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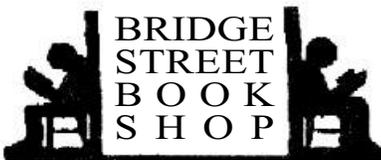
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## News from the Townships

### St. James Township

At the August Board meeting, the 'Crime of the Month' was described: vandals had broken some of the downtown vinyl fences, for a second time.

The Airport Committee worked with an attorney for *Fresh Air*, the new flying service, to create a contract for the use of the Township Airport. *Fresh Air* will not have an exclusive operation. The Committee feels it would be of benefit to the Airport and its users to have a regular operation based there, but the original Ordinance governing this will have to be changed because it requires a Flying Service to build a new Terminal.

The Dance Permit for Stoney Acre Grill was reconsidered. Liam Racine explained that they have already added space (by enclosing a patio), but just discovered that the Michigan Liquor Control Commission requires a Dance Permit for this additional space, even when there are no plans to expand the dancing.

A letter from a neighbor was read in which objections were taken to granting this permit, because previous conditions and promises (regarding closing time, spill-over parking, and the fence/green belt buffer) had not been met. To set the context for this, supervisor Don Vyse read from the minutes of the meeting at which the Township approved the original request for a Liquor License: Liam had said that drinks would only be served with

dinner until 9:00 p.m. As an answer, he said that more and more people have been coming to the restaurant to be fed, and the cut-off time had been pushed back by necessity. Further, he said the buffer was now in place.

The Board decided that the Dance Permit should be issued on the merits of the request, but if the neighbors felt that previous promises were not met they should request that the Board take steps to enforce them. The owners agreed to take action to keep patrons from parking where the neighbors would be disturbed.

Bud Left reiterated his complaint about the water that runs off the sidewalk (which he feels is incorrectly sloped) onto his property. He was told that the matter was the responsibility of the Charlevoix County Road Commission, to which his complaint should be addressed.

Fire Chief Tim McDonough said he has been told the BIFD will receive a sizeable donation from the Fireman's Association of America.

Sarah McCafferty delivered the BIEMS report.

### Peaine Township

The Peaine Town Board held a quick meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>, deciding to cash in a \$12,786 CD to pay for the extra bathroom (\$8,412) in the addition that was decreed by the Building Inspector after construction was underway. This will also pay for file cabinets



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In delivering her EMS report, Sarah McCafferty said that she had negotiated a bequest from the Emergency Management Authority that had allowed the EMS to buy extra backboards and devices that allowed for up to five people to breathe simultaneously from an oxygen tank.

The Peaine Board decided to put the additional one-mil Roads request, which failed in the primary election, back on the ballot in November. "A lot of work was put into this, but a final plan was not quite finished," Pete LoDico stated. The Board hopes to complete the road plan and broadcast its specifics before the next election.

### BIEMS

BIEMS Executive Director Sarah McCafferty reported that procedures for the BIEMS responding to fire calls and the summer on-call policy have been drafted. Now she hopes to work with the Fire Chief to develop a Search-and-rescue policy.

She noted that in July there had been 16 runs—more than one every other day. Three patients were evacuated by *NorthFlight*, and three by the Coast Guard; eight were successfully treated at the Health Center (and two needed no EMS help.)

In meetings about disaster relief she was able to convince Med Control to contribute over a thousand dollars toward extra equipment to keep here.

### Election Results

In Peaine, the regular Road Millage passed, 78 - 29, but the additional mill failed, 45 - 60. The BIRHC passed, 83 - 23. The airport passed, 71 - 35, and the Library passed, 87 - 19.

In St. James, the Fire Protection passed, 77 - 12. The BIRHC passed, 68 - 21; the Road millage passed, 71 - 16; and the Library passed, 66 - 23.

### Legal Alert from BIRHC and Hospice

In these days of much litigation, people are faced with protecting themselves through advance directives such as 'living wills' and 'durable power of attorney for health care' in case of disablement, or in the event of unexpected death. Using an attorney to draw up these papers can be costly.

We now have a free document available, which is legally recognized in 37 states, including Michigan. It allows a person to record their wishes regarding their funeral and family involvement at the time of their death. The booklet is called *Five Wishes*, and can be filled out and witnessed here on the Island, without incurring legal fees.

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## Champion Tree Dedicated

After rain postponed the initial event the previous day, a champion summer day provided the perfect backdrop for the dedication of the Champion Tree in memory of Grace Matela at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center on Sunday, August 20.

A group of nearly 50 family and friends gathered along the west edge of the BIRHC parking lot where just off the lot in the bright sunshine a champion Norway maple had been planted this spring. As BIRHC board member Barbara Murphy explained, "We wanted something permanent, not transient, to represent everything Grace was to the Health Center."

Health Center board president Connie Wojan opened the dedication ceremony by stating, "We are here to honor the memory and the service of a very exceptional woman. We wanted the whole community and especially her family to know how much Grace did for the Health Center." She went on to detail the many hours Grace volunteered as a bookkeeper for the Center, pointing out most were completed in less than ideal conditions in the basement of the former Health Center building. "It was not fun work," Wojan said. "It was often tedious, and the basement was dark, musty, had no windows, and was freezing in the winter."

Yet as all Grace's friends knew, she was always ready, available, and willing, and always bringing a smile with her.

Wojan also explained the effort involved in obtaining the Champion Tree. "It took the cooperation of quite a few to get it here," she said. "Barb Murphy researched the



And Donna Kubic has been watering it all summer."

As for the Champion Tree program, Murphy told the gathering it involves, "taking cuttings from the largest and oldest trees in order to preserve them. The mother tree of this maple is in Empire, Michigan."



The Empire tree is the Michigan champion Norway maple and stands 80' tall with a girth of 173" and a crown spread of 75'.

Before unveiling the plaque that stands before the tree (and may well have to be moved some day if this tree reaches its growth potential), Wojan said, "It was so hard to condense all Grace did in a few words. So I decided to look up the word champion in the dictionary. I found that a champion is one who defends a cause or a person. As a verb, to champion is to fight for or to support. It just struck me that these two definitions perfectly describe Grace and all she did for the Health Center over the years."



That's what the plaque states: A dedicated champion of BIRHC.

Father Pat blessed the tree, and then two of Grace's grandchildren watered it with the remaining Holy Water to close out a simple, yet touching and wonderful ceremony.



— Frank Solle

## Buy Truck Raffle Tickets – Help the BIRHC

As of August 24<sup>th</sup> the Beaver Island Rural Health Center had sold less than the 203 tickets needed to pay for the 2006 Chevy truck it is raffling on Labor Day, September 4<sup>th</sup>. This is the only summer fund-raiser the Health Center conducts.

If you have not purchased a ticket, please support 24/7 access to local health care by doing so by September 4<sup>th</sup>. If you have, we thank

## Bring Back Books

The Library has been the place to be this summer. Records were broken, with circulation at 2,003 for July, and patron visits at 3,624. *It's a happening place.* With three public PCs for accessing the internet, and WiFi available around the clock, it's not surpris-

## Historical Society Annual Meeting

At the Beaver Island Historical Society's Annual Meeting, President John Runberg and Volunteer Coordinator Joyce Bartels lauded the efforts of those who had helped throughout the year. Particularly during the summer, when volunteers cleaned the Museums, restocked the flower boxes and borders, staffed the desks for 78 hours a week, created new exhibits, and helped with the *Society for Strang Studies'* conference and Museum Week.

The Board and the attending members were most interested to receive the financial report from Treasurer Chuck Schellenberg to learn the results of switching from an admission fee to only a donation jar at the Museums. They were delighted that donations were running 8% higher than admission fees for last year, and that the additional visitors had increased book sales by over 37% as well.

The audience was undaunted by the Director's prediction that after 50 years, the nature of the Society's work was about to change from "the easy

## Island Grandson a Big Hit

Austin Bowersox, the son of Gary and Peggy Cull and the 14-year-old grandson of Claire Cull, saw his Bay City team reach the PONY League World Series. The team split its first

you for your support, and ask you to remind your friends and family members about the importance of supporting BIRHC operations. Your tickets give you two chances, you know: to win a brand new truck, and to possibly help save a life.

*Remember:* 28% of the Health Center's operating budget *depends* upon donations and fund-raising events such as this.

ing to find folks in the parking lot at 2:00 a.m. Working.

Here's the down side: the over-due books. Please check everywhere—for library books, tapes, and DVDs, and then, when you find that secret trove, please bring them back!

things that can just be gone out and done" to more complicated tasks that would require "much more thought before being implemented."

Pictures of the Kahlenberg engine being cleaned and rebuilt in Lansing were circulated; they showed a massive mechanical assemblage that looked like a work of art. CMU's Clarke Historical Library was thanked for organizing Helen Collar's notes and making her information more accessible. Jim and Ann Sunkes were complimented for upgrading the genealogical files. The Society's commitment to helping restore the Whiskey Point Light was affirmed, and hope was expressed that George Anthony would turn over his manuscript, *History of the Beaver Island Indians*, to the Society's Publication Committee.

Snippets of some of the recordings made by the Oral History team this summer were shown during a treats break—including Doris Larson's stunning closing song from this summer's record-setting *Music on the Porch*.

two games in the double-elimination format, but was knocked out by losing to Washington. Austin was Claire's second grandson to make it to the World Series; Kevin Rice was the first.



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There are many reasons to look forward to the annual CMU Art Show, and then, in mid-August, to attend. For one, many of the artists are addicted to taking the CMU summer

art class at the Bio Station, and they have become our friends, so we go to the Show in the main lobby to say hello and compare notes about the past year. We want to see how they've grown,

and to share with them some of our own accomplishments as well. We like to chit-chat with the other patrons: "I like this one because..." "I like it too, but for a different reason." Another



*Jon Bouck*



*Jodie Dewey*



*Alison Lucas*



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motive is that the teachers keep shifting their emphasis—one year it's paper-making and the next it's photography; so we go to be surprised, and hopefully learn more about the ever-evolving

direction being taken by Art. Still another is the result of seeing the artists at work at their easels here and there around town; some of us have stopped to talk (and to offer free criticism), and

we're curious to see how the various projects have been completed.

Another has to do with refreshing our vision of our surroundings, of seeing, from a new perspective, the things



*Lea Bult*



*"Loon Call" - Barney's Lake. Jon Bouck*



*"Leah" Linda Eastman*



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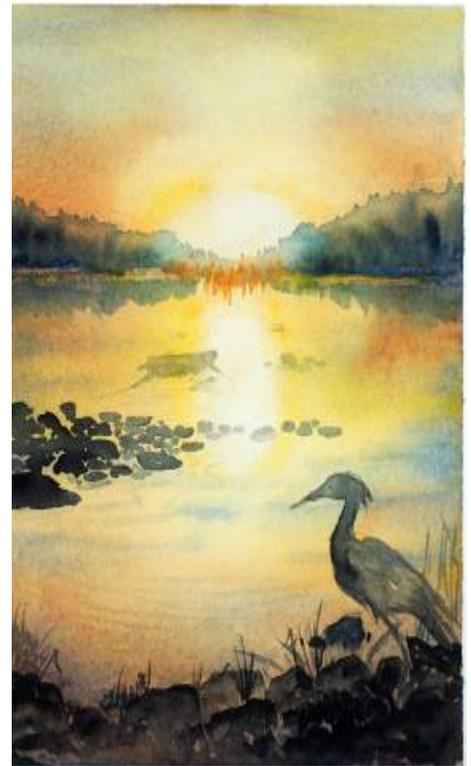
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Sara Mullen



Judi Nyerges-Beaudoin

we sometimes treasure highly but also, at other times, can begin to take for granted, all the birds and waterfowl, the

inscrutable cows in John Works' field, the *Shamrock* and the *American Girl* tied up at their docks, the sunsets at the

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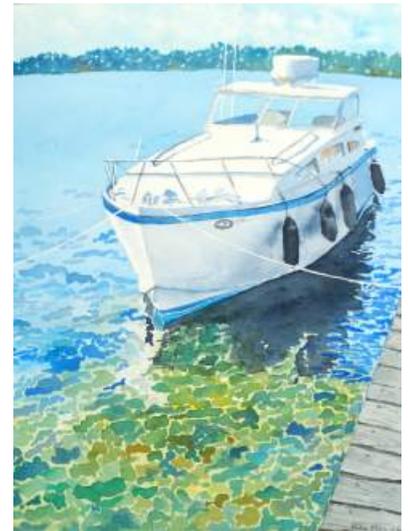
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## Sowa Memorial Golf Outing a rousing success

by Frank Solle

A picture-perfect afternoon turned into an even better evening as 52 golfers, divided into 13 4-person teams, did battle on the Beaver Island Golf Course on August 4<sup>th</sup> in the initial Jerry Sowa Memorial Golf Outing, sponsored by the Port of St. James Association.

Warm temperatures, calm conditions, and a well-groomed course which benefitted from recent rains, combined to make this inaugural event as good as it could be; a fitting tribute to honor the memory of Jerry Sowa, a man who always tried to be as good as he could be.

"Jerry was on the Board of Directors of PJSA," said event coordinator Buck Ridgeway. "But more than that, he was a member of Beaver Island.

"In thinking of a way to honor him, I knew this was the best way to go. And look how great the conditions are. I think Jerry is watching over us."

Once again it was the team built around former PGA pro Larry Roy that took top honors, carding an impressive five-under-par 30. While all local golfers know Larry's game is rock-solid, it was his 13-year-old son Patrick who starred this day as his drive on the par-three



fourth hole proved to be the closest to the pin of the entire field. In addition to his \$25 share of the winners \$100 first-place prize, Patrick added \$52 for his fourth-hole feat.

Helping the Roys to collect six birdies on their way to first place were Bob Simpson and Elwood Baker. The winning team was presented with a plaque by Jerry's wife, Shirley. Once their names are engraved, the plaque will be displayed at the BIGC clubhouse.

Claiming the second-place prize of \$60 with a respectable three-under 32 were Ron Wojan, Jeff Powers, Bill Detwiler, and Charlie Green.

Two teams tied for third at two-under 33. The crew of Mike and Jeremy Sowa, Joel Meintsma, and John Robert walked

away with the \$40 third-place winnings after claiming a one-stroke, sudden-victory win against the team of Rob Latimer, Mike Smith, Johnny Runberg, and Frank Solle.

In a great show of support for this event, the varied field included two all-women teams, one split fifty-fifty, and one with three men and one woman, as well as the family team of Jeff Mestelle and his three elementary-aged stepchildren, Gus, McCauley, and Ireland. "It just wasn't fair," Jeff complained afterwards in his ever-so-quiet voice. "According to the rules we could only use three of Ireland's drives."

Ridgeway, somewhat of a course regular, further acknowledged the support for this event when he stated, "There were people here I've never seen on the course."

Given the great turnout for this year's Outing, Ridgeway said next year the field would be expanded to include a few more teams.

As the final cars departed the course in the setting summer sun, Ridgeway capped it all by saying, "It was just a fabulous day."

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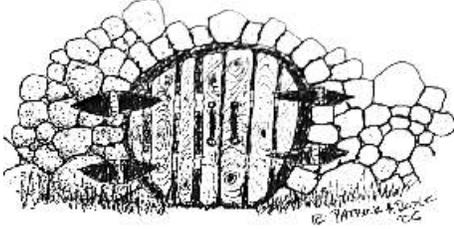
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## Island Fairy Doors

*Have You Seen one on Beaver?*

As many of you know, I have started a 'campaign' to see if Beaver Island might entice some wee folks, island fairies, to our Emerald Isle. After all,



Ireland is probably home to many of the fairies or elves—and they need another place in Michigan besides Ann Arbor!

I have told some of you about the urban fairy doors of Ann Arbor, but please look at the web site by Jonathan B. Wright, [www.urban-fairies.com](http://www.urban-fairies.com), which documents the doors of Ann Arbor. There is even a map to the locations, and a poster. On Beaver Island I think these would be a wonderful draw—a poster can be made and a map to local locations. Patrick Boyle, a talented pen and ink artist on the Island, already has started drawing some wonderful wee little Island doors—some with great stonework! As you can see by the articles in the Washington Post, NPR and others, there is a fascination



*Fairies Website:* The Fae or the Fey; The WORLD of the Faerie and the inhabitants which include, but are not limited to: Fairies (regardless of spelling): At one time a 'fairy' was a woman with magical powers. Later 'fairy' also meant 'elves.' Early on 'fairies' were much larger (4-5 feet tall...some MUCH larger) than our popular conception. Some say that the notion of little winged Fairies is a literary embellishment from the Victorian period. Regardless, as with most things of the magical-imagined world,...they change. If you would like

more info please contact me. I will continue my campaign for drawing island fairies to Beaver Island! And please share with others who may be interested!

—Nancy Peterson

## Fundraising Workshop

*for non-profits, offered by the CCCF*

On October 9<sup>th</sup> the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will offer a workshop on fund-raising at the new Charlevoix Library:

Session I (1:00 to 3:45) for Non-profit Staff Members: Forming Strategic Alliances, Organizational Planning, and Evaluation Techniques;

Break (3:45) Snacks and Refreshments Served;

Session II (4:00 to 7:00) for Non-profit Board Members and Staff: Changes in Nonprofit Law, Focus on Board Recruitment and Appointments, Online Tools and Resources for Nonprofits;

7:00 to 7:30 Light Dinner: Q/A with Robin; a networking opportunity.

Space is limited, so preregister by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Call Maureen @ the CCCF (231- 536-2440) and let us know who's coming, what sessions you'll attend, and if you'll be staying for dinner.

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—Maureen Radke

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### The White House, April 1, 2007...

The President of the United States is frowning. He reads the brief memo a second time, and then tosses it onto the desk in the Oval Office. He has to think. It is April Fools' Day, so there is a chance the news of this latest mess is just a prank by his senior staff or that rascally vice president of his. If not, well... more doo-doo is about to hit the you-know-what.

*"...the unexplained events on Beaver Island, in Lake Michigan, that started in October 2006.... The US Army and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have maintained a high level of secrecy... It is now necessary, in response to a Congressional inquiry, to disclose publicly what is known about what happened.... Release of this information will create an international uproar.... We cannot recommend that you visit the Island at this time—there are too many unknowns and potential risks.... Bring a delegation of the remaining Islanders to Washington for*

*a meeting (in a bio-secure facility) to personally assure them of your concern...."*

The president lets out a bitter sigh. He walks over to a globe that an aide has brought in and turns it slowly. Where in the world is Beaver Island?

### Beaver Island, Six Months Earlier...

Abby Fogarty found the first one. Her artist's eye spotted it immediately, along the water's edge in front of her Donegal Bay home. Late in the morning, after a horrific hailstorm, she and her spirited yellow Lab, Hannah, were playing their customary game of fetch-the-ball. Abby glimpsed something blue shining in the debris of zebra mussel shells and drying algae; it was not a color natural to the wet sand. She picked up the small object as Hannah returned with the tennis ball. It was shaped like a pyramid, but with rounded edges and points. Between her fingers it felt smoother and colder than the usual stones on the beach. She

tapped it against the face of her watch; it was not plastic, but felt man-made, maybe glass or ceramic. Abby slipped the blue thing into a pocket. Returning home, she put it in the tray of collected rocks on her kitchen counter. A few hours later she headed into St. James to attend the "Bite of Beaver" festivities.

### Paradise Bay, A Few Hours Earlier...

The morning of October 7<sup>th</sup> dawned clear and warm on Beaver Island, the latest in a string of 'perfect' autumn days—a pleasant interlude between summer and winter. The hot, dusty days of summer, when Islanders rushed to keep up with the endless needs of the thousands of busy boaters, bikers, and boozers that washed ashore, had finally passed. Up next: the chilly, windy days of November, during which the Island would wave farewell to the last of its 'snow birds' and welcome the first of the camouflaged deer hunters from downstate. The former would reach Florida just in time to salvage what the

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hurricanes had left behind. The latter would release upon the Island a 'hunter's hurricane' that could leave behind its own wreckage: those unfortunate cabins whose owners violated a well-known 'rule of Island life,' "Be careful when you rent to hunters."

It was the first Saturday in October, a day enshrined in the Island's annual calendar for a robust demonstration of wholesome blend of civic pride and commercial ambition. At 10 a.m., the 4<sup>th</sup> annual 'Boodle,' a five-kilometer race would commence with Mike Weede's throaty "go" through a handheld bullhorn. Some 70-80 walkers and runners of all ages would surge onto the thankfully flat course, following the harbor shoreline, in pursuit of glory, prizes donated by local merchants, and mention in the Island's two monthly newspapers. In the afternoon—long enough after the end of the race for the 'masters class' runners (a.k.a., the *old farts*) to have recovered their wind and appetites—there would be the 'Bite of Beaver,' a fantastic smor-

gasbord of delicious morsels prepared by Island chefs and sold at the Parish Hall in small portions at modest prices to flocks of folks, many of whom would cross over from America for the mouth-watering pleasure of wolfing down Pinky Harmon's sautéed escargots.

Yes, it was a perfect sunrise and a perfect plan for the day—but like any Eden, whether designed by Intelligence divine or the lesser human mind, it didn't last nearly long enough.

Around 9:30 a.m. a few early-bird runners gathered by the starting line in front of the Mormon Print Shop, stretching their legs, eager to get going. Adam Raycraft was no runner, but he had come to watch the festivities. A pilot for Island Airways and a native of the flat farmland around Alma, he was scanning the skies (an occupational habit) when a small jet caught his eye. He immediately recognized it as a Gulfstream 5, the type used by CEOs and the ultra-rich. Whistling above the Island, it was heading southeast at fairly low altitude, maybe 4,000 feet. Adam

judged it was heading for a landing—in Traverse City maybe. He was startled to see something drop from the plane—a large balloon? Seconds later, it burst over the Island. What was that? He'd report it the next day to the air traffic control center in Minneapolis.

So riveting was this scene that Adam didn't notice that the Island was beginning to undergo one of those weather changes that big, windy Lake Michigan delivers with uncanny timing and laser-bomb precision. Low, murderously dark clouds blew in fast from the north. In just moments they covered the entire St. James harbor area and stretched far to the west. The temperature dropped 10 degrees. The daylight was extinguished as if a switch had been flipped off. Birds stopped singing. The water in Paradise Bay turned angry, whipping and dark gray. The runners and Adam headed for shelter.

Then—hiiiiisssss!! All hell broke loose. The clouds exploded with sound. In an instant the sky was filled with hailstones a half inch wide, hurtling

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down on defenseless St. James, bouncing off roofs and cars—ping! ping!—and the paved streets. The roar of millions of projectiles was deafening. Just as suddenly as it began, the downpour ended. An eerie silence and a faint metallic burning smell filled the air. The black clouds rushed on to the south. Runners re-emerged on the wet street, chattering excitedly about the storm, and stretching their legs again for the Boodle.

## The Island Enviros, Later that Morning...

At Iron Ore Bay, Connie Wojan was showing an off-Island friend where she used to be 'buried alive' in the sand when she was a kid. Her big toe stubbed against something—a little blue object covered by sand.

Phil Gregg stumbled upon a blue object in front of the *Whimsy* gift shop. He'd been walking and reminiscing—47 years on the Island made for a whole lot of memories—about the days when he'd been a deputy sheriff on the Island,

with a gun and, in his wallet, a tiny little badge, and he'd wait at closing time outside the Beachcomber for the 'serious drinkers' who needed a little 'assistance.'



Wendy White was hunting for beach glass at McCauley's Point. She didn't find any—there seemed to be less of it around these days—but she did pick up a blue thing—it wasn't glass or rock—that looked interesting.

Peg, the trumpeter's wife, found one in the middle of East Side Drive when she halted at the stop sign on McCauley's Road—the Island's first, put there years ago to train kids in driver's education classes to stop at government-regulated intersections, of which there were none on the Island, but more than enough on the mainland.

Adam Wirth found a blue object on Garden Island. He was sailing the *Capricorn Pirate*, his beloved sailboat, and tacked into Northcut Bay to avoid

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the hailstorm. He landed and headed for shelter when he saw it in the sand.

So it was that on this first Saturday in October, without anyone realizing it, a total of six blue 'dots' were

discovered on the Beaver Archipelago, one by one. As Islanders and their weekend guests filled their bellies with white-fish cakes and jalapeno poppers at the 'Bite of Beaver,' no one suspected that an unimaginable crisis had already been set into motion, a crisis that would strain the bonds that hold together the Island's rugged individuals, resilient families, and resplendent subcultures.

**Later in October...**

A few days after the Boodle, Abby Fogarty reached into the rock tray in her kitchen to take a look at the odd blue item. But it was gone. The other finders also discovered that the strange objects they had found had vanished. Few of them gave it another thought

—until Phil Gregg was flown off the Island to the hospital in Traverse City, 30 miles due south.

Phil had been sick for a few days. At the Beaver Island Rural Health

Center, while nurse practitioner Connie Harris was checking his blood pressure and pulse, he'd said he'd been feeling strange ever since Saturday when he found something—an odd blue rock. For three days, he said, he'd felt great—full of energy, strong, really clear of mind,

like he was a young man again. "There were even times," he confided in a near-whisper, "when I thought I could hear other people's thoughts. You know, like mind-reading." That was enough information for Connie, along with Phil's elevated vital signs. She immediately called Island Airways to air-lift him to the hospital ASAP.

Thus did the Strange Sickness come to Beaver Island.

*... to be continued*



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## Letters to the Editor: Conflict at Northcut

I'm sure that most people are aware of the building at Northcut Bay on Garden Island, a small fully-enclosed building complete with sliding glass doors built by some Beaver Islanders. Recently, they were told by the DNR to take it down. In response, they got a petition together to keep the building as a boater's refuge. From what I have been told, there were over 200 signatures and they are trying to solicit help from some senators.

This letter is in response to the building and the petition to try to keep it. There are reasons why keeping that building is a bad idea:

1. It is illegal. The State does not allow people to erect a building on State land. If they allowed this building to stay, some of us might figure we could put up our own little cabana over there. The law states that you can put up a tent for a maximum of 2 weeks.

2. Northcut is a beautiful bay and most people who go there respect that. However, there have been some pretty wild parties over there and on such occasions the rules have definitely been broken. I am not opposed to someone having a good time but we must be responsible about it. The end result can be

dangerous, especially when we mix water, alcohol, and boating. I have been told by the people who built this building that this was not their original intention and that at times it is beyond their control over there, but I wonder who would get sued if someone broke their leg around that building or if someone fell through the glass doors.

3. In my kayak business, I must pay a permit fee to the State to be able to take people onto State land. My clients want to explore nature, enjoy peace and quiet, learn some kayaking skills, and observe the natural beauty that originally lured most of us here in the first place. I can no longer take my clients into Northcut because I'm never sure of what I might run into. For the same reason, I certainly cannot camp there with a group. I told the people involved in putting up this building that I could no longer take my clients to Northcut, hoping that they might do something about it. Lately, I have been taking my clients into Indian Harbor, but some people do not have the skill, endurance, or time to go that extra distance. The end result is I lose business.

4. Northcut is a pristine area and the State has set it aside for all of us to enjoy in its untouched splendor. A permanent

building, complete with a hand-driven well, electric generators, chain saws, and stored picnic/camping supplies is not what the State had in mind for public use of land. The building just encourages the type of activities we do not want there and the potential dangers that go along with them. I guess they did not plan on a DNR pilot flying to Marquette spotting the building.

Let's just follow the rules that have been set down by the State. Most of them are good and they have been placed there for a good reason. Everyone should be allowed to enjoy the nature that we have been blessed with out here on these beautiful islands. Everyone should be able to go over there knowing they can expect to find and enjoy the peace, tranquility, and beauty that brought most of us out here in the first place. The pristine beauty of these islands is our greatest resource. That is what brings people to the Island. That is what entices people to vacation here or build a home here. We must protect the beauty at all cost or we will all suffer in the long run.

Thank you.  
Sincerely,  
Ken Bruland

## “2006 Gerard E. Keidel Memorial Golf Tournament”

This year's Gerard E. Keidel Memorial Golf Tournament was hosted by Marie Keidel on July 7<sup>th</sup> at the Keidel's Ma-Ly-Bu Cabin on Big Sand Bay. The nine hole, PAR forty, putter-only course is laid out on the Keidel driveway between the cabin's back deck and the mail box on the main



road (East Side Drive.) It meanders back and fourth along the driveway, covering a distance of 400 feet. The “greens” are all sand and the fairways host a variety of obstacle-like the BBQ grill, wood boxes, pits, water hazards, and various natural debris.

Participants included long-time Island guests and newcomers. Red carpet attendees included host Marie Keidel and son-in-law Michael Gulick, Henry Hill and daughter Melinda, Dale

Boyles and daughter Barbara with friend Sue, Bill and Barbara Fox, Jim and Linda Dunbar with friends John and Rosemary Hovitch, Thelma Johnson and friends Hazel Brown and Marilyn Duncanson, and granddaughter Erin Gulick with friend Lauryn Humphrey and grandson Bryan.

The tournament began with a shotgun start, with play continuing over the next hour. There were many close calls, near misses, and “challenges” on those

hard-to-play locations. To aid with any of the tough calls the “game officiator” provided immediate rulings and replacement of ball location for these “challenges,” and of course along with the help of the games neutral party, “cocktails.” We were also lucky this year to

have a spectator gallery, which provided great support to the players.

Many players this year earned positive scores. Top finishers were 1<sup>st</sup> place Bryan Gulick, who won with a positive 11 points, with Henry Hill only one stroke behind and Jim Dunbar in 3<sup>rd</sup> a mere four strokes back. Henry made some brilliant plays and was well positioned to win until Bryan's Hole-in-One on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole dashed Henry's hopes of a victory. “Wait ‘til next year,” he said.

## One Hundred Years Ago

by Joyce Bartels

(Note: August 31 / September 1 Heavyfrost. F.P.)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 6, 1906 **Local News:** "James Donlevy of St. James came over Tuesday and proceeded to Chicago on business."

### The Beaver Island Cable

"Chief Robinson of the Weather Bureau Telegraph Division, arrived here Monday evening to investigate the cable trouble. Mr Robinson brought with him instructions from the life saving department officials for the Charlevoix crew to render any assistance called for.

"Tuesday morning the cable was 'chased' from the shore end and found to be entirely severed and badly lacerated. In the afternoon the outside end was picked up and buoyed. From the outer end it was tested to the Island. Today the splice will be made, and it is expected that communication will be restored tomorrow or next day."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 13, 1906 **Local News:** "Hon. A. B. Darragh, member of congress from this district, and the Republican nominee for reelec-

tion to a fourth term, was here Thursday and attended the farmers' picnic. Friday morning he boarded the *Beaver* and went to Beaver Island. On the Island James McCann took him in a carriage and spent the afternoon driving about the north half of the Island. He met the leading citizens that evening and Saturday forenoon, returning in the afternoon. Mr. Darragh was very much pleased with what he saw and the hospitality with which he was received. Notwithstanding the step that Charlevoix County gave him, his majority in the primary was about 1,000."

"Frank N. Clark, superintendent of the U. S. fish hatcheries, was in town Monday, on business connected with the branch hatchery here and to arrange certain preliminaries for the spawn harvest this fall. Beaver Island will be the headquarters again, and the operation will exceed those of any previous year. Formerly outfits were operated at Manistique and Freeport. These are discontinued, and all work concentrated at St. James. About ten tugs will be operated, embracing most of those at

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

Charlevoix and St. James."

**Beaver Island News:** "Mrs. James Martin is slowly convalescing from a long and serious illness."

"Miss Louise Hess of Napoleon, Mich. visited friends on the Island recently."

"Mrs. Phil Malloy returned to Big Rapids for treatment at the hospital there."

"Congressman Darragh and Editor Smith spent the latter part of the week on Beaver Island." (Note: A. B. Darragh and Williard A. Smith registered at the Beaver Hotel)

"Mrs. Sonderregger and two sons of Milwaukee have also bought a lot and will build next year." (Note: Mrs. C. Sonderegger and Max Sonderegger registered at the Beaver Hotel August 25, and Hugo Sonderegger, September 14, 1906; the house still stands.)

"Our resorters are nearly all gone again after the best resort season B. I. ever had."

"James Wilkinson spent the past ten days on the Island with his brother, Dr.

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Wilkinson.”

“Simon Ance, age 17, died at his home on Garden Island Sunday afternoon of a quick consumption.”

“Cornelius Gallagher Jr. accidentally cut his foot with an axe last week nearly severing the bones forming the instep.”

“Miss Plant of Chicago has bought a nice lot of our real estate agent W. J. Gallagher and will build a cottage on it next year.” (Note: Martha A Plant registered at the Beaver Hotel August 7, 1906)

“Mrs. Emily S. Blodgett returned to Charlevoix Monday after a two weeks visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wilkinson.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Owen D. Gallagher lost their 6 months old baby boy Sunday afternoon, after but 30 hours illness due to *cholera infantum*.”

“Our farmers are fast shipping their crop of peas to Charlevoix this week. The extreme dry weather materially affected the crop on the Island this year.”

“Mr. Hartz and wife of Rock Island accompanied by their fine family of chil-

dren spent the summer here and has bought land on Beaver Harbor which he will improve and remodel the house already upon it for occupancy as a summer cottage next year.” (Note: Theodore Hartz & family, of Davenport, Iowa, registered at the Beaver Hotel July 31 - Sept. 21)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 20, 1906 **Local News:** “S. M. Rose will leave soon for Georgian Bay to gather spawn for the New York fish commission. On the beginning of the close season Capt. Rose will assist the U. S. commission at Beaver Island.”

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 27, 1906 **Local News:** “October 1<sup>st</sup> the steamer *Beaver* will resume her old schedule Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.”

“The schooner *Rouse Simmons*, of St. James, light, ran into the Milwaukee piers Monday and sustained considerable damage.”

(Note: September 26 - 30 *Ideal fall days 52 - 72, nights 60 - 32 degrees. F. Protar*)

## BIFD to Learn Propane

September 7 – public invited

On September 7<sup>th</sup> the Beaver Island Firemen will take part in a class on Propane Emergency Response put on by Michigan’s Propane Emergency Response Team. There will be two sessions at the St. James Fire Hall, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a classroom period on the properties and principles of propane, followed by a hands-on session, which includes live burn interactive scenarios. The public is invited, and Kevin Elsenheimer, our state representative, will be there.

## Thanks to the Hurkmans

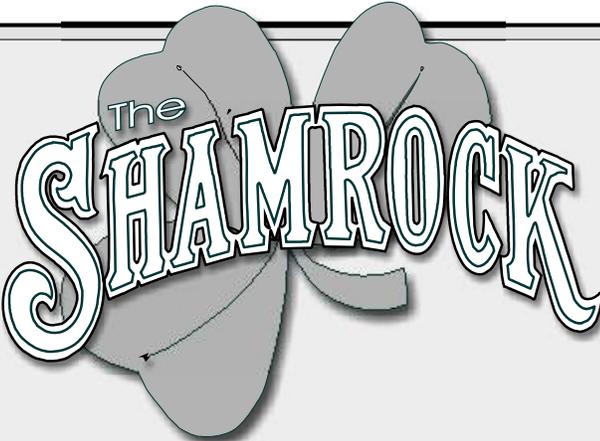
Thanks from the Beaver Island Fire Department and Auxiliary to Mike and Sharon Hurkmans, for the Karaoke nights that they had on Wednesday nights all summer. Not only were they a lot of fun, but they raised \$500 to benefit the Fire Department.

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Thanks

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Bill McDonough, Paul Welke, and Ivan Young deserve a great deal of thanks and gratitude for their efforts on the afternoon of Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. As these men have done so many times before, they demonstrated their kindness and selflessness. We are truly lucky to have such people on Beaver Island!

Starting around 1:30 p.m. on a beautiful August afternoon, I found myself irretrievably lost in the beaver swamps, cedar forests, and overgrown trails that had gripped my curiosity for so long when flying over them. While hiking due east on Hannigan's Road from Fox Lake Road I had become curious about the scenery on the trail which begins at Oil Well Site #1 and empties out near the new fire station in front of the Bill Wagner campground. It seemed to be a bit of a

shortcut to reach East Side Drive.

Although I entered the woods around 12:30 p.m., I didn't lose my trail markers and truly feel "lost" until about 1:30 p.m. at which time I called (on my cell phone) my wife who, was shopping at McDonough's. I was amazed and thankful that I still had cell service; but, I knew it wouldn't last for long. I began to think about whether I had the right survival tools: water, food, map, compass, matches, etc. Unfortunately, I did not have either a map or compass, so I was left with piecing together clues: Where is the sun in the sky? Which way are the clouds moving? What do the leaves tell me about the direction of the wind? When I throw dried leaves, which way do they blow? However, the sun was so high in the sky that I could not tell in

which direction it was moving; and the wind seemed to be swirling deep in the woods. I remained confused.

So, without any definitive clues or a clear plan, I began to get a bit stressed out. The combination of physical exertion caused by trudging through the swamps and overgrown forests and the worry over irresponsibly monopolizing the whole day for my wife, daughter, and friends, made my heart pump like it might come through my chest. Several times I forced myself to sit down, collect my thoughts, create a plan, and gain my composure. By this time Bill McDonough had contacted Ivan Young, who was shooting off shotgun blasts to provide me direction; and Bill had notified Paul Welke that he may be needed for a rescue run in a plane. Despite Ivan's best

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Cooler evenings and shorter days can only mean one thing — it's nearly time for school to start again.

And with that comes the beginning of another Beaver Island Community School sporting season, commencing with the soccer season.

The Islanders will kick off this year with a trip to rival Mackinac Island on Friday/Saturday September 8 and 9 before playing the bulk of their season right here at home (*schedule on page 48.*)

Four consecutive weekends will feature the Islanders doing battle on the pitch

by Frank Solle

behind the school, starting with a visit by the Soaring Eagles of Hannahville Sept. 15 and 16. Paradise comes to Beaver Island (I know, it's really already here) the following week, with Munising Baptist and Ojibwe rounding out the long home stand.

The Islanders wrap up the season Oct.



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efforts, I never heard his shotgun blasts!

As I was losing cell service by 3:00 p.m., I had one last particularly meaningful conversation with Bill McDonough. As he stood outside his store in St. James, and I stood in the beautiful open sky of a beaver swamp in no-man's-land, Bill gave me a plan. He told me that as we looked directly into the sun, we were looking south (I would have predicted west) —so, I needed to walk directly left of the sun, with the sun constantly over my right shoulder, in a straight line to hit East Side Road. In order to walk in a straight line, I needed to line up three trees in a row in the woods, follow the line to the third tree, then start the process over again ... find the sun, turn to the left, line up three trees, and begin walking. Finally, I had a plan, I had focus, and I felt

confident again!

While I was lumbering through the swamps and overgrown forests for the next couple of hours, Paul Welke took my wife, Susan, up in a two-seater and began to search for me using a flying grid. However, by that time, I was finding my way out of the woods and onto East Side Road at Martin's Bluff. And as I began walking south, towards our cottage on Lake Geneserath, my mother-in-law, BJ Wyckoff (along with my daughter and our weekend guests), happened upon me in her Ford Escape, picked me up, notified Bill, Paul, and Ivan of her "discovery," and took us to our ultimate destination on Lake Geneserath. More than anything, thanks to the men for handling the situation with such confidence and composure; they made my wife,

daughter, and guests feel as if it were a routine operation. Also, thanks to them for their selflessness; they were willing to drop everything at a moment's notice and help out a family who was feeling a bit frustrated, confused, and worried at the time. Thanks, men!

Lastly, I think back to a prophetic e-mail I had sent to an English teacher friend on Aug. 17, before we left for the weekend. In it, I'd quoted Henry David Thoreau, saying I would see her on Aug. 21 after going to the woods "to live deliberately" and after a weekend of "taking the road less traveled." Certainly, I did not know where that road would lead!

Beaver Island, thanks for the memories. Bill/Paul/Ivan, thanks for your kindness, selflessness, and composure.

— Chuck and Susan Froning

13 and 14 with trip north to Grand Marais.

District tournament action will be held between Oct. 16 and 21.

Once again the Islanders should be the team to beat in the Northern Lights League as they return a powerful lineup of players featuring hard-kicking seniors Saygan

Croswhit e, Jared Wojan, Bailey McDonough, Rita Palmer, and David and Tony Bousquet. Juniors Eric Albin, Brenden Martin, Ryan McDonald, and Melissa Peters also return, as does sophomore Maeve Green. Freshmen Cameron LaVasseur, Dereck McDonough, Kristy

Bousquet, Jenna Butler, Alex Kuligowski, and Brianna Maudrie also saw some action last year.

The home games will be played at 5:00 pm on Friday and 9:00 am Saturday. Mark your calendars and come out to see and support the Islanders in action.

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## A little help from our Friends

A training exercise with the U.S. Coast Guard

Having heard that a Coast Guard helicopter would lift a person from the deck of a boat in the harbor as a training exercise with the new Sheriff's rescue boat, people gathered around Paradise Bay on the morning of Wednesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> and stood listening for the sound

of a chopper in the air. Not having had a rescue boat for several years, Beaver Island was overjoyed a few weeks prior to receive a new RIB from the Grand Traverse Band, complete with 200 hp outboard and trailer. We've grown accustomed to amazingly fast responses in our greatest times of need on the





Island, so a year ago, the tragic drowning accident so close to home and yet so far away at Garden Island was a real shock. The new rescue boat will allow our Island's Deputies and volunteer lifesavers to offer assistance should a nearby accident occur in the coming years. The Coast Guard has always

provided a wonderful sense of security for boaters, and has been priceless in bad weather, when the Island can seem so distant and isolated. Now the new RIB will let us help them help us.

Early that morning, Beaver Island volunteer lifesavers and the Deputies had *continued on page 28.*



*Training, from page 27.*

already staged a training session at the school. The session ran to three hours because the helicopter was delayed when a foundering dinghy was spotted en-route; the crew did a search to see if it was simply a boat broken loose or if people might be in the water. But a few hours later they landed, and the exercises proceeded as planned.

Four Coastguardsmen, plus EMTs Ken Bruland, Dawn Traficante, Cindy Gillespie, Emily Gray, and Nick Spanhak, and myself as an observer, were aboard the 41' Coast Guard Utility Boat, and Deputy John Heise, Deputy Nicole Smith, Jim Stambaugh, Gerald LaFreniere, and Galen Bartels set off in the new Sheriff's boat. The helicopter lifted off from Welke's, and in no time was hovering at a distance.



Everyone gathered around the radio to hear the mission brief. A quick summary of what needed to be done was given, with the course, speed, and conditions, as well as the number of people on board. Then the helicopter came closer, and lower, and closer and lower still—the small sleek chopper becoming a turbine-driven powerhouse as it hovered less than 10' over the Utility Boat's mast. The boat proceeded 30-40° to windward at some speed, so the helicopter could fly—it's easier to make things stand still while the two are in controlled motion. The 100 mph wash from the rotors created circles of spray on the surface of the lake, which



seconds later the basket was raised and then reeled up, up, and away, to alongside the helicopter by the airman

moved through the light chop pushing the normal currents aside. The spray hit us in gusts, like horizontal rain. The earplugs we had been given proved useful, as the noise under the wash was impressive, and deafening. But

the Coastguardsmen went about the procedure as if it were an everyday matter, without any wasted effort.

The basket was lowered to a foot above the boat, where it was hooked—a thick wire and clamp dissipated the static charge induced by the air movement of the helicopter. Then the basket was brought in and a Coastguardsman stepped inside, with his limbs within the metal caging and his head on the padded float. A few

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skillfully operating the lift while peering down from the open door above.

Since the helicopter was short on fuel due to the unplanned search, the next demonstration proceeded quickly: the basket and Coastguardsman were lowered into the lake as if scooping a person from the water. It was surprising how tiny a person's head appeared in the lake under the chopper, even surrounded by the 'crop circle' whipped by this very real flying object. As quickly as it was lowered, the basket was once again reeled up, and the Coastguardsman returned to the deck of our boat.



feel for what this might be like.

Finally a method of lowering first a line and then the basket guided by the control line from the boat was rehearsed. Then the helicopter had to depart for the mainland, and with a wave from Whiskey Point and from our boat, it was away. It had provided an exciting demonstration, with boat and helicopter in perfect harmony.



With the remaining time, a search pattern exercise was carried out. A buoy was dropped as a datum, and then, at 6 knots and using compass and watch, a search pattern was followed to cover the area.

The day on the water could have

seemed like just a lot of fun, until one remembered that in the classroom they had talked about things like how long a victim of a given age and in a given condition could survive and how this would impact a search. Or that the small buoy they dropped was more visible than the head of an actual victim in the water. Or that in a real situation, instead of a nice calm day, it would likely be 5 or 10' seas, and they would still have to be steadier on deck than I was as an observer on this pleasant afternoon. Then the time and effort put in on their training exercises and the first leg of our water rescue program all came home. Thanks to the Coast Guard and the GTB, the help offered by our Island's volunteer organizations and our deputies will be better than ever.

Then the helicopter approached the new Sheriff's boat to simulate a pickup; since a small boat would be blown around by the wash a lot more than our 15-ton Utility Boat, it was very important to get a



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## On This Date

**Ten Years Ago** In the Primary election, Peaine had 102 voters and St. James 140. Rich Gillespie trounced Shirley Roloff on the Island but lost his race for reelection to the County Commissioners by 22 votes. In the races for Township Supervisor, Jim Willis beat Neil Boyle in St. James and John Works beat Joan Petrak in Peaine.

The Rita Gillespie Blood Drive produced 79 donors.

The Chamber was raffling a trip to Ireland.

An article titled *If You Saw A White Blur* described the fiberglass boat (a 12' 'pickle fork, tunnel hull' catamaran) a local resident designed, built in his shop, and was testing in the Harbor during mid to late August.

A reunion was held for the 7-member 1946 graduation class. Larry Malloy hosted Catherine Schmidt, Bertha McDonough, and Katherine Ricksgers. Barbara Nackerman and Mary Margaret Martin were unable to attend, and Mary Margaret LaFreniere was deceased.

The passing was noted of 20-year Island resident Dave Gladish, who had moved to Puget Sound a year before. Letters from friends Phil Gregg, Dick

Burris, Curt Petrak, and others were included. His creation of the Island's first Master Plan was lauded, as was his books, his contributions of poetry to the *Beacon*, and his inspirational ministry in the Christian Church.

**Twenty Years Ago** St. James Township held a special meeting to discuss the possibility of selling the Township Hall to Richard Byington, who had offered \$35,000 through a Realtor; the sale would be contingent on the Township "correcting the water problem in the basement." The building received a 'replacement value' appraisal of \$70,000. Supervisor Ron Wojan reported that most comments favored retaining the building because of its historic value. Gay Works suggested that the building be given to the Civic Association instead, which would make it into a library.

At another meeting the St. James Town Board discussed ways of paying for the planned sidewalk rebuilding, whose cost was estimated at \$117,000. The Board accepted the concept of establishing the Beaver Island Library District, and was examining the potential consequences. Garrett Cole, Lil Gregg, Theresa Martin, and Phyllis

Townsend were appointed to the Library Board. The Historical Society was excused from paying a fee for its zoning permit to build a storage barn at the Heritage Park.

The Port St. James Association donated the playground equipment from Donegal Bay to the Jewell Gillespie Playground in town.

An arrangement was made for the two townships to lease the former DNR building, and the possibility of housing a Deputy there was discussed.

Kitty McNamara was hired as principal at the school.

**Thirty Years Ago** The Historical Society held its Annual Meeting, and awarded Island historian Helen Collar an honorary Life Membership. Plans for construction of the 'Post Office Addition' were discussed.

The Island school had an enrollment of 57. Sister Dennis Marie Kirt replaced Sister Nancy Malburg as principal. John Murphy was hired for Special Ed and physical education; Shirley Gladish as Librarian (she announced that the Library would be open to the public three afternoons a week); and Joe Moore as music teacher (this would be his practice teaching.) Others on the



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staff included Sister Lynne Hansen, Sister Agatha Artaan, and Mr. Grant Hart.

The Civic announced the Annual Fly-in would be held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Former Beaver Island students enrolled in college included Jody Wagner, Diane Wojan, Audrey Potter, and Tim McDonough at CMU; Patti Wojan, Mike Green, Mary Green, Tom McDonough, Mark LaFreniere, Lori Fleischman, and Pam McDonough at North Central Michigan; Tony Gatliff at Western; Gerald Connaghan at MSU; Kathy McDonough at Northwestern Michigan; and Bernie Miller at Grand Valley State.

The passing of the Very Reverend Roland McCann was noted.

**Forty Years Ago** The *Beacon* opened with a poem by Fran Lechner (a 14-year-old guest of Pat Bonner), *Is There a Place*, which began, "Is there a place/ Anywhere at all/ where everyone is everybody's friend/ Winter through fall?" and concluded with the answer, "What is this haven/ This paradise/ This place of peace?/ This, my friend, is/ Beaver Island."

The partridge season opened strongly on Garden and High Islands,

but then tapered off. The *Beacon* cautioned, "Remember: there's a daily bag limit on Beaver Island."

Fishing was still strong on the inland lakes and at Garden and Hog Islands. The brook trout planted in Fox Lake were doing well. Applications for turkey-hunting permits were due by September 23<sup>rd</sup>; 100 permits would be drawn from the applicants.

Passings noted included Art Taft, who lived on the Island from 1938 until 1951 and then moved back in 1965, and Margaret Turner, the mother of Jack Martin, founder of the Circle M.

The school was getting an addition, and a new principal, Sister Kenneth Marie. Enrollment was a record 75. New residents included Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fogg, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Early, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Crawford.

**Fifty Years Ago** Dr. Dudleigh Vernor, composer of the immortal *Sweetheart of Sigma Chi*, was vacationing on the Island. A member of the Civic Association, he was the head of the organ department at Albion College. Another new member of the Civic was Sue Smith, a free-lance knitting designer and costumer from Hastings.

Civic president Henry Allen invited a group from the Economic Development Commission to the Island. A meeting at the school was attended by 25 local businessmen. Archie LaFreniere was chosen to maintain a dialogue with them.

Two young women working for the summer at the King Strang Hotel were descended from Hensen Walker, who chose to follow Brigham Young to Utah when James Strang brought his flock to Beaver Island.

A wonderful Homecoming Dinner was served to 483. A shoreline lot was raffled, and was won by Eddie O'Donnell of Lincoln Park.

The Historical Society was delighted to receive a membership from Mark Strang in California—one of King Strang's grandsons.

Inquiries for the position of Island doctor reached 28, of which 6 were invited for personal interviews—which narrowed the field to 4.

The Conservation Department planted partridge on High Island.

A new school building was planned, and bids were to be taken. It would include a kitchen, heating plant, and classroom space.

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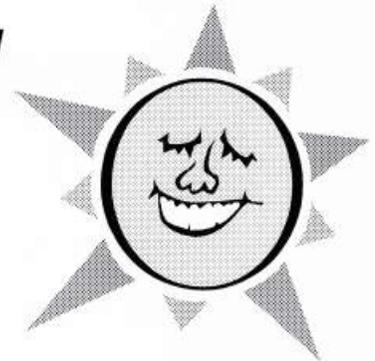
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“Once again Celtic strongmen will be out in force on Beaver Island. The audience will be amazed at the skills my fellow athletes possess and entertained by our on the field antics,” said athlete Jeremy McBain, of Charlevoix.

During last year’s event, the athletes not only lifted very heavy



objects, but also entertained the audience with stories, jokes, banter, and slap-stick comedy.

One ‘lucky’ audience member was even pulled onto the field, loaned a kilt, and invited to compete with the athletes.

Competitors will be tossing the stone, throwing 28 and 56 pound

weights for distance and height, throwing the hammer, tossing the shef, and flipping the famed caber (a 20-foot long, 120-pound pole that competitors must flip end over end). Additionally, the competitors will be inviting the audi-



ence to join them in two special events including the Beaver Island Stone of Strength, a 100 pound+ stone tossed for distance. The athletes will explain the history, technique, and skill involved in each of the events during the festival.

This is the second year for this event, now hosted

by the BICoC. Many of the competitors from last year’s games will be returning for this year’s event. “The athletes fell in love with the Island during last year’s game and jumped at the chance to return.” Mark your calendar – Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>.





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## The Mighty *Picton Castle* Arrives

In recent summers our Paradise Bay has witnessed its share of tall ships—two or three, or even four—but by mid-August this summer we were worried that we might be passed over. Then we awoke on the morning of August 15<sup>th</sup> to see a fine-looking barque (the aftmost mast fore-and-aft rigged and the other two square-rigged) tucked into our harbor: the 179' steel-hulled *Picton Castle*, on her way to Port Huron and then her home in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia after completing her fourth round-the-world teaching cruise and making a side junket to Chicago's Tall Ships Armada for good measure.

Once word went out, smaller boats from Whiskey Point to Luney's began to leave their moorings to get a closer look at her rigging, with its 12,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of sail. With the ship at anchor, the trainees spent the afternoon painting

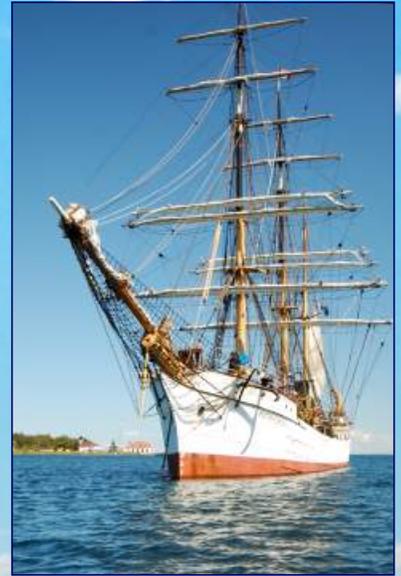
her topsides, while Captain Daniel Moreland and some of the crew came ashore for a closer look at Beaver Island. They visited the restaurants, stores, and museums, and found St. James so much to their liking that they offered to give several locals a tour aboard.

Climbing the rope ladder and setting foot on the deck, a glance back at current St. James through the old-fashioned rigging was both impressive and surreal: Looking up brought the nimble trainees into focus as they moved about in the rigging; from shore they had seemed to be walking in the clouds above the tree line, although up close the masts towered even higher. Walking through the working galley and down through the main salon, past sea chests and carvings that

had been picked up in Fiji, we found some of the crew sleeping in their berths. We learned that the ship accommodates 40 trainees with her professional crew of twelve. The full 13-month experience costs \$36,000, but some sign on for only a leg or two (13 to 14 weeks costs \$11,000), and some were only on board for the Great Lakes portion (at \$600/week.) Some planed on a Caribbean cruise next winter (\$7,250 for 8 weeks.)

We gazed down into the massive chain locker, and walked through the salon into the huge cargo hold, which was built into two levels and had been used to haul items as large as a plow to the Cook Islands. The hull had begun as a motorized Welsh fishing trawler over 75 years ago, a job it performed well until being conscripted into the Royal Navy to work as a minesweeper in WW II. Cruising off the coast of Norway, she was forced into the





nearest port, Bergen, for repairs. The Germans had decided to pull out only a few days before, and the *Picton Castle* was hailed as “the Liberator of Norway,” an appellation that hangs on her to this day. After the war she began a new life hauling freight around the North Sea, until she wore down.

Captain Moreland found her moored in a fjord in 1993. He'd been searching for a vessel to convert into a square-rigger, and she fit the bill. He got her 690 hp diesel running, and limped her to New York, tying her up at the South Street Seaport Museum. Three years later he moved her to Lunenburg, where a two-million-dollar complete retrofit began. A year later she was ready to set off on her first round-the-worlder.

Teaching his craft to those eager to learn has been giving him great pleasure. “So many of the finer things

in life seem about to become lost arts,” he said. “It's good to know that I'm doing everything I can to keep this from also being forgotten.”

At first we were perplexed by the ship's long metamorphosis — it's not the succinct romantic snapshot that one would get from a pristine replica, but that's just it —

the Avatiu-registered *Picton Castle* is very much a present day working adventure ship,

tracing a unique line around and around the world and creating more dreams today than when she “liberated” Norway.

“It's a way of life,” more than one of the training crew responded when asked why they'd signed on. For many of them, training on the *Picton Castle* was their way to prepare for becoming professional crew men.

They all really enjoyed Beaver Island. They rented bicycles, met many of the locals, bought smoked fish and antique toys, talked politics, and danced the night away at the Shamrock Bar. When they left on the morning of the third day, under full sail, we Beaver Islanders remained standing on shore. But in our hearts we were holding the rail, scrubbing the oiled pine decks, or clambering in the rigging like the fearless monkeys of our childhood dreams.



## Squaw Island Sonnet

After the deep rain it is morning on  
the lake again. The gulls and crows all rise  
up. You should say something wise here, "the dawn  
leaves its mark on someone ... somewhere." Black flies  
leave their marks, too. And yes, a dead gull lies  
on the beach, body peppered with holes. But  
what I love most is the lighthouse, life-size  
rubble, rising from the bold forest. What  
with its mold-drawn drapes, book shelves a riot  
of old, we climb the tower. The lake,  
in cold wavelets, spreads out — silver, chocolate,  
blue — all colors I love. What wild toothache  
drove me here? My life a mild frenzy; rain  
spreading out upon the deep lake again.

– Zachary Chartkoff



## Hunting on Garden

by Jim McIntyre

Almost thirty years ago, I wrote a short story about a man who my best friend and I became acquainted with over a period of years, while traveling to and from lakes in northern Ontario. It was called "Minnow Al," a nickname I gave him because he operated a small outpost that sold baitfish. He was a real character, and the story of our relationship had a profound effect on me. The story was also about the Algoma District, where it takes place, and is descriptive, poetic, and had some historical factoids interspersed throughout the narrative.

I gave it to my traveling fishing buddy, Bill, as a gift. Once in awhile, over the years, I would bring it out and read it out loud for people. I enjoy doing that, and, as a professional voice talent, it is easy for me.

Two years ago I was working on a commercial at Brauer Productions in

Traverse City. Rich Brauer, a film producer, asked me if I knew anything about Wawa, Ontario, as he was going to drive up there with his wife for the weekend.... Wawa is the backdrop for Minnow Al, so I gave him the manuscript. He loved the story and suggested we produce it, with me narrating, and distribute it on CD.... That's how we got started.

It had music, and sound effects, and was quite moving, with a "pay-it-forward" message. "If you love somebody fisherman, you go tell 'em," said Minnow Al.

My latest CD is "Our Secret Garden," a story of friendship, deer hunting, traditions, and tragic death. It takes place on Garden Island over a period of 26 years.

Here's an excerpt that gives its flavor:

*"So each year for 26 years we came*

*to the Northcutt. To Minnis Kittigan, Bomways, Indian Harbor, Pete's, Ninnegoes. Individually we divorced, changed careers, moved, married, lived through heart attacks, surgeries, plane crashes, and broken hearts. We laughed so hard we cried. Sometimes we just cried.*

*"Our campfire conversations reflected our circumstances at the time. Sometimes we shared secrets that we brought with us like excess baggage. We unpacked it. Sometimes we left it there. Sometimes we took it back with us."*

The cost for either CD is \$20. They contain some adult language, and may not be suitable for all listeners. Both CDs are available from Loon River Productions, 407 Boardman View Drive, Traverse City, MI. 49686, loonr@charter.net, or from Sue Thomson at her Livingstone Studio on Beaver Island.

## New Books at the Museum

The Print Shop Museum has had several interesting new titles this summer, ranging from Vickie Speek's fascinating account of the Strangite Mormon presence, *God Has Made Us A Kingdom*, to the very helpful and informative *Lake Michigan Rock Picker's Guide*—which is #1 on the state's best-seller list. And the Museum Book Store has Fred Stonehouse's nautical investigations, books on Michigan's Indians, and the *B. I. History Journal* series.

Now two new books have arrived that should be of great interest to Beaver Island: Seamus Metress's *Irish in Michigan*, and Antje Price's *Protar: A Different Life*.

Dr. Metress, a professor of Anthropology at the University of Toledo and a long-time proponent of Irish culture, has written a fine book that includes a chapter about 'Irish on Beaver Island' but also sets this strong component of our heritage in the broader context of the Irish migration to various parts of Michigan. This is highly recommended for anyone seeking to understand the forces that shaped Beaver Island.

Antje Price, known affectionately as 'the Protar lady,' has been promising a book on Protar for years—her "big book." This is not it; that one is still being written. But over the years and decades (3) since she first began pub-

lishing articles about Protar, the steady stream of new information she has encountered in her extensive travel and research has invalidated some of her early material. So she decided to write a 38-page monograph, a booklet, to present the current facts. Those who have met her or attended her lectures will recognize her voice resounding in their head right off the page. "You can't know Protar without Price," people say—because she is the one to have made this almost legendary early Islander come to life.

Either title can be ordered from the Museum (phone 231-448-2254 or email history@beaverisland.net).

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**Carol Ann Wierenga**

Carol Ann Wierenga passed away on August 16<sup>th</sup> at Traverse City's Munson Medical Center. She'd had more of the heart problems that had been bothering her, and was hoping for a successful valve replacement, when she was in a fatal automobile accident.

She is survived by her loving husband of 47 years, Satch Wierenga of Beaver Island; daughter, Karen (James) Fletcher of Wyoming, Michigan; son, Kevin (Laurie) Wierenga of Grand Rapids, Michigan; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother Bob (Ann) Daly of Gladstone, Michigan; sister-in-law Donna Daly of Grandville; sister-in-law Emily Wierenga of Bend, Oregon; brother-in-law Rodger Wierenga of Spring Lake; many nieces and nephews; and many friends. A Memorial Service was held at the packed Beaver Island Christian Church on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 p.m., with both Father Pat Cawley and Pastor Steve Skinner officiating. A second Memorial Service took place at the Caledonia United Methodist Church in Caledonia with Reverend Bobby Dale Whittlock officiating.

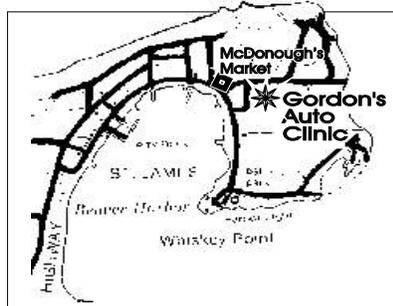
A retired floral designer, she brought a touch of class to Beaver Island in many ways, such as in the offerings of her bright and lively gift shop, *Out on a Limb*, and her always intelligent comments as a member of Island organizations. She had an amazing ability to recognize a problem, laugh at it, and then start working to find a solution. Everyone she met loved her—and she met everyone. She will be greatly missed.

**Help Burn a Mortgage**

Come help Laura Reid celebrate the Buff-Kett Mortgage Burning on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 (rain date is October 1<sup>st</sup>) at her home, the old Smalley Daniels place at 34715 Buff-Malloy Drive. Drinks and sandwiches will be provided at the very end of the Buff-Kett Road, but "bring a dish, if you wish." There'll be fun games, a campfire, and, hopefully, wonderful Island music. Children will be welcome until 8:00 p.m. "It's been a long haul, but I made it. Now I'd like to sit back and hear your stories—particularly about Buff-Kett," Laura said. Questions, call her at 448-2846.

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## Beaver Island Featured in Michigan BLUE

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“I found my stay on Beaver to be one of the most relaxing and enjoyable weekends away I have ever had,” said Editor Lisa Jensen.

To subscribe to *Michigan BLUE* call (616) 459-4545 or subscribe online at [www.michiganbluemag.com](http://www.michiganbluemag.com)

## Chefs... start your ovens

... for the Bite of Beaver on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Stop in the Chamber office, call 448-2505 or email [chamber@beaverisland.org](mailto:chamber@beaverisland.org) for chef registration forms. May the best cheese-dipped shrimp make the show.

## Lanier vs. Gallagher

The Laniers took the Gallaghers to court ... Donegal Bay volleyball court that is, and won. Again. It was their second win and their second annual family reunion. The loss required the Gallaghers’ “loser” coach Dick (Ace) Prawat to bow in humiliation to the Laniers’ “winner” coach Mark Calvert and surrender a treasured family heirloom of antique “bow wood.” The Prawat “bow” of submission cooled the competitive spirits for now, but they are sure to heat up again for a 2007 grudge match. Fortunately Jack and Judy’s families share lots of love and laughter—ending the evening’s compe-

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tion with a group swim and later dancing the night away at our local pubs.

Forty-one family members from as far away as San Francisco convened on the Island for the week of sun and

fun. Both families offer their sincere thanks to the many Beaver Island residents and businesses that made their stay so enjoyable.

## Sunset Picnic Thank You

The Preservation Association (PABI) and I wish to thank all who supported our fifth Sunset Picnic. It truly was a grand event, with wonderful people and great food. Barry and Rich and LD did a great job providing music. The weather was delightful, and the sunset spectacular.

Thanks again—and, have you seen the facade?  
— Sue Welke

## No smoke in Charlevoix

Charlevoix Circuit Judge Richard Pajtas recently ruled that the local Health Department can protect workers and the public from secondhand smoke.

The Public Health Clean Indoor Air Regulation of 2005 was challenged based on a technical interpretation of law. The court agreed with the Health Department’s position that specific sections of the Public Health Code allow local regulations as long as they are at least as stringent as state law. The plaintiffs, from Antrim and Charlevoix Counties, contended that only the State of Michigan could regulate secondhand smoke in the workplace.

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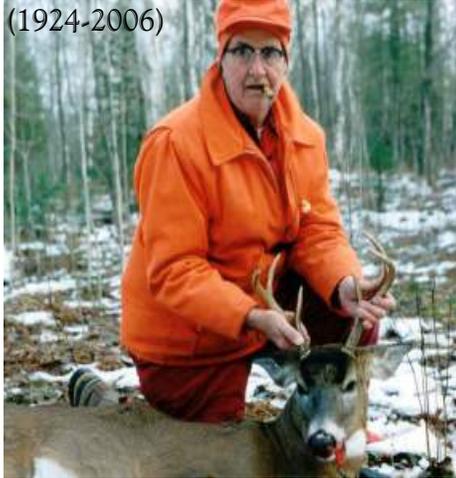
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— Jeff Andersen

### New EMT Class

You too can take the first step towards becoming a hero: our EMS will offer a Basic EMT class starting September 19 at 6:30 pm at the Island School. If you're interested, call Sarah McCafferty at 448-2238 or Joe Moore at 448-2416.

### Rudy Comes Home



In the middle of July a few friends of Ruth 'Rudy' and Ray Denny gathered at the unique home she had crafted at Donegal Bay for a solemn ceremony: the scattering of her ashes, mixed with flowers and many warm memories in the little grove northeast of her cabin, the spot where she and Ray had first camped. Family members came from



A few people missed the book-signing party Mary Rose hosted for Gwen Marston near the quiet “Garden of Sarcasm” behind the Toy Museum, because they thought Gwen's 23<sup>rd</sup> book would not be much different from her first 22—but they were wrong, wrong, wrong, because those books were never given the appellation used for this one by the many fans who have bought it: “It's simply the best quilt book I've ever seen!”

Everything about this book is fantastic—which is why she has sold as many as 700 copies in one sitting at other book-signing events: the binding, the paper, the colors, the price (only \$20), and, most of all, the elegance of the depicted quilts. If you thought you knew what's going on at the cutting edge



of this burgeoning field, unless you can be numbered among Gwen's many friends you would probably be wrong.

This book is a compilation of projects done by two master quilters, Gwen and her friend, northern California's Freddy Moran. The 260 pages are divided into six chapters in which the artists first alternate and then combine.

Each of the hundreds of quilts shown makes continuing study pay off, as patterns within patterns emerge, adding subtle meaning behind the first explosive flash of bright color. The book is an ideal gift for anyone interested in the quilting art, even the beginner—because it presents such a high aesthetic goal, together with proof after proof that it can be achieved.

So read it, and then: get quilting!

*photographs by Tom Rockwell*



far and wide to talk about her spunkiness, her philosophy of life, her flute mastery, and the bottle windows and furniture she had made (driftwood chairs; a pie-shaped desk.) She and Ray acquired this property 37 years ago and began to spend time here, creating local legends of their unusual style which circulate still.

As the ceremony began, so did the rain—a great deluge, thirsted for by the arid ground. No one grabbed a 'brulla,' no one ran inside; instead, people stood there transfixed, some thanking the skies for camouflaging their unstoppable yet somehow somewhat joyous (at the successful uncompromised completion of a full life) tears.

## First Flights from New Airline



On Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, Rachel and Keith Teague and some of their associates in the new flying service, *Fresh Air*, met the public at the Municipal Airport to talk about their plans and offer free rides in their planes. People came and went throughout the day, with an average of forty or so present at any one time. The Teagues were bursting with confidence, feeling that the combination of an increase in the building of new homes on Beaver Island and their willingness to provide additional services to the public bode well for their success. They know that the previous attempt at starting a

rival airline some fifteen years ago was quickly abandoned, but they stick by the results of their research—"and besides," as Rachel said, "that wasn't us."

Another factor that could help their business is that a round trip ticket will cost only \$85—and \$80 for bookings made at least seven days in advance.

Ten days later, the new flying service began hauling passengers back and forth to Beaver Island, using three pilots (Keith Teague, Derek DeRuiter, and Mark Wilkie, who is also in charge of aircraft maintenance) in their new (a pair of 1983 Partenavias), fast (145 knots

cruising; 12 minute time), and fully IFR-certified 6-passenger planes—as well as doing charter flights. Their Charlevoix office is on Bridge Street across from the airport; they shuttle cars to the Airport's parking lot and customers to the plane, and then shuttle arrivals directly to their car. On the Island they can arrange for a taxi, or book a rental car for their passengers. They are using the office in the terminal at the Municipal Airport, which is farther from town but closer to the homes on the west side—and the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop, with its new expanded schedule, only a short walk away.

## Former Islander wins Several Awards

Signé Thomas, who taught Tap to a quarter of the BICS girl students the last few years she was here, finished her first year with the Robin Dawn Academy of Performing Arts' *Legends Dance Competition Team* by bringing home two 1<sup>st</sup>-place awards from the high-level Showbiz National Dance Competition in Daytona, Florida. This competition lasted 7 days and included dancers from all over the nation competing in various forms of dance. She is the daughter of Bill and Eula Thomas, and the granddaughter of Bill and Ruth Thomas of Traverse City, MI and of Elsie and the late John Ferguson of West Liberty, KY.

Miss Thomas entered two categories: a solo tap routine and a group jazz number. She won a 1<sup>st</sup> for *LOVE*, her solo tap, as well as a 1<sup>st</sup> for *HAREM*, a large line jazz production number. In getting ready to compete at the Nationals, the *Legends* entered dance competitions throughout the year, winning many. Signé herself won several top



awards: *On Stage America* (Platinum); *On Tour Dance Challenge* (Gold); *Primetime Dance* (Diamond); *Hall of Fame* (Platinum), plus several others, which included 6 trophies, 15 plaques,

several pins, and numerous ribbons.

The *Legends* also danced in various productions throughout the year, including a well-received ballet version of *The Wizard of Oz* in Ft. Myers, and performed at the Galaxie Theater in Orlando's Disney World.

Signé developed a love for theater during her Island time, and represented Southwest Florida District 6 with a monologue in the Thespian Regional Competition, where she received an Excellence Award. She won 'Best Supporting Actress' for her role as 'Laura' in *The Glass Menagerie*, and was inducted into the International Thespian Society at the Thespian Awards Banquet in May at Mariner High.

Thanks in part to the high academic standards imposed during her seven years in the Island school, she earned an A+ (4.12 GPA) average in Mariner's rigorous Honors program, and tied for the top position out of over 600 9<sup>th</sup>-grade students.



## A Few Words about Homecoming

For many people the high point in the busy summer season is Homecoming, and not just because it signifies that fall, with its greater opportunities for relaxing, is close at hand. Since 1932, when the local businesses organized to draw Beaver's distant sons and daughters back to their home turf, this has been the time to return and compare notes with those who have also had to depart,

and see if anything had changed.

For decades the answer was no; a static Beaver Island was the one thing that could be counted on in a world rushing to outgrow itself. In those years it was easy for this place to evoke geysers of memories; after all, the scene was pretty much the same. But less than twenty years ago, the Island was dropped into gear and began to catch up

with the outside world, and even, in some cases, pull a nose ahead. Yet the distant Islanders still came, demonstrating that the appeal wasn't the props, but the people themselves.

At the onset it seemed necessary to provide ample recreational opportunities. So boat races and horse races and shooting contests and parades were put on the schedule, and all the participants had a



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wonderful time. Plays and concerts were staged. Prizes were won, and splendid trophies awarded. But after awhile the brain trust realized that all the folderol wasn't needed; the people were coming to see each other, because seeing their old friends was like holding a mirror up unto themselves. Here, once again, was the fixed point common to all, from which any future 'progress' could be measured.

Yet as the returnees happily greeted each other, they began to feel that the distance itself they had achieved from their roots was not progress at all.

Sure, events are still scheduled: the Bud McDonough Softball Tournament (in its 31<sup>st</sup> year, McDonough's team, once the continuous odds-on favorite, finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, behind the Flight Deck in 1<sup>st</sup> and Ryan Smith Construction and the

Emerald Isles Gallery's team in 2<sup>nd</sup>) and the Homecoming Dinner and Dance. And everyone enjoys them immensely. But the real pleasure of Homecoming comes from the freedom to stand tall and proud as Beaver Islanders. That's the meaning of all those smiles that light up all six by thirteen miles; "hey, I'm a Beaver Islander," they signal, "and by gosh I can plainly see that you are too."



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## Observations from the advice booth



Looking around at the Beaver Island Music Festival this year, I was struck by the sheer amount of ear-to-ear grins on kids from six to much, much older than sixty.

Has it really been four years since the Burtons first opened their property to a bunch of mirth makers and earth quakers?

Man, has the Beaver Island Music Festival grown up. From one band and a flatbed trailer to fourteen acts on two stages filling the air with sweet music over two days. It's funny what you can get accomplished with 363 days of hard work—hats off to Dan, Carol, and all the volunteers who made this year's festival a reality, and a success.

Friday evening kicked off with a little Island flavor, courtesy of

*What Four*, dipping into a sampler platter of pop-rock that had the crowd tapping their feet and singing along with tunes they knew and humming to the ones they didn't.

"Beans" followed along in full swashbuckling fashion, playfully reciting the pirate alphabet as the faithful flock shook their gourds off and answered his calls with hearty arrghs of their own. *Simplicity's* Friday night set was a Bob Dylan acoustic tribute with all the bells, whistles, and brand-new leopard skin pillbox hats. Dance was the call and dance was the response.

The *Ragbirds* flat-out stole the festival, and while no charges have been formally pressed, they are being considered at the highest levels. Their

world-beat meets Celtic-fused poly-rhythms had everyone, and I mean everyone, in a festive spirit.

The night was out when P-a-u-l and the *Harper Woods Heroes* took the stage for some blistering blues rock, and blister it did: there were calls for lidocaine and beta dyne all over the festival grounds. *Back Forty* gave everyone who remained a real foot-stomping, hand-clapping, yodel-yelling goodtime.

The whoops and hollers were put to bed and the stars made a blanket for everyone to sleep under. I myself saw more than one vision of sugarplum fairies but dismissed them as fireflies. Saturday kicked off with the *Sowa Brothers Band* making their second appearance on the BIMF stage; what a difference a year makes, these guys have an excellent blend of energy and skill, and the thronging Island kids who came out to support them were



## Green Slime Returns

It almost sounds like a science fiction thriller: several of my friends on the Island have been asking what to do about the algae on their beaches and in the shallow water and causing a very unpleasant organic odor. They consider me a probable resource because of my educational and profes-



sional background in environmental sciences, specifically, a Master's Degree in Water Resource Management from the University of Michigan. Initially, I had no specific answers for

why we are seeing this current algae bloom so I began reviewing some of the recently published scientific articles on the topic. I will share some information and recommend an action plan. Unfortunately, there appears to be no quick fix, but we

have to start somewhere.

### What is this awful stuff?

The culprit is algae, which can be green, such as *Cladophora*, or it can be blue-green. Algae are plants or



plantlike organisms that can contribute to degraded water quality. Stimulated to grow rapidly by excess nutrients, such as phosphorus, algae are aesthetically unpleasant, and in large quantities can cause the die-off of fish by consuming oxygen from the water as they die and decay. The

'death' of Lake Erie in the 1960s was largely caused by excess nutrients and algae. And what causes a large algae bloom? Basically, an excess amount of phosphorus from fertilizers, human

photographs by Dick Burris



anything but disappointed.

*Hogan Says* rollicked through a set of original rock and jazz that heated up an already hot afternoon. Next up was Eric Glatz for some sweet guitar. He tore thru a set of originals and standards like the adopted son of Chet Atkins balancing honey on a wire.

'Beans' took the stage for an encore performance joined by old pals Fin and the Whistler; he had everyone eating out of his hook/hand.

The *Ragbirds* showed their strengths once again filling the stage with music that seemed to flow through everyone in attendance.

Ernie Douglas, who split his time as performer, mighty master of ceremonies, raffle arbiter, and all around nice guy, took the stage for an hour plus of tasty covers and tastier originals, drawing audience members to participate in his tragic/comedic mini opera, the *Coyote Suite*.

The evening was met by long-time Island star and native son Ed Palmer as he and his friends rolled through a set of traditional favorites; though impeded by some technical difficulties, he was enjoyed by young and old.

Changing gears, BIMF returnees *L.L.E.* jammed out on its cool form of modern classic rock, referencing the sixties as filtered through the youth of today into an amalgam that blended in like it was there all along.

Things really got going when Joddy Crosswhite and the *Prisoners of Paradise* took up right where they left off last year. Backed with a tight rhythm section, the *Prisoners* showed what Island music is all about: "Hey I know that song but I never thought about it that way before, but yes I will always think of it that way now." Luminescence, promise, glory for the road that took you to where you are right now.

Chops, *Simplicity's* got 'em, and

these festival originals returned for an electric set of original material that showed intelligence in complete harmony with the absurd. Songs of all night stands and a life on the lam had the crowd demanding more.

So the only question that remained was, "What's up with the *Natives of the New Dawn*?" Everyone who stayed for the end was treated to a show by a band on the brink of something bigger. Hip-hop elements and seventies soul classics jumbled into a tribute to growing up in Michigan. "You will sing along" they shouted from the stage, more as an observation than a demand, and it was summertime. Sum sum summertime.

A success, a blast, a time to say we can do this, together, and together the like-minded souls of the BIMF raised One Thousand Dollars for the Beaver Island Volunteer Fire Department.

Good work folks, see ya next year. Cheers. — Bayard Kurth III

use, as well as animal and human wastes, which can degrade water, deplete oxygen and stimulate the growth of algae.

### History

Most of us remember the late 1960s and 1970s when Lake Erie was just about 'dead' as a result of pollutants and algae growth.



agricultural runoff, and use of laundry detergents containing phosphorus. Lake Erie and the other Great Lakes were cleaned up after phosphorus in laundry detergents was controlled through state laws; the algae blooms were diminished



some of Beaver Island's rocky beaches, as well as elsewhere. Besides the foul smell, the algae may have a negative impact on recreation, which can affect the summertime Island economy. As the algae and trapped organisms decay in the sun, they generate a pungent septic odor that people may

Research linked these algae blooms to high phosphorus levels in the water, related to human activities such as fertilizing lawns, poorly maintained septic systems, inadequate sewage treatment,

and the Great Lakes became a national success story!

Unfortunately, history seems to be repeating itself, and we are plagued with a soupy, stinky algae bloom on

confuse with sewage. However, most of the algae that we see here are probably the green *Cladophora* variety, which does not present a human health risk. *Continued on page 46, see Green Slime*

**What is this Green Slime?** from page 45.

There is a potential for increased coliform bacteria from gull fecal material, since the decaying mats of algae may contain crabs and other foodstuffs that attract gulls. Specific reasons for the current algae bloom are unknown but may include increased nutrient inputs (phosphorus), increased water clarity, increased water temperature, and changing lake levels. Research reports on the role of each of these factors are beginning to appear.

Another cause for the increasing algae may be the zebra and *quagga* mussels invasion. Algae growth may be escalating as the mussels enhance the availability of phosphorus while also increasing water clarity. These mussels filter the water along rocky shorelines, increasing light penetration deeper into the lakes. Cladophora algae attach to the mussels living on the rocks, as well as to the rocks, and are released by wind or storms. Large mats of algae then wash ashore and carry along mussels and other small crustaceans. This food source attracts waterfowl, and as the mat decays, it becomes a large area of foul-smelling material with possible high concentrations of bacteria.

**Quagga mussels become more worrisome than zebra mussels**

Quagga mussels, a close relative of the zebra mussel, are an even bigger threat to the Great Lakes. They have almost annihilated zebra mussels. Quaggas have out-competed the zebras in places where their natural growth range overlaps. They also colonize the deep, cold areas of the lake where the zebras cannot survive, and mega-filter

the water, presenting water clarity up to a few hundred feet. This leads to algae blooms in deep water, as well as near shore. "With quaggas becoming established, it's a different situation," says Tom Nalepa, a researcher at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. "The changes occurring to Lake Michigan are going to be more significant because the mussel biomass is much greater." In 2000, Nalepa says, his survey showed an average of 899 zebra mussels per square meter of lake bottom at 160 sites. Quagga mussels now average 7,790 per square meter of lake bottom. "It's amazing," Nalepa says. "It doesn't matter whether it's shallow or deep, its pretty much all quaggas."

**Blue-Green Algae**

Some algae can produce toxic substances that could kill fish, small animals, or pets. Public health concerns are also a significant factor. The Muskegon Chronicle reported in 2004 that some of the algae blooms in Muskegon Lake contained toxic microcystins. It isn't known whether we have blue-green algae around Beaver Island, but it pays to be cautious if you or your pet are in the water around any algae. Practice good hygiene and wash off because bacteria can be carried in the algae.

**Phosphorus is turning our blue lakes green**

In the 1970s Michigan was a pioneer in the control of phosphorus from laundry detergents. These controls played a major role in the cleanup of the lakes. But dishwashing detergents have

no such control and can contain up to 17 times as much phosphorus as laundry detergents. More of us now have dishwashers, which play a role in the Great Lakes algae blooms. Even shampoos and hand soap contain phosphorus. One pound of phosphorus can stimulate the growth of 500 pounds of algae! This is a huge loophole in our ability to control algae growth.

We need to lobby for amending the law regarding phosphorous content to also include dishwashing detergents. Shampoos and hand soaps should be included. Use low-phosphate detergents and shampoos. Look for products with 2.0% or less phosphates and buy those brands. Tell the store managers where you shop to stock phosphorus-free dishwasher detergents, as well as shampoos and hand soaps.

**Other sources of phosphorus**

The sources of phosphorus are multi-faceted. We need to reduce the use and runoff of phosphorus fertilizers. Your lawn fertilizer should be phosphorus free. Our soil has enough natural phosphorus that no more is needed. When you buy lawn fertilizer, look for the phosphate number on the bag.

As the 2006 Beaver Island Master Plan states, "Beaver Island will remain a place that reveres the natural environment and wishes to pass it along to future generations with little alteration." We want Beaver Island, the State of Michigan, and the Great Lakes to continue to be a water wonderland. We all share a responsibility in protecting and restoring the Great Lakes clean water heritage. — Nancy Peterson

**Needle Notes**

The extremely informal groups known as THE NEEDLERS have moved to the Parsonage of the BI Christian Church. *Needlers* meet the first and third Thursdays of the month from 10 am until 2 pm.

There are no rules, no officers, no formal meeting, no dues ... just bring your UFOs (unfinished objects) and a sack lunch.

Come for as little or as long as your schedule allows. We offer help with techniques and patterns, commiseration and perhaps a solution for problems, and lavish praise on all accom-

plishments. All skill levels and all types of needle work are represented. Everyone is welcome to drop by the Parsonage and join us for some needle time. Next meetings will be September 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, October 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

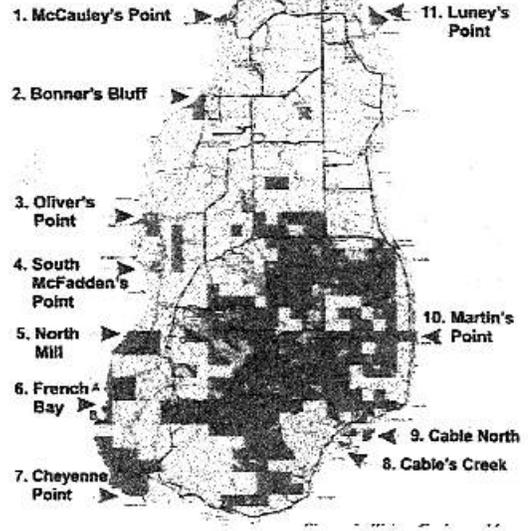
The 'Talking Threads' quilt group has been busy this summer selling tickets for the 2006 Raffle Quilt. The raffle quilt and other projects of members have been on display at the BI Library for the past several weeks.

The drawing for the quilt will be held at the Fireman's Picnic, September 3, 2006 at 7:30 pm.

The quilters have regular meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 1:30 pm and on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm. The meetings are currently being held at the Peaine Township Hall. Dues are \$10 per year, and all skill levels are welcome. Several members will be working on Christmas Tree skirts, and plans will soon begin for the next raffle quilt project. Any quilter or wanna-be-quilter is encouraged to attend the meetings.

Be sure to get your raffle ticket!

— Kathy Ruis



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Geneserath/Cable Bay	Residential	15-012-575-033-00	33	Peaine	\$ 45,000.00
Cable Bay	Residential	15-012-575-034-00	34	Peaine	>
Cable Bay	Residential	15-012-575-035-00	35	Peaine	
Geneserath/Cable Bay	Residential	15-012-575-036-00	36	Peaine	\$ 45,000.00
Cable Bay	Residential	15-012-575-037-00	37	Peaine	>
Cable Bay	Residential	15-012-575-038-00	38	Peaine	
Near B.I. Airport	Residential	15-012-119-001-00	40 Acres	Peaine	\$ 105,000.00
Garden Isle Harbor	Residential	15-013-211-014-00	3.4 Acres	St. James	\$ 350,000.00

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## Real Estate, For Rent

**COTTAGE BETWEEN THE SHORES** – Conveniently located 1 block from harbor district, yet tucked away on McDonough Rd. 2 king, 1 double, 1 twin, 2 sleeper sofas. Fully equipped kitchen & laundry facilities. Linens and towels provided. Arbor deck with hammock swings and gas grill. \$750/weekly. Call Beth Anne @ (989) 561-5079 or (989) -330-9528.

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**HARBOR HOUSE** - Weekly Rental Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, pet friendly, \$800.00/week. Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597.

**BEAVER SANDS BEACH HOME** - Located on Sand Bay, beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront home: 3 bdrms; sleeps 8; 2 full baths; w/dry; full kitchen, including dishwasher and micro; wonderful sunrise views with sandy beach & safe swimming, screened porch & large deck, everything included. Prime weeks open. Call Nancy: (810) 227-2366 or nrosso@hotmail.com.



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## 2006 Soccer Schedule

Friday, Sept. 8 @ Mackinac Island  
Saturday, Sept. 9 @ Mackinac Island  
Friday, Sept. 15 Hannahville  
Saturday, Sept. 16 Hannahville  
Friday, Sept. 22 Paradise  
Saturday, Sept. 23 Paradise  
Friday, Sept. 29 Munising Baptist  
Saturday, Sept. 30 Munising Baptist  
Friday, Oct. 6 Ojibwe Charter  
Saturday, Oct. 7 Ojibwe Charter  
Friday, Oct. 13 @ Grand Marais  
Saturday, Oct. 14 @ Grand Marais  
Soccer Districts Oct. 16-21  
Home games 5:00 pm Friday & 9:00 am Saturday.

## Display Ad Rates

Starter	\$ 15	B/W	\$ 25	Color
Small	\$ 25	B/W	\$ 35	Color
Standard	\$ 45	B/W	\$ 60	Color
Half Page	\$ 60	B/W	\$ 100	Color
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(231) 448-2476 or beacon@beaverbeacon.com



### LOEW'S LODGE ON LAKE

**GENESERATH** - 6 BR (queens in 4 BR, bunks in 2 BR), 2 shower baths, 2 screened porches. laundry facilities, linen and bedding provided. Fully equipped kitchen. Boat and motor available. \$1050/week. (231) 448 2809.





**HARBOR LIGHTS:** a unique log cabin looking out over Paradise Bay. Enjoy the boat traffic from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. 3 bedrooms w/ 2 queen sized beds, 2 twins and 2 twin pullouts; 1 large bath. All the amenities. Spectacular views! \$975.00 per week. (630) 834-4181 or (630) 995-0507 cell. E-mail to harborlightsbim@aol.com



**DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE:** 3 BR, 2 BA, full kitchen, W/D, fireplace, secluded patio & deck surrounded by pines and bluff and overlooking one of Beaver Island's best beaches. \$850 per week June-September; winter rates available. Call (734) 996-3973 or suziqp16@comcast.net



**THE BIRCH HOUSE ON FONT LAKE/ DONEGAL BAY ROAD:** Close to town, beautiful sunrise, fishing, and solitude. 3 bedroom (sleeps 6) and 1 1/2 bath. Phone Mary Rose @ (630) 750-7870 or email mrdoig@hotmail.com \$750.00/wk off season rates available.

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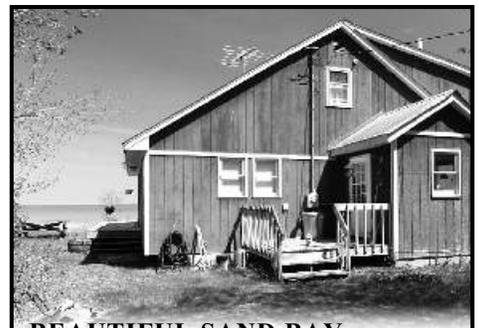
**WEEKLY RENTAL** - Harbor Beach Two-bedroom Condos. \$500/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.

**DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE** - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dpluscombe@msn.com

**DONEGAL BAY HOUSE FOR RENT** - Nice wooded location. Two BR. New kitchen. Summer: \$675. Off-season \$425. (269) 668-7892 or email nprawat@yahoo.com

**SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL** - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 3BR, great view, laundry, East Side Dr., brand new home. \$1700.00/week, available in September 2006. Call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be viewed online at [bayhaven.beaverisland.net](http://bayhaven.beaverisland.net)

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**BEAUTIFUL SAND BAY BEACH SETTING FOR RENT - THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS:** Why not enjoy the best beach on Beaver Island? This attractive cottage has 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath. Sandy beach. Screened Porch Gas Grill. \$1100/week. Call Ruth or Jackie at (231) 448-2342



**DONEGAL BAY BEACH FRONT:** New ground floor 2 bedroom, 1 bath unfurnished apartment available for yearly rental after Sept. 30 2006. Washer/Dryer/ All Kitchen Appliances are furnished with apartment/Satellite TV and Internet Ready.

Also: First and second floor furnished apartment will be available for weekly rental in 2007. NO Smoking, Pets, upon owners discretion.

Contact Doug Millar (847) 797-9406 or email me at dougmillar@comcast.net

## Calendar of Events

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Fireman's Picnic**

Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> **BIFD Propane Emergency Response** class; public invited. St. James Fire Hall, 6:30 p.m. classroom, live burn scenarios follow.

Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> - The Second Annual Beaver Island **Celtic Games**. See page 32.

Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - The Karmanos **Mammogram** Unit: 448-2275

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> - **Business After Hours Nina's at the Beaver Island Lodge 6:00 pm.** Hors D'Oeuvres provided, open bar. Chamber members and anyone interested in membership is welcome. Ray Cole will give a brief presentation on the use of the internet and the Chamber of Commerce website [www.beaverisland.org](http://www.beaverisland.org)

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> - **Bite of Beaver Island & The Island Boodle 5K Run/Walk** - Boodle entry forms: 448-2505 or [www.beaverisland.org](http://www.beaverisland.org)



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**HARBOR-LAKE FRONT:**  
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 Reduced rates for the off-season. Nice  
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*Real Estate, For Rent, continued from page 49.*  
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**WEEKLY RENTAL** - Lake front. "The  
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 pair, 1 1/2 bath. Phone Bill McDonough at  
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**WEST SIDE LAKE MICHIGAN  
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 miles from town on Mrs. Redding's  
 Trail. Very deep and private. Land con-  
 tract possible with acceptable down pay-  
 ment. Contact owner Victor Dmित्रuk at  
 (269) 207-2970 or villpsych@aol.com.

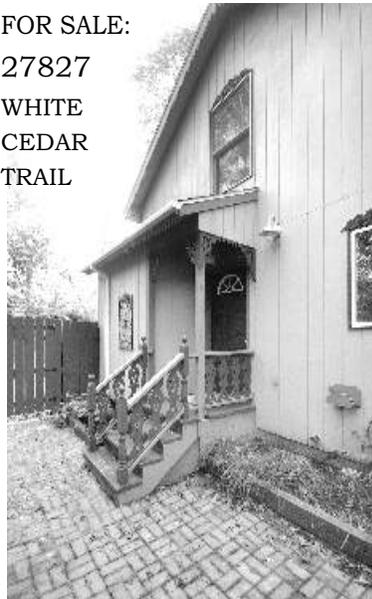


**HARBOR AREA HOUSE  
 FOR SALE**

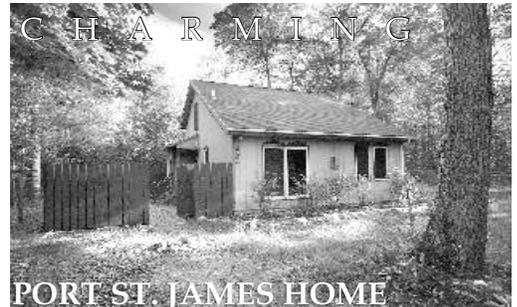
Furnished 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home  
 on large lot with seasonal view of the  
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 decks and large pole barn. Asking  
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 Toll Free Number: **1-800-268-2711**



### BEACHFRONT HOME FOR RENT:

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**BEAUTIFUL SECLUDED NEW CHALET:** Near Donegal Bay's beach. 3BR, 2Bath. MBR has garden tub. W/DR TV/VCR Grill. Upon availability, bikes & auto for your use. Sleeps 6-8. No Pets. \$790/week. Off season rates available April thru June 15 & Sept 15 thru Oct. Evenings (708) 389-0621



**ISLAND AERIE:** Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bathrooms, 4 BR w/ 2 king and 10 twin beds, large 1<sup>st</sup> floor decks, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor wet bar and deck, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor game room, all modern amenities and appliances, great for multiple families and groups. \$1600/week, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 866-2159

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**LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY** - pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: \$500. Call (734) 449-0804 or email delzey@earthlink.net

ADS: \$1/line or \$15 w. photo and www.beaver-island.com (231) 448-2476 beacon@beaverbeacon.com

**DONEGAL BAY** - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$880 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.

**PRIME N. END LOCATION** - 120' on water - Three bedroom, 2 bath, garage. Furnished. 26315 Pine St. \$324,900. Lease option. (586) 206-1099.

**BEAVER ISLAND HARBOR LOT FOR SALE** - Protected Harbor site: 60' Lake frontage by 250' deep. North of the Toy Museum. Call (231) 448-2391.

**WESTERN SHORES** - Juniper Point Lot #6 - 451' frontage/3 acres on Lake Michigan. Overlooking High Island. Winding Driveway thru Red and White Cedars. \$285,000 FSBO 3% co-broke (269) 598-8042.

**HARBOR-AREA 2-STORY HOUSE FOR SALE** - 2,688 ft<sup>2</sup> plus 2 car attached garage & full basement. 3 large bedrooms—master with private bath and walk-in closet, cathedral ceiling. 2 ½ baths. 2 decks. Approx. 1-acre corner lot. Peekaboo view of the Harbor. Potential for a bed and breakfast business. Asking: \$245,000. Owner is licensed agent. Call Jackie at (231) 448-2342.

**FOR SALE, BEAUTIFUL LARGE BUILDABLE LOT** - on the main part of Lake Geneserath. Call Julie @ (616) 566-3311 for details

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

**40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD** - Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.

**10.1 ACRES OF HARDWOODS** - with 700 feet of frontage on West Side Drive one mile north of Fox Lake. For Sale by Owner. High ground with private road and fully cleared building site. \$45,000. Call Bubba at (989) 821-5344.



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Offered at \$235,000.<sup>00</sup>

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### FOR SALE – HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:

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*PABI 'storefront' facade; Coast Guard Training Exercise; Harbor Scenes, The Barque Picton Castle.*

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