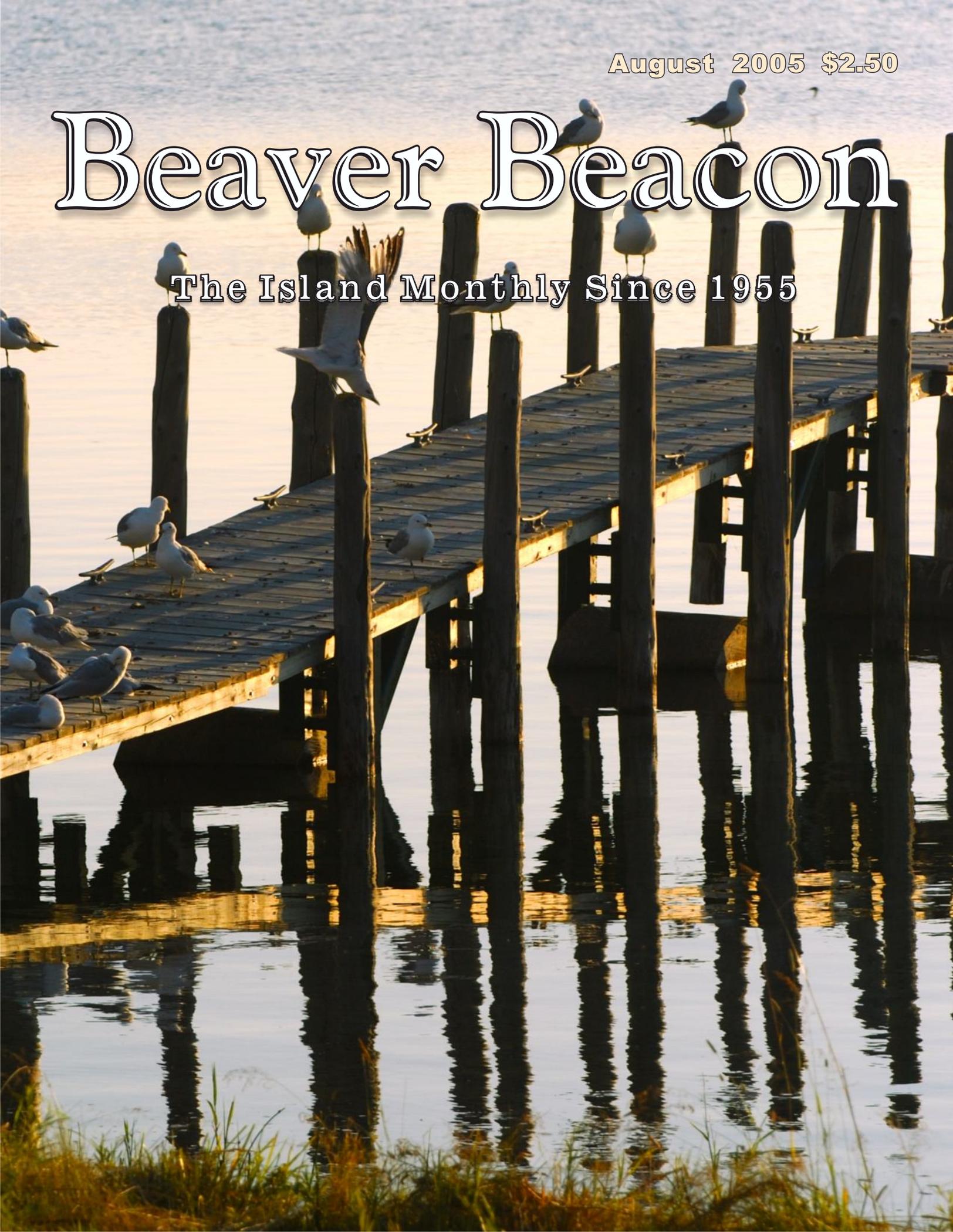


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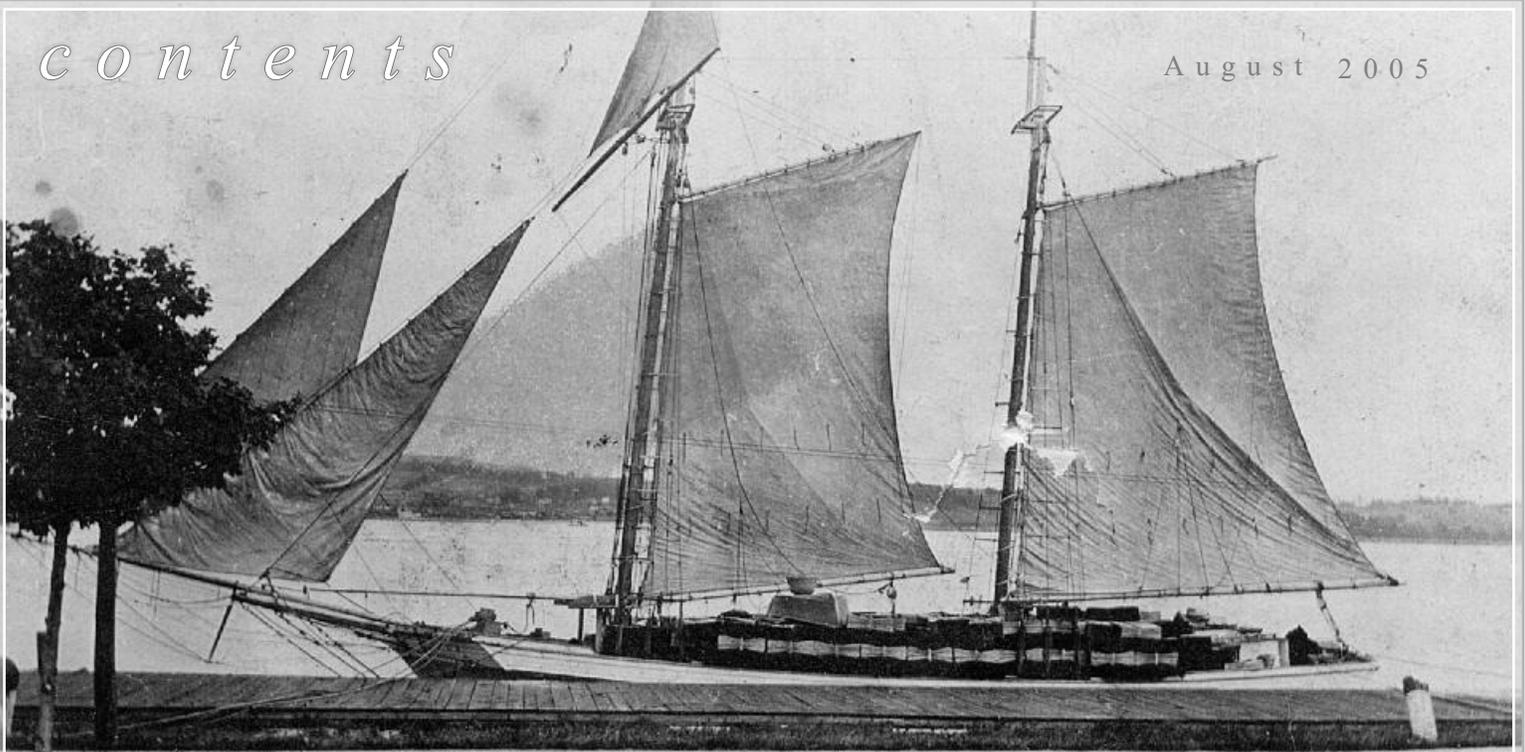
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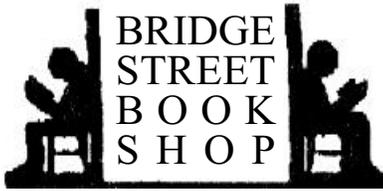
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News from the Townships

St. James Town Board

The St. James Town Board opened its July 6th meeting with the proud announcement that the new mechanism for the town clock was on its way.

John Harris has been appointed Manager of the Municipal Airport.

Supervisor Don Vyse announced that, now that the deed to Whiskey Point Light had been received, a grant for \$24,000 for an unmanned signage kiosk was being applied for to the Michigan Department of Art, History, and Libraries. The local match would be \$8,000, with \$3,000 coming from St. James and another \$3,000 from GLLKA. Thus other means of coming up with \$2,000 will have to be found. There were several suggestions from the audience, such as reprinting Elaine West's children's book, in which the main character is a Lighthouse, from thirty-some years ago; then it was illustrated by Archie LaFreniere, but she suggested she might talk to one of our current artists, such as Mary Scholl. Don said that previously it was insured by Lloyds of London at a cost of \$6,000, but now that it was owned by the township he expected the insurance bill to drop by as much as 90%.

The next immediate step will be to draw up a contract between St. James and GLLKA. A committee was appointed to explore options for restoration, financing, and use, consisting of Don Vyse, Joan Vyse, Donn a Stambaugh, Dick Moehl, Sandy

Planisek (GLLKA), and Bill Cashman.

The first payment (\$27,279) on the road bond has come due.

The McDonough's Market rezoning was affirmed.

A letter from Jack Spanhak was read in which he wanted to use an Easy Go on the roads, for medical reasons. This would expand the exception made for golf carts, and Don Vyse thought an opinion from the Township Attorney would be a good place to start; he added that an ordinance would probably be required.

There was mention of the new county prohibition on smoking.

The Municipal Marina was running 80 slip reservations ahead of last year—so the word is out.

Peaine Town Board

At the Peaine Board meeting of July 13th Pam Grassmick expressed her thanks for the boat ramp's extension at the Bill Wagner campground, saying it was being well-used and would no doubt improve property values. She asked about no-wake laws for the inland lakes—particularly Geneserath, on which the boats have been getting larger and larger. Unfortunately our lakes are owned by the State and thus are exempt from local control, she was told. Tina Morgan said that the newly-formed Lake G Association was looking into the matter.

Pam also brought in a long root from the invasive 8'-high stalks that are increasing their hold on the East Side

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beaches. She asked the Board to get on top of this problem, perhaps requesting guidance from the County.

A meeting to gauge public reaction to the possibility of adding 1 mil for roads was set for July 21st.

Supervisor John Works complained that Peaine Township was not getting sufficient respect, and asked the Clerk to read an interchange between himself and Chamber Director Steve West in which he complained about a perceived disparity in publicity given to the two townships. In the return letter West pointed out that fishing in Peaine had been a prominent part of a story Linda Gallagher did for the Traverse City Record Eagle and the Michigan Outdoors TV channel.

Peaine's Roads

On July 21st Peaine Township held a meeting to gauge its residents' views on the road situation and see if they would support an added mil to pay for more dust control and better gravel. The system that is supposed to pay for this has not worked; essentially no money from the 9¢ gas tax surcharge or the license fees reaches Beaver Island.

The general consensus seemed to be that people would support a 5- to 10-year plan to solve the problem more than incremental attempts at mollifying it without improving the underlying problems. As one man said, "Let's fix this for good!"

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 3 St. James. Meeting, 8:00.
- Aug. 4 CMU Field Trip - Beaver Island's Wetland Flora.
- Aug. 5 The Toy Museum presents Lindy Johnson's photography 8/5 through 8/12, 11-4 with an opening of 150 photographs: *Nature's Textures*.
- Aug. 7 BIRHC Open House, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Aug. 7 PABI Sunset Picnic - 6:30 p.m., tickets: (231) 448-2787.
- Aug. 10 Peaine Twp. Meeting, 8:00
- Aug. 11 BIHS Annual Meeting, 7:30
- Aug. 12 Homecoming the weekend of August 12th - 14th
- Aug. 20 BIRHC Meeting, 2:00.
- Sept. 5 BIRHC Truck Raffle Drawing.
- Sept. 9 Deadline for Poster Contest - information (231) 448-2505
- Sept. 17 Lake-Michigan-Adopt-a-Beach. For information: bipoa.beaverisland.net
- Oct. 1 Bite of Beaver Island and Island Boodle 5K Run.

Chamber Supports Jim Campbell

On July 11th the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce announced its unanimous support of Deputy James Campbell, saying, "His mature judgement and experience have made him a valuable and respected member of our community." The Chamber's Board felt that "he has made many friends, and has the professional skills to handle the unique law enforcement environment."

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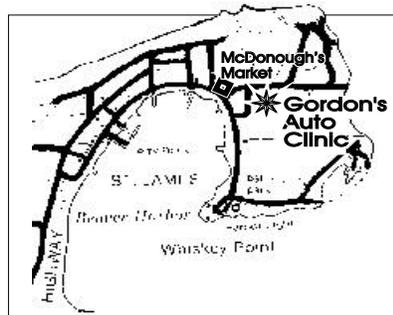
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A \$10 entry fee was charged to those who wanted to be judged, with a Loving Cup awarded to the winner. The left-over money will go to next year's parade.

There were six official entries: Beaver Lodge, Bud Martin, Bill Hirschey, Paradise Bay Dive Shop, John Runberg, and Ed Welter; the pirates added to the festivities. The judges (Kurt Smith and Claire Cull plus four boaters from Illinois) gave the Beaver Lodge the 1st, Paradise Bay Dive Shop the 2nd, and John Runberg the 3rd.

Thanks go to all who were involved. Let's do it all again next year!

—Lisa Gillespie

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Fireworks launched over the Harbor were stunning as always.

Thanks for the Land Parade

Many thanks go out to all who participated in this year's Land Parade on July 4th. We never judge the floats, yet there are always some standouts: CMU, with its moveable parts, and Powers' Statue of *Beaverity Prevails*; *Osama finally Jailed*. All the floats were noteworthy: Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Police Department, the E.M.S.; the Fire Department; Crazy Horse Services; the Anthony, Wabinimkee, Cornstalk, and Napont families; the Commu-

nity School; the Red Hats; Paradise Bay Coffee Shop; Paradise Bay Dive Shop; Gordon's Auto Clinic; the Ambassador from Hog Island; the South-enders; B. I. Electric; B. I. Marine; Unfinished Farms; Bloomers; Rural Health Center; Stony Acre Grill; the Evans Family; the Green Family; McDonough's Market; the Pooper Scoopers (thankfully Beth put in only miniature horses); and the Sky Divers.

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Sydney Kathryn Stein as she took in her first 4th of July Parade.





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Museum Week a Success

The Beaver Island Historical Society was pleased by the response given to its 25th anniversary schedule, which extended over two weeks and concluded with 400 people witnessing the Island's 1st Celtic Games on July 23rd, and grateful to the dozens of people who made it happen.

The celebration started with an event sponsored by timber-framer, mechanic, and singer Jeff Connors: Skip Duhamel's Totem Pole carving demonstration. Skip set up on the sidewalk in front of the Museum on Monday afternoon. He explained what he was doing

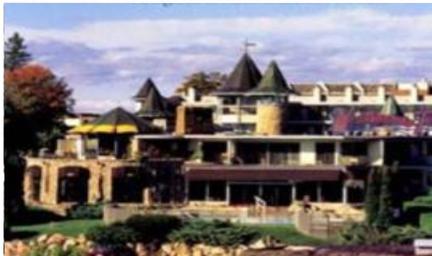
and why and how he'd gotten started. That evening the street was full of people welcoming Doris Larson back as host of Music on the Porch—for which Barry Pischner provided sound, and joined thirteen other performers.

Three members of GLLKA (the Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers' Association) and Director Dick Moehl presented a slide show and talk about the Whiskey Point Light restoration on Tuesday, and then showed what they were talking about by working on the light—in tyvek suits and 90° temperature—the following day. A surprising



photographs of the GLLKA Whiskey Point Light work party courtesy of Dick Burris.

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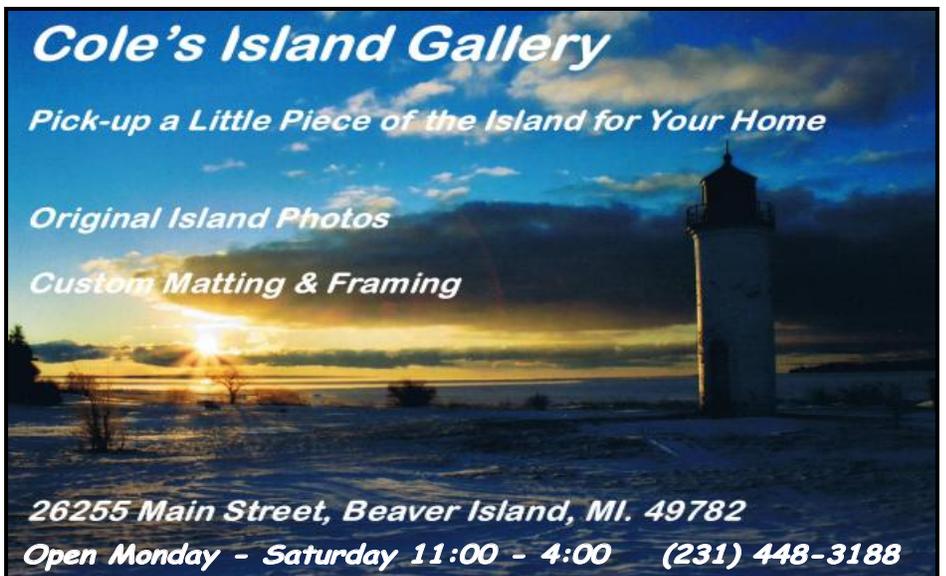
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number of people pitched in but could only work for short periods because of the heat. Wednesday evening was more conducive, and 75 people arrived at the Light to show their agreement that this was a very important project.

On Tuesday and Saturday Antje Price opened the Protar Home, with help from Joyce Bartels. Almost a hundred people came by to hear Antje talk. This event was sponsored by John Crouse and his wife, Maureen Abele, who have a home nearby and started a fund to cover ongoing maintenance costs. John also provided the colorful

brochure that became a highly-sought 'collector's item.'

That evening the first of five performances of Anne-Marie Oomen's play *Wives of an American King* delighted its audience by providing a view of Strang as the kind of scoundrel familiar to those who watch TV. Anne-Marie arrived the week before (and was hosted by John and Joyce Runberg) to tweak the play a little, and then conducted a talk-back session after the first two stagings to help her make further fine-tunings. Kyle Barnette's interpretation of James
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photographs of the CMU Nature Walks courtesy of Andy Stebbins.

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Museum Week a Success, from page 9. Strang was less Shakespearean than the actor who played him in Traverse City, but more contemporarily nuanced. Our 3 local actresses (Melissa Bailey, Hannah Connor, and Karen Whitecraft) earned extended applause.

Three special CMU Nature Walks began on Wednesday. Many families use them to teach their kids a respect for nature and science, and the Historical Society feels honored

to be allowed to host this important program.

Wednesday also saw the opening of the Ray and Ruth Denny memorial Art Show, this time at the Christian Church because of electrical work in the gym. The BIHS was grateful to find a place, and all the artists and patrons raved about the improved ambiance of the

more-intimate setting. Several familiar artists were on display and did well, along with several who had not previously shown. Abbe Fogarty's oil cloth



Strang ignores an old wife

paintings were laid on the floor and elicited many favorable remarks; Ted Vassar's perfect mastery was on display; Lois Stipp, Kay Masini, Cindy Ricksgers, and Tom Siebert drew raves; Tom and Vickie Rockwell's Eyeland Art wowed people; and Jane Maehr and Frank

Solle sold very well. Ted Nicholas played guitar and showed off his lovely voice on the last evening.

Talking about the Art Show means talking about Laura Pratt, who took two weeks off from her job at Borders to organize it. She and her crew (John Crouse, the Rockwells, the Stipps, the Scoggins, and Frank Solle) built and



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On Thursday Jim Gillingham demonstrated why he is held in such high regard with his enthusiastic presentation of *Amazing Reptiles and Amphibians*. This year there was a higher percentage of adults—including one father who revealed that his daughter had gotten sick in the morning but he had promised to come anyway so he could tell her all about it.

The *Beaver Buddies* delivered a professional and faultless performance of barbershop singing, hitting many of the old favorites, to an audience thinned by the heat. Afterwards they did an encore on the steps for a few late arrivals, and

let rising local singing star Phil Becker sing one number with all thirteen of them. It's easy to see why they have such a loyal following.



Strang courts a new wife

Despite the sound equipment malfunctioning, Paul and Liz Niehaus conducted another stirring Pet Show, under the sponsorship of the Wonder Dog *Licorice*. And once again, every entrant received an award—for something well-deserved.

“Pulling off such a varied program required the synchronized efforts of many, many people, and the Historical Society wants to express its delight and gratitude at all the help it received this year,” said committee chair Kathy Ruis. “This gives us the confidence we need to attempt something even grander. So just wait until next year!”



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The Board considered selling the

condo, which would produce a swing of +\$7,500: the elimination of the condo association fee plus the income earned by putting the sale proceeds in the Endowment Fund. It was decided to list it for sale with Ed Wojan, the only Realtor to respond to the Board's request, for an amount that would net \$80,000, with the provision that the EMS can continue using it through this season.

The question of an audit was raised. Jack Gallagher had volunteered to re-

view the system and make some suggestions, at no charge. He will look at the procedures Donna Kubic uses as Manager. Rick Speck will monitor her for the next six months at a reduced rate.

Larry Hanz donated two heart monitors, and Providence donated four stretchers (two will go to the Fire Hall.)

With up to 10% of Beaver Islanders uninsured, the Northern Health Plan was being picked up; so far 26 individual's had subscribed.

Thanks to much work done by Nina Simpson-Jones, Pete LoDico's Community Development Corporation, dedicated to providing senior housing, had obtained a 501c3 status, allowing it to apply for a USDA loan. Dan Nackerman has donated his time to draw plans for a 6-unit building, which was estimated to cost about \$750,000.

A chiropractor who was at the Health Fair had attracted much attention, and had considered coming here every so often. Unfortunately he has now gotten too busy, and can't.

Carlyle Latoff 1976-2005

Carlyle T. "Lyle" Latoff died June 26, 2005 at the age of 29, the result of an automobile accident. Lyle was born in Lansing, Michigan on Mary 31, 1976, the son of Joseph and Rebecca (Burns) Latoff. He was serving in the U.S. Army at the time of the accident.

Lyle, and his family, enjoyed many summers on the Island and had been previous year-around residents. He loved hunting and fishing and enjoyed restoring firearms. His quick grin will be long remembered by friends and family alike.

Surviving are his parents, Joseph and Rebecca Latoff of St. Johns; brother, James (Ruth Back) Latoff of Royal Oak; sister Rachael Latoff of St. Johns; and grandparents Carlyle and Betty Burns of Milford, Michigan.

A funeral mass was celebrated on July 1st at St. Joseph Catholic Church in St. Johns. The family received friends from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday at the Osgood Funeral Home in St. Johns.

The Island's thoughts and prayers are with Joe, Becky, Jim, and Rachael at this sad time.



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BIPOA's Annual Meeting

The Property Owners' Association held its Annual Meeting on July 25 at the same time as a leading world expert on bats was speaking at CMU.

After Treasurer Annette Dashiell presented a financial report showing total assets of just under \$7,500, Jamie Morton, from the *Alliance for the Great Lakes*, spoke about an extension of her organization's 'Adopt A Beach' program to Beaver Island. (Their approach is detailed on greatlakes.org) AGL guides people to use their time effectively to protect, restore, and conserve our water. The Island focus will start with joining the international Beach Clean-up Day on the 3rd Saturday in September. A few area captains have turned up but more are needed. They'll clean debris from the beach, which the Transfer Station will accept for free, and report on what they find. The results will allow the fine-tuning of the program.

Jack Kelly reported that the \$887 remaining from the grant for the Recreation Resource Project might be used for a booklet describing and identifying bogs and wetlands—much data has been gathered by Beth and Ed Leuck.

Krys Lyle said the Master Plan had reached the stage of a "very rough draft." The Town Boards will be asked to release it to the public at their August meetings; if they agree, it will be made available on the web and at the Library. There will be a 90-day period of public comment, after which modifications will no doubt be made before beginning the public hearings phase—which unfortunately will take place in winter.

Paul Glendon reported on the GLE electric use surcharge, saying it would not be rescinded because none of the conditions for so doing had been met: the litigation for cable damage had not produced a windfall; construction costs for the new cable had not come in under the estimate; and we had not exceeded the projection of a 4% annual increase in new meters. This is reviewed every five years; it looks like the surcharge will run the full 30 years.

There was considerable discussion of the "weed that's eating Beaver Island," *fragmities*, a papyrus-like reed that sprouts off a root that snakes along

the beach 6" to 12" deep, a tough plant that chokes out other native plants and grows to over 8' high. 'Round-up' hasn't worked, and material found on the internet has not led to any solutions.

Breaking News: You can come out of the Water

On July 29th the Michigan Supreme Court affirmed the public's right to walk on private beaches between the water's edge and the high-water mark. Hooray!

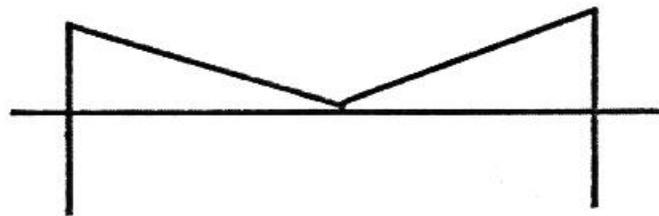
In Memorium

How can one find the right words of thanks?

I wish to extend a special thanks to all our friends on Beaver Island for the cards and prayers after the passing of Clyde Fogg, my husband and the step-father of my children and grandfather of my grandchildren.

And a special thanks to the AmVets for the Military Tribute and fly-over. What a much-appreciated honor!

—Glenna Fogg



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Reunion on Beaver

by Pam (McDonough/Danaj) Malo

They came from around the world, from Sydney to Seattle, from “Castro’s domain” to the “King’s reign” ... 54 people



traveling 178,000 total miles...coming together for respite from their busy lives to the seclusion of their beloved Island. Home to some, destination of wonderful childhood summers to most.

The common denominator was the celebration of 50 years of marriage for Charlotte (McDonough) and Sandy Sanderson on July 6 at the Beaver Lodge, where the original celebration took place. Family began gathering for pictures about 7 pm. After a dinner against the backdrop of a spectacular Lake Michigan sunset, the bride, looking like she stepped out of *The Great Gatsby*, and groom danced to music provided by Edward Palmer and Rich Scripps on guitar, piano, and mouth organ, Edward’s daughter Hillary on vocals and Richie Gillespie on spoons. That was definitely the highlight of the week, but not the



only event attended by the four generations descended from William and Sophia McDonough. Of course the most frequent event enjoyed by all was the arrival and departure of the boat. It took the teens in the family several days to grasp the full significance of this ritual. There were group dinners hosted by Tony and Mardee McDonough, Charlotte and Sandy Sanderson with their son Rick and his wife Vicky, and Pat and Ann Monachino. The family gathered for the parade and fireworks. They went motorboat riding, spent lazy afternoons on the beach, did some shopping, and attended a concert. Some were even spotted in the library.

A tour was conducted by the senior members and the younger generations heard stories of days gone by. They saw the birthplace of some and the resting place of others. A wonderful week creating new memories which ended all too quickly...until we meet again.

A CMU Surprise

by Frank Solle



While it took a few months of planning as well as a good amount of trickery, the surprise honorarium held on Saturday, July 23 at the Central Michigan University Biological Station for director Dr. Jim Gillingham was 20 years in the making.

In a deft maneuver of secrecy on the scale of the best intelligence agency, Abby Adams, Nancy Seefelt, and Beth Leuck pulled off the near impossible in planning, organizing and completing the surprise party in honor of Gillingham’s 20 years at the helm of Biological Station located on Sand Bay.

Former students, colleagues, family and friends from across the island, across the state, across the country, and as far away as New Zealand, gathered to express their appreciation and respect for all Gillingham has done to maintain the quality operations of the stations over the years.

Dr. Gil Starks, who has taught off and on at the station for over 30 years, represented the University in presenting Gillingham with a plaque acknowledging his years of service.

A memory book complete with stories, anecdotes, and photos was presented to Gillingham as well, along with numerous cards of congratulations and best wishes.

“I was completely surprised,” Gillingham said of the event. “I had no idea it was coming.”

Speaking of the difficulty involved in pulling off the surprise, Adams said, “At least I didn’t have to lie to him face-to-face every day like Beth and Nancy did.” Needless to say, the process of keeping Gillingham in the dark was a hard one. “I’m pretty sure it will be a long time before I try something like this again,” Adams added.

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On This Date

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* announced the arrival of *Expedition '95*, a 3-day submarine dive to the wreck of the *Carl D. Bradley* SW of Gull Island. This 640' steamer went down in 1958 in 360' of water, the largest shipwreck until the *Edmund Fitzgerald* tragedy—and also led to the death of John Martin during the investigation that followed. There were two survivors, and one, Frank Mays, came with the investigators; his claim that the *Bradley* had broken up was challenged and insulted by the insurance company, and he was hoping that new footage would vindicate him.

The Beaver Island Energy Project staged a public meeting to present the results of a study funded by a grant from the *Council of Great Lakes' Governors* and discuss the pros and cons of building a biomass generator to produce electricity on the Island. The 65 people attending this Town Meeting were mostly positive in their questions to the five 'energy experts;' the biggest expressed concern was over the possibility of burning garbage.

There was a story about Island kids collecting milkweed pods during WW II. They were needed for life jackets when the Japanese cut off our supply of kapok, and three teachers at our school, Sisters Gilbert, Lois, and Agnes Clare, helped get a government contract that would pay \$0.10 a bushel for dried pods. No one got rich.

Museum Week featured talks by Clare Adkin, Dave Gladish, and curator

Shirley Gladish; three years later these presentations became chapters in *The Journal of Beaver Island History, Volume 4*. A play about Dr. Protar, a talk by Indian historian George Anthony, and enactments of the Voyageurs and the First Settlers were also on the agenda.

An ad stated that Mary Blocksma had just opened a book and art store on the Back Highway.

A discussion of a possible "South End Fire Station" brought out the fact that Peaine had contributed to the Fire Station in St. James and thought St. James should reciprocate.

Tom Erber donated a 66'-wide strip of land to provide legal public access to Fox Lake.

Former visiting pottery teacher Frank Ettawageshik was appointed Chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians.

Reported passings included Sister Gilbert Popp, Robert Hendrix, and Ed Ladd. Sister Cecelia Ann (Gilbert) taught in our school for thirteen years, starting during WW II. Her brother Herman Popp lived here during that time as well. Robert Hendrix had been a Professor at the U of M and the Wastenaw County Coroner. His family summered in their Wicklow Beach cottage for many decades. Ed Ladd, another U of M grad, was a gentle, smiling ex-Pontiac banker who lived on the Back Beach, and was frequently seen tapping maple trees on Sloptown Road or boiling the sap in his back yard.

Twenty Years Ago Dr. Siudara retired, and was replaced by nurse practitioner Michael McGinnity, who would work under the direction of three Charlevoix doctors.

The bid process for selecting someone to work on the Municipal Marina came under fire. Two bids were opened at a public meeting, one from Gillespie Oil and Transit for \$16,870 and another from Ryba Marine, bidding for Ernie and Emmet Martin, of \$17,900. Each was accompanied by a check for 5% of the bid; Ryba's was a cashier's check, as was proscribed, but Gillespie's was a regular business check. Supervisor Ron Wojan recessed the meeting for a day to study the matter, and announced the next day that "he considered the business check to be equivalent to a cashier's check." Ryba threatened to sue.

A story by Betty Duckworth celebrating her survival of a nature walk began, "And it came to pass that the Hohnites ventured into the bog." She complained about the Beaver Island Vampire Mosquito, and found new ways to trip over a root and land sprawled in muck; her definition of *bog* became "Bouncing, Oozing Ground."

The Civic Association celebrated 30 years of operation with a dinner at the Circle M. Gay Cole gave a speech thanking Lil and Phil Gregg for all they had done for Beaver Island's many organizations—the first time they were our 'Citizens of the Year.' The Civic sold tickets for two paintings donated by Bud Cruikshank, of the *Clifton* and of

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the *Vernon*, to raise funds for the Memorial to the Dead at Sea, handled the Fourth of July, and staffed a tourist office in the Museum.

Peaine agreed to help St. James cover the cost of the Font Lake drainage ditch, which had already been dug.

The *Beacon* explained a long-ago event, the *Winter of Blue Snow*, by stating that a doctor had prescribed a certain blue cold pill—in a time before indoor plumbing.

Passings noted included William Jack Left, who was born on Beaver Island but moved to Chicago as a young man, and Father Fabian Keenan, who was stationed here from 1942 to 1948.

Thirty Years Ago The Island fishermen enjoyed a fine summer taking smallmouth from the bays at Garden and Hog, but once Labor Day arrived the fish moved into deeper waters.

The Island School was pleased to have four new families represented in its classes, and announced that Sister Lynne had been added to its staff.

Father Donahoe, a retired priest, passed away in the Beaver Island home in which he'd lived since 1969—the stone house on King's Highway and Paid een Og's Road.

Forty Years Ago The Homecoming Parade, organized by Ed Wojan, was said to be especially good in 1965—even though it had to put up with a torrential downpour for the second half. Beaver Haven won first place for floats, with Wojan's Construction second and Paul Ken's 'Indian float' third.

The *Beacon* supplied addresses for Island servicemen Jerry LaFreniere, Ed Palmer, Alvin LaFreniere, and Robert Pischner.

Perch were being caught in the Harbor, but unfortunately this did not presage a return to the glory days of previous decades.

The new Municipal Marina addition was nearing completion.

The CMU Bio Station conducted a successful summer season, with 40 grad students taking courses. A picnic was planned at the Township Campground, and was nearly cancelled when four students disappeared the day before while on a fishing trip to Hog Island. Because of high seas they beached their 16' boat and stayed the night; the next day the Coast Guard was called and air and sea searches begun. Luckily, they were found safe—by CMU's own boat, the *Chippawa*. All they'd had to eat was a jar of pickles and a can of apple sauce they found in the safety shack on Hog, so they demanded that the picnic be held on schedule.

In a *Beaver Tale* Phil Gregg described hiking on High Island, where the Conservation Department had recently built two cabins and was maintaining the trails. Hiking over the high sand dunes on the west side, the archipelago's tallest site, they came upon the wooden spars of an old schooner mostly buried in the sand. Some of the sturdier Israelite buildings were still standing, and the foundation for the eight-sided "house of the virgins" could be clearly seen.

The passing of Justin McCauley in St. Joseph was noted; he was the son of Owen McCauley, who had survived the "Squaw Island Tragedy."

Fifty Years Ago Holy Cross sponsored a summer bazaar behind the Parish Hall; #110 won a new steam iron, but no one had the lucky number.

Merle Duffiney of Cheboygan bought the *North Shore*.

Fifty-seven members of the Michigan Department of Agriculture met on Beaver for a summer seminar.

On July 15th the *Cisco* visited the Island from Milwaukee, in the service of the Great Lakes Fishery Exhibition. She did not yet know that this would become her final resting place.

Mrs. Herman Pischner raised an Easter Lily in her yard with nine blossoms on one stalk.

The Episcopal Church was painted in a volunteer bee.

One of the Christian Brothers, George Thomas, suffered a heart attack and died while on retreat here.

Ray Cole popped in to the Med Center—his very first day on the Island.

An eight-year tradition was continued when entrants from the Chicago-Mackinac race stopped at the Shamrock on their way back and told Archie LaFreniere, "It don't get any better than this." Archie agreed.

Donald Cole was in charge of arranging two homecoming parades: one for floats, one for boats. Fifty years later we're doing our best to revive this tradition.



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to Beaver



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shows his hand. The best one wins. So what's important is not speed, but just getting to the way-stations.

Yet treat this as a race they did. The catamarans, by far the fastest on this calm day, got to Paradise Bay so

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quickly that those on board took a leisurely swim and considered their strategy while waiting for the other boats.

After leaving Boyne City the other stops included Round Lake, Northport, Bay Harbor, and Horton Bay. Jeff

Haylett from Coldwater had the first-place hand (three 6s) and won \$5,000. Jim Klomp of East Jordan came in second and won \$2,000 (\$1,000 of which he donated to Camp Quality.) Scott Eaton of Petoskey came in third

and won \$1,000. After all the bills are paid, the event could net \$50,000, with as much as \$35,000 going to Camp Quality (which spends a weekend on Beaver each June) and \$15,000 going to the Boyne City 'Main Street' program.

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For Distance, or Over the Bar – The First Annual Beaver Island Celtic Games

Beaver Islanders greatly enjoyed the 1st Celtic Games on a very hot day and showed that they can *Tailgate Party* as well as anyone!

Thanks to the organizing talent of athlete Jeremy McBain, the presence of Tom and Ellen Cole, who kept track of the ongoing scores and dispensed T-shirts, and the help of Rich Gillespie and his cherry-picker, plus food furnished by the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop and Runberg's Red-hots, the large crowd had a wonderful time.

The athletes had gone to the Ball

Field on Friday afternoon to demonstrate the events, so the audience had some idea

what to expect: tossing the quarter weight (28 pounds) and the half weight (56) for distance or height, throwing the caber, or pitching the 16 pound sheaf. It saw an unexpectedly high degree of skill—in addition to the brute strength needed in this sport.

Just as in other sports, the little things, such as grip and foot-work, made a big difference.

In addition to competing, Jeremy McBain led an ongoing repartee between the athletes and the audience in which much of the history and significance of these events was explained: most originated as disguised forms of martial arts, learned and practiced as a way of combating the hated English.

The Caber Toss seemed to elicit the most interest from the fans. This 150-pound, 18-foot cedar *tree* was difficult enough to pick up, let alone balance and throw; about half of the tries failed to turn it over, as is required.





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There were a couple of minor injuries—mostly strained hamstrings. Jody Gilbert, from Elkhart, Indiana, hurt himself on the caber toss and could not go on. The largest athlete, Mike Brown from Shepard, who tied Fort Wayne's Damon Barth for 4th place, was a particular favorite.

80 commemorative T-shirts with a logo created by gifted Island caricaturist Kelly Duhamel were sold during the day.

The judge, Jerry Bowersox, made several tough calls, but was considered to have been fair. As it happened,



the athlete with the best pure form, Kip Miller from Mason, weighing a mere 260, won each event and was declared the day's winner, receiving a long sword. As if that wasn't enough, he also won the final event by throwing the 100 pound *Beaver Island Stone of Strength* 11' 7". Saline's Chris Snider followed Miller in the standings, earning a short sword, while Gaylord's Dale Gehman was awarded a



mace for finishing third.

The biggest surprise was reflected across the 11 athletes' faces when they challenged the audience to a tug of war—using Tom Cole's 300' 3/4" mooring line—and saw 10, 20, 30, and finally 42 fired-up members of the audience accepted. The athletes might have had a chance if this had been the day's first event, but as it was they were lucky not have been dragged around the perimeter of the Island.

As they brushed off the dust, everyone present wanted them to come again.



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A Beaver Island Horse Show

by Beth McCafferty

On Saturday, July 23rd Unfinished Farms put on their First Annual Horse Show for Beaver Island. Six of their Wranglers showed 17 horses in many types and styles of horseback riding.

The first competition was Stadium Jumping. The competitors demonstrated the finesse and agility that it takes to train and execute

multi-jump courses. All riders cleared the jumps without faults, and received rounds of applause from the audience of approximately 100 people.

The second competition was barrel racing. Several girls showed the crowd what it takes to run the clover leaf pattern without fear. The cowgirl phrase "Ride it like

you stole it!" is the motto for running the barrels. The girls did their best, and the winning time was 18.18 seconds! Hats off to Ann Stolesonburg for her winning time. Second place went to Jamie Forte for her time of 21 seconds.

Many breed demonstrations were given, with representation from the American Quarter Horse, Morgan, Miniature Horse, Shetland Pony, Friesian, and Paint breeds.

Performances in Western Pleasure, English Pleasure, Bareback Riding, and Dressage were orchestrated with expertise from the group of young ladies and their many types of mounts.

The Wranglers, who are the summer staff of Unfinished Farms, are:

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Chicago, Illinois.
 Jamie Forte from Grand Rapids, Michigan.
 Katie Fritzsche, (granddaughter of Chuck and Jean Carpenter), Hamilton, Michigan.
 Kimmie Warner, (granddaughter of Howard and Barbara Konetchy), St. Louis, Missouri; and
 Danielle Lecerf, from Farmington Hills, Michigan.
 The show had unex-

pected visitors from Sweden, “Olga and Orlo” a lovely elderly couple who came in for a somewhat comical riding lesson that left everyone laughing at the antics of learning how to ride a pony! The performance was generated by Beth McCafferty and Ann Stoiesonburg. Thank you, to ponies *Tractor* and *Henry* for being so patient with this silly lesson in how “not to ride” a horse!



The Grand Finale of the show was a drill team consisting of all six riders, riding their mounts in various complicated movements, all synchronous, and very nicely performed.

The show was open to the public, and free will donations were graciously accepted by the girls to help them finance their trip to Columbus, Ohio next April—to attend the international

horse show The Equine Affaire, which is a multidisciplinary show where the girls are able to learn from trainers from all over the world. The wranglers will utilize this learning experience to help develop better riding skills themselves, and also to share with visiting children who come to learn how to ride at Unfinished Farms each summer season.



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Communities in the Path of Development

by Peter Plastrik

"We're being loved to death."

A few years ago I met with about 30 people from rural communities all over the country—in Montana and Michigan, Colorado, New Mexico, the Carolinas, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and Maine—and that's what they said runaway development was doing to the places they cherished.

They described big changes in the "character" of their communities: loss of the landscape and local culture, divisions between "millionaires and hamburger flippers," nasty political fights between business people and environmentalists that polarized the entire community.

Most of the development was driven by larger-than-local forces: tourism and the arrival of new residents with "outside dollars." It increased economic activity and created some more jobs. It increased interest in preserving natural amenities and local culture. But the communities also found that the jobs rarely paid enough for workers to maintain a way of life in towns that were getting overcrowded and more expensive. Increasing land values and taxes made it more difficult for residents to continue owning property. Long-time residents often

resented newcomers, particularly when the new economic activity crowded out traditional culture and livelihoods.

"While newcomers may bring with them much-needed skills, capital, and energy, conflict is rarely far behind," noted a report on the Aspen Institute meeting. "Change pits old-timers against newcomers, property rights and development advocates against environmentalists, and those with a lock on political and economic power against those locked out."

These people were meeting to learn more about how communities "in the path of development" can recognize and confront problems associated with rapid growth. They concluded that communities needed an "early warning system" so they could tell if development was heading in ways that would jeopardize what residents loved about their places. Here are some of the potential warning signs they identified:

- Visitor and/or retiree services take over the economy.
- New residents and second-home owners begin to displace old-timers.
- Young people out-migrate because of a lack of good

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- jobs.
- Visitor population is drawn to the “built” environment as well as to the natural resources.
 - Specialty shops catering to visitors begin to predominate; local owners are priced out of the market.
 - New residents and visitors drive the growth of local services and widen the range of products; national chains move in.
 - Affordable housing declines; disparity grows between tourist/new resident lifestyle and that of residents.
 - Open space/rural character declines as commercial and recreation uses dominate the landscape.
 - Outsiders begin paying inflated prices for properties.
 - The growing number of tourists and new residents leads to road improvements and increases in plans for sewers and utilities to serve new housing.
 - As population grows so does the tax base—but demand for services and infrastructure also increases.
 - Outsiders start buying more and more of the “local culture” and tensions rise between maintaining local culture and community character, and taking advantage of commercial

- opportunities.
- Newcomers who are politically experienced get active in local politics. Newcomers who want to “shut the gate” on growth may duel politically with old-timers.

The meeting participants concluded that there are many things a community can do if it is concerned about these and other warning signs. Although markets set the pace in most places, if the outcomes they are producing are out of line with what citizens want, then public policies and local culture can step in to influence or limit what markets are allowed to do.

But perhaps the most important first step a community must take has nothing to do with government. It is to engage a broad range of residents in cooperatively addressing the issues raised by development.

In other words, the people in the community have to try to find common ground by talking with, listening to, and understanding each other.

Unless they do, they are likely to become polarized. They will feel helpless and alienated, and the community’s political will is splintered. Then they will get loved to death.

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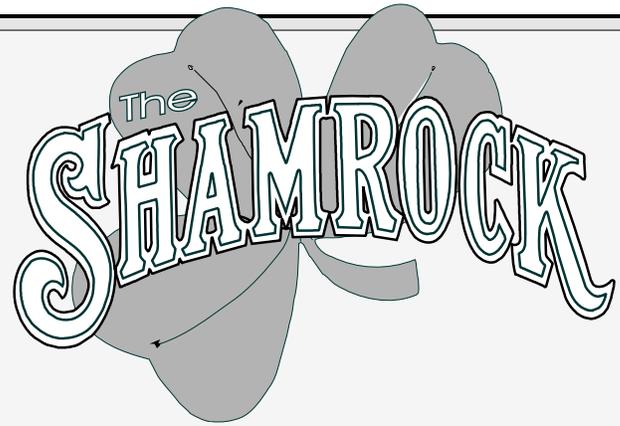
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Alexander "Lex" Marcinak 1942 - 2005

Lex Marcinak of Grand Haven and Beaver Island passed away May 2nd, 2005 from complications of a liver transplant.



retirement home near Donegal Bay.

Unfortunately Lex's long battle with the complications of

Hepatitis C, contracted from a lifetime of blood transfusions, cut his time on earth and our dream short.

I would like to thank all Beaver Islanders for the friendship you extended to both Lex and myself. Your notorious hospitality and generosity have touched both of our lives and made them richer. I look forward to fulfilling our dream by making Beaver Island my home in the fall of 2005.

Again, thank you for touching Lex's life.

—Karin Marcinak

Lex enjoyed anything that could be done outdoors - hunting, fishing, and sailing. He was also a consummate Beach Bum, which brought him to Beaver Island for the first time in the 1970's while on vacation. Lex came back, with me, in 1995. Our love and respect for this beautiful Island grew, and friendships with islanders formed. In 1998 we decided to start making our dream of living on the Island a reality. We built a

Ruth Denny 1922 - 2005

Long-time summer resident Ruth Denny passed away peacefully on June 30th. She was born in Milwaukee. With the death of her father in 1924 she and her sister became self-reliant. Her interest



Rudi lived in East Lansing and then moved to Tuscon to be closer to her son and family. She was preceded in death by her sister.

Ruth and Ray were long-time lovers of Beaver Island.

Their skills and inspiration began early and evolved over time. She attended the prestigious Curtis Institute as an accomplished flautist, and also earned an MS in Geology from the University of Michigan. (Her future second husband Ray attended the same school at the same time, with her sister and *her* future husband.) The tradition continued when her granddaughter Shanda Denny graduated from U-M.

Her husband Ray passed away in 2001. Since then

When she wasn't making bottle windows, Ruth would be engaged in new projects.

Ruth is survived by her son Chris Screven, his wife Susan, and their daughter Alexandra, of Tuscon; Michael and Florence Denny, of Long Island, and their daughter Shanda in Seattle; Douglas Denny, in Cleveland; and Richard and Carrie Denny of Apache Junction.

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Tea and Fashion Show Success

by Frank Solle

On July 8 the Beaver Island Rural Health Center hosted its annual Fashion Tea, including the ever-popular silent auction. This year, the 22nd consecutive edition of this event, the display of summer fashion and the sipping of tea took place at the Holy Cross Hall.

An appreciative crowd of nearly 80— including a few men—snacked on delicious finger sandwiches and various hors d'oeuvres provided by Stoney Acre Grill, enjoyed tea and scones provided by Whole Foods of Ann Arbor, and brownies from Dalwhinnie's Bakery, while a lovely quartet of local models strolled through the crowd in a variety of outfits, all made available by the Beaver Boat-tique Gift Shop. In addition, each table was highlighted by a wonderful floral centerpiece created by Bob Hoogendoorn.

Prior to the start of the show, local artist and storyteller, Doris Larson, entertained the crowd with a poem and sing-along of "Sweet Alice's Blue Gown." Larson also recited what has quickly become an anthem to the over-50 female crowd, "Warning," by Jenny Joseph—you know the one: "When I am an old woman I shall wear purple."



The fashion show opened with a parade of sleep wear as Cathy Blalock, Mary Gillingham, Jayne Bailey, and BIRHC's own Sue Solle donned sleep attire ranging from pajamas and nightgowns, to a slinky slipover.

Event organizer and host, Leonor Jacobson, in her second year at the helm of this project, conducted quick auctions between fashion sets with items ranging from a loaf of fresh, home-baked bread each week for six weeks from the oven of BIRHC board member Anne Glendon, to the popular flex-pass good for six performances by the Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre, to an oversized stuffed *Kermit the Frog* doll.

The second round of fashions centered around casual wear with Blalock,

Gillingham, and Solle showing breezy combinations of slacks and tops with matching jackets, while Bailey came out with a tropical one-piece bathing suit. A quick change brought out another round of casual wear with the emphasis on color and comfort.

Throughout the many rounds of the show each outfit was impeccably described in detail by emcee Lisa Gillespie while Gillingham's husband Jim stood gallantly at the ready, assisting the models down the steps of the stage.

Florence Neumann took to the stage between the next rounds, not only to show her special 'Red Hat Ladies' attire, but to put in a plug for that local organization as well. Neumann emphasized the local ladies favorite activity by saying, "This is an eating group," much to the delight of the crowd.

The third round saw the models step up to a dressier, evening wear look. Blalock opened the round with a sleeveless black top matched with a black and silver mid-length dress. Solle countered with a soft, lime-green pant suit, followed by Gillingham with a blue, floral print full-length dress.

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Bailey kept things light with a bright tank-top and shorts outfit with matching handbag.

More evening wear followed with Blalock demonstrating a colorful floral print dress with bold, flowery trim. Solle wore a beige, palm tree print dress with a matching top, accented with a shell necklace. Continuing with the floral print motif, Gillingham presented another long, floral dress with contrasting top and matching hat. Bailey then stole the spotlight as she demonstrated how her next ensemble was actually four pieces as both the slacks and the top were reversible, making a quick, on-stage change from an entire floral combination to a darker and more demure look. Blalock capped the evening wear with a stunning lapis-azure dress complete with flowing ruffles.

The finale brought out all four models in bathing suits. Bailey modeled a floral-green two piece with a lime-green hat, Gillingham a darker print one-piece with large handbag accompaniment, Blalock a very stylish red one-piece with white floral outlines, and Solle was in a burgundy one-piece



with contrasting sarong and a multiple handbag that came complete with a rollout mat for sunbathing.

Following the show Larson again took the stage for a rousing rendition of the not-so-classic fairy tale of 'Rinderella' as she craftily shifted consonants throughout the telling with the crowd laughing in delight.

Members of the EIR group then performed a variety of numbers from their production of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change," making for an energetic end to the program.

In closing the event, organizer Jacobson thanked the BIRHC Board of Directors for allowing her to run the show as well as the many people who pitched in to make the show another

success. Expressing her appreciation for all who participated in the auctions, Jacobson added, "As an RN I think it's great we have this beautiful health center, but there still are things we need and programs we'd like to bring to the Island. We're going to continue to bring things here to make it better for the people living here, and care for them here rather than sending them to Charlevoix."

The afternoon closed with the announcement of the winners from the week-long silent auction. The 26 different items ranging from gravel and black dirt, to carpet cleaning and cabin openings, to overnight stays both on the Island and the mainland, to a variety of artistic offerings, brought in nearly \$7,500 for the medical center.

BIRHC board President Connie Wojan expressed her satisfaction with the day's results. "It was another good turnout, and the flowers at each table were the finishing touch.

"Leonor has done a fabulous job and has worked on this since January. It's a huge effort. The money we earn from this will again go towards health center operations."

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One Hundred Years Ago

by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 3, 1905
Local News: "Prof. J. J. Cox, the Chicago weather man, arrived today. On Friday, with Chief Robinson, of the telegraph division, he will go to the Beavers to arrange for the station there."

"H. D. Reed, superintendent of the Bishop Guta Perch (sic) Co. of New York, which concern has the contract for making and laying the Beaver Island cable, has been here several days in business connected with the subletting of the contract for placing the cable."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 10, 1905
Local News: "The steamer *Beaver* until further notice, will run to Northport on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, taking in the Indian camp meeting."

"Henry Taylor, who has been in the employ of the Wolverine Fish Co. at Owen Sound, came home Saturday, and will go to the Beavers to work for the same concern."

"Rev. Father Zugelder, of Beal City, arrived here Tuesday evening and took the steamer for Beaver Island for a few days' visit with his former parishioners."

"After a conference between Prof. Cox, Mr. Schneider, and Mr. Robinson last Friday at St. James, it was decided to recommend to the chief of the weather

bureau the following plan for the cable service. The commercial telephone office to be in the Post Office, with Jas. McCann as operator. Rev. Paschal Foerster will be appointed displayman and observer for the State climate and crop branch of the service, which Mr. Schneider represents at Grand Rapids. A storm warning tower to be erected at Church Hill, said tower to be 85 feet high with staff 35 feet above that. On Saturday Mr. Schneider installed anemometer, thermometer, and rain gauge at Church Hill. The cable will be landed inside the harbor along the south channel bank." (Note: J. H. Robinson, Washington, D.C.; C. S. Schneider, Grand Rapids; and Henry J. Cox, Chicago registered at the Hotel Beaver, August 4, 1905)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 17, 1905
Local News: "Capt. P. D. Campbell is entertaining his sister, Mrs. W. S. Ely, of Syracuse, N. Y."

"Inside of 30 days the Beaver Island people will be connected with the rest of the wide, wide world by electricity."

"The Charlevoix Lumber Co., has entered into a contract with the Bishop Guta Percha Co., of N. Y. to lay the Beaver Island cable with the steamer *Pine Lake*. The cable will be shipped from

New York to Buffalo about August 25th. The *Pine Lake* will load it so as to leave Buffalo soon after September 1st. Barring unforeseen delays the cable should arrive here about September 7th and chief Robinson thinks it will be laid by September 10th. Meanwhile all land lines and connections will be in readiness to connect with."

Beaver Island News: "F. E. Turrell and wife of Charlevoix made a call at the Island by Monday's boat."

"Rev. A. F. Nagler and daughter Melva came to the Island last week for a brief visit, returning on same boat."

"Mrs. J. A. Auld and children of Charlevoix are spending a few week on the Island visiting her sister, Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson."

"The Hart boat brought a large excursion to the Island Monday enroute for the Soo, stopping several hours on Beaver Island to see the many interesting sights afforded a sight seer."

"W. B. Johnston, who is just convalescing from a tussle with typhoid fever, is expecting to move his family and effects to Northport, Mich., where he will go into business. The family have been on the Island nearly six years, and have made a host of warm friends who will

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be very sorry to have them leave. The best wishes of all go with them.”

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 24, 1905

Local News: “Definite Advises state that the steamer *Pine Lake* will load the Beaver Island Cable in Buffalo Sept. 1st.”

Beaver Island News: “Brian Ahern of St. Louis is on the Island for a visit.” (Note: registered at the Hotel Beaver)

“James Gallagher son of W. J. came home for a visit Monday.”

“Schr. *Rouse Simmonds* is loading tan bark at the Company's dock.”

“Captain Charley Cross is home after a cruise along the East Shore.”

“Mr. Walter O'Connell son of M. F. O'Donnell has been visiting on the Island.”

“Prof. Miller of Davenport, Iowa left Monday after spending several weeks resorting.” (Note: A. O. Mueller, Davenport, Iowa, registered at the Hotel Beaver, July 31st, 1905)

“The Misses Mabel Gallagher and Annie McAuly (sic) are visiting at their old homes.”

“Fred Sendenburgh and wf. are the parents of another baby boy born last Thursday.”

“The Superior of the O. M. F. of St. Louis comes on Monday's boat for a few days visit.”

“The Ferry Co. peas grown on the Island this year are all harvested and a fair crop.”

“Mrs. Julia Gibson and two grandsons are on the Island for a few weeks visit to friends.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Judge Freyman and friends from Kansas City are registered at the Beaver Hotel.” (Note: Winfield Freuman & wife, Kansas City, Kansas in Beaver Hotel Register, Friday, August 18th)

“Mike McCann, Jas. Gordon, Frank Link, and Jas. Martin paid a visit to Charlevoix, the first of the week.”

“Miss Ella Burrows of Chicago is on the Island for another summer vacation. This being her third season on the Island.”

“John Shields the jolly representative of Lemon Wheeler Groc. Co. of Grand Rapids made his monthly trip to the Island.”

“A party of resorters and others went to High Island on gasoline tug *Vincent Bros.* to attend Mass at the Indian Chapel.”

“J. W. Raurer and E. S. Duddle of St. Louis are paying a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donlevy. They are toasted at parties every night.”

“Gould City and Scotts Point Base Ball teams were here the first of the

week and went home like all the rest defeated. 4 to 2 being the score.”

“Mrs. C. E. Ruth of the Ruth cottage gave a very pleasant birthday party to a number of friends on the Island in honor of the Doctor's 44th anniversary.”

“Mrs. Ricks and her father Mr. Tucker of Keokuk, Iowa, returned home on Wednesday's boat after a month's stay among the beauties of Beaver Island.

“Mr. N. Gilden of this place died Sunday morning of cancer of the stomach. Deceased was highly respected by all who knew him. Rev. J. W. Vickers came over Wednesday, to conduct funeral services.”

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 31, 1905 **Local News:** “The first cargo of seed peas to arrive by the steamer *Beaver* came in from Cross Village Thursday. Beaver Island cargoes are beginning to come in and the farmers are already hauling to the warehouse..”

“The steamer *Pine Lake* will begin loading the Beaver Island cable at Buffalo tomorrow. It is the intention of the contractor to use a double crew in loading, in which case it should be aboard by the 5th. If there are no accidents or bad weather the boat should be here the 10th ready to lay the cable.”

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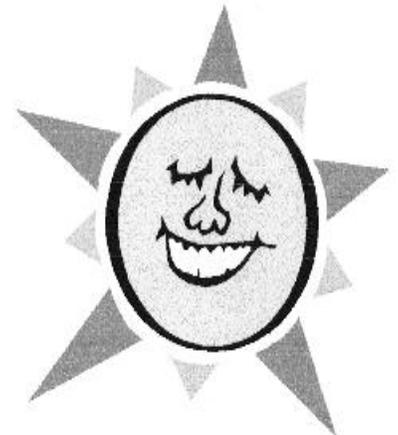
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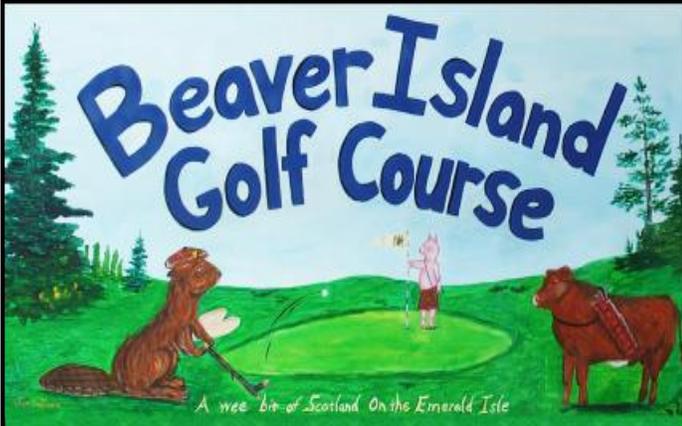
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Playoff decides golf outcome

by Frank Solle



The 2005 champions are (from left) EZ Johnson, Tim Martin, and Jack Spanhak. Dean Cady absent.

Nine holes weren't enough to determine the winner of the 2005 version of the Beaver Island Golf Course Annual Fourth of July Tournament this year, as three teams finished deadlocked at three-under-par 32 following a sunny but blustery round on the links.

The final outcome was thus decided via a playoff, with one golfer from each of the three finalists chosen to represent his squad in a sudden-death format beginning at the first hole.

Just one hole was needed to crown a new champion as Tim Martin, representing his teammates Jack Spanhak, Dean Cady, and EZ Johnson, defeated Rob Latimer and Eric Block to claim the win with a bogey five.

Latimer finished second with a double-bogey six. Latimer's teammates

were Gerald LaFreniere, Joe Moore, Doug Meaney, and Frank Solle.

Eric Block, playing for his teammates Joe Hurst, Don Corr, Eric Pelfreng, and Ben Delamater, withdrew from play after his fifth shot

went out-of-bounds.

"It was a good tournament," said director Jerry Sowa following the competition. "The windy conditions may have brought the scores down, but everyone had the same chance."

Prior to play, Sowa explained the ground rules and complemented course manager John Works, Jr. on his

efforts in improving and maintaining the course under the season's dry and



Howard receives a special gift!



Rob Latimer blasts out of the sand during sudden-death playoff action.



The second place team consists of (from left) Frank Solle, Joe Moore, Rob Latimer, Doug Meaney, and (kneeling) Gerald LaFreniere.

windy conditions.

“We had a total of \$900 out there up for grabs over nine holes, including longest drives and closest to the pins, and it's just unbelievable the support we get,” Sowa said of the tournament that attracts 90 golfers to the course each year. “From all the merchants, the construction companies, the real estate companies, everyone on this Island seems to come through. Merchants that didn't sponsor prizes on the holes donated other items to give away as door prizes.”

One Island business that is a special sponsor of the yearly event is the Eager Beaver Clean and Store as they donate the individual trophies for each member of the winning team. This year they went a step further, providing individual trophies for the second-place team as well.

This year a special gift was handed out during the post-tournament festivities,

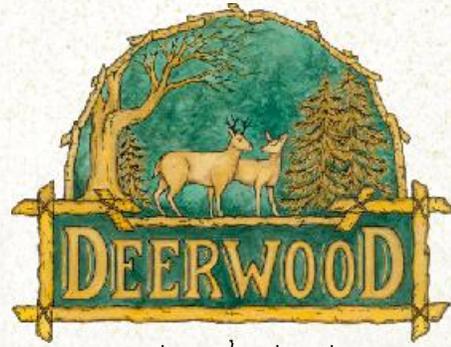
as avid local golfer Pastor Howard Davis has announced his retirement from the pulpit. In recognition of all he has done for the Island community, Sowa presented him with a special sand (wich) wedge - a golf club with a rubber hamburger in place of a club face. “I wanted to



Tim Martin plays it cool on the green to claim the championship.

get you something to remember us by and something that will help you on the golf course,” Sowa said in making the honored presentation.

Following distribution of all the prizes earned for golf expertise on each hole and too many door prizes—from hats and t-shirts, to books and calendars, to photos and paintings, to golf balls and accessories—to keep track of, Works expressed his thanks for the efforts of Sowa to make the golf tournament a growing success. “We really couldn't do this without Jerry,” Works said.



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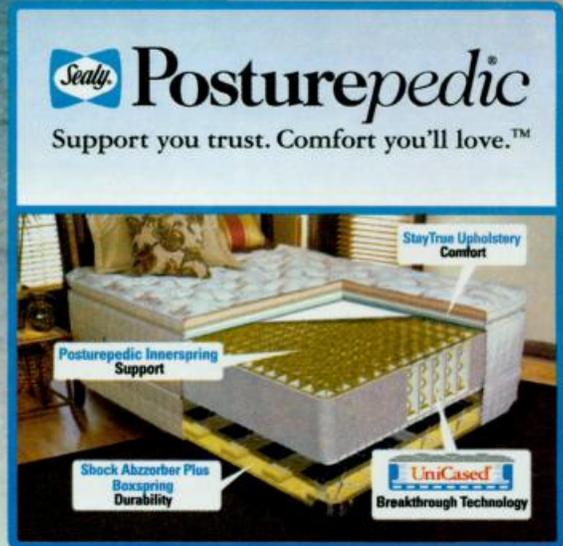
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Larry Green, who has been coming up from Clio to fish here for decades, wants to dispute the idea that big fish are only found in history. On July 7th he was trolling a spinner near Garden when a pike struck his bait. He knew he had something big on the line, but kept fighting and eventually got him in the boat. The 45" beauty weighed 21 ½ pounds!



Footsteps in the Night

Sometime during the night of July 21st, *Big Orange* seems to have met up with *Big Green* for an unauthorized party at Dalwhinnie—judging from the footprints leading to and up the stairs after cavorting through the parking lot next door. The McDonoughs knew the truth, though: “Obviously just two refugees from an Irish Flag factory.”

Ladies take to course by Frank Solle

The 11th Annual Ladies Golf Tournament was held at the Beaver Island Golf Course on Saturday, July 23. A field of 30 golfers was divided into eight teams with an early, 8:30 am ‘canon’ start provided by golf course manager John Works, Jr.



The ladies enjoyed a sunny and warm morning and the stellar play by a number of teams matched the wonderful conditions. Three teams finished the nine-hole course with sub-40 rounds, led by eventual champions Marg Charbeneau, Doris Larson, and Annette Dashiell who carded a one-over-par 36. Teammate Trudy Works was unable to join the field, but the other three rotated through her turns.



Another highlight of the day was the awarding of the two-year-old hole-in-one award. Tournament co-director Taffy Raphael said of the award, “We’ve had the Hole-in One Award and then called it the Eagle Award and no one has gotten it, so today it was renamed the *Birdie*

Award.” Angel Welke, playing with Donna and Louise King and Margie Robbins, accepted the prize as that team earned a birdie on the always-difficult third hole.

After awarding trophies to the winning team, Raphael and fellow co-director Ruth Kelly handed out door prizes to all participants.

Kelly was quick to acknowledge the many sponsors who contribute to this popular yearly highlight. As well as a number of individuals who donated gifts, local merchants who helped make the tournament a success include: The Beaver Boat-Tique, Montaaage, East Wind Spa, Livingstone Studio, Whimsey, Seven Sisters, McDonough's Market, Charlevoix State Bank, Harbor Market, The Corner Gas Station, The Beaver Island Historical Society, and The Beaver Island Golf Course.

Following the tournament the group gathered for a celebratory lunch at the Shamrock.

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Great Lakes Energy Representation

My name is Mark Carson and I am running for a Director's position with Great Lakes Energy. I would appreciate the chance to represent the Island as a spokesperson for all concerns. It is important that someone represent Charlevoix County and has some familiarity with Beaver Island. My father is retiring from his Director's position after 33 years and I would like to continue the strong representation he gave

to the Island. I currently reside outside Boyne City and work with Gordon Food Service in Petoskey. I am familiar with many Island businesses, and would appreciate the chance to help with your energy needs. Please take the time to vote through a mail-in ballot, which can be found in the July issue of *Country Lines*. Your consideration is appreciated!

Sincerely, Mark Carson.

EIR Theatre Closes its Doors

After its moving July 21st presentation of *Wives of an American King*, EIR closed its season early. Disappointing turn-outs, mounting salaries and lodging costs for their actors, royalty fees, and bad timing with the heightened demand for the use of the Parish Hall and the delayed opening of the Community House, put the squeeze

on the Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre.

Several individuals' donations helped launch the season. Yet it was not enough, and now the founders, Brian Porter and Kyle Barnette, will soon leave. During their time here, they became liked and respected members of the community. They, and their hopes and dreams, will be missed.

Another Sign that the Apocalypse is Upon Us

For all its charming remoteness from mainland and mainstream, Beaver Island is not immune to modern ways. Yellow lines on roads, white lines in parking lots, cappuccinos, the New York Times on the same day it's published, brewed Starbucks— all here now. What's next is also already here—the magic of Harry Potter. On July 16th, six cardboard boxes appeared at the Island Airways terminus. (No owls were seen.) Each came with a warning repeated four times: "Do Not

Open Until July 16!" Each came (with an eerie question: "Who is the Half-Blood Prince?") from Lexington, Kentucky courtesy of Amazon.com. And so a half-dozen Islanders were able to join with millions of eager readers worldwide in a 21st-century orgy of literary consumption— cracking open Book 6, discovering that the first word of the 652 pages is "It," and making author J.D. Rowling a millionaire once again.

— Peter Plastrik

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FOR SALE BY OWNER: END OF ROAD LOT - 500' to Lake. Contoured, very nice site - #211 on Font View Court. Includes 50' hill! ¾'s acre (double Assoc. average), many trees, great for modern creative and traditional architecture. Bordering 30 acres of dense trailhead land. Electric; close, septic approved. Private Association beach with site. Dues: \$28/year. Owner seeks best offer \$32,000 to \$27,000 before September, 2005. Adjacent Lake parcel sold for \$58,000. Maps, elevation, info & comps - email: ONTHENEWS@AOL.COM or call Mike at (917) 628-8263.

WEST SIDE LAKE MICHIGAN LOT FOR SALE - Lot 24 of the Western Shores Plat: 3.5 wooded acres, with 250' frontage on Greiner's Bay. Eight miles from town on Mrs. Redding's Trail. Very deep and private. Land contract possible with acceptable down payment. Contact owner Victor Dmitruk at (269) 207-2970 or email villpsych@aol.com.

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.

KING'S HIGHWAY LOTS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN - Two beautiful wooded lots right near town, the Brothers' Place, and the harbor. Asking \$40,000 each. Call (773) 646-1424 or email odatlo@aol.com.

10 ACRES OLD FOX LAKE ROAD Beautiful, wooded, great building site \$45,000, please call (231) 409-1214.

LAKE MICHIGAN LOT - 175 feet of frontage overlooking Garden Island and Hog Island. Pebble and sand shoreline near Lookout Point.

Call (616) 636-5685.

GREAT LOTS FOR COTTAGE IN PORT ST. JAMES - 3 to choose from. Wooded, power, perked, ready for building. Lake Michigan access nearby. Call (269) 857-6084.

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

TWO LOTS IN THE PORT OF ST. JAMES for sale - wooded, buildable, 118 & 119 @ \$20,000 each. Land Contract. Phone Julie at (616) 846-2637 or (231) 448-3143.

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

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

40 WOODED ACRES WITH CREEK - Driveway, clearing, and small storage building. State Land across the road. Located on King's Highway minutes from town. \$69,500. (616) 681-5466.



FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:

Four bedroom, 1 ½ bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. Asking price is \$225,000.

Call Ed Wojan Realty:

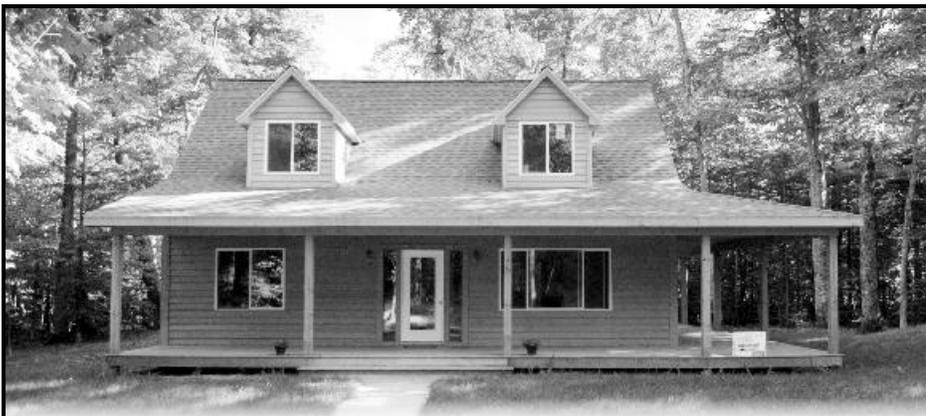
Real Estate Office: (231) 448-2711

Toll Free Number: 1-800-268-2711



HARBOR-AREA HOUSE FOR

SALE: 2-Story 2,688 sq. ft. house plus 2 car attached garage & full basement. 3 large bedrooms—master BR with private bath and walk-in closet, cathedral ceiling. 2 ½ baths. 2 decks. Approximately 1-acre corner lot. Peekaboo view of the Harbor. Potential for a bed and breakfast business. Asking: \$245,000. Owners are licensed agents. Call Jackie at (231) 448-2342



FOR SALE: BEAUTIFUL NEW HOME

Located in Port St. James, 1,800 sq. ft. home, planned for efficient living: 3 bedrooms and 2 full bathrooms, Cathedral ceilings (T & G Pine), large open loft, master suite with walk-in closet and master bath. Wrap-around covered porches, steep roofline with dormers, cedar siding. Beautiful wooded double lot. Quiet setting. One mile to Port St. James private beach on Lake Michigan. 1.5 miles to St. James village. \$225,000.00

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BEAVER ISLAND'S NORTH

SHORE: Two 100' x 400' +/- Lake Michigan lots on the North Bluff a mile from town on Indian Point Road. Each have a cute, usable, rustic 1 bedroom/1 bath cabin with enclosed porches, decks and views. Furnished and equipped. Shared drive and well; separate electric and phone. "Bluff" \$170,000, "Woods" \$165,000. Possible land contracts with substantial down payments. Call John Johnson, (231) 448-2533 BI, (305) 294-9909 FL, (305) 304-7188 Cell.



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. \$1095/week; spring & fall \$895. Limit 6 people. Please call (706) 268-2022, (219) 874-4676 May to Nov: 448-2001



SECLUDED BEAUTIFUL CHALET FOR RENT: 10 Acres of pine with 360' of sandy Lake Michigan Beach. 2-BR (including loft), one bath, Great Room with 2 sofa sleepers. Fabulous views of the Lake. Large decks. Sleeps 7. Across from state land and hiking trails. Satellite TV. No pets. No smoking. \$800 per week. Sept. and Oct. now \$200 off. Deposit required. Call Ed or Connie Eicher (810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257



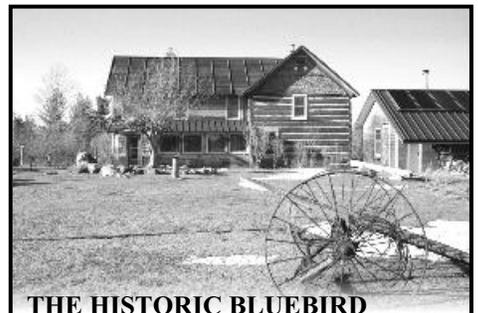
DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE: 3 BR, 2 BA, full kitchen, W/D, fireplace, secluded patio & deck surrounded by pines and bluff and overlooking one of Beaver Island's best beaches. \$850 per week June-September; winter rates available. Call (734) 996-3973 or suziqp16@comcast.net



HARBOR-LAKE FRONT: (one block W. of marina) Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. \$1,200 weekly. Call Patti Fogg (616) 399-5067 or email mfogg@egl.net



THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS: BEAUTIFUL SAND BAY SETTING FOR RENT: Why not enjoy the best beach on Beaver Island? This attractive cottage has 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath. Sandy beach. Screened Porch. Satellite TV. Gas Grill. \$1100/week. Call Ruth or Jackie at (231) 448-2342



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SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 3BR, great view, laundry, East Side Dr., brand new home. Call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be viewed at bayhaven.beaverisland.net

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THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location. 4 BR/2 Bath; W/D; Beautifully appointed. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733.

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

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THE BIRCH HOUSE ON FONT LAKE/ DONEGAL BAY ROAD:

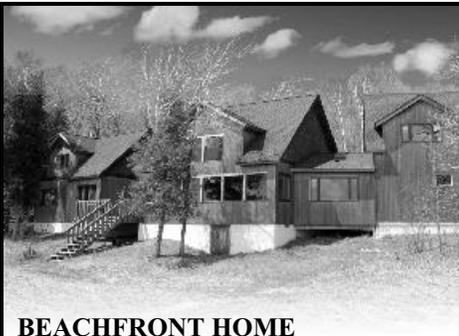
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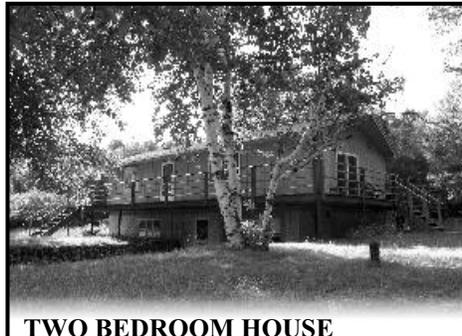


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DONEGAL BAY - Clean/Comfortable 3 Bedroom Home. Private Beach, Unforgettable Sunsets. July/August weeks available. Call Valerie Connors at (810) 487-1028.

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

DONEGAL BAY HOUSE FOR RENT - Nice wooded location. Two bedrooms. New kitchen. Summer: \$675. Off-season \$425. (269) 668-2763 or nprawat@yahoo.com

WESTPORT - Available for rent August and September. 3 bedroom, furnished, in town. \$525/week. Call (231) 943-7989 or 448-2513.

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