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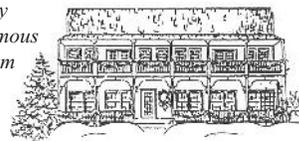
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

Before the monthly meeting got started, a question was raised about the appointment of two BITA members the month before. Supervisor Rick Speck clarified the situation: these seats are filled by appointment made by the supervisor, not through an election by the Board.

The supervisor announced that the state had rated the Township's system for determining and collecting taxes as deficient, and had given it until 11-20 to submit a plan for upgrading the way it kept its records. The upgrade, including the adding of photographs of each taxed property, was already underway.

The Board planned to meet with Peaine's Board on 11-23, and have its attorney present, in order to discuss matters of mutual concern. Near the top of the list was the composition of the Airport Committee, and pursuing the acquisition of additional land—possibly by means of a condemnation proceeding.

The problem of snow removal downtown was discussed. If the Township pays to have the sidewalks cleared, the snow winds up at the curb in an ever-larger bumper, which progressively narrows the street. This is a real problem downtown, compounded by the CCRC's feeling that it does not have to haul the dumped snow away—and can't afford to. When the sidewalks are shoveled, they sometimes turn icy, and some peo-

ple feel it's safer to walk in the street. The businesses could be made to provide their own sidewalk cleaning, but Main Street's commercial area has two unoccupied residences in the primary block. So the question was, considering all this, should the Township continue to clear the sidewalks?

Ed Troutman was added to both the Waste Management Committee and the Board of Review, and Ray Cole was added to the Lighthouse Restoration Committee.

One fuel oil bid was received and accepted; the tanks will be topped off, and then delivery will be rebid in the spring, when prices may drop.

Peaine Township

Several vacancies on committees, boards, and commissions were spelled out at the regular meeting of 11-11; they'll be posted on the Township website soon.

The Supervisor suggested tabling the request for authorization to begin a condemnation hearing for property owned by the Albins, which is desired by the Municipal Airport, until the matter of how to govern the Airport is resolved. He said that the Township Attorney had suggested the 1993 Ordinance was the governing document, but St. James had disputed this, saying it could find no evidence that it had been properly published, approved, and certified—even

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though decisions made in 2006 were based on it.

Christy Albin read a prepared statement in which she pointed out that such an action was premature because the Townships had never directly discussed this matter with her in the nine years of them owning the target property (to the west of the main runway).

At a special meeting of the Peaine Board on 10-16, a resolution was approved to accept an FAA \$75,000 grant for clearing land west of the main landing strip, with each Township contributing \$1,875. However this cannot be done until the land is acquired.

Because of the uncertainty about the make-up of the Airport Committee, the Board voted to postpone its scheduled meeting of 11-16.

The scolding about our tax records delivered by the state was discussed; our two townships scored 88 out of 200, the lowest mark in Michigan, and were ordered to bring themselves into compliance. The Board passed a motion to pay the expenses of a professional consultant to visit and provide advice.

The internet project was discussed. There are two "overlaps" with Beaver Island Broadband Inc: TDS, which requested stimulus to add an additional DSA to serve Donegal Bay area homes beyond 18,000' from the central office in town (though the microwave backhaul upgrade delay has been the reason for

the new-customer moratorium since the summer), and Charter Communications for some census blocks in Emmet County that are part of the project .

Because township meetings have been drawing over forty people and not all of them have been able to hear every remark, the Board voted to spend up to \$2,000 to purchase microphones, speakers, and a conference call enabler.

Anyone wanting to receive the Peaine Quarterly Newsletter was urged to submit their address to the Board

Joint Meeting

Peaine Hall was packed for the 11-23 joint meeting—although there seemed to be more cars than people; everyone must have come solo.

Inside, two arrays of tables were set up, with the full Boards sitting to the left or the right and the attorney they both used in the middle. Beside the current supervisors three former supervisors attended, and two spoke (the five other former supervisors living on the Island stayed away, most having washed their hands of politics when their term thankfully expired).

The crowd hoped for resolution on three issues: who would govern the Airport Committee; how would the Waste Management Committee be constituted; and could better advance cooperation between the Townships be done on bud-

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
get issues for jointly administered programs so Peaine didn't feel its millage was determined by St. James.

Airport governance was first up. In a sense everything was operating acceptably, but without a well-defined legal basis, and that could bite us in the future. Everyone felt the matter should be resolved; just *how* was the question. Both potentially governing documents were flawed by the absence of a paper trail, so now every possible measure was on the table—including creating an Airport Authority, which had been proposed and soundly rejected over ten years ago. This was suggested by Peter Wendling, the Township's attorney, who said it would allow for some separation between the Airport and the Town Boards. He also talked about a contract arrangement as provided by the Urban Intergovernmental Act and the Urban Cooperation Act of 1967, copies of which were distributed. He said that once the Boards decided on how they wanted to proceed, it would not take him long to draft the necessary paperwork.

No one really understood all the ramifications of the various systems. Peter Wendling agreed to create a list of the pros and cons of each, and submit it to the Boards before their next regular meeting. The suggestion was made to have another joint meeting after the options are reviewed, on January 11th at 7:00, at the Peaine Hall.

At that 1-11-10 meeting, the current expansion plan will also be presented and reviewed. While this is only a plan to which no commitment has been made, some felt it was what was behind the move to take part of the Albin property. In fact, some of the documents bore that out. But former supervisor John Works, attending his first meeting in a year, vigorously objected. He said that he had been involved in searching for the remains of eight people who had perished in plane crashes, and that state investigators had remarked that tree cover made the airport lights difficult to see low to the ground below the bluff. "It's a safety issue," he said. "Get on with it before there's another crash."

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make-up was also somewhat contentious. The rules for this committee have been accepted. Each Township has appointed two Board members to serve on it, and three more were to be appointed at large. Each Township posted requests for applications, and three were received, two in Peaine and one in St. James. It seemed this would be easy to put to rest through an affirmation, but the matter of former committee member and current Township employee Darrell Butler Jr. was raised. In a conversation with Jack Gallagher it was suggested there might be a conflict of interest, so he resigned. But St. James Board members stated that he had been told he *had to* resign—and, when asked, the attorney said the CoI rules were relaxed for Michigan communities of less than 25,000 so he would not be in violation; he worked at the Transfer Station at times but was not hired by them. So the joint Boards agreed to repost the request for applications.

The question of how to coordinate the Townships' funding of the jointly-operated Island facilities, such as the

Fire Department and the Transfer Station, led to the question of whether or not it was fair for one Township to assess a millage and the other to pay the same total from its general fund, effectively creating a lower overall millage for its members. In other words, are these agencies funded by two townships, or by all the property owners. This topic has come up time and again, and could not be resolved at this time. There was a suggestion that each agency should undergo a thorough analysis to determine who it serves; perhaps funding could be tied to usage.

Former Supervisor Ron Wojan stood up and said that twenty years ago questions like these had prompted a deep look at the possibility of combining the two townships, but the general conclusion was that not much money would be saved and some flexibility would be lost. "We resolved that the best approach would be to keep two Townships, but make sure there was always strong cooperation between them, for the good of the Island. Perhaps we should all remind ourselves of that today."



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It was nearly as good as it gets. The Beaver Island *Lady Islanders* traveled to Pellston Nov. 7 for the annual district volleyball tournament where they drew perineal nemesis, the Harbor Light Christian *Lady Swordsmen* in semifinal action.

Despite having a new coach this year for the first time, perhaps ever, the *Swordsmen* have a traditionally strong program, which is key to success at the net. You can throw out the records at this point, as everyone knows what is at

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Christmas is a time of tradition, and Colleen Martin showed us one of hers, hopefully a continuing one if all goes well. Every year to date, she has come up with an idea for the members of her family, and has then commissioned a woman to paint an ornament representing a gift, for example a tool box one year when one of her sons wanted automotive tools for Christmas. Painted on slightly angled wood cross-sections, over time the ornaments show the growth of the family, the interests and pursuits each year, anticipation and memories. Alas, her painter is no longer able to continue, so is there another craftsman willing to step up and continue such a tradition? If so, give Colleen a call at 448-2397.



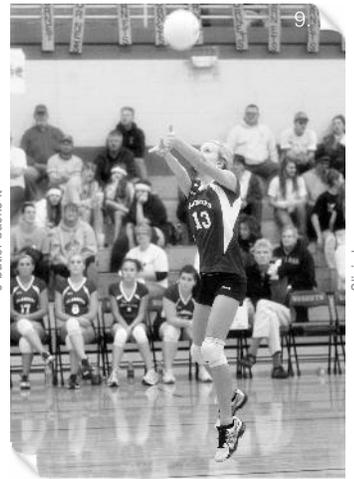
by Frank Solle



Briana attacks



Alex blocks



J-butler backs it

Olivia bumps up

stake and everyone plays with everything they've got.

So when the *Islanders* held off a late *Swordsmen* rally to hold on to a game one win 25-22, suddenly the sky was the limit.

But getting back to playing with everything, Harbor Light played the heavy, taking game two 25-11.

It was now a question as to which way fickle momentum would swing. Harbor Light jumped out to a big 10-3

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DON'T FORGET THE CARNIVAL OF COOKIES

Island bakers have never been able to keep up with the public demand – for Christmas cookies, but will try again to satisfy the hungry masses. Their production will be laid out ready for purchase at the Gregg Fellowship Center on December 10th. The Cookie Carnival starts at NOON and runs until 3:30 – if there are any cookies left that late in the afternoon.

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Lady Islanders Give Their All, from page 9. lead to start game three, and things looked a bit bleak for the *Islanders*. But following a service ace to push the lead to 14-8, the *Swordsmen* blinked and momentum swung. The *Islanders* went on a 7-3 run to close the gap to 17-15. Yet the pendulum swung again and Harbor Light ripped off four straight points for a 21-15 advantage. Could the game flow switch back one more time?

The *Islanders* regained the serve at 22-18 with sophomore Brigid Cushman at the line. Cushman calmly lured momentum back with five consecutive winning serves, including one ace for a stunning 23-22 *Islanders* edge before a bad serve tied the game at 23.

The *Islanders* claimed the next point and junior Brontae Lemmink served the winning point for an exciting 25-23 win.

Switching sides of the court again, the *Swordsmen* took full advantage of being on what had been the ‘winning’ side in the three previous games and stormed out to a 9-0 lead on their way to a commanding 25-9 win, setting up the match-deciding, 15-point, fifth game.

With momentum back in their corner, the *Swordsmen* won the coin toss and chose to stay at the ‘good’ end of the court, where they grabbed the early lead and a firm hold of momentum’s neck while holding the *Islanders* at bay with a 15-4 win.

“It’s always disappointing to lose,” said *Islanders* coach Kerry Smith, “but we did what we had hoped to do and that was play Harbor Light hard and force a fifth game.”

The *Islanders* wrapped up the season 8-3 in full head-to-head matches and 9-5-2

including the shortened matches at the Mackinac Island tournament.

The host Pellston *Hornets* claimed their third straight district title by defeating Harbor Light in straight games. Pellston opened the tournament by defeating Alanson in straight games in a match that featured the first meeting between Pellston coach Tim McNitt and his daughter Jill, in her first year as the Alanson coach. Pellston also defeated Mackinaw City in three games in semifinal action.

The *Hornets* went on to claim their second consecutive regional title, won the ensuing quarterfinal match as well, to advance to their third state final tournament. They won their first-ever state semifinal match before bowing to three time defending state champion Battle Creek St. Philip in the state title match.

Photographs by Frank Solle



The crowd goes wild



Olivia - first serve



Claire digs hard

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BASKETBALL?

by Frank Solle

The winter sporting season at Beaver Island Community School gets underway in a big way the first week of December as the Hannahville *Soaring Eagles* visit for a double double-header the 4th and 5th, followed by the Grand Marais *Polar Bears* who lumber into town the 11th and 12th.

The *Eagles* (6-2) were Northern Lights League runners-up last year behind Mackinac Island (8-0) in boys play. The *Islanders* finished NLL play last year at 3-5, although two of those wins were by forfeit due to weather conditions over Grand Marais, who finished fourth (2-6). The only meeting between the *Islanders* and the *Polar Bears* came during the post-season tournament where the *Bears* roared past a short-handed and under-the-weather *Islanders* team, 49-38. The *Paradise Rockets* were fifth last year at 1-6, their only win coming at the expense of the *Islanders*.

The *Lady Islanders* will be looking to improve on their 7-1 NLL co-championship mark from last year when they split the title with *Soaring Eagles*, losing their season opener at Hannahville. The only other games the *Islanders* dropped last season were a pair of non-conference games at DeTour as they finished the year at 14-3 with their first post-season trophy safely in hand.

Boys look to bounce back

The *Islanders*, under third-year coach Dan Martell, look to return to the form that led them to a solid 8-2 season two years ago and their last trip to a district tournament.

With this goal in mind, coach Martell will turn to a trio of experienced seniors, Dereck McDonough, Bryan Timsak, and Cameron LaVasseur. All three seniors possess strong offensive and defensive talents, and, as the coach

says, after three years of varsity experience they “are ready to go this year.” The only hitch in this plan is that McDonough injured a knee during the fall’s final soccer game and his status is questionable for the first two series of the season.

Also returning this year are junior Doug Campbell who proved to be a force under the basket last year, and sophomore Billy Lemmink who showed tremendous promise as a ball handler last year. Rounding out the *Islander* roster are returning sophomores Michael McCafferty and Matthew Cull, freshman McCauley Connaghan, and eighth-grader Ron Marsh. New to the squad is sophomore Gus Connaghan who will provide more height to an already fairly tall team. Eighth-grader Jewell Cushman is also new this year. The younger players are all working hard learning to fit in

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12. **Ready for Some Basketball**, from page 11. to a varsity program and give the *Islanders* a full practice squad as well as providing a good base for the future.

“With our athleticism this year I want to run a tight man-to-man defense and smother people while limiting opposing teams to just one shot,” Martell said. “If we play good basketball this could be a breakout year for us.”

Martell sees Hannahville and Mackinac Island, along with Grand Marais, as being in a “real fight” with the *Islanders* for the league crown. “Hannahville will be tall and athletic,” the coach said. Although Mackinac lost its three senior leaders, Martell says, “I get the feeling they will never be that down.” Grand Marais also lost its top scorer, but “with their system they will be good and will play tough,” Martell said.

Girls hope to grab gold alone

Since they have shared the NLL regular season title in each of the two years the game has become part of the league schedule, the *Lady Islanders* look to do something no team has yet done – win the title outright by themselves. And they have the lineup to do so.

The other aspect that has remained constant for the *Islanders* is their revolving coaching door. Marianne Brown led the team in their inaugural season, while former boys coach Mike Myers returned to the bench last year for a single season. This season Diane McDonough has stepped up to replace Myers in what will be her first coaching experience outside of recreational softball.

“I’ve worked with the kids in the summer softball program for 10 years, but that was more freestyle and not as structured as this,” McDonough said. “But I played basketball throughout high

school and love the game. I’ve loved watching the girls here play and I was kind of waiting for the right opportunity to try this, and this seemed to be it.”

And what an opportunity it is, taking over a team with such a proven track record and with proven ability. “I have a heck of a team,” McDonough said. “I’m very fortunate. We have strength and experience and a deep bench.”

ISLANDERS UPCOMING

Fri. Dec. 4 Hannahville*
Sat. Dec. 5 Hannahville
Fri. Dec. 11 Grand Marais*
Sat. Dec. 12 Grand Marais
Fri. Jan. 8 at Ojibwe*
Sat. Jan. 9 at Ojibwe*
Fri. Jan 15 Paradise*
Sat. Jan. 16 Paradise*
Fri. Jan. 22 at Hannahville*
Sat. Jan. 23 at Hannahville
Fri. Feb. 5 Mackinac Island*
Sat. Feb. 6 Mackinac Island
Fri. Feb. 12 at Grand Marais*
Sat. Feb. 13 at Grand Marais
Fri. Feb. 19 at Mackinac Island*
Sat. Feb. 20 at Mackinac Island
Fri. Feb. 26 - Sat. Feb. 27 NLL
Tournament at Hannahville
* League games
Friday games begin at 5:00 pm
Saturday games begin at 8:30 am

The *Islanders* roster features three returning seniors bringing experience and leadership. Kristy Bousquet, Jenna Butler, and Alex Kuligoski have been part of the team since day one. Junior Claire Kenwabikise also has been an important part of the team’s success so far, but suffered a sprained ankle and is out for an indefinite period. “Our seniors are very strong leaders and talented players,” McDonough said. “We will miss Claire at first, but we will survive without her.”

Also returning to the team are sophomores Jenna Battle, Brogan Maudrie, and Olivia Schwartzfisher who all contributed to last year’s success and will take on an even larger role this season. Sophomore Brighid Cushman joins the squad this year as does eighth-grader Olivia Cary, two players who proved their mettle this fall in both soccer and volleyball. Seventh-graders Meg Works, Emily Boyle, and Hannah Robert round out the 12-player roster, giving McDonough a good mix of talent for practice within a strong environment for the growth of the younger players.

“The younger players are doing very well,” the coach said. “They are not afraid to get in there and play and are eager to learn.” She has been working to make her team fast and strong. “We will be able to run up and down the court continuously,” she said. “My goal is to run the other teams out; to run, run, run.”

In an effort to learn more about the game herself, as well as to bring fresh ideas to the team, McDonough enlisted the help of two former coaches during the preseason practice schedule: Greg Cary, who coached the *Islanders* boys teams for many years, and Holly Hogarth, who has coached various levels at Elk Rapids. “They both have given me great ideas and helped fire up the girls,” McDonough said, admitting, “This has been very fun so far and I’ve been learning a tremendous amount.”

One thing the new coach didn’t have to learn is her team’s spot in the league hierarchy. “I’ve told the girls we are the team to beat. Everyone is going to be coming after us and we have to be ready for that.”

The chase begins soon. “We’re looking forward to a wonderful season,” McDonough said.

THANKS

I would personally like to thank everyone for their pizza orders to the AmVets on Saturday, November 14.

I would also like to give special thanks to Don Bair, Jack Spanak and Bob Tidmore who went above and beyond in the preparation of the pizzas, and the AmVets Ladies Auxiliary who also helped to sell and prepare them.

With help like this we can continue to expand our role in the community.

—Brian Gallagher

THANK YOU

For everyone’s concern, support, cards, food, dog walking, cat watching and general encouragement during my recent surgery. You are too numerous to mention but never will be forgotten.

—John Fiegen

LUCKY KEMPKER

The winner of the PABI’s Kubota RTV Raffle is Mary Kempker of Kempkers Road, Beaver Island (Lake Geneserath)!

THANK YOU

Our thanks to all the people of Beaver Island for the cards and notes Sally has received as she continues her encounter with cancer. She has been strengthened by all the support.

Their expressions of concern and assurances of prayer have been very encouraging—just what was needed as she begins a month of chemotherapy.

We trust we’ll see you all again on Beaver Island next summer.

—Sally and Howard Davis

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14. A H O M E L A N D S C A R R E D

They say you can't go home again, but we know that's not true—unless your home is no longer there. Sadly, for many Australians living abroad, such as Garrett Cole's wife Pam Moxham, that proved to be the case after last February's devastating wildfires.

Pam has been in America for over 30 years—ever since getting her nursing degrees in Ann Arbor. For the past two decades she has gone back every



few years to visit her large family, with whom she remained very close. She

was scheduled to go back this past February, until the economy dictated otherwise. When wildfires raced over her family's territory in the hills north of Melbourne and destroyed everything, she thought it more prudent to send over some money instead. Surprisingly it was nearly matched by Island friends who knew of the ravage.

But in July her family had kind of gotten on their feet a little, so when they said her mother living in a nursing

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home was about to die, she made the trip. Her mother took a turn for the better, and Pam had the chance to visit her brothers and sisters and their children and, yes, grandchildren, and see the desolation left by the fire.

It could have been a war zone—except it was worse. She toured the area



where homes, villages, and people had been incinerated. Her sister told her that the flags marked where someone had lived, where a life had unfolded. There were flags everywhere. There were also markers for places where groups of people had survived—but not all gatherings had been so lucky. One statement



created goose bumps: “There were things we just can't let anyone see.”

She discovered that her brother had reacted to urgent necessity in a way that earned him the designation of hero: with flames roaring over the hill he had cut away the brush blocking miles of escape route so fire engines and other vehicles could pass, working in a manic fever at great personal risk well past the point of exhaustion. She listened to her relatives describe the discom-



She had brought gifts, particularly for the young children. Guatemalan

“worry dolls” from the Toy Museum and ceramic birds from Whimsy, which were a big hit. Counselors were being seen regularly, but the trauma’s after-effects persisted—such as a panic reaction to the slightest smell of smoke.

Some survivors focused on the positive: “I lost everything, but at least I saved me dog.” Pam’s brother’s pets were initially counted among the losses, but the dog returned after three days and the cat after seven. *continued on page 16.*



bobulation of losing everything—the little things, like deciding to put on a certain dress or pair of pants, or cook a meal in a favorite pot, or look through a photo album for a reminder that life had once been fun—only to realize that it was all gone, gone, gone.

Six months after the fact, every sin-



gle thing the people had to do was still twice as difficult. Pam pitched in with the everyday tasks, laundry and cooking at her sister-in-law’s. She visited some of the animal rescue shelters, and learned that they had been hit just as hard; she helped rebandage burned feet on baby kangaroos.



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A Homeland, continued from page 15.

Government and private-agency relief had been slow; many people were still living in prefabs or caravans. Almost three hundred had died—some were caught in their cars as they tried to escape but could not drive as fast as the spreading flames. Water had been in

short supply and still was because of the drought, which hampered firefighting and was still making life difficult. One brother said his home had been incinerated, everything but the wet wash hanging on the line. That was all they had, his wife said: “After, as I stood looking at the few clothes hanging there, I just

wished I'd done a bigger wash.”

Still, their spirit was amazing. Although criticism of the ineffective government agencies was in the air, the general mood was to get on with the rebuilding. The attitude was up-tempo: “If you made it through this, you can make it through anything.” Their deter-

IN MEMORY: KATHLEEN MARIE (CAMPBELL) BOYLE

Kathleen Boyle, wife of Bernard Boyle, passed away October 17, 2009 in her Reno, NV home surrounded by her family. She was 64 years of age. Kathy is survived by her husband and two daughters, Jennifer (Thurn) August and Melissa (Patrick) Walker and a granddaughter, Bronwyn Kathleen August; her sister, Jeanine Campbell, niece and nephew Karen and Stephen Bridges; and, the whole of the Boyle clan.

After graduating from the University of Illinois in 1967, Kathy taught English and Drama at several Chicago area high schools. In 1972, she married Bernard Boyle, son of Jack and Beatrice (O'Donnell) Boyle. In 1977, the couple moved to Reno, Nevada where they raised their family and worked for the next 30 years side-by-side creating and building Western Money Systems into a thriving business.

ond home. Kathy will best be remembered for her wonderful smile and laughter, her love of life, her sage advice and counsel, and her love of the arts. Given her always positive view of life, when you were in her presence, everything felt right with the world. She will be deeply missed.

In lieu of gifts, the Boyle and Campbell families would encourage anyone wishing to make a contribution in Kathy's name to consider one of the Beaver Island non-profit organizations of their choice.

After graduating from the Univer-

Kathy and Bernie spent many vacations on the Island and loved it as their sec-

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mination was in their faces. There was much work to be done.

Pam could have stayed on. She was needed, but she was also needed back on Beaver Island, where she has become an important part of the community in the five years since she and Garrett moved here. So she came home.

DEAR BEAVER ISLANDERS,

We, the family of Kathleen Marie (Campbell) Boyle, would like to thank you all very much for the incredible generosity shown to our family and friends during our recent sad trip to the Island. We all know Beaver Island to be a very special place, and this becomes so much more obvious at a time such as this. The out-pouring of love, warmth and offers of "How can I help you?" or "What do you need?" simply cannot be equaled elsewhere in



It was not an easy decision, but we were glad to welcome her back. She had one thing to tell us: DON'T let it ever happen here!

To prevent this, we might revisit the suggestions made by Jim Birdsall two years ago (and by others before him): we need fire truck routes, and escape



routes for people; we need a second connection between town and "down Island"; we need fire-barrier (and access for fire-fighters) swaths cut through the forest. If we don't take steps to protect ourselves, we could lose everything that has made Beaver Island such a very special place.

the world.

Our sincere thanks to all those who offered up housing, cars for various family members, and all the meals and desserts. Thanks also to the Alter Society and all those associated with the wonderful luncheon. You all helped make a difficult trip easier.

As you know, Kathy was a very special lady in our family. She was much-loved and will be deeply missed. Kathy, along with Bernie and their

daughters, Jeni and Melissa, always enjoyed her time spent on the Island. It was never long enough.

She loved the music and the dancing, and embraced all of our Island extended family as her own from the moment she first arrived.

It is comforting to all of us to know that she rests on the Island, in the embrace of family and friends.

With deepest appreciation,
The Family of Kathleen Boyle

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18. CHILDREN'S LUNCH AND SANTA

The AmVets Post #46 Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Children's Lunch with Santa on Saturday, December 12, 2009 from 11:30 - 1:00 at the Gregg Fellowship Hall at the Beaver Island Christian Church. All children and their parents and/or grandparents are invited to come and have a hot dog lunch before

seeing Santa, whose reindeer will bring him at 12:00 Noon.

Because we can no longer obtain polaroid film, we're asking the parents to please bring your own camera to take a picture of your child with Santa.

The AmVets and AmVets' Ladies Auxiliary will also again be having

the Santa's Workshop on Monday, December 14 at the Beaver Island Community School. This will be for children to buy presents themselves for their families. Each child is to bring nametags for the gifts. Younger children will have to have an adult to help them make their purchases.

ELLEN WELKE MEMORIAL TOY DRIVE

Connie Boyle is organizing the Toy Drive once again. The toys go to children in Charlevoix County. Any children who qualify for the program through Social Services and live on the Island will also benefit from the effort!

Toys need to be new. Please do not gift-wrap them; Social Services will do that. Please drop the toy off to Connie at home, leave it in her car (or Neal's),

bring it to school (room 115), or the collection box at Island Airways Airport Terminal (Island or Charlevoix). All toys should be donated by December 12th. (A second shipment will be made, so still drop off toys later if you can't before, but the bulk of the toys are needed early.)

This is also a great opportunity to teach our own children about the spirit of giving.

THE CANTATA

The Beaver Island 9th Annual Christmas Cantata will be held this coming Saturday and Sunday, December 5th and 6th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Beaver Island Christian Church. Many of your friends in the community have been rehearsing long and hard to present this wonderful program. You will definitely feel the holiday spirit after you have attended either of these performances!

LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL RECEIVES GRANT

The U.S. Department of Labor has awarded a 1.1 million dollar grant to the NW Michigan Council of Governments for the development and operation of a YouthBuild program in Northwest Michigan. *NW Michigan Works!* Youth Services, in cooperation with Traverse City Area Public Schools, will be operating three YouthBuild sites, including one located at the Beaver Island Lighthouse School. It will serve youth from the whole ten county, Northwest Michigan area.

YouthBuild is a program that assists those who have dropped out of traditional education, ages 16-24, with obtaining their high school diploma or GED. They are also trained in construction trades and then get hands-on training building affordable housing for low-income individuals in their com-



munities. Additionally, the youth have the potential to earn a credential from

the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER), a nationally recognized organization, that will increase their employability not only in Michigan but across the United States.

YouthBuild is a nationally affiliated program that has been a proven success model for over twenty years. It helps give young people the academic, social, leadership and vocational skills that they need to become successful, productive members of their communities. The community in turn benefits from having more affordable housing for those who need it most.

The Beaver Island program hopes to have its students assist in building the new Senior Housing east of the Rural Health Center under the direction of the project contractor.

POSITION OPEN AT LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL

Michigan Works! YouthBuild is looking for a Construction Trades Coordinator for the Beaver Island Lighthouse School.

Applicants should have a State Secondary Provisional Certification with an endorsement in the Vocational Technical pathway, or an Interim Occupational Certificate with 4000 hours of relevant and recent work in construction trades, or an Annual Vocational Authorization with documentation of two years of recent

work experience in construction trades. A current State of Michigan Builder's or Contractor's license desirable.

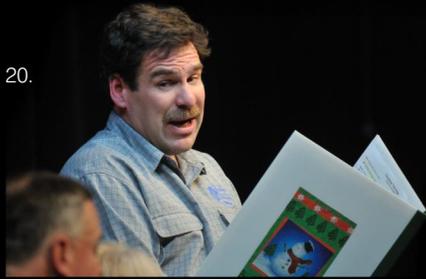
They should have the ability to present and provide instruction in areas related to remodeling and new construction, supervisory experience required in construction-related activities, and the ability to relate to, lead, and instruct groups of young adults ages 16-20 who have become disconnected from traditional education and career preparation.

They will have to teach young adults 16-20 the skills necessary to perform tasks related to rehabilitation, renovation, and/or construction of affordable housing, provide supportive guidance, and encourage the development of construction skills, life management, and personal growth and responsibility in YouthBuild participants.

For a list of responsibilities, or to apply, visit www.tbaisd.k12.mi.us under employment opportunities.



ON THE BRINK OF SOMETHING GREAT



WHAT'S SO FUNNY

Inspired by the success of past local theatrical offerings, a new enterprise is taking shape: the Beaver Island Comedy Group. Two sisters who recently moved to the Island

with their husbands, Jan Day and Mary Phillipson, had written and performed a kind of musical Saturday Night Live sketch show in Florida, and found plenty of talent here to reprise it—with

modifications to make it more topical. So they recruited Phil Becker, Pat Nugent, Jeff Powers, and Wendy White, and began rehearsing.

Their show will open for a two-



night run on December 11 and 12 at 8:00 at the Community Center. A well-known local veteran of the stage has been added as a Guest Star, and a local musician has agreed to help. The show will alternate live pieces with video clips filmed on the street (edited by Levi Conner, of course) and

projected on the screen, with some of the live pieces having repeating variations as a thread winding through the night.

The show is professionally done, in all its

aspects—not surprising, since Jan came up with Chicago's Second City and also appeared on Last Comic Standing. What is surprising, though, is how many offbeat and oddball facets the sisters found in their cast and developed into side-splitting routines, which the audience is sure to enjoy.







OUR FOCAL POINT JOINS THE RED HATS

For years the Coast Guard installation at Whiskey Point (which replaced the Lifesaving Service) was the first recognizable

landmark visitors would see as they approached the Harbor. Then the post was deactivated, and the buildings sold, and the Boathouse began to show her age.

Now that CMU has acquired it (to serve as the base for its Great Lakes Research facility), its restoration is underway with new doors, windows, siding, and red roof.

PROTECTING THE "BOB S" FROM STORMS

One of several changes made this fall at the Marine Museum is the closing in of west wall of the *Francis E. Martin*

Commercial Fishing Annex to protect the 50' gill net tug donated 20 years ago. Designed by Barry Pischner and engi-

neered by builder Tony Connaghan, it has four sliding 45" x 14' panels, which will be open all summer.



In the middle of November the Charlevoix County Transit Director announced that a new system would be put in place, with three goals: save money, provide better service, and generate data for further improvements.

The Boat Company had been managing the Transit Bus on three consecutive one-year contracts. The drivers

were considered courteous and informative, good ambassadors for the Island. Now two new drivers have been added in response to a posting on the County website, and a new pay schedule instituted based on an hourly wage instead of per mile driven. Three of the former drivers will return as well.

A second bus has arrived, and the

scheduled operation expanded; service will be available Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.—with early pick-ups requiring advance notice. Fares remain a bargain.

A green vehicle is being pursued, one that would be all-electric below 30 mph, with a gas engine kicking in at higher speeds.

THE HEALTH CENTER LINKAGE: NOT YET

The BIRHC's task force on possible affiliation with Northern Michigan Hospital has been meeting with their group to explore what might be achieved, but resolution still seems several months away. But these preliminary talks have been promising, and we've become aware of several areas in which we could benefit. One that was mentioned at the 11-21 meeting was digitizing our medical records, which they could help us do at no cost to themselves.

One problem created by the lengthy deliberations is that some of the current BIRHC Board members are about to be

“termed out” before this is resolved—including VP Don Spenser, who brought us the idea at the onset. While the Board believes in the refreshing life given by term limits bringing in fresh blood, they decided at this meeting that they would extend the terms of Spencer, Brad Grassmick, and Connie Wojan for one year.

Finances continue to be very tight, with income from medical procedures being down by ten percent and no earned interest from the Endowment Fund available to plug in. But the market has been rebounding, and this poten-

tial source of funds should be available again; only a few years ago the BIRHC could draw over \$40,000. Another boost just arrived: a hundred thousand dollar grant to be shared equally by the three members of the “island consortium,” thanks to the efforts and vision of State Senator Jason Allen.

The Board has been operating with nine members, two below the maximum. A committee will solicit and interview applicants, not only to bring up the number but to have a backlog for when terms expire. Of particular interest are people with medical or fund-raising experience.

ISLAND COMES TOGETHER FOR EMMA LEE

On the 24th, 200 Islanders came to the Shamrock where Dana and Eric Hodgson held a free-will-donation buffet to benefit the Antkoviak Family. Six-year-old BICS first-grader Emma Lee Antkoviak was diagnosed with a brain

tumor and underwent a 14-hour surgery. At the end of November, Islanders continue to pray for an optimal outcome and admire her bravery.

As of the first, the news was good: the tumor was not cancerous, and no fur-

ther surgery is needed—just rest and love.

Those who were unable to attend the benefit but wish to help with the expenses can send a donation to: Antkoviak Family c/o of the Shamrock, P.O. Box 237, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

LARRY MALLOY

Lawrence J. Malloy, 81, of Plainfield IL and longtime resident of Beaver Island, found peace on November 19, 2009. He was born Dec. 10, 1927 on Beaver Island to the late Lawrence and Ethel Malloy; beloved husband of the late Jo Ann (Spaulding; her folks owned and ran the King Strang Hotel); loving father of Peg (Kevin) Glenn, and Mark (Denise) Malloy; cherished grandfather of Jessica (Michael) Trudeau and adored great-grandfather of Edyn Trudeau; and fond uncle of many, especially the Browns. He was preceded in death by his brother Bob and sister Loy.

He was a proud US Army Veteran of WWII, Pacific Theatre, and a dedicated 40-year employee of People's Gas.

A wise man who knew much about Beaver Island, he overcame many medical problems in his latter years, but not the last. He was an important member of the Transportation Authority, and built



Larry (Babe): 2nd from left, with Topper, Donald, and Charles

the Island's first elevator for access to his apartment above his father's Main Street butcher shop.

BILL OLSON

Bill Olson, founder of the Strang Writers' Group (strangstudies.org) in 1999, passed away on 11-23 on Washington Island after roughly six months of fighting various ailments, pains, and diseases.

Pneumonia and heart failure were the immediate cause but he also had trouble with lymphoma, shingles, chemo, etc. Everything seemed to land on his head at once.

He was the owner of the Jackson Harbor Press, which published several books, both fiction and non-fiction, about Washington Island—including one in which King Strang dispatched his minions to the west. His play about Strang in the afterlife was produced here during Museum Week, and he also read papers in the various conferences he helped organize. His commentary and poems frequently appeared in the *Washington Island Observer*.

24. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 1, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "D. C. Sweitzer, of St. James, spent Sunday in this city."

"Barney and Ed Martin, of St. James, were Charlevoix visitors the last of the week."

"Jim O'Donnel and John Dunlevy (sic), of St. James, were in the city Monday, on their way home from Detroit where they have been visiting."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 2, 1909 **Local News:** "Supt. Stewart has eight girls at work picking out bad fish eggs at the hatchery. About 5,000,000 trout eggs will be hatched here, and later a few million whitefish eggs will be hatched."

"Anthony Malloy, of St. James, was advised yesterday of the death of his son Dan, at Tacoma, Wash., of typhoid fever. He was about 22 years of age and went west but a little more than a year ago."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 9, 1909 **Marine News:** "The tug *Margaret McCann*, of St. James, is booked for Washburn's ship yard some time this week for minor repairs."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 15, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Wallace Hall, of St. James, was in the city Saturday."

"Ed. Gallagher of St. James, spent a few days in town this week with his father W. J. Gallagher."

"M. J. Bonner, John McCann, Chas. Cross, Hugh and Dennis Boyle, of St. James, were in the city from Thursday until Monday owing to the rough weather on the lake, stopping at Baker's Inn."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 16, 1909 **Local News:** "The closed season for commercial fishing ended Wednesday of this week, and fishing is wide open again all along the line, and will continue until the ice closes up business. There is little doubt that operations will continue through January."

Notes from *F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price 32 - 20 degrees - F. Protar)*

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 22, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Dan Green, of St. James, was at the Elston Friday."

"J. McCormick, of St. James, was in the city Friday."

"Chas. Cross, of St. James, was in the city Saturday on business."

"Miss C. McCauley, of St. James, was in Charlevoix Thursday on a visit."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 23, 1909 **Local News:** "Winter fishing is now in full blast again, and local wholesalers are busy with Chicago and lower lake shipments. Advises from the Beavers state that the catch is fairly satisfactory—mostly whitefish, with some trout and perch. The local figures at the fish warehouses show up well."

Beaver Island News: "Walter Berthwaith is visiting his aunt Mrs. C. Gallagher."

"Daniel Green returned to the Island Monday after sailing all summer."

"Frank Miller, the blacksmith, went to Petosky on Monday's boat."

"C. C. Cross returned home from Green Bay on Monday's boat."

"Mrs. Bert Nash went to Cheboygan to spend the winter with her parents."

"Ed. B. Gallagher returned from Charlevoix Monday after a two weeks visit."

"Fred Roskle went to Manistee to look for shingle weavers for the B. I. L. Co."

"Mrs. O. Procter, of Cheboygan, was visiting her father, Hugh Boyle, for a few weeks."

"Daniel Gurney died at his home in Chicago last week. He leaves a widow, the daughter of the late John H. O'Donnell, and a sister of Mrs. C. C. Gallagher."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, December 29, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "H. L. Blake, of St. James, spent Christmas in this city." *continued on page 27.*

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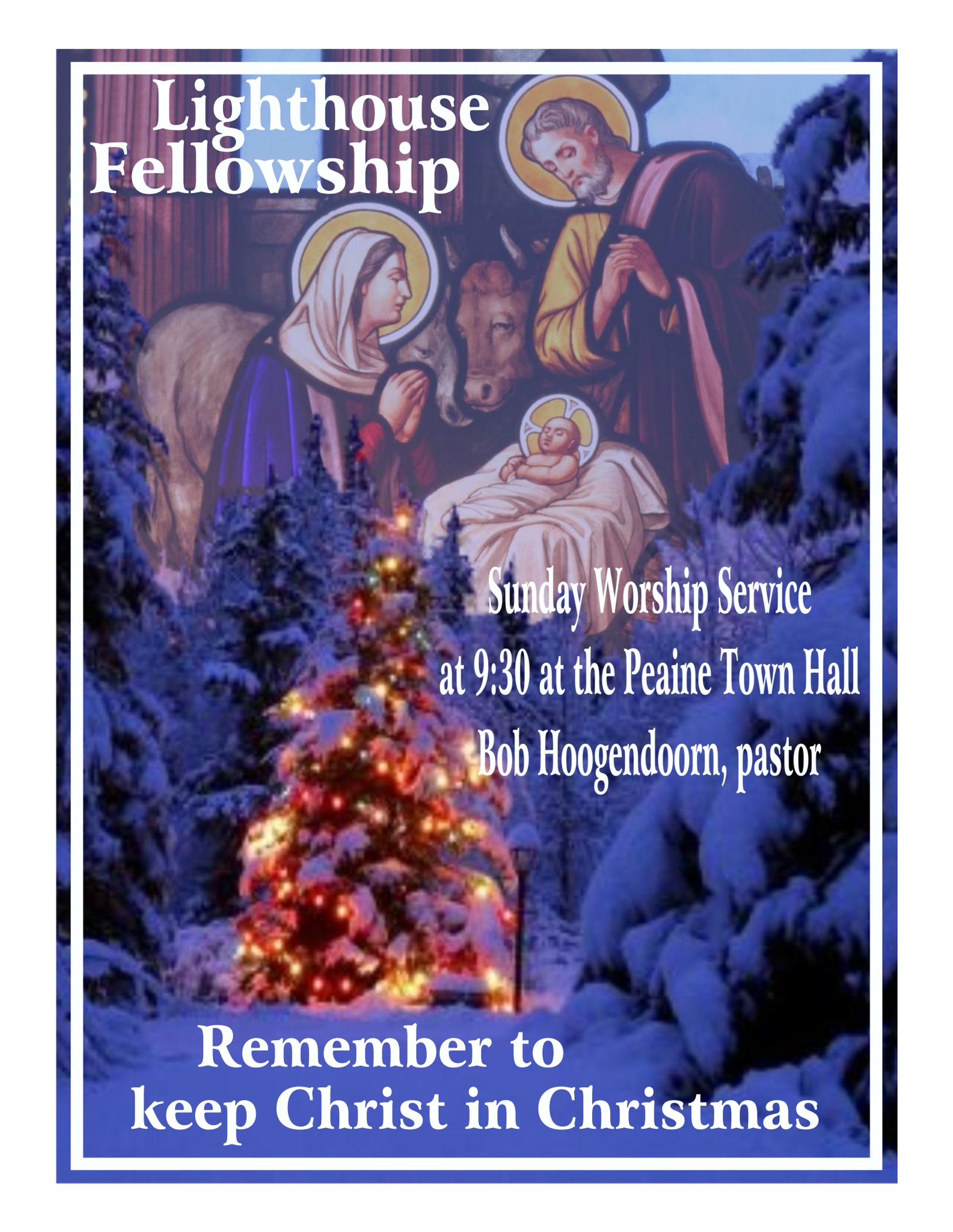


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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 24.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 30, 1909 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* is still making Island trips, regardless of schedule."

"Joseph Left, an old settler of B. I., died at his home in St. James Sunday night."

"Round Lake froze over Tuesday night, and St. James reported Wednesday morning that considerable ice was formed to the eastward of the Island."

"Nally Cram, who has been the efficient St. James manager for the Booth Co., was called in last week and sent to Frankfort, where the Company is doing extensive fishing."

"John P. Maloney, of Chicago, went to St. James on the *Beaver* yesterday (Wednesday) to see his mother who is 85 years of age, and very ill. Mr. Maloney returned here the same trip."

"Information comes that John Donlevy, a former well known resident of Beaver Island, but who for several

years has lived in Chicago, was seriously injured one day last week by being run over by an automobile. He was unconscious until he found himself in a hospital. Although his head was badly cut, he was doing well at last accounts. He is the brother of James Donlevy, of St. James."

Beaver Island News: "Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheid went to Manistee to spend Christmas with Mr. Shied's parents."

"Miss Mamie Gallagher returned home for the winter from teaching school at Melrose township."

"The sawmill and shingle mill at High Island are running."

"James McCormick, assistant light keeper at Beaver Head light, is moved to the harbor for the winter."

"The sleighing is good and everyone claims to have had a good Christmas."

"Dan Swartz is buying fish for the Rob't. Beutal Fish Co."

"A. Malloy went to Petosky Monday."

"Tom P. Malloy went to 27. Manistique for the winter."

"Kittie Floyd is home from High Island, where she is teaching school, for a week's visit."

"Capt. Fred Sendenburgh went to Deward for horses for the B. I. L. Co."

"The tug *Shamrock* went to Charlevoix for a casket for Joseph Link."

"Died Monday at 5 a. m., Joseph Link, an old pioneer of Beaver Island. Mr. Link came to Beaver Island in 1856. He was an old soldier." (*Note: The earlier item from the Local News reporting the death of Joseph Left, appears to have been an error - JMB*)

"Perch fishing is good in the harbor, five ton being shipped on the *Beaver* Monday."

"Chas. Shampine and son went to Charlevoix on Monday's boat."

"Mrs. Andy Roddy is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. B. Bonner for the winter."

(*Note: Dec. 30 Fierce snowstorm; 20 degrees; big drifts - F. Protar*)

IN MEMORY: ELEANOR MOONEY

Eleanor (Pischner) Mooney, 68, of Beaver Island passed away peacefully on Saturday, November 7, 2009 in her home, surrounded by her family. She was born the oldest child of Elston and Lovicey (O'Donnell) Pischner on Beaver Island. Eleanor was raised on Beaver Island, and after graduation moved to Arizona. She returned to Michigan after marrying her Island sweetheart, Don Mooney, two years later. Don and Eleanor moved back to their hometown of Beaver Island in 1978 to raise their six children, which included a set of twins.

She was a dedicated wife and mother, who still found time to be a secretary and bookkeeper for the family's electrical business. She enjoyed making trips to watch the boat come in (multiple trips per day!), going for rides up to the point, and around the Island to sight see. In her spare time she liked to

put together jigsaw puzzles and complete word searches. One of her greatest passions was decorating her home for the holidays all throughout the year. She loved to keep in touch with others through cards and letters.

Eleanor is survived by her loving husband of 48 years; children Duane (Greg), Sheri (Joe), Terry (Linda), Dawn (Bob), Roberta (Keith), and Darryl (Katie); brothers Richard and Don (Jan), and sister Kay; grandchildren Joey, Krystle, Bryan, Ronnie, Jordan, and Skylar; great-granddaughter Chloe; and many nieces and nephews. Welcoming her to heaven with open arms are her parents; brother Robert; sisters Sharon, Barb, and Helen; and daughter Rosemarie.

The funeral mass and celebration of her life will be held in the spring. Details will be announced at a later date. In lieu

of flowers, the family requests donations to be made the Beaver Island Medical Center. Eleanor will be greatly missed, not only by her family and close friends, but also by many others whose lives she has touched.

When the road ahead is so far you can't reach,
Words need to be said that you cannot speak.
Tears, like a river flow down your face
You feel that you lost yourself someplace
Then like a beacon guiding you home
You realize you were never alone
Right by your side right to the end
Holding your hand, there is your friend.
What would we do without all of you!!

Thanks to all who sent cards, food, thoughts and prayers our way!! You will never realize how everything you have done has made this easier to bear. Thanks!!

—Sheri Timsak



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28. THE BUCKET LIST: RETURN



On November 12th 1980, I left Charlevoix with three of my closest friends, and headed for Beaver Island with a load of food, guns, tents, sleeping bags, and a great deal of anticipation. Our final destination was a place called Garden Island. Someone had told us there were deer there. We did not know at the time our adventure would take us well into the 21st Century. When the drawbridge parted to allow our passage, I later wrote "It was like opening the pages to the best book I ever read."

Waiting for us on Beaver was Paul "Ken" and the *Gertrude* to take us over to Garden. It was the beginning of a love affair that has lasted to this day. For over a quarter of a century we camped on

Northcutt Bay, learned the island as well as we know our own yards, walked trails with names like the Manatou, the X-Cut, the Post Office, Sugar Bush, the Harbor Trail. We went to Pete's, the Cemetery, the Junction, and shot deer that later adorned our walls. We were there during blizzards, wind storms, thunder and lightning. We lived in tents, built campfires, cooked on charcoal, slept on cots and drank gin out of plastic cups. We met others who had hunted Garden Island long before we ever heard of it, who loved the island as we did, and we were there when one of us was needlessly shot and killed by a careless newcomer.

Over the years, off the island, we lived through plane crashes, business



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successes and failures, heart attacks, divorces, and the constant pattern of change, but the one constant for each of us, was each November 13th we gathered in Charlevoix and returned to Garden Island.

My friend Bill and I started going in October for bow season, and in 1993 I took my significant other, now my wife, to introduce her to “Our Secret Garden.”

She fell in love with it as well. Back then, there was a deer behind every tree and, while sitting in a blind, she marveled how close they would get to us and how beautiful they were. For several years we set up our little world on Northcutt Bay, to hunt, explore, visit the Indian Cemetery, and build fires that we gathered around, and talked about how lucky we were to know and love this special place. Most of the time in October, we were the only people on the island. Eventually we stopped going in October, but continued our November ritual, along with a few day trips in the spring and summer months. Three years ago, we stopped going altogether.

The deer on Garden Island have almost disappeared (this year’s report: they *have*), as have the snowshoes, chipmunks, owls—and even the snake population seems to be down considerably. The common consensus is Coyote. The island is infested with them and the toll they have taken seems evident.

This summer, our plans changed for a trip Joane and I were taking for our fall getaway, and I asked her where she

would like to go instead. “I want to go back to Garden Island,” she said, “It’s on my Bucket List!”

I invited Bill to join us, and on October 5th we loaded our stuff on the *Resolute* and headed for Garden Island Harbor. Captain Mike Weede runs a tight ship – efficient, safe, and very seaworthy. He and Bill McDonough had gone over earlier and cut down the growth around the State Cabin, set off a bug bomb, and checked for propane, so when we arrived we found the cabin was actually quite comfortable and cozy. Staying in it was a first for us, not quite the same as a tent on Northcutt Bay, but a whole lot easier.

We had returned to Minis Gitigaan.

{Joane} Jim turned 50 in 1992, the year we met. His surprise party included an “island theme” birthday cake, a piper, and lots of great friends. Most important, his birthday included a trip to Garden Island, a tradition. New to the tradition, I accompanied him on the delivery, but not the week stay. What a tease.

Once you make it to Garden Island, you want to stay there a while. There is so much to take in, give back, and appreciate.

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continued on page 30.

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30. **Return to Garden**, from page 29. been there before—from Native American grave sites off Indian Harbor to plastic gorilla toys on Northcutt Beach. The contrast of indigenous and temporary inhabitants is a story itself.

Once there, your senses come alive with the sight of the sun rising or setting on Lake Michigan and the night sky filled with stars; the sound of a blue jay signaling in the woods and a mouse racing across a floor of dry leaves; the smell of morels in the ground and balsam in the air; and the taste of the first sip of camp coffee and hot breakfast.

The world is good in the Garden when wildlife, adventure, outdoor fires, and friendship convene. But getting to paradise can be perilous—we've all heard the stories. When weather and currents are nasty, you quickly remember what's important in life.

What is that with us? Us. And, what's in our Bucket List. A return trip to Garden Island has been in mine for several years.

Thank you, My Love, for making this Bucket List item happen.

Thanks, too, to all who helped us. Here's hoping we can help you with your Bucket List, too.

{Jim} It is almost unimaginable to spend as much time on the island as we did in October, and not see deer. Places that always produced a flag, bounding off, hooves pounding on the soft turf, and running for cover, no longer exist. Even the runways have disappeared. There was a time when the corridors on the beaches were so heavily traveled by deer you could see them from the air. The trails, once wide enough to drive a Buick down, are closing in and will eventually disappear.

But Garden Island still holds such a special place in my heart that rarely a day goes by that I don't conjure up some wonderful image or memory. When you love something that much it's difficult not to become possessive of it—to feel a certain ownership, to make sure it remains the way it always has been. Maybe that's why we were so disappointed when, after making our way from the cabin to the Post Office Trail, Northcutt Trail, then to the bay and our old campsite, to see the mess it has become. Litter is everywhere – abandoned tents, fallen-down collecting water; clothing; baby paraphernalia; plastic toys, and rusting Bar BQ grills. Surely, we can do better.

Yes, we went back to Garden Island, back to Pete's, Bomway's, Northcutt, the X, Larsen's Homestead, the Junction, and all of the wonderful places, that for almost 30 years had become such a part of my life – each November gathering on to renew our friendships and cleanse our senses. We enjoyed old friends and made new ones.

Garden Island is a very special place, and if you have read this far... you already know that.

About the authors:

Jim and Joane McIntyre live in Traverse City. Jim is a professional announcer, writer, and advertising executive. His audio book about his adventures on Garden, "Our Secret Garden," is available at Livingstone Studio or directly from the author. Joane is a Graphic Designer with Munson Healthcare and makes custom jewelry –also available at Livingstone. They are frequent visitors to Beaver Island.

Note: the new Natural Resources and Eco-tourism Commission is aware of the junk problem, and plans to conduct a major trash-removal "boat lift" in the spring.

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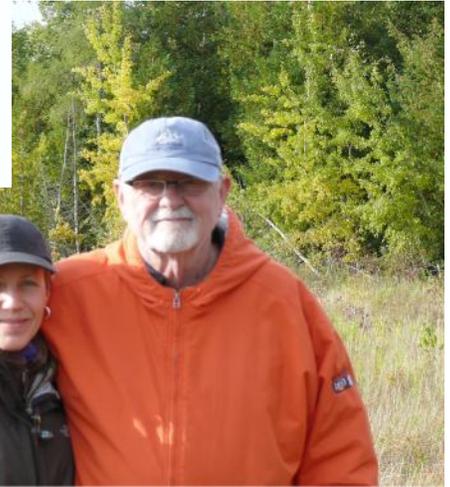



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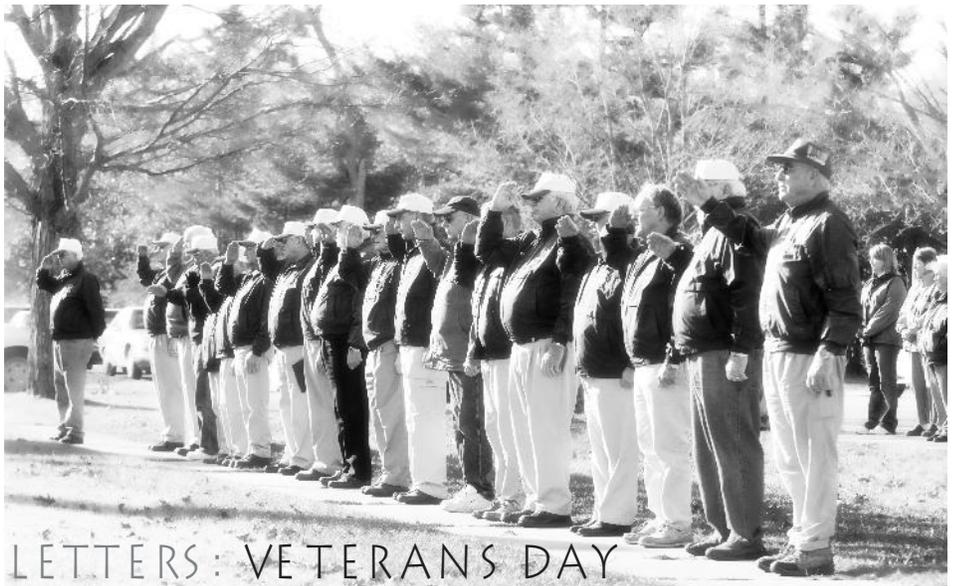
Indian Summer

At first, a misty, moisty,
Morning fog.
Before the Sun burst — burning,
Fall leaves....

Snap!

Winter's arrival crispy,
Snapping its bony fingers
Amongst tree branches,
Dusting us lightly with the puffy
Powdered water — snow!

—Dawn George



LETTERS: VETERANS DAY

Veterans Day 2009 was a real delight on Beaver Island.

Thanks to Heidi Conner and the Beaver Island Gardens for the great breakfast at Peaine Township hall. Good fellowship with many friends, and great food.

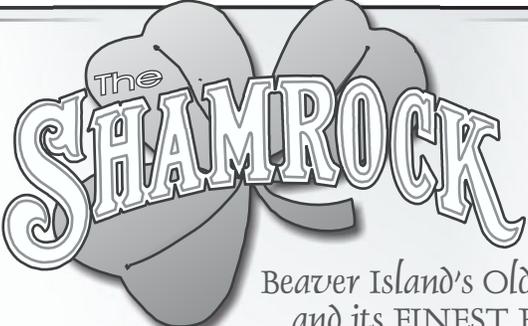
Thanks to Kitty McNamara and the junior and senior students from the Beaver Island Community School for attending the breakfast and presenting

the veterans with a greeting card.

Thanks to Stoney Acres for the free hamburger and fries and their donation to Post 46.

Lastly, thanks to all the citizens and visitors who attended the Veterans Day ceremony at the Holy Cross memorial (it was quite a crowd!), and to Kathy Speck for leading the song, and to Jack Spanhak for his moving and meaningful presentation.

—Bob Tidmore, AmVets Post 46



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As our wars abroad continue to grind along in quiet horror, our steadfast veterans, members of the Beaver Island AmVets post, continue to keep the faith, especially with their poignant and somber *eleven eleven eleven* ceremony at the monument outside Holy Cross church. This year there were twenty of them standing straight and tall in a line, with thirty students and forty other residents supporting them from behind.

At the onset, Post Commander Bob Tidmore spoke about some of the AmVets' activities, such as the scholarships they award. Jack Spanhak spoke next, saying that many of us take our military too casually and have lost perspective on what it has taken and continues to take to remain free.

Post Chaplain Bob Hoogendoorn mentioned that the respect paid to the veterans on Beaver Island is rarely matched elsewhere.

Kathy Speck led the assembly in the singing of *God Bless America* – one of her many annual duties. From the start of the ceremony there was a modest echo to the speakers' words bouncing off the school's new facade across the street. Once one noticed it, it became a slight distraction, but during the singing it had a completely positive effect: adding a chorus of voices, which we were free to attribute to the spirits of our personal choice.



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34. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* trumpeted the creation of the Emerald Isle Vineyards, begun the previous year with the planting of one acre of wine-grape vines as a test plot on the Old Church Crest Road. The five European varieties grafted onto three types of cold- and disease-resistant root stock were chosen with help from MSU's Wine Research Center. So far, the results had been promising enough to lead to four more acres being prepared and planted with three different varieties. Plans were to plant another five acres each year for four years, leading, it was hoped, to the eventual production of 10,000 gallons of wine a year.

Michigan's Attorney General was conducting an investigation into GLE's policies and rates. Paul Niehaus got transcripts of the original testimony and sent them to our library.

The Wildlife Club appointed a new Board and began its work by buying 7,000 pounds of corn and 40 salt blocks. Originally the corn was intended for turkeys, but once the deer got a taste they began to consume it as well. The Club reported success stocking Fox Lake, Lake Geneserath, and Greene's Lake.

The Med Center bought a 17 kw propane generator for \$17,000, and asked each Township to contribute \$5,000.

Ensign Megan Cull began serving on the Coast Guard Cutter *Mackinac* after turning down a commission and desk job in Washington.

The Deputy's Report showed that during the year Mike Russell patrolled for 18,615 miles, received 11 felony complaints which resulted in two arrests, investigated 36 accidents, served 14 subpoenas, and responded to 36 animal complaints.

Twenty Years Ago Dated 12-12, the December issue reported that because of the frigid weather and clumps of ice in the harbor, the *Beaver Islander* would have to suspend service early, but had been making extra trips to bring materials over.

Earl Maudrie broke open the harbor for Bud Martin, who wanted to bring another load of fuel here with his barge and tug, *the Shamrock*.

TDS of Madison WI bought the Island Telephone Company from Vic Shapley of Chesaning.

The school kids conducted a bikathon down the King's Highway to raise money for protecting African elephants, which trumpeted their thanks.

The McGinnitys' new home, replacing one that burned to the ground last April, was occupied before Christmas.

Ninety-one people enjoyed the

Thanksgiving dinner at the Christian Church.

Bob McGlocklin objected to the proposed Transfer Station locating so close to his restaurant and asked that it be placed somewhere else.

The story of Henry Allen and his family coming to Beaver Island was recounted. They arrived in 1937, renting the old B. I. Lumber Company's boss's home (now owned by Bill Hirschey). Henry and his brother-in-law Joe Hanley bought land nearby and at Sand Bay, and decided to build themselves log cabins. Jack Boyle was hired to cut cedar logs at Sand Bay, which were boomed to town with a fish tug. Charlie Martin's father-in-law was an expert log craftsman who had made himself special axes; Lawrence McDonough and two O'Donnell brothers also worked on the project.

Henry worked as an engineer for the MI Board of Education, but when the war came was cut back to two weeks on, two off. In the winter the plane landed on the ice right in front of his house. He had a barn next to it, two pigs, a horse, a cow, and chickens. All of their 13 children went to the Island school, where daughter Louise read every book—so the nun in charge kept sending for more, "anything Louise Allen hasn't read."

Henry bought the home now owned

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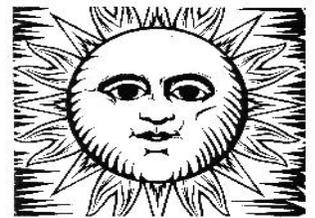
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by Skip McDonough. Daughter Emily was born in the new Med Center—on the day its Open House was planned, which had to be postponed; Agnes was the Med Center's third patient.

Henry wanted to have a cattle ranch here, and went into business with Lawrence and Bud McDonough. He bought land along the Highway, at Wicklow Beach (which he named), and at Donegal Bay (which he also named). He ran electricity to Donegal Bay, built a road, and built six cabins for tourists. He installed a 65' heated swimming pool in the shape of a fish, and built the riding stable, which he stocked with nine horses. When he decided to retire he sold his land, which became the Port St. James.

He was one of the organizers of the Boat Company, which built the *Emerald Isle* and, five years later, the *Beaver Islander*.

Henry brought to the Island several college movers and shakers, including CMU's Norvel Bovee, and he helped him acquire the land for the Bio Station.

Three of Dave Gladish's poems appeared, including one titled "Island Life":

We're far from the madding crowd,
Tucked safely away on our shelf.
No one who makes trouble's allowed.
So we make all our trouble ourself.

Thirty Years Ago The hunt concluded with 448 hunters taking 76 deer on Beaver and 23 getting 12 on Garden.

The Island doctor, Joe Christie, retired at age 75, and welcomed his replacement, Leonard Siudara.

New Island property owner Roger Sommer submitted a story about a crowd waiting and waiting at the Charlevoix Airport for the fog to clear. Everyone wanted to get across for Christmas, but the chances did not look good. Finally the word rang out: "A boat's coming!" They all rushed down to the ferry dock, where they heard something, but nothing could be seen in the soup. Finally the saw the light of the bridge rise—and there was Johnny Gillespie in the *American Girl*, saving the day for 25 people, piles of luggage, two dogs, and a cat. The trip back was unnerving because the boat had no electronic navigation aides. But by 10:30 at night Johnny had brought them all to his dock, safe and sound.

Christmas celebrations began with a dance sponsored by the Civic Association, and included the Cookie Carnival at the Christian Church and the Christmas Bazaar and Potluck Dinner at the Parish Hall. The school kids put on a play, and the Sweet Adelines sang at the Midnight Mass, with Joe Moore playing his violin.

A 'Beaver Islanders In Florida'

party was held, with Andy Gallagher, John Bonner, and Violet and Marcella McCafferty.

Jerry LaFreniere got married, and his cousin Mark LaFreniere got engaged.

Forty Years Ago Hunting was down, with few rabbits and fewer pats being taken.

Early in the morning of December 6th the home (located where the McCafferty Motel was later built) owned by Bing and Madonna burned to the ground, taking all their Christmas presents.

Chicago artist Allie McDonough donated a painting to be raffled off at the Bazaar—won by Kathleen Wood.

Fifty Years Ago Deer season opened to dismal stormy weather, yet 157 deer were taken. The Game Club's Hunters' Dinner fed 700 pounds of fresh perch to the crowd. The Game Club announced it would brush out the old road from the Fox Lake corners to the north end of Geneserath, and connect it to the fishing site, in the coming year.

The passing of Mary Cecelia Martin, (Old) Archie J. LaFreniere, and Hugh Boyle were noted. Mrs. Martin, 80, died in Charlevoix and was buried in the Holy Cross Cemetery. "Old Archie," 72, was a retired engineer in Detroit. Mr. Boyle, 80, lived on Beaver for many years and married an Island girl.

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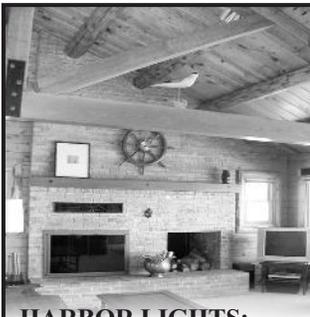
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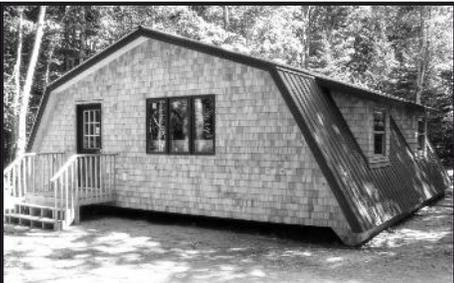
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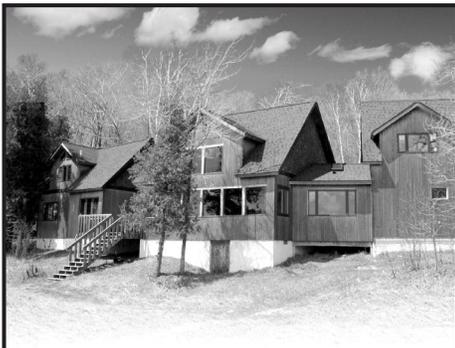
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