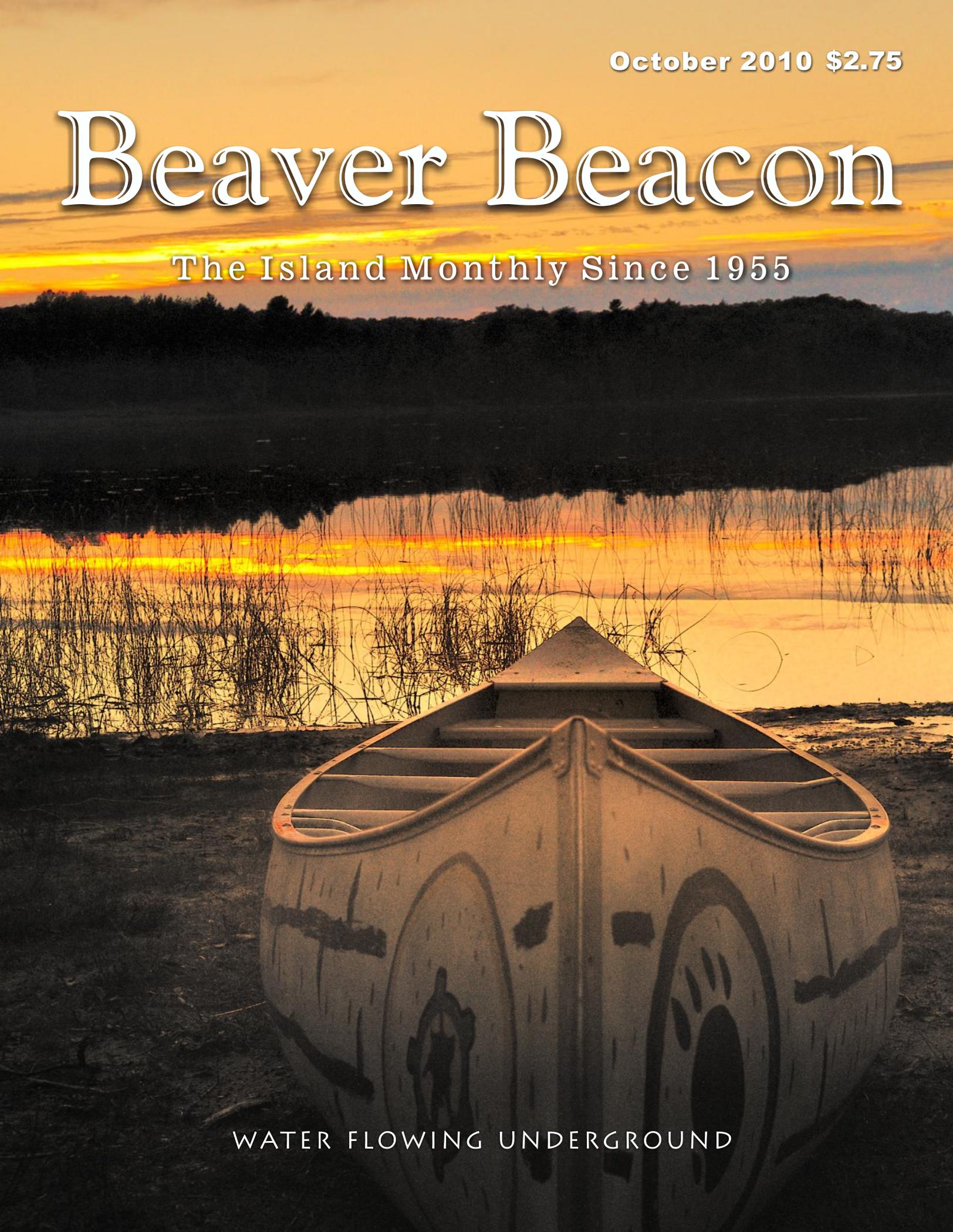


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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

At the St. James Town meeting of 9-1, supervisor Rick Speck stated that the township millage rate for the next taxable year was set at 12.1844 mils, expected to raise \$580,000—the same amount as this year. The millage rate is about 0.6% lower than the current year, a reduction offset by a similar increase in taxable values. The new assessors were there, and explained that this increase was primarily related to the additions from new construction and recent property transfers, which reset appraised and taxable values.

The assessors took some time to answer questions about how the process works. Nearly done revising (or creating) detailed specs for all Island properties, they said they would soon mail the details of each assessment to the owner of the referenced property. The “hard cards” they’ll mail will include property specs (number and kind of rooms and square footages; a sketch of the home) along with a tentative appraised value. Each property owner should carefully review this document for accuracy and report any mistake. The assessors would hold a review session the week-end of October 2nd to consider corrections. Once the specs are finalized they will be sent to the township Board of Review, which will meet in March to

hear formal challenges.

The assessors said that they had not found any great discrepancies so far, and that property owners had been very helpful.

These first appraised values will be tentative, and will be updated by analyzing property transfer prices that occur through the end of this September. The new appraised values will be available (and mailed to property owners) in February. Changes in the appraised value will not affect taxable values unless the physical specifications of the property and building have changed or the appraised value is lower than the current taxable value.

The Board supported a dance permit request to the Liquor Commission from the Beaver Lodge. When asked about his plans, Ray Cole said he simply wanted to have this permit in hand in case he’s asked to host a wedding or private party.

The Board set September 15th as the date for a joint meeting with Peaine to discuss a governing agreement for the Municipal Airport—if one can be drafted by the two Townships’ attorneys by then.

John Fiegen’s retirement from the Planning Commission, effective November 1st, was announced. The vacancy will be posted.

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The Wildlife Club and the Conservation Club asked the Board to support its request to the DNR to implement a QDM (Quality Deer Management Program) for Beaver Island. The Board was asked if it had informed the NREtC of this agenda item and said it had not, although it had been in related discussions with the Commission.

Peaine Township

At the Peaine Town meeting of 9-8 a motion was introduced to correct the July minutes regarding Mike Scripp's comments about the necessity of airport familiarity for understanding the Airport's Ten-year Plan. The supervisor had brought a copy of a video recording of the July meeting to support his claim of what was said, but the Board tabled this because Scripps had not been able to attend.

Jacque LaFreniere gave an encouraging report on this year's *phragmites* extirpation, saying the infestation had been reduced from 25 acres to 1 acre by past efforts. This year 46 energetic volunteers found all new growth on our beaches and rubbed down each plant with herbicide in little more than a day. The DNR brought 11 men for its efforts on the other islands.

Efforts were continuing to save money on the insurance at the Transfer

Station.

A tour of Island facilities by DNR staff resulted in high praise for Doug Tilly's unique design and construction of a boat launch at the Bill Wagner Campground.

In a discussion of QDM, Jim Jones identified seven risks and listed six unresolved issues, after which Bill McDonough commented on the many benefits of deer hunting on Beaver, and pointed out that all 16 Wildlife Club members at its last meeting were in favor of it. Ed Wojan brought up the flexibility of QDM, and pointed that at present a deer herd of 500 is recommended—whereas there were well over 1,000 and possibly 1,500 when the Graves' logging operation was in full swing. Sandy Birdsall said that the NREtC did not oppose QDM and in fact was calling for its adoption in the current draft of its comprehensive adaptive management plan. The Board unanimously expressed its support for the QDM resolution—with the stipulation that it would press for annual evaluations of its impact by qualified wildlife experts. Now the DNR will adopt QDM for Beaver Island in 2011.

There was some discussion of the millage rates for 4/1/2011-3/31/2012, which would be set in a special meeting.

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.
Ed Wojan warned that the Island's Townships' property taxes may continue to drop over the next few years, and further belt-tightening will be needed.

The supervisor reported that the new Township attorney was working on an airport governance ordinance, but that it was not expected to be ready by the 9-15 suggested by St. James for a joint meeting. He also said he would meet with CCRC chief Pat Harmon to discuss improving our road maintenance system as soon as possible.

QDM Resolution

This resolution was passed by both Town Boards:

1. WHEREAS, Beaver Island recognizes a need to actively manage natural resources, and;
2. WHEREAS, whitetail deer are recognized as the top game species in the State, with over 1.2 million licenses sold in 2009, and;
3. WHEREAS, hunting-related tourism is an important component of Beaver Island's economy and can play an increased role in the future, and;
4. WHEREAS, Quality Deer Management has been scientifically proven to improve the health and

wellbeing of deer herds, and;

5. WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has signed a historic memorandum agreeing to work with the Quality Deer Management Association, and;
6. WHEREAS, the Beaver Island Wildlife Club and the Beaver Island Conservation Club have agreed on a Quality Deer Management Plan, and;
7. WHEREAS, the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce has endorsed a resolution supporting QDM, representing over 120 Island-related businesses, and;
8. WHEREAS, the NREtC's guest speaker, Eric Ellis, endorsed the Beaver Island QDM Plan.
9. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day the township (*St. James 9/1 and Peaine 9/8*) endorses the proposed Beaver Island Quality Deer Management Plan and will provide support for the inclusion of this plan in the 2011 Hunting Regulations.

Special Peaine Meeting

A special meeting of the Peaine Board was held on 9-22. Attorney Chuck Judson was on the speaker phone to answer questions about the



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options for an Airport governance agreement. The biggest question seemed to be what would be the best way to reduce direct Townships liability. Three options were presented: to create an Airport Authority (which no member of either Town Board wanted); to convert the Airport into a non-profit corporation and create an operating agreement with it; or to create an Airport Commission and enter into an operating agreement with it. This Commission would be a kind of committee; since it was the simplest, and one which had worked here before, this was the Board's unanimous choice.

The discussion moved to the options on setting millage rates for Operating, Fire Protection, Airport, Waste Management, Roads, and the Health Center. Fire, Airport, and Waste were set for Peaine by its decision to match the totals generated by St. James. The two Operations items (of 0.8100 for "Separate Operating Millage" and the 2,3179 for "Operating Millage") were approved at the voted levels, so there were really only two decisions to be made: Roads and the Health Center.

Don Spencer and Connie Wojan both spoke on the vital need for a full 2 mils from Peaine to continue providing 24/7 coverage. Pete LoDico urged the Board to approve 0.92 for Roads

instead of the Headlee-reduced 0.8797 because of the problems maintaining our roads. The Supervisor pointed out that the reassessment being undertaken would increase reserves and allow these two measures to pass without offsetting cuts being necessary. They both passed unanimously.

A question was asked about the widening of Hannigan's Road, which had been started by the CCRC but stopped before completion; the motive was to allow quick passage of fire trucks from the East Side Station.

There were a few comments about the Airport. The Ten-year Plan may have to be adjusted to place paving matters at a time when other paving will be done. The Plan has not been adopted by the Airport Committee. Mean/Hunt is willing to come to the Island as soon as they are asked. Some tree cutting should be expected yet this fall. The two conference rooms called for in the plan may not be both used as conference rooms; one might be converted.

Another item was on the agenda, the approval of a liquor license for Bud and Colleen Martin for the Rectory. But a suggestion was made that there might be a conflict of interest because she is the township clerk, so it was pulled. Her investigation that followed indicated there probably will be no conflict.

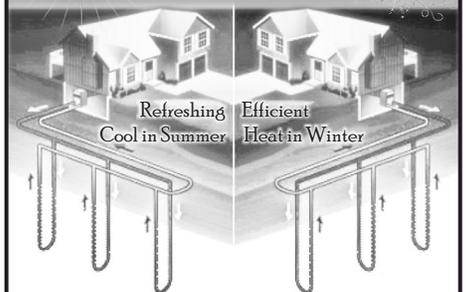
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beans, but they met with uneven results. Apple trees did better.

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The first non-Native inhabitants of Beaver Island fished for sustenance and tried their hand with various crops to add variety and nutrition. Early on there were fields of potatoes, corn, peas, and

Taking apples to the Windy City faded away—that is, until New Zealand artist Maddie Leach decided to encapsulate the entire cycle in a piece of

presentation art. After coming across references in Chicago to Beaver Island’s multi-faceted commerce, she visited here two falls ago and saw the still-productive abandoned orchards and decided to reprise the old routine.

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Once the Hyde Park Art Center accepted her proposal and provided funding, she came back near the end of September.

With a few helpers she toured our apple groves, selecting good examples of each Island brand. It took her a week to hand-select ten bushels, which she planned to load on the *Resolute*; once the Bite of Beaver's pie-baking contest concluded, she and Mike and Gail Weede wanted to head southward on Lake Michigan—just as so many others had done in the past.

Their plan was to dock two miles north of Hyde Park. The Art Center spread the word about the arrival of Beaver Island apples—which will be free, two pounds in a bag per customer, as long as they last, given away to apple pie makers directed to the dock by colorful signs. Giving away apples is so strange that several people have already asked, "What's going on?" Their questions are part of the work of art.

Unfortunately, rough weather forced a change of plans. With the trip requiring five days for the stalwart boat,

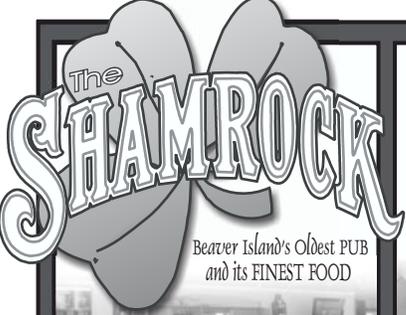


and docking conditions in Chicago unsettled, they decided a better plan was to load the apples in Mike and Gail's truck and drive them south, arriving before the scheduled October 6th giveaway.

It's hard to pin down just what the

work is, or why it's art. It is dated—from her first discovery of Beaver Island in old Chicago newspapers to her mid-October flight to Ireland to stage another event before returning to her college teaching duties in Wellington. And it can't be seen all at once in a frame—other than the mind.

What she's creating is noumenal and amorphous, but also resonant—particularly for those who have wandered off the Island roads and come upon an untended grove of fruit trees bravely continuing to bear, and wondered about the tantalizing thoughts flitting on the edge of their mind, just beyond their reach: who planted these? How was the fruit picked, eaten, enjoyed? How long were the trees tended before being abandoned? When the planters left, did they feel separation anxiety? Did they take grafts to their new home? Were the apple trees relieved when the pickers left, or did they weep? Out in the woods, off the beaten track, the mind's tricks can be cause for surprise; no wonder such an experience can lead into the arena of art.



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10. DESTINATION PARADISE BAY MV NIKOLA TESLA HOME PORT: BELGRADE, SERBIA

by Larry Hansz

The fifty one foot motor vessel *Nikola Tesla* arrived in Paradise Bay on Labor Day. Branko and Vera Kresojevic waited at the Yacht Dock for several days for a favorable “weather window” to make the run to Chicago, where they were expected for a Serbian Festival.

Vera is the president of Krestrade. Krestrade, located in Belgrade, is a machine tool and fabricating company providing oil field and heavy project equipment in Europe and the Middle East. Also, both Branko and Vera produce TV, video, and books in Serbia.

MV Nikola Tesla is a Bruce Roberts design ocean-going recreational trawler, and was built in nine months in Odessa, Ukraine. It was launched in 2004, and the Kresojevics took it on a cruise through and around Europe in

2006 to 2007. They traveled by canal and rivers from Serbia through all of Europe, including Moscow, Berlin, Paris, Amsterdam, then into the English Channel and Atlantic. They crossed the Bay of Biscay to Portugal, Spain, Corsica, Sardinia, Greece, Turkey, and finally into the Black Sea and up the Danube River to their home in Belgrade. This voyage was to commemorate the 150th birthday of the famous inventor Nikola Tesla.

On May 4, 2010 Branko and Vera departed Belgrade and arrived here September 6. In four months they logged over 3,100 engine hours and 11,937 km to the Yacht Dock. Four months from southeastern Europe to Beaver Island in a small boat is amazing! Countries visited include: Serbia, Hungary, Slovakia, Germany, Netherlands, UK,

Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Iceland Labrador, Canada, USA, and finally Beaver Island.

Vera said Greenland was the most beautiful. “The air is so clear, mountains so beautiful, and the green along the shore stunning.” She also loved the Caledonian Canal which bisects Scotland. Both Vera and Branko agreed the worst place was Labrador due to the “solid thick fog for days. It might be beautiful but we couldn't see a thing.”

After visiting friends in Chicago, *Nikola Tesla* will go down the river system to the Gulf of Mexico and Florida for the winter. From that point on their plans are unknown at this time.

Their voyage is truly amazing. Also amazing are the number of world cruisers who visit Paradise Bay.



A BAROQUER MOVES UP!

Dr. Janette Caputo, Alma neuropsychologist and principal violinist for the Baroque on Beaver festival, has been selected to perform Beethoven's Ninth Symphony in the World Doctor's Orchestra's Berlin concert on October 11.

She is also in the Alma Symphony Orchestra. She is the violinist and founder of Quartet con Spirito, and is

the violinist half of Filigree, a viola-piano duo.

Previously she played with the New York String Symphonia, the New York Symphonic String Ensemble, the Scandinavian Symphony, the Mount Clemens Symphony, the St. Clair Shores Symphony, the Plymouth Symphony, the Midland Symphony, and the Traverse City Symphony.

A CORRECTION

Regretfully, some donors to the August BIRHC Benefit Golf Tournament were omitted in the thank-you article in the *Beacon*. They were: Marty and Jane Maehr, The Beaver Island Lodge, Jerry and Marg Charbeneau and Richmond Insurance.

Thanks to these donors who did so much to make the tournament a great success!





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Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* announced that a Twinning Ceremony would be held on Beaver Island in early October with the arrival of 50 people from Arranmore, together with another 50 from Chicago. Many of these Irish are related to present and past Islanders, and correspondence between the two islands has continued for almost 150 years. Yet until recently only a few were aware of the sisterhood.

The Beaver Island Transportation Authority was planning a two-story 24' x 86' building across the street from the Ferry Dock.

People were worried about excessive foam on the lakes, so the *Beacon* ran some remarks by Doug Fuller of the Watershed Council: "Don't be; it's a natural phenomenon, the accumulation of algae for the most part."

Island resident Gail Lowe put on a slide show at the Christian Church about twice walking the Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

PABI announced that \$250,233 had been raised toward its goal of \$1,900,000.

Four Island students (Abbie Adams, Joan Adams, Courtney Moore, and Kristen Russell) had been awarded scholarships from the E. Darrel Dinwiddie Memorial Fund to attend a week-long summer leadership workshop at Aquinas College in Grand Rapids.

Bob Graves donated some special wide pine boards (up to 20" x 16') to the Historical Society so it could match the early style when residing the Print Shop Museum's south wall.

Two hundred adults attended the Island's first (annual) Health Fare.

A letter was sent to the Peaine Board urging it to have the hired Planner evaluate the pros and cons of merging the two townships, but the Board decided the Planner would stick to matters involving the zoning ordinance. The St. James Board appoint Jean Palmer (Wierenga) as its Freedom of Information Coordinator.

The new Powerhouse at Four Corners held an open house to show off its mighty generators.

Twenty Years Ago An announcement about the upcoming Hunters' Dinner asked hunters not to shoot the

turkeys because their survival here was still considered iffy.

The EMS reported that there had been 28 ambulance runs so far in 1990, topping the record of 24, set in twelve months in 1988.

To clarify a long-standing argument, Mary Ann Omer reported her dialogue with Gary Gulliver, attorney for the Legislative Service Bureau, which established that the public has the right to walk on land between the edge of Lake Michigan and the normal high-water mark.

Bad weather held the Fly-in to 57 planes. The accompanying whitefish dinner at the Parish Hall served about three hundred.

The Circle M celebrated its twentieth birthday.

At the prompting of Mike McGinnity, the Town Boards recognized the need for a community mental health counselor to make weekly appearances.

The Transfer Station was nearing completion, and the dump was about to be officially closed. The long-awaited work on the King's Highway finally got underway.

The Town Boards declared that addendums should be attached to all copies of the recently completed Wade-Trim Granger economic development study, explaining the apparent conflict of interest in language to be supplied by attorney Greg Justice.

The Sheriff's Department and the EMS were working together to place a radio tower at the old Peaine Hall site to improve EMS communications.

Jerry LaFreniere threw a big party at his home on Freesoil Avenue to celebrate his 50th birthday.

The Medical Center encouraged the purchase of tickets to its 4th annual Holiday Ball to help fund its remodeling program.

Thirty Years Ago There was no October *Beacon*.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* reprinted a David Broder column extolling life on Beaver Island. Broder mentioned the volunteer work party that refurbished the school, culled from a diminishing population of 250. Other signs of vitality he cited were the historical museum, the new medical center,

and the new dock. He attributed the Island's insouciance to "shared family ties, a shared religious faith, and the shared determination to survive," and wished this sense of community could be exported to the rest of America.

Because of the record apple crop on the Island, according to Father Donahoe, two old time customs were revived: pressing apple cider, and cooking apple butter. Phil Gregg and Bill Wagner restored an old non-electric cider press, which they used—with the help of Mike Green, Ron Gregg, and Tom, Bill, and Jim McDonough. Frank Schnaudigal gave the (Pennsylvania Dutch) recipe: cook 15 gallons of cider down to half as much, leaving a window open for the steam to escape; then add two bushels of peeled apple slices cooked to a pulp, 25 pounds of sugar, and a generous handful of cinnamon; place in a large copper kettle, and cook over an open fire outdoors—while constantly stirring for seven hours.

A birth announcement of Todd Volk included a note that "grandfather Al Doebler was a little late getting the news because he was hunting on Garden Island."

Montgomery Ward sent a crew here for their annual fall sale, held in the Med Center basement—complete with refreshments and door prizes.

Fifty Years Ago To see the fall colors the *Beacon* advised taking a drive on "the old road through Pagetown" (this was long before the Port St. James's roads were built).

The psychologist from the Petoskey Child Guidance Clinic came over to talk to mothers at the Beaver Lodge and give tests to their children the next day at school, "to help the teachers."

Lawrence McDonough's sawmill was the site of an injury to employee Robert Nestle, who cut his hand on a lathe. After first aid was given at the Med Center by Lil Cole he was taken to Charlevoix; he lost an index finger.

John Swainson addressed the Independent Telephone Association meeting here, which drew 400 guests.

The passing of Leo McGinnis, father of Miriam Martin, and Ray Osborne, husband of Lucille Gillespie, was noted.



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In the recent exchange of letters and articles about how to manage Beaver Island's public lands, many impassioned and interesting arguments have been put forth. But the exchange can be confusing. I'd like to try to clarify two major choices that have been offered us regarding how to manage our public forests.

1) **"Hands On" management for nearly everything.** This argument is that we human beings have the necessary know-how, and in fact the duty, to manipulate virtually all of the Island's lands. It's advocates want a "hands on" approach not just for Beaver Island's 23,000 acres of private and commercial properties, but also for nearly all of the public's remaining 12,000 acres of natural lands too. They push for a regime of multiple logging techniques ("single tree selection, group selection, clear-cutting, seed tree, and shelterwood cutting") across most of our remaining 12,000 acres of public forest lands, allowing for just a few tiny acreages to be preserved as wild. (See Brent Pike's article in the August *Beacon*, where he advocates "hands on" management of everything except "under 100 acres" of Beaver Island's tiny remaining stands of virgin forest.)

A second, compromise option offers us an alternative to just choosing between this "Hands on everything" approach, or an equally extreme "Hands off all of our public lands" approach. The compromise management idea was put forth at the recent Beaver Island Forest Symposium and seemed popular with most folks attending:

2) **"Hands On" management for some areas; and "Hands off" (actually "Light Touch") management for other areas.** This compromise position allows for significant acreages of our public lands (50%) to be selectively logged in a low impact sustainable fashion for game species' browse purposes (deer, grouse, etc.) and commercial timber harvest. It also designates significant acreages (50%) as "Core Wild Areas," where minimal landscape manipulation is the rule, and non-extractive biological and economic uses are primary (scientific research and eco-tourism including birding, hiking, quality hunting, wildflowers, etc.) This compromise approach recognizes that deer, grouse, and other

game species will enjoy the use of both the core wild areas and more heavily managed areas.

Recently, though, some people have misunderstood or misrepresented this compromise position. Unreasonable fears have led to exaggerated claims of what might follow if we adopted such a compromise. In the September *Beacon*, for instance, we were asked if this would mean allowing "wild fire, an invasive species, or an oil spill" to go unchecked in these Core Wild Areas. The answer of course is "no."

Good Science: The issue of using good science in managing our public lands has rightfully been raised in the recent exchange of articles. So I'd like to respectfully correct some of the mistakes I see in the recent letters and articles:

Always Keep a Control when you Experiment

It simply is not "good science" to manipulate the whole of the natural landscape, in what amounts to "one giant human experiment." Every reputable scientist knows that when experimenting, you need to leave a "control" area where no variables are manipulated or changed. This is part of the intention of the compromise position, which proposes designating significant "Core Wild Areas" as our "scientific controls" here on Beaver Island.

"Old Growth" vs. Virgin Forest

In his article in the August *Beacon*, Brent Pike mistakenly equates "virgin forest" with "old growth," suggesting we should log everywhere on the Island that has ever been logged before. He writes: "only two stands (under 100 acres) of Old Growth exist on the Island. Let's protect that, and manage the rest." Functionally, "old growth" refers to a stage in forest succession that most any forest can be restored to if left to its own devices. "Old Growth" is not necessarily "virgin forest." "Virgin forest" refers to a stand with no historical record of ever having been cut.

Research Before you Push for Clear-cuts on the Island

The Beaver Island Conservation Club's basic argument appears to be that the State needs to do more cutting on Beaver Island to maintain or increase their favored game species (deer, grouse, woodcock, etc.) Yet both grouse and

woodcock evolved and apparently thrived on the landscape long before the first manmade clear-cut ever existed. And we have yet to see any research that proves "a lack of clear-cuts" is responsible for any current declines in the populations of woodcock and grouse in Michigan. Let's not fix a problem with a radical "solution" (clear-cutting in our forests) that has not been proven effective.

Getting our Acreages Straight

In an attempt to minimize the impact of the DNRE's proposed 1,000 new acres of clear-cuts on Beaver Island, Brent Pike argues that this would just be "1-2% Aspen" on our Island of "50,000 acres." Beaver Island proper is 55 square miles, or approximately 35,200 acres. Furthermore most of this 35,200 acres is either commercial or in private ownership. This includes open lands and forest lands with the young tree types the BICC advocates for game forage. In short, we already have plenty of deer forage opportunities on the Island without adding a single new DNRE clear-cut on our approximately 12,000 acres of public lands.

The Science of Forest Succession vs "Rotting Forests"

Brent Pike warns of negative consequences if we don't "manage" (log) in all our forests: "Most of what we see is in fact just mature forests that are rotting and in dire need of management." Many folks who drive down the West Side Road see something entirely different: a forest of towering beautiful beech trees, hemlocks, and maples that are in a dynamic stage of development scientifically classified as the "mixed age, gap regeneration" phase of natural succession. There is nothing wrong here with Mother Nature's plan.

Forest as Community

Brent Pike persists in his argument for logging everywhere by using our human community as an analogy: "Do we want a world that is full of 80-90 year people with little to no young and middle-aged people?" But he uses this analogy incorrectly. The maturing forests off the West Side road are actually classified as "multi-age stands" (meaning they will naturally generate a mixture of young, middle aged, and elder trees). The 80 to 90-year-old maples and beeches he sees as "old" are actually just adolescents in

continued on page 16.



FLAG RAISING AT THE NEW VETERAN'S PARK

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Beaver Island Airport Committee will receive sealed bids for the Tree Clearing for Runway 9 Approach at the Beaver Island Airport. **Bids shall be addressed to the Beaver Island Airport Committee, Box 134, Beaver Island, MI 49782.** Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. The envelope shall also be marked with the following: **Beaver Island Airport, Tree Clearing for Runway 9 Approach.** Bids must be submitted on the bid forms (provided in the proposal).

The **bid opening** will be held at the St. James Township Hall, 37735 Michigan Avenue, Beaver Island, Michigan, 49782, at 2:00 p.m. (local time) Friday, October 15, 2010. Bids received after the stated time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately following the time stated above.

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Bidders will submit a proposal guaranty in the form of a proposal bond, certified check, cashier's check or bank money order in the amount of not less than 5%. The proposal guaranty will be made payable to the Beaver Island Airport Committee. If the selected contractor fails to provide the required materials and/or execute the contract within twenty-eight (28) days after being furnished with the necessary contract and bond forms, the proposal guaranty will be forfeited to the Sponsor (in accordance with Section 30-07 of the General Provisions). The successful bidder will be required to furnish satisfactory 100% performance bond as well as labor and material bond.

No bid may be withdrawn after closing time for the receipt of proposals for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days.

The Beaver Island Airport Committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bids or bid, should it consider same to be in its best interest.

This project is being funded in part with Federal Aviation Administration and Michigan Department of Transportation funding. All bidders are required to sign a certification that they will comply with all Federal and State non-discrimination laws and regulations. Work under this project is subject to the most recent Federal Davis-Bacon Wage Determination. All state and federal guidelines must be followed.

A MANDATORY pre-bid meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 7, 2010, 10:00 a.m. at the Beaver Island Airport Terminal Building, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

SCOPE OF WORK

The project will consist of Tree Clearing for Runway 9 Approach.

The project shall be complete and ready for final inspection within thirty (30) days from the effective date of Notice-to-Proceed.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

Bidding documents will be on file electronically for inspection at Commercial Blueprint Inc. (planroom.comblue.com) beginning on Friday, October 1. Copies of the bidding documents can be obtained from Commercial Blueprint, Inc. for a non-refundable fee of \$40.00. Contact the plan-room at Commercial Blueprint, Inc. (517-372-8360). Technical questions should be directed to Rodney Nettleton, Mead & Hunt, Inc., 2605 Port Lansing Road, Lansing, MI 48906, (517) 321-8334.

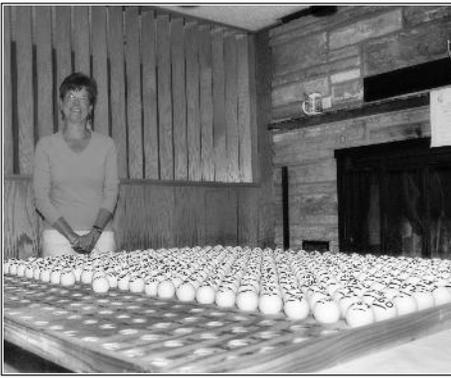
After much hard work by our AmVets, the new Park has taken shape and will be a good addition to Harbor. Forty people turned out for the Park's inauguration, admiring the layout, the pavers, and the three gleaming newly-raised flagpoles. The new benches, purchased by the Townships, will be here soon.

Island Forests, continued from page 15. the tree world. If allowed to fully mature, beeches and maples can live to be 300 years old. They will become magnificent elements in Beaver Island's valuable developing old growth forests.

The Value of Mature Old Growth

In his August *Beacon* article, I believe Brent Pike misrepresents old growth as valueless when he offers us this stark, but false, choice: "Do we want to see deadfalls and rotting forests, or do we want to see some great diversity in our forests where we can see many different types of animals?" Biologically speaking, mature or "old growth" multi-age forests rank among the most diverse ecosystems on earth. They have many values that we are just beginning to understand – from moisture retention and forest fire protection to sequestering carbon from the atmosphere. It would be a tragic mistake to undervalue this wonderful stage of forest succession found here, which is so rare now on the mainland. We need to treasure our maturing forests and protect them in our core wild areas, for they are part of what makes Beaver Island different and unique. They are part of the legacy that will continue to draw a great variety of visitors – hunters included – to Beaver Island for generations to come.

–Seamus Norgaard
(M.S. Environmental Studies)



B.I.R.H.C. THANKS THE COMMUNITY

Everyone at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center extends a huge thank you to all who supported our car raffle. We understand that these are very difficult times for many people, and could not be more grateful to those who, despite shrinking wallets, maintained their practice of buying tickets every year. All who bought tickets should feel good about the fact that raffle proceeds will go directly toward financing Health Center services.

On Labor Day Leslie Colwell, whose parents are Jim and Sandy Birdsall, won the 2010 Chevy Cobalt. This year a total of 394 tickets were sold. In addition \$425 dollars was given in lieu of buying tickets.

Many people played a role in this remarkable success: Board member Denny Cook came up with the successful idea of an early drawing to reward those who bought tickets this spring. The Beaver Island Boat Company donated the cost of bringing the car over on the ferry. In addition to B.I.R.H.C. board members, Sally Lounsberry, Joe Reed, Leonor Jacobson, and Adam Richards were dedicated ticket sellers. Dave Kring, owner of Dave Kring Chevrolet-Cadillac also donated his commission back to the Health Center as he has done for many years. McDonough's Market was again very gracious in allowing us to display the car in their parking lot and selling tickets when our sellers were not there. Ken Slater and Pete Lodico allowed the Health Center to enjoy the benefits of their GM discounts and credits. Board member Pete LoDico deserves special credit for all the time he spends every year researching and pursuing the best possible deal for us.

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—Connie Wojan



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There are many reasons to vacation on Beaver Island. This year one reason was to decompress in tents before going to Virginia to live in tents with 45,000 Boy Scouts. We had other motives as well. My son Thomas Hett and I decided to use Beaver Island as our personal laboratory to earn the limited Historic Merit Badge Tracking. It was our opinion that Beaver Island would be perfect for this activity and we were certainly rewarded.

In 1910 Lord Baden Powell's Boy Scout movement made its way from England to North America. This year Scouting celebrates its 100th Anniver-

sary in the United States. Scouting's signature event this year was the 2010 National Jamboree July 24 through August 3 at Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia. Lord Powell's dream was to develop a program that would emphasize character development and important life skills, which would be useful in extreme conditions where a young man's life might depend on the skill. One such skill was taught through the Stalking Merit Badge program, which began in 1911 and was discontinued in 1952 as fewer Americans had to hunt for their food. During BSA's 100th Anniversary celebration, Stalking, or Tracking, as it is now known, has been reactivated

along with Pathfinding, Signaling, and Carpentry, for only nine months in honor of the 100th Anniversary. On December 31, 2010 these badges will again be retired, never to be earned again. For Boy Scouts, this is as close to a Scouting time machine as they will ever get. Unless someone can invent the "flux-capacitor," install it in a stainless steel DeLorean, and travel back to 1911.

On July 9, 2010 my son Thomas, a Life Scout, and I arrived on the Beaver Island with the intention to unwind and see if the usual fauna would again reveal itself to us and help Tom earn his Historic Tracking Merit Badge. On the way to the Stable Campgrounds we were



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immediately met by a large doe as we drove past Font Lake. The Tracking Merit Badge requires that you identify a number of animals both larger and smaller than a woodchuck. The deer was worth four points. Five minutes on the Island and we only needed 26 more points to reach our target of thirty. To make this activity more challenging we decided that both Tom and I had to have visual confirmation to count the animal for points. In addition, we then upped the ante and decided to capture photos when possible. The hunt was on!

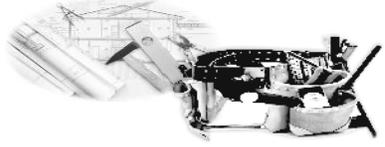
We were mindful that along with live sightings and tracks, four other requirements asked the Scouts to dem-

onstrate skills that would help in hunting, such as "proceeding noiselessly ... freezing" and using the wind to one's advantage. We found this helpful on day two after swimming at the Wagner beach. Moving slowly along Hannigan's Road we encountered a rafter of wild turkey. Freezing and attempting to move slowly was no use; the turkeys kept moving. Moments later, the unzipping of the camera case that split the dozen and sent them running into the swamp to the right and left of Hannigan's. We would not get our turkey photo until a week later on Paid een Og's Road. The next day it was time for

a hike down the Kuebler Trail to Bonner's Landing.

As we began our hike down the Northern head of the Kuebler Trail we spotted a long garter snake slithering into the bushes. We estimated it to be nearly three feet long but weren't quick enough to get a photo. We hiked southbound on the trail but weren't rewarded until we reached the edge of Barney's Lake. We decided to rest for lunch for an hour on the shore and acclimate ourselves to the surroundings. The longer we quietly sat, the more nature decided to reveal itself to us. Immediately we could see small fish and iridescent dragonflies as we

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20. scanned the lake for frogs. Within minutes the frogs of Barney's Lake began moving around the shallow shoreline, allowing us to snap a few good pictures. After twenty minutes we noticed something moving up the water line. When it periscoped its head we realized we had a water snake. Unlike the solid-bodied dark snakes in lower Michigan's inland lakes, this snake was beautifully striped with coloring reminiscent of a diamondback rattler. As it moved closer Tom was able to slowly creep to the edge of the lake for a set of photographs that revealed the color and size of this stealthy reptile. We estimated the Northern Water Snake to be approximately thirty-six to forty-two inches in length and as big around as Tom's wrist. Tom followed the snake down the shoreline, hoping to get an action shot of it capturing its prey. Moments later on the east shore we noticed a hawk diving, and used the camera's telephoto to watch it capture a small animal and take it to the top of a tree for a midday meal.

After an hour quietly observing on the shore of Barney's Lake we headed back to the trail. Moving along, we startled more fowl. There was a loud flutter we thought were turkeys scattering, and this time Tom had a camera ready. As we approached we saw we had stumbled upon a pack of grouse. They moved quickly and blended into the shadows and dead leaves, making them nearly invisible in the photo. As they moved, their angular feather structure made them quite easy to identify. While I have seen grouse on many occasions, this was the first time Tom had encountered them.

The next day we returned to the Wagner Campground and the Caribbean blue waters of Sand Bay for some swimming. We observed the usual gulls and finches, and hoped to see an owl that lived in a hollow tree for a couple of summers. (While taking a midnight swim years earlier, the owl would swoop down, harpoon its prey, and return to the tree with its snack.) After thirty minutes in the refreshing and frigid water of Sand Bay we walked toward the boat access ramp and nearly stepped on a large snapping turtle sunning itself in the gravel. We estimated it to be more than twelve inches from the top to the bottom of its shell. Since it

came from under the boat launch, it left no telltale sign of its tracks and gait. We subtly encouraged it to move, and as it did it left behind the swishing marks of its tail. We took a terrific photo.

Tracking also requires that we sight, track, stalk, photograph, and cast prints in the process of identifying animals. It is also helpful when Island residents can point you in the right direction. One classic Beaver Island photo-op is the osprey nest on the cell tower on Slopdown Road. For years we had watched and photographed this large bird, but it wasn't until this year that we identified it. One of our photos from a few years ago shows the osprey feeding its young in the massive nest. Later in the afternoon we located a CMU van filled with students studying plant life at the Font Lake Public Access, and the tour guide identified the water snake from Barney's Lake as the Northern Water snake. The John Robert family confirmed the existence of coyotes living near the Stable Campgrounds last year. Armed with this knowledge, Tom and I searched the soft sandy areas for coyote tracks. We were careful to first get a clear look and measurement of the Robert's family Golden Retriever Lady. With that in hand we were able to find coyote prints impressed in the sand. At two and one-half inches and a slightly wider spread we were confident that this was a coyote, and we made the plaster casting.

The sighting and casting that proved most difficult was the beaver. Miller's Marsh is simply one of the most spectacular towns on the Island. The architecture and evidence of land use and management is a symphony of nature at its most efficient and functional. Like an Arts and Crafts era artist the beaver creates not for the sake of decoration but for the sake of function. The function in turn gives the landscape an aesthetic that is as beautiful as a Frank Lloyd Wright design. But where were these instinctive architects? Over the last decade we've learned that the twilight hours are a good time to see beaver at the Marsh, yet try as we might we have never seen them. We decided to search for a paw print that we could cast in the muck around the hiking trail. Carefully moving around the perimeter of the channels, lodges, dams, and clear-cut areas, we located a few wet muddy prints that met the length and structural

criteria of the beaver. Tom mixed the plaster and carefully poured it into the wet indentation. We didn't expect it to dry or produce a print but after sitting quietly for thirty minutes, hoping to see a beaver, Tom removed the plaster and we had our negative. The print was five to six inches from heel to the middle toe.

The castings are actually negatives. To get an actual print you'd have to cover the negative with Vaseline and pour plaster onto it, thus producing the print. This is the closest that the beavers would allow us to get this summer.

We confirmed three domestic animals, cattle, horses, and dog, and at least twenty-two other mammals, reptiles, and birds—for a grand total of 122 points. The Tracking Merit Badge required a minimum of thirty points with combined sightings and tracks. Photos and plaster casts were also encouraged to complete the requirements. Tom and I were able to accumulate these points in only five days with little effort simply hiking and biking the Island's roads and trails.

The final requirement was to track a human. This requirement asked the Scout to determine the speed and gait of the person being tracked. Well, for a child, a trip to Beaver Island wouldn't be complete without a stop at the Toy Museum. This Summer we spent over \$10.00 and received a free pair of Mary's embossed Beaver Island flip-flops. At that moment I knew that when my daughter arrived we would have a human to track. The flip-flops would be a perfect fit and she lives in them nearly year round. Once on the Island, the hunt was on. At Donegal Bay Beach Alex set off on a steady walking pace moving along established pathways toward the beach. Once on the beach, her job was to change her gait from a walk to a run and back to a walk. Would Tom be able to notice that the person he was tracking was changing her speed? Absolutely. Besides, with the words "Beaver Island" impressed everywhere, thanks to Mary's sandals, his sister was easy to track. Requirements complete!

There was little doubt that Tom would find enough wildlife to earn the badge. As a Scout leader I knew this badge would earn itself based on years of walking trails on the Island. Strangely, we learned in the Summer of 2009 that there was only one Lone

*To our parents,
families, friends,
and all of the
amazing people who
helped make our
wedding day the
best day of our lives
- thank you.*



*Melanie & Patrick
August 21, 2010
Beaver Island, MI*



22. Scout on Beaver Island. I can understand that being surrounded by wildlife can lose some of its excitement, but I was still surprised more boys were not involved, given this ideal environment. As a summer visitor, Beaver Island's resources are a Boy Scout's dream come true for those who want to quickly advance through the ranks of Scouting. After ten years of summers on the Island, I have often heard that on Beaver Island "we make our own fun."

As an outsider I implore the adults and youth to include Scouting in that fun.

Beaver Island's Lone Scout, Danny LaFreniere, understands this well. He also understands that to rise through the ranks of Scouting you need more Scouts. I read that Danny did something very difficult this year: he made Eagle without an Island Troop or Patrol to work with. This is a tremendous accomplishment. By the way, Danny, if you haven't yet earned the 100th Anniversary

Historic Tracking Merit Badge, take three or four days and get it done. You can easily find the information online. If you have any trouble, get your blue card to me to sign. Remember, you only have until December 31, 2010 and the Tracking Merit Badge will again be retired. If you have completed it already...then congratulations!

Thanks Beaver Island,
Thomas and John Hett
Troop 1537, Plymouth, Michigan.

NATIVE MEANINGS

Ottawa, or Odawa: a quiet place where people meet: Beaver Island: Amick Minnis.

"Eagle" received from Gitchi Manitou the gifts of strong winds, keen sight, and proud bearing. Eagle symbolizes courage and pre-knowledge. Its sphere is the mountains.

"Turtle" represents the Mother Earth we stand on to our people, sustaining us with constancy and generosity. Turtle emerged from the water with

Earth on its back, providing a living place for human beings and all creatures between the sky and the water. Turtle is the medium of communication, the emissary between beings of this world and time, and the beings of another world and time. Turtle symbolizes thought given and thought received, and represents clarity of communication between beings. Aquagreen symbolizes plants and growing things.

"Bear" received from Kitchi Mani-

itou the gifts of courage and strength. Bear is representative of all medicinal powers in creation. "Claws" dig medicine root; Bear passes Knowledge on through dreams and visions.

Rainbow is the beautiful bridge to the spirit world and the colors of the universe. Red is symbolic of earth and fire. Yellow is the path of the sun across the sky. Blue is symbolic of sky and water.

Have a good day.
—Alvina Cornstalk

ATTENTION GREEN THUMBS

The time has come to plan our projects for next summer's big gardening events! The new Senior Residence building will be taking shape this fall and winter. Upon completion of the outside work, some areas will need shaping up, greening up, and of course filling with colorful splendor.

We will need dirt delivered, mulch spread, raking done. There will be a living fence along the north side of the BIRHC green space that will be lined with spirea, lilacs, burning bushes, and buddleia. This can be done this fall. There will be five or six designed smaller shaped areas filled with colorful splendor and managed by any person or group who might have the interest and energy in doing this. We would like to see an "All Pink" area, a children's "Fairy garden," perhaps a "Red, White and Blue" one. One or two of these have already been suggested by interested parties.

Our biggest job will be paying for the landscape materials and plants. In true Island fashion we'll hold a couple of fund-raisers to pay for the materials needed, and hopefully the volunteers to

plant will come through next summer.

A "Garden Walk" will be scheduled for the second week in July. If you are interested in being considered or know of somebody's garden that should be nominated for consideration PLEASE let us know. We will work out the details. If you want to help deliver dirt, lay mulch, plant plants, let us know. If you have flowers that need subdividing, let us know.

We will have a Silent Auction held in the BIRHC lobby all summer; it will raise money to pay for the materials. Keep in mind what you might donate: we're looking for art, services, unique Island items, baked goods, dinners for six, bottles of wine, etc ... that we can auction off over the summer.

Contact Leonor Jacobson or Connie Wojan if you can help. Give when you can. We will accept checks and donations to the BIRHC or senior building Landscape fund in honor or memory of somebody special.

Thank you for your consideration. We hope we've sparked some delight and interest! Stay in touch and we will provide more info later. Thank you.

THINKING HAIKU - WITH PHYLLIS KAYNE

Haiku is a centuries old Japanese form of poetry grounded in Zen Buddhism. The traditional form has five, seven, and five syllables per line, a pattern taken from the three concentric rings of lotus petals. Phyllis Kayne has a home at Indian Point. Looking out at the rough lake or back into the cedars has engendered subtle emotions best expressed in this form.

September winds churn
the lake; a freighter appears
massive, undeterred

Waves run high whipped by
gale winds; swimmers coast to shore
exhilarated

Monarch butterflies,
internal GPS on,
head for Mexico





BICAA ANNOUNCES MINI-GRANT PROGRAM

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association is sponsoring a mini-grant program for 2010-2011 to support the creative work of local artists who enrich the cultural life of the Beaver Island community. Funding for the program is generated by proceeds from *Baroque on Beaver*, the annual classical music series that combines the talents of year-round and seasonal residents with professional musicians from all across

Michigan.

Visual and performance artists are able to apply for funding to cover costs for materials to create their art, rental of rehearsal and performance space, travel expenses or fees for attending seminars or classes, opportunities to branch out into new art forms, and other reasonable needs.

The program was created a year ago by the BICAA Board as a means of ful-

filling its mission to support year-round cultural arts in the community. Two grants were awarded in 2009: (i) to the Beaver Island Community Players for assistance in the production of *Beaver Tales II* by compensating writers and composers for creating new musical numbers for the show, and (ii) to the Recorder Group to purchase new music and obtain additional recorder lessons. BICAA has previously invested pro-



ceeds from *Baroque on Beaver* in the string program and other cultural activities for students at the Beaver Island Community School.

Eligibility criteria and applications may be obtained from Miranda Rooy, mirandarooy@hotmail.com, and will be posted by October 1 on the BICAA website, www.baroqueonbeaver.org. Applications will be accepted electronically, and must be received by Novem-

ber 1. A Selection Committee will review applications and recommend awardees for Board approval. Awards will be granted in mid-December. For more information, please contact Anne Glendon, aglendon@sbcglobal.net.

Eligibility requirements for candidates include:

1. Year-round or seasonal residents of Beaver Island for a minimum of two years;

2. At least two years of engagement in the art form for which support is being sought;

3. Submission of a completed application, which includes a statement of need for funding; and

4. Agreement to report on, share, demonstrate, show, or perform whatever work is produced as a result of the grant during the 2011 *Baroque on Beaver*, or at another Island event.



ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

27.

from Joyce Bartels

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

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, October 5, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "The State Board of tax Commissioners were in session at the court house last week reviewing the assessment role (sic) of St. James."

"W. W. Boyle of the Beavers, was in the city the fore part of the week."

"Our genial friend William J. Gallagher of the Beavers, has been re-appointed deputy oil inspector."

From Beaver Island: "Mrs. Capt. O. Gallagher visited Charlevoix last week."

"Miss Lizzie Gillespie has gone to Chicago for the winter."

"Rev. Father Malone has been to Big Rapids the past week."

"Capt. Neil Gallagher of Escanaba is visiting friends on the Island."

"Dr. Auld who has been here the past week returned to Charlevoix." (Note: J. A. Auld, D.D.S., *Charlevoix appears in the Hotel Beaver register August 22, 1910*)

"Joe Gallagher of Philadelphia visited friends on the Island last week."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner made a business trip to Grand Rapids last week."

"The same wooden steamer *Chase S. Osborn* was in the harbor this week."

"Charles Bissell and Hazel Osborn were married at Charlevoix last week."

"Bert Beaudoin of Charlevoix spent a couple of days on the Island last week."

"The tax commissioners have finished up their work here and returned home."

"W. J. Rachow of the Charlevoix State Savings bank was an Island visitor last week."

"A Booth Fisheries Co.'s tug *Peter*

Coats was in the harbor this week enroute to Green Bay."

"Mrs. Ned Deevy and daughter of Chicago, who have been visiting at the home of Dan R. Greene for the past two weeks have returned home."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, October 6, 1910 **Front Page Article:**

CAPT. KILTIE BLAMED

THE INSPECTOR SAYS THE MASTER OF THE CAR FERRY HUNG ON TOO LONG

Supervising Inspector General Ubler of the United States steamboat inspection service has received the detailed report of the sinking of *Pere Marquette* car ferry No. 18 in Lake Michigan with a loss of twenty-seven lives on Sept. 9. Even after a careful perusal of the contents of the reports of Inspectors Van Platten and Collins, the public finds little light as to the real cause of the disaster. The report, however, touches on the loss of life as follows:

"As regards to the great loss of life, we regret that we are obliged to censure the judgment of one who is dead and unable to defend himself.

"It is our opinion that the master of the *Pere Marquette* No. 18 displayed very poor judgment in holding the crew aboard the boat as long as he did. As much as two hours before the vessel sank we feel that his knowledge told him that his ship was in a very precarious condition and dangerous to be aboard of. We think that his efforts were directed more toward saving the ship than to the saving of the lives aboard his boat."

In regard to the cause of the wreck

the investigators report as follows:

"It will always be a matter of conjecture as to what first filled the after compartments before discovery. It is an assured fact, however, that the whole after compartment was full of water at the time of sinking.

"What it was that destroyed the balance of the vessel we cannot say definitely. It may have been the giving away of a bulkhead, allowing the water to flow into the engine compartment, or it may be that the cars on deck forward became unfastened and ran to the after part of the ship. We have evidence from one man who started to go to the car deck from the forward part of the boat and he claims that there was not a car on the deck."

Beaver Island News: "Guy G. Bailey of Mackinaw Island is the guest of Mrs. James Gibson for a few days."

"Oscar S. Richardson and Miss Katie Hamrock who have been visiting at Harbor Springs the past week returned home Wednesday from their honeymoon."

"Mr. Neil Gallagher of Escanaba, was an Island visitor last week."

"Mrs. O. D. Gallagher and children returned to their home at Manitowoc."

"Joseph Gallagher of Philadelphia made a business trip to the Island last week."

"The gasoline boat *Sevey* brought in a load of feed from the steamer *Shore* on Manitou Island and the B. I. L. C. bought the load."

"Pat T. McDonough transacted business in Charlevoix Tuesday."

"W. J. Rachow of Charlevoix State Bank was an Island visitor last week."

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A MONTH FOR RUNNING AND SINGING

The first weekend of October was a wonderful time to be on Beaver Island. Generally good, if brisk, weather made the outdoor activities enjoyable—the games between the BICS and Paradise, the informal bike tour, and the running race/walking tour known as the Boodle.

There were 85 entrants, and \$3,000 was raised for the Sports' Boosters thanks to Mike and Gail Weede. The run was won by ringer Topher Fast in record time: 19.18; Mike Moline did 25.17 and Christo Miner made it in 26.09.

The first female runner was Alex Dartt with a time of 29.27; in second place was Renee Sens, at 30.53; and in third place was Laura Hansen at 31.10.

Rick Speck was the quickest walker at 37.52. Tina Morgan was the first woman across, in 41.54.

The Bite of Beaver saw many familiar off-Island faces mixed with the smiles of strangers who were delighted to be here. The food was daring and delicious. A certain unnamed cross-dressed Comedy Troupe player warbled and

crooned in the guise of Julia Child, after the well-groomed Island Beaver (a gift from Connie and Ed Eicher, housed by the Historical Society) was named *Pierre* by sixth-grader Erin Myers-Dixon (who won a book on beavers for the winning entry, of twenty-five names—including Buck, Bucky, Buckaroo, and Bucephalus), and the imported band played on. Glen Felix danced his full plate to the last free chair. Meanwhile the Community Center's art and craft show did well.

28. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 27.

"Charles Bissell and Miss Hazel Osborn were married at Charlevoix last Tuesday."

"H. E. Laundry, Dist. Manager Woodmen of the World, of Port Huron, Mich, who has spent the past two weeks at the Island, organized a Camp of the Woodmen, Tuesday evening with a large charter membership, the officers are:

- Past Con. Com. – Francis Roddy
- Con. Com. – Wm. M. Greene
- Adv. Lieut. – Patrick Malloy
- Banker – Fred Sendenburgh
- Clerk – Nels Lafreniere
- Escort – James D. O'Donnell
- Watchman – Marshall Griffin
- Sentry – Thomas Malloy
- Managers – Chas. Longbrey and Herbert Blake

Mr. Laundry left for Boyne City Wednesday, where he will put in a large class of candidates." (Note: H. E. Laundry, Omaha, Neb. appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 24th.)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, October 13, 1910 Local News: "The steamer

Beaver could not make her Island trip Saturday on account of stormy weather."

"Fish is looking up – About three tons of trout and perch came over from the Island Tuesday. The home catch is correspondingly large and the fisherman are all good natured."

Beaver Island News: "Miss Mary Cull and the Misses Delia and Grace Mooney are visiting their parents for a short time."

"Steamer *Sumac* harbored here Sunday."

"John Schroeder took a cargo of lumber from here this week."

"Miss Anna O'Malley who has been visiting her sister Mrs. James Donlevy returned to her home in Chicago. She was accompanied by Miss Rachel Donlevy."

"Capt. Vallier of St. Ignace, is the guest of Phil B. Gallagher for a few days."

"Miss Hattie Gallagher is visiting friends at Escanaba this week."

"Mrs. Nels Bergstrom who has been visiting her parents here the past sum-

mer, left Monday for her home in Iron Mountain."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, October 19, 1910 Local News Briefly Told: "Henry Vincent of St. James was in the city Tuesday."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, October 26, 1910 News From Beaver Island: "Father Malone visited Petosky."

"Peter Johnson returned home for the winter."

"E. Pratt was a Charlevoix visitor this week."

"Misses Delia and Grace Mooney returned to Chicago this week."

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. Nels Leferniere (sic) Thursday October 20, a son."

"Mrs. Neil D. Gallagher spent a couple of days in Charlevoix this week."

"Mr. C. L. Keiser, representing the Greening Nursery is canvassing the Island." (Note: C. L. Keiser, Levering, Mich. appears in the Hotel Beaver register Sept. 29, 1910)

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transacted business in Charlevoix Monday and Tuesday."

"Mr. Peter D. Gallagher who has been quite ill the past week or ten days is slowly recovering."

"Mr. And Mrs. C. C. Cross lost their two month old child, Friday, October 21. Pneumonia the cause."

"Mr. Fred Caskey and Mary LaBlance were united in marriage by Father Malone, Wednesday of last week."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, October 27, 1910 **Local News:** "Lou Comfort is still at work at Beaver Head installing a steam fog signal plant."

"The steamer *Beaver* drops back to tri-weekly Island trips November first."

Beaver Island News: "Perch fishing is good in the Harbor."

"H. Beutel & Co. are freezing trout."

"Mary T. Malloy has gone to Chicago."

"Born to Mrs. Nels LaFrenere Jr. Oct. 21, a son."

"Fr. Malone went to the mainland on a visit."

"Dr. Auld is at the Beaver Hotel this week." (*Note: J. A. Auld, D. D. S. appears in the hotel Beaver register Sept. 26, 1910*)

"Ed. Pratt went to Charlevoix on the Monday boat."

"George Herrick is clerking at the Lumber Co's store."

"Mr. E. Naudeau and family of South Haven have moved to the Island."

"Miss Mary Johnson, left for Alberta, N. W. T., yesterday."

"Peter Johnson arrived home after sailing all summer."

"Chas. Edgar, of the Monitor Oil Co., is at the Island this week." (*C. F. Edgar, Mt. P. appears in the Hotel Beaver register - last date listed, Sept. 26, 1910*)

"Mrs. Neil D. Gallagher is visiting her parents, Mr. And Mrs. J. C. Gallagher."

"Tom McCauley and Tom J. Bonner went to Charlevoix Monday on business."

"Sherwood Stephens, clerk in B. I. L. Co's store, went to Free Soil on a

visit."

"Fr. Whellam, (sic) O. F. M. was at High Island to attend to the Indian Mission."

"Died, at Garden Island, Mrs. John Bay-she-nin-ne."

"Supervisors Boyle and Gallagher arrived home Monday after a two weeks session of the Board."

"Misses Della and Grace Mooney went to Charlevoix Monday after spending two weeks with their parents."

"J. J. Campbell, Manistee lumber inspector, and Bert Smedly, of Traverse City are at High Island."

"Mrs. Frank McCafferty, who has been visiting friends at Charlevoix, has returned home."

"Married, at Holy Cross Church Wednesday, Oct. 19, Mr. Fred Kaskey to Mrs. Mary LaBlanc. They left on the steamer *Beaver* for a wedding tour. We wish them good luck." (*Note: all month alternately rain and beautiful fall weather 60 - 30 degrees; Oct. 27/28 snowstorm, first snow 26 degrees F. Protar*)



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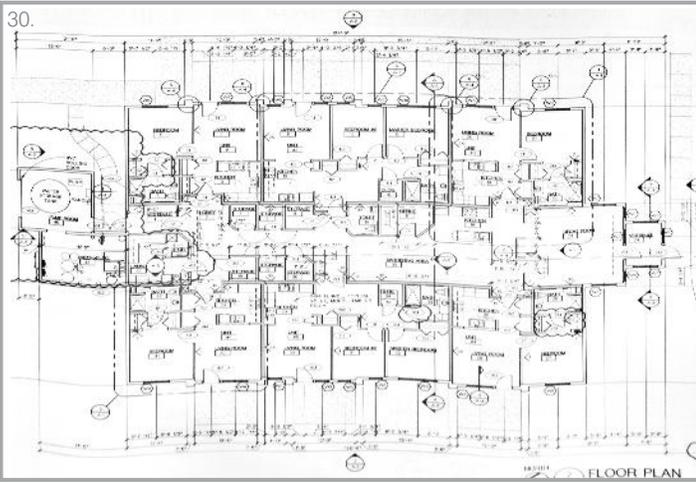
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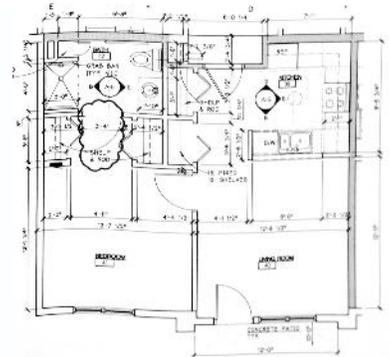
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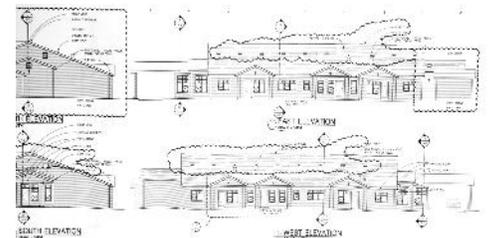


On the sunny morning of September 30, a good-sized crowd attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the senior housing project, to thank the group who spent ten difficult and often frustrating years bringing this much-needed facility to fruition.



There were many people, businesses, and agencies to thank—a project this complicated doesn't get this far without a large, dedicated team. Pete LoDico, who had been on board since the inception, did the honors. Afterwards Pete joined Don Spencer, Jane McKenzie, Rick Speck, Ray Cole, and Connie Wojan in taking a golden shovel and, upon command, plunging it into the ground across the street from Stoney Acre on Carlisle Road—where the building's driveway will enter.

Afterwards the crowd moved into the Rural Health Center to peruse the



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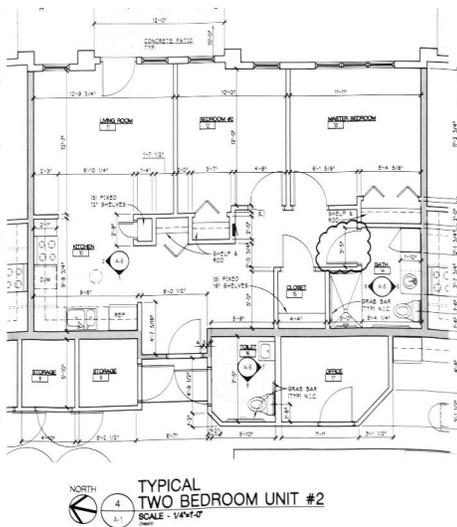
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blueprints—and in some cases speak up for their preferred apartment.

The ground breaking follows the closing on September 29 on the financing for the development. The affordable housing for low and moderate income seniors is expected to be ready for occupancy in June, 2011, a date which is subject to change based on weather conditions. The construction contractor is Beaver Gems.

The rental rates are set through the grant process which provided funding. They are available to qualified tenants. The anticipated rent is \$567 for a one-bedroom unit and \$629 for a two-bedroom. Utilities are included in the rent, and the building will be heated through a geo-thermal system—20 closed-circuit, 200'-deep wells.



The building will include six individual apartments, 4 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom, each with its own kitchen and bath. In addition, the building will have a laundry room, community room, and a community kitchen.

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32. LETTERS: BEAVER ISLAND ROADS AND

The following letter from Don Bair to Beaver Island property owners concerns the lack of funding for Island roads. He feels tax payers are angry with the situation, and asks those who want to support his plan to send a postcard to Better Roads, Box 119, Beaver Island.

“Dirt roads add to the ambiance of Beaver Island.”

That’s a direct quote from a Charlevoix County Commissioner! If you believe that’s true, you should write a thank-you note to the County Road Commissioners for keeping the Island “last on the list” and allowing us to avoid those pesky paving projects and orange barrels.

The reason for my letter is to seek your help in righting an obvious wrong that has had a detrimental effect on the Island for many years, and will continue if we don’t act. Beaver Island has been

virtually ignored by the Charlevoix County Road Commission (CRCC) for at least the last 30 years. The time has come for our wheel to “start squeaking” (loudly and with some clout).

The following facts illustrate my point:

1. There are 714 miles of roads in the 15 townships of Charlevoix Co. Forty five percent (45%) of those roads are paved. The average for each township, excluding Beaver Island, is 54%.

Our Island averages:

- Peaine Township 5%
- St. James Townships 7%

2. The total CCRC expenditures for all Charlevoix Townships from 1-1-09 to 7-31-10 is \$8,397,000.

Our share:

- Peaine \$299,000(.035%)
- St. James \$89,000(.009%)

3. The proposed repaving and new road construction for 2008

involved 61.34 miles for 16 projects. (We don’t know the dollars involved.) Beaver Island’s share was a breathtaking .065%, to repair 4.04 miles of King’s Highway.

4. NOTE 100% of the roads leading to the vacation properties and homes on Lake Charlevoix are paved.

These facts were supplied by the CCRC and seem to support my contention that the Island is currently and for the past 30 to 40 years has been “last on the list.” We have a State of the Art Medical Center, School, Library, and Community Center. Isn’t it time that our roads joined the 21st Century?

The Island is unique. Its economy depends almost entirely on Tourism, Vacation Homes, and Vacation rentals, all of which are obviously affected by the absolutely atrocious condition of some of our key roads. Are you tired of having your teeth rattled and your vehicles

Senior Housing, continued from page 31. Any interested tenants should contact Pete LoDico, president of the corporation. An independent off-Island management company will handle the leasing.

Speaking for the BICDC, Pete thanked the following people for their assistance in making this possible: Jeff and Nancy Traudt and the Gill Family for donating the land, Jane MacKenzie,

from Northern Homes for her dedication in obtaining grants and the loan, Nina Simpson Jones and Ray Cole for their three fund-raising dinners; the U. S Department of Agriculture; the



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destroyed by the dreaded "washboard?" How about slip-sliding your way to the airport after a spring rain, only to have the dust return the next day? It is uncanny how mud can turn to dust in 24 hours.

If your answer is yes, your participation is critical and can help provide a long overdue solution. This letter is directed to most of the property owners on the Island—particularly to that long silent group who own vacation homes, whose taxes generate probably 75% of the total tax revenue collected. They receive very little in services, have absolutely no input as to how their money is spent, and yet support much of the Island's infrastructure. It's called Taxation Without Representation and will undoubtedly end in the not too distant future.

It won't be easy convincing our "Public Servants" that we are serious. If we band together we can threaten action rather than request action. Our only

weapon is money—i.e., tax dollars. The life blood of politicians. We need to be prepared to collectively withhold our tax dollars until we are convinced that a reasonable plan has been adopted to pave a major portion of the main Island roads (5 or 10 years is "not" reasonable).

One method under consideration is to pay our taxes "when due" into a special account held by one of the local banks. Taxes escrowed with mortgage payments may require special attention. The funds would be released when we are convinced that our "Public Servants" will comply with our requests.

No doubt the lack of funds will be their first line of defense. This is not our problem; we have been on the wrong end of the stick for too many years. Look at item 3 on the facts list. We don't know the total dollars involved in the 61.34 miles, but it is substantial and recent. Let's let some of the other town-

ships suffer as we have, and enjoy the "ambiance" of dirt roads for a few years. We have "done our time in the barrel."

Obviously we need a large positive response involving a significant amount of money to get their attention and enhance our ability to negotiate. Our success depends entirely on you the taxpayer. United we succeed, divided we fail.

Thomas Jefferson once said "What country can preserve its liberty if its rulers are not warned from time to time that their people preserve the spirit of resistance."

Please join our effort, return the card with or without a positive response. Demonstrate that we have the "Spirit of Resistance" and are sick and tired of our second-class status. The yes and no responses will be posted on the Beaver Island Forum as they become available.

—Don Bair

Michigan Housing Development Authority; the BI Quilters; the Charlevoix County Community Foundation; the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians; Beaver

Gems for its patience and design suggestions; St. James Township; the BIRHC; the past and present members of BICDC board; and most important—all of those individuals who came to fund-raising

dinners and who gave the donations that made the ground breaking possible.

Now, in the near future, our senior citizens will be able to stay on their Island home.

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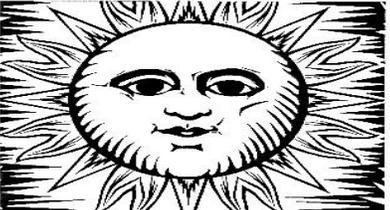
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34. DAN VAN VELS, SEPTEMBER 15, 1950 – AUGUST 16, 2010

Dan Van Vels, age 59 of Hamilton, MI and Beaver Island, MI went to be with his Lord after a brief struggle with lung disease Monday, August 16, 2010 at Spectrum Health Blodgett Hospital Campus (Grand Rapids).

Dan is survived by his wife of 41 years, Gloria; children Jodi and Mike Elhart; Mike and Mary Van Vels and seven grandchildren, all of Hamilton, MI. He was a member of Haven Reformed Church in Hamilton and attended Lighthouse Fellowship Church on Beaver Island.

Dan retired from Warner Lambert-Pfizer following 30 years of employment. He was a member of the Sons of the American Legion and served in the National Guard.

Dan first visited the Island in the 1980s and quickly became enamored with everything about Beaver Island. He initially became acquainted with Islanders Mark Valente, Karl Heller, and then not-quite full-time Islander Laurie Reid.



It didn't take long before Dan was friends with too many people on the Island to individually mention. Dan loved the natural beauty of the Island, and his curiosity about the history and involvement of the Island had no end. He and Gloria read and discussed every book written about the history of the Island and their enthusiasm was infectious as they took visitors around the Island to show them its seemingly time-

less uniqueness and beauty. Dan hunted snowshoe rabbits, turkey and deer on the Island and was a regular visitor to the annual St. Patrick's festival for many years. Dan and Gloria spent many enjoyable weeks over many years docked at the marina on Beaver Island. He enjoyed driving his boat around the Island and adjacent islands and later riding his jet-skis to the other islands to further explore their habitat. Another pastime was fishing on Lake "G" and admiring the

Island's lighthouses. When he wasn't clearing brush and tending to their property, one of Dan's very favorite things to do was to take leisurely walks with Gloria on their property and the adjacent public land and Lake Michigan shoreline.

First an occasional visitor, then a frequent visitor, then a long term frequent visitor and finally proud property owner, Dan had a love for everything Beaver Island.

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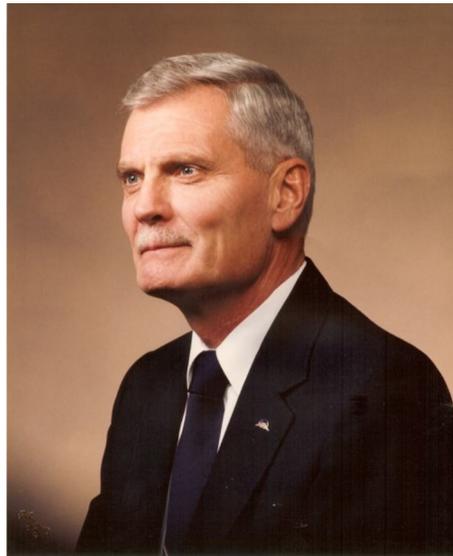
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Howard J. Demorest, 76, loving and thoughtful husband of Joan, passed away unexpectedly at Marquette General Hospital with his family at his side.

Born in Grand Rapids, he was a longtime resident of Northern Michigan. He and his brother had cottages across the road from each other at Cable's Bay. He lived an active life, loved to hunt and fish, and worked as an insurance adjuster and real estate

broker.

He loved to fly, and for several years was a pilot for Welke Aviation. He held ratings for single and multi engine, commercial, instrument, and instructor.

After graduating from Ionia he entered MSU, but enlisted in the Air Force in 1953. He became a Rescue Flight Technician from 1955 to 1961, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

After leaving the service he worked for Michigan's Department of State as a Division Supervisor for its District Records and Special Services.

Surviving are his wife Joan, son James Demorest, daughter Cynthia Titus, and four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Hazel and Harry, his brother Edward, and sister Yvonne.

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36. **A DAY AT THE RACES**

by Bob Trudgeon

The second annual Beaver Island Boston Qualifier Marathon came with cool blustery weather frequented by rain squalls. Weather not comfortable for volunteers and spectators, but well suited for running. Not much direct head wind was encountered by the runners. And, it was a blessing for all not to have to deal with heat stress.

Rich Power was again the class of the field as the only runner under three hours with a time of 2:53:57 to lower his course record one minute and twelve seconds. Rich had hoped for a much better time with better running conditions, but work and commitments did not allow for the desired training.

Rich led a group of nine Boston Qualifiers (BQ). There were four in 2009. Qualifying times are age-weighted so older runners may run slower and qualify. Alan McCutcheon ran to the tightest margin with just 12 seconds in hand at the finish.

MENS MARATHON - Of the 30 participants, 13 finished in under four hours:

Rich Power	Rochester	MI	46	2:53:57	BQ
Doug Allie	Brant	MI	44	3:10:43	BQ
Bill Fix	ComstockPark	MI	50	3:22:26	BQ
Shane Garling	Anchorage	AK	38	3:23:50	
Jack O'Donnell	Whitehall	MI	54	3:27:21	BQ
Tim Bechtel	Mount Pleasant	MI	41	3:30:58	
Jack Duysen	Council Bluffs	IA	51	3:34:57	BQ
Alan McCutcheon	Boyne City	MI	53	3:35:47	BQ
David Billings	Grand Rapids	MI	41	3:41:42	
Philip Videtich	Grand Rapids	MI	21	3:44:04	
Tomas Sinnott	Norristown	PA	36	3:50:23	
Steve Neibergall	Annapolis	MD	49	3:51:45	
Eugene Zottola	Murrysville	PA	58	3:59:41	

Carolyn Corgel, 52, ran 3:27:45 to smash the 2009 women's course record set by Karen Kirt, 42, at 3:38:08. Carolyn lowered the record by over ten minutes. Age weighted, the new record is an outstanding winning effort.

The **WOMENS MARATHON** had ten participants (listed by time):

Carolyn Corgel	Springville	NY	52	3:27:45	BQ
Lauren Buck	Flint	MI	22	3:31:21	BQ
Janet Cendak	Rocklin	CA	32	3:43:12	
Maggy Zidar	Pontiac	MI	60	3:56:33	BQ
Beth Burk	Chicago	IL	47	4:27:50	
Dana Koch	Chicago	IL	46	4:27:50	
Lisa Bietau	Manhattan	KS	51	4:39:35	
Donna Loud	Sarasota	FL	57	5:18:25	
Lois Berkowitz	Riverview	MI	61	5:40:53	
Annie King	Decatur	GA	51	5:40:56	

The Liversedge family had outstanding success in the half marathon with son, Nick, 27, winning overall at 1:18:17. Dad, Scott, 57, finished second overall with a time of 1:27:36. Mom, Nancy, 53, finished third women overall at 1:47:05. Nick lowered his course record 17 seconds.

Of the 44 participants in the **MEN'S HALF MARATHON**, these finished under 1:40:00:

Nick Liversedge	Greenboro	NC	27	1:18:17	
Scott Liversedge	Ada	MI	57	1:27:36	
Daniel Scott	Ada	MI	48	1:28:01	
Jason MacGregor	Louisville	KY	36	1:30:33	
Douglas Bisson	Grant	MI	41	1:30:43	
Mark Hunter	Saint Joseph	MI	40	1:33:04	
Mike MacDonald	Rochester	MI	45	1:37:13	
Paul Hoke	Plymouth	MI	41	1:37:49	
Larry Stone	Antioch	IL	50	1:38:18	
Ryan Elder	Bay City	MI	17	1:39:17	
Glen Swier	Grand Rapids	MI	55	1:39:25	

Marathon Day on Main Street

Rich Power - even faster than last year

The Island Boondle





Margret Schick, 28, was the overall half marathon winner. But her time of 1:40:47 failed to eclipse Debbie Linters, 41, 2009 course record of 1:35:31.

The **WOMEN'S HALF MARATHON** also had 44 participants; the finishers under two hours were:

Margret Schick	Ann Arbor	MI	28	1:40:47
Victoria Irwin	Farmington	MI	14	1:44:45
Nancy Liversedge	Ada	MI	53	1:47:05
Elizabeth Allard	Ludingo	MI	47	1:48:42
Jennifer Ayers-Gould	Bay City	MI	38	1:50:27
Heidi Bisson	Grant	MI	36	1:54:03
Sara Green	Kalamzoo	MI	32	1:55:23
Stacy Gaffke	Midland	MI	35	1:55:35
Michelle Boulter	Jackson	MI	36	1:55:30
Susana Ward	Jackson	MI	37	1:55:41
Robin Sommer	Central Lake	MI	52	1:56:27
Julia Blakely	Arlington	VA	51	1:56:41
Lori Smith	Ceresco	MI	49	1:56:44
Michelle Aho	Dearborn	MI	40	1:59:12

In the **MEN'S 3.5 MILE RUN** there were 26 participants; The three overall finishers listed by time:

David Gould	Bay City	MI	17	20:40
Bob Teutsch	Holland	MI	29	21:59
Darrel Irwin	Farmington	MI	47	24:42

Twenty-four entered the **WOMENS 3.5 MILE RUN**, with three overall winners:

Claire Welter	Elkhart	IN	14	23:23
Rebecca Bisson	Grant	MI	15	24:44
Nicole Mores	Muskegon	MI	38	25:25

The first five (of 15 participants) in the **HALF MARATHON WALK**:

Maureen Myers	Greenville	MI	49	3:02:14	13:55/mile
Matt Fenske	Grand Rapids	MI	54	3:09:46	14:30/mile
Connie Lenau	Charlevoix	MI	51	3:16:25	15:00/mile
Willy Welter	Bristol	IN	69	3:16:25	15:00/mile
Ed Welter	Bristol	IN	70	3:16:26	15:00/mile

The **MARATHON WALK** had one participant:

Dror Kopernik	Skokie	IL	70	6:31:47	14:57/mile
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Island-connected participants in various events:

Matt Fenske	half marathon walk	54	3:09:46
Willy Welter	half marathon walk	69	3:16:25
Ed Welter	half marathon walk	70	3:16:26
Gail Weede	half marathon walk	59	4:24:40
Paul Seibert	half marathon	49	1:56:03
Jack Welter	half marathon	46	2:07:16
Angie Welter	half marathon	45	2:09:46
Edie Allen	half marathon	67	2:23:53
Mike Weede	half marathon	60	2:38:33
Don Taylor	half marathon	65	2:41:36
Bob Teutsch	3.5 mile run	29	21:59
Claire Welter	3.5 mile run	14	23:23
Matthew Richie	3.5 mile run	28	29:05
Paul Siebert	3.5 mile run	13	29:14
Brad Grassmick	3.5 mile run	58	31:54
Lisa Siebert	3.4 mile run	44	32:13
Helen Teutsch	3.5 mile run	28	35:36
Amy Bair	3.5 mile run	45	1:02:01
Kitty McNamara	3.5 mile run	53	1:02:01

There were a total of 194 participants in the day's events. Runners and walkers came from the far reaches of the United States. They came from as far away as Alaska, California, New York, and Florida.

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40. BEAVER ISLAND LIBRARY NEWS

While this has been a very busy summer for the Beaver Island District Library, things are beginning to slow up a bit now that Labor Day is just a memory. Stop in and see the display case focused on the needlework of board member Krys Lyle.

During the summer we've had many old friends stop in, some who haven't been back to the island in years. They are always surprised by what our small library has to offer patrons. The back garden and music room receive many oohs and ahhs while the fact that we are now automated, with an online catalog, amazes them also. Equally, the Langford and Banghart families are owed the deepest appreciation for all they have done.

Very, very special thanks go to Mrs. Connie Wojan for giving us another wonderful summer of Story Time. The little ones absolutely love her, her stories, and the imaginative art projects. The children have made everything from giant turnips and mice to firebirds during craft time! We look forward to 2011 and Mrs. Wojan's return with new tales and projects. Just as deserving is Pam Moxham for all the tender, loving care she's given all the flowers and plants around the library. They looked spectacular this summer and we can hardly wait to see what will be blooming next year.

Due to the tremendous increase in computer usage, we have jumped our speed from 3 megabytes to 10, which helped eliminate the drag that was occur-

ring in the afternoons. We have also added battery backup for our servers which has been a lifesaver when the power flickers.

An abundant supply of new books are on our shelves, many on the New York Bestseller Lists, both children's and adults. Just inside the front door to the library is a printout of the Bestseller list with items we own marked. If what you want is already checked out, let us know and we'll put a hold on it so that the next time it comes in, it'll be saved for you. If you are a year 'round patron we can interloan items that we don't have on our own shelves; however, you must know the title and author for us to do so.

Grand totals for the summer season were:

JUNE 2010		JULY 2010		AUGUST 2010	
Patrons	1771	Patrons	3120	Patrons	2726
Books	876	Books	1804	Books	1521
Videos	569	Videos	1083	Videos	836
Computers	460	Computers	857	Computers	735
New Cards	23	New Cards	77	New Cards	84

Now that school has started and homework assignments are starting to appear, don't forget to check out our website at <http://beaverisland.michlibrary.org> where you can easily

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AVIAN BOTULISM MAY ARRIVE

Upon finding many dead birds along Beaver Island's beaches this fall, once again we fear that the Avian Botulism which struck a couple of years ago will once more attack. So far only a couple of Common Loons have been found, but many mergansers and some gulls. According to Tom Cooley, wildlife biologist/pathologist with the DNRE, there has been little activity, but Red-necked Grebes collected from the Mackinac County area were confirmed with Avian Botulism last month, and it was the sus-

pected cause of death of both Ring Billed and Herring Gulls.

Avian Botulism blooms when the water temperatures are warmer, causing the *cladophora* (green algae along the shoreline) to increase. Fish-eating birds eventually build up enough botulism to cause death. The process begins with the paralysis of muscles—beginning with the legs and wings, proceeding to the neck and eventually the chest. If the bird doesn't drown first, it suffocates. Not a pleasant scenario. The dead wash up on

the beaches, which could cause further outbreaks among the scavengers of those dead birds.

What to do? Contact Jacque LaFreniere (448-2220) with details of numbers and types of birds. If you have a fresh (no smell) specimen, we may send it for necropsy by the DNRE. Otherwise, bury the birds if possible or double bag them and dispose of them at the transfer station. Keep your fingers crossed that the Loons won't be caught by this outbreak as well. —Jacqueline LaFreniere

GREAT LAKES ISLANDS

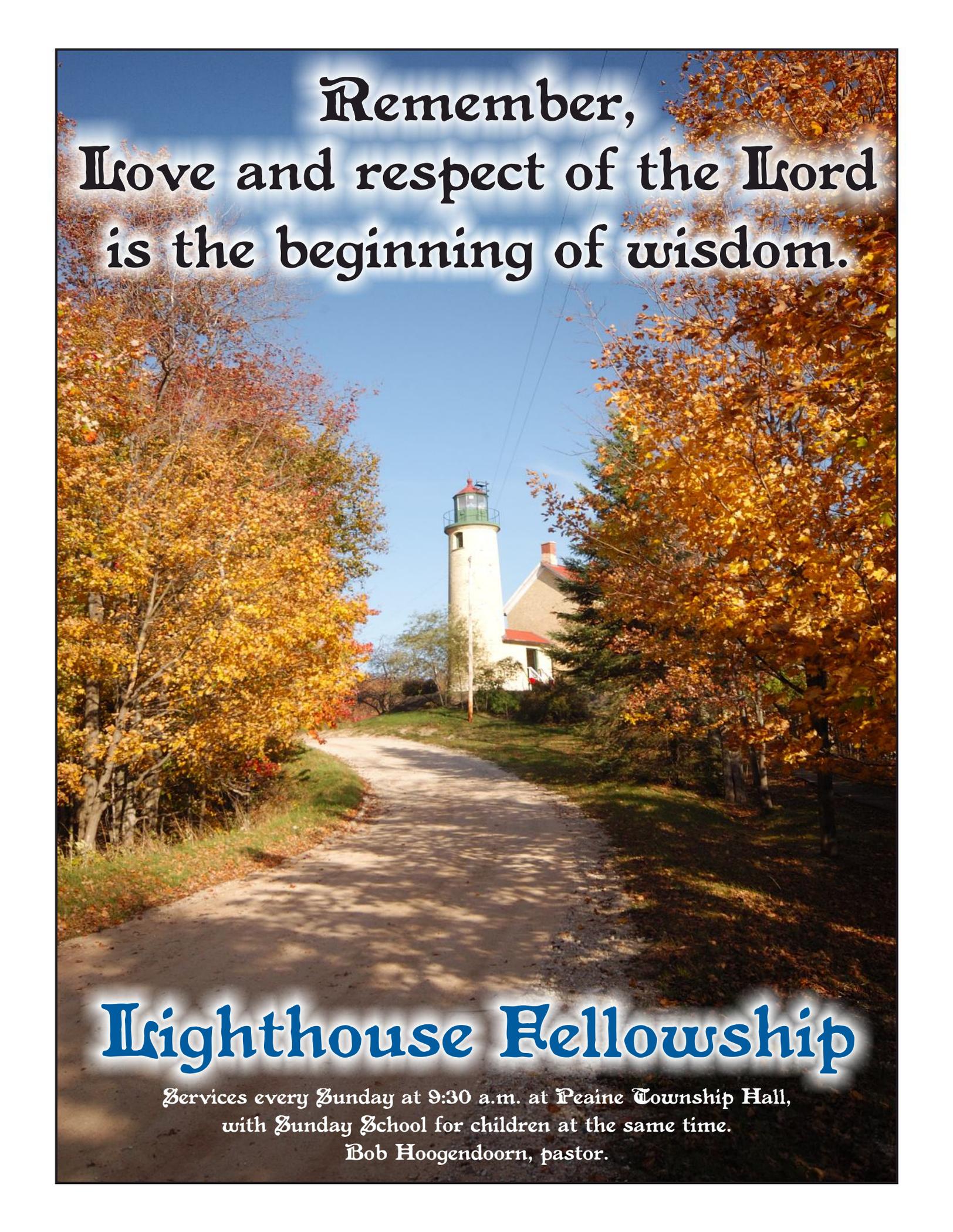
With more than 32,000 islands in its waters, the Great Lakes contain the world's largest collection of freshwater islands, but these islands are dynamic, undergoing many changes that threaten their flora and fauna, including climate change, habitat degradation, invasive species, and some natural processes, according to a new report published by scientists from leading North American

conservation organizations.

The report, titled "Islands of Life," ranks and describes the biodiversity (biological diversity) and threats to priority islands found in the Great Lakes. These islands provide essential habitat for migratory and nesting birds as well as rare plants and animals, like the piping plover and Pitcher's thistle, found nowhere else on Earth.

"This information has never been collected and categorized before," said Dr. Patrick Doran, director of science in Michigan and the Great Lakes for The Nature Conservancy. "From conducting research and then analyzing the report, we learned that islands ranked highest in biodiversity are often also subject to greater threats from human activity. This

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Bob Hoogendoorn, pastor.

42. *Islands, continued from page 40.* helps us and others decide and prioritize our conservation action.”

Dr. Doran hopes others will read the report and learn to make more informed decisions about conservation acquisitions, practices, and other strategies aimed at protecting the most vulnerable habitats for rare and declining species in the Great Lakes.

“No matter what side of the lakes you live on, what we do on land and in the water affects the health of this critical freshwater system,” said Chris Maher, regional vice president for the Nature Conservancy of Canada. “Partnerships like this help share our science and leverage the information so we are collectively working together to ensure the health of the lakes and the islands within them that provide critical habitat for wildlife.”

The Nature Conservancy collaborated with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Natural Heritage Information Centre, Nature Conservancy of Canada, Great Lakes Program, University of Minnesota, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Great Lakes Islands Project to create the report.

Biodiversity of the islands was measured by the number of species, plant communities, ecological systems, and ecosystem functions, along with

shape complexity, geological diversity, shoreline diversity, size, and distinctiveness. An island with a high biodiversity score may provide habitat for specialized plants, animals, and natural communities.

According to the report, the top ten islands based on highest total biodiversity scores are:

1. Manitoulin Island (South), Lake Huron Northern Coast
2. Manitoulin (North), South Coast North Channel
3. Pelee Island (Main), Western Lake Erie Islands
4. Walpole Island, St. Clair River, Lake St. Clair, and Detroit River
5. Point aux Pins, Rondeau System
6. Drummond Island (Main), South Coast North Channel
7. Great LaCloche Island, North Coast North Channel
8. Long Point Long Point, Turkey Point Systems and Northeast Coast
9. Drummond Island (Southcentral), Lake Huron Northern Coast
10. Squirrel Island and Cockburn Island (South), Lake Huron Northern Coast

Common threats to the islands include incompatible residential and cottage developments, tourism and recreation, marinas and resorts, increased road and building densities,



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increased access points for boats and other vehicles, incompatible agricultural practices, and invasive species. According to the report, the top ten most threatened islands are:

1. Manitoulin Island (North)
2. St. Joseph Island (West), St. Mary's River
3. Grosse Isle, St. Clair and Detroit River
4. Grand Island (West), Welland Canal – Niagara River
5. Grand Island (East), Welland Canal – Niagara River

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ON THE OTHER SIDE

On the back cover, the tug *Wendy Anne* leaves from the Ironton Dock (where Island barge cargo is loaded and unloaded) passing the Charlevoix light.

6. Manitoulin (South)
7. Kelleys Island. Western Lake Erie Islands
8. Drummond Island (Main)
9. Wellesley, Sugar, South Bass, Harsens, Madeline Islands (Lake Ontario, Lake Erie, St. Marys River, Lake St. Clair)
10. Beaver Island, Wolfe Island (Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario)

The mission of The Nature Conservancy is to preserve the plants, animals, and natural communities that represent the diversity of life on Earth by protect-

BURBOT ALERT AS THE ISLAND ⁴³ TURNS, OR, THE "OTHER SIDE" OF A BEAVER TAIL

Just when all our attention was focused on the 100-pound Asian carp invading, word comes that the threat may actually be overshadowed by quagga mussels eating the bottom of the carp's food chain—plankton. The invasive quagga is such a threat that it may spell the end to all large fish—salmon and trout as well as the carp.

At the same time another new threat looms—the bottom-feeding burbot, which has been fed by the 2,700,000 lake trout planted each year. One planting area/trout refuge is a shallow plateau midway between Beaver Island and the Leelanau peninsula, where burbot now congregate. We'd better watch out!

ing the lands and waters they need to survive. The Conservancy and its more than 1.1 million members worldwide have protected more than 117 million acres on Earth. It embraces a non-confrontational, market-based approach for accomplishing its science-driven mission. For more information, visit <http://nature.org/michigan>.

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Going to the dark side
The awful things we say
Seeing a certain someone
And walking the other way

Hoping they will say nothing
So we won't be on the spot
Then running right smack into them
The drama getting HOT

You just can't escape the rumors
'Cause you know you'll see that face
There is just no place far enough
In this small a place

But we'll all get up tomorrow
Ready or not to play
As the Island turns —
It's just Another Day!

—Dawn George

(thanks for all the cards and letters,
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44. ARMY OF VOLUNTEERS MOBILIZES TO

An army of volunteers mobilized to locate and treat the invasive reed grass, *Phragmites*. There were walkers to locate and tag, most of whom returned to treat, and others who helped in the more infested areas, such as Cable's Bay. The DNRE brought eleven people and attacked the state lands on Beaver, Garden, and High, as well as Whiskey.

This is the fourth year of treatment. Previously areas were located and tagged by GPS, and a chemical company was hired to treat them. It was expensive, but effective. The initial 25+ acres to treat was reduced by 2009 to less than an acre. With help from the DNRE Wildlife Biologist Brian Mastenbrook the NREtC, former *Phragmites* administra-

tor Pam Grassmick, and current administrator Jacque LaFreniere, a plan was developed and put into place utilizing volunteers and DNRE personnel instead of hiring a chemical company. This was an effort to reduce costs, and was based on a belief that there would be less to treat. However, partially due to the lower lake levels and warmer temperatures,



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LOTS 644 AND 645 PORT OF ST. JAMES. Nice corner lots. \$19,000 for both. (231) 448-3088.
40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD - Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.



FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE: Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. \$155,000 *Price Slashed*

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AUTUMN EVENTS

On October 9, there will be a free 2-hour seminar at 10am at the Community Center on **Estate Planning, Wills, and Trusts.**

The **Halloween Carnival** date is Friday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Peaine Township Hall. This year's theme is "Outer Space."

There will be a **Veterans' Appreci-**

PRIME 20 ACRE WOODED BUILDING SITE

Just out of town near Font Lake. 1/4 mile road frontage, power, clearing with old apple orchard, lots of deer. Fabulous home site close to St. James but very secluded. Price reduced to \$80,000. Contact owner (616) 240-8980 or elpmill@verizon.net

FOR SALE: GREAT LOCATION, CLOSE TO TOWN DAN'S DEN

Two BR downstairs and BR in the loft. Sleeps 6. Cathedral ceiling with exposed beams. Full kitchen, custom cabinets. Two baths. Walk-out basement. Interior fieldstone work. Large lot. Wrap-around deck. \$239,000. (231) 448-2238 dansarahoct9@tds.net

ATTACK PHRAGMITES

some areas saw a resurgence of *Phragmites* and other areas saw new growth.

A long day of treatment was conducted, which left many with sore backs and aching arms and hands (from hand-swiping the stalks). But all felt a sense of satisfaction in a job well done.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all

the volunteers listed below. When you see them, give them a pat on the back: Bob and Alana Anderson, Sharon and Dave Blanchard, Annette Dashiel, Bob and Kathy Tidmore, Ruthie and Dalton Cothran, Lois Williams, Pam Grassmick, Nel Worsford, Tom Sell, Ed and Willy Welter, Terry and Dale Keyes, Jeff and Sara Stone, Betty and Ken Scoggin, Jim

and Judy Jones, Frank and Sue Solle, Sandy and Jim Birdsall, Peter Igoe, Doris and Lars Larson, Laura Gibson, Beth and Ed Leuck, Mike and Kelly Collins, Marty and Jane Maehr, Ken McDonald, Jim and Donna Stambaugh, Rick and Cathy Blalock, Terry Saxton, Kathy Richards, Ken Taylor, Jack Spanek, and Brian Mastenbrook and DNRE personnel.

The Marathon



WATERFRONT COTTAGE - On the east side. Available by the week or weekend. One BR, full kitchen and bath. Enjoy the water and the woods, year round. Off-season rates. Complete privacy. (231) 448-2907.

SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry, East Side Dr.—only four miles from town. Awesome sunrises — walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. Taking reservations for 2011 – Please call

Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be seen online at: www.bayhaven.beaverisland.net

WEEKLY RENTAL - Harbor Beach Two-bedroom Condos. \$550/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.
THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. Four bedrooms, three rooms with double beds and one room with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully

equipped modern kitchen, washer / dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733.

COTTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL FOX LAKE - One bedroom, one bathroom, full kitchen, laundry with bunkhouse. Cottage sleeps six and is 20 minutes from town. Dock, rowboat and deck overlooking the lake. \$700/week. No smoking and no pets please. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com

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20 ACRES WEST SIDE ROAD \$55,000; 16x18 rustic cabin (no electricity or water); Apple orchard and deer blinds; great location for hunting; ½ mile north of Fox Lake Rd; contact: Mike Eicher (248) 766-4205.

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

WANTED: 5-10 ACRES - to buy or rent. Some cleared ground for garden & pasture desirable as well as barn or stable. (616) 828-4102. nsneller@posthastedesign.com

2 LOTS ON SAND BAY - 3.3 Acres each. 1700' deep. Sandy Beach Frontage 117' each. (810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257.

10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD Beautiful, wooded, great building site; \$39,000. (231) 409-1214.

ation Breakfast November 11, 7:30-9:30 at Peaine Hall.

The **PABI RTV Raffle** Drawing will be held in the Community Center Lobby on November 20, 6:00 pm.

On November 25, come to the **Thanksgiving Dinner** at 6:00 pm at the Gregg Fellowship Center. If possible bring a dish to pass.

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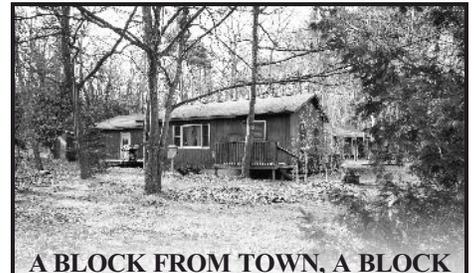
Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces located on the north side of Donegal Bay Road just four-tenths of a mile from town and the Emerald Isle Hotel. These lots have access to their interior (north side) off Innisfree Lane but Lots 9 and 11 also have access to Donegal Bay Road. The new bike path runs along the south line of these lots. All four lots are zoned and restricted to single-family residential use. They are very close to town and just about 3/4 of a mile from the public access at Font Lake. Lot 11 is immediately adjacent to Ed and Connie Wojan's home at 26765 Donegal Bay Road. Lot 7 is on the west side of Innisfree Lane and Lot 8 is just toward town on the east side of Innisfree Lane. These large homesites are really hard to find close to town; the nearest anyone will find something like these are 10-acre parcels much farther down the Island. One-half acre lots in the Wojan Plat a little closer to town than Innisfree Dunes Condominium have been selling for \$42,000 to \$45,000 for a number of years. These 2-1/2 to 3 acre lots are therefore really a bargain at **\$45,000 each**



SAND BAY COTTAGE - ON THE LAKE WITH GREAT BEACHFRONT:
 Sleeps 6. Two bedrooms and loft, 1 bath. Modern kitchen, fireplace, washer/dryer, grill. Deck and screened-in gazebo. No pets, no smoking. \$800/week. Call Sue on (231) 448-2670 or cabinbythelake1@gmail.com



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



A BLOCK FROM TOWN, A BLOCK FROM THE BEACH: 3 BRs, 1 bath; wireless; \$625/week; call (231) 313-6225 or email abbieswest@yahoo.com www.abbieswestcottage.com



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BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT: Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1½ baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. \$1200/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (941) 921-2233 or (317) 769-6563



HAGGARD'S SUMMER RENTAL HOME - Overlooks Paradise Bay across from the Maritime Museum. Sunset view of harbor and village of St James is a winner. Comfortable custom home sleeps 8-10. 3 baths. Public sand beach close by. Well mannered pets welcome. Only \$1,200 per week. Call (231) 547-4046 (day) (231) 547-6600 (evening) or email samhunt59@yahoo.com

A HOUSE RENTAL - Cute 2 bdrm house in woods near town, public beaches, and bike path. Screened porch. Washer, dryer. No pets, no smoking. \$595/week. Call (231) 871-0477. **WEEKLY RENTAL**- Lakefront. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1 ½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

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JUDE'S RENTALS: Pleasantly situated in the heart of it all! Jude's house is nestled among the peaceful nature of Beaver Island in addition to being just walking distance from the harbor, historical museums, shops, restaurants and the beach. Call Jude Martin (231) 448-2673 or (616) 340-5339



ISLAND AERIE: Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bathrooms, 4 BR w/ 2 king and 10 twin beds, large 1st floor decks, 2nd floor wet bar and deck, 3rd floor game room, all modern amenities and appliances, great for multiple families and groups. \$1800/week, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 866-2159 www.islandaerie.net. Jan@islandaerie.net



LAKEFRONT: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths + large lower level with sleeping for 6. Sleeps 12 total. Washer/dryer, bikes, kayaks, wrap-a-round porch, views of sunset & Garden & Squaw Islands. \$1400/week. (773) 663-7772. Website: www.whatproperties.com/PL48480 E-mail: Info@whatproperties.com



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WATERFRONT HARBOR HOUSE - Spectacular view of Paradise Bay! Large home with all the amenities, linens provided. 4 bedroom, 2½ baths, sleeps 8, washer/dryer, fully equipped kitchen, satellite tv. June – Sept. \$1250 a week. Short walk to the Stoney Acre Grill.

ON THE HARBOR - Furnished upstairs apartment overlooking beautiful Paradise Bay. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully equipped kitchen. Porch and deck area on the harbor with possible dock slip. \$800 a week.

A GREAT HARBOR VIEW - from a great "in-town" trailer. Perfect for a couple of working people. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Furnished and fully equipped kitchen. \$1500 a month.

Please call (231) 448-2235 for reservations or more details.

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$1,080 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.

SAND BAY - sleeps 8—amenities—available May- September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email robin@robinleeberry.com.

LOCH WOOD SHORES - Located about 4 miles from town on the beach of

Sand Bay. 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath, w/d, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fire-place, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Call (231) 448-2733 or 448-2499 or tammymcd107@yahoo.com

APARTMENT FOR RENT - \$550/month, Fully Furnished, Near Four-Corners, Year Round availability. Call (231) 448-2074.



HARBOR LIGHTS: Unique log home looking out over Paradise Bay. Beautiful views of St. James Harbor, Garden, and Hog Islands. Enjoy the boats from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. Very secluded, sitting among lush cedars and pines. 3 bedrooms with 2 queens and 2 twins. One large bathroom and one half bath. All the amenities you could ever need. Immaculate home with "spectacular" views. \$1,150 a week. Home (630) 834-4181 Cell (630) 995-0507 harborlightsbim@aol.com



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