects..

Passings noted included Elizabeth (Johnston) Dunlop, born here in 1883, Dan McCauley's daughter Mary Codden, former Island resident Fred Dubiel, and the father of Mrs. Karl Baber, new manager of the Beaver Island Lodge.

Rogers Carlisle reported on his luck trapping beaver. He said interesting things happened on his trap line. One was seeing a woodcock so tame he splashed water on it but it would not move. Another was finding the track of a coyote that was also after beaver, as well as signs in the snow that a confrontation

had ended in favor of the flattail. 19.

Fox Lake was restocked with brook trout, and the opening of the season was eagerly anticipated. Smelt nets and sucker spears were being readied for what promised to be a good season.

Township Airport manager Karl Kuebler announced that 900 planes landed in the summer of 1963. Dick LaFreniere was lauded for having volunteered to man the Unicom, which allowed pilots to obtain weather information.

Adelia Beeuwkes' bibliography of Beaver Island's Mormon Colony was offered by the Civic Association.

Chicago's Beaver Island Party had more attendees than ever before – including Franklin Left, who flew up from Jacksonville for it and then flew back the next day. George Egbert reported on Lansing's Beaver Island Party, claiming the official tally of 216 missed many who were there. The Shamrock's Beaver Island Party also did quite well.

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IDEAS HAVE LANDED

Perhaps it was the absurd length and frigidity of winter that inspired Mary Rose to begin thinking of unique ways to adorn a back yard with lush greenery. Or perhaps it was the nagging insistence of

that haunting ditty, *Mary, Mary, How does your garden grow?*

For whatever reason, an idea came to her for an inexpensive garden plot that no one had ever seen before – more inspiration from the dream-like fantasy

land she regularly visits in the off-season. Then, before she could jot it down, another came, and then another. That set her on a mission: to detail each one in a collage/painting, with helpful notes about how to build it. But what



materials would she choose?

There was some Tibetan rice paper, good for background texture – but on something else, a second set. And Buddhist imagery she acquired years earlier. That too would be for something

else.

For the garden plans she needed a program, which quickly took shape: “each one should be designed for a small space, and intended to provide the impetus to take the time to really look.”

She can't say now which one came first, because once she started working she entered that stage of manic activity, so familiar to committed artists, in which everything becomes a blur. It might have been the turtle pond garden,

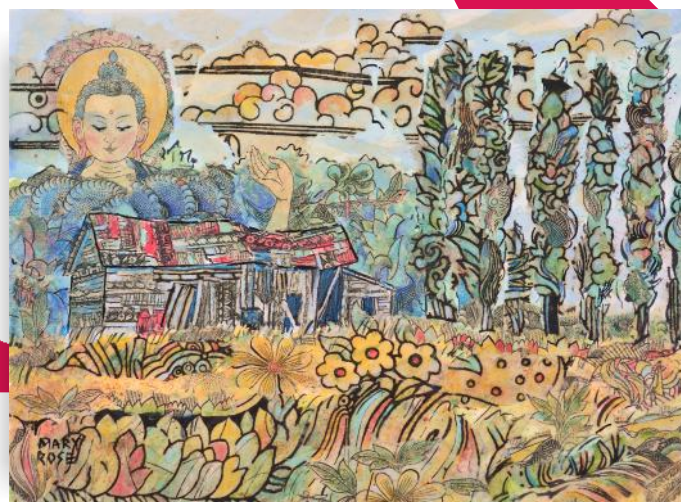


or the umbrella stand garden, or the bicycle garden, but who can say. One followed another in an extended burst of creative energy – each one took two to three days because it involved not

only creating the props for the garden but then choosing which flowers would be its best enhancement.

The work was painstaking, mainly because, after nearly 35 years running

her Toy Museum (a second or third or even fourth career following her closing of her store on Chicago's Halstead Street), the years are starting to take their inevitable toll. Her eyes are





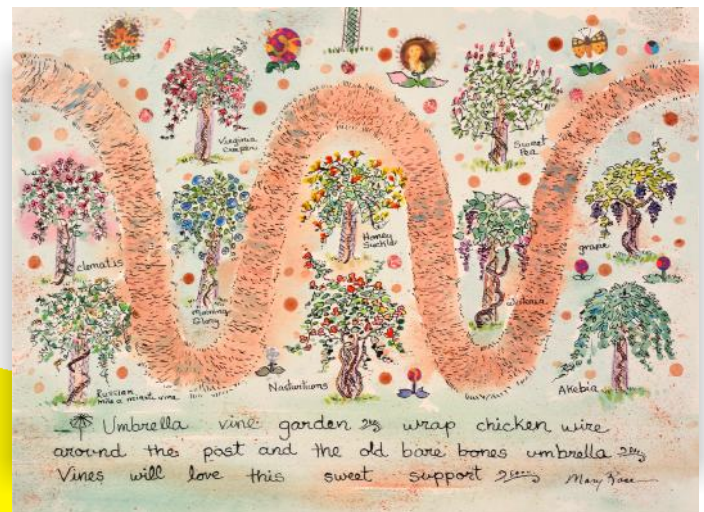
weaker; her joints creaking; her lungs losing capacity. Yet her good cheer continues, making patrons think she'll go on forever.

One thing in no danger of lessening

is her stream of ideas, which, if anything seems to be on the increase. She has never lacked for good ideas, nor unusual artistic forms in which to embed them. Visitors to the Toy

Museum were overjoyed when she built the gallery behind the store as a way to show the prints she made from each winter's production. The garden plots too have generated a set of new prints,





and will be available when she opens.

As usual, each of her designs contains several diverse elements, which work together to establish a sense of peace and harmony. They

contain vestiges of Mary's long life, of her diverse adventures beginning in childhood, and harken back to a forgotten world – another reason for their allure. While each print poses as a

construction plan for how the garden it represents could be built, if any are built, the result is unlikely to measure up to the balance and ambiance of the drawings. In fact some patrons might





try their hand at building a garden but then give up, send the print to a printer and have it blown up to eight feet by three, and then affix it to a sheet of high-quality plywood that could be mounted

in their yard and sprayed with a weather-resistant clear laquer. Mary is unlikely to object.

The Island is so lucky to have her; many consider her, her store, her

constant cheer, to be its greatest attraction. Certainly this is true for the younger set – including the school groups who come here each May and June.



At this time, I have three vehicles in my driveway, all titled in my name.

They all look good.

Two of them are in working condition.

Really!

Not "barely making it down the road" working. Not "four bald tires and a danger to humanity" working. Actual working condition!

The third, though it no longer works, is useful for storage...a kind of "garage on wheels".

More stunning than the number of vehicles in my driveway (and that two of them run) is the fact that all three were freely given to me.

Even more surprising is that these are not the only cars I've been given. My friend, Jerry, bought me a station wagon when I was at MSU. My Dad gave me a sweet red car. It was wonderful until Mike Collins and I came through the intersection at the end of Fox Lake Road at the exact same moment. His vehicle sustained a dandy little scratch on the chrome...and my darling little car fell completely apart. Stop signs went up at the end of Donnel Mor's Lane and Fox Lake Road after that, stripping me of my firm notion that I had the "right-of-way." Janet Prater gave me a vehicle that served me well for several years. My daughter, Kate, gave me the van that now serves as storage space. In fact, that one came with a dog!

Most of the time, though, I buy my cars. I have pretty strict guidelines about what I'll spend: five hundred dollars is my absolute limit.

Thus, I have a history of shabby, old, rattle-trap cars.

I had a Volkswagon Beetle once – a stick shift, before I knew how to drive a stick shift – that had no heat, no windshield wipers and no floor. Driving it down the freeway was like standing in 70 mile an hour winds. I'd wear everything I could, on winter days. I'd get off at Oglethorpe Drive to pick up my friend, Linda. She'd come running out with a grin, an afghan her mother had crocheted...and ski masks! If the tires from a passing truck doused us with slush, we'd have to immediately pull off the road to chip the ice off the windshield. The gas gauge didn't work. We often had to be rescued from the side of the road, out of gas. I drove it to and from college classes in Flint for an entire year, jerking and stalling whenever I had to switch gears.

I had a Ford LTD that burned more oil than gas. With that car, I stopped at every single gas station I passed, and bought the sludge oil that had been drained from other cars during an oil change. This was back when you could get an oil change at most any gas station.

I had a truck the first winter my husband and I separated. It had wooden side rails on the back that would fall off into the street every time I went around a corner. Not completely off, so that I could consider abandoning them. No, the back corners were firmly attached, so that if I didn't stop and re-load the rails, I would be dragging them alongside, like broken wings. That truck also had very poor brakes. Luckily, though, it also had a horn that would blast, loudly and without reason. My daughters like to tell the story of when the priest absent-mindedly stepped into the street in front

of us, to cross over to the Post Office. I started furiously pumping the brakes, but it didn't look good. We weren't slowing down! Then – because there is a God – the horn blasted, the priest looked up, broke into a run, and made it safely to the curb.

These are not the very worst vehicles I've owned, nor the most colorful. Just a random sampling.

One lousy car after another.

The car I drove for the last few years, though, was an exception. It was good transportation, for about five years. The Kellys, Ruth and Jack, sold it to me. It was neat as a pin, got excellent gas mileage and had a good engine. It had one major flaw: the radio stations could not be tuned in. "I've got it on a station now," Jack told me, "just don't move the dial, and you'll always have radio." Great!

Five hundred dollars. Exactly my limit when looking to purchase a new car. Worth every penny!

It was stick-shift, and I now know how to drive one! It had front wheel drive, so managed well on Beaver Island roads. I know for a fact it would hold at least nine adults, because we tried it. One night, after closing the bar, a group of us decided it was necessary to go out to the Port of St. James and climb Mount Pisgah. We all squeezed into my little Mazda.

There were a few unfortunate incidents.

My grandson got mad at me – for a totally non-car-related reason – and deliberately (might I say maliciously?) spun the radio knobs. That was the end of the music.

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My windshield wipers worked great for one year, then worked independently for the next two. That meant I had to stop frequently to disentangle them. When the passenger side wiper quit working altogether, I considered it a blessing.

Driving home from work one summer evening, a deer jumped in front of my car; I couldn't avoid hitting it. The accident crumpled the hood, broke out most of the plastic grill and shattered the headlights. From that time on, the hood didn't quite latch properly.

A few months later, driving down the King's Highway, the hood flew up and wrapped itself around the windshield. I had experienced that several times before with a Subaru I'd owned, so it didn't scare me as badly as it otherwise might have. In fact, it took a bit of the crumple out of the hood, though it was left with an upward slope that held quite a bit of water.

From that time on, the hood was secured with a length of rope, compliments of Laura Reid.

I had, at that time, only one working headlamp, and it aimed directly into the treetops. I'm not often out past dark anyway, but when my sisters visited, that was not acceptable. That repair involved three small blocks of wood, two new headlamps and a half roll of duct tape.

The very day I quit my job at the hardware store, the rope that secured my hood snapped in an extreme gust of wind, and again sent the hood flying up to the windshield. This time, the glass cracked – pretty severely in one corner, with a long crack at just below eye level across the front. It dented the roof of the car, and sent the rear view mirror flying.

I whipped over to the roadside and reconfigured the rope. Good as new.

Except that, in snowy weather, the rope would get frozen in place, making it very difficult to check fluid levels. Regular maintenance got neglected. The last time the oil light came on, it took me two days with an extension cord and my blow dryer just to get the rope off! What I found when I got under the hood was not good.

About that same time, my only remaining windshield wiper quit working.

That was followed by consultations with professionals and friends and a day trip to the mechanic's shop for an oil change. The rope was replaced by a stainless steel bolt, holding a slick black rubber bungee cord to secure the hood. The wiper was fixed temporarily, but it needed a new motor. Did I dare order it?

Sometimes it only takes an expensive new part or a full tank of gas to put the curse on a car.

I had high hopes. It seemed to be working fine.

Then, just as I was rounding the corner onto the King's Highway last March after seeing a movie at the Community Center, lights started coming on.

Check Engine.

Oil.

Battery.

I lost power. The car shuddered, then stalled. It would not re-start.

That was the end of my good little car.

A sad, sad thing.

And yet, Liz Lanier picked me up from the roadside, and drove me all the

way home.

Tom Whitman gave me a lift to Aunt Katie's the next day, so we could get to church.

Michelle LaFreniere and Deb Robert took time away from their morning coffee to push my car off the road!

Bob Evans gave me a ride home after Mass.

Laura Reid offered me the use of her car.

Doug Tilly went to town three full hours sooner than he'd planned one day, in order to see that I get to work on time!

John Runberg, as usual, jumped in with several generous offers of assistance.

John and Deb Robert gave me a vehicle. When Deb delivered it to me at the Shamrock, she came in to give me the key and tell me she had just sent Hannah to fill it up with gasoline. Though they kept assuring me otherwise, I thought it was just a loan, until I could get something else...because it just seemed like too much...because it was!

So, meanwhile, my friend Bob Miller down in Saugatuck was getting ready to replace his car. "I've been planning to give the other one to you," he told me. What?!?

So I, famously known for driving one rattle-trap beater after another, now have two nice-looking, good-working vehicles in my driveway. With them comes the sure knowledge that there is unbelievable kindness and generosity in this world...and that, here on Beaver Island, you may be "down," but you're never "down and out."

—Cindy Ricksgers

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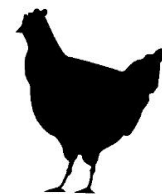
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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 1, 1914 **Front Page Article:**

BEAVER ISLAND CABLE

HEADQUARTERS WILL BE AT
REGULAR TELEPHONE OFFICE AFTER
APRIL 1

Beginning with April 1, the Beaver Island cable line, which has had its headquarters in the Western Union office in this city, will be changed to the main office of the Michigan State Telephone company.

The change has been contemplated for a number of years, but up to a few weeks ago no definite action was taken. Parties wishing to transact business with the island will now be able to do so over the regular telephone line."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 2, 1914 **Local and Personal Notes:**

"Over at the Swailes shipyard the outside planking of Frank Left's new tug is on and the boat will be ready to launch May 1st. Mr. Swailes has also during the winter, built a fine motor boat that will go into commission this spring."

"No more mail on the ice from Beaver Island. The ice bridge broke up a week ago."

"Capt. P. D. Campbell and engineer Howard Sherman left Monday for Manistee to fit out the steamer *Beaver*." (Note: April 1 - 2, Most genuine, steady April weather. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 8, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news** (Note: April 3 Ideal 14 - 52 degrees; April 4, 5, 6 Snowstorms - 6", Wind NW - S, 16 - 28 degrees, April 7, Fair, 24 - 54 degrees; April 8, 14 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 9, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news** (Note: April 9, 11, 15, Fair, 24 - 54 degrees; April 10 FF Storm - to wet Snowstorm; April 14, First Mail boat. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 15, 1914 **No Beaver Island related news**

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 16, 1914 **Local and Personal Notes:**

"Passengers over from St. James Tuesday - Rev. Fr. Jewel, James Donlevy, John Floyd, W. J. Gallagher, W. E. Stephens and Frank Miller. Fr. Jewel went to Grand Rapids where his

daughter takes the veil Sunday." (Note: April 16, 20, 23 Fair; April 24, 54 degrees; April 16, S & NE Storm Windows - off; April 19, Rain - Snowstorm, Wind SW - NW, 44 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 22, 1914 **Local News Briefly Told:**

"Miss Rachel Donlevy came over from Beaver Island Monday, enroute for Chicago on a business and pleasure trip."

"Miss Martha Gallagher of Beaver Island, is in the city visiting friends and will go to Petoskey to visit her sister, Miss May, before returning to the Island Friday."

"Condy Gallagher and Ed Pratt of St. James were arrested Saturday and brought to this city on charge of violation of the local option law. Monday they were brought before Justice H. C. Cooper and bound over to the coming term of the circuit court."

"The Michigan state game and fish department gasoline patrol boat, No. 4, which was recently launched this season, was given a trial trip in Pine Lake Monday and found in fine condition. Provisions were taken on board and Tuesday morning the boat left for a trip about the fishing grounds of the Great Lakes. The boat had on board C. M. Smith, who will be head of the actual operations of the two deputies, himself and Captain S M. Rose, the later the sailing master of the craft, and Peter Swailes, engineer. Just what part the patrol will first visit is known to no one except the deputies and the head of the department. The boat will be in active operation until about the first of December."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 23, 1914 **Local and Personal Notes:**

"From the *Grand Rapids Herald*: Twenty-one young women were received as novices into the Dominican sisterhood Wednesday morning at St. Alphonsus' church. One of the unique features of the ceremonies was the fact that the daughter of the priest that officiated at solemn high mass was among the young women admitted to the convent. The girl was Miss Matilda Jewell, now Sister Mary Charles. Her

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

father, Rev. Father Jewell of Beaver Island, was formerly an Episcopal minister, but when his wife died some years ago he began to study for the priesthood and was ordained at St. Andrew's cathedral six years ago. He was assisted at mass by Father McNeil of Mr. Pleasant as deacon, and Father Krobath of East Jordan. Following the mass the most eloquent sermon ever delivered in the St. Alphonsus edifice was given by Bishop Joseph Schrembs of Toledo, formerly of this city. The ceremonies were brought to a conclusion by the conferring of the veil and benediction by Bishop Henry Joseph Richter."

"Passengers over from St. James Monday: C. C. Gallagher, E. E. Pratt, Capt. Owen Gallagher for Manistee, Miss Martha Gallagher and Miss Rachel Donlevy for Chicago."

"The steamer *Beaver* is expected to arrive here from Manistee the last of the week." (Note: April 27 - 29 F Storm, Steady rain, Wind SE - E, 60 - 38 degrees; Storm windows NW, and Doors S & N - off. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, April 29, 1914 **Local News Briefly Told:**

"Mike McCann and John Green of St. James were in the city Wednesday on business."

Additional Locals: "Marriage Licenses: John Dhaeseleer, age 27, and Josephine Ricksgers, age 27, both of St. James."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 30, 1914 **Local and Personal Notes:**

"The lighthouse tender *Sumac* arrived in port Sunday and loaded up with buoys for the straits and Island stations."

"From St. James Monday, returning Wednesday: M. J. Bonner and John W. Green."

Beaver Island Notes: "Seeing that the Mexicans did not kill Charge 'd affairs O'Shaughnessy last week in Mexico, the editor of the *Sentinel* will not be compelled to go to Beaver Island to raise his regiment."

"John Dhaeseleer, of Kalamazoo, is here, and has bought the Gilden farm."

"Ed Rasky, foreman of the B. I. L. Co.'s shingle mill, is out after shingle weavers for the company."



“Ray Gilden went to Chicago on a visit.”

“The base ball game Sunday between our boys and the High Island boys resulted in a victory of 3 to 1 for the High Islanders.”

“John Kingertt, of Mancelona, State Trespass Agent, is here looking over the

state holdings on the Island.”

“Chas. Lennis, 1st Ass't. Light Keeper of Grand Haven was transferred to the Beaver Head Light, arriving Saturday.”

“The barge *Schroeder* went to Manistee Sunday with a load of shingles.”

“W. A. Scheid went to Manistee on business.”

Captain C. C. Allers is on the barge *Schroeder*.”

“Miss Josephine Ricksgers is home after spending a year in Kalamazoo.”

“F. Schrieder, of Grand Rapids, called on our merchants Monday.”





"Mr. Garrett Cole spent several days in Charlevoix on business last week."

"J. W. Cruse, of Honor, is here buying real estate."

"E. R. Robinson, county surveyor, is here surveying lots for the Citizens Reality Co. On the east side of the Island, as they are platting some of their lands."

"Henry Lafinere (sic), Ass't. Keeper

of Poverty Island Light, is home on a vacation."

"Miss Carrie Cole, of Charlevoix, is visiting her parents."

"W. E. Stephens arrived home from Chicago after a 10-days business trip."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner went to Charlevoix on business."

"Nat Burns, of Charlevoix, bought

several horses here last week."

"Frank J. Gallagher, of Charlevoix spent several days here visiting friends."

"Ed. B. Gallagher, and wife have moved into the Gibson house."

"Geo. Williams, of Boyne City, spent several days here last week buying cattle." (Note: April 29/30 Ice ½'. F. Protar)



YOUR INPUT NEEDED

31.

The Beaver Island Townships' Planning Commissions are seeking feedback from the community and other stakeholders concerning a draft of Beaver Island's Master Plan developed in response to state requirements to update the Master Plan every 5 years. This plan is intended to provide direction for both Townships into 2025.

The draft can be read or downloaded from www.charlevoixcounty.org/govern1085150.asp

Printed copies are available at the Library, Zoning Administrator's office, and both Peaine and St. James Supervisor's offices. Additions and/or changes to the previous Master Plan are noted in blue. All the original text has been retained in black. There are 7 chapters total for review. Chapter 4 will be forthcoming when we have

current demographics provided by the County planning office. If you send in suggested changes, please identify the chapter insertion point in the document.

All comments must be received by April 15, 2014. The document will be reviewed by the Beaver Island Planning Commissions before public hearings of the Master Plan take place and it is finally submitted to the Township Boards for adoption. There are several ways to provide feedback:

1. Online: Email Krys Lyle (Peaine): krys@kryslyle.com and/or Ed Troutman (St. James): beavertrout@comcast.net

2. Send written comments to: Krys Lyle, P.O. Box 54, Beaver Island, MI 49782 and Ed Troutman, P.O. Box 249, Beaver Island, MI 49782

A QUICK LOOK AT THE MASTER PLAN

The draft master plan provides a vision and goals for what Beaver Island should look like in the future – 2025 – and the principles and policies, the basic rules or standards, that should guide future land use.

Much of the current document remains unchanged, which could reflect the enduring quality of the previous effort, or perhaps it's because during the interim not much has changed in the Island economy and environment. But the draft contains, in addition to many little edits here and there, a set of substantive items, contained mostly in all-important chapter 5, "Future Land Use Plan." Here's a summary of some of those items:

Affordable Housing Strategy. The plan calls for a strategy to ensure "a supply of housing affordable by households earning salaries paid in the Townships." The draft notes "a growing gap" between housing costs and wages paid on the Island. It calls for a program that "will reflect a low subsidy by the Townships, including time, funds, and staffing," adding that the townships "will be facilitators, not developers" of affordable housing and that the goal of affordable housing "will not compromise" other goals in the master plan, such as wetlands protection, transporta-

tion efficiency, and urban growth boundaries.

Invasive Species. The plan places greater focus on combatting invasive species, which has been a priority for the Island community for several years now.

Inland Lakes. The plan expresses increased desire to protect inland lakes so water is safe and clean, and natural habitats have fish.

Public Lands. The plan calls for increased usage of state lands, "improved preservation of natural fauna of the Island with continued protection of endangered species," as well as "additional lands put into Conservancy Lands, but with less limitations for usage."

Commercial Areas at the Beaver Island (Township) Airport. The plan supports increased commercial development near the airport.

Control "Keyholing." Keyholing, also known as "funneling," is the use of a waterfront lot as common open space for waterfront access by a large number of users. What will this mean for the character of the beaches and the continued development of inland island parcels?

Natural Features. The plan supports a survey to identify and map sensitive natural features of the Island.



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32. IN MEMORY: MARGARET BANGHART

Margaret May Banghart, age 92 of Atlanta passed away February 20. Peggy was born October 12, 1921 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to Fred Phelps Baker and Hyacinth Baker (nee Scott). As the oldest of three daughters, she was raised in Denver. She married the love of her life, the late Dr. Norman Lee Banghart of Battle Creek in July 1944 in Denver. She obtained her B.A. degree in history and political science in 1942 from Oberlin College. She followed her love of learning and books by obtaining a B.S. degree in Library Science at the University of Denver in 1944.

During the past 50 years, Peggy and Norman's refuge in life was at their summer cabin on Sand Bay. They spent their summers raising their family, playing golf together and loving the natural beauty of their retirement community and friends.

Peggy and Norman are survived by their four sons and their loving daughter-in-laws: Donald (Laura) of Denver,



David (Susan) of Castle Rock, Colorado, Steven of Hinsdale, Illinois, and James (Barbara) of John's Creek, Georgia. She is survived by her nine grandchildren: Kirk (Arika) of Salida, Colorado, Eric (Katie) of Los Angeles, Christopher of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Kali Hurry (Jake) of Palm Coast, Florida, Corey, Chad and Joe of Hinsdale, Kate and Alex of Atlanta. Peggy and Norman's four great-grandchildren are Kuper and Kalister of Salida, Jacoby Hurry of Palm Coast, and Ella of Los Angeles.

Peggy's lifelong activities revolved around her family, music, books, her three P.E.O. sisterhood chapters, adult learning classes and travel, as well as her volunteer work with her Presbyterian Churches in Ann Arbor, Salem, South Carolina, and Greenwood, South Carolina. Her involvement with the Christian Church on Beaver Island, the Ann Arbor Women's City Club, St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary in Ann Arbor, the Washtenaw County Medical Society, and the Ann Arbor Auxiliary Thrift shop kept her active and loving of life. As a librarian by education, Peggy took pride in her financial support of the Beaver Island Library in support of the automation and digital reform of the library system.

Interment will be at the Holy Cross Cemetery, Beaver Island, Michigan this summer.

In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Beaver Island District Library (www.bidl.org or P.O. Box 246 Beaver Island, MI 49782)

IN MEMORY: JOAN VYSE

Joan Carol (Deary) Vyse passed away at home, surrounded by her family, on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. She was born in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan on June 18, 1931 to Roy Charles Deary and Daisy Irene (Player) Deary. She was married on July 30, 1955 at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Detroit to Donald Gordon Vyse, who survives her.

Surviving are children: Carolyn Works (John); Jenifer Harless (James); Michael Vyse (Cathie); Suzanne Harasti (John); grandchildren Meg (Margaret) Works; Audrey and Henry Harasti; Kristin and Matthew Vyse; step-granddaughter Elizabeth Harless; great-grandson Connor Vyse; numerous nieces and nephews including her godchild Karen Piering Bass.

Joan is also survived by her brother, Roger Deary (Carol) of Jacksonville, FL. She received a B.A. from Central Michigan University and also attended



Wayne State University. She graduated from Denby High School, Detroit, in 1949. Joan especially enjoyed her work in the Detroit Public Library System as well as with the Bay County District Library System and

the Beaver Island District Library, in the development of which she played such an important role. At our Library she was always helpful and friendly, yet projected an aura of professional expertise.

She was an avid reader her entire life; enjoyed crocheting gifts for her family and friends, playing Bridge, following international soccer, doing genealogical research, and traveling.

In lieu of flowers, Joan requested that memorial contributions be made to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center at: P.O. Box 146, Beaver Island, MI, 49782.

A memorial service will be held this summer at St. James Episcopal Church on Beaver Island, MI.

DOING GOOD



Knowing that the Beaver Island Food Pantry was in need of donations, more so than ever during this rough year, the Beaver Island High School National Honor Society readily agreed to help. They organized a food drive competition between classes in grades PreK-12. All told, the students and staff collected 416 pounds of food and household items!

Our Principal, Mr. Justis, offered a pizza party to the winning class, which was the PreK-2nd graders who collected 138 pounds! Thank you to all who participated in helping others. It made a big difference to several people, and demonstrated that true education involves more than just learning the three Rs.



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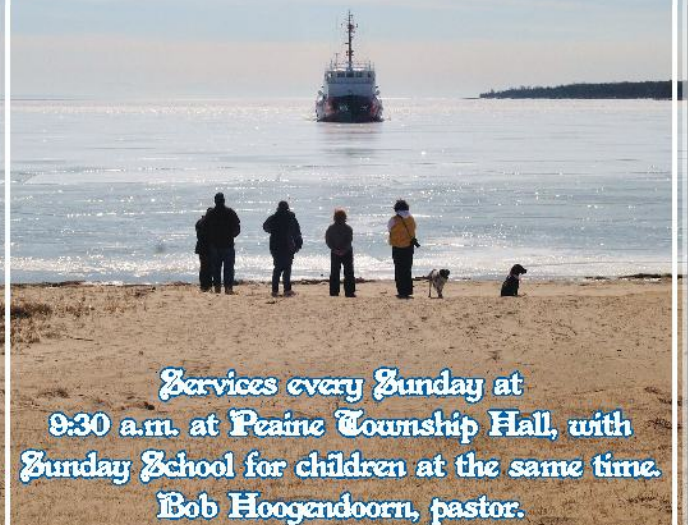
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35.

PABI's initial Working Group for Beaver Island Radio now includes Kevin Boyle as Chair – along with Maureen Abele, Mark Beltaire, Judy Gallagher, and Dennis Winslow. They held their initial meeting late last month to identify the tasks and timelines needed to construct the station. They are now working to identify the required equipment and develop a funding plan for the station.

They would like community members who might want to volunteer their time or talents to the effort to let them know of their interest. It will be some time before the programming

plans get underway, as the “hardware” issues must be addressed first – but those interested in assisting with such plans can let them know anytime now – and they will be contacted when the program planning gets underway.

In the meantime, the PABI Board and Working Group needs to identify call letters for the 100.1 station – and they look forward to receiving your preferences or suggestions. The tough part, however, is that many of the most interesting sets of letters are already taken. For example, one local citizen suggested WBIR, but it was already taken. Every suggestion has to be

researched for prior use, and since many are already in use, no one can be sure their preferred set of letters can be used. The best suggestion so far of a call sign that is available is WVBI (for Voice of Beaver Island), so that has been reserved – but it is not too late for others' suggestions.

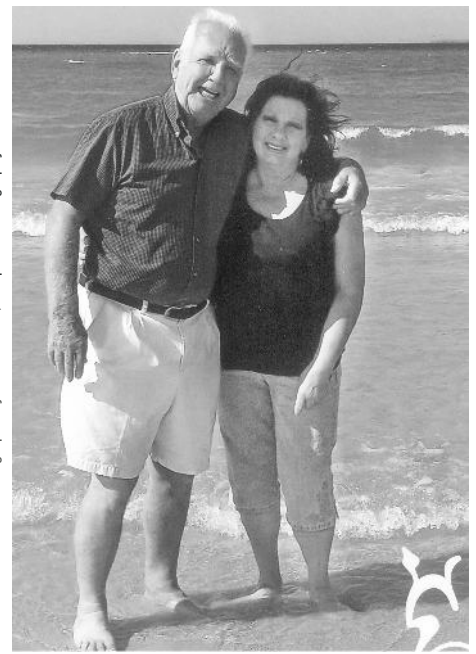
Call or email the Community Center to express your interest in involvement and/or your suggestions for call letters. One of the Center's staff or working group will get back to you. Help with the radio project will be needed – so stay in touch – and Stay Tuned!



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SPRINGTIME

This year's shipping season got off to a slow start. Pictured, crews of Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinaw* and Canadian Coast Guard Ship *Pierre Radisson* worked together to break sheet ice that was nearly 40 inches thick. The *Emerald Isle's* first trips were delayed.

A TOURNAMENT

The students of Sport Taekwondo held a March tournament including forms, weapons, sparring and board breaking, practice for the Michigan Cup and a fundraiser to cover travel. Thanks to Dusty, Frank, Gerry, Jason, John, Deb and especially Dave and Sue Avery.

AND A WEDDING

Jude Martin and Dena Vanantwerp wish to announce their Wedding to be held at 63rd District Court, 1950 E. Beltline, Gr. Rapids, MI on April 18th 2014 at 3 p.m. with a small Reception/Open House to be held at Greenridge Clubhouse beginning at 7. A later Reception will be held in July on Beaver Island.

THIS YEAR'S CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This year's Citizen of the Year awards banquet will be held on Saturday, May 17th, at Holy Cross Hall and will be catered by Stoney Acre Grill. Cocktail hour starts at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, followed by the awarding of this year's Citizen of the Year. It is always a wonderful evening to honor those who go above and beyond for the benefit of Beaver Island.

Please call Stoney Acre at 231-448-

2560 for your reservation and give them your menu choice. The cost will be \$25 and does not include tax and gratuity. Beverages are extra. A cash bar will be available with wine, beer and spirits. The Chamber and select members will pick up the tab for beer and wine.

Menu Choices: *Sirloin Tips Gaelic* - braised sirloin tips w/ shallots, garlic and seasoning, deglazed w/ Irish Mist and finished w/ cream. Served over penne

pasta and topped w/ grated ramano.

Roast Chicken Piccata Porcini-Roast - Bone-in Select Chicken Breast Topped w/ a Lemon-Parsley Sauce and accented w/ Porcini Mushrooms.

Baked Rainbow Trout Nantua-Whole - butterflied rainbow trout topped w/ a shrimp-butter sauce and grilled prawns. Served w/ wild rice pilaf and asparagus.

Mmm mmm good.

36. LET'S WALK THERE

Brothers Andrew and Nicholas Whitley and friend Paul Beauvais walked across frozen Lake Michigan from Charlevoix to Beaver Island. They achieved this feat for only the third known time in recent history. In February of 1963, Ivan and John Whitley, set off on a day when it was five below and the winds were whipping at 25 mph.



With their pockets stuffed with candy bars and each carrying a thermos of coffee, they left at 7:45 a.m. and arrived before dark.

Then Andrew Whitley's father, uncle (Ed and John Whitley), and Dave Swanson did it in the '70s. "So we decided to do it, too, after Uncle Ed called and gave us a pep talk," Andrew said.



The 25 mile hike from solid ground to solid ground proved an exhausting experience. Winter mail delivery to the Island used to involve a team of horses, not daylong foot hikes.

"I'm a little sore," Andrew Whitley said afterwards. "It's pretty tiring," Beauvais added. "A nice little jaunt."

Both airlines' pilots kept watch



throughout the day. It proved hard not to, said Angel Welke of Island Airways. "They were easy to spot. You could see the tracks pretty well," she said.

The expedition turned into the "talk of the Island," Welke said. All the airline's afternoon passengers wanted to see the sight themselves.

The men left Charlevoix around 7:30 a.m., and didn't touch land until

9 p.m. on the very southern end of Beaver Island. Jim McDonough was waiting on the shoreline — and made himself a friendly beacon in the winter night. "He had his vehicle and his hazards on, and a flashlight," Andrew Whitley said.

They took flashlights, as well as food, a compass, a small first aid kit, signal flares, and a long rope with which to tie up to each other in case one

broke through the ice. And extra clothing, and their phones. They got calls about halfway across.

At one point they changed course to avoid thin ice. "When we got close to the Island there was a pretty big crack and we could see some pretty thin ice," Andrew said. "So we kind of navigated around that." One such adventure in a lifetime is enough, they agreed.



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Camping	FREE	FREE

IT AIN'T OVER 'TILL ITS OVER

37.

You know how some news reporters like to ask "Should we be worried about ? ... blah, blah, blah." That's so dumb. So what I'm about to tell you isn't that you should worry about this, but that you should just relax and accept that IT'S GOING TO GET UGLY. When the snow has melted, don't start hacking off branches that are stripped of their ever-



until about May 25th. That's why you don't want to fertilize in April. You would just encourage new growth that will get zapped.

I recommend you eat more chocolate. Oh no. That's my other blog. But still, you're going to need lots of energy to do what needs to be done, when the time comes.

There are some things you can and

green leaves, or fertilizing because it's the only thing you can think of to do. Remember that this spring, LESS IS MORE.

That's not to say that there won't be tons of pruning and replacing of plants around your cabin or cottage. Just don't try to do it in April, unless you know that the branch or plant is truly dead. In other



should do when the snow has melted. You can tie up branches and even some small tree trunks which may have been deformed by the weight of the snow. Also, taking pictures of your favorite plants this month will allow you to determine, next month, any progress or lack of it. If a plant has heaved out of the soil, either put it back in, or cover the exposed roots with mulch, or other

words, give the plant a chance to put out new sprouts of branches and leaves. This will take more patience than usual since the snow on the Island, and the ice surrounding, it will likely delay our spring warm up even more than usual. And, sadly, we may get more snow, and even ice damage to boot, since Beaver Island's traditional frost free date is not



biodegradable to give the exposed roots a fighting chance until you can put the plant back into the ground properly.

So what to do while you're waiting for this record snow to melt? Sharpen your clippers, loppers and spades. Get lots of stakes, string or light weight rope, and Sing, Baby, Sing. Cause it ain't over 'till it's OVER.

—Barbara Rahn

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38. A WAKE FOR THE WINTER OF '14

Time to Bury the BI Winter that Almost Buried Us

Save Friday—April 11th—from 5 to ??? p.m.

We think the winter of '14 has finally “passed”—and we survived—even as we broke the all-time record for snowfall on Thursday morning (March 27th). This was also among the coldest winters on record, setting a tough new target for generations. Now at 141 inches—2014 clearly beats the old

accumulation of 138 inches—even as planet earth breaks the record for being the hottest year ever. Were we just lucky or what?

Either way, Beaver Island’s “year-rounders” survived and will tell tales about the winter of '14 for years to come. Many even thrived—though most now think it's time to end this challenging winter with a “*Congratulations—we made it*” occasion. Why let our late-in-coming spring get us down

when we can do what Beaver Islanders always do at such times—party-down! The BI Community Center staff, board and volunteers will host a “Come one-Come all-Good-by WAKE—a party to bury the Winter of 14 that tried to bury us. The Happy Paddle and McDonoughs Market will help sponsor the event.

But finding a good time to celebrate was a challenge. Joanne Cashman suggested the day the coast guard cutter comes in to break the ice. Everyone thought this was a good idea, but Barb Schwartzfisher assured us that there was no way to know when the cutter might show-up. With the ice as deep as it is this year—and so many places needing



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help—the Coast Guard may only come to Beaver when they're in the area.

So we looked for the next available Saturday. But we couldn't interfere with the school's spring break, the Easter Egg Scramble, or Easter weekend, and the end of April seemed too far away. We needed to get our March grumbling and quarreling behind us as soon as possible—and get on with some good times—so we chose Friday, April 11th.

Mark Englesman (sometimes called Scuba Mark) suggested a pig-roast and community picnic for the WINTER WAKE and volunteered that his new business—*The Happy Paddle*—(a kayak and paddle board



rental opening next to Daddy Frank's this spring) would supply the pig. Mark went to Tim McDonough to order a pig—but found that we couldn't get a pig or pig-roaster on time. To avoid stopping a good community party, however, they decided if we couldn't have a pig roast—we could just roast pig. Tim agreed to order lots of roasts, find the recipe, and help cook. But since it is on a Lenten Friday, we'll also have tuna-noodle casserole.

Then we spoke with the Center's regular "game-players" (Betty Scoggin, Kathy Richards, and Karen Slanga) and they suggested we ask folks to bring a dish to pass like we do for other memorial occasions. One said it would be



great to bring a memorial dish for a happy occasion for once. So now the *Happy Paddle* and *McDonough's Market* (one of the newest and oldest Island businesses) will join the Community Center and the entire community in helping "put down" old man winter here.

So sign up for a dish to pass at the Community Center or McDonough's Market. But call Liz Lanier at the Community Center (2022) or at home (2441) if you can't get out to sign up or attend—she'll see that you have transportation. The dish-to-pass sign-up lists will be on the counters—just as they are when any Islander has passed.



The roast pork and tuna dishes are already provided—so just choose a vegetable, salad, dessert, or bread.

We'll re-show the movie "Frozen" from 4 to 5:30. Set up and enjoy a great buffet-dinner from 5:30 to 7:00, Friday, April 11—accompanied and followed by good music, fun games, door-prizes, a great bonfire, and a few surprises. We'll bury the "old 2014 Snowman" in style.

All community members are

welcome and there is no charge (though our free-will donation box will be out since donations always help keep our Center "at the heart of a good community"). Hopefully, the WAKE will bring the community together once again in warmth, laughter, and fun—creating more good memories of Winter '14. We should have a blast, think spring, celebrate our new snowfall record—and revel in our hardiness as we forget our fatigue with it all. See you on April 11th.


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40. BEAVER ISLAND EVENTS

April 11 – A Wake for the Winter of '14. See page 38.

April 12 – Easter Egg Scramble at the Community Center

May 4 – PABI 12th annual Road Rally. 12 noon at the Shamrock.

May 17 – Citizen of the Year Banquet

May 23-25 – Dedication of the new

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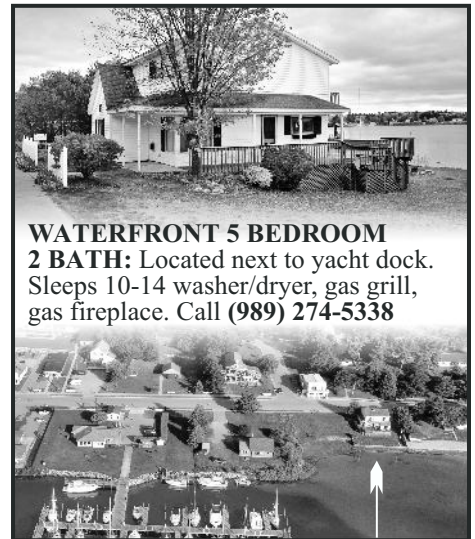
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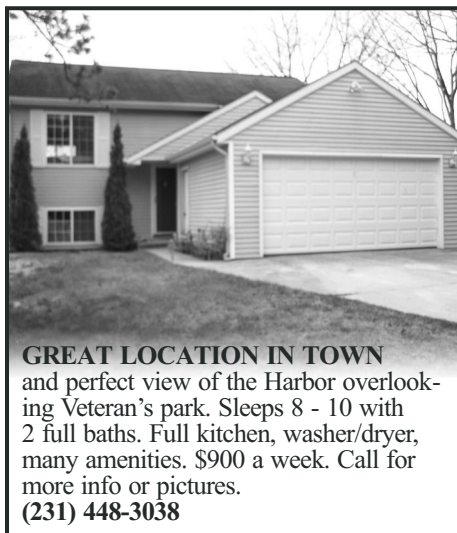


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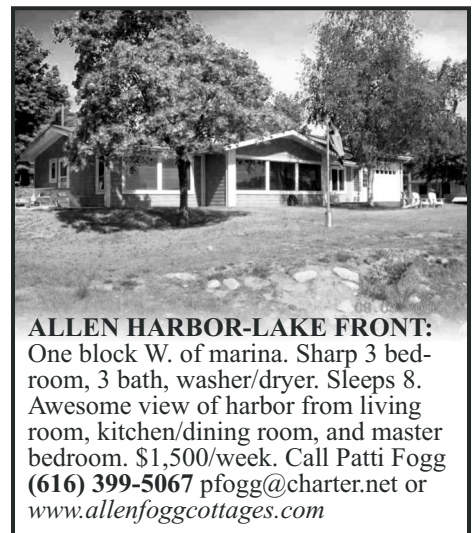


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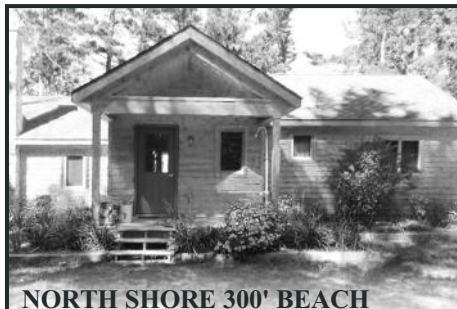
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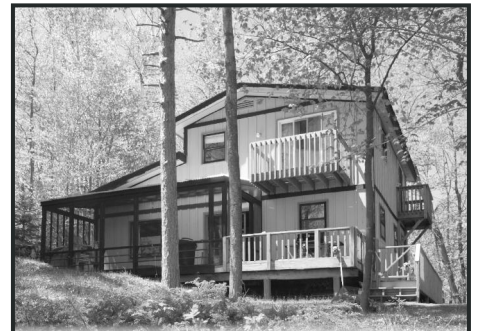
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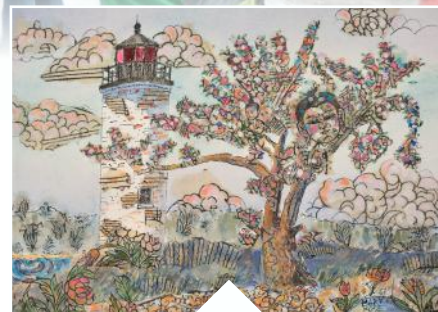
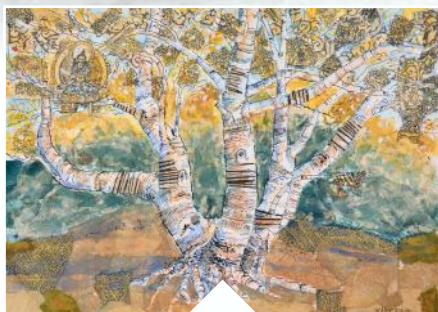
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