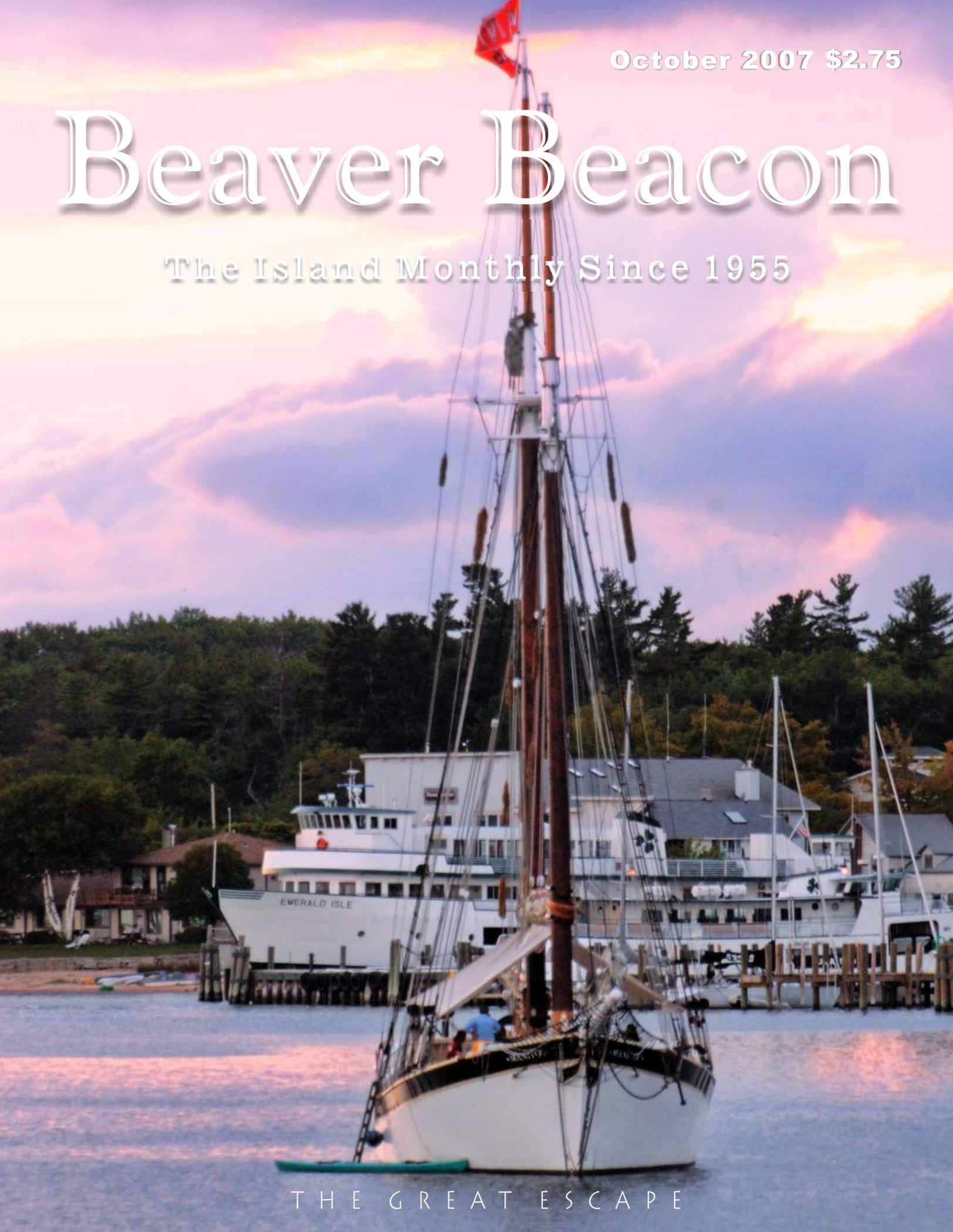


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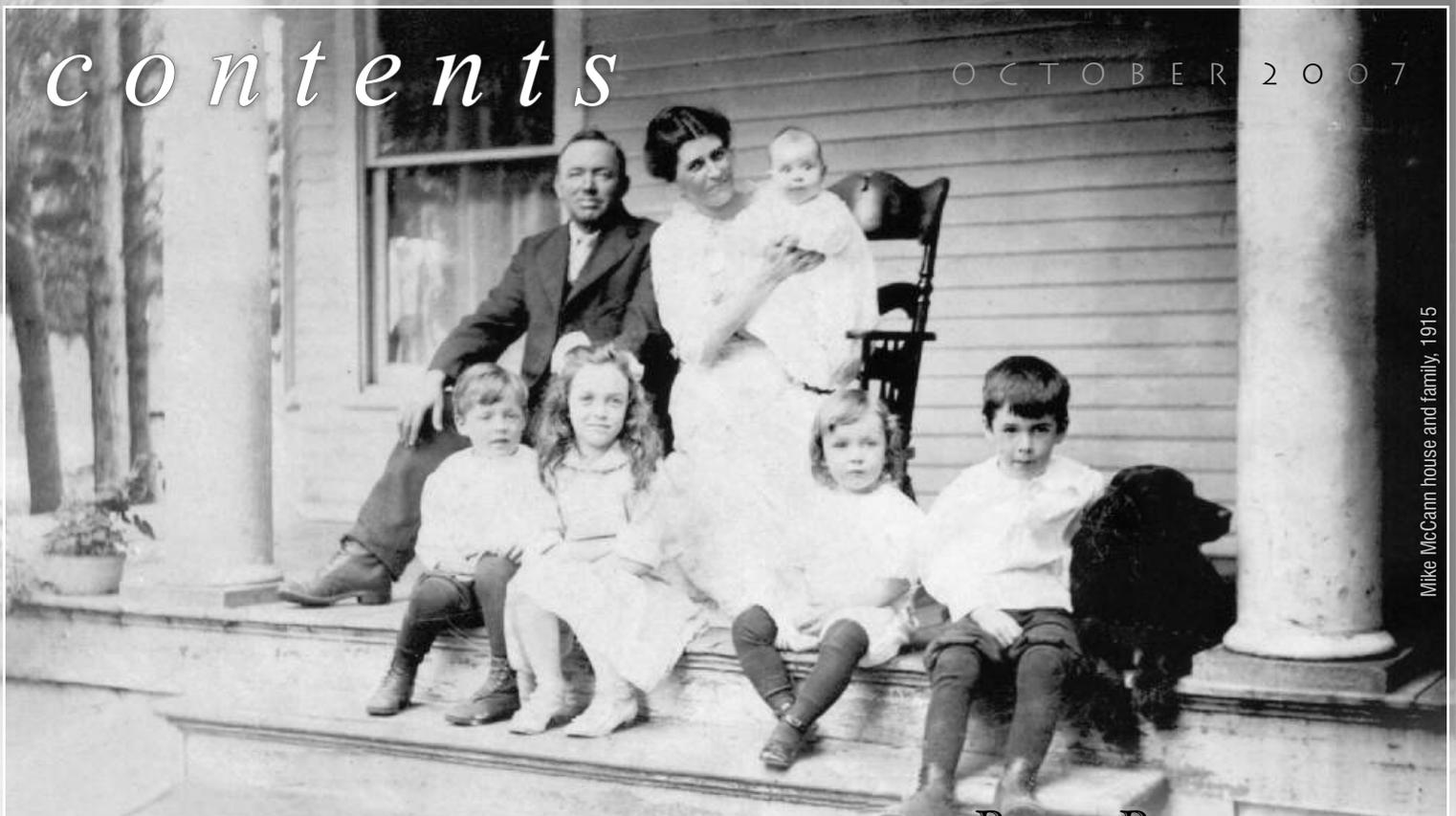
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Father Joe's excursion on High Island

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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

At its meeting of September 5, the St. James Township Board approved payment for 14 loads of waste pumped out of the Municipal Septic Tank and taken for spreading on a DEQ-authorized field. The bill for plumbing work done at the Resale shop was approved; John Robert offered to donate more than half of his normal charge back to the enterprise.

A number of AmVets in attendance were assured the lease for quarters in the Town Hall, which had not yet been approved by the attorney, would be renewable indefinitely and at minimal cost—\$200/year. Access would be 24/7. The AmVets agreed to sign over the building for the Resale Shop for \$0.

The *phragmites* eradication fund had reached \$25,000, plus \$3,500 would come from the state. (Work started and was completed in mid-September.)

Supervisor Don Vise proposed combining the Zoning Administrator position (which pays \$5,499 from each township) with the Nuisance Control Officer, which would pay another \$1,200. Kevin White would remain the Assessor and be free to concentrate on this task; the new position, 'Ordinance Officer,' would be posted. The Board was in favor.

Two resolutions were asked for, to apply for grants to improve the Municipal Airport. The first would be for all but \$1,047 of a \$46,000 bid to study and design a new Terminal Building and ramp. We have been assured this

would be forthcoming, and it's a prerequisite for applying for a larger grant to fund the construction.

The second would be to hire a Land Acquisition Specialist to determine how much land off the western end of the east/west runway should be acquired in order to cut trees to make the approach safer. Our match requirement of this smaller grant would be the same percentage. It too has been assured.

After the Specialist determines the amount of land and a fair price, an offer would be made, to be funded by another grant. If the offer was refused, the land could be appropriated. These grants are now available because of the increased usage provided by a private flying service. Both resolutions were approved.

Peaine Township

On September 12th the Peaine Board considered both requests for a resolution allowing the Airport Committee Chairman to sign the grant applications to design a new Terminal and analyze the need for more land.

The Land Acquisition Specialist's fee would be \$30,000, of which we would have to pay \$750. His work would include a new survey drawing of all airport property and the preparation of a new navigation easement to increase safety. The Design Grant would come from left-over 2004 money, the Acquisition grant from left-over 2005 money.

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The operating millage for the next budget was discussed. Other mainland townships routinely pass the maximum allowable, which for Peaine would be 3.687—bringing in \$227,881, but the Board accepted the Supervisor and Clerk’s recommendation, feeling it could operate with 2.5158—up from last year’s \$134,997 to \$157,994 to provide \$5,000 for an audit, \$10k for public lands, money for *phragmites* control, and modest increases for EMS, BIHS, attorney fees, campsite work, and com-

puters. On separate millage items the Board recommended rates that would raise the Fire Department to \$42,320 (to match St. James), the Transfer Station from \$68k to \$70k, the Health Center from \$116k to \$122k, roads from \$51k to \$61k, and the Airport from \$38k to \$40k.

The *phragmites* attackers arrived with 8 men and their equipment, including Argos and a fan boat. They would use blue die in the spray, and put up signs where they work.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT

Here is a brief timeline:

Early Sept: architects meet with teachers and students re building needs. Board of Education discusses in detail the pros and cons of a construction manager versus a general contractor. Sale of bonds is completed

Mid Sept: team of teachers visits other new schools to get ideas

Early Oct : team that visited other schools reports back; architects visit

Island and present preliminary sketches to students, staff, community, and board

October 1st: Board of Education decides whether to go with a construction manager or a general contractor

November and December: Architects prepare drawings for bidding

January/February: bidding takes place

Spring 2008: Construction begins

VISIT BY MIKE FLANAGAN

State Superintendent of Education Mike Flanagan is planning to visit the Beaver Island Community School in mid-October. According to Mr. Flanagan’s press secretary, “Mike Flanagan visits schools and since he’s

never visited a ‘rural’ school thinks Beaver Island will surely fill the slot.”

Mike is expected to spend several hours at the school, sitting in on classes and meeting with students, teachers, and board members.

AT THE TRANSFER STATION

Beginning November 1st, the Transfer Station will change its hours to 11:00 am until 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday. It will be closed

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6. ISLAND EVENTS

Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle 5k/Run/Walk - October 6th - Race registration from 8:00 a.m. until the race starts at 10:00 at the Shamrock. Proceeds will benefit the Sports Boosters club. Entry fee is \$25 per person or \$40 per family the day of the race. (discount in advance)

Then come to the **Bite** of Beaver Island - this year growing to a second location with a tent across from the Chamber office and Municipal Marina as well as the traditional Holy Cross Parish Hall location. Don't forget the Apple Pie Contest at the Bite too!

Ceili Friday Night. Learn the Irish quick step, the waltz, and the Irish set dance. **Saturday Night** is the big Irish **Hooley.** Various artists performing. Starting at 8:00 both nights. Parish Hall Cash Bar. \$10 entry fee Saturday. 56

arrivals, some coming all the way from Arranmore.

Also at 7:00 p.m. on *October 6th*, **The Chenille Sisters perform** at the CMU Auditorium. *See page 11.*

Seniors - Beaver Island senior citizens are invited to an afternoon tea on Friday, *October 19th* at 3 p.m. at the Community Room of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center. The goal is to gauge interest is planning some social activities for seniors during the fall and winter months.

Seniors are invited for tea, cider and refreshments in exchange for their ideas about activities. Caregivers are also welcome. For further information, contact Deb Plastrik at 448-3047.

Sports Boosters annual spaghetti dinner - October 25th 5:30-8:00 at Nina's Restaurant.

"ISLAND TREASURES" RESALE SHOP

"Island Treasures Resale Shop" will open soon on the Donegal Bay Road. The B.I. Fire Department and the Auxiliary are finishing the building. The firemen have invested a great deal of sweat equity into this worthy project.

Watch for signs announcing the initial "Donation Days" when your gently-used items will be accepted by an eager crew of volunteers. Donations of clothing, linens, dishes, sports equipment, books, videos, kitchen utensils, tools, and small furniture items will be greatly appreciated. All items must be

clean and ready to be used.

We can't accept most electronics, encyclopedias, magazines, large furniture, mattresses, appliances, or damaged goods. You can post these items on our bulletin board or take them to the Transfer Station for disposal. The funds generated by the Resale Shop will continue to support the BIFD.

Volunteers will be needed for our limited off-season schedule and our full summer schedule next summer. Please contact Donna Stambaugh at 448-2797 or at donnas@biip.net



CROSSING TART G

Eight souls braved the treacherous waters of Lake Genesareth to participate in the first annual walk across. This amazing feat was accomplished

due to the fact that the water is down twenty one inches below normal allowing crossing on the sandbar that bisects the lake.

BIRHC RAFFLE HAS RECORD SALES 7.

The BIRHC Raffle ended up a resounding success with a record **475** tickets sold, ensuring a profit of about **\$26,000!** The raffle winner was Bill Leneau of Charlevoix.

This fund-raising succeeded because of the cooperation of the entire community. The work began back in March when board member Pete LoDico negotiated a great deal on the Chevy Equinox with Dave Kring Chevrolet, and took responsibility for purchasing and insuring the vehicle. The Health Center got the best price through the use of Ken Slater's GM discount and Dave Kring's generous donation of his commission back to the BIRHC. In May the Beaver Island Boat Company transported the SUV to the Island free of charge. Joe Reed was on hand, as usual, to store the vehicle safely in his garage until sales began.

Both Island newspapers cooperated in promoting the event throughout the summer. Sales began on June 29th when the Equinox was parked at McDonough's Market, the ideal location. McDonough's also agreed to sell many tickets for the vehicle during

their busiest season.

Throughout the heat of the summer board members Barb Murphy, Pete LoDico, Karen Whitecraft, Sandy Birdsall, and Jean McDonough sold tickets. Volunteers Joe Reed, John Harris, Sally and Harold Lounsberry, Pam Grassmick, and Ed Wojan also sold many tickets. Without the efforts of these dedicated non-board members, the record number of tickets would not have been sold.

Finally, thanks to the equal number of full- and part-time Beaver Island residents and visitors who paid the hefty \$100 price for a ticket. We were very fortunate that many participants purchased multiple tickets.

The reward for donating time, effort, and money by so many people is that the Health Center has sufficient operating funds to ensure high quality health care will be available whenever it is needed. Anyone who has ever experienced a health emergency on Beaver Island knows how important that is. On behalf of everyone at the Health Center: *Thanks to all who made the raffle a success!*

SILENT AUCTION THANKS

It is difficult for the Health Center to adequately express its appreciation to silent auction organizer and promoter Leonor Jacobson. The event was very successful and was the third fund-raiser Leonor has organized for the Health Cen-

ter. Thanks, Leonor, for your unmatched enthusiasm and the hundreds of hours you spent ensuring these events were so profitable for us! Thanks as well to all those who bid on and donated auction prizes!
—Connie Wojan



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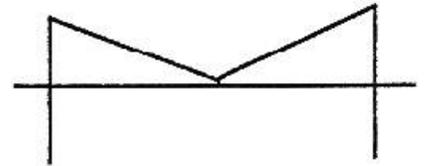
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8. BEAVER ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION



Phragmites hand-swiped over dunes at Little Sand Bay

The recent *Phragmites* eradication project is a great example of community cooperation, in which Beaver Island Property Owners Association (BIPOA) is proud to have played an instrumental role and about which we wish to express our gratitude and congratulations to all who made it possible. In particular we want to recognize:

Township Supervisors Don Vyse and John Works, Jr. With the full support of their Boards of Trustees, they provided Township funds to pay a significant part of the cost of treating invasive *Phragmites* growth on public lands. They also provided valuable assistance in the actual treatment by assigning the Townships' maintenance person, Darryl Butler, to work with the treatment crews.

Thanks to Supervisor Works for handling collection, accounting, and disbursement of funds donated by public-spirited Beaver Islanders toward the project through the Peaine Township 'Save our Shores' account.

And special thanks to both Supervisors for time spent working with BIPOA and DNR representatives and discussing the project with the public.

DNR wildlife biologist Brian Mastenbrook, who worked with BIPOA for two years to develop a treatment plan; helped us obtain an Island-wide permit for treatment of all our coastal wetlands; helped find a competent, affordable, appropriately licensed contractor to execute the plan; main-



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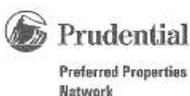


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tained contact with and provided invaluable advice to BIPOA, the Township Supervisors, and the contractor through all phases of the project; spoke at the BIPOA Annual Meeting to explain the project (and the need for it) to nearly 100 members of the public; and made numerous trips to Beaver Island for other meetings and to inspect and identify areas in need of treatment.

Dr. Jim Gillingham at CMU, who helped with calls, meetings, site inspections, plant identifications, and drafting the letter to shoreline property owners that both explained the threat posed by the invasive species of *Phragmites* and invited their participation in the eradication project.

Kathy Speck, Diane McDonough and Ed Wojan, who provided great assistance in the identification of shoreline property owners and preparation of labels for that mailing.

Brian Kelly at Charlevoix County, who assisted with preparation of the GIS maps that were used to pinpoint areas in need of treatment and efficiently plan and execute the treatment.

BIPOA Board Members Annette Dashiell, Doris (and Lars) Larson, Pam Grassmick and Jack Kelly for early warnings about the burgeoning growth and working tirelessly to give this problem the high priority it deserves and facilitate a creative and cooperative solution.

Continued on page 10, see Phragmites

The scale of the phragmites stand treated at Cable's Bay



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weekend, to regain his equilibrium.

The other was that he also wanted to be productive, to set down his ideas for a book that would spread his calm reasoning beyond the limits of his particular case load. He and his colleague, Randy Flood, had gotten started, but it was tough going—even for someone like Charlie with a second MA in English. What he hoped to find on Beaver Island was an atmosphere in which he could relax, but not forget.

It was the perfect solution. It didn't take long for him to finish his book on

techniques for reducing the forces that produce domestic violence in too many men. The crashing waves just outside kept him from getting too worked up as he recounted situations that had produced such inner agony during his sometimes harrowing sessions. If he hit a dead end, a walk along the shore broke him free, and the insights poured onto the page. Soon that book—*Stop Hurting the Woman You Love: Breaking the Cycle of Abusive Behavior*—was done; it was released by Hazelden Press, and is available from Charlie's website (www.therapist-outfitters.com) as well as in bookstores.

Now he's at work on the next book, following the same regimen: fly up to the Island, relax; rise early and write until lunch; and then interact with many Island friends. It's proving so successful that he's asking the question that seems to eventually occur to so many part-timers: "why do I have to ever go back?"

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P H R A G M I T E S



"Native" phragmites - smooth stalk

Phragmites, continued from page 9.

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Enough money was received for treatment of all publicly owned coastal wetlands and all private shoreline for which permission was given.

Many owners contributed even though they had no known infestation on their property, and others gave more than ultimately was necessary. (The final contracted cost was \$650/acre.) In our opinion the excess amounts contributed by the latter group and the entire donations from people whose own property was not treated should be tax-deductible, even though the contributions were not made directly to BIPOA,



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Sisters in song and spirit (but not siblings), the members of the group are singer Grace Morand, guitarist/singer/songwriter Connie Huber, and singer/songwriter Cheryl Dawdy. They have

concertized all over the country and appeared on *Prairie Home Companion*, earning plaudits such as:

"... their sound, reminiscent of the Andrews, Boswell, and McGarrigle Sisters, is sublime... they move deftly, with meticulous harmonies, from parody to pastiche to country to folk."

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"... beautifully harmonized repertoire... irreverent, loose humor... plenty of reason to both listen and laugh."

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The sponsoring group, BICAA, is a

nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the cultural life of Beaver Island through concerts such as this, the annual summer music festival *Baroque on Beaver*, and other special events whose proceeds support special instruction and opportunities in music and other cultural arts for Beaver Island Community School students.

For more information, contact BICAA Board Member Krys Lyle, 231-448-2149. To learn more about The Chenille Sisters, visit their website, thechenillesisters.com

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Invasive Phragmites

but of course those persons will need to confirm this. We regret we could not give advance assurance of tax-deductibility before the project began, but as a small all-volunteer organization we were not equipped to handle that, nor could we give such assurance to property owners whose contributions would redound to their own benefit to the extent of treatment on their own property. Planning already has begun for a similar project in 2008, to identify and treat new invasive *Phragmites* growth and provide additional treatment. Applying lessons learned this year, we expect that BIPOA will be able to manage all aspects of the project, including issues of tax-deductibility, with greater assurance and efficiency.

Paul Glendon, President
Beaver Island Property
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12. FALL SPORTS IN FULL SWING

by Frank Solle

The Beaver Island Community School *Islanders* opened the fall sports season with a soccer-volleyball dual duel at rival Mackinac Island on Sept. 7-8. The teams then hosted the *Soaring Eagles* of Hannahville Sept. 14-15, before flying off to the far shores of Lake Superior to challenge the Paradise *Rockets* Sept. 21-22.

The *Islanders* soccer team wrapped up the month's action hosting Munising Baptist Sept. 28-29.

Soccer speeds after slow start—The trip to Mackinac proved to be a difficult one for the *Islanders* as they dropped both games to the *Lakers*. Friday's game went 6-1 to the hosts, while the Saturday match was closer at 4-1. Senior Brenden Martin scored both goals for the *Islanders*, who were hampered by injuries and eligibility.

"We weren't very defensively minded," said *Islanders* coach Marianne Brown. "And once we fell behind, we

failed to play together as a team."

And early injury to senior keeper Eric Albin forced sophomore Cameron LaVasseur to play goal, taking his defensive abilities off the pitch.

The *Islanders* turned things around against a young Hannahville team, blanking the *Soaring Eagles* 6-0 and 7-0.

"We played much better as a team," Brown said of the *Islanders*. "We were looking for the good pass instead of just kicking the ball away."



Dereck corners



Bryan kicks



Dan charges



Jenna alone

Brown also said she was pleased with the leadership of the team's seniors. Senior Dan Runberg led the team with four goals and one assist, while Martin added two scores and four assists. Fellow senior Ryan McDonald scored his first goal as well.

In all, seven *Islanders* found the net, including other first-timers Bryan Timsak and Kristy Bousquet. Derek McDonough added a pair of goals as well. In addition, Albin came out of the goal to score, with junior Maeve Green

stepping in to cover the net and maintaining the shutout.

Against the *Rockets* at Paradise the *Islanders* showed their mettle, coming from behind in both contest. On Friday the *Islanders* trailed 1-0 and then 2-1 before tying the game just before halftime and then capturing a 4-2 victory.

Martin netted two goals, with Runberg and Timsak adding solo scores.

The *Islanders* fell behind 1-0 early

Saturday, but Martin tied the game on a penalty kick and the *Islanders* took control from there for a 3-2 win.

Albin made 24 saves over the weekend, keeping the *Islanders* in each game with strong goal play. "Eric's leadership from the goal has been unmatched this year," Brown said. "His assistance to all the players is great."

The *Islanders* improved to 4-2 with the wins at Paradise, handing the *Rockets* their first two loses in the process.

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Early Net Results Mixed—The path to defending a league title is always a difficult one (just ask the Tigers). The path for the *Islanders* volleyball team leading to its defense of last year's achievement has been a bumpy one at best as, following a sweep at Mackinac Island, the *Islanders* lost two consecutive Friday matches before winning the next Saturday morning showdown.

"I'm proud of my team for never giv-

ing up, and for playing hard," coach Connie Boyle said as she stirred the lemonade.

The season opened on a bright note with two hard-fought wins against the *Lakers*. The *Islanders* won on Friday at Mackinac 25-16, 25-20, 26-24, before claiming the morning battle 25-19, 25-16, 26-24.

Junior Caitlin Boyle led the team with nine aces, 26 good serves, and 11 kills. Senior Samantha Kuligoski had five aces, 20 good serves, and 11 kills. Senior

Brittany Crandall added 19 good serves, nine kills, and four blocks. "Everyone played very hard and worked together," coach Boyle said of the *Islanders*.

A scrappy Hannahville team took advantage of some first-home-game jitters on the part of the *Islanders*, earning a 25-16, 25-20, 25-19 win on Friday night. But the *Islanders* returned in the morning ready to extract a measure of revenge, which they did, claiming a 25-6, 22-25, 29-27, 25-13 win.

Photographs by Frank Solle



Andrea receives



Brittany slams



Heather digs it



Sam at the net



Deven bumps

"We played much better Saturday," the coach reported. "Our serving was better, and we handled Hannahville's serve better, too."

Boyle and Crandall led the team from the service line with 16 and four aces, respectively, adding 38 and 23 good serves as well. Kuligoski added 14 kills, six digs, and three blocks. Senior Andrea Moore added 10 assists and five digs.

At Paradise, the *Islanders* found themselves in a pair of five-game matches, getting tested to the max in each

contest. On Friday it was the *Rockets* who prevailed 25-19, 14-25, 25-19, 22-25, 15-7. Saturday it was the *Islanders* turn, winning 25-14, 21-25, 25-15, 23-25, 15-11.

And, as coach Boyle pointed out, "Saturday's win was crucial in order for our team to have a chance at first in the League."

The *Islanders* pounded out 56 aces over the weekend, with Caitlin Boyle hitting 15, Kuligoski 14, Crandall 10, Moore 7, and both Deven Cook and Maeve Green five each.

Green and Kuligoski led the team with 30 good serves apiece. Crandall and Boyle topped the squad as each knocked down five kills.

"It was a very exciting weekend of volleyball," coach Boyle said, which is what *Islanders* fans have come to appreciate.

However, with the changes in sports seasons this year, there is only one more opportunity to see the *Islanders* at the net, when Grand Marais visits Oct. 12-13. Don't miss it.

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In mid-September the Celtic Athletes returned to Beaver Island, this time accompanied by a professional kilt-

clad pipe-and-drum marching band—the highlight of the afternoon. They executed precisely, and drew much applause when

they four-squared the field. Some of their numbers were so good that they raised the hackles on the back of the audience's necks.





BEAVER ISLAND CELTIC GAMES

The Games themselves were very well-organized. When he wasn't competing, athlete Jeremy McBain kept up a witty commentary, explaining the events and revealing some-times-embarrassing little-known facts about his peers. We've seen

these guys three times now, and many have picked out their favorite event and favorite athlete. Local muscleman Tim Wearn drew the most cheers; he's getting the hang of it, and is starting to climb the ranks.

No one was surprised that

strongman Dale Gehman came in first, or that Damon Barth and previous winner Chris Snider were tied for a close runner-up slot. Bill Gordon (9th overall) won the 150-pound stone toss (the *Stone of Strength*) with 11 feet, and the 250



TAKE THREE

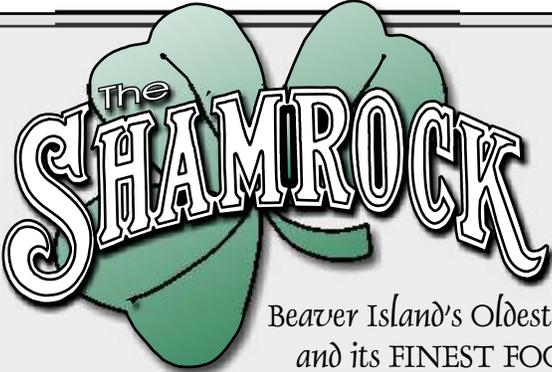


pound stone carry (the *Hero Stone*) with 359 feet. He barely beat Dave Carl (10th overall), who carried the 250 pound stone 351 feet. The EMS and our two sheriffs were standing by, but luckily no one got hurt.

The Games were held on the Ball

Field, with spectators clustered behind the first-base-line and the outfield fences. Rich Gillespie volunteered his boom truck to lift the pole for the toss-over events. Stands selling food, drinks, and T-shirts were set up at the back, with parking up and

down the street. Several dogs, held on leashes, enjoyed the mix of scents. The weather was bright and a tad chilly, yet everyone had a very good time. We're all looking forward to next year's games and seeing how well our Timmer can do.



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18. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago Bobbi Welke, Robert and Sue's daughter, was appointed project manager of the 2nd Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, an \$80 million link with Canada. She went after the job as soon as the project was announced, and played an important role in the bridge's design. When she landed the post, she had to overcome her fear of heights; one meeting required her to climb a 165' concrete piling to talk to contractors. But she quickly became adept at scrambling over beams and catwalks with the land far below.

Harbormaster Glen Felixson was feted in his 7th year of service, lauded for his twinkling eyes, friendly demeanor, and thorough knowledge of nautical ways. He had lived here before his current stay, when his boat-builder father Carl moved here for several years (and built the *Rustic Villa*) when Glen was 8. During that first stay there was nothing he and his brother, both city kids, liked more than going off with a .22 and a fishing pole, a blanket and a small tarp, and camping out and living off the land. They caught fish, found morels and leeks, and shot whatever small game they could find. He was offered the job of skippering the *Malabar*, but that would have meant

leaving Beaver Island for 6 months of the year so he turned it down.

Jacque LaFreniere put out a call for actors for the Community Players, hoping they might be able to stage plays in the Community House before too long.

The Historical Society announced that there were some of its hand-painted (on the inside, with tiny curved brushes) *eglomise* Christmas ornaments with the Beaver Head Light-house available for sale.

There would be no charge for yard debris at the Transfer Station in October. BIPOA asked Peaine Township to lobby the State to create a State Park at French Bay.

St. James Township agreed to adopt a schedule of fines for municipal civil infractions consistent with what other Michigan townships were doing.

Paul Welke located another *Britten Norman* in Scotland. After adding extra fuel tanks, he brought it to Island Airways, making stops in Iceland, Greenland, Newfoundland, and Maine.

The *Beacon* reprinted a song, *My Mother*, submitted by Peter Martin, who added, "We used to sing this at Peter Johnson's, me and Johnny Greene and Pat Mahoney, the teacher's son. Ket Gillespie liked to join in and some-

times we'd let him, but he had a terrible scratchy voice."

Twenty Years Ago The mystery of the missing *Beacons* is solved. Jacque LaFreniere, the previous editor, retired, and the typist, Jim Hibbler, took a job off the Island. Carolyn Works and her sister Jennifer Vyse took over and turned out the October/November issue, with Joe Moore's help. Adjustments to subscribers were made to atone for the missing issues.

The *Beacon* announced that the 1st blood drive collected 93 units, beating Mackinac Island's total of 69. Flu vaccine was available at the Med Center.

The EMS held a golf tournament. Steve West and Trudy Works were the winners, with Francis Pike, and John and Joyce Runberg also taking prizes.

The Historical Society reported that over \$900 was made during its Museum Week. It decided to reprint the *Beaver Island Cookbook*. Madonna McCafferty was lauded for her work as Volunteer Coordinator. Phil Gregg said the newly-acquired *Bob S* had started to cave in when a crew began jacking it up. He had no idea how it would be moved up the hill from the water.

Thirty Years Ago A car crusher came over on the Gillespie barge, and

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an effort was made to pull all the old wrecks from the woods and trails, flatten them, and ship them away.

LaFreniere's store, where *if they don't have it, you don't need it*, became Rafferty's. The date of the building, currently a matter of controversy, was put at "the late 1800s," built by James McCann. He passed away at 104 in 1927, and his son Mike and Mike's wife Annie became the proprietors—until they sold it to Nels LaFreniere in 1941.

The Medical Center broke ground for a 25' x 28' addition on the north side, 25 years after the original building and 10 years after Dr. Christie's arrival. The *Beacon* lamented that the Med Center had not qualified for state funding because it wasn't fireproof; a \$200,000 upgrade would be needed, which could not be done. The X-ray equipment was also deemed inadequate, and had to be replaced.

The Medical Auxiliary elected Phyllis Moore as president and Connie Wojan as secretary, with Ruth Arden as treasurer.

The BIHS reported a healthy growth, from 103 to 149 members. Yet museum attendance decreased by 8% because of bad weather. The Marine Museum was being prepared for a

spring opening; its foundation was "shored up by the Bicentennial Committee." (Note: a recent study found a 4" slant from street to water side.)

A Fly-in was held on a cloudy, rainy, windy day. Seven planes arrived.

Passings noted included Mary Ellen (McDonald) Smith, who was born here in 1906 but married a Charlevoix man, Dr. Ed Neill, who had a summer home near Whiskey Point, and Rose (Boyle) Bonner, Pat's widow, who had come here as a child and lived here her entire life.

Forty Years Ago Charlie Martin was having limited catches of whitefish in his pound nets set north of Hog Island. His son Ernie was home on a 30-day leave from Fort Polk.

Montgomery Ward hosted a turkey shoot on the beach in front of the Beaver Tail restaurant. Bob Southern, Perry Crawford, and Mike Crawford won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd-place prizes.

At the Grand Rapids party Tom Savage won the door prize—a two-way trip to Beaver Island. Two dozen Islanders drove down for the event.

A mobile unit arrived to administer 65 hearing tests.

The passing of Mrs. Pete (Hansen) Nielsen at 88 was noted. Born in

Copenhagen, she married Pete in Chicago in 1924 before moving to Garden Island's north shore.

Fifty Years Ago This two-pager trumpeted the perch run, which was drawing so many birds that fishermen were holding a pole in one hand and a gun in the other.

Field trips sponsored by Don Cole and Father Joseph were leaving every Sunday at 1:00 for such places as the Wildwood Inn foundation, Cable's Bay, Protar's spring, or Mt. Pisgah.

The Historical Society announced that the Print Shop was now on its own foundation, and its roof had been fixed.

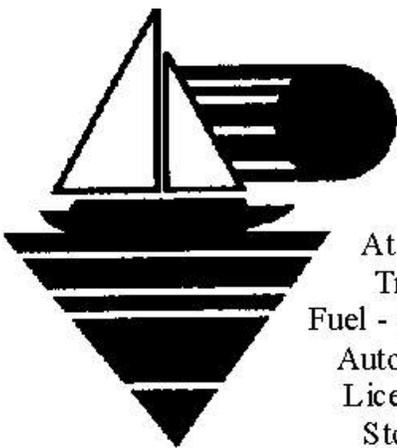
The town fire truck was now in working condition.

Phone service to the mainland began on 9-15 at 2:00 a.m.

The *Emerald Isle* went to High Island to retrieve 29 head of whiteface cattle for shipment to Charlevoix. A southwester whipped up so badly she had to lay over in Paradise Bay before completing delivery. Warren Townsend believed the 29 were about half the herd.

The Game Club was busy brushing out old roads leading to clearings, and marking their entrances with tufts of white cloth.

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Born on Garden Island, she remembered her childhood: a small girl with blue-black hair, feet usually bare and eyes shining with mischief. Her parents gone, she summered on Beaver, staying at her Aunt Agnes's home on Freesoil, next to the Palmers' home—where an old dog slept in the sun. Cute and curious, she would play in the woods all day long, filling the skirt of her homemade dress with berries and choke cherries. Sometimes she would play in the stacked logs at the lumber mill, or walk along the beach.

Her Uncle Bill made ale for friends and family, putting bottles in the sand to cure. She would help with the capping. She liked to go by the jail when someone was locked up and tease them by hitting the bars with a can. When she was there in the winter she would be pulled through the snow in a dogsled, all bundled up.



In the fall she had to return to the Holy Childhood School. She was a smart kid. The nuns liked her, even though she was always playing pranks. If she dozed off they would cover her with a cheescloth.

She remembered her grandfather's horse Dan, who was allowed to roam, so long as he returned when there was plowing or work to do. She remembered the cherry tree growing by the Whiskey Point Light; a bull was tethered nearby, making it scary to try for the ripe fruit.

From the school at Harbor Springs she was sent to Mt. Pleasant, and then to the Art School in Santa Fe. From there, life caught her up, and she spent her years in California and Nevada. She always hoped to return, and she finally did, ten years ago. Ernie Martin took her to Garden to search for her parents' graves, or a trace of the old homestead on Cornstalk land, but nothing could be found. She promised to return to try again, but could not manage it. Now she is gone, into the memory of her six daughters—and everyone else whose life she touched.

DRAINING LAKE MICHIGAN MORE INFORMATION ON WATER LEVELS

Special to the Beaver Beacon - October, 2007 (Jack Kelly)

The media have offered a number of partial stories on the possibility that dredging of the St. Clair River between Lake Huron and Lake St. Clair bordering Detroit years ago may have increased the water flow, significantly lowering the levels of Lakes Michigan and Huron. The analysis seems to be that this is only one among several factors in the lowered levels, but that it is one caused by human action and can be remedied by human action.

The Georgian Bay Association of northern Lake Huron invested \$250,000 in an engineering study, finding that some 845 million gallons a day were being lost. Now an update claims that the figure is 2.5 billion gallons due to Corps of Engineering dredging near Port Huron and Sarnia. This is more water than all of Chicago uses each day. Further, the problem promises to get worse, with incalculable costs to shoreline property owners, tourism-based businesses, and recreation resources throughout the two lakes. There are also environmental issues related to the loss of wetlands and other habitats.

The recent 9-page report from the Georgian Bay Association is rather technical, but fascinating for those interested—and readable by those who are not hydrological engineers. A copy is available in the Beaver Island Library to be read on site. Further information is available on line at the GBA web site www.georgianbay.ca.

Harris Fawell of Greenes' Bay, who served several terms in Congress as a Republican Representative from suburban Chicago, secured this material. He has written the two Beaver Island township supervisors and the Beaver Island Property Owners Association suggesting they contact the GBA to offer support. It might also be appropriate for those with shoreline property and those with businesses dependent on beaches, water quality, and property sales to take the same action. The International Joint Commission on the Great Lakes and the U.S. Corps of Engineers might also be responsive to state and national representatives. Surprisingly, recommended action to at least begin to slow the flow is a fairly economical and simple operation that would fill in the deepest channels with large blocks.

Mr. Fawell's letter follows:

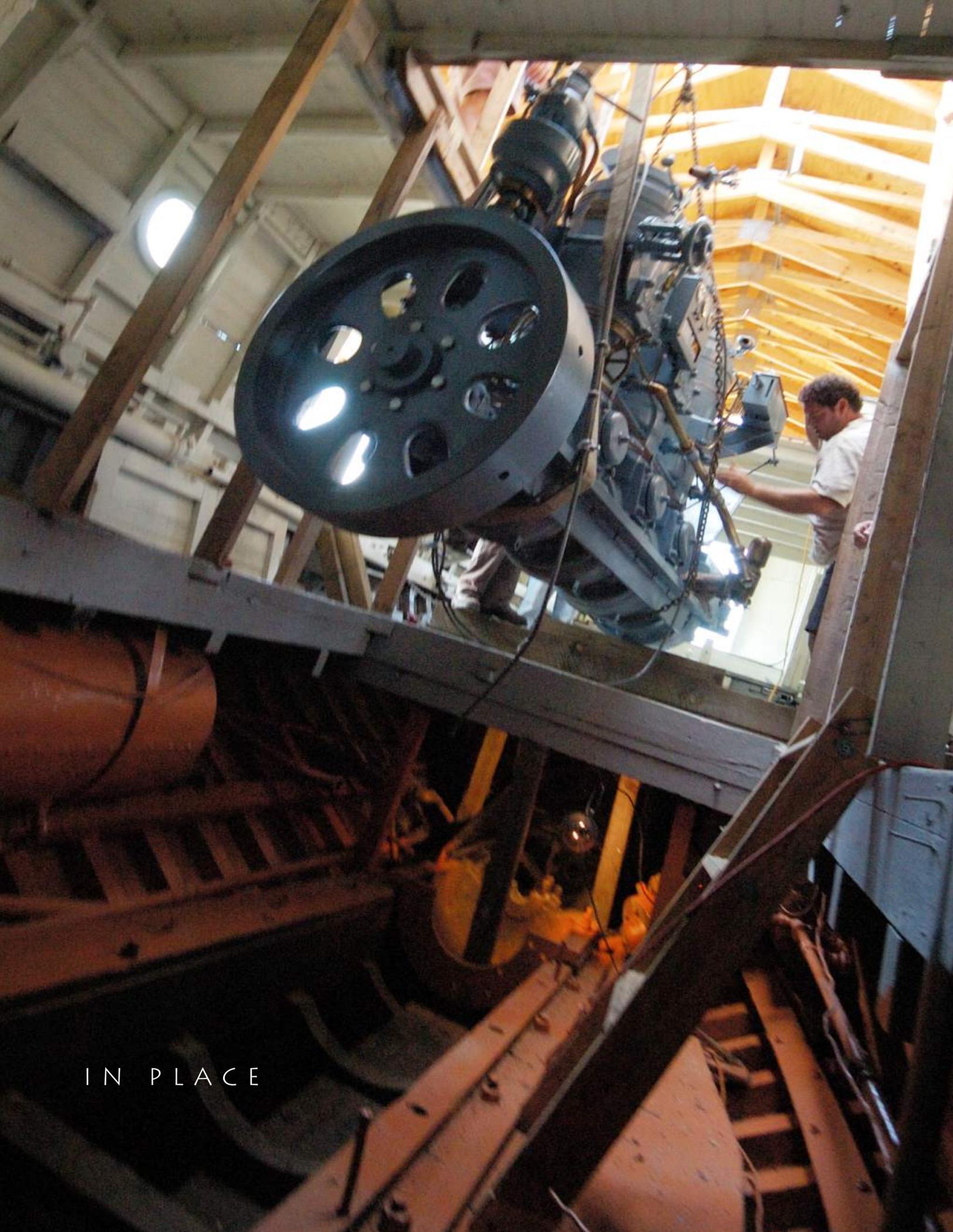
I am herewith enclosing three recent news articles of findings released by the Georgian Bay Association (GBA) that show that historic dredging of the St. Clair River over the years has resulted in a drain hole in the St. Clair River which continues to grow larger, and is now contributing significantly to the Lake Michigan-Lake Huron system loss of 2.5 billion gallons of water a day. Bill Bialkowski, an engineer who has conducted some of the new GBA research in regard to the St. Clair River, points out that "We're seeing drastic decline in Lake Michigan and Huron at the same time Lake Erie is rising."

Fortunately, the GBA Foundation decided to retain the internationally respected hydrological firm of Baird and Associates to do a proper assessment and to commit a quarter of million dollars to the study. Recently, this study concluded that the St. Clair River's sand and/or red clay particles were being swept away by the current, as a result of the dredging and other events that had removed the upper protective layer of the river bottom. Parts of the river are becoming much deeper, thereby creating a greater flow conveyance in the St. Clair River. As a result, I understand that Dennis Schornack, Co-chairman of the International Joint Commission (IJC) has stated that the St. Clair River does present a real problem and that the IJC "has no choice but to investigate the alleged erosion problem of the river."

Please also find a rather lengthy, but important, report by Bill Bialkowski that goes over the very interesting history of the St. Clair River dredging and the significant effects on Lake Huron and Michigan

I realize, of course, that there are many other factors to consider when one looks at the drastic drop of Lake Michigan water, such as climatic variations, etc. I feel, however, that the matter involving the St. Clair River dredging is very important to Beaver Island. Perhaps communications from Beaver Island to the GBA with copies to our representatives to support their efforts should be considered.

*My best regards, (signed)
Harris Fawell*



IN PLACE



photograph by Scott

R E U N

I T E D



On Saturday, September 1st, Robert Gillespie put his finger in the air to test the weather, and decided it would be a good day to put the mighty Kahlenberg engine back in the *Bob S*. He gathered his men (Kevin Barry McDonough, Ernie Martin of K&M Diversified Contractors, Ernie's TC neighbor Scott "I'm just here on vacation," Brian Cole, Galen Bartels,

and Matt Fogg), and the project began by taking a loader and crane down to the Marine Museum, with the 5-ton engine hauled there on the same trailer on which it toured the July 4th Parade.

As he positioned his equipment, his men cut as small a hole as possible in the freestanding roof to pass the engine through. Using two chains, fore and aft, and a few heavy-duty straps, he raised

the engine up as a crowd began to gather. He swung it over the hole and let it come down into the power-washed and newly-painted hold, with him widening the hole at the last minute to give it extra maneuvering room.

The crowd grew, with people asking, "Will that old wooden boat support all that steel?" The answer was, "It did once, and the hull is solid; plus, it has





photograph by Jim Klosterman

THE MIGHTY KAHLLENBERG BACK IN THE BOBS



those stone cribs, and a steel support at their midpoint.”

When the engine was inside the boat, some of the deck behind the engine bay had to be cut away, which his men jumped to do. Then a pivot point was quickly set up with deck-spanning big beams so the engine could be adjusted to the right angle. Once it was near position, it had to be swung for-

ward by the long arm of the crane, and then gently set on a rim of 4 x 4s. There it was, right back in the cradle from which it had been removed, in pieces, only twenty years before—and painted nicer than even when it was brand new.

In the meantime the men were readying to rebuild the roof, moving into placespecial over-built half-trusses they would sister to the cut-off original

scissor trusses. Working with nail guns and sledgehammers, that hardly took any time at all. Then truss plates were added to join the new halves, and a few sheets of plywood cut and nailed down and covered with felt to close the hole.

The forty people who had spent an entrancing afternoon gave their opinion: Impossible for many, but for Robert, no trouble at all.





A few minutes before the planned 9-11 memorial service, the skies opened up and sent the AmVets and the audience scurrying inside the St. James Fire Hall, where room had been made by pulling the fire trucks outside.

After Kathy Speck led the 60 people present in two songs, Post Commander Doug Hartle made a few remarks and turned the mike over to Alvin LaFreniere. He profiled one of the firefighters, Jimmy Lynch, who perished in the Twin Towers tragedy.

Then John Works took center stage. "It's hard to say the things that haven't

yet been said," he noted. "So I just want you to picture the images burned in your brains from that terrible day. The planes hitting the buildings. Steel collapsing into powder. The billowing dust chasing fleeing people, who had no more chance of getting away than a baby bird from a hawk. But for me, what I see most is the blueness of the sky behind all that terror. Whenever I see such a blue sky, I can't help but recall what it held on that terrible morning."

Chaplain Bob Hoogendorn addressed the gathering, acknowledging how lucky we are on Beaver Island to

have the EMS, the Fire Department, and the deputy sheriffs—more important here than elsewhere because our isolation prevents us from quick help from neighboring communities.

He thought September 11th should be set aside to honor the emergency responders, who sacrifice their personal lives to always be ready to do whatever is required, anytime, day or night—not just here, but all across the land.

Bob closed the meeting with a heartfelt prayer, and the rain suddenly stopped so everyone could walk to their car without getting wet.



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Then these distant cousins bearing our likenesses on their faces built a wonderful monument out in the water that symbolized the once-broken connection

now becoming restored. When a second group returned from a trip there, they said something had to be built, and fast.

Plans were made to create an *Arranmore Park* on the former generating station site, but legal and political delays put progress in limbo.

Finally the idea was hatched of moving the location of our honorarium to the western edge of Holy Cross Cemetery. A fieldstone grotto was designed, and Dick and Amy Burris agreed to build it—for a song. Others pitched in, some bringing special rocks to the site. It was a massive undertaking, made slower by

the attention it drew. Finally, at the end of August, it was done. The intended statue had not yet arrived from Peru, but one was borrowed from the church so a dedication could be held. On September 1st Father Pat offered Mass to over 70 members of his flock, with another 40 interested souls hovering at the back on a sunny and windy day. With the quiet murmur of a generator 100' away, the choir sang and Father Pat, Joe Reed, and Bill McDonough movingly spoke.

It was a fitting ceremony, one that let the Island feel it had finally done right by its Irish twin.



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26. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, October 3, 1907 **Local News:** "W. W. Boyle returned from the East Monday, and went home to St. James on the *Beaver* yesterday."

"A. T. Stewart, of the Northville fish hatchery, arrived here Tuesday night, and will remain here this month to paint the local hatchery and do other work, after which he will go to St. James to superintend the spawn-gathering campaign, which will be about the same as last year."

"John Maloney, of Chicago who was spending a two-weeks vacation here and at St. James, returned home Tuesday."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, October 10, 1907 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* has reduced her Island trips to tri-weekly, and now goes Mon., Wed., and Fri., weather permitting."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday,

October 17, 1907 **Local News:** "James Donlevy, of St. James, was here Tuesday to meet his wife, who arrived from Chicago that evening."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, October 24, 1907 **Beaver Island News:** "Mrs. Frank Stafford and family and Mrs. Frank Flickner and family returned home last week."

"Potatoes is a very good crop on the Island this fall. Mr. Frank Roddy reports having a tuber weighing three pounds, and several of a pound and a half."

"Miss Hattie Collins, the enterprising milliner of Charlevoix, was here a few days last week with a full line of the latest novelties in ladies headgear." (Note: Hattie Collins, Charlevoix appears in the Beaver Hotel register October 14, 1907)

"The Misses Margaret Donlevy and Ida B. Gallagher spent last week in Charlevoix."

"W. A. Scheid book-keeper for the Lumber Co., spent a few days visiting his parents at Manistee last week."

"Miss Delia Mooney who has been visiting with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. Mooney left for Chicago."

"The wrecking tug *J. W. Bennett* and Lighter was wind-bound here a few days last week. The *Bennett* has been wrecking the barge *Packard* on Lake Huron."

"Mrs. James Donlevy who has been under doctors care at Chicago for the past month, returned home much improved in health."

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gallagher Thursday of last week a boy."

"Mrs. Joe Lighton of Nomah who has been visiting her nephew John Lighton, of this place, returned home last week."

"Barge *John Schroeder* loaded here last week."

For Posterity—

Amy Burris and Loretta Slater hope to create a record of all those who

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"Schooner *Rouse Simmons* which ran foul of the *Minnie Meuller* has been repaired, and is again in commission."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, October 31, 1907 **Local News:** "R. W. Kane went to Beaver Island Monday on legal business."

"Capt. John Genelt, of the fishing tug *Little Maeta* came home from St. James Saturday with a fractured shoulder caused by a fall on the tug while lifting nets in heavy seas. He will return this week."

"The closed fishing season begins at twelve o'clock tonight and continues until Dec. 31st. The U. S. fish commission will begin the annual campaign of spawn gathering at Beaver Island as soon as the test nets indicate that the fish are 'ripe' for spawning, which usually is about Nov. 10th. The work at St. James is again under the charge of Mr. A. T. Stewart of the Northville hatchery." (Note:

A. T. Stewart, Charlevoix, appears in the Beaver Hotel register, Oct. 28, 1907)

"The tug *Cisco* came over from St. James Monday night after Dr. Kanagy for consultation with Dr. Wilkinson in the case of Mrs. C. C. Gallagher, who is very ill."

Beaver Island News: "Mr. Chas. Tilley claims the prize for the largest pumpkin raised in Northern Michigan. He has got five weighing from fifty to ninety pounds."

"Miss May O'Malley, who has spent the summer here with her aunt Mrs. James Donlevy, returned to her Chicago home."

"R. W. Kane of Charlevoix, transacted business here this week." (Note: R. W. Kane, Charlevoix, appeared in the Beaver Hotel register Oct. 28, 1907)

"Mrs. P. O'Donnell and Mrs. C. Roddy visited Charlevoix last week."

"W. J. Gallagher spent Sunday with

his family here."

"Miss Kate J. Malloy who has had an attack of pneumonia is reported to be improving."

"Capt. Larsen of the schooner *Rose Bud* has purchased a half interest in the schooner *Rouse Simmons*."

"Quite an amazing incident took place here one day last week when the barge *Adiramied* lay here stormbound. The chief Mr. Ed. Cumosky went about town shaking hands with the older inhabitants calling them by name and relating incidents which occurred years ago. Every one was inquiring who this man was that knew so much of the Island's former history. Finally after keeping up this farce for sometime he disclosed his identity. Mr. Cumosky spent his boyhood days on the Island and left here thirty five years ago."

(Oct. 1 28 degrees, heavy frost, 1/2 ice F. Protar)

an identifying plat map, some pictures, and other information, along with material on the dedication, will

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28. HEALING & JOY AT TARA'S MEADOW

“I collapse in my camp chair around the small fire, relieved that we've managed to set up camp before the inky darkness of nightfall. A sense of anticipation spreads, knowing I have the entire weekend to look forward to. This will be the 11th annual Labor Day Retreat at Tara's Meadow on Beaver Island. Ten of us have embarked on this pilgrimage with the theme of 'Healing and Joy.' There are some new faces this year, but I know from attending past retreats that we'll not remain strangers for long.

After a restful sleep and a hearty breakfast with my husband of 14 years,

we all gather for the day's first activity. We begin with luxurious stretches and 'Celtic Body Prayers.' The glorious sun slowly disperses the morning mist, gently drying the dewy grass and warming our bodies from the inside out.

Our next activity is to enter the 'Stone Circle' and share our individual hopes and intentions for the weekend. We learn that some of us are battling wounds to our psyche, some are struggling with physical disease, and others are simply seeking personal enrichment. We leave a stone in the small cairn at the center of the circle. And we each feel

different than before, having shared a vulnerable piece of ourselves, and feeling the support of each person there.

The remaining workshops and activities range from profound to silly and fun. Sometimes we are an enlightened group, other times we get a little raunchy. But throughout we share a deep sense of community with our fellow sojourners, and with the wilderness and natural beauty of this remote setting. I have never felt a connection with the Earth as strongly as I do on Beaver Island and in Tara's Meadow.

On Saturday night, we share a beau-





tiful meal prepared and served by Seamus Norgaard and his lovely wife Terri. It was a simply magical event with good food, comradeship, laughter, and a sense of deep well-being. Afterward, my husband and I lay on our backs in the Meadow and view the amazing night sky. We wish upon shooting stars and marvel at the Milky Way.

On Sunday we all traversed to Lake Michigan to complete one of our activities, releasing the clay effigies we made of ourselves 'in healing.' It was a very powerful exercise to 'let go' of a part of us that we are ready to leave behind. The

Lake was surging with powerful waves, and the more adventurous of us play out in them with wild abandon. Before we head back to camp, we create a 'Healing Staff' together with colorful ribbons of fabric and our healing words and intentions written on them. The beautiful rod is passed to each of us to admire, feeling the power in our creation. By unanimous decision, the Staff is given to Bridget to help sustain her through some serious health issues. When Bridget is healed, the staff will pass along to our next member in need.

Our retreat concludes with a 'Stone

Circle' closing to our cairn. We each voice a commitment we plan to keep through the next year, based on what we've gained from our weekend. Then we walk our stones to a much larger cairn, where our intentions and commitments mingle with those of others who have come here before us, and the many others who will follow. Occasionally I think about the stones I have left in that cairn after I've returned home. And I feel a thrill knowing a piece of me always resides on Beaver Island, and a piece of Beaver Island always resides in me.

—Mary Beth Visniski, Muskegon





On August 31st our Beaver Island community congregated together in a fabulous display of support: the Music Benefit that took place at Unfinished Farms. It was for Brian Roman, a 31-year-old friend who has been coming here for a few years to share his gift as a fiddler. He succumbed this spring to an unprecedented and sudden case of renal failure, nearly losing his life.

An amazing 670 persons were recorded attending the afternoon of mixed music sessions, hobo pot and pig roast feast, live auction, and more music and dancing throughout the night.

The barn dance was entertained by a very talented assortment of musicians.

Cloyd Ramsey and his grandchildren David and Jennifer put on a great demonstration of bluegrass and folk song. Both young masters of the banjo and mandolin amazed us with their dexterity. Danny Gillespie, Dan Johnson, Cindy Gillespie, and Edward Palmer graced our ears with traditional Island music, so wonderful to experience and tap your foot, and everything else, to! John McCafferty and Brian Roman joined in with all of the previously mentioned musicians, creating jam sessions that brought everyone to their feet either dancing or just in excitement.

After Father Pat Cawley's blessing, the dinner hour lasted, well, two hours,

thanks to the unbelievable attendance! We were so appreciative that everyone understood we were feeding 400 people while only expecting 250—the average of previous hobo dinners.

Huge thanks go out to everyone who contributed, helping prepare and serve or bringing dishes to pass. Steve Lucas was the master pig roaster and hobo pot chef, with John and Carol Runberg as 1st and 2nd mates to the hobo pot. A hobo pot is a 65-gallon cast iron kettle heated up over an open fire. It is filled with cuts of ham, corn on the cob, cabbage, carrots, onions, and potatoes, all dipped in a special secret brew and then boiled for the masses.





BITE OF BEAVER ISLAND

Dr. Jeff Powers saved the day by bringing in a great amount of fresh-caught salmon steaks to add to the boil. McDonough's Market, Stoney Acre Grill, and Bud and Colleen Martin (Island Energies) brought the beverages, Austin and Angie Behling from Boyne Valley Auctioneers volunteered their services to kick off the live auction, which was a fun and entertaining hour with an eclectic assortment of donations! Young and old alike had a great time competing, just like the big rollers do!

The evening music shows were followed by another acoustic session with Brian Roman featured on his fiddle, and all the bluegrass and country musicians

joining in. Micheal Beans and his music partner Finn entertained the crowd with their Pirate renditions of traveling the continent. They worked their way into a modern session with the famous Dog House Boodlers. The night jumped with lots of Johnny Cash tunes, the dance floor thumping with the Beaver Stomp! They can really get it bouncing! Good thing John McCafferty made the dance floor 50% stronger this year!

Words cannot express how much we appreciate everyone's efforts to help make the benefit a success. Brian not only is on dialysis every other day, but needs numerous medications to keep his body sound, and has the financial strain

of not having a full-time job to meet his medical expenses. Our community showed how much he is loved and cared for by their support; thanks to everyone!

We will keep you informed of his progress. He is currently working on arrangements for transplant referral. A note from him was, "Beaver Island and her people have given me so much! You all have helped pull me through the worst of this, and turned tonight into one of the best times of my life. Thank you."

If anyone would like to send cards or future help to Brian please send to the McCaffertys in Brian's name and we will pass it on to him. Thank you again..... John and Beth McCafferty



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32. THANK YOU TO THE ISLAND

About four years ago, I first heard the fiddle playing of Patrick Bonner on a recording made in the 1930s. It seemed as though it came from some far off distant land, yet it felt so familiar. Was it the Irish trills, the wave-like rocking of the bow, the hard square dance sound, or the sound of Mr. Bonner's voice telling stories of island between the tunes? I was hooked.

Of course, my next step was to take a trip to Beaver Island. From the moment I stepped off the *Emerald Isle* (and into the Beachcomber!), I felt my fiddle and I were coming home. Although, the music has been changed over the generations, one aspect has been steadfast, its importance to the community. I have been so blessed to play music, danced, and, well, partied with so many of you.

How can I begin to thank all of you for the wonderful Hobo Dinner & Pig Roast Barn Dance to help me meet the unexpected challenges associated with kidney dialysis? The musicians played their hearts out and it was just an awesome blend of music that moved wonderfully throughout the night. Over the past years, the Island musicians have brought me in like family and I am so

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Like the weather, nearly everyone complains about the roads on Beaver Island, but no one seems able to know what to do about them. Let's assume that for financial and aesthetic reasons the roads on the Island will remain unpaved.

There are as many varieties of rock, stone, and gravel for unpaved roads as there are cars on Beaver Island. Unfortunately, our roads seem to be covered with the worst possible combination of materials.

When I started bicycling on Beaver Island a decade ago it was nearly a cyclists' paradise. Except for a few stretches of East Side Drive, and some patches of sand on some smaller roads, the gravel on the roads was almost perfect. The crushed rock and gravel would compress to a relatively hard, smooth surface. This would make good traction and ride for both bicycles and motor vehicles. Incidentally, when discussing bicycles, I'm referring to the kind made for riding on the Island with fat, knobby tires. Lately, I've noticed far

ROADS

more cyclists on the Island, mainly confined to town, King's Highway and the Donegal Bay bike trail.

In the past couple of years, the road commission has dumped large quantities of inappropriate stone, rock, and gravel on many of the roads. The worst has been West Side Road, which once was the best cycling road on the Island. Rounded stones and large rock were poured on the road. The most blatant example of this is on Fox Lake Road near the famous birch tree. However, they also dumped large stone and rock on Hannigan's, which previously had been good hard-pack. Seeming to realize that this far too large stone and rock also were hard on cars, recently tons of finely-pulverized gravel were dumped on the roads. This made the bicycling even worse, alternating between jolting along on large rock and sliding into powder equivalent to sinking into sand.

With the increasing number of small-tired electric vehicles charging

around the Island, I suspect surfaces abusive to bicycles also cause difficulty to electric vehicles. Additionally, the more resistance the road creates, the fewer miles between charges.

What distresses me is that there is no need for Beaver Island to become a bicycling torture test. I've ridden many places with unpaved roads surfaced with bicycle-friendly gravel. I doubt it can be much more expensive than the rock being spewed on the roads of the Island. The Rails-to-Trails Conservancy can provide excellent advice on appropriate surface materials for cycling. It has been turning abandoned railroad roadbeds into unpaved bike paths for decades.

The increased tax millage for the roads deserved to fail last year. The residents of the Island should not increase the millage until they are guaranteed better roads for their taxes, not the "whatever is handy" rock that has been laid down in recent years. Even SUVs benefit from better roads.

— Rich Warren



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grateful for the privilege of playing with you. I hope you had as much fun as I did.

John and Beth McCafferty are such true and straight-shootin' friends, and I am dumbfounded by their ability, with your help, to put together such a grand night. I know many of you helped them, too many to mention, but special thanks to Steve Lucas and John and Carol Runberg who were "bustin yer hump"

around that pig and Hobo pot all night. It was miraculous, more folks kept coming but the food and drink just seemed to multiply as the night went on, thanks to the sponsors—McDonough's Market, Island Energies, Unfinished Farms, and Stoney Acre Grill. Further, IslandAirways made it possible for me to stay on the Island, flying me back and forth to get dialysis on the mainland during the week. Also,

thanks to Jeff Cashman for the wonderful posters, they really got things going. And finally, thanks to all those who helped set up and clean up. You're the best.

I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, your calls and notes, your help, your music, and for one very special night—all have helped me cope. You are one special community.

— Brian Roman

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

SERVE AND PROTECT

"To serve and protect" is usually the motto adopted by most police officers, however "to harass and degrade" seems to be the motto adopted by one particular member of the Beaver Island police department. On a Saturday in July my dog ran off and didn't return home. The dog was discovered at the Beaver Island airport with a collar and tags. A neighbor reported the dog was found and had been instructed to send her to Charlevoix via plane. The dog received first-class treatment on her trip to the animal clinic. It was there that the dog stayed for the weekend. Meanwhile, I searched all the places familiar to the dog on the Island, to no avail. Finally, on Monday, I went to town and placed notices at the Post Office and the grocery store. I tried contacting the Sheriff's office and had to

leave a message. I left the same information that I posted at the other locations in town. Since the dog was registered and legally licensed in Sanilac County to a family member, my son-in-law was contacted. Upon realizing the dog was actually mine, Mr. Welke (owner of the airport) informed me that my dog was in Charlevoix.

Over the entire weekend, due to a lack of communication, I was worried sick over the loss of my dog. Thanks to the effort of Mr. Welke, my dog was sent back on the very next flight to the Island and brought to my home.

A few minutes later a young police officer from the Beaver Island station proceeded to read me the riot act.



He instructed to keep my dog tied up at all times or, if they picked her up "again," they would send her directly to the pound in Charlevoix. Now, I say "again" in quotes due to the fact that the police never picked her up in the first place.

To make matters worse, my dog was returned without her tags. They removed her tags to run them because she wouldn't sit still long enough for them to read the numbers. So now, I have to carry her papers with me at all times to prove that she is licensed and has her rabies vaccination. Now, I can't get new tags until the current ones expire. What sense does that make for them to confiscate her tags?

—To make things difficult for a long time resident of the Island. — Dolores Gallagher

RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On Saturday, September 15, 2007, over 60 people gathered to recognize teachers Joe Moore, Jim Stambaugh,

Donna Stambaugh, Jacque LaFreniere, and board members John Fiegen and Linda McDonough. The event was funny

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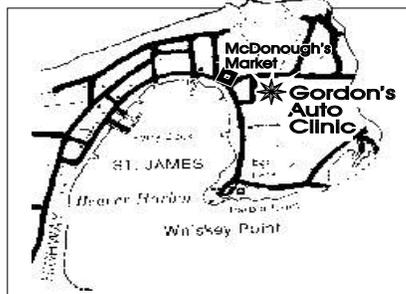
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34. NACKERMAN FAMILY REUNION

The descendants of Frank and Grace Nackerman held a family reunion on Beaver Island from August 4th thru August 7th. In all, ninety people attended.

Grandchildren and great-grandchildren came from as far away as California, Colorado, and New York. There were also three great-great-grandchildren present. The family members who couldn't be there were missed.

U-D grad Frank, born on Beaver Island after his parents, Fred and Molly, arrived from Elk Rapids, had been the much-loved Island postmaster for many years

The celebration started with an exciting Euchre tournament at Jerry's unique party garage on Saturday evening. Sunday morning saw the family at Mass at Holy Cross Church where the deceased members of the family were remembered. They are Fred and Molly Nackerman, Frank and Grace Nackerman, Ruth Ann Nackerman, Sandi Smith, and Susan Waskul.

After a fun-filled Road Rally on Sunday afternoon the group gathered for a delicious dinner in the Hall. The entertainment after dinner included a peppy song by the littlest descen-



dants about Sandpiper Run on Donegal Bay. The 'elders' then answered questions and told stories about growing up on Beaver Island in 'the olden days.' The youngest grandchild from each branch of the family reminisced about visiting their Grandma and Grandpa and Beaver Island over the years.

The activities on Monday included a walk from the Nackerman farm to Donegal Bay, fishing on Font Lake, an afternoon of games and

activities at the farm, and a barbeque dinner also at the farm. Tuesday was a day at the beach at Sandpiper Run on Donegal Bay. To top off the activities, fourteen of the brave young people who were still on the Island on Wednesday went skydiving.

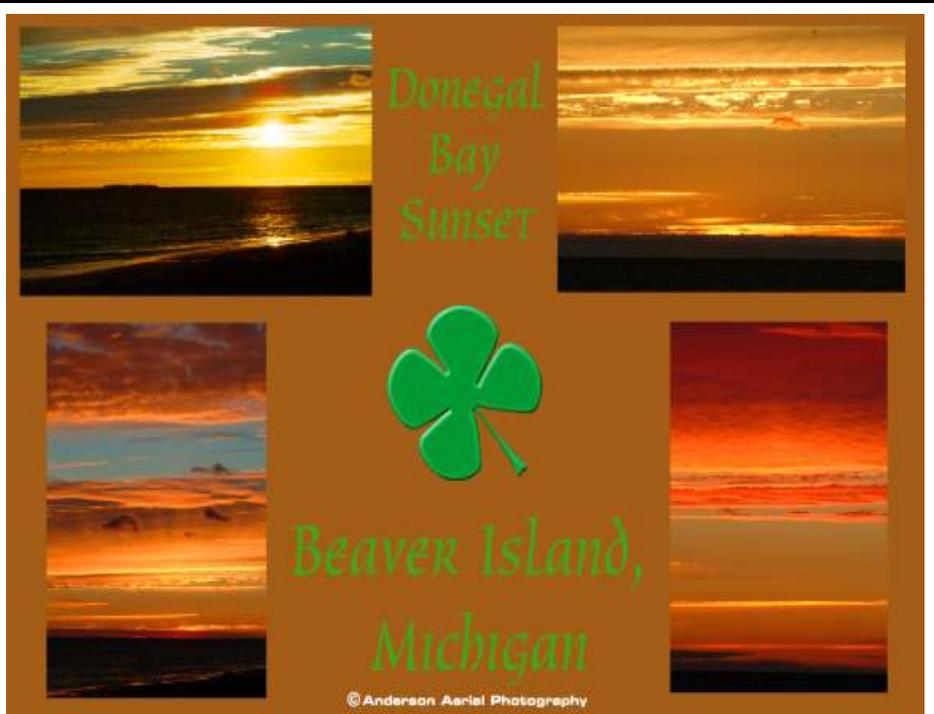
Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the activities and getting to know and spend time with cousins, aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. There is already talk of planning another Nackerman Family Reunion.



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THE ANNUAL BRIDGE WALK

A PERSONAL NOTE

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23 people attended the annual cable creek bridge walk held at 10:00 AM on Monday September 3, 2007. Unfortunately, the Governor was busy elsewhere.

STORING ISLAND MEMORIES

Meddling clouds suddenly fade, Sand Bay invites their play in the sun.

Carefree grandkids exploring together, ignore my presence quick camera clicks.

Roaming the beach kicking up sand, moving in sync with incoming waves.

Crafting sandcastles near water's edge, challenging nature as only kids can.

Sometime in their future my photos their passport, journeying back to this Island of joy.

— John J. Gordon, 9/07
(John's family has owned property near Font Lake for over 140 years.)

On September 27th the Historical Society's Board of Trustees organized a spaghetti dinner at the Shamrock as a benefit for me, because of my recent health problems, for which I am extremely grateful. I was astonished by the response, as were the waiters and cooks who served over a hundred and seventy dinners before the food ran out—and still the people continued to stream in.

I am so very proud to be part of a community that reacts to an individual setback with this degree of warmth. Every time I think about it, tears come to my eyes; I am humbled by such overwhelming generosity. The good will expressed toward me was palpable and cheering, and I appreciate it so very much.

I particularly want to thank Alvin LaFreniere for instigating the event, John Runberg for running the 50/50 and Joyce for overseeing the donation bowl, Rick Denny for having donated his winnings back, Eric and Dana for having donated the use of their staff and facility, the Board members who tirelessly served so many platters, and everyone who came out on a dim Thursday evening. I feel truly blessed.

I thank you with all my heart for showing me how many friends I have. This confirms again what we all know: rain or shine, there's no better place to be than Beaver Island. — Bill Cashman

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36. PAR FOR THE COURSE

by Fairway Frank

If April showers bring May flowers, then apparently September showers bring the return of a green, green golf course. And, after the final weeks of summer's hard-packed, brown fairways, the return is a most welcomed one as the hardy autumn duffers keep teeing off.

Among the hardiest of the autumnal few is the fall league championship trio of Ron 'Big Lefty' Wojan, Bob 'Bunker' Simpson, and Bill 'Deadeye' Detwiler, who claimed the title on the final shot on the final hole of the final round. Finally (as Big Lefty said), when Deadeye dropped in a 10-foot putt to halve the par 5 seventh hole, to tie the nine-hole round, and to sustain the team's one-point lead over the woulda-coulda-shoulda hopefuls of Johnny 'Short Game' Runberg, Joe 'Par' Moore, and some guy by the name of Fairway.



Mixed Champs Mary Kay Dorais and Larry Roy

The champs had earned their slim margin the previous week, breaking a point deadlock that had held the final weeks of the season. The playoff finale was thus a matter of one team holding steady and the other needing to win the match by either one hole or even one stroke. And while Joe Par gave the

challengers a lift with a long chip-in from high off the first green for a birdie, Big Lefty matched that effort with a shot from the thick grass along the top of the right-side bunker on the next hole. From there out it was stroke-for-stroke until the eventual 36-36 tie was in the books.

The team of Bill Hirshey, John Robert, and Neal Boyle finished third, with the threesome of Jeff Mestelle, Ryan Smith, and Rob Latimer taking fourth. Only five points separated the four teams in the final standings.

Rounding out the league were Larry Kubic, Howard Davis, and Elwood Baker in fifth and, quite surprisingly, Joe Williams, Larry Laurain, and Buck Ridgeway in sixth.

The final numbers again showed that overall play keeps improving, as the league average per round was less

FINAL REPORT ON SUMMER SILENT AUCTION

Summer has come and gone and "An Affair to Remember" was a success due to the continuous stream of interested patrons at the Health Center. It was fun to see the people who bid and then over-bid their friends and neighbors all

in the name of charity. The Health Center staff seemed to enjoy the bustling of people in and out, and they did most of the work in keeping the ball rolling. The donors came up with some great ideas as well as the staff. The last few weeks

brought in another \$1,460 in auction winnings. The grand total for the event was \$5,200!

Thanks to everyone who participated in this and know it is making a dent in the need for services at the Health

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than a stroke over par. Just wait until next year was an oft repeated phrase during the great post-playoff meal prepared by Caroline Works. And, as always, a waggie of the driver was directed towards John Works and his crew for keeping the course in great playing condition.

A big mix up

On Sunday, September 23, not only did summer officially turn into fall, but the Beaver Island Golf Course turned into a wonderful mix up as the first Mixed Couples tournament was held.

Eighteen teams of one man and one woman (that's the mixed part) competed in a challenging alternate shot format, with the men taking the tee box on the odd number holes and the women on the evens. After that it was strictly my-turn-your-turn as the teams progressed to the green and into the hole.

When the final ball rolled into the

final cup, it was Mary Kay Dorais and Larry Roy claiming the second tourney title of the year for each as the pair paired for a winning round of 44. "Mary Kay made it happen every time I got us in trouble," Larry, who was part of the winning Jerry Sowa Memorial Event in August, said. Mary Kay was a member of the winning team in last month's annual ladies tournament sponsored by Trudy Works.

Finishing second, and still riding in the same cart, were Larry and Theresa Laurain who came in at 45. The duo of Joe Moore and Marianne Brown were third at 46, while John Robert and Jayne Bailey shot 49 for fourth.

Among the great mix of players were four husband-wife teams; the team of first-time player Matt Hohn and his partner, fifth-grader Meg Works, the youngest entrant in the field; and the father-daughter team of Neal and Caitlin Boyle.

A warm, blue sky, still-clinging-to-summer day added to the enjoyment of the three dozen players who participated. Talk afterwards was of the great fun had by all and hopes of seeing more such events next year — as long as we keep Mary Kay off the practice range beforehand.

The rest of the story

While both league and tournament play have concluded for the season, action at the course is still far from over. Last year a few dedicated players (that would be the polite term) stayed with it, not only through the holidays, but, actually, into this year.

As long as the rain and snow hold off (or mostly) and the sun shines (at least a little, somewhere above the cloud cover), and the temperatures remain above 40 (or, as Buck has been known to say, 36 is almost 40), some of us will still be playing.

Bundle up and join us.

Center. The August 24-Sept 3 winners are as follows: Senator Jason Allen, Angel Welke, Kathy Amans, Ken Slater, Sue Welke, and Jackie Evans. Thank you so much everyone. A special thanks To Betty and Donna at the Health Cen-

ter. I had a great time doing this. I hope someone's inspired to take my place next year. I'll be glad to give you all the info needed, or if you have an idea of your own, call Connie Wojan this fall!

PS: Some of the Wish List items

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Beaver Island Michigan is the best place in the world! Many people like it because it is so small and everybody knows everybody. It has a really small airport and some really nice people working there. The people who live there are really cool. Most of them have pickups, four wheelers, dirt bikes, and a lot of really neat stuff. The people up there are al-

ways really nice and wave at you whenever you drive by them. That is why it's the best place in the world.

The Island is out in the middle of the Great Lakes. My mom's friend Richard has a cabin up on the west side. He has a Chevy pickup, a Chevy blazer, two four-wheelers, and two dirt bikes. There is a golf course there. It only has nine holes,

and I have played it once before. There is one road on the Island that is paved and it's called King's Highway.

Last time I was up there, we flew up and almost got stuck up there because of the weather.

The best thing about Beaver Island is that it has no place to talk on your cell phone except right in front of Daddy

OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ADVICE BOOTH 2007

Well my friends, summertime has come and gone, my oh my. This year's Beaver Island Music Festival was a huge success on many levels; artistically and culturally, this was the most diverse of all the festivals. The music was as usual excellent and as usual there was something for everyone. There were bands from all over the great Midwest, including Beaver Island, participating in this year's event.

Sometimes the sounds were electric, sometimes more of an acoustic rhythm filled the air. But the entire time was marked by high-level talent. Starting out on Friday was a cool group from the Kalamazoo area, *Blue Dahlia*, who played an eclectic mix of flutes and strummed acoustics, melded with hard-pounding percussion for an overall blend that was pretty tasty. The *Goldmine Pickers* who have traveled all over the US of A and Europe next played an awesome

traditional Bluegrass-and-Folk set that had folks kicking up some dust in front of the stage. So far so good. When you are a *Prisoner of Paradise* you are trapped not by four walls but by the prisoners of paradise themselves, Beaver Island's own super-talented super group, headed by the Croswhites, Joddy and Stryder, and Denny Richards, who played an infectious genre-busting stuff like there was no tomorrow—and year after year they have always left it all on the stage; this year was no different. Now it's becoming nighttime, the perfect time for the low-down bluesy rock of PAUL and the *Harper Woods' Heroes*. These guys and gals are tight like a machine that bounces from funky to blues to funky to rock again and then back to funkier funky.

The crowd is very enthused at this time. The *Ragbirds* are coming, the *Ragbirds* are coming! The darlings of last year's festival showed off all the bells

and whistles and fiddles and drums and guitars and mandolins and more drums, drums for everyone. This is as fun as a band you can see in Michigan, tight and loose at the same time. *Rootstand*, on the Island recording a new record for the week leading up to the Fest at Joddy's studio, took the stage and made it their own. Roots music is what they like to call it, but again this was a another genre-bending band of super-talented players. This is the Theme this year: all the bands can shift from one style to another on a dime and leave you with six cents change feeling like you got your money's worth and then some.

Saturday James Ellsworth and the *Dynasorrows* all the way from Indiana opened up the festivities with some great original Americana-styled sounds. The first true garage band to play at the festival played this year, L. S. Banjo. You can imagine driving down a twisting and turn-

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Franks. You can just barely get a signal there. On Beaver Island there is one restaurant that I love, the Shamrock Bar and Grill. The Shamrock is the best place but I have never eaten at Stony Acres restaurant. Their bar is called Donago Danny's.

St. Patrick's Day is a huge festival time on the Island, Since most of the Islanders are Irish this is rated one the best

places to go for St Patrick's Day celebrations. There is a place called the Big Rock that is a really big rock. When we rode the four-wheelers up there I tired to climb it and the first few times I fell, and then the very last time before we left I finally climbed to its top.

People also say that Beaver Island is America's Emerald Isle because you can

buy a front bumper plate that says that on it. That is why the Island is very cool.

In addition, when I grow up I'm going to graduate high school. Move up to the Island. Have a job working as an airplane pilot. Live happily ever after.

Gavin is a freshman at Gateway charter high school in Estero (Ft. Myers) Florida. He'll be back.

BEAVER ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL

ing lane and pulling into a driveway then running over a bicycle and seeing these kids rocking it out. After a year's hiatus in Hiatusville the boys from *D'carlo* came back to flaunt their musical riches in the ears of everyone in attendance. Here is another example of genre-twisting: rock, jazz, improv, tight fun music, played by nice, nice guys. I hear yelling, I see dancing, that's hand clapping and whistling, wait a second, where are hoops and hollers...there they are...it's the *Doghouse Boodlers* all the way from Beaver Island. Boom! Good-time Island music from the next generation of Island musicians, aided by the current generation to be sure but these Kids have got the torch that was passed to them and are in no hurry to pass it on. *Simplicity* on the heels of their bust-out new recording ego straight showed off their grooves with solid succinct songs. These founding BIMF performers brought a new twist once again and

everyone dug it, dancing, yelling, smiling ear to ear; wait that was me, but trust me they were great. Defying everything but logic was the terrific *Dirt Road Logic*, this is as down and dirty as you can get, maybe not as down and dirty as they can get, but close. This is a rock-and-roll band playing rock-and-roll at a high level of enthusiasm to a crowd equally enthused, that is *Dirt Road Logic*. The *Goldmine Pickers* closed out the festival with a full set of about 40 songs from a kitbag that seemed to be overflowing. They must know a million songs, maybe a zillion, and seemed ready to play them all if bedtime didn't show its sleepy head, so they tucked in the festival and pulled up the blankets and said goodnight. good-night, goldmine pickers, goodnight.

That was the music, it was great but it couldn't happen without a ton of hard work by people who pitch in. The volunteers this year drove the Shuttles into

town and back from 8 in the morning until 2 am—if you wanted a safe ride to town you had it, no questions asked, get in. This year's charity, the Beaver Island Music Fund, will receive 500 dollars to buy instruments for young musicians on Beaver Island so that in a few years we can have a new crop of Island Born and Bred musicians; that is cool.

A safe time for everyone with Doctors and Nurses and EMTs volunteering their time for everyone. A clean safe environment where kids can play and their parents can have a good time at the same time; how often does that happen? Dan and Carol Burton put so much into this event, this festival for Beaver Island, for the people of Beaver Island. The message is simple, you can do anything you put your mind to if you are willing to put the work into it. Amen.

Good work. Thank you. See you next year.
—Bayard Kurth

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