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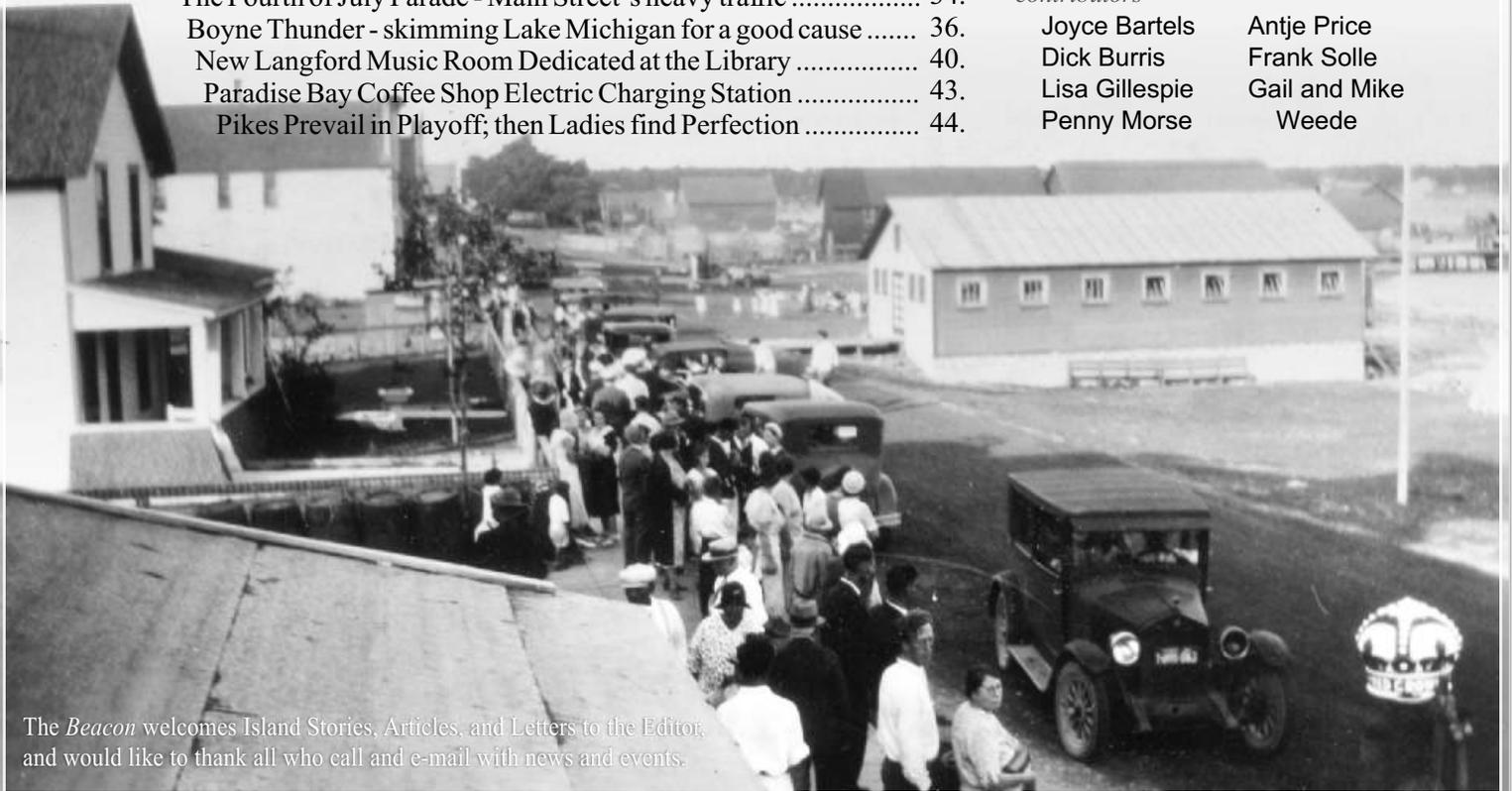
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

Peaine Township

The Town Board had to revisit the motion approving repairs at the Municipal Airport (ceiling cracks in the terminal; faded center line on the runways), redoing it as a resolution.

Most of the rest of the meeting was given to a discussion of the approach being taken to control *phragmites*. The DNR has obtained an Island-wide permit for spraying in September. Brian Mastenbrook has mapped all the infestations of the invader. Bids for applying the herbicide were received, ranging from \$650/acre to over \$2,000, and the low bidder has been told he will have the work. This firm uses botanists as its applicators.

Some money will come from a grant, but private property owners will be asked to contribute. The estimate was, \$100 for a 20' x 20' patch. (a *phragmites* treatment permission form is available at www.peaine.org)

Those who are unsure if the invader has rooted on their land can take a sample to CMU for confirmation.

The large patch at Cable's Bay was burned off over the winter, but has come back stronger than ever—as some predicted.

In other news, the Planning Commission was making cautiously slow yet steady progress on the lengthy process of updating its Tower Ordinance, and had approved a windmill tower.

Peaine Township was commended by the Michigan Townships association for its website, which was featured on the MTA's site for a week as a good example of providing easily accessible information to the public.

Note: Because both townships held their monthly meetings on the same day (because of the conflict with July 4th), after Peaine's ended there was a road race to St. James' Hall by the media, by those wishing to discuss something with both Boards (Pam Grassmick), and citizens who simply want to stay abreast of developments (such as Rod Nackerman).

Disaster Trailer Coming

The Charlevoix County Disaster Trailer will be on Beaver Island from August 10th to 12th.

St. James Township

St. James expected discussion on *phragmites* but did not expect a large contingent of AmVets to appear, yet they made up most of the 29 people in attendance. They had held their own meeting about the Resale Shop, and expected the matter of their meeting place to be resolved through a long-term contract with St. James giving them the use of the former Deputy's living quarters, about 200 ft².

They had to wait while other business was conducted. The Municipal Airport motion was reconfirmed as a resolution (low bids for the work totaled around \$19,000). Three road names were submitted by property owners to replace *Downer's Road*: Loch View, Limestone Ridge Trail, and Inglewood Trail; all had been checked for non-duplication in the county—the Board will make a selection by the next meeting.

Sarah McCafferty reported that the possible HIPPA violation matter had been resolved, unfortunately by the resignation from the EMS by Joe Moore.

Jack Spanhak, president of the Pt. St. James POA, said his organization would put up signs on its Donegal Bay Beach property warning the public to use caution because no lifeguard would be on duty, and these signs would be placed where they could broadcast their message to users of the adjacent township land.

\$833.60 was collected in donations towards next year's July 4th fireworks.

The *phragmites* project was also discussed. Letters to all shoreline property owners were to be sent soon, asking for permission to spray and requesting financial help. Even if it is completely eradicated, chances are it will reappear the same way it first arrived, and the problem will have to be addressed again. If it's not addressed, now or in the future, the consequences to the Island's ecology and economy could be disastrous.

The AmVets expected a 99-year lease to be ready for them to sign, but learned that the St. James attorney had declared that 99-year leases were

being phased out, and recommended a 3-year, automatically renewed lease be offered instead. It would dictate 1) no remodeling without permission; 2) the Township would not be responsible for any loss of goods; 3) the space must be maintained; 4) the AmVets would have to have liability insurance; 5) the lease would be non-transferable; and 6) the lease amount would reflect utility consumption.

Fire Chief and Board member Tim McDonough apologized for not having communicated better as the sprucing up of the donated trailers was being done and the realization that there was not enough space for both the Resale Shop and the AmVets was forming.

The AmVets were generally favorable but wanted to be assured that if they accepted this compromise, they would not be kicked out by a newly-elected Board in the future. The Township could only agree to supply protective language, and passed a provisional motion to do its best to satisfy the AmVets in this regard. After twenty-minutes of discussion the matter was settled to everyone's relative satisfaction.

Charlevoix PC is Coming

The Charlevoix County Planning Commission will be holding a regular monthly meeting on Thursday September 13th, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Peaine Township Hall on Beaver Island. Earlier in the day, the Planning Commission will be touring the Island and visiting sites (yet to be determined) in order to view recent, proposed new, and potential future development. Both the tour and the meeting are open to the public. All local elected and appointed officials and interested citizens are encouraged to join the tour as well as the meeting, during which there will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss issues of local, countywide, and regional concern. A tour itinerary and meeting agenda will be available in early September in advance of the visit. Please watch for postings at the Peaine and St. James Township Halls and the county website at www.charlevoixcounty.org.

If you have any questions, please contact the Charlevoix County Planning Department at (231) 547-7234 or send an email to planning@charlevoixcounty.org.

HEALTH CENTER: GOOD NEWS

At its July 21st meeting, the BIRHC Board discussed and passed its budget for the coming year. It announced that its Endowment Fund has now reached 7-figure status. And it has decided to place its funding hopes

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6. BIPOA ANNUAL MEETING

The Beaver Island Property Owners' Association held its Annual Meeting in late July, and proved itself to be the kind of unifying force our two townships need when confronted by a non-standard threat.

The evening began inauspiciously enough with a Treasurer's Report, which showed the organization to be fiscally responsible: they have over \$9,850 in total assets. The organization decided against changing its name, at least for the time being, because none of the proposed new names captured its mission with greater accuracy or had sufficient cachet.

The real purpose of the meeting was to discuss the necessity and means for mobilizing Beaver Island property owners, particularly of lakefront land, to fight the tenacious invasion of phragmites australis, the 10' +-tall reed that has recently started to devour our beaches. Towards that end the DVD

commissioned by Peaine Township, *Invasive Phragmites*, was shown by filmmaker Barbara Lucas. Running about 15 minutes, it describes both the problem and the cure.

Copies were for sale at \$1.50. The Library also has copies, and Peaine has been passing some out.

Brian Mastenbrook was there to describe the proposed eradication. The plant spreads by rhizome growth; these runners can quickly reach 20'. Once they've gotten their tentacles into the ground, they're extremely difficult to pull out. Usually pieces break off, and, like starfish, begin regenerating multiple plants.

So the only cure is to poison them. This must be done in the right manner with the right chemical at the right time of year. For us, the time is August 25th – September 25th. The operation would take a team two weeks. Bids were put out; the low bidder will charge

ISLAND EVENTS

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

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

Livingstone Studio Artists' Reception, Show, and Sale with more than 17 Livingstone Studio artists! - Aug 4th from 4:00–8:00 p.m.

PABI Sunset Picnic - August 5th 6:00.

Vote on School Millage: August 7th, at St. James Town Hall, all day

Soccer Camp - August 13th-17th

Charlevoix County Commission on Aging - B. I. Senior Appreciation Day on August 20th

BIHS Annual Meeting - August 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at Peaine Township Hall

Charlevoix Planning Commission: Meets at Peaine Hall, Sept. 13th, 7:00 p.m.

Celtic Games - September 15th

Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle 5k/Run/Walk - October 6th

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\$650/acre, and most individuals have a small fraction of an acre. Brian got the State to kick in \$2,400 for state beaches, and the townships are kicking in another \$2,000 each, so there's enough money to do almost 10 acres.

Preliminary estimates indicate the infestation is greater than that, but we aren't sure. We had a choice: spend a year figuring out exactly what's here (while it continues to proliferate), or start eradicating it right now. We chose the latter.

A letter-writing campaign is underway (by BIPOA, the Townships, and Ed Wojan Realty) to convince all lakefront property owners to at least give permission to eradicate any outbreaks on their land. Private property owners are being asked to contribute \$100 or so to make sure the entire Island is treated.

Even if every single beach owner allowed the sprayers to treat their land,

a few patches could be missed, and even if none were, more strands could break away from the mainland or other islands and wind up here. So no matter how successful this is, it will no doubt have to be done again—but probably less extensively.

The most important thing that happened probably was that the 68 people who attended shared this concern, and exuded a spirit of wanting to work together for the Island's good. This kind of camaraderie will help us rise to the next challenge, which is already on our doorstep: the algae that is clogging the shore water.

Towards the end of the meeting five new Board members were elected: Jane Dwyer, Paul Glendon, Peter Igoe, Bruce Jacobsen, and Craig Schrottenboer. Once the business was out of the way, everyone settled back to enjoy another of Barb Lucas's videos, *A Great Lakes Jewel*.

SUNSET PICNIC

PABI Presents...

The 6th Annual Sunset Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 5th, at the Port St. James Pavilion at Donegal Bay. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at dark. Music, food, and a

Champagne Toast at sunset will be offered. We ask a minimum donation of \$25 per person and that you bring your own beverage other than coffee and water. Reservations are suggested: call Sue at 448-2787.

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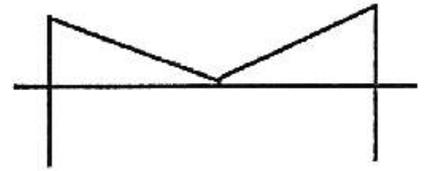
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8. BLOB, GLOB, AND CHUCK
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By now everyone knows that our intrepid pedicab driver, Levi Connor, is heavily involved in creating humorous, action-filled animated shorts, but because of limited equipment few have been able to view much of his footage. We were lucky enough to see 18 minutes of his latest claymation movie in which three poignant lumps, *Blob*, *Glob*, and *Chuck*, have a day right out of *Beavis and Butthead*'s chaotic life.

This movie required 3,800 still shots, all done on the floor of his studio with a Canon A540. Levi and his

friends (Mike McCafferty, Jake Drost, and Matt Cull) supplied the voices, with Levi playing several roles—and staying in character for each. In addition, and following his family's lead, Levi used a number of instruments (banjo, guitar, and harmonica) to add a music track. In the end, it was not enough to spare his characters some unfortunate turns of fate. Yet they survived, to boodle away another day.

This film included a chopper ride, a visit to a Lego castle, hasty wagers of vital clay, the loss of King Arthur, the watching of *Titanic* as a needed break, a

conversation with a skeleton, and fighting a duel. And that's just before breakfast—before it's over, they have several more adventures.

Levi started his filmmaking with iMovie on a donated Mac, but moved to a Roxio program on his PC. He works fast, but not as fast as new ideas come to mind. He's on track for a possible scholarship to the Interlochen Arts' Academy's new film school in the fall; if he's the one they choose, when he returns next summer, he'll no doubt add a pull-down viewing screen to his 1-mp nimble yellow rig.

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To the Editor of the Beaver Beacon:

We'd like to congratulate the School Board for their excellent presentation to the community on July 9th. We were especially impressed with the ideas for the new building and their plans to include the community at all stages.

First we were given a tour of the current school facilities, where some interesting facts were discussed; e.g. currently one boiler and six forced air furnaces heat the school.

The new plan would replace those six inefficient units with a modern efficient boiler, or perhaps a geothermal unit (if that is what the BI community decides). Also, the oldest section will require a large amount of money just to remain usable, as it needs a new roof and many other repairs and updates. We saw that the current classrooms,

science lab, and especially the preschool/kindergarten rooms are too small to work well (the science classroom has no room for true lab work and classroom activity, and the preschool area is too small for the nine students who will be attending and allows no space for growth).

Next we saw a presentation by the architect. He emphasized that this was just a preliminary plan awaiting more community input. It featured a better layout with larger, more spacious classrooms with more flexibility to accommodate differing numbers of students at each grade level.

It improves safety for the students, relocating the service drive (the current drive goes through the playground), consolidating the three play areas which presently are impossible for a single staff member to supervise, and

moving the office near the front door so all visitors who enter can be seen. We don't need a surprise.

We were impressed that the architect and the Board had carefully planned for the budgeting of this new building. With the current debt from the earlier bond referendum paid off this current project will not increase taxes at all. The architect also emphasized that he wanted to be fiscally responsible, but wanted a building which would make BI proud.

If BI wants to remain a vibrant community, it requires a school system that keeps current school families on the Island and encourages, not discourages, people from relocating here.

As taxpayers and property owners on BI it is our opinion that this plan will do that.

– Jim and Lynne Flanagan

A FARMER'S MARKET

It may not be true that some people were sitting around discussing what Beaver Island needed and the galoot in dungarees said, "I know! A farmer's

market!" But one is coming anyway, to the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop starting in August. It'll be held each Thursday morning from 9 to 11 a.m.

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It may not have been New York City. Or Paris. Or Rome. (Who wears that stuff anyway?) No, this time it was Holy Cross Hall, right here on Bea-

ver Island. And this time it was an exciting introduction to the sizzling hot fashions once again stylishly provided by Donna and Louise King of the Beaver Boat-tique for the

annual Fashion Show.

Year in and year out our two fashion mavens go well beyond the local tradition of Beaver Island being laid back, cut off, and halter topped, offering living proof that fashion and comfort can go hand-in-hand.

This year's show, again run by the good folks at the Preservation Association (PABI), was eloquently emceed by Lisa Gillespie (bedecked in a bright flower-highlighted dress and coordinated red hat), gloriously decorated by Sally Fogg with lavish floral arrangements plus sand-filled metal beach buckets complete with votive candles, which were later raffled off, and deliciously catered (sans charge no less) by Dusty Cushman.

Of course the highlights of the afternoon show were the five rounds of fashions and the

wonderful models who wore them. As the lovely models moved from the stage down to the main floor during each round, they were aided by the confident and steady hand of Ken McDonald. Between each fashion round the crowd was entertained by Sheri Timsak performing songs from her recent CD.

The opening round featured truly sizzling summer fun, led off by classically cool Jayne Bailey in a turquoise swimsuit. As the models rotated through each round, we next were treated to long and lithe Elaine West in a capri-length pants suit in a mix of light blues, demonstrating the wide variety of options available at the Boat-tique.

The second round raised the fashion bar a bit higher, highlighted by the snazzy sophistication of Nels Worsfold in a shear black and



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white combination ensemble. This round was capped by the demurely delightful Andrea Moore in another shade of light blue, this time in a long, soft cotton dress with summer top that tastefully matched plaids and flower patterns.

The third round was simply 'Here Comes Summer.' And here again was Jayne in another swimsuit, this time in black with gold leaf patterns and a matching beige shirt. The final model of the show, each time demonstrating outfits to match her pert practicality, was Angel Welke who presented an orange sherbet top with black slacks and matching accessories. Elaine's white slacks, yellow top, and matching sandals this time around seemed as though they came straight from her personal collection for fit and style.

The 'Summer Transitions' round brought Jayne out

it brilliant red slacks and a jungle-patterned print top with leopard spots and zebra stripes. Nels also had a patterned approach, albeit much more understated in the trim of her light, white pants suit.

As usual, the final round featured fabulous fall apparel. Nels opened the finale in dark red pants with a black sweater featuring merlot grapes, accessorizing with a wine glass as she meandered around the appreciative crowd. Andrea's black slacks were accompanied with a burgundy top and beige jacket. Elaine's colorful pink skirt with swaths of blue and green was topped with a denim jacket, while Angel's black outfit was adorned with a glittery peacock feather. Jayne's muted gray skirt was contrasted by a pink, zippered sweater jacket putting a colorful wrap to another terrific show.

Following a curtain call for the models and the fashion hosts, a number of prizes were drawn, including the centerpiece buckets and a \$100 gift certificate at the Boat-tique,

claimed happily by Skip McDonough. Everyone had a great time, for a good cause.

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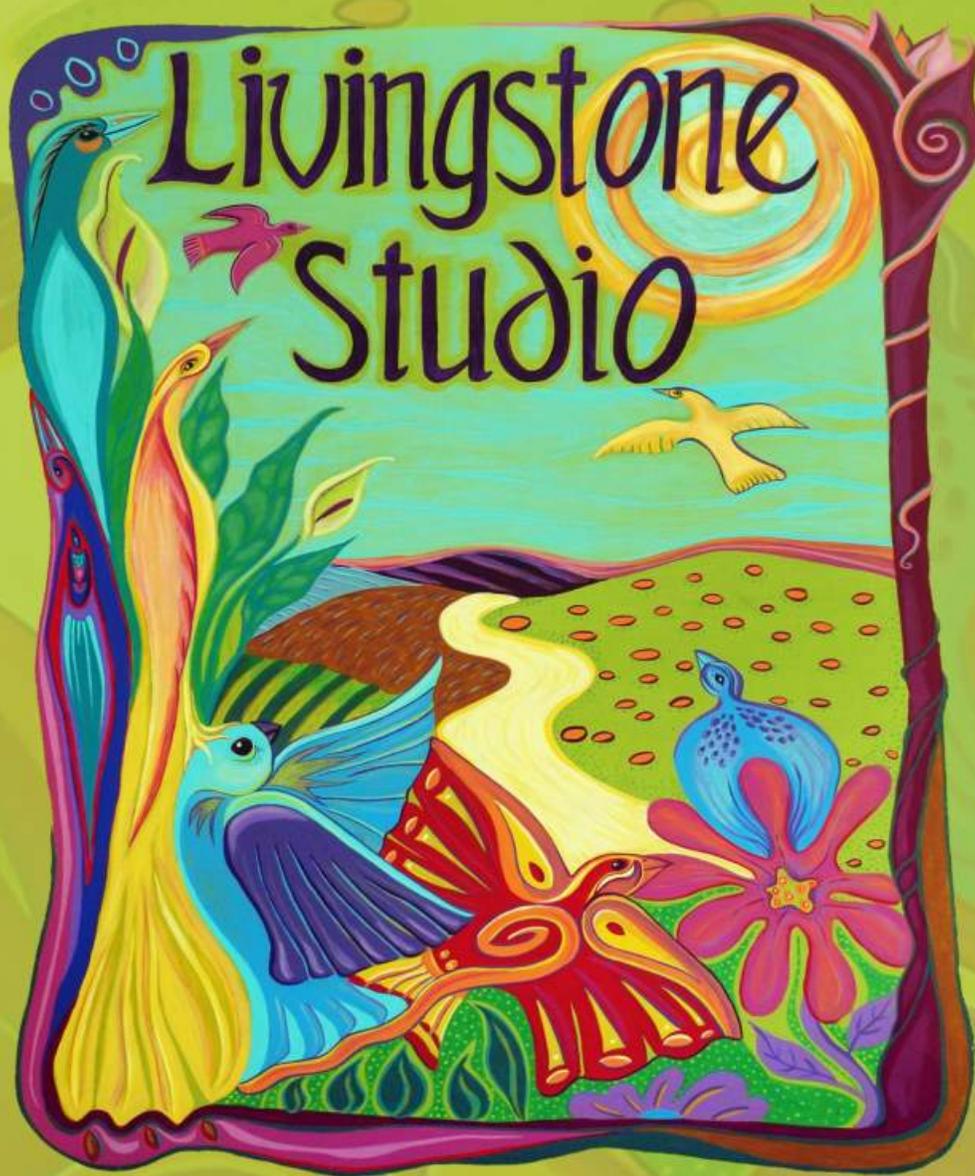





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The Little Traverse Conservancy's 60-acre Little Sand Bay Preserve is located near the Welke airport off East Side Drive. A mix of conifer forest, thick cedar swamp, and sand dune habitats are found at this property, which includes 1,300' of sandy Lake Michigan frontage.

The trail building process will begin on Friday, August 10th as Conser-



vancy staff and volunteers haul in lumber for the new boardwalk. The following week of August 13th, actual boardwalk construction will take place.

When: Friday, August 10th: 9 am
Saturday, August 11th: 9 am
Sunday, August 12th: 9 am

Additional boardwalk construction dates are yet to be determined for the week of August 13th. Please call 231.347.0991 for more information.

Where: Meet at the parking area at the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve

What: This will be strenuous work. The bulk of it will be hauling lumber. If you can come for an hour or several hours, all help is welcome! You will be joining a crew of staff and volunteers from the Little Traverse Conservancy. Refreshments will be provided. For more information or to let us know you'll be coming, please contact the Little Traverse Conservancy.

Let's outwork those darn beavers!

COMING ATTRACTIONS

AT THE BEAVER ISLAND RURAL HEALTH CENTER AUCTION

By now you may have noticed that nine features have been shown with nine winners announced! The BIRHC Silent Auction is still going strong, with many more attractions in August. If you have been (or have a desire to go) to **"The Island"** (Squaw Island), check out this Oscar-worthy performance by Ray and Nina which will take a final bid on Aug. 3rd! **"Arachnophobia"** is showing until the 3rd of August also, starring Ken Hogarth and his crew as well as supporting cast Liam and Marilyn Racine (Stoney Acre Grill)!

Then on Aug. 10th two more features end, **"Toy Story"** (starring Bill Freese and Mary Scholl), and **"The Burbs"** with Betty and Bob Hudgins,

Elaine and Steve West, and Don Mooney! Don't forget to check out Connie Wojan, Pete and Sandy Lodico, and John Roberts starring in **"Maid to Order"** with supporting cast Theresa and Larry Laurain. This ends on Aug. 17th. **"SAW!!!"** will run through Aug. 17th with a premiere performance by Dr. Charles Creasser.

We end up August's showings with these classics: **"The Lake House"**: romantic comedy (or drama!!) with Donna and Larry Kubic and a cameo appearance from Jen Jacobson Stevenson! (Final showing 8/24) as well as **"With Two you get Eggrolls"** starring the BIRHC staff, Kathy Speck, and Colleen Martin. We complete our

summer auction with two big Oscar-winning finales: **"Titanic"** (the BIBCo crew, Eula and Bill Thomas, and Eric and Dana Hodgson) and **"Gone with the Wind"** (starring Paul and Angel Welke and the Island Airways crew, as well as the staff at the Weathervane Restaurant, and the Weathervane Terrace Inn in Charlevoix). We will announce all the winners of July and August packages (through 8/17) in the September Beacon as well as the enormous thank yous to all our donors, and fundraising team. Final thanks will come in October due to deadline of the *Beacon*. Have fun and keep on bidding. Let's make it a success!!

— Leonor Jacobson
Auction Chairwoman

A CAMP QUALITY THANK-YOU TO THE ISLAND!

Thirteen teenage cancer survivors had a great time on Beaver Island thanks to your generosity and good sense of humor. The kidnaping by the costumed crew of the Emerald Isle, the treasure hunt and cookout on Garden Island, bike riding around St. James, an all-Island musical spectacular, and a road rally poker run with local Island teens all made this camp truly memorable. We would like to thank the businesses, groups, and individuals who helped: Beaver Island Boat Company, Beaver Island Historical Society, Charlevoix State Bank, Charlevoix

Lions Club, Ironton Congregational Church, Island Airways, Gordon's Auto Clinic, the Beachcomber, Stoney Acre, Dalwhinnie, the Toy Museum, Beaver Island Marine, Daddy Frank's, McDonough's Market, and Lakesports.

Several individuals added special events. The Island Beaver welcomed us with gift bags. Tina Walker, Mary Scholl, Eric and Dana Hodgson, John Works, John and Carol Runberg, Mike Collins, Diane McDonough, Bud Rouch, Darrell and Chris Butler, Michelle LaFreniere and the girls (Emma, Maeve, Brenna, Leah, Emily,

Caitlin), Ken and Betty Scoggin all pitched in. Musicians came from far and near to perform everything from traditional Irish Island music to rock-and-roll. We really enjoyed Danny and Danny, Brendan, Edward and Hilary, Rich, Cindy, Danielle, Jeremy, Cory, and Keith.

And we certainly cannot leave out all the wonderful Island bakers who provided goodies for the concert.

Thank you for helping us enjoy the perfect weather and Island hospitality.

— Eleanor, Nancy,
and the Camp Quality Teens

14. THE FINE ART OF FERRYBOAT SLEEPING

by Penny Morse

The Beaver Island Boat Company runs an amazingly efficient operation, but then they've had many years to perfect this profession. If you've ever observed the employees load or unload vehicles, cargo and passengers, you'll agree it is like watching a well-choreographed work team. There is minimal talk among employees and an economy of movement as every step counts toward sending the ferry off on time.

In addition, like any good ship, the decks and seating areas are sparkling clean, and this includes the rest rooms. Excuse me, I mean the heads.

We're in competent and experienced hands every time we ride the ferry, so go ahead and have that nap. After you've waved good-bye from either shore, let your eyes grow weary



by watching the sun sparkling on waves, or the clouds scudding across overcast skies. There is nothing you can do for the next two plus hours, so relax and select one of the following napping methods.

Using the larger, newer ferry, the *Emerald Isle*, for these examples, the first and most obvious is to sit in one of the cushioned lounge chairs. This is a no-brainer for napping. You're sitting

lower than the windows so it's hard to be distracted, and there are no open doors in this area to chill you with a breeze. Tilt your chair back and let yourself be lulled to sleep by the constant and gentle rumble of powerful engines doing their job.

Next is the sitting nap position, using any seat on either ferry. Best done with a baseball cap on to shade your eyes, but a parka hood pulled around the face can work.

Let your chin sink toward your chest and sway slightly with the ferry rhythm. Now let go and doze. If necessary, pretend you are back in lecture hall. Or bring a book which you leave open in your lap. This often fools some people into thinking you are seriously studying, until you suddenly give yourself whiplash by jerking awake.

The solid bench nap is done in the open air on the upper deck and is for the

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young and hardy whose bones haven't ached yet. Use a purse or backpack for a pillow, pull up your sweatshirt or parka hood to shield and cover your face. Close those gritty eyes and pass out. This is accomplished more easily if you have driven a few hours to get to Charlevoix, or if you partied all night on either shore.

There are tables with benches under a ceiling cover on the upper deck, which gives some protection from sun and air. These benches are perfect for the head-on-table napping position. Fold your arms on the table, cradle face in arms and snooze in fits and starts. Block out the occasional yapping of a dog, children running around, and the slap of playing cards on a nearby table. Wear your music ear phones if you have them. Imagine yourself floating on a cloud while Senior Captain Kevin McDonough or any of the competent captains steer a steady ship.

And the best is last: Lean over onto someone's shoulder, eyes drift closed,

and let your troubles go while sleep knits up that raveled sleeve of care, as Shakespeare said when poor old Macbeth had guilt-induced insomnia. It's preferable that you know whose shoulder you've just thunked your head onto. Actually, should you be traveling with others of your ilk, you could all sit in a row and form a chain of being, with each one sleeping on the shoulder of the next. The odd one on the end must be strong and able to sleep sitting up.

The *Emerald Isle* took her maiden voyage on May 23, 1998 so any glitches or kinks have long been resolved. However, knowing that won't help at all if you can't sleep due to motion sickness. Eating hard candy or crackers, and wearing Dramamine patches, are recommended. Sitting anywhere outside the lounges will give you lots of fresh air. Barf bags can be found in the heads.

The *Beaver Islander*, the smaller, older ferry was put into service in 1962. What a workhorse! The best ferry sleeping story we've encountered from

the *Beaver Islander* is about the couple who brought a sleeping bag along. They were regular ferry riders and had their routine down pat. She stepped into the bag; he zipped it up and positioned her lying down on one of the outside benches. Since it was a rough water day, he proceeded to fasten the sleeping bag, wife and all, to some toggle on the wall. And there he kept her safely from rolling off the bench while she dreamed of well-remembered balmy Beaver Island days.

I think we take this no-fuss, no-aggravation mode of transportation for granted. Let's give thanks to the dedicated and skilled professionals who operate the world's best ferry system. Barbara Swartzfisher, who manages the Beaver Island Transit Authority and Margo Marks, the Beaver Island Boat Company manager, deserve applause and appreciation. Without their skillful leadership, we might sit tense and vigilant on our ferry rides, instead of enjoying that much-needed nap.

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M U S E U M W E E K



In its 50th year of operation, the Historical Society went all out to stage a great Museum Week. The many Island visitors who set their vacations around these week-long festivities, as well as those who just happened upon them by accident, certainly had a good time.

The week began with Skip Duhamel's Totem-pole Carving—last year his demonstration was cut short by rain. Skip kept up a line of banter with the 60 onlookers. Someone asked, “what are you going to do with this totem pole?” “Well,” he said, “last



summer I backed into a Mercedes with my boom truck and crumbled its fender...so I thought I'd give it to him as a gift.” His hands stayed busy, running a chainsaw or malleting a chisel, but people were so caught up in his presence that some were surprised when a rough eagle suddenly appeared.

The evening's forecast was for rain, which would have forced *Music on the Porch* into the Parish Hall. But over 240 people showed up anyway, and were rewarded with two very talented young



and talented groups of musicians: Butch Ramsey's grandkids, and the Gerrish Brood. Barry Pischner sang and provided speakers and an amp, and Mike Hurkmans, whose throat was too raw for him to sing, brought his equipment. Many local favorites performed—including the Community Choir, the *Recordlerios*, and a new group, the Jaunty Sailors—but everyone was really waiting for a special surprise; for a grand finale, Martha Guth, direct from the Santa Fe Opera House, sent shivers up everyone's spine.





ON THE PORCH

Once again Antje Price—the “Protar lady”—arrived from Pittsburg to talk about our Heaver-sent Friend, and open his home. No one minds the bats who live under the siding there, but now there’s a wasp problem, which will be addressed as soon as cold weather comes. Yet almost 100 people stopped in to talk with Antje about Dr. Protar.

That evening Mike and Gail Weede held the crowd’s attention with their stories about diving on various wrecks. One was the *Niko*, which elicited a story from Rod

Nackerman in the audience: “My great grandmother was in Au Sable when the town caught fire. Many people retreated onto a sand spit, and were trapped there,

until the *Niko* was summoned. She backed into the sand, and there was a mad scramble to get on board. She made it, but before they were all aboard the stern caught fire and she had to leave. I always wondered what happened to her.”

A Great Lakes Jewel, the 15-minute video sponsored by BIPOA, was shown twice, and everyone enjoyed seeing Beaver Island

treated with such awe and respect. No wonder filmmaker Barbara Lucas received an Emmy for other work. That evening Andy Robbins played the first segment of the Beaver Island Music radio show he’s been preparing for a fall broadcast on K-zoo’s NPR, and the large audience thought “he got it right; he captured our musical heritage to a T.”

Thursday turned gloomy, but the overcast skies couldn’t deter over 150 people from attending Jim Gillingham’s *Amazing Amphibians and Reptiles*. Just as Jim raised his hand





JIM'S AMAZING REPTILES & AMPHIBIANS



to motion at the harbor, a tumultuous pounding hit the windows and a gust of wind blew in the opened doors. People rushed forward to find a deluge of rain and hail—so many large hailstones that a shovel was required to clear the way.

The wind too kicked up, hitting 30 mph and producing four to six foot waves. That would've been okay on any other day, but this was the afternoon when Mike Weede was trying to pick up Lee Boisvert from the north shore of Garden Island so she could deliver a talk about Keewaydinoquay that evening; thanks to a grant, she's midway through

a second book on Kee's life. Mike could see her on the shore, but there simply was no way to get her in the boat. Luckily, there was a standby plan: Stanette Amy, a Flint attorney and co-editor of the first book on Kee, arrived on the 5:30 ferry, and took Lee's place.

There were three special "general Nature Walks" in the mornings, one for adults and two for the kids, conducted by Jim and his staff. Thursday saw a little rain, but everyone took it in stride.

Someone said, "I didn't know Doris Larson was also a professional storyteller." Well, with Doris, the shorter list

is of the few things she can't do. She told some wonderful stories, set elsewhere but pointed here, as did Pinky, Butch Ramsey, and Ken Zick—who had broken a finger earlier in the day which he had to keep above his head. Butch talked about working as a boy for hardnosed Tony Wojan, who got so ticked at his crew over a minor infraction that he fired them all, but then had to go roust them from the Shamrock to give them their jobs back—because there was no one else here who could do the work, Tony said, or maybe just no one who'd put up with him.





SKIP'S TOTEM POLE CARVING : THE ART SHOW



Liz and Paul Niehaus have the ability to make everyone feel special, which they did in Saturday's Pet Show. Each entrant was given an award. Beaver Island is ideal for pets, and people bond with them more than elsewhere—as was obvious in each child's demeanor. We're particularly worried about bees, and were delighted when Dyanne Tracy opened her Saturday beekeeping class at CMU to BIHS patrons.

People arrived early for Pinky's bingo game; perhaps they'd heard about the dozens of door-prizes and cash awards supplied by the generous local

merchants who underwrote the week's cost. It was a perfect night for bingo, and everyone was happy to have come.

The real hit of the week, though, was the Art Show, for which the Christian Church generously offered the use of the new Gregg Fellowship Center. Lois Stipp stepped in as manager, and created a mood of conviviality. People came from every nook and cranny; a noted calligrapher arrived from China to see the show, departed again, but turned around and came back for a second look. Twenty-six artists displayed their work. Not everyone sold, but some

were amazed at their success. Total sales were over \$5,400.

It was a wonderful week in the middle of a wonderful summer, but it didn't just happen. A hundred and thirty people pitched in to achieve this success: donating merchants; artists; musicians; docents; equipment people; presenters; and gophers were kept so busy that some of them weren't able to take in their favorite events. The Historical Society thanks them all from the bottom of its collective heart, and promises to do everything it can to make next year's Museum Week even better.



20. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* trumpeted the approval of a million dollar ferry dock upgrade, thanks to a concerted effort by local businessmen and state and national government officials. Counting the new *Emerald Isle*, the new terminal, and other infrastructure improvements, ten million dollars had been spent in a short time to improve life on the Island.

Dermot Gallagher, Ireland's Ambassador to America, was expected on August 16th.

An article commended the five-year-old Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which had given \$30,000 to various Island projects—including the Little Sand Bay Nature Preserve, the new tennis courts, the Community House, and the just-rennovated Med Center.

The Community House backers had received preliminary drawings from the architect and engineer showing the proposed new structure.

Museum Week was a big success, with Antje Price talking about Protar and John Hajcek discussing the still-existing Strangite Community. Henry Hill presented stories from his book about Nomad and Cable's Bay, and Jayne Bailey answered the question on everyone's lips, "What do you do on Beaver Island in the winter?"

The local Boy Scout troop held its

first annual week-long campout on property south of the Golf Course. Each morning the trumpet roused the scouts at 7:00 a.m. for the beginning of a busy day, which included work towards merit badges. Glen Wagner spent a morning teaching the scouts golf swings; Shawn Pellon taught swimming and water safety; and Mike Russell supervised shotgun shooting lessons. John Works taught basic pioneering skills; Karoly Kiss taught carving; and Bill Markey gave a night astronomy class. On the final day the group roasted a pig for themselves and their parents.

Doug Tilly and Vince Pickhardt finished the new Cable's Creek Bridge. The next project was to be a wooden walkway through a swamp crossed by the Blue Trail.

The Allens and the Hanleys, who were sixty-year visitors (and full-time residents in the beginning) celebrated a large family reunion.

Mike Russell reported that a new Island Ambulance would arrive in August.

The person who vandalized the Municipal Airport was caught, arrested, and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

Lake Michigan was up 3" from the previous year, and stood at 8" lower than the all-time high, which had been

reached 11 years before.

Pat Rowley retired as school counselor after a fine career.

Marilyn Damstra organized and presented the 14th Fashion Show for the Med Center, drawing 98 guests.

Twenty Years Ago The August and September *Beacons* for 1987 are missing; if anyone has these issues, please send copies for our archive.

Thirty Years Ago Visitors arrived on the Island at a rate that set a record for recent years. The library too (the school library was open to the public during the summer) was setting a record: 44 hours open during the summer, 626 patrons, and 725 books borrowed.

The Historical Society was having trouble deciding on how to proceed with its planned "Post Office Addition" reconstruction. The first round of bids was too high, so new plans were drawn. Then it was decided to proceed piecemeal, with different subcontractors retained to perform different parts. Bill Welke did the excavation, setting aside the removed soil for a later archaeological sifting, and Dick Burris built the foundation. The plan was to rough-in the addition even though there might not be enough money left to go any farther.

Claire Cull contributed a limb from the genealogical tree of James 'Napper

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Tandy' Gallagher, born in Ireland in 1798. The next generation added Greens, O'Donnells, and McCauleys. Then came Malloys, Boyles, Roddys, *Piper* Gallaghers, and *Salty* Gallaghers. The fourth generation brought in Donlevys, McCanns, Lefts, and McCaffertys. Then came Gillespies and Culls, followed in the seventh generation by the people seen at this time on the streets of St. James.

The passing of Bishop McNeil was reported. Born in Evanston in 1908, he was posted to Wyoming, where he established many mission churches. In 1949 he was transferred to Sault St. Marie, and then was made the Bishop of Western Michigan. He and his wife became enamored of Beaver Island on their first visit, and soon acquired land and built a cabin on the East Side Drive.

Forty Years Ago Plans for Homecoming were taking shape: a roast beef dinner (\$3.00), the 'annual Homecoming parade,' and a dance at the Parish Hall. Prizes were to include a painting of the harbor done by Allie McDonough and a Shamrock Quilt made by the ladies of the Altar Society.

Agents from the Interior Department's Fisheries Division arrived to discuss 'the problem with Fox Lake.' The previously planted brook trout had developed gill lice, and the lake had too

many bluegills. The solution: poison the lake, and then restock it with rainbow trout. The poisoning was to be done after Labor Day, and the restocking via a special tank truck in the spring.

A wild turkey hunt was planned for early November; 100 permits were to be issued.

CMU held an Open House in late July, at which the projects completed by its students during their 10-week stay were on display.

The harbormaster's wife, Kay Hartzel, opened a beauty shop on the back beach.

Movies were being shown every Monday evening at the Episcopal Mission.

Jack Connaghan resigned as Peaine Supervisor and was replaced by Frank Schnaudigel.

The Grand Rapids Club planned its second 'Beaver Island Caper.'

An addition to the Main Street Power Plant was underway, to hold a new diesel generator.

The American Central Corporation was busy building new roads linking Font Lake, Donegal Bay, and Indian Point, drawing a mixed response from Islanders.

The Christian Brothers arrived for a 20-day retreat.

Fifty Years Ago The Historical Society was raising money to complete the restoration of the Print Shop by selling chances on a 10-hp outboard motor and a short-wave radio. President R. J. Hoffman announced that the location of the Island's first chapel (near Baraga's Landing) was registered with the Michigan Historical Commission. Tasty recipes for the BIHS Cookbook continued to arrive.

The great great granddaughter of John Comstock, who lived here during the Strangite Era, returned to see if anything had changed.

Sixteen pairs of new phone lines were being strung on new telephone poles. Equipment to make radio contact with Petoskey was expected to be installed behind the Gillespie home by mid-September.

The new fishing site on Lake Geneserath's North Arm was completed. Campers at the East Side Campground had come from as far away as Connecticut and Missouri.

Homecoming was to include a 'Big Dinner, Parade, and Dance.'

Nine boats from Petoskey's 'Cruising Club' stopped at Paradise Bay.

Francis Partridge, former teacher at St. James, was appointed to the North American College in Rome.

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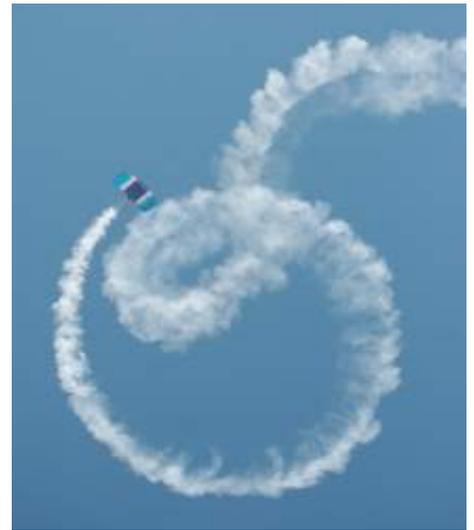
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22.

Luther Kurtz and his skydiving team dropped in on Beaver Island's Fourth of July festivities right on schedule, corkscrewing onto

their target at the shore's edge with grace and precision—even though a wayward wind seemed determined to blow them out to sea. Our resident canonmaster

was ready to test the Security Fence to kick off the parade (his smoke went right through it) and boats began their courtly Harbor Dance shortly before dusk.

Donegal Bay Sunset

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23.

The Parade of Boats is a stirring sight to behold—and is even better if you're on board one of the participating watercraft, festively illuminated and

part of a well-coordinated group activity with an audience of hundreds on the shore. This ritual has come and gone in past eras, but plans are being made to

increase the number of boats to three or four dozen in the next few years, and devise some choreographed patterns, double figure eights.

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A staple of the war, this B-17G "Flying Fortress" was built by Boeing and delivered on July 16, 1945. The plane has a wing span of 103'-9" and a length of 74'-4". The B-17 requires a

crew of 10: a pilot, co-pilot, navigator, bombardier, flight engineer (top turret gunner), radio operator, 2 waist gunners, a tail gunner, and ball turret gunner. The B-17's weight empty is 34,000 lbs; gross wartime weight was 65,500 lbs; and with a fuel capacity of 2,180 gallons it had a combat range of 1,850 miles. The armament consisted of

13 Browning M-2 .50 caliber machine guns, firing 13 rounds per second.

The maximum bomb load is 8,000 lbs, but with external racks it could carry up to 17,600 lbs. It has a top speed of 300 mph at 30,000' with a maximum continuous speed of 263 mph at 25,000' and a cruising speed 170 mph. The fuel consumption is 200 gallons per hour, so



Nine members of Beaver Island Amvets Post 46 flew to Charlevoix as guests of Island Airways, who helped sponsor this historic event, to see, tour, and in one case, fly, in the Yankee Air

Museum's restored B-17G bomber, the *Yankee Lady*.

Doug Hartle, Chuck Schellenberg, Brian Gallagher, Ed Eicher, Phil Gregg, Red Rowley, Carl Felix, Vince

Beilman, and Steve West made the trip. Beilman was the lone member to take a flight in the "Flying Fortress." While he had never flown in one before, his squad leader in the Air Force had flown



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it costs roughly \$1000 per hour to fly, and \$1800 an hour when you figure in insurance and other costs.

The aircraft is powered by four Wright R-1820-97, 9 cylinder, 1200 HP turbo-charged radials with a takeoff distance of 3400' and landing distance of 2900'. 12,732 B-17s were built, peaking at 16 planes a day in April 1944. The

cost was \$276,000 (in 1944 dollars). Today there are only a dozen still flying.

This particular plane never saw combat, but it had many lives, including being used by the Coast Guard for air-sea rescue and iceberg patrol. It was also used to fight forest fires and apply pesticides for a company in Mesa Arizona. And it was used in the filming

of the 1969 movie *Tora, Tora, Tora* in Hawaii. The Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run in Belleville Michigan bought it in 1986 and took 9 years to restore it to war-time condition. From May to October they tour air shows from New York state to Minneapolis, working every weekend. You can learn more at www.yankeeairmuseum.org



more than twenty B-17 missions during WWII.

It was a moving experience for all the former servicemen, and it was a big hit for the many visitors, young and old,

who flocked to the Charlevoix Airport for tours of this restored bomber.

The Chamber of Commerce is hoping to bring the *Yankee Lady* to Beaver Island next July 18th-19th. "We

need ten \$700 sponsors to bring the *Yankee Lady* to Beaver Island next July. Four have already signed up," said Chamber Director Steve West. Contact the Chamber at (231) 448-2505.



BAROQUE ON BEAVER 2007



Thanks to the BICAA (the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association), we were once again blessed to have sublime music superbly played and sung by a

large group of over 70 Island and visiting professional musicians. The tone was set by conductors Jason Economides and Will Nichols, who directed perfor-

mances at CMU, the Christian Church, the Parish Hall, and on the Harbor the closing week of the month.

Soloists Lynn Hansen, Bethany





Dunford, Sara MacKimmie, and Wilson Nichols raised the bar—and our hopes and expectations for next year.

Our benefactors even took the time

to teach a kids music camp: Lynne Tobin, Miranda Rooy, and Robin Lee Barry tutored three dozen students, including Islanders Meg Works and Dan

LaFreniere, instructing them in technique and showing them that there's a world of music out there waiting to welcome them—if they continue to work.





IRISH ROAD BOWLING COMES TO BEAVER ISLAND

Frank Solle and John Crouse have come up with yet another way for Beaver Islanders to celebrate their Irish heritage. The two men are organizing an all-Island Irish Road Bowling league.

The sport, dating back at least 300 years, was played by men in the military as a way to alleviate boredom between battles. According to Solle, who learned about the sport listening to NPR, four-person teams *bowl* down country roads using tennis-ball-size, cast iron cannon balls to reach a predetermined mark. The team that reaches the mark in the least amount of throws, wins. In Ireland, the mark, or goal, was usually a pub or country inn.

"The course we are planning to use," says Frank, "is the full 1.5 mile length of Paid een Og's Road, from King's Highway to the Municipal Airport." After each game, players will retire to Donegal Danny's Pub to recount heroic throws and exaggerate the

performance of both winners and losers.

Irish road bowling has an interesting history. According to Solle, who has researched its origins, the Irish militia would sneak into British army encampments late at night to steal cannon balls. Rather than carry the heavy munitions, they would roll them along the road on their way back to camp. These night forays became a kind of game, and before long the fun-loving Irish were making up rules and keeping score.

The sport, while not yet an Olympic event, has plenty of die-hard fans. "It's a pretty big deal in the mountains of West Virginia," Solle says, "where there is a large concentration of Irish descendants whose ancestors settled the area in the 18th century. West Virginia is definitely the capital of Irish road bowling in America." And it's returning to Ireland.

Can women join? According to Crouse, "any adult who is not embarrassed to wear the league's official T-shirt is invited to join the fun." He would

not reveal the league's slogan, but we imagine it has something to do with the smallish cast-iron cannon balls the players use as "bowls."

The first game, which will be scheduled for sometime in early September, will be used to gauge interest in having Irish Road Bowling become an official Island sport. "If there is enough interest," says Frank, "we'll ramp up for a full-blown league in 2008."

Anyone interested is invited to attend an organizational meeting on August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at Donegal Danny's Pub, the league's official headquarters. Solle and Crouse will talk about the history of Irish road bowling, explain the rules, and sign people up for the September event.

"Who knows," say Frank and John, "if there's enough interest we might even form a traveling team and head down to West Virginia to compete." But, the two men caution, that's a long way down the "road."

by Gail and Mike Weede

Hog Island shoal, an insignificant bump on Lake Michigan's bottom, comes within 4' of the surface, with the nearest point of dry land being over 4 miles away. It's large, $\frac{3}{4}$ mile by $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and is marked by a buoy at its south end. The water depth varies from 4' to an average of 12'. The bottom is littered with large rocks. The water is clear.

It is difficult to imagine the perils the early sailors experienced on a night with the winds howling and no reference marks, trying to keep their boat in the deep water needed for safety. The *Queen City*, a 3-masted schooner, carrying coal, fell victim to just such a night. Maritime records from Bowling Green, Ohio, claim that "on September 23, 1895, the *Queen City* was driven on the reef and sank. Her crew escaped in the rigging. Beaver Island lifesavers rescued them the following day after a great struggle."

The *Queen City* wreck is a familiar site for local divers. It lies on the NW corner of Hog Island Shoal in 23' of water, about 100 yards from a shallow spot. Big timbers and cable make up the majority of the debris

from this wreck. It is broken into three major parts, which cover a 300' radius. The site is home to smallmouth bass, crayfish, and the omnipresent zebra mussels.

One of the most impressive artifacts on this shoal is a large rudder 12' x 4" x 10" thick. I originally thought it was from the *Queen City*, but that rudder had been salvaged 20 years earlier and is now a bar top. Where did this rudder come from? With a more complete survey of this site, we also discovered a huge cast iron bilge pump 2' x 3' x 2"—the kind that would take two men to pump. Portholes were also found in this area, and two blades off a propeller were located 40' away. Upon inspection, we concluded that this was a massive prop because the blades were about 40" long; they came from a propeller 8' in diameter. We also found a number of wooden spikes. Most of these are the square type, 6" to 10" long; these were used by builders of wooden ships. Also, many 1'-long $\frac{3}{4}$ " steel rods were found. These are sized to hold wooden planks together. (They drilled holes in the side

of a plank and then inserted these so the planks would stay in place, when wooden ships were being built.)

Why are all of these parts scattered 250 yards from the wreck of the *Queen City*? They must be from another wreck; the *Queen City* was a sailing vessel. If it is another wreck, where is the wood? How did the bilge pump end up here? If it burnt, where is the residue? Some pieces should be left. If ice dragged it into deeper water, it must be a long way away because we have looked around the site in a $\frac{1}{2}$ mile radius. If it was salvaged, why are all of the nails and pins on the bottom?

On a very calm day the clarity of the water in the Beaver Archipelago allows you to search to a depth of 40' or more. The bottom changes over time because every year the ice moves things around. Some artifacts are covered and some new things may be exposed.

Pieces to the puzzle of this shipwreck are still missing. Or is it a combination of wrecks? Hopefully, more treasures or clues will uncover themselves, so we can solve this mystery.



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279 feet of pretty good lake frontage (not exactly sandy beach but much better than the heavy rock frontage that you find on much of the west side). This lot is accessed by a common driveway on the lot line between Lots 3 and 4 of this plat - take the driveway to the right at the Y. This driveway is the first driveway south of the large turn-around cul-de-sac that is on Lot #1 at the end of the County road. This lot is over 500 feet deep. It is 235 feet wide with 279 feet of actual beach frontage (it's actually a little more than that out at the water's edge). The owners of this lot put in a driveway to a small clearing that has a picnic table at what would probably be the ideal building site. They have not yet trimmed all of the trees out front of the building site so purchasers can select which trees they want to remove and which trees will be saved. You can frame the view according to your likes. There are a couple of paths leading from the opening created out to the edge of the shore. The owners love this lot and are only selling to be able to buy a home that just came up for sale at the north end of Sand Bay. They have rented this home for years and like it enough to let Lot 3 go in favor of a house already built. Sellers are anxious to make a deal with someone. Lot 4 immediately south of this lot is offered for sale by Beaver Island Realty for \$375,000. Lot 4 has a very large opening for a building site with most of the trees out front already removed, but it actually has less frontage than Lot 3. Enjoy year-round sunsets from a western-facing lot at a lower price per front foot than most have been selling for lately. This offering of Lot 3 is a real bargain and is priced to sell quickly at **\$205,000.**

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30. GILLINGHAM ACADEMIC CENTER DEDICATED

by Frank Solle



Gillingham and Hinds cut the ribbon - the 'formal cut'



Hinds addresses the crowd gathered in the new building

It was a great day. It was a great crowd. And in the end it was a great event that built to a great finish.

Speakers, including Central Michigan Biological Station (CMUBS) director James Gillingham, Dean of the College of Science and Technology Robert Kohrman, and CMU President Michael Rao, took turns describing the process of designing and getting the new facility built, the ongoing role and importance of the recently-purchased Whiskey Point Boat-house, to the advances of CMU in general, and the critical role CMUBS plays in that.

Then former CMUBS student, current Vice-Chair of the CMU Development Board, and major donor to many of

CMUBS's recent acquisitions, JoAnn Hinds, spoke of what CMUBS meant to her before she had the pleasure to announce to the large crowd gathered in the new auditorium the highly-guarded decision that, indeed, the new building was to be named *the James C. Gillingham Academic Center*.

A stunned and humbled Gillingham received an equally-stunned hug from his wife Mary before returning to the podium to thank Hinds and all those behind the decision to bestow this honorarium upon him. "I don't know what to say," Gillingham somehow stumbled out in a soul-search for the suddenly-needed right words. "I've never had anything like this happen to me in my entire life," he said. "It's just wonderful. Thank you. I can't thank you enough."

With that short acceptance address, the event moved to the auditorium doors, where Gillingham and Hinds attempted to officially cut the ribbon, opening the building, but the makeshift wooden scissors weren't up to the task. But the ever-ready Gillingham pulled out his trusty Swiss Army knife, complete with scissors, and the deed was done.

In his opening remarks, after welcoming the crowd to this state-of-the-art facility that includes fabulous laboratories, a complete scientific library, and a computer lab second to none, Gillingham acknowledged the efforts of the many people, from the architects to the Beaver Gems construction team to the CMU support personnel to the generous donors who made the whole project possible. He also gave a brief history of CMUBS, describing it as a two-phase



President Michael Rao



JoAnn Hinds



Swiss army knife rescue



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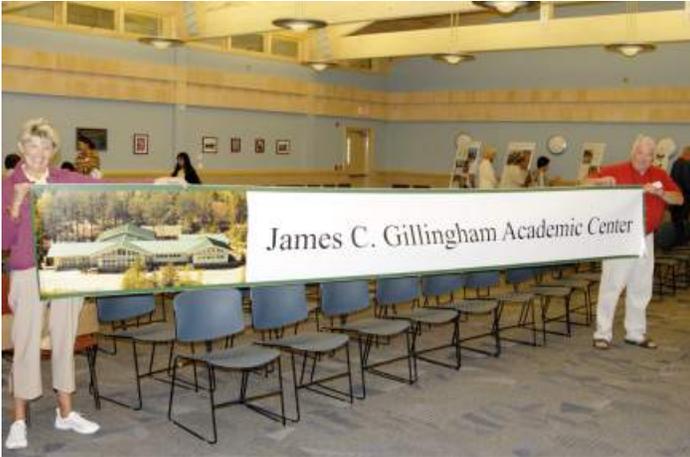
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Gail Moore and Jim Gillingham



Gillingham shows "Ellie's Board of Education"

process of the "early phase" and the "re-cent phase."

In describing the early phase, under the direction of CMUBS's first Director, Matt Hohn, Gillingham noted the far-reaching foresight of the University's \$1.00 purchase of 40 acres along Sand Bay. He credited Hohn for obtaining the first National Science Foundation grant in 1962 to get the education program established at the new CMU Beaver Island Center, as it was first called. Then, in a surprise gesture, admitting that even the Directors occasionally require direction, Gillingham brought out a piece of history that had once been given to Hohn—a wooden paddle appropriately named "Ellie's Board of Education," in honor of Hohn's wife who had not only been the first cook at 'the Center,' but also a longtime member of the Beaver Island Commu-



Gillinghams React

nity School Board of Education.

It wasn't long before CMUBS was operating in full swing. "By 1970 we were doing nothing but teaching biology here, and the name was changed from the CMU Center to CMU Biological Station," Gillingham told the crowd. "That's why to this day many Islanders refer to 'The Center'," he added.

Then, looking around at the packed auditorium, Gillingham, who has been the Station's director for the past 22 years, stated, "We've come a long way."

Yet the CMUBS journey is far from over. Dean Kohrman spoke briefly on the ongoing Whiskey Point Boathouse project and how it will enhance research. "Today CMU is one of the very best places to come and do research, especially at the undergraduate

level," he stated.

CMU President Rao continued the praise for CMU and for the CMUBS. "This Center is an incredible resource for us," he said. "It advances learning, research, and discovery focused on Michigan and the sciences."



Dean Robert Kohrman

"The Academic Center is incredible for advancing respect for our environment, which takes the kind of understanding that can only come from an immersion in this beautiful natural laboratory," Rao said, explaining that at CMUBS the focus is on "stressing the importance of doing hands-on work during the educational process, as an undergraduate, right away, not after you graduate or go to work."



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from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, August 1, 1907 **Beaver Island News:** "U. S. Naval ship *Dorothea* was in the harbor this week."

"Schooners *Quickstep* and *Simmons* loaded here this week."

"Noble Stevens and wife are visiting friends in Manistee."

"Miss Mary Johnson who has been in Detroit for the past year or so is here for a few weeks visit with relatives."

"The ball game this week between the Island team and Naubinway resulted in victory for Naubinway by a small margin. This is the first game the Island boys have lost this season."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, August 8, 1907 **Beaver Island News:** "Dr. J. R. Gardner and wife, from Iowa, visited this Island last week. Dr. Gardner is a cousin of Dr. Wilkinson of this place."

"C. O. Butler, wife, and son called at this port with the government launch *Sneak*." (Note: C. O. Butler, wife, and son, Milwaukee, appear in the Beaver Hotel register, July 29th, 1907)

"Mrs. Charles Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Stoke and family of Chicago, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John McCann."

"Mrs. O. D. Gallagher, of Chicago is

visiting relatives on the Island."

"Mrs. P. Roddy and Mrs. J. Sheridan, of Milwaukee are visiting with their mother, Mrs. Mary Norton for a few weeks."

"The Car Ferry *Manistique* brought over five hundred excursionists to this place Sunday on occasion of the unveiling by the 'Modern Woodmen' of a monument to one of their brothers who was interred here."

"Mrs. J. P. Maloney of Chicago, and the Misses Jones and Reed of Charlevoix, are at the Gibson House for a few days."

"John Roars, of St. Louis, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Donlevy."

"Miss Abbie Roe and niece, Mrs. Abbie Shay, of Harbor Springs, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Donlevy. Miss Roe is Critic teacher at the Ypsilanti school."

"W. A. Johnston, wife and family from Northport are here visiting friends. Mr. Johnston was formerly book-keeper for the Lumber Co. here."

"Mr. Paul Kursh (sic) of Rock Island is visiting with Mr. F. Protar."

"Mrs. James Connor of Rock Island, Ill., is here for the season. Mr. Connor has been coming to the Island for the

past ten years."

"Miss Margaret Shied of Manistee, is visiting her brother W. A., book-keeper for B. I. Lumber Co."

"Editor W. A. Smith and son-in-law paid the Island a visit last week." (Note: W. A. Smith, Charlevoix, appears in the Beaver Hotel Register, July 3, 1907)

"The Misses Lillian and Anna Green of Charlevoix spent last Sunday on the Island."

"Mrs. D. C. Gallagher returned from a visit with relatives at St. Ignace. She was accompanied by her two nieces the Misses Annie and Carrie Gallagher."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, August 15, 1907 **Local News:** "James Donlevy and supervisor W. J. Gallagher spent Sunday in town."

"The Beaver Island tug *Elliot* went home Friday, after extensive repairs at Washburn's yard."

Front Page Article: "W. J. Gallagher Appointed Deputy Oil Inspector. The governor has appointed W. J. Gallagher, of St. James, to the position of deputy oil inspector for this district. Mr. Gallagher will remove to Charlevoix."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. Oscar Martin and daughter are visiting friends and relatives in Cheboygan."

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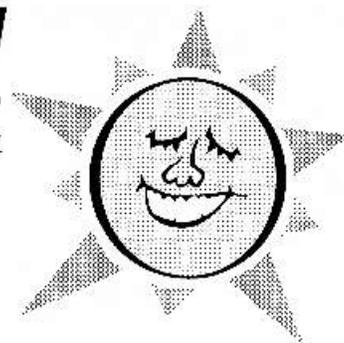
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Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

"Mr. and Mrs. John Stafford are visiting at Northport for a few days."

"Mr. Swift and his Beulah Home Boys spent a week on the Island."

"The tug *Elliot* returned from Charlevoix after receiving a thorough rebuild."

"Mrs. John Sharkey and Mrs. Brian Gallagher, of Manistique, are visiting friends here."

Miss Mamie Gallagher paid Charlevoix a visit last week."

"Barge *O. E. Parks* loaded ties here for John W. Green."

"Capt. M. J. Fitzsimmons, of Escanaba, is here in answer to a telegram sent him a few days ago that his father had a paralytic stroke. The captain will remove his father to his home."

"Mrs. P. Joyce and daughter of Escanaba, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Bonner."

"Married, at the Holy Cross Church, Wednesday, August 7, Miss Margaret O'Donnell to Mr. Charles Roddy. Rev. Father Naubert performed the ceremony."

"Mrs. Don J. Martin has gone to Chicago for a few weeks visit with friends."

"Mr. Will Woodard, of Manistique,

is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Floyd."

"The tug *McCann* came in one day this week with fifteen hundred pounds of whitefish, five hundred of which were of the large 'Jumbo' species, weighing from ten to fifteen pounds apiece."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, August 22, 1907 **Beaver Island News:** "Mrs. Wm Depell is visiting friends at Manistique this week."

"M. F. O'Donnell, of Grand Rapids, is here for a few days."

"Capt. C. C. Allers returned from South Haven with a lathe mill which he will erect on his premises."

"Mr. H. Stafford and his two sons of Chicago, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sendenburgh."

"Mrs. John Gallagher and children of Escanaba are visiting friends here for a few days."

"Frank Roddy lost a valuable horse a few days ago."

"H. S. Davis of Detroit, has rented the Donlevy dock for the season. Mr. Davis represents the Wolverine Fish Co. who will have two tugs here by October 1st."

"Captain James Gordon has sold the tug *Badger* and will purchase a larger and better boat."

"The Misses Elizabeth and Agnes

Floyd are visiting friends in Charlevoix this week."

"Barge *M. Sicken* unloaded coal here this week for James McCann."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* Thursday, August 29, 1907 **Beaver Island News:** "Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCauley of Manistique are visiting their daughter Mrs. Fred Nackerman."

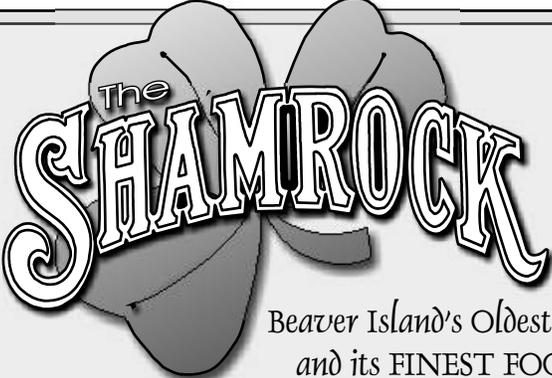
"Mr. George Hanaford of Traverse City, transacted business here last week. "Mr. Hanaford expects to have his mill in operation on High Island by October 1st." (Note: George Hanaford, Traverse City appears in the Beaver Hotel Register August 20, 1907)

"Mr. Wm. Depell is in Manistee this week."

"A. Richards of Charlevoix, was a visitor here last week."

"The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Green and Andrew Gallagher, two well known young people of this place, took place Wednesday morning at 9:00 in the Holy Cross church. Rev. F. Naubert officiating."

"Mrs. Patrick McCauley and Mr. B. Gallagher visited here last week on the occasion of the marriage of their brother Andrew." (*August - Grasshopper plague. F. Protar*)



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water balloons, and a garden hose.

Before the parade set off down the hill and along Main Street, the crowd was regaled by the Community Choir, featuring thrilling solos by Senator Hoffman's wife, Denise. A new group, the Jaunty Sailors, strutted their stuff

before Choir leader Kathy Speck directed several patriotic songs.

Then it was time to reenact the Battle of Whiskey Point, with cannonmaster John Works deliberately turning his big gun the other way to not emulate King Strang.



The Parade had everything: our proud veterans; our current deputies; much of our large equipment (fire trucks and the giant new airport plow), and two 6'-tall dancing beavers. Clowns; bees; family groups; the Ambassador from Hog Island; and the

Rocking Evans were there. Candy was thrown, and the kids scooped it up.

Then it was on to the Carnival, with jugglers, merchants, and a dunk tank.

That evening a haze prevented seeing the mainland fireworks, but we didn't need them because our own were so

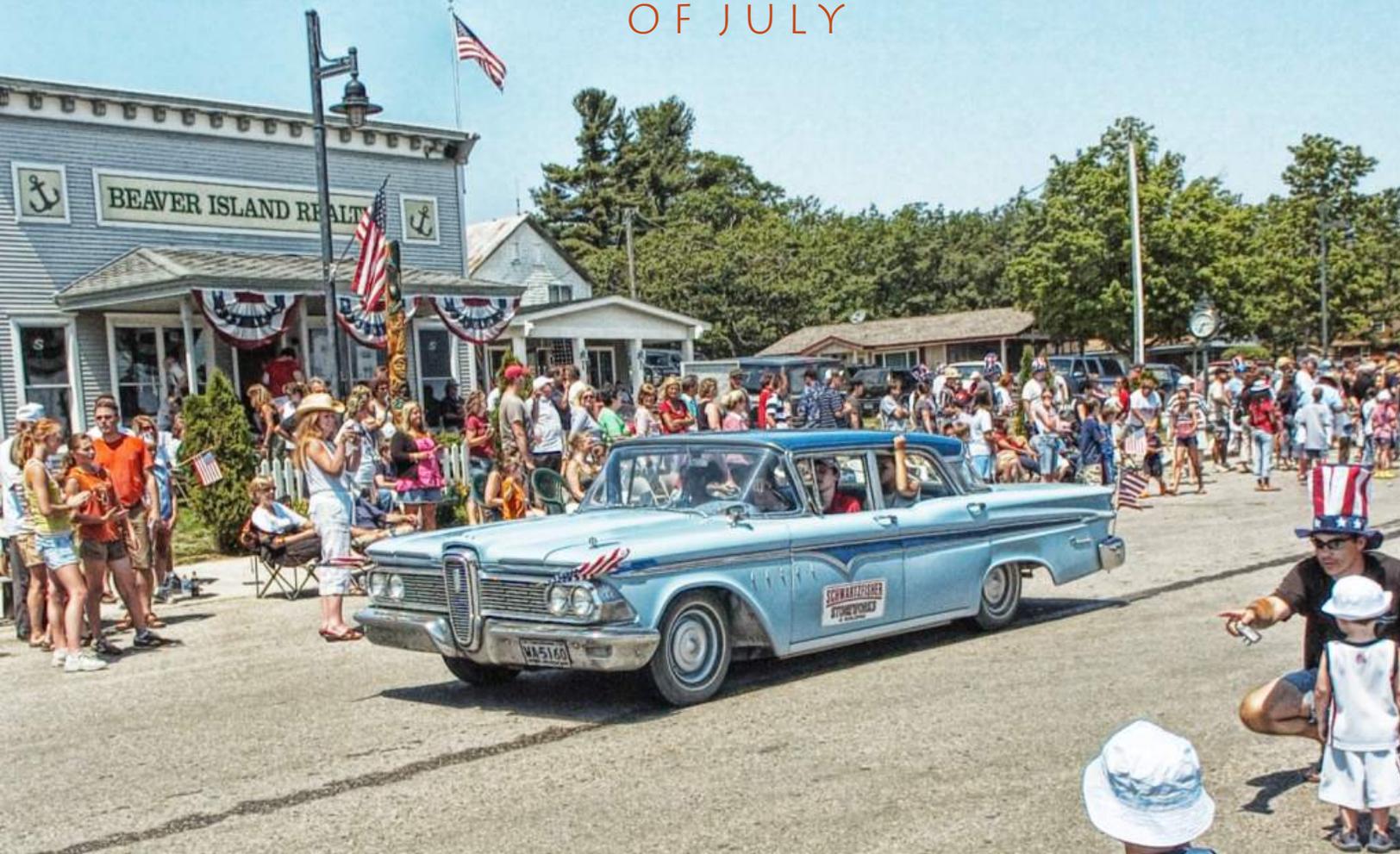
spectacular—perhaps the best yet! Afterwards we enjoyed our once-a-year traffic jam, with taillights cresting on a sequence of rises out in front. For 15 minutes it was a little like the mainland, reinforcing our feeling that we are all so lucky to have been *here*.



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July 21st was not a day to worry about reducing your carbon footprint, but instead to push the throttles forward and feel the wind in your hair while skimming across Lake Michigan’s hypnotic ripples from port to port. This latest Poker Run began in Boyne City, with the speedboats proceeding through Round Lake with Beaver Island as their first card stop.

This year a safety boat with orange flag anchored off Whiskey Point, with the deputies out in the Island’s new rescue boat, just in case. Consequently the race boats were a bit slower and more timid near the Island than in years past. But even so, the rumble of the

synchronized big blocks on the horizon and the distant view of 30’ rooster tales brought out the “big kid” in most of the spectators who gathered near the Point or at the Playground.

Some of the Island boaters—you can guess who—were saying before the race that they thought it would be a hoot if they raced out to the card boat before the official racers reached the Harbor, grabbed an entire poker hand, and then sped directly to the finish line to claim their prize. But when they heard the approaching roar of these boats even before they came into view, they backed off. As one said, “Cripes, they’d be on us before we could make Hog Island Reef!”

Both a float plane and a helicopter watched the race this year. Ken Slater and Steve West staffed the card boat, owned by Slater. “It’s a real pleasure to help the Boyne Thunder group raise tens of thousands of dollars for Camp Quality,” said Chamber Executive Director Steve West. After getting their cards in Paradise Bay, many of the boats then idled around in a circle — the Island’s version of a modern-day hot-rod cruise down main street — before drifting out and throttling up beyond the second buoy. Then the 40-odd powerboats continued on to Harbor Springs, Petoskey, and Bay Harbor for lunch, and then to Horton Bay before returning full circle to Boyne City.



“Hey, someone said we should find out what gas costs here before we fill up.” “Buddy, if you have to ask, you might as well get out and swim.”

38. JOE MOORE RETIRES FROM BIEMS

After providing twenty years of service to the residents of and visitors to Beaver Island, Joe Moore has submitted his letter of retirement from BIEMS as a volunteer. Joe has been the only year-round paramedic on the Island for the last few years since Bob Hamil and Mike and Bev Russell left. Joe has been the local EMS instructor and coordinator for the BIEMS education program for more than 15 years. Joe, along with Kellogg Community College instructors Steve and Lisa Rose, taught a paramedic program this past year which

graduated Ken Bruland and Sarah McCafferty. So the Beaver Island ALS team will consist of visiting paramedics Steve and Lisa Rose and the two graduates for the summer of 2007.

"It has been an interesting twenty years. I have enjoyed helping people and being able to provide the best care possible to my friends and neighbors. I will miss the opportunity to help others in this way, but I am sure I will find another way to contribute," Joe said. "Having been part of the original group that organized BIEMS, I have had lots

of interesting experiences. We have had many opportunities to help our friends and neighbors over the last 20 years."

"I would like the Island community to take some time to thank all of the EMS volunteers here. They give up lots of family time, work time, and personal time just to become licensed, but that is only the beginning. At an average of ninety times each year, these dedicated volunteers leave whatever they are doing and respond to another person's troubles at all hours of the day and night. I know that I certainly thank all of the people who I have worked with and trained over the last twenty years."

"Thank you, Beaver Island, for the opportunity to serve your emergency medical needs for over 20 years."

LETTERS: AN ISLAND COOKOUT

On behalf of our daughter's family we want to thank the Beaver Island community and our wonderful summer visitors for their generous support of the Bratwurst cookout fund-raiser we held in our front yard for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Over \$2,000 was raised for the Foundation. We were all amazed and grateful that we belong to such a generous caring community.

Bob and I were terribly saddened when Joe was diagnosed. We felt helpless in the face of a lifelong disease for our darling little grandson. This happens to families every day all over the world. But the JDRF is hopeful that there will be a cure in the not too distant future. With generous support from communities like ours there is a real possibility that it is so. We hope and pray it is soon.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

– Bob and Kathy Tidmore

HISTORY BOOKLETS ARRIVE

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On July 14th archaeologist Clayton Kline's ashes arrived on Beaver Island for placement in the ground near one of the stone monuments he discovered in the west side woods, which he found fascinating.

A divorced man, his life had suffered many bumps—some of which, such as the death of his son at the hands of a drunk driver, made him bitter. Yet walking in the woods searching for a nearly invisible sign from decades or centuries past, or researching Native culture in the library, always gave him a sense of peace.

At the time of his passing he was working on a book to detail all his Beaver Island finds and put them into a consistent context. His notes came with his remains, and have been turned over to the Historical Society. His friends, Bill and Pat, gladly accepted the mission, striking off into the woods on July 15th with the aid of one of his precisely measured maps. Their progress gave flight to a large, full-bodied brown bird, which flew off through the low dead pine branches, leaving its young to screech in vain. "Not here," Bill told his wife, and then, farther into a thicket, "Definitely not here." Locating a seldom-seen arc of rocks overgrown with brush and junipers, Pat made the decision: "Right here, Bill. This is the right place."

Stones in the ground impeded the digging, but eventually a hole 3' deep was made. His ashes were in a birch-bark box, along with an official certificate of cremation and a few of the smaller things he collected during his later years. The hole was just the right size; after the box was set in "let's say his feet are facing east," Bill said—earth was put on top, capped by the original sod and three rocks from nearby, and then marked by a tiny flag. As a veteran who had almost died in Korea, he had wanted this sign of his enduring loyalty to his country.

So the story ends for Clayton. He first came to Beaver when he was troubled, took solace by trekking through the woods and finding what he felt were Native landscape constructions, and kept coming back as often as he could. Now what's left of him is here to stay.

The Charlevoix County Commission on Aging invites everyone to our third annual Beaver Island Senior Appreciation Day and picnic Monday, August 20, from 9 am to 2 pm, at the Peaine Township Hall.

Health screenings and "Let's Get Moving, Beaver Island Seniors" will take place from 9 to 11 am, prior to the picnic. Screenings will include cholesterol, glucose and blood pressure and are free for seniors 60 years old and older, \$12 for those under 60. Not fasting is

required for the cholesterol screening.

At 12 p.m. the picnic will begin, featuring chicken barbecue, side dishes, roll, fruit, and beverage. This is a good chance to network, meet our staff, and learn about various government programs. Tickets are \$3 donation for 60 years old and over, \$6 for under 60.

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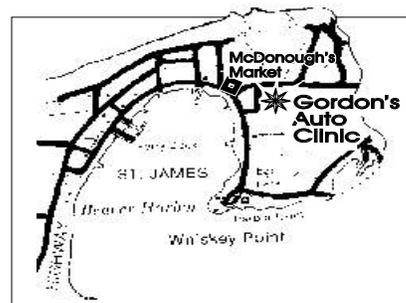
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40. NEW LIBRARY MUSIC ROOM DEDICATED

The almost unprecedented run of Beaver Island's good fortune continued with the July 15th dedication of the Library's new Music Room as over 45 spectators indulged themselves on classy hors d'oeuvres as they looked on. This upgrade was designed, implemented, and paid for by the Donovan Langford III family and their friends, to commemorate the Langfords' departed young son. It

involved new furniture, new pictures of Island musicians for the walls, and new facilities for listening to or checking out music.

New equipment was included, a storage computer containing the first 2,500 CDs (classical and jazz) and several high-quality listening stations (headphones). Satellite and FM radio can also be accessed now. Everything in this music library can also be accessed

through any nearby computer with wireless capability: access "Olive" through your iTunes program.

For good measure the dedicated Langford team also upgraded the memorial garden dedicated to Cheryl Schellenberg Struik, adding a plaque to include their son. *"This Music Porch Celebrates the Life of Donovan A. Langford IV. He loved his family and friends, books and music, and Beaver Island."*



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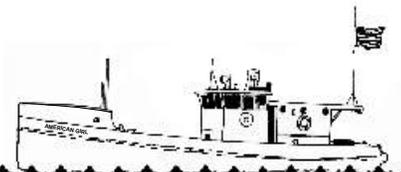
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42. HOSPICE NEWS

The Beaver Island Hospice and Helping Hands met Friday, July 13, for their annual brown bag luncheon and meeting at the Peaine Township Park. Thirteen volunteers were present.

'Hospice and Helping Hands' has been in place here since 1996. We have served over 107 clients, making over 2100 visits. We are strictly a group of women and sometimes men who are dedicated to serving the needs of the community in many ways. Because of our isolation our services extend to the needs of anyone needing assistance on Beaver Island hence the addition of "Helping Hands" in our title.

We maintain an educational shelf at the BI District Library and provide "care notes" at the BIRHC at no cost to the community. We recently extended the care notes to include adolescent subjects, and these booklets will be available in the school. We have a loan closet of equipment and medical supplies; send bereavement materials to those who have lost a loved one; help clients with transportation and housing costs when treatment means going to the mainland.

Services available are: Personal care; Emotional support; Run errands; Grocery shop; Take in a meal; Take to lunch; Take for a ride or visit a friend; Respite for caregivers; Sit with a client; Read to a client; or Write letters.

In short, we will help in many little ways to bring comfort to those in need. If you feel you need us, call us: Joyce Runberg, cochairman, 448-2387 summer; Lois Williams, cochairman, 448-2475; Sancy LoDico, 448-2004; Loretta Slater, 448-3148; Muggs Bass, 448-2444; Jane Dwyer, secretary/treasurer, 448-2868; Di Shoup, 448-2068; Pinky Harmon, 448-2461; Mary Kay Dorais, 448-3180 summer; Kay McElwain, 448-2439 summer; Floss Frank, 448-2283 summer; Phyllis Kayne, 448-3129 summer; Sue Welke, 448-2787; Penny Young, 448-2996; or Tammy McDonough winter only.

We are strictly a 'volunteer' hospice and function with donated funds only. If you wish to make a contribution please do so by sending your donation to Beaver Island Hospice, c/o Jane Dwyer, 31520 East Side Drive, Beaver Island, MI 49782

– Lois Williams and Joyce Runberg





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With electric cars gaining more and more popularity here on Beaver Island, Paradise Bay Coffee Shop across from the Township Airport recently took the initial step to accommodate these quiet cruisers by installing the Island's first Dedicated Charging Station.

Three dedicated outlets have been placed near the shop's front door, complete with a new sign identifying their special use.

"We think this is a great thing for people who own electric cars," said Coffee Shop owner Dale Keyes. "It will allow them to enjoy Beaver Island even more. Plus they can come out and have a good breakfast or a cup of coffee while their car charges."

The outlets will be available at all times, but drivers will have to supply their own extension cords.

Dan Wardlow, part owner of a ZENN (Zero Emissions No Noise) car, made arrangements for obtaining the sign, printed in eco-friendly green. "Ken started the idea joking around with Dale," Dan said of Ken Scoggin, owner of a GEM (Global Electric Motorcars) pickup. But this idea is no longer a joke, it is a reality. And it is hoped it is a growing one.

"We'd like to get two or three more charging stations located on the Island," Wardlow said. "That way electric cars could increase their range and actually go all the way around the Island."

The various electric cars can operate nearly 40 miles on a full charge, advancing at the leisurely pace of 25 mph. The plan for the charging stations is to give drivers the opportunity to 'top off' their batteries if needed, not to completely recharge the electric reservoir.

Currently there are six electric cars in operation here, undoubtedly with more on the way as what started as a novelty may soon become a way of life with the Island becoming a center for this gentle and noiseless mode of transportation in northern lower Michigan.

As part-owner Joe Erwin said, "You see a lot more wildlife when you go slower and quieter."

And as Scoggin pointed out, "The roads would be in better shape and there'd be less dust if more cars were going slower."

- Frank Solle

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Paradise Bay Coffee Shop owner Dale Keyes (left) observes Ken Scoggin, Joe Erwin, and Dan Wardlow charging up their electric cars at the Island's first Dedicated Charging Station.

44. LADIES FIND PERFECTION

by Fairway Frank

It really doesn't get any better. At least not in the view of co-organizer Nels Worsfold.

"It was a perfect turnout. A perfect tournament," she said of the annual Ladies' Golf Tournament held on a bright and sunny July 21 Saturday.

Adding to the enjoyment of the players was the not-to-be-unnoticed effort by course owner John Works, Jr. in readying the course for tourney action.

"The course is better than ever," Worsfold said. "John and his crew worked late last night changing the holes and preparing the greens. He has been very supportive of everything we wanted to do."

The approach to asking John to move the holes from their traditionally difficult Fourth of July tournament placement, fell to another co-organizer, Doris Larson, who created a handmade card with the request penned in a catchy poem (and leave it to Doris to do so in perfect iambic tetrameter).

Yet not to be outdone by the perfect play on the day, Worsfold added of the luncheon catered by Caroline Works and her sister Jennifer,



"The food was perfect. It was great for us to stay together after the tournament and share the wonderful meal."

The cloth-covered tables set out of the sun, under the covered tarp, were adorned with floral arrangements by co-organizer Ruth Igoe from flowers donated by Heidi Connor. At every setting there was a gift package for each player that included a golf towel imprinted with the date and new Ladies' Tournament logo, as well as a golf ball printed to commemorate the day.

Lest we not forget the outcome, the tournament title was claimed by the foursome of Jayne Bailey, Jane Maehr, Jeanne Howell, and Marianne Brown, who shot a one-over-par 36 on the day.

Taking second place with a fine 38

was the team of Ruth Igoe, Pat Rowley, Sandy Simpson, and Leone Schellenberg. Two teams finished tied for third at 39. They were the team of Jean Carpenter, Florence Neumann, Sue Welke, and Sandy Birdsall, and the team of Marg Charbeneau, Doris Larson, Annette Dashiell, and the combined spot of Lynn Martin and TrudyWorks.

Following the tournament a putting contest was organized by 'Bunker' Bob Simpson. "The idea came from similar putting contests held at the Arnold Palmer course at the Villages in Florida," Bunker chipped in.

After two rounds of nerve-racking competition, the final two participants, Kay Mcelwain and Jeanne Howell, who had successfully putted their way from one foot away from the hole to nine feet out from a golfer's favorite sound, agreed to simply split the title and the winnings. Also finishing in a tie for third were Marianne Brown and Ruth Kelly.

When all was finally said and done, it was, as Worsfold put it, "A perfect day."



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PIKES PREVAIL IN PLAYOFF

by Frank Solle

After battling for nine hard-played holes and then two more nerve-wracking playoff holes, the team of Francis, Nelson, and Gerard Pike, along with Todd Ireland and Brandon Brown, claimed the championship of this year's Annual Fourth of July Tournament at the Beaver Island Golf Course.

Out of 15 teams to tee off this year, the Pike team finished the course at a blistering 4-under-par 31. But they were not alone as the team of Aaron and Jeremy Morgan, Tom and Lisa Houseman, and John Rademaker, also carded a 31 to set up the 'sudden victory' showdown, played out over holes one and two until one team bested the other.



This year the teams alternated players throughout what proved to be a two-hole playoff. With a large gallery following the action, the pressure to perform was applied without mercy until the Pikes prevailed in the end.

Along with engraved bottle coolers that were awarded to each of

the winners, prizes were there for the offering throughout the tournament, based on either longest drive or closest to the pin on each hole around the course. As proof that both teams belonged in the playoff, members of those two teams collected six of the nine individual prizes along the way. When you're hot, you're hot, and when you're not...

In addition, door prizes were handed out

following a catered lunch, while tee-shirts and a gift bag were distributed to every player prior to the start of the day's action. Over 30 businesses and individuals contributed to the wealth of prizes, making this yet again an enjoyable and successful day of golf and fun.

THIS MONTH'S MULLIGAN FORREST ON TOP

It has come to the golfing world's attention of Joe 'Par' Moore's remarkable shot that resulted in both an ace (yes, a hole-in-one) and a double eagle (yes, 3-under-par, a feat some say is 20 times more difficult than an ace) all on one hole when he plopped in his tee shot on the 226-yard par 4 third hole recently. A tip of the driver to the big guy. May he have many more—when he's not playing me. FS



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46. HOMECOMING PAR FOR THE COURSE

The First - 1932

by Fairway Frank



At the Island's first Homecoming in 1932, the Powers That Were decided to "zest up" the planned "no-hands speed eating contest" by hiring a real Irish chef to work his magic on the bowls.

Fresh off yet another 'losing' effort at the annual 4th of July Tourney (there really is no losing in golf—hey, we're golfing, aren't we?) I thought it would be appropriate to offer my fellow hackers—yes, you—some insight into the secrets of my continual lack of success.

Okay, I admit that of all the golfers on Beaver I am the last one who should offer others 'how to' tips. So I'm not. Instead I feel compelled to offer some 'why to' tips as put forth in a tremendous golf/life guide by James Ragonnet titled *Golf's Three Noble Truths*.

If that sounds a little esoteric or perhaps bordering on the spiritual, it's only because it is. Ragonnet's title is a take on Buddhism's Four Noble Truths, and, as his subtitle—*The Fine Art of Playing Awake*—implies, this is a full Zen approach to the game that consumes us.

Before you get that queazy, oh-no-here-it-comes feeling, rest assured it is far from me to proselytize any spiritual approach, unless it is directed at following the course of a small white ball around the course. Yet Ragonnet's truths are applicable to more perhaps than just golf. The core of his approach is discov-

ery. Not only of the processes behind the game, but the processes of being alive. The focus then becomes much less the destination, and much more the journey. And what is golf if not a journey?

To succeed in the journey, according to Ragonnet, one simply requires Awareness, Balance, and Unity. (If you thought this was going to be a discussion of the merits of the one-plane versus the two-plane swing, well, I'm sorry.)

The old saying 'golf is a good walk spoiled,' (thanks to Mr. Twain) holds true only for golfers with unrealistic expectations concerning score and/or performance. In all actuality golf is a wonderful walk each and every time. And if you are capable, by all means, walk. On Beaver Island one's walk traverses open fields with a view of an old Mormon homestead, aromatically adorned in spring by sweet apple blossoms. There is a fairway lined by classic northern hardwoods, a view and the challenge of the heart-shaped bunker, and the pond providing refuge to geese, ducks, turtles, and Great Blue Herons. Eagles have been seen soaring overhead while wild turkeys gobble across in front

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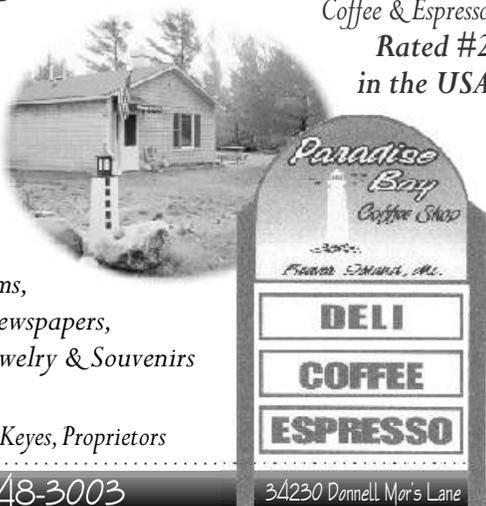
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of foursomes in full casualness and indifference, as do the many whitetail deer who call the course home. Then there is the seminal scent of juniper wafting up as you search for your partner's miss hit lie. And, as inherent with courses everywhere, the blueness of the sky, the greenness of the grass, the ever-present beauty of the day, the stillness of dusk at the close of a summer evening's round.

Soak it all up, Ragonnet says. Blend with it. Accept your surroundings and your game. That's the secret. Play awake. Play with balance — not too hard, not too easy, not too seriously, not too lax, not too much, not too little. Take what comes, whatever it may be, and go on.

Two final thoughts come to mind as I ponder this all-embracing approach. The first is a quote from the great American novelist Kurt Vonnegut (although he gave credit for it to an uncle): "If this isn't nice, I don't know what is."

The second is what we've said here all along, especially when one among us isn't enjoying the day to its fullest: "What are you complaining about? You're on Beaver Island, and you're golfing."

Indeed we are. Enjoy it.

During such a busy week your presence was really appreciated. The PX was filled with generous gifts of goods and services from local merchants (the complete list is posted at the Community Center).

Our USO Show was directed by Elaine West and accompanied by Laraine Dawson. We were entertained by Julie Roy, Jayne Bailey, Susie Fisher, and five assorted jaunty sailors, each of whom performed with real class.

Honorary Col. Potter was present. It was truly an honor to welcome Captain Phil Lang, his wife E. B., son Rick, and daughter-in-law Barb, who joined us for the evening. The dealers, servers, and other helpers were wonderful. Our thanks go to those who dressed in character, and to those who donated to "support our troops."

The best part of the evening was seeing how many people strongly support our common goal, of making the finished Community House a focal point of life on Beaver Island. With every event like this, it comes one full step closer!



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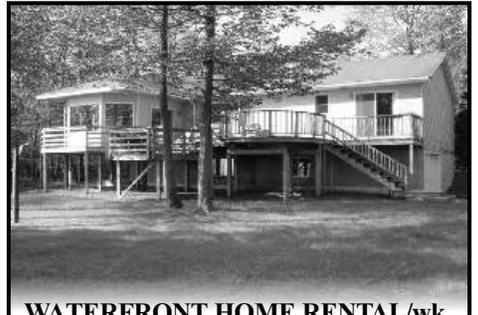
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THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. 4 BR/2 Bath; W/D; Four bedrooms, three rooms with double beds and one room with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, 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.

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

7 PINES - Weekly Rental Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1 1/2 bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, *PET FRIENDLY*, \$650.00/week, Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597.

COTTAGE BETWEEN THE SHORES - Conveniently located 1 block from harbor district, yet tucked away on McDonough Rd. 2 king, 1 double, 1 twin, 2 sleeper sofas. Fully equipped kitchen & laundry facilities. Linens and towels provided. Arbor deck with hammock swings and gas grill. \$750/weekly. Call Beth Anne @ (989) 561-5079 or (989) 330-9528.

HEAVENLY VIEW - perfect sand beach on Sand Bay. Still available for great weeks in September. (231) 448-2376 or cabin@emeraldislehotel.com

LOVELY APARTMENT FOR RENT - 1200 sq. ft., 2 bedroom - 1 1/2 bath, Kings Highway. Above Laundromat, Utilities and Satellite T.V. included. No Smoking and no pets. Deposit Required. \$800. a month. Fully furnished. Call (231) 448-2050 for information.



BEACHFRONT HOME FOR RENT:

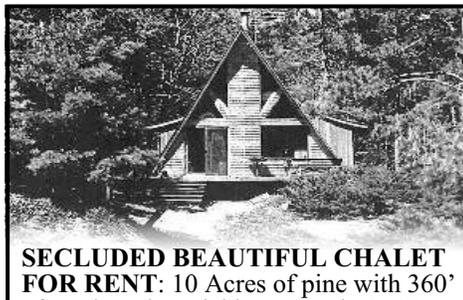
3 bedrooms and loft – total 5 beds, hot tub, gorgeous views, solitude, wood stove, May-Sept. \$1050
Off-season \$795.
Call Perry at (313) 530-9776
or e-mail pgatliff@hotmail.com



BEAUTIFUL SECLUDED NEW CHALET: Near Donegal Bay's beach. 3BR, 2Bath. MBR has garden tub. W/DR TV/VCR Grill. Upon availability, bikes & auto for your use. Sleeps 6-8. No Pets. \$790/week. Off season rates available April thru June 15 & Sept 15 thru Oct. Evenings (708) 389-0621



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. \$1600/week, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 866-2159



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. Off-season \$200 off. Deposit required. Call Ed or Connie Eicher. (231) 448-2257



HARBOR LIGHTS: a unique log cabin looking out over Paradise Bay. Enjoy the boat traffic from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. 3 bedrooms w/ 2 queen sized beds, 2 twins and 1 1/2 baths. All the amenities. Spectacular views! \$1100.00 per week. (630) 834-4181 E-mail to harborlightsbim@aol.com



THE BIRCH HOUSE ON FONT LAKE/ DONEGAL BAY ROAD:

Close to town, beautiful sunrise, fishing, and solitude. 3 bedroom (sleeps 6) and 1 1/2 bath. Phone Mary Rose @ (630) 750-7870 or email mrdoig@hotmail.com \$975.00/wk off season rates available.

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. \$775/ July & August \$600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dpluscombe@msn.com

WEEKLY RENTAL - Harbor Beach Two-bedroom Condos. \$500/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.

LOCH WOOD SHORES - Located about four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. Three bedrooms, two with double beds, one with two twin beds, one and a half bath, washer and dryer, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, dish TV and VCR/DVD player, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Reduced rates for June, September, and October. For rentals, call Bill or Tammy: (231) 448-2733 or (231) 448-2499 or email tammymcd107@yahoo.com.

BEAVER SANDS BEACH HOME - Located on Sand Bay, beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront home: 3 bedrooms, sleeps 8; 2 full baths; w/dry; full kitchen, including dishwasher and micro; wonderful sunrise views with sandy beach & safe swimming, screened porch & large deck, everything included. Prime weeks open. Call Nancy: (810) 227-2366 or nrosso@hotmail.com.

SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 3BR, great view, laundry, East Side Dr., brand new home. Only available the first three weeks of June and after September 1st, 2007. Call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be viewed online at bayhaven.beaverisland.net *Continued, p. 50.*



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REAL ESTATE, FOR RENT



FOR SALE: THE HARBOUR MKT

This grocery and liquor store is located across from the Beaver Island Ferry dock. It features 2,000 sq/ft of potential retail space, with an 800 sq/ft attached garage and loading bay. Above is 2,300 sq/ft of luxury living quarters, plus 770 sq/ft privacy deck & hot tub. This property has a panoramic view of Paradise Bay, and offers a totally unique living experience. The building has undergone extensive renovations and improvements over the past 4 years, including pavers in the front, 3 new Anderson sliding glass doors upstairs, and a complete new store front, to mention only a few. The replacement cost of the building alone would exceed \$700,000. Inquire for further details regarding business or property. Price reduced to \$699,000.

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BEAUTIFUL COTTAGE on a wooded lot. This chalet-style cottage is new, bright and airy with a large front room and cathedral ceiling, lots of windows, and double sliding glass doors. Convenient access to the best beach on the island. Only \$675/week. Off-season \$425. Call (517) 927-8949 nprawat@yahoo.com August available

Cottages For Rent, continued from page 49.

RENTAL CABIN - for rent - Sand Bay-sleeps 8-amenities-available May-September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email robin@robinleeberry.com

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.

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

REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

FOR SALE BY OWNER - 250' Beach Frontage. East Side Drive. Approved building site. \$162,500. (989) 506-2627 or (231) 448-2390.

LOTS FOR SALE - Lots 727,728,729 in Port St. James #8 on Tamarock Trl. \$12500 ea. Wish to sell all 3 at one time. \$7500 down will finance \$30000 bal at \$350 per mo. for a few years. Will sell for cash for \$34,500. Call Ben at (386) 439-3351

HARBOR-AREA 2-STORY HOUSE FOR SALE - 2,688 ft² plus 2 car attached garage & full basement. 3 large bedrooms-master with private bath and walk-in closet, cathedral ceiling. 2 1/2 baths. 2 decks. Approx. 1-acre corner lot. Peekaboo view of the Harbor. Potential for a bed and breakfast business. Asking: \$245,000. Owner is licensed agent. Call Jackie at (231) 448-2342.

10 ACRES OF HARDWOODS LAND - adjacent to 80 acres of State land at the Black Hills Clearing off Fox Lake Road. Cotters Trail runs across the parcel at its North line. \$37,000. Call (269) 273-1819.

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

LAKE GENESERATH - Beautiful lot on Hemlock Point Rd. 111' lake frontage with lovely view across bay into state forest. Entire lot level with large hemlocks & no wetland or restrictions. \$78,000. 616-399-5164 or mfolkening@pol.net

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.



HARBOR AREA HOUSE FOR SALE

Furnished 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath home on large lot with seasonal view of the harbor. Full basement, front and back decks and large pole barn. Asking price \$165,000.

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WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake front. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1 1/2 bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

SECLUDED 1940'S LOG CABIN JUST ONE BLOCK FROM LAKE and market on one acre. Sleeps 4-6, *pets welcome* (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$700/wk; weekends available. (219) 253-6500.

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. \$900 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.



BEAUTIFUL SAND BAY BEACH SETTING FOR RENT – THE CAPTAIN'S QUARTERS:

Why not enjoy the best beach on Beaver Island? This attractive cottage has 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath. Sandy beach. Screened Porch Gas Grill. \$900/week. Call Ruth or Jackie at (231) 448-2342

LAKE GENESERATH Lot For Sale Parcel # 15-012-015-013-10, Hemlock Point Road; 140' lake frontage on the North Arm of beautiful Lake Geneserath; lot approved for building on w/o restrictions. Call (616) 772-9783 (616) 283-7227; or email - cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org

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

PRIME N. END LOCATION - 120' on water - Three bedroom, 2 bath, garage. Furnished. 26315 Pine St. \$324,900. Lease option. (586) 206-1099.

10 ACRES ON WEST SIDE DR. - Land contract available. Low down payment. Contact Mike Collins, Island Property Real Estate. (231) 448-2923.

PROTECTED HARBOR SITE: 60' Lake frontage by 250' deep. North of the Toy Museum. Call (231) 448-2391.

EXCELLENT BUILDABLE LOT ON MCDONOUGH ROAD. 139 ft wide, left side 111 ft, right side 291 ft. \$37,500 possibly on land contract. (231) 448-3088.

WESTERN SHORES - Juniper Point Lot #6 - 451' frontage/3 acres on Lake Michigan. Overlooking High Island. Winding Driveway thru Red and White Cedars. \$285,000 FSBO 3% co-broke (269) 598-8042.

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. Odatlo@sbcglobal.net

LAKE MICHIGAN LITTLE IRON ORE BAY



A mazing cedar shake home on Lake Michigan, with five bedrooms, four full baths, twin staircases, cherry floors, 14' ceilings, three fireplaces, two screen porches, two private balconies off guest bedrooms, expansive decks, and one of the most beautiful homes in northern Michigan.



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FOR SALE – HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:

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Real Estate Office: (231) 448-2711
Toll Free Number: 1-800-268-2711



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