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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

St. James held its monthly Township Board meeting in early June. Supervisor Don Vyse reported that the stump grinder Darrell Butler had examined seemed promising. The price was \$140,000. Few other potential buyers are around, so the two townships, which co-manage the Transfer Station, will have time to pursue financing.

The name of the road running south off Lake Drive a few hundred feet from Lake Michigan did not satisfy the property owners, at least those of five of the seven lots accessed by it. At a previous meeting the Board chose *Downer Road*, after a previous property owner's last name (Popp), but the residents felt this name had an unpleasant association. Supervisor Vyse was sympathetic, and asked the property owners to give him some alternatives to consider.

The St. James Township attorney cautioned the Board to take action to rectify the possible privacy issues connected with *Rural EMS is Different*. The Board said Sarah McCafferty, the EMS Director, would handle it.

Kitty McNamara spoke to the Board about the School Board's intent to seek approval for a 25-year bond for rebuilding the school. She said the Board would not ask the voters to pay any additional millage, so this was the perfect time to address a long-standing awareness of the current building's problems because the new (almost four million dollar) millage, if passed,

would actually be slightly less than the expiring millage. She said that while instruction has remained top-notch, the limitations of the old design have become increasingly obvious, and are a factor in the school's declining enrollment (while the general population increased). She said the new design would be built in front of the gym, and when it was done the students would move in; then the oldest part of the current structure would be removed. The new facility would be more efficient, safer, less expensive to operate, and able to support kinds of education currently unavailable. The 14,100 ft² addition would include five classrooms, an art/music room, a computer lab, a multipurpose room, and maintenance work space. This would allow us to meet 21st century state and local program needs.

Peaine Township

The Peaine Board was excited by Darrell Butler's report on the Morbark 1300 stump grinder, which can grind up much building debris as well as stumps and branches. This machine costs over a half million dollars new. Requiring two people to operate, it has a built-in crane, a magnet to pull out nails and metal fragments, and a variety of screens to control the size of its output—which is sold for \$75/pick-up load, downstate. Consequently a grant application to the USDA for 55% (\$77,000 of \$140,000) of the cost was filed before the June 1st deadline.

The Board was considering a



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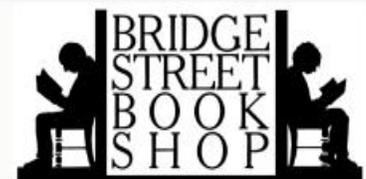
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flashing LED light at school—although part of the bond proposal would provide a loop for off-street passenger ingress and egress.

Peaine commissioned an educational DVD on “*Phragmites* Eradication Guidelines,” and now has 100 copies, which it hopes to pass around to those concerned about this infestation. It plans to spend \$2,000, plus \$3,000 from the state, on spraying at Cable’s Bay and elsewhere this fall, and hopes to gather broad support from other affected property owners.

Peaine is considering sponsoring a class on the Island that could result in local sprayers becoming certified.

The Municipal Airport hoped to receive over \$25,000 from the FAA to seal cracks in the runway and repaint the center line. The local share of this would be \$650.

John Fiegen discussed August 7th’s vote on the school rebuild bond pro-

posal. He pointed out that because of other expiring millages, passing this would actually result in a slight tax reduction. He said the operating costs of the school would go down when the jury-rigged seven furnaces are replaced by a single boiler. A private group, “Beaver Island Citizens for Quality Education,” has also taken up the cause, excited about the greater safety, security, and education that could result. The architects, BETA Design, offered five scenarios, and the one that best balanced needs with costs was #3, costwise right in the middle. The projected price of \$3,950,000 contains a 20% “Island-cost factor,” and includes all furnishings. If the measure passes, construction would begin next spring, run through the summer, and be complete by November, with a slight disruption of fall classes. All in all, he depicted this as a necessary investment in Beaver Island’s future.

NO SMOKING

On June 5th the Michigan Court of Appeals agreed with the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency that it can regulate smoking in most workplaces and public places in Antrim, Charlevoix, Emmet, and Otsego counties. Plaintiffs took their case to the Court of Appeals after the 33rd Circuit Court in Charlevoix ruled for the Health Department in August 2006. The case is now over unless the plaintiffs ask the Michigan Supreme Court to accept the case.

COCKTAIL SUCCESS

The Fourth Annual Cocktail Party sponsored by the AmVets Ladies Auxiliary was held on June 5 and was a complete success. Fifty ladies enjoyed talking. Beverages and food were provided by members of the Auxiliary.

We thank Brian Gallagher (the only male) who served as bartender. This has become an eagerly awaited event in which the women get a chance to spend an evening with friends and get to meet other women on the Island. Hope to see ya next year!

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July 5th - 2:00 p.m. at Font Lake

July 11th - 9:00 a.m. at Barney's Lake

July 18th - 9:00 a.m. at Fox Lake

July 25th - 9:00 a.m. at Font Lake

Eco-tours are also available for groups and by appointment. Call Inland Seas at (231) 448-2221, or visit www.inlandseaskayaking.com.

MUSIC ROOM MACKINAW

On Sunday, July 15th, from 11 to 2 p.m., there will be an Open House and Dedication of the new state-of-the-art Donovan Langford IV Music Room at the Beaver Island Library, and the enchanting and upgraded Sheryl Schellenberg Struik Memorial Garden. These wonderful improvements benefit us all.

The Beaver Island Boat Co. invites everyone on a 3-hour cruise to Mackinaw City on Sunday, August 5th.

\$50/person in advance; \$60 at the dock; includes donuts and coffee. The trip leaves at 7:00 a.m. and returns before 8:00 p.m. Side trips to Mackinac Island and the Kewadin Casino. Sign up at the BIBCo office.



ARRANMORE GROTTO

Since the former powerplant property is in limbo, those wishing to honor Arranmore as a primary wellspring of Beaver Island's culture have engaged

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ISLAND EVENTS

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PABI Casino Night - July 6th: come and gamble the night away. The doors at the Hall will open at 6:45, and the Games begin at 7:30. An Island-version of a U. S. O. Show will be presented twice.

Fashion Show July 12th

CMU Ribbon Cutting - July 14th 11:00

MAD Camp - (Music, Arts, Drama) July 16th-20th

Museum Week - July 16th-21st (*Center*)
Annual Ladies' Golf Tournament -

July 21st Registration forms at Golf Club.

Boyne Thunder poker run - July 21st
Beaver Island Music Festival - July 20th-21st www.bimf.net

BICAA Music Camp - July 25th-29th

BIPOA Annual Meeting July 23rd, 7:30

Baroque on Beaver - July 26th-29th (p. 4)

Rita Gillespie Blood Drive - August 2nd; let's make this the best ever!

Livingstone Gala - Aug 4th, 4:00-8:00

Mitch Ryan - Aug 2nd at 6:00 at the Gregg Fellowship Center

PABI Sunset Picnic - August 5th

Soccer Camp - August 13th-17th

Celtic Games - September 15th

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Boodle 5k/Run/Walk - October 6th



IRISH MUSIC BENEFIT

Irish music will be performed at the Holy Cross Hall at 8 p.m. on July 5, 2007. The admission will be \$10, with proceeds to benefit the Aranmore Park

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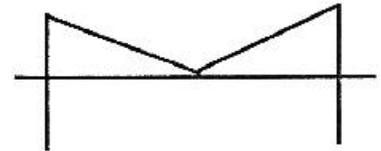
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CMU's Biological Station announced its summer Field Trips, which the Beaver Island Historical Society cosponsors. The fee is \$25. To partake, phone Pinky (448-2461) in advance.

Each trip will be limited to 28. All trips will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the CMU BioStation, and conclude at noon with a lunch in the Bio Station cafeteria.

"Sand Dune Biology" with Dr. Beth Leuck on Friday July 6.

This trip will take participants to the west side of Beaver Island for an exploration of the extensive sand dunes located there. The origin, current status, and future of the dunes will be discussed, and the flora and fauna

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A Sandhill Crane flying at the treeline near Stoney Acres' field

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“Miller’s Marsh and the Double-bluff” with Dr. Gilbert Starks on Friday

July 27.

Dr. Starks will lead a delightful trip to Miller’s Marsh Natural Area, and point out the details of the marsh’s natural history and diversity. Time permitting, the trip will head south to a unique

geological formation known as a double bluff. Dr. Starks will discuss Beaver Island’s geological history at that site.

“Beaver Island’s Inland Lakes” with Mr. Dan Benjamin on Saturday August 4.



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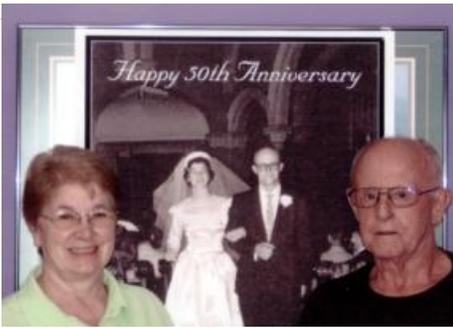


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10. FIFTY GREAT YEARS

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favorite times with the couple. After cake, all were invited back to Sharon and Vern's home for an evening of dancing and Ladder Horseshoes in the couple's back yard.



60TH

If you look back through time at the faces above, you can see the great character that has been such an important part of Beaver Island. Now we have the chance to come and help celebrate Phil and Lil Gregg's 60th wedding anniversary on July 5th at the Gregg Fellowship Center from 3:00 until 5:00.

"No gifts, please."



ERIC FOGG'S METAL WORK

Eric Fogg's company completed its most difficult project: a sculpture by Natsumi Fijisawa from Yahaba Japan, *Crossing the Ocean*, commissioned by Fremont (Yahaba's sister city).

The unveiling on June 9th culminated months of fabrication and a year of planning by the city of Fremont.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY WEDDING

The parents of Liberty, Randy, and Carla Lyons and Bob and Liz Woodward, and the parents of Trevor, Alan, and Vickie Gould, announce the marriage of their children at the United Methodist Church in Snover, MI.

A reception for 300 was held in Caro immediately following. The groom is the grandson of Dolores Gallagher and the late Peter Doney Gallagher, whose Island land went to the Little Traverse Conservancy to form the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve.



CCCF SUPPORTS BICAA'S BAROQUE 11.

On June 7th the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association was awarded \$5,150 from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to help with the summer music program planned for

July 24th-29th. CCCF president Don Spencer presented the check to BICAA treasurer Ruth Kelly as members Jane Maehr, Krys Lyle, and Deb Plastrik looked on.



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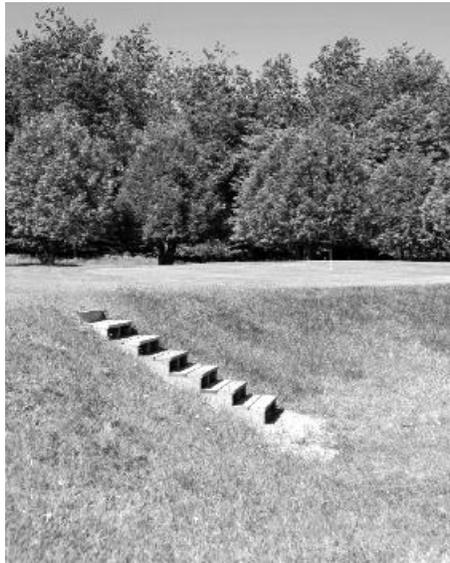
It's summer, finally. And it's golf season, finally (although some of us played a few rounds last January—call us what you may).

But now that our temperatures have warmed and the summer crowds are arriving, what can the local and visiting golfers expect?

This year that's an especially good question because John Works has been working hard at clearing, creating, and presenting us with an official driving range—protected from the elements.

"I went to Ohio last year and visited a number of driving ranges," John said of his preparations. "There were some with enclosed buildings and I said, 'That would be a neat idea for Beaver Island to extend our season.'"

John took copious photographs before returning to begin designing what is now our new covered hitting shed. John turned over the bulk of the clearing work to Jim Wojan and his fine



crew, and in one week the area just south of the seventh fairway near the green was level and ready to go. John disced and rototilled the area and planted grass seed last fall. Recently brightly-colored flags to mark the 50-

75-, 100-, 150-, 200-, and for big hitters the 225-yard distances, were put in.

Buckets of ball are available at the clubhouse.

Future plans include a new chipping area and putting green.

John most likely had my game in mind when he had two sets of steps installed in the 'Big Hole' along the right side of the fourth fairway. It will now be much easier for me to reach my ball, and climb back out again, after my next 'trip to Wisdom' (a geographic reference for those of you not familiar with western Montana—Wisdom is the lone town located in the high mountain valley known as the Big Hole, the site of a famous battle that saw Chief Joseph and his Nez Perce tribe defeat Gen. Gibbon and the 7th Infantry during the tribe's unsuccessful flight to Canada).

There are a number of ways to enjoy golf at the Beaver Island course. Green fees for nine holes are \$18 for

MITCH RYAN COMES TO TOWN

On August 2nd Mitch Ryan, M.D. will speak about his experience working with the Karen people of Burma. The community is invited to a potluck dinner at BI Christian Church at 6:00 p.m. and Mitch's presentation afterwards.

Mitch's goal is to provide health

care to some of the people in a country designated by the U.N. as having the second-worst health care in the world.

Over 1.5 million people have been forced from their homes, fleeing with what they can quickly gather up before the ruling Burmese Army reaches them

and begins shooting, burning their villages, torturing, imprisoning, and raping. They can escape into the hills and try to re-establish a home, or escape to refugee camps across the river in Thailand. A typical camp, Mae La, is home to 54,000 people in 8 square miles.



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adults and \$10 for children. Then there are package deals this summer: the Unlimited Golf package, which allows one person to play as much as desired for seven days, and the Punch Card option where you pay for 10 rounds and get one free. Of course yearly memberships are also available.

Golf carts and rental clubs along with a variety of golf-related merchandise are available at the club house.

This summer there are three golf leagues in action. On Tuesday there is a new Lady's League at 5:30 pm. The Men's League continues meeting on Wednesdays at 5:00 pm. And the traditional Thursday morning Lady's League begins play at 9:00 am.

Summer tournaments include the annual Fourth of July event, this year being held on July 3, so as to not conflict with the many Fourth activities. The 'shotgun' start for the 5-person teams will be an early 9:00 am. As



usual, this is a scramble format event. Entry fees this year are \$20 for members and \$38 for nonmembers who sign up prior to June 20. After that it will be \$25 for members and \$43 for nonmembers. Lunch will be provided after the

tournament and each participant will receive a T-shirt. Prizes will be awarded for each hole. Contact Kevin Stipp at 2871 or Buck Ridgeway at 2680 for more information.

The annual Ladies Tournament, a four-person scramble, will be held July 21 with a registration deadline of July 14. The registration fee is \$15 (plus green fee for non-members). For more information contact any of the organizers: Annette Dashiell at 2542, Ruth Igo at 2582, Doris Larson at 2470, or Nel Worsfold at 2495.

The 2nd annual Jerry Sowa Golf Outing is set for August 3. This event is a 4-person scramble. Contact Buck Ridgeway at 2680 for information.

With the season hitting full stride there's no time like today to get out and enjoy a wonderful walk around the course. For a preview round and more info go to www.beaverislandgolf.com.

— Fairway Frank

For these escaping minorities, there is virtually *no* health care. Working through Earth Mission Inc. and other non-governmental agencies, Mitch is training minority medics to help their own people. He teaches small groups of the Karen how to provide

basic health care, and supplies them with medicines and equipment.

Relief teams make trips into Burma from Thailand, carrying what food, used clothing, and medical supplies they can on their backs.

Also carried in are the hats knitted

by the Beaver Island Needlers. As of June, more than 150 hats for babies, children, and adults have been donated!

The connection between Mitch Ryan and Beaver Island? Mitch helped his parents LD and Sue build their cabin on Donegal Bay Road in 1977.

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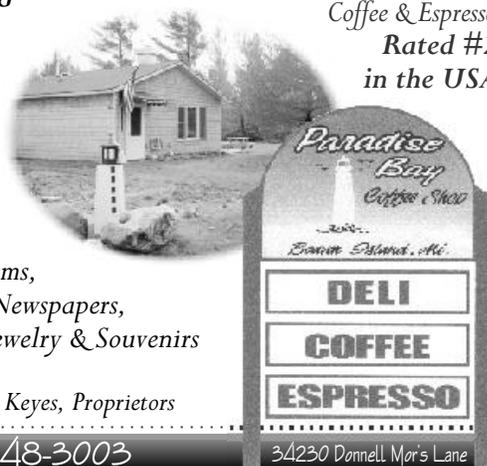
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14. THE SULLIVAN TO THE RESCUE COAST GUARD EVACUATION

The tall ship featured on the *Beacon* cover five summers ago, the *Dennis Sullivan*, recently played a vital role in the rescue of three fishermen from a boat that sank 11 miles off the Florida Coast. The *Sullivan* was monitoring transmissions from the tug, and when the situation turned dire began searching for it during a fiercestorm.

The fishing boat had overturned, and as the *Sullivan* maneuvered to get close enough to grab the men a mighty wave smashed the sinking vessel into her



side, punching a 1' hole. The schooner began taking on water, but the high school students on board used their training well, keeping the bilge pumps running to save the ship. One of the crew went over the side on a rope and installed a temporary plywood patch.

Once the three rescued fishermen were transferred to the

Coast Guard, the ship made its way back to Key West for repairs before heading to its home port of Milwaukee.

NETS FULL OF GREEN

Beaver Island residents have noticed the increasing amounts of green algae floating near the beaches, a result of UV 'cooking' of the shallow bottom due to the clarifying effect of zebra mussel proliferation. The Grand Traverse Band's Beaver Island research team has reported finding it in nets it lifted offshore. Now a report from Tom Kelly, director of the Inland Seas project (a non-profit organization whose mission is to help people of all ages experience the science and spirit of the Great Lakes through shipboard and on-shore pro-

grams) says the tall ship *Manitou*, a 114' replica of an 1800s cargo schooner, has found it out in the middle too.

Other reports of zebra mussel proliferation have found the invader attached to the above-sand wooden parts of shipwrecks, making them a threat to the increasingly-popular diving industry.

One of the *Manitou's* tasks is to trawl the lower West Traverse Bay for fish species, in conjunction with Inland Seas' classes. Since May 1st the daily 'catch' has included 75 pounds of the

stringy, slimy plants (nutrients sustaining it come from fertilizer used by homeowners and farms, but also from fecal material deposited by zebra and quagga mussels), with some lifts bringing as much as 200 pounds. The DEQ has been asked for a \$600,000 Emergency Grant to study this proliferation, and to answer questions—such as whether or not the algae mats can be harmful to animals and people—currently rumored to be the case. On the positive side, though, their life cycle pumps oxygen into the atmosphere.



AMVETS DISPOSE OF UNSERVICABLE FLAGS

On June 14th the members of AmVets Post #46 held a dual function. Once again they collected and properly disposed of tattered American flags in a ceremony that followed official protocol. Over a dozen AmVets took part, with another thirty people observing.

Following the ceremony, everyone sat down at chairs and tables set up on

the lawn of Doug and Jan Hartle's home near Whiskey Point, and enjoyed a wonderful picnic. Although everyone was hungry and vowed to sample all of the potluck offerings, only a dent could be made in the delicious spread.

As the meal progressed, a few rumblings were heard about the communication breakdown with the Fireman's

Auxiliary over the reserving of a 12' x 24' part of the new Resale Shop for the AmVets' use. At a meeting a few days later, a compromise was reached in which the AmVets would have the use of an office in the St. James Township Hall, which was vacated by the switch to more convenient quarters in the Government Building.



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16. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago An open meeting was held with Top O'Michigan (our power company at the time) executives in Peaine Hall to discuss ramifications of the coming deregulation. The bad news was that our electric rate would no longer be regulated, and our supplier may charge us the true cost of delivering power. The *true cost* was not stated, but rumor had it at 250% the actual charge. (The cable results in an 18% loss of power during transmission.) A significant part of the *true cost* could be avoided if the lines were all put underground, but at "\$10 a foot" that was beyond our reach. The power company was not interested in getting involved in a Bio-mass generating plant. On the bright side, it was announced that the cable had just been inspected and was in good shape.

On June 6th the *Emerald Isle* was launched at Boothbay Harbor, Maine. Twenty-two Islanders were on hand, including the boards of BITA and BIBCo. She was christened by Tammy McDonough, and toasted by both Rich Gillespie and Jim Wojan. Lisa Gillespie and Willy Welter rode her down, saying later, "it was almost too smooth."

Charlevoix's new Bridge Park was inaugurated.

Pat Rowley was honored for her outstanding work as our school's guidance counselor, and for having found so many scholarships for our graduates.

A special election was called in the attempt to pass a 1-mill tax for Airport improvements after it was defeated in the previous fall's general election.

Lake Michigan water levels were 21" above average.

The passing of Peter Doney Gallagher at 77 was noted. Born on Beaver Island, he served in the army and was awarded several medals during World War II. He worked off the Island afterwards, but returned to become the volunteer caretaker of the Holy Cross cemetery, where he was often seen at work. Survivors included Vickie (Alan) Gould (whose son just got married.)

Twenty Years Ago The Medical Center voluntarily gave up its designation as a hospital because of the more stringent standards being adopted by the State.

Two bids for new sidewalks in St. James were received, but both were higher than the Township could afford.

The Historical Society received a \$1,000 donation from Twyla Gamin in memory of the Cable Trading Post.

CMU Bio-station director Matt Hohn led a group of intrepid adventurers into the bogs in search of our elusive and rare orchids. When they finally found something to ooh and aah over, one trekker realized she had left her camera in her car. The way back seemed too arduous, and she felt the day was ruined; it showed on her face,

so her friend offered to go back for it, and did. But in crossing a swale of pure mud her dead log gave way, and she fell in, "up to her belt buckle." Undaunted, she kept going, got the camera, and made it back. The savior? Jo Hooker.

Jackie Timsak won the raffle for a color TV at the Fireman's Ball.

Dave and Wanda Roop opened the Stoney Acre Grill. Daddy Franks replaced *Tootsie's Pilot House*.

Softball games were scheduled every Sunday afternoon.

Neal Boyle agreed to make and install signs for the West Side and Fox Lake Roads.

Roger Ricksgers reported that in 1951 Smalley Daniels donated one acre of land SW of the Jewell Gillespie Park.

Island-born and bred Mary Gatliff celebrated her 90th birthday with a party at the Parish Hall.

The Island School graduated four: Dana Gillespie, Ernest Martin, Jane Petrak, and Chris Speck.

Thirty Years Ago Seventeen descendants of James Jesse Strang descended on Beaver Island to witness James Damman, the Lt. Governor of Michigan, dedicate a sign commemorating the Mormon Print Shop, which they had underwritten. It had been a museum for 20 years.

A legal specialist for the State hosted an open meeting to explain why the Island had lost its library services,



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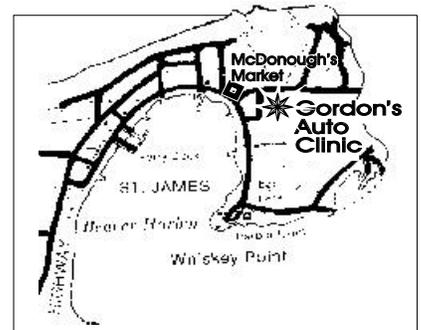
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and what it had to do to get them back: 1) have a library that's open some specified hours all year; 2) have a resolution passed by both townships to create a single library district; and 3) have a librarian with either certification or a college degree. The specialist strongly recommended that the Island take prompt action because the regulations were to be upgraded again in the fall.

The passings of Mary Early and Raymond Connaghan were noted. Mary (Gallagher) Early was 100 years old. She had been born in Ireland, and at 4 came with her parents to Beaver. She married Patrick Early in 1919; he passed away in 1950, but she stayed on for seven years until moving to Clifford to live with Peter Gallagher. Raymond Connaghan was born in St. James in 1913, and lived in Chicago for several years while working on the boats before moving back to live with his mother.

Forty Years Ago Hog Island was yielding good catches of smallmouth bass in its western bays. The pike were biting at Lake Geneserath and panfish at Barney's, but the *Beacon* advised crossing off Fox Lake on one's fishing list, at least for this year. Nice catches of jumbo perch were being reeled in from the docks in the harbor.

The Civic Association sponsored a boat parade for Independence Day, the first such regatta in many years. Eight boats took part, with Clyde Fogg's

Foggy taking first prize. The Pittman's canoe, which had a hard time keeping up, was given an honorable mention. Other events included a parachute jump by Bob Donley; winds blew him off course, and he landed waist-deep in a swamp behind the DNR building.

Jim Sawtelle, of Charlevoix's *Shipwrecks Unlimited* and an originator of local "shipwreck furniture," announced he had found a 240-year-old+ wreck in shoal waters. He raised the rudder onto his pontoon boat and brought it to St. James, where it was loaded on Phil Gregg's *Eager Beaver* for shipment to Charlevoix.

A \$20 reward was offered for information about who pulled up the plants at the Museum's flower bed.

Coastguardsman John Coppens, who served his first hitch on Beaver Island, retired. He met and married Mae Gallagher here.

Msgr. Victor Gallagher made a special point to visit Arranmore on his tour of Ireland. He met many people related to Beaver Islanders, such as the sister of Mike McCauley, who had come here to see his grave. "It's a friendly, relaxed, easygoing place to visit," he said.

For months Beaver Island tried to get permission to install a homing beacon at the airport, to no avail. But when Congressman Phil Ruppe visited Charlevoix, Jewell Gillespie grabbed him by the ear and politely asked him to

get this done. Ruppe asked for a phone and called the F.C.C. When he had finished talking, he grabbed Jewell by the ear and told him it was a done deal.

Fifty Years Ago The Beaver Island Homecoming was expected to be featured in the *Chicago Tribune*.

Sixteen women attended a cooking demonstration in the Parish Hall by Clare Brown, representing the Conservation Extension Work of the State.

Scout troops began arriving in early June for extended camping in the wilderness.

Reports arrived of four- and five-pound bass being caught in Lake Geneserath, and a three pound six ounce from Barney's.

The Civic held a picnic at the Ball Diamond, and awarded Isabel Kenwabikise a birdbath for having made the greatest improvement in her family's yard.

Dennis Doherty, cousin of Frank O'Donnell, arrived from Donegal to visit his numerous Beaver Island relatives and friends. "More people speak of this place in Ireland than they do in Michigan," he stated.

A number of Islanders visited Charlevoix to witness the dedication of a bronze plaque near the breakwall, which purported to honor the Mormon colony on Beaver. (Note: decades later, this plaque was taken down because its language was judged to be insulting.)



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After several years of *Meet the Artist*, in which various artists appeared, one or two at a time, at her gallery, Livingstone Studio, owner and artist Sue Thomson is taking a different approach this year: having them all come at once! Previously the most fun was the interaction between artists as they came to one another's shows, so this year will have a large gathering of artists, a celebration of summer, and a demonstration of many

diverse and creative talents, from painting and sculpture to jewelry and pottery. And the whole town is invited!

The date for this Gala is August 4th, from 4:00 until 8:00. There'll be wine, hors d'oeuvres, music and an impressive gathering of artists: Janine Andrew, Char Bickel, Jim Blanchard, Mary Blocksma, Abby Fogarty, Ellen Hill, Krys Lyle, Judy McBride, Larissa McGinnity, Joane McIntyre, Bill McNerney, Marcia

Mannisto, Nancy Newman, Nancy Peterson, Tom Richards, Cindy Ricksgrers, Tom and Vickie Rockwell, Beth Scully, Lois Stipp, Marc Tenser, Jim Thomson, Kathleen Weltsin, and Susan Wright.

Will there be door prizes? There would be, except there are no doors. So, the prize will be the interaction with this talented group, the core artists who work so hard ten months of the year just to show us their work and gauge our smiles.



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BLOCKSMA AT MONTAAGE

Montaage has done us all a favor by bringing in a sequence of artists for us to enjoy. This July they'll feature our old friend and former 9-year-Islander Mary Blocksma, whose artistic development has taken another full step forward since she was last here.

Recently, she's finished two sequences of surprising affordable paintings. One was stimulated by several Florida winter escapes and a month-long

art residency in Costa Rica, which she calls her Paradise South work. Then, commissions from Ray and Nina Cole at the Beaver Island Lodge and from Liz Laneer at Montaage got her painting Beaver Island again, in watercolor and acrylic, an eclectic collection of large and small pieces that betray her greed for everything Island. This series is her Paradise North.

Preparing for her Montaage show,

she stretched her first canvas (for a work called McCauley's Point). She painted two panoramas. She painted a pig she found in the woods across from the CMU Biological Station, sailboats in the harbor, gulls on the shore, her favorite harbor flower boxes, water, and sky: Everything she misses when she's not here.

To those who thought she was good before, one of her fans proclaimed, "You haven't seen anything yet!"



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The Community Choir, under the direction of Kathy Speck, will begin singing at 1:00. The parade will kick off at 2:00 with the thunderous BOOM of John Works Jr.’s replica Civil War cannon. Luther Kurtz and his team from *Sky Dive Beaver Island* will jump at 2:00 as well, trailing red white and blue smoke, and landing at the public beach.

A note about the cover: always before, the *Beacon* has featured a cover photo from the current month, but we always regretted not running the ‘Harbor fireworks’ shots last year. One of this series has been used by the

Paul Welke will lead a 4-plane flight from Island Airways performing the Missing Man Formation at 2:15. In case of rain, the parade start will be delayed.

Following the parade again this year, the **annual 4th of July Carnival** will be held on the Green (by the Jewell Gillespie Public Beach) — with new games, old games, and the Dunk Tank (Principal Kitty McNamara will lead the line up of dunkees for the public to take a shot at, along with Mariann Brown, a number of high school students, and a few choice community members!) The Bounce House will

Chamber for their business directory and visitor guide cover the past two years. As we started to write about the Island receiving a half page feature in *Interlude* magazine in the June 2007 issue, which featured a photo shot just a couple

again be featured, as well as arts and crafts by the local artisans, and a snack tent. The 7th grade will be operating the food area, raising funds for next year’s trip to Washington DC.

“We hope to make this the best carnival ever!” the crew announced.

The **Clyde Fogg Memorial Fourth of July Boat Parade** begins at dusk on the harbor. Those wishing to qualify for the trophy should preregister with Lisa Vance-Gillespie at her shop or call her at 448-2888. The entry fee is \$10 per boat, with proceeds going toward the fireworks fund.

seconds after this one, we realized this should be our cover for this year’s Fourth of July. So it is! Next month we’ll return you to your regularly scheduled current-month cover, but for now, let’s all sit back and enjoy the fireworks!

THE BIG NEILS ARE COMING THUNDER

The descendants of ‘Big Neil’ Gallagher, one of the early important settlers of Beaver Island, are planning a small reunion (about 20) on July 9th and would like to invite anyone connected to this family, or having stories to tell about its role in Island life, to join in. They’re

arriving on July 8th and are all staying at the Emerald Isle Hotel. They have planned a luncheon at the Beachcomber on Monday at 11:30, after which some of them will tour the Island. For information, email spwitt@verizon.net, or phone 310-920-3748.

If you enjoy watching powerboats skim over the lake, don’t miss Boyne Thunder on July 21st. The boats plan to poke into Paradise Bay mid- to late-morning to pick up their card before racing out to the next port. And the poker run benefits Camp Quality Michigan.

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TARA'S MEADOW

"Everything the Power of the World does is done in a circle. The Sky is round and I have heard that the Earth is round like a ball and so are the Stars. Even the seasons form a great circle in their changing, and . . . the life of a man is a circle from childhood to childhood." - Black Elk, Lakota Sioux.

On Saturday June 23rd, 40 people gathered in a circle down at Tara's Meadow to celebrate the onset of summer. They were hosted there by 8 teenagers, 7 from St Jude's Episcopal Youth Group of Fenton Michigan, and our very own Brighid Gillespie-Cushman.

Together these youths beautifully decorated the space to welcome other Islanders and mainlanders for the May Pole dance. These 14- and 15-year-olds had spent the prior week exploring Beaver Island and themselves; delving

into Irish Celtic, Native American, and Christian traditions of the circle, the medicine wheel, and the Celtic Cross. They were enthusiastic about what they had learned and fash-

ioned by themselves, proudly displaying their own 'flint-knapped' arrow points from obsidian, and explaining the significance of their willow hoop 'life shields' (symbolizing family support, friends, personal expression, health and balance) to anyone who would listen. Saturday was their moment to celebrate their achievements with other folks looking on.

So the teenagers led the way, inviting all comers to stand up and join in Saint Patrick's prayer, put into beautiful motion. Next, drummer Teague

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26. Whalen led everyone in an energetic African welcoming song. Visitors of all ages were responsive, joining in the fun. The high point was when everyone – from toddlers to elders — tied on their colorful ribbons and raised

up the May Pole, dancing to the music of Joe Moore, Cindy Gillespie-Cushman, and Teague Whalen, coming closer and closer together as their ribbons intertwined. It was a warm-hearted celebration of life's learnings at Tara's Meadow

that day. Before Saturday's visitors arrived, these teens had learned that you could achieve your dreams no matter how challenging from Michigan adventurer and North Pole explorer Kerri Finlayson. Kerri's slideshow and story



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of her climb to Mt Kilimanjaro, and of her all-women's ski trek to the North Pole, inspired both girls and boys to dream a little bit bigger. They imagined what their own adventures might be, and wrote them down in their journals. They

navigated on a wilderness hike to a pristine lake shore, and they even spent hours alone in nature during a 'solo time' experience that surprised and relaxed them all. By the time Saturday's festivities rolled around it was time for

these teens to savor and celebrate, 27. welcoming others into their circle. And it was in this circle that everyone learned the secrets of the May Pole dance in joining us all closer together as community. — JimNorgaard



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28. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, July 4, 1907 **Local News:** "Rev Fr. Paschal Foerster O. S. F., the past two years the Catholic superior at St. James, has been ordered to the Petosky monastery to await assignment to another parish. His assistant, Rev. Fr. Norbert, has been appointed to succeed him, and a young priest will be appointed assistant."

"The steamer *Beaver* is now on her daily run to St. James, leaving here at 8:15 a. m., arriving St. James 11:30. Returning, leave St. James 1:30, arriving Charlevoix, 4:30. This is one of the finest trips in the straits region. St. James has a good hotel, and there are many things on the Island to interest the visitor."

Beaver Island News: "Miss Eva Gibson returned home from Bay City a few days ago."

"The barge *M. Sicken* discharged a cargo of coal here for A. Booth & Co."

"Miss Rose Banile of Manistee is visiting her sister, Mrs. John S. Green."

"The tug *McCann* will be laid up for two or three weeks for repairs."

"Miss Rose Galbraith of Boyne City, spent a few days on the Island last week."

"Frank Almsburgh has purchased the Bridget Gallagher home just south of

town."

"Miss Bea Gallagher returned from Manitowoc where she spent the winter."

"Mr. Peter Allers of South Haven is spending a few days here with his parents."

"Miss Clara Gallagher of Manistee is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Bonner."

"W. E. Stephens is enjoying a visit from his mother, Mrs. John Stephens of Manistee."

"Mrs. Gus Milkey (sic) returned home from a two weeks visit with friends in South Haven."

"Miss Elizabeth Green returned from Chicago last week. She was accompanied by her sister Sarah whose husband died a few months ago."

"Mrs. J. C. Gallagher and Mrs. Tim Roddy are enjoying a visit from their sister, Mrs. Bernard Shied whom they have not seen in seventeen years."

"Jim Rosburg, employed at one of the lumber camps, had his leg so badly shattered by the falling of a tree that it will necessitate amputation."

"Rev. Fr. Paschal Foerster has received orders that he will be transferred to another parish. He leaves this week for Petosky to await further instructions. Dur-

ing his short stay with us the Rev. Father has made many friends, who will be sorry to see him removed."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, July 11, 1907 **Local News:** "W. W. Boyle, of St. James, was in town Tuesday."

"Positively there is no finer trip in the straits region than that to St. James, Beaver Island, on the steamer *Beaver*. The Beaver Hotel, with its famous broiled whitefish is an ideal place to stop, and there are more natural beauty spots about St. James than any place we know of, outside of Charlevoix. The *Beaver* now makes daily trips."

"R. W. Kane went to Beaver Island this morning on legal business."

"W. E. Stephens and W. J. Gallagher came over from Beaver Island Monday and went to Traverse City. Mr. Stephens is after fifty men to work for the Beaver Island Lumber Co.."

Beaver Island News: "Miss Sophia Boyle goes to the Soo this week on a vacation."

"Archie Lafreniere and wife are visiting friends at Petosky."

"P. S. Sheridan of Grand Rapids is here looking up timberland."

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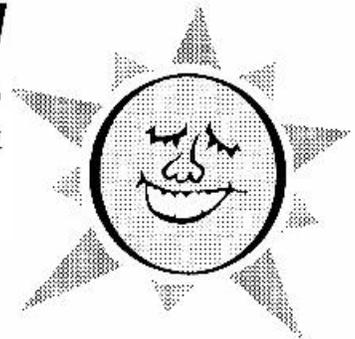
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transacted business here this week.”

“Misses Lillian and Anna Green spent the 4th on the Island.”

“Mr. Cooper, the Charlevoix Photographer, is here this week taking views.”

“Ray McDonald took a load of fish to Cheboygan Monday returning Wednesday.”

“James O'Donnell, from Ireland, is here visiting his uncle, Dan P. Gallagher.”

“Will Gilden has accepted a position as assistant engineer on the steamer *Gordon*.”

“Ed. Pratt and son and Miss Hattie Gallagher have gone to Lorane (sic), Ohio, on a visit to Mr. Pratt's former home.”

“Mrs. John Floyd and daughter Elizabeth left by the str. *Hart* for a two weeks visit with friends at Manistique.”

“Frank O'Donnell who has been in Chicago for some time having his eyes treated, returned home last week much improved.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, July 18, 1907 **Local News:** “W. E. Stephens of St. James, was in town Tuesday.”

“The tug *Elliot*, of St. James, is

hauled out at Washburn's yard for repairs.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, July 18, 1907 **Local News:** “Prof. H. J. Cox, in charge of the U. S. Weather Bureau at Chicago, which includes all of Lake Michigan, arrived here today on his annual inspection trip. On Friday he goes to St. James to inspect that station.” (Note: H.J. Cox, Chgo. appears in the Beaver Hotel Register)

“Prosecuting Attorney Clink and Sheriff McWain went to Beaver Island Tuesday on official business.” (Note: Frank McWain, Boyne City and E. N. Clink, East Jordan appear in the Beaver Hotel Register)

“Dr. A. M. Wilkinson, of St. James, spent Sunday in town with relatives.”

Beaver Island News: “Miss Margaret Gallagher is visiting friends in Escanaba.”

“The Rev. Dr.s Wright and Cox held services here last week.”

“Rev. Father Bruno spent a few days on the Island last week.”

“The barge *Mueller* loaded telegraph poles here last week for Morrow Bros.”

“H. R. Boyle from Point AuSable station visited his family here last week.”

“Miss Elizabeth Kilty is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Bonner at the ‘Beaver.’”

“Miss Elizabeth Gurney of Chicago, is visiting at the home of C. C. Gallagher.”

“Miss May O'Malley of Indianapolis, Ind. Is the guest of her aunt Mrs. James Donlevy.”

“O. C. McCauley, Keeper of Squaw Island light, is suffering with a severe attack of rheumatism.”

“Lawrence Malloy, son of A. Malloy, was thrown from a horse the first part of the week, breaking his arm and sustaining injuries about the face. Owing to the absence of Dr. Wilkinson, Mr. Malloy was compelled to charter a boat and take the boy to Charlevoix where Dr. Wilkinson who was at that city treated him.”

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, July 25, 1907 **Local News:** “W. J. Gallagher and son Joe, of St. James, came over Thursday, returning home Saturday.”

“The tug *Margaret McCann*, of St. James, is here all this week for repairs.”

Front Page Article: “Island Land Deal: That enterprising real estate hustler, W. J. Gallagher, acting for Geo
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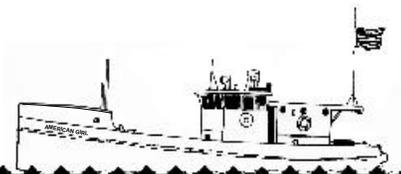
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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 29. Heimforth, of Traverse City, bought 3000 acres of timber land on High Island last week. In securing this property with the clear title, Mr. Gallagher cleaned up what had been known as the Duell claims, mostly tax titles. It is understood that the new owner will erect a sawmill at High Island harbor, to cut the timber which (unreadable word) to be quite extensive."

Beaver Island News: "Miss Mary J. Gallagher is visiting friends at Escanaba this week."

"Pond net fishing in this vicinity has been very good the past week."

"Dr. Wilkinson and C. C. Gallagher are putting in windmills on their premises."

"Capt. D. McCauley has been confined to the house with an attack of 'La Grippe'."

"James McCann has purchased a nice cash register from the National Cash Register Co."

"Barge John Schroder took on part of a load here and went to East Jordan to finish up."

"The Keenan Seed Co. of Cheboygan have a force of men here this week going through the pea crop."

"We are pleased to learn that Sister Clementine who has been ill for the last two weeks is improving very rapidly."

"One continuous Vaudeville, interspersed with the sale of the 'cure for all ills' medicine, were the attraction at the hall last week."

"Mr. James Carnes and wife, of Chicago, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Carnes parents, James R. O'Donnell. Mr Carnes is captain of No. One fire-department in the above city."

"M. J. McCann always has a smile on his face, but a few days ago it was broader than usual. On inquiring the cause, we were informed that the 'Stork' had visited his home and left there a fine baby girl. Mother and child getting along nicely."

"Not within the memory of the 31. oldest inhabitant have the grasshoppers been known to be so numerous as they are at the present time on the Island; and the different crops are in danger of being destroyed by the inroads of the pest. Frank Roddy claims that they destroyed one whole day's cutting of hay on him in one night."

"Hon. E. J. Dowdell of St. Louis, Mo., is the guest of James Donlevy for a few weeks. Mr. Dowdell informs us that the 'Modie Club' of which he is chairman with headquarters at St. Louis will hold their annual convention on the Island again this year. The convention will take place as the delegates from the different cities arrive. In the meantime Mr. Dowdell will convene the committee on the revision of the constitution and by-laws. W. J. Gallagher had the honor to be chosen treasurer of this Club last year."

(July — Grasshopper plague F. Protar)

ROBBIE KEN 1950-2007

Robert Allen Kenwabikise, 56, of Beaver Island, died Monday, June 11, 2007, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Robert was born on Oct. 27, 1950, on Beaver Island, the son of Paul D. and Isabella A. (Wabanimkee) Kenwabikise. He had worked as a commercial fisherman and carpenter for

many years. He was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa/Chippewa Indians and Holy Cross Catholic Church. He is survived by six children, Austin, Ryan, Roberta (Miguel), Robert (Molly), Patrick and Nicole; five grandchildren; and 10 siblings. He was



preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Stephen; and two sisters, Margaret and Aleta. He led a rough life, but was always good-hearted. He paid back almost everyone, and did not object to taking on the hardest part of any job.

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32. LETTERS: WHERE HAVE ALL THE FLOWERS GONE?

Every morning, I bike. I do this primarily to strengthen my cardio-vascular system and to stave off the aches, pains and increasing weight of advancing age. However, during the five months that we live on Beaver Island, the routine is enhanced by the scenery and the wildlife along King's Highway.

It is a joy to watch the trees change from spring green to the verdant greens of summer to the brilliance of fall color. The air is sweetened by apple blossoms, lilacs, and Honey Locust. Shiny apples and crabapples brighten the morning as

the summer progresses.

There are always deer, standing by the roadside until I'm almost within touching distance, somehow sensing that the old lady on the bicycle means them no harm. The Great Blue Heron takes off most mornings with an awkward flap of wings and a squawk, letting me know that I'm invading his space. There are geese in John's cornfield and sometimes a Sandhill Crane. Some mornings there is a special gift, the call of a loon overhead as it flies to the big lake in search of food. Usually rabbits stand alert at the

roadside and chipmunks scurry away from the whirring wheels.

The progression of roadside flowers is a major source of joy. First there is Indian Paintbrush, standing straight and proud, providing a brilliant blanket of red. Then come buttercups and coreopsis, delicate stalks topped with bright yellow, swaying as I pass. Next, there are roadside daisies – the pure white blossoms seem aglow in the early morning light. When the Black-eyed Susans add deep gold and brown to the mix, it's truly a kaleidoscope of color. As the summer advances, more flowers appear: Queen Anne's Lace, Joe Pye weed, Spotted Knapweed, Bladder Campion, St. Johnswort, Milkweed. The color and variety are spectacular!

Yesterday, June 12th, the roadside along King's Highway was mowed. Today the blanket of red, yellow and white was gone. Gone!

I find myself wondering. Did the mower have a moment of remorse when he saw the blade cut through that brilliant red, yellow, and white? Did he consider raising the blade, just for a bit, and allowing the profusion of color to remain?

Yes, I know. The roadsides need to be cut for visibility. We want to be safe on our Island roads. Between Sloptown Road and Paid een Og, however, there are no crossroads and only a few driveways. This is where the wildflowers are most profuse. Would it be possible to lift that blade, putting it down only before and after the driveways where visibility is required?

Surely the Charlevoix Road Commission would permit such an act of grace. Or perhaps they would never know.
– Doris Larson

DEAN'S LIST

Forrest Powers, son of Jeff and Marie, made the Dean's List at Hope College for the 2006-07 school year. He was joined on the List by a student from Charlevoix, five from Petoskey, and 21 from Traverse City. Forrest earned his BA degree, finishing with a 3.50 gpa. He received a Senior Sigma Xi Award for his research work in Biology. He has been accepted into the Medical Doctor program at Wayne State University and will begin coursework this August.

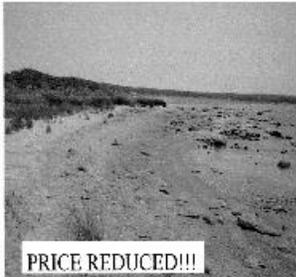
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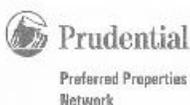


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Time flies! I had to call Jim Gillingham to help me determine how many years have passed since Senator Joe Schwarz and I launched the Beaver Island cormorant/smallmouth “initiative” by meeting with Kay Kool, head of the DNR, in Lansing. Jim figures 7 or 8 years have passed since that meeting and the pivotal gathering of representatives of the DNR, CMU, and the Beaver Island Wildlife Club at the Shamrock.

Since then, a lot of time, money, and effort has been expended to get us to where we could undertake a federally

approved, environmentally sound, cormorant control program. The first harvest and egg oiling control measures took place on June 15th. The smallmouth studies continue, with the new radio tracking program bringing in some amazing data.

As part of the effort to bring back the smallmouth fishery, we convinced the DNR to move the smallmouth opener back to July 1 to allow the bass to complete their spawning cycle. While this ban has been in effect for 5 years, I was surprised to learn that some

have disregarded the official opening date and have been illegally taking spawning fish off their beds.

I'm not going to beat around the bush here. To the violators — Please stop sabotaging all the time and money that has been spent trying to save it. To the rest of us — Help protect our fishery by reporting any observed violations to the sheriff. He will act on any fish and game complaints. We have made great progress, and the bass appear to be on the comeback. Let's keep it that way!

– Harry Boesch

HELEN SELFRIDGE

Helen ‘Lila’ I. Selfridge, 76, of Charlevoix, died Saturday, June 9, 2007, at the Charlevoix Hospital. A Rosary was recited at the Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island on June 15, followed by a memorial Mass on June 16. The Reverend Patrick Cawley officiated, and interment followed at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Helen was born January 10, 1931, on Beaver Island, the daughter of Hugh and Catherine (Malloy) Connaghan, and grew up here. On November 3, 1950, she married Cyril Joseph Jones in Charlevoix. Stationed with the Coast Guard, they lived in several places before returning to Charlevoix, raising their daughter and sons until Cyril's untimely death on September 3, 1959.

On April 5, 1963, Helen married Max F. Selfridge, and he preceded her in death on January 11, 1976.

Helen worked in housekeeping for Charlevoix Area Hospital for over twenty years, and was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix. She is survived by her children, Raymond D. (Kim Marie) Jones, and Catherine Livingston all of Charlevoix, Joseph L. (Julie) Jones of Ellsworth, Clayton W. Jones, and Thomas L. (Terri L.) Jones, all of Charlevoix; grandchildren, Dean, Chelsi and Cyril, Brian and Aimee, Dalton and Travis; sisters, Marguerite “Mugs” Welsh of Willingboro, New Jersey, Catherine “Georgie” Gatliff of Detroit, and Anna Mae Maxwell of Wheaton, Ill. Helen's grandson Brandon preceded her in death, as did ten brothers and sisters.

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Doris is grateful that retirement has allowed her the time and freedom to pursue artistic expression, previously suppressed by the rigors of her commitments as wife, mother, and elementary school teacher. During the 27 years of her teaching career, she learned to utilize each moment. That remains true in retirement. She is a productive person! She also has the rare abil-



ity to repeatedly ask herself, "What can I make out of this? How could I make this better?" And, she is supported by creative and encouraging family members.

Many people know Doris as the

long-time and polished host of *Music on the Porch*, or as the creator of subtle watercolors frequently featured at Montage, or as one of the "madwomen who hiked the entire Blue Trail." Perhaps she is known for her unique painted-tile end tables, her line of embellished fleece coats, or her special necktie-based tote bags — or as a recycler of uncompleted paintings into exotic greeting cards, or as a carver of intricate rubber stamps for the repetition of patterns, or as someone who has spent time in such places as Hungary, Belgium, France and Russia which inspired the five babushkaed grandmothers who figure prominently in one of her pieces.

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it's been only seven years since Doris took her first art class, after which she embraced the world of art with a passion bordering on obsession. In the past seven years she has taken many classes and seminars, created a network of other artists who supply critiques, encouragement, and their products in trade, and developed a reassuring confidence that she is doing what she should be doing — and doing it well.

One of her quilts, entitled *What is a Quilt?* seems particularly amazing for its visual impact and for the story it tells. The quilt shows five women posed at the vertex of several possible styles of quilt, as if they are caucusing to see which they prefer (above). This is what Doris



says about the piece: “One morning at IQA Festival-Chicago, I awoke with the idea for *What is a Quilt?* The central figures are based on photographs taken at festival and utilize techniques learned

there: photo transfer, embellishment, and thread painting. One jacket is a photo transfer of one of my quilts, another is a small piece of a watercolor.

“The traditional patterns, which form the background of the quilt, are of particular importance to me. The white quilt is a reproduction of a quilt made by my maternal grandmother, which includes a special *baby patch* my brothers and I would race to find when we slept at grandmother’s house. The crazy-quilt part is based on a quilt passed down through my stepmother’s family. The log cabin design came from a ‘patch of the month’ promotion. The lavender and green nine-patch is loosely based on a festival workshop. The border is a photo reproduction of an original watercolor I did of the five



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depicted women. To make a positive statement about diversity, I changed the central figure and introduced some Asian elements.

“The back of the quilt answers the question, ‘What is a quilt?’ in a border of definitions provided by family and friends. There are 14 definitions: a family history told through scraps of clothing; a homemade comforter; a unique piece of art, created with love, that keeps

you warm; a blanket made from many colors; the story of my life, all my joys and all my sorrows; a weapon against January winds; patterns of fabric that are sewn together in designs that have cultural meanings; a collection of memories; a family’s diary; a woman’s desire to be remembered and to create a medium that would outlive her husband, houses, barns and fences; a picture book you can look at

and study and it's like living your life over again; strips positioned, balanced and sewn with a thread, a steel needle and a thimble; an art that was controlled and handed down by women, usually mothers, grandmothers, and aunts; a family heirloom passed down through the generations.”

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as to what it might mean. Not all of Doris' work comes with an explanation. Much of her abstract work requires individual interpretation.

However, her piece *Endurance: the Russian Grandmothers* also tells a story. This collage has been accepted in the 16th Annual Juried Exhibition of the International Society of Experimental Artists and will be displayed in Santa Cruz, California from August 11th until

September 9th. Doris is hopeful that people who view this collage will feel the affection, admiration and sense of history that she felt for the five Russian grandmothers in the central photograph, sitting in front of the wall of their secrets. The collage includes this poem by Fran Portley:

We women who have lived
through many winters

are sisters to mountain flowers
found in rocky crevices
high in the Alps.

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Norman Banghart, age 85 of Greenwood, South Carolina passed away on June 17, 2007 from the effects of Parkinson's disease.



Norm was born in Battle Creek, Michigan as one of four children of Lee and Laura (Coe) Banghart. After serving as an Army Doctor in World War II, he settled in Ann Arbor, Michigan and began his 40+ year private medical practice in Obstetrics/Gynecology.

As an avid swimmer, golfer and outdoorsman, Norm fell in love with Beaver Island during family camping trips in the summers of the early 1960s. This led to the construction of the Banghart family cottage, "Surfside Six," on Sand Bay in 1963. Thus, during every summer

from 1963-2005, Norm and his family could be found enjoying their special slice of heaven on Beaver Island. Family golfing outings, fishing at Lake Geneserath, boating trips to Garden Island, and countless hours in his favorite place, working on home improvement projects in his "work shop" in the garage, where you could usually find Norm during the family vacations.

Norm's special feelings for Beaver Island led to a variety of ways that he supported his friends on the Island. In the mid 1960s Norm befriended the local golf superintendent, Matt Melville, and when informed that the Beaver Island golf course was in dire need of new equipment, Norm took it upon himself to donate the cost of lawn mowers that were

an important addition to the struggling golf course. An enjoyable and leisurely nine holes of golf with his wife and sons usually found its way onto Norm's very flexible daily Beaver Island agenda.

Norm is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Margaret of Greenwood, his children, sons Donald (Laura) Banghart of Evergreen, Colorado; David (Susan) Banghart of Myrtle Beach South Carolina; Steven Banghart of Hinsdale, Illinois and James (Barb) Banghart of Atlanta, Georgia, nine grandchildren, two great grandchildren and countless friends.

A memorial ceremony in appreciation of Norm's extraordinary life was held in Greenwood, South Carolina. Cremation has taken place and burial will occur on Beaver Island this summer.

LIBRARY CHANGES DUE TO STATE CUTS

Due to severe cuts in State Aid, several Michigan Library Cooperatives are closing. Our 'hub' co-op, the Northland Library Cooperative, had to sell its building and end the exchange of 'Books for

the Blind.' As members of Northland, we are retaining the Large Print books we have, and 25 more will arrive by the end of the month. Another change is we can no longer do Inter-library Loans. While

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Everyone at the Health Center is excited about and grateful for the terrific merchandise and services that have been donated to its silent auction. The Hollywood theme for the auction is “An Affair to Remember,” the Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr classic film. Each week will feature a different prize package with a movie theme. Package descriptions will be advertised in the Health Center reception area, on the roadside Marquee (sandwich boards), and on the Health Center website (www.birhc.org). All prizes will also be on display at the Fourth of July Carnival after the parade. The auction will begin on Friday, June 29.

Throughout the summer Beaver Island residents and visitors will have a chance to be Star Supporters of the Health Center by placing their bids on the week’s prize packages in one of three easy ways:

- 1) By calling the Health Center office during business hours. (8:30-12:00; 1:00-5:00 Monday – Friday);
- 2) By stopping in at the Health Cen-

ter and writing in a bid on the weekly bid sheet; or

3) By e-mailing Health Center Managing Director Donna Kubic at donna.birhc@biip.net

Prize packages will have different final bidding dates. During the final week of bidding for each package, the highest bids will be posted on the Health Center website twice per day at about 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Bids for the week’s packages will be due at 12 p.m. the Friday of that week when bidding closes. Winning bidders will be notified by phone or email. Prizes that have not been paid for will be held for seven days before being awarded to the next highest bidder. The last packages offered will be during the week before Labor Day; winners will be announced just prior to the auto raffle drawing at the Shamrock on Labor Day.

So, check out what you want to bid on by stopping at the Health Center, visiting the Health Center table at the Fourth of July Carnival, or going to www.birhc.org beginning on June 29th.

The Health Center can accept credit card payments for auction items as well as cash and checks. Don't forget that most bid packages make much appreciated gifts for friends and family. Be a Health Center Star Supporter and at the same time have fun bidding on exciting items, services and gift certificates.

THANKS

The Board of Directors and Staff of BIRHC wish to thank the Beaver Island Boat Company for its ongoing support. Most recently the Boat Company transported the Health Center’s raffle vehicle from Charlevoix to Beaver Island free of charge, saving the Health Center \$70. As always, this savings benefits all users of the Health Center.

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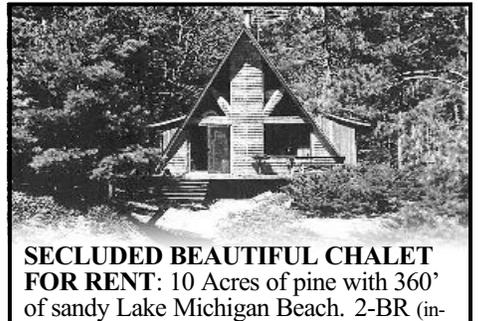
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REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

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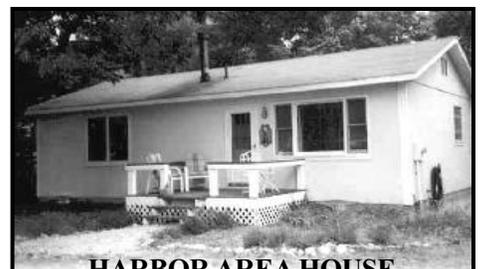
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