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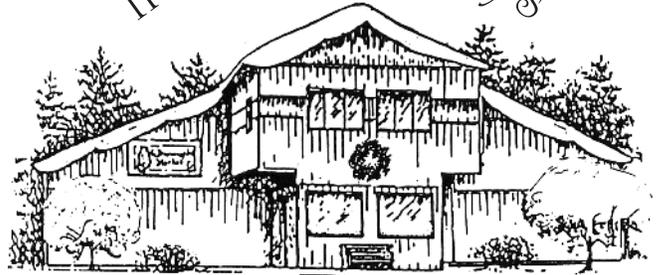


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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

Joint Township Meeting

On November 7th, a Joint Township meeting was held to resolve the financing of the tub grinder, which has been operating behind the Transfer Station in the old dump area for a couple of months now. Supervisor Works explained that while looking for a machine, a deal was found that was too good to pass up; an anonymous financier provided funds to purchase the tub grinder on a short-term loan with the Townships based on "the check is in mail" assurances that a USDA grant would arrive any day to cover 55% of the purchase. However, after the tub grinder was purchased, word was received that the USDA grants had been re-prioritized to Homeland Security and Emergency Services rather than environment, and the grant would not be forthcoming after all. So the Townships would need to cover 100% of the cost with a bank loan. Peaine would obtain the loan and St. James, who jointly operates the Transfer Station, would cosign.

Jim Wojan objected that members of the St. James Township Board were only consulted after the grinder was "already on the barge," and as a taxpayer, questioned if the tub grinder was actually a necessary purchase, or whether renting a grinder would be sufficient. The existing pile of debris has taken a decade to accumulate. 80 hours of use of the new grinder have reduced the pile of debris approximately 10%, and usage has been limited due to the requirement that two people are onsite for safety reasons, and maintenance

time. Thus a grinder would possibly only need to be rented and transported once every 10 years and operated on a short-term basis to maintain the status-quo at the dump property.

Supervisor Works, however, maintained his resolve that the grinder would be a long-term asset as the Township practiced and demonstrated "good stewardship of their land." The chips would be a product offered by the Townships to cover maintenance and operating costs, and, Works pointed out, the grinder may have other uses as well, such as grinding home demolition debris in the future.

Both Township Boards resolved to finance the grinder on a 10-year loan (since it was already purchased) at a cost of \$19,256.60 per year with annual payments, and to revisit the issue in one year as to whether the grinder should be sold to recoup the investment once the existing debris pile is removed, or whether it should be maintained and operated continuously as a Township asset. As the meeting came to a close with a public comment period, a member of the audience questioned the purchasing of an asset based on a grant assurance without money actually in hand, and also wondered about the anonymity of the temporary financier.

St. James Township

A copy of the Wolverine Power Conservation Easement for the old power plant, future-park property on the harbor (where Arranmore Park was planned), has been sent to the Township attorney

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for review. The 20-year agreement would mandate no construction on the property, and also that any taxes be removed through the conservation easement.

Supervisor Vyse responded to a letter from an Island resident requesting action on the low water situation (the harbor was so low in November before the township meeting that one could stand on the sand in the row of the old lumber dock pilings next to Beaver Island Marina). The Supervisor sent a number of letters to our representatives, yielding responses from Governor Granholm and Kevin Elsenheimer, among many others. Representative Elsenheimer pointed out that there are many matters in addition to the St. Clair flow issue being considered, including Canadians taking water from Lake Superior and the city of Chicago's water usage. It will be two years before the St. Clair study is completed, so this will almost certainly be an ongoing issue as we watch our lake continue to fall.

Township Supervisor Vyse and Jean Palmer will review the site lease from the Township Attorney with the Internet tower owners. The Zoning Ordinance Amendment has now been approved by the County Planning Commission. Our Planning Commission does not intend to use any of the suggestions from the County, so the Township again approved the same amendment while recognizing that they have seen and studied the County comments. It was noted that reference to the future Public Land and Facilities District (PLFD) was removed

from the version before the board.

Two responses were received to the posting of BITA positions available, one from long-term BITA member Larry Malloy and one from Steve West. Supervisor Vyse made the motion to reappoint Larry Malloy who "has been on the board forever" and is "not a loud guy" and was "never known to bang on tables to get his point across." He was felt to be a good board member with long-term BITA experience. Steve West was added to the list of people interested in serving in the future.

The Township felt it did not need to put snow-plowing out on bids, because the Township employee could handle the job using the township snowplow. Bids would be sought for fuel oil for the Township Hall, Fire Hall, and Governmental Building, and for propane for the Library and DNR Building.

Pete Lodico, Sue Solle, Donna Kubic, and Connie Wojan were present on behalf of the BIRHC. Pete presented a request to the Township as part of the BIRHC's Emergency/Disaster Plan. The BIRHC had examined what they would do if the Island faced a pandemic or emergency, such as a large Island fire or flu outbreak. The BIRHC plan includes preparedness for both internal emergencies, such as a fire at the Health Center itself (policies and contact people who could help with such a disaster) and external Island emergencies. It was thought the maximum capacity of the BIRHC "if push came to shove" would be to function as a 25-bed hospital

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6. *Township News, continued from page 5.*
plus staff accommodation. While the Charlevoix County Disaster Plan administrators felt they could provide whatever the Island might need, immediately, BIRHC staff and the Town Board agreed that based on the experience of living on the Island and dealing with the unexpected, a disaster would be if they could not provide emergency supplies when needed, due to bad weather or whatever contributing factor might occur, and therefore we should have basic medications for 2 days of emergency care, cots, blankets, wash cloths, and other fundamental supplies on the Island to utilize the Health Center as an emergency hospital at maximum building capacity should the need ever arise. The cost of these supplies would be fairly reasonable. The Township was asked to fund the initial purchase and provide a location for the storage of cots, blankets, and related non-medication items offsite from the BIRHC itself. The BIRHC and EMS would then use and replenish the stock-piled medications stored at the BIRHC to turn them over before their expiration dates. The Town Board felt this was a

reasonable course of action, and agreed to investigate before the next meeting.

The Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association asked for support for a grant application to the Grand Traverse Band; the Town Board cautioned that another grant application had also been submitted to the Grand Traverse Band, but agreed to write a letter of support for BICAA immediately.

Finally, the Township was notified of a Road Commission meeting on December 12th, but it was felt that Beaver Island didn't have a chance at getting funds which were almost certainly already allocated to state highways so it was not worth the cost of a trip.

Peaine Township

Colleen Martin chaired this Peaine Township regular meeting because Supervisor Works was off-Island due to the death of his father.

Just as St. James Township had done the week prior, the Peaine Board re-approved the approved zoning amendments now that a staff report was received from the Charlevoix County Planning Commission—no changes were made to the Amendments which

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The last scheduled *Emerald Isle* ferry run is December 14th. The *Beaver Islander* will finish the last week of our regularly scheduled runs. The *Emerald Isle* will be going to dry dock for its five-year inspection. Please remember when scheduling vehicles and freight.

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had been approved at last month's Township board meeting.

Don Spencer and the BIRHC Staff presented their request for the joint Townships to stockpile a 2-3 day supply of emergency medications, cots, blankets, and washcloths in case of pandemic or major Island emergency, in case supplies could not be delivered from the mainland due to bad weather in the time of need. "We would be pretty embarrassed if we weren't prepared for such an emergency," Don said. Ken Taylor had stepped forward to offer \$5,000 toward the expense. Previously the BIRHC had thought that mass trauma supplies would be beyond their immediate reach, but now they would like to include these as well in case of an emergency, such as a plane crash in bad weather, multiple-vehicle crash, or a large fire. Since St. James Township was already working on compiling cost data, Peaine voted to table the issue until the next meeting, but, pending exact figures, agreed that this sounded like a reasonable proposition so far.

A bid was received and accepted from Martin Gas & Oil for \$3.60/gallon (up from \$3.10 last year.)

ABICAA board member was in attendance to ask for a letter of support for a grant "to supply musical instruments for the young people of Beaver Island;" the board agreed and a letter written by Supervisor Works was provided.

Snowplowing bids would be reviewed at the next meeting.

One or more persons had expressed concern that they had paid to have *phragmites* treated on their beach but that treatment was not in fact needed, and wanted to know what happened to the money when treatment was not required for their own property. It was explained that the form that had been mailed this summer requested property owners to inspect their own property and listed contact information in case of question, and also invited property owners to make a donation for treatment beyond their own property. Thus if someone donated and it turned out they did not actually have *phragmites* on their own beach, the money went into the *Save Our Shores* fund and was used to treat other land. This balanced out the "non payers," and the *phragmites* issue was thought to affect the Island as a whole.

NEWS FROM THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

At the annual meeting, members voted to confirm that it is contrary to church by-laws and policies to limit participation in worship services. All are welcome at Beaver Island Christian Church. At the October 30th board meeting, the following officers were elected:

Moderator: Judi Meister; Treasurer: Jean Palmer; Corresponding Secretary: Sandy Birdsall. Bob Bass, Larry Dawson, and Satch Wierenga have been appointed to fill vacancies. Jayne Bailey will serve as Women's Circle Representative to the board.



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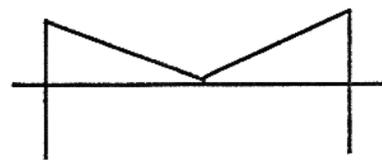
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8. SCHOOL PLANS BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE

by Frank Solle

Addressing a crowd of 25 interested parents, teachers, and community members, Brett Kronlein of Beta Design went over the current state of the plans for the pending school upgrade.

"We want to give you our thoughts on the plan and offer explanations of what we are thinking about," Kronlein told the crowd. "We have thought through the building design since first presenting it to the state in order to optimize the building."

Along with keeping the existing building in operation as construction progresses, Kronlein explained that the playground location was a top obstacle. In that regards, it was decided to flip-flop the original location of the high school and middle school-elementary wings of the building. Switching the high school area to the gymnasium side of the addition puts the elementary students closer to the proposed playground location behind the Palmer residence. "This way the littlest kids go the least amount of distance during the day," Kronlein explained.

Another concern is to maximize the



main entrance. "It's important to know who is coming in, who is going out, who is visiting," Kronlein said. A central entrance will also allow the various wings of the building to be secured at different times, depending on what activities are ongoing within the building.

Some other areas of concern include storage, which is at a premium now, and creating spaces not now available for group activities such as testing or special education.

At this time the floor plan is still in a rough stage with very large room sizes. "Our architects are trying to include all they can into the square footage affordable," Kronlein said.

One concern expressed at the informational meeting was the size of the multipurpose area in the high school wing. Currently, that area is noted as 2800-3000 square feet, roughly one-fourth the size of the gym. The concern

was that previous experience pointed to areas too large to be used to efficiently. Another concern was directed to the lack of a separate media center.

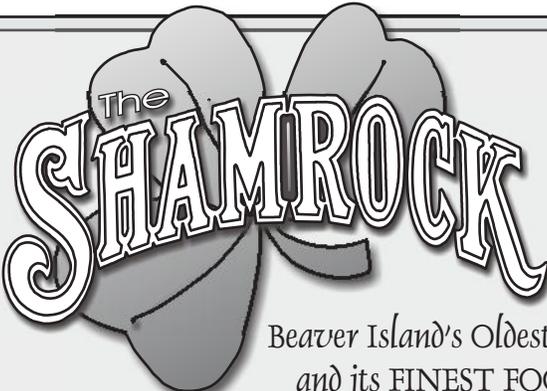
An area of agreement among those gathered was the inclusion of some form of work out or weightlifting area that would be accessible by the community.

In closing, he briefly addressed the building's exterior, which at this time is planned for a combination of masonry, steel, and siding.

Kronlein was thankful to have the community input. "It all comes in bits and pieces," Kronlein said in closing. "We want to know we're on the right track." Another meeting with more details will be held early this month. If interested in attending, call the school for more information.

In a related development, BICS Superintendent/Principal Kitty McNamara announced that Mr. Tom Sloan of Traverse City has been hired as the Project Manager to work as the school district's representative to work with the yet-to-be-determined general contractor.

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The Charlevoix County Planning Commission is in the process of developing a new Future Land Use Plan for the County. The purpose of this plan is to guide our future growth and development over the next 20 years. As part of this effort, the County Planning Commission is seeking public comment on our Vision Statement, which was developed in 2002. The Commission wants to determine if the Vision Statement continues to represent what the residents and property owners would like Charlevoix County to look like 20 years from now. We have created a survey to make it easy for you to share your comments with us.

You can take the Vision Statement Survey at www.charlevoixcounty.org (go to the "What's New?" box). You may also request a paper copy of the survey by calling the Charlevoix County Planning Department at (231) 547-7234.

We encourage you to take a few moments to share your comments with us. All responses will be anonymous.

According to Larry Sullivan,

Charlevoix County Planning Director, the County's future land use plan will be a vehicle for outlining and documenting the future character of the County as desired by its residents.

The Vision Statement will be an integral component of the Future Land Use Plan. The County Future Land Use Plan will also include demographic information, natural resource trends, and goals, objectives and policies to assist in balancing continued development while preserving our County's outstanding quality of life.

While township, village and city plans address issues within each community's boundaries, the County plan is intended to recognize and address issues that transcend the boundaries of individual communities. The County Future Land Use Plan will focus on this broader view—issues that are countywide or regional—and it will provide a coordinating framework for the township and city future land use plans.

Sullivan noted that the County Future Land Use Plan is intended to complement, not supersede township,

city or village plans within the County. He stated that a land use plan is not a zoning ordinance. Zoning ordinances are laws which provide specific rules governing development on individual properties while plans are more general in nature and are intended to recommend general types of land uses. All of the cities and townships within Charlevoix County currently have zoning ordinances in effect which provide very detailed regulations. The Planning Commission currently provides assistance to those units of government having zoning in effect and the Commission envisions continuing that assistance in the future.

Dennis Jason, Chairman of the Charlevoix County Planning Commission, stated, "This process is a great opportunity for Charlevoix County residents to help form the future vision for our County."

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by Frank Solle

A new era of basketball begins this month (it actually got underway the last day of November) at Beaver Island Community School, as a new addition to the Islanders sports program as well as a new coach to the 'old' program take to the hardwood for the 2007-2008 season.

Girls basketball makes its official start under the guidance of coach Marianne Brown, fresh off a successful stint as soccer coach. Not to be overshadowed by that development, is the introduction of Dan Martell as coach of the boys team, taking over after a five-year run by Mike Myers.

Girls gone excited

"We have a solid group of girls and they are very excited about playing," coach Brown said of her inaugural team. "We have been working hard on our skills and looking forward to getting the season underway."

The *Lady Islanders* have a 14 player roster that consists of many young players. "Overall we are a young team," Brown said. "But we have good skills and that looks good for the future."

Samantha Kuligoski is the lone senior on the squad, but she is joined by three juniors: Maeve Green, Heather McDonough, and Deven Cook. "Sam, Heather, and Deven will help us under the net," Brown said of her tallest players. "Maeve is fast and sees the court well."

Five sophomores bring a wealth of talent and athleticism include Briana Maudrie, Lindsey Kenwabikise, Ales Kuligoski, Kristy Bousquet, and Jenna Butler.

Clairessa Kenwabikise is the lone freshman, but is joined by four eighth-graders to round out the team: Olivia Schwartzfisher, Jenna Battle, Brigid Cushman, and Brogan Maudrie.

"We are concentrating more on

defense right now," Brown said, adding that it helps the process of building good team concept.

Brown thinks Hannahville will be the strongest team in the league. "That's who has been our greatest competition in the past," she said of the team's few preparatory games the past two years. "Plus they have very strong female athletes," Brown added of the recent league volleyball champs.

Other than that, it's all up in the air as this first-ever girls basketball season gets underway. "Who knows what to expect?" Brown asks as she readies the *Lady Islanders* for their first game.

Boys aim high

"The ultimate goal of any high school team should always be the state championship," said the *Islanders* new coach Dan Martell.

But before we settle in to watch a hometown version of 'Hoosiers,' Martell brings the picture back into focus. "Now, we might not be a state championship-caliber team, but if you don't aim high you end up playing down to your competition."

Can the *Islanders* reach these goals? "We are looking pretty strong at this point," Martell said. "We've got some height, some speed, and some shooters.

"We have a group of athletes that will allow us to go eight-nine players deep, including four strong seniors," the coach added.

Three of the seniors return from last year's team: Eric Albin, Brenden Martin, and Daniel Runberg. Kevin Gillespie is back after two years in Charlevoix and brings another solid presence under the basket along with Albin and Martin. Runberg is a good ball-handler with the fearless ability to slash and drive.

Patrick Cull is the lone junior, but

proved he was a steady player last year.

Martell calls his three sophomores "talented." Cameron LaVasseur, Dereck McDonough, and Bryan Timsak all contributed last year as freshmen.

New to the team is freshman Doug Campbell, as are eighth-graders Gus Connaghan, Matt Cull, Billy Lemmink, and Michael Myers.

"It's hard to tell how players will perform game-wise," Martell said of his team, "but I coached in Division IV in Wisconsin, which is comparable to Class D here, and I think we look pretty good for a small school.

"I'm excited to put it all into play and see how it works out."

Let's get ready to rumble

The *Islanders* played host to rival Mackinac Island Nov. 30-Dec. 1 to get the season started. They will travel to Ojibwe Dec. 14-15 for the only other series prior to the holidays.

January has two weekend series. The first is at Hannahville Jan. 4-5, while Paradise comes here Jan. 18-19.

Hannahville makes the trip here Feb. 1-2 for the only other home series of the season, so mark your calendars.

The *Islanders* wrap up the campaign on the road at Mackinac Island Feb. 15-16, and at Grand Marais Feb. 22-23.

The *Lady Islanders* will compete at the Northern Lights League tournament scheduled for Feb. 29-March 1 at Manistique.

The boys will travel to a new district tournament, D-117, this year at Northport, where they will join the host Wildcats along with Leland, Lake Leelanau St. Mary, and Traverse City Grand Traverse Academy.

One change this winter is that all home contests will tip-off at 6:00 pm rather than the originally scheduled 6:30.

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12. PELLSTON HOSTS 'N' BOASTS AT DISTRICTS

by Frank Solle

The Pellston *Hornets* showed why they are one of Michigan's top volleyball teams at home on Saturday Nov. 3 by besting the field at the district tournament.

Along the way they dispatched of rivals Harbor Light Christian *Swordsmen*, who had won the tournament the last two years, in the first round, the Alanson *Vikings* in the title match, and the Beaver Island *Islanders* inbetween.

"We play a real difficult schedule," said Pellston coach Tim McNitt. "We play a lot of Class A and B schools throughout the season and that makes us tournament ready."

The *Hornets* were ready for the *Islanders*, using a strong net presense and an even stronger service game to send the *Islanders* flying in straight games 25-11, 25-9, 25-10.

"Beaver Island has good kids and they really play hard," McNitt said of the *Islanders* after the win. "Our setter

started moving the ball around a bit and made it harder for them to block us. Plus we started hitting the ball harder too."

Despite the hitting strength of the *Hornets*, the *Islanders* stayed with them at the net when they kept the ball in play, but struggled receiving the *Hornets* serves that just kept coming at them. Pellston served hard and well, putting 92 percent of their serves over the net and inbounds.

"We had some good digs and blocks and hits," *Islanders* coach Connie Boyle said. "We just had trouble with their hard serves."

Islanders senior Brittany Crandall got the team off to a good start, sending an ace over the net to open play against the *Hornets*. The *Islanders* played tough early and trailed just 9-10 before Pellston took control with a 10-point service run by sophomore Rachel Hutto. That run exemplified the

Islanders struggles as seven points came on missed receives.

"It's hard to get a shot at a point if you don't return the serve," McNitt pointed out.

The final two games weren't as close as the *Hornets* jumped out to a 13-2 lead in game two and a 13-4 advantage in the decider.

"Everyone did their best and played hard," Boyle said of the *Islanders*. "We didn't give up and we kept our spirits up."

Pellston dispatched of Harbor Light 23-25, 25-16, 25-13, 25-22 and Alanson 25-11, 25-10, 25-12.

Alanson defeated Mackinaw City 25-19, 25-16, 6-25, 25-19 to reach the final game.

The *Hornets*, who improved to 30-14-9, also hosted and won the regional tournament before falling to Crystal Falls-Forest Park in three straight games in a state quarterfinal match.

SPORTS BOOSTERS UPDATE

Thank You to Mike & Gail Weede for organizing the Island Boodle which benefits the Sports Boosters. The run raised \$3,000. (We have extra long sleeve t-shirts available for sale for \$5.00, contact Diane McDonough at 448-2164). Also Thank You to Roger & Nancy Wilcox for donating the proceeds from their food booth!

We had a great turn out for the spaghetti dinner held at Nina's Restaurant raising \$2,700. Thank You to Nina's Restaurant (Ray & Nina) for all their contributions and the use of their restaurant,

Mike Bailey for making the delicious sauce & Dusty Cushman for preparing the plates. Also Thank You to McDonough's Market for their contributions.

With volleyball playing at the same time as soccer now it has made it possible to have a girls basketball team which will be playing the same night as the boys basketball. TDS has donated the funds to cover the cost for the girls uniforms! THANK YOU TDS!

I have been asked about our budget by various individuals: Throughout the

past few years we have been raising approximately \$13,800. per year with our fundraisers: Spaghetti Dinners, Chili Cook-Offs, Chinese Dinners, Homecoming (Hot dog sales), Dinners before and during home games along with admissions for the winter sports. The funds mainly go towards helping off-set the travel expenses. We have committed \$6,500 for the past few years (Last year with soccer going to Regionals we committed to an additional \$2,500). This year we are committing to \$9,000 to go towards travel since there will be additional flights now having a girls basketball team. Also we will be ordering 10 more warm-up suits since there aren't enough to cover two basketball teams. We also help with any other requests that the coaches may have.

Currently we have been accepting can & bottle returns. Please contact Diane McDonough at 448-2164 if you wish to donate your cans & bottle deposits to the Sports Boosters; we will pick them up or you can deliver them.

Thank You to the community for the continued support.

-Diane McDonough, Sports Boosters President



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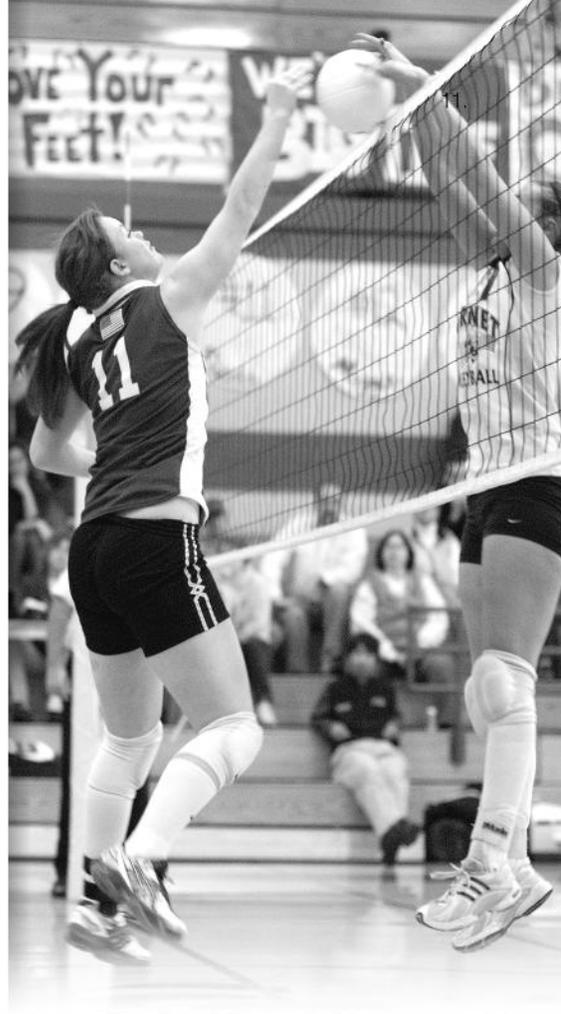
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A SPECIAL FLIGHT ON THE WINGS OF MERCY

by Frank Solle

On Friday, Oct. 26 a large group of family and friends gathered at the Township Airport for an emotional send off for Joyce Runberg and her husband Johnny.

Joyce had been in need of yet another hip replacement surgery for some time and once an appointment had been secured at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, the next step was getting there. Faced with the not-so-promising prospect of a long and quite uncomfortable car ride, the Runbergs contacted Wings of Mercy of Holland, Michigan, a service that contracts through numerous pilots who volunteer their planes, time, and expertise to help those in need.

Which is how, on this perfect morning for flying, the Runbergs gathered with their well-wishers



awaiting pilot Mark Evans and his copilot Randy Kitzman of Traverse City. After quick introductions, Johnny and Joyce were loaded in the twin-engine Cessna and whisked away for the two-hour flight direct to Rochester.

After Runbergs were on the ground, Evans and Kitzman loaded up another patient for a flight home to Mt. Pleasant, making both legs of the flight so very worthwhile.

Wings of Mercy was organized in 1991 by Holland businessman Peter VandenBosch. Since then two other chapters have been established, one in eastern Michigan, and another in Minnesota. All services are performed by volunteers who are reimbursed only for their fuel, although, according to the organization, many refuse even that. Wings of Mercy is funded entirely by charitable contributions.

Joyce had her surgery on Nov. 5, reporting that her doctor "was very pleased" with the custom-made parts

he secured with screws in her new hip.

"Mayo Clinic is the best," Joyce said of her stay. "The caring, the organization, everything."

Johnny and Joyce returned to the Island on Nov. 9 to give Joyce time to recuperate before heading to Arizona for the winter.

"Our flights were wonderful," Joyce said of the round trip to Rochester. "It couldn't have been nicer. It was a marvelous experience."

Now, while home regaining her strength, Joyce is already planning some type of event, hopefully with the local Hospice group as well as the Council on Aging, here next summer to raise both money for and awareness of Wings of Mercy. She may not be very mobile yet, just don't get in her way when she starts scheming.

Wings of Mercy can be contacted online through their web site at www.wingsofmercy.org or by phone at 1.888.786.3729.



A NEW NAME FOR BIPOA

Over the last several years there have been many discussions by the membership and the board of directors regarding the name of our organization. At the August board meeting, Paul Glendon, President, appointed a working committee of Bruce Jacobson, Dan Wardlow, and Peter Igoe to review naming issues and, if appropriate, make recommendations to the board regarding the name.

The working committee started with the mission of the organization, briefly stated: "to support the preservation of the natural resources and beauty of Beaver Island, and to support economic growth which is consistent with the preservation of the Island's natural beauty..."

In evaluating alternative names, the committee set the following criteria:

- The name should reflect the mission of the organization.
- Second, it should convey a positive image to the entire island community, building on the reputation created by the leadership role played in organizing the Phragmites eradication project and the annual Beach Clean-up initiative.
- Third, it should be inclusionary, with the objective of substantially increasing the membership over the next several years, essential if we are to move forward in carrying out our mission.
- Fourth, in addition to growing the membership, the name should be helpful in achieving financial support and grants from other organizations, for programs relating to the mission.
- And finally, the name should be simple, memorable and elegant.

Taking all of this into account, the working committee made the following recommendation to the board, and after discussion, the board voted unanimously to adopt the new organization name, with the supporting mission summary:

The Beaver Island Association
Supporting Environmental and Economic Sustainability

The board will present the recommended name to the membership for ratification at its next annual meeting, in the summer of 2008. In the interim, we have filed a corporate assumed name certificate with the State and will begin using the name with the mission summary statement and new logo in our newsletter and all other communications. — Peter Igoe

For more information on the Beaver Island Association, see www.BeaverIslandAssociation.org

PHRAGMITES TREATMENT IN REVIEW

I would like to thank everyone who was involved with this year's phragmites control program on Beaver Island. I worked directly with John Works, Don Vyse, Pam Grassmick, Jim Gillingham and Darrell Butler but every landowner who gave permission for treatment or contributed financially should receive thanks also. I am sure other people volunteered who I am not aware of and I would like to thank them as well

Just over 27 acres of phragmites were treated on 397 different sites. The largest site was about 2.5 acres and the smallest was a single stem. There has

been some concern about whether these treatments were completely effective. The contractor recommends, and I agree, that a final evaluation of the sites should occur next spring or early summer. In the event that more than 15% of some of the stands that were treated have not been killed by the herbicide, the contractor has agreed to re-treat those sites.

Eradicating or reducing phragmites to an insignificant level on Beaver Island will require continued effort. The core group named above and I have evaluated this year's program and will

try to improve and streamline next year's work. Everyone can expect more public meetings and other opportunities to learn or ask questions next summer.

Working on this project has been very unique and rewarding for me because of the positive community involvement and the positive ecological results. I look forward to continuing the effort and more positive results in the coming years.

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JOB SHADOWING

by Kristy Bousquet and Brittany Crandall

The seventh and eighth graders participated in job shadowing with different businesses on Beaver Island. This took place on Monday, November 5, and Tuesday, November 6. Some of the jobs were working with the deputy, Beaver Island Boat Company dock, Island Airways, Stoney Acre Grill, Dalwhinnie Bakery, McDonough's Market, Do It Best Hardware, and East Wind Spa. All of these businesses had to give their time and effort into teaching these students about specific job positions.

The Beaver Island Community School requires these students to participate and get experience on job sites. After their two days of work, they report about what they did and their favorite parts of their experience with job shadowing.

Brigid Cushman-Brown and Brogan Maudrie both job-shadowed at East Wind Spa with Jane Bailey. Brigid experienced cutting and washing a client's hair, while Brogan learned which season fits her personality best.

Marissa Crandall, Olivia Schwartzfisher, and Jenna Battle job-shadowed at Island Airways. Marissa assisted Hillary Palmer on Tuesday with terminal work. Jenna also assisted in the terminal, working with Michelle LaFreniere. Whereas Olivia actually got to fly an airplane with Paul Welke! She said that was her favorite part.

Matthew Cull and Billy Lemmink both job-shadowed our deputy, Jake Wasylewski. Matthew's favorite part was pulling over a Beaver Island citizen for having a busted window. Billy's favorite part was when he and Deputy Wasylewski rode around the Island looking for knocked-down trees.

This year's job shadowing was a success for the seventh and eighth graders. They will continue to job shadow in the near future at locations off the Island.

A NEW HAT

Thanks to the excellent craftsmanship of Tony Connaghan, the Marine Museum now has a new cedar shingle roof, applied over a rubber membrane.

The most challenging part, though, was deciding what to do. The BIHS building committee met eleven times to consider several proposals, most involving some degree of jacking and straightening.

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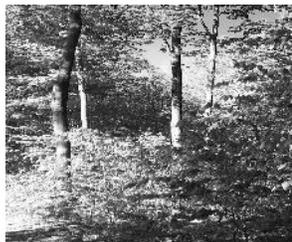
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THE BOODLE

A Tradition

In 2002 my husband and I discovered "Michigan's Emerald Isle" and fell in love with its people and places. We have been visiting ever since. For the last three years our clan has participated in the Beaver Boodle 5K. We have had anywhere from 10 to 15 entrants and are happy to support the Sports Boosters for the school. This is a three-generation family event we thoroughly enjoy.

Here's a song written by our daughter, Mary Margaret Grondin:

"Beaver Island"

She came back after just one weekend
Raving 'bout some crazy island
We just rolled our eyes as we often do
But somehow she dragged us out there
The farthest edge of nowhere
I could hardly believe it was true

Two houses stood above a beach
Surrounded on three sides by trees

And straight ahead,
just like she said
Oh baby what a view...of Lake Michigan

Chorus:

Take me back again, to that island
In Lake Michigan
I want to go again, to that island
In Lake Michigan

Where else can you sit up in bed
To watch a sunrise over the water's edge
And if you want you can watch it set
over Lake Michigan

So leave the 9-to-5 on the mainland
Boat won't be back 'till Monday
morning

And while you're here,
sit back and drink a beer
Breathe in the freshest air...in Michigan

Chorus:

Just spending time with family Watching
the kids play on the beach And while the
boys, tune up their toys We'll build a fire
in the sand, strum along ..with Lake
Michigan

Chorus:

So... Beautiful... Michigan....

Above and to the right is a photo of the author and other Boodle participants, Seamus, Joy Kathleen, Amy, Mary Margaret, and Nik. "We love 'The Island Monthly' and read it cover to cover"

- Love and Beaches, Barbara Grondin



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18. Pictured are the concrete footings for the broadband Internet towers and equipment buildings at both the East

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Greene's Lake) arrived on the barge on November 16th. The construction schedule depends on the weather.

PRESS RELEASE: DSL COMING SOON TO BEAVER ISLAND

High-speed Internet service will soon be available to Beaver Island residents, according to TDS Telecom. DSL (Digital Subscriber Lines), which is high-speed Internet, allows you to be on the phone and the net at the same time.

"We're excited at the prospect of offering DSL in the very near future here on Beaver Island," says Chad Mix,

market manager for TDS Telecom. "We know customers have been waiting for DSL and we are happy to finally be able to get it to them. At TDS we take pride in delighting our customers. With what we've heard from customers, offering DSL will certainly be a delight."

According to Mix, TDS is currently in the engineering phase. He says that if

everything goes according to plan, TDS hopes to begin offering it to residents and businesses during the first part of 2008. DSL is a distance-sensitive technology, Mix cautions. Therefore, it may not be available to all TDS Telecom customers initially.

— Cindy Tomlinson
Associate Manager-Public Relations

The provisional areas to be covered initially by TDS DSL will likely include: St. James, the Port St. James area including Donegal Bay, Carlisle Road,

Barney's Lake Road North from ~27996 to Four Corners, King's Highway, Paid een Og's Road, and East Side Drive from ~31080 north to Four Cor-

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by Ric Denny

19.

From the library at St. James three vans did follow.
 It was a small caravan of students from the South end.
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 At this point, having little to say on what they will tend.

Some students worked in a group.
 Other students had more of an independent spirit.
 Long lines of birch marked a long loop.
 And pine boughs were gathered from a path in the forest.

Arriving at the Denny's home,
 Some were eager to work,
 Some just wanted to roam,
 But, all joined in the task.

Changes made the home into a "Park-like setting."
 And students and staff filled the workroom area for a sit down dinner.
 Knowing that a job is well done, and while their strength was ebbing,
 They could easily look forward to a delicious Sloppy Joe feast.

Each student had their assigned task that day.
 Fulfilling one job, they moved on to the next.
 Not just work, but a little fun along the way.
 With staff doing rounds and routine checks.

As each student departed, we saw it fit
 That Cracker Jacks should be an award, quite a bit.
 The students felt that it was true gratitude
 For a job well done, and great team attitude.

One would have to add that the staff too, did much.
 An inspiration to us all, making work a must,
 Hard work, joining in with all to be just such,
 As one would say, "They gathered no dust."

So, we send our thanks to the Lighthouse School Crew.
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This is a large, ranch-style home with a full basement and drive-in garage and "attached guest house at the very north end of Donegal Bay on Lots 519 and 520 of the Port St. James Subdivision, with 217.3 feet of beach frontage. These two lots make up what is known as "Hooker's Point" on the 2006 Wojan-Cashman map. This year-round home was comfortably occupied by Chuck and JoAnne Hooker for about 25 years; it would make a good retirement home but it's also a beautiful lakefront home that anybody would enjoy as a second home as well. The main house is 1152 sq. ft. and the guest house behind it (connected by deck and connecting roofs between) is 20' x 20' (400 sq. ft.). This guest house has been rented occasionally separate from the main house; it is like a studio apartment. The main house has two bedrooms and one full bathroom. It has a combined dining room and living room area in the middle of the house with a lot of glass doors and windows facing the lake. In the living room there is a stone fireplace with split Beaver Island fieldstone surrounding an efficient, superior heat form unit. The view was just recently trimmed open again so that you see a lot of High Island and Donegal Bay and Lake Michigan from inside the house and from the decks now. Out in front of the house there are still a lot of beautiful spruces, white pines, and white birches that frame the view of the lake. There is a nice sand path through the dune grass to the beach, but the good sand beach that was always in front of this house is not there at the moment. The beach is right now the worst that it has ever been - but hopefully not for long. With two Lake Michigan lots with a total of 217 feet of beach frontage, the raw land value of this package is over \$200,000. This means that you are getting a substantial home and guest house for a lot less than it would cost you to build these structures, with the total asking price being just

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ART THROUGH TIME

by Dan Wardlow

Artist Cindy Ricksgers thinks a lot about time. Time of the day, time of the year, the passage of time, different ways we work with time. “As I get older, I’m more aware of the passage of time. I’m at an age where I’ve lost family and contemporaries, so you’re more aware of time. But I’ve always worked with time; it’s always been a thread in my work.” Cindy is a longtime Beaver Island resident and working artist with family connections to the Island’s past.

Cindy is currently working on two series of collages and collagraphs where time is an underlying theme. Her new collages are what she calls “diary pieces.” She has created over 100 of them, completing one a day. “These are gestural pieces. I grab bits and pieces, usually starting with a pattern or color, and I work fast.” Once the collage is complete, Cindy uses a watercolor wash on top to color or shade the work.

The new collage work is made up of three series: the magic series, the bright

series, and the dark series. The magic series deals with spiritual themes, while the bright and dark series refer to their tonal characteristics. “I like my work to feel solid ... colors almost like stone,” she said. Cindy’s work is largely abstract. “I give myself assignments. I like to start with a problem and then solve it.” She demonstrated with the tension created by a circle within a square. “I’m working more with space, and push and pull. Once you put a recognizable object in there, the space becomes secondary

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The Plates

to the object.” She also works a lot with texture, especially in her collagraphy. Cindy works with found materials, including paper and plastic scraps, coffee grounds and tea leaves. “I can’t throw anything away” she said. And while textures are important to the collagraphic process, Cindy says “if I get too literal with the textures, I get away from the texture itself.” The textures in found objects become the expressive

medium.

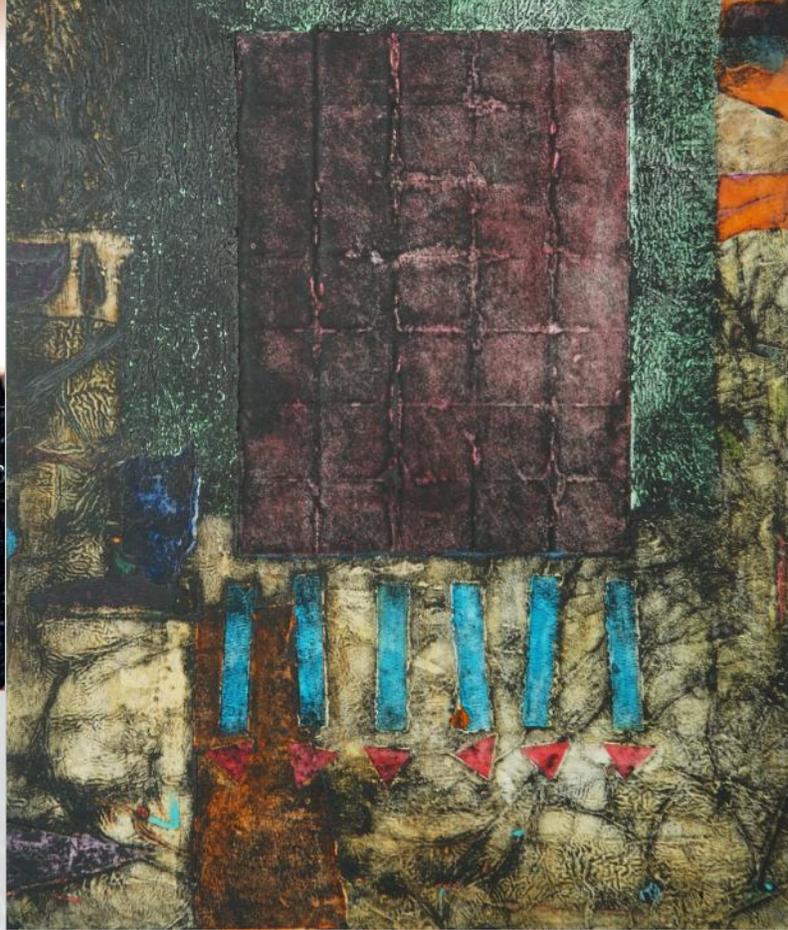
Cindy’s new series of 13 collagraphs is inspired by the thirteen Native American moons in the calendar, again reflecting time as a theme. Collagraphy is a technically demanding printmaking process. The printing plates are themselves textured collages, which are varnished when complete. The plate is then inked, a dampened sheet of paper placed on top, and then pulled through a press. The ink

imparts a single color to the texture and outline of the work. Once dry, Cindy paints atop the single ink color. Each collagraph is a unique work. The plate may be used again and pulled with a different color, and then painted in a different way to express a different thought or mood. The plates themselves become a temporal etched thread in Cindy’s life, as she sometimes revisits plates years later. The same geometry can thus be reinter-





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Owl's Day



Things That Continue

preted and expressed in a different and unique way which reflects a new time and new influences for her.

She has already begun work on another collagraphic series of nine, this time inspired by medieval monastic liturgy of the hours. Calls to prayer held at different times of the day were signaled by the ringing of church bells in the monastic communities, which came to mark the daily rhythm of the people

living near the monks.

Her work often is titled somewhat enigmatically. She told us that the title of the work always comes first. She collects phrases in a notebook, taken from literature, poetry, or from current events or things people say. She finds that the chosen phrase inspires and influences each piece as it's created. Her bright series of new collages, for example, was inspired by the poetry of Evan S. Connell.

Cindy's work can be seen on Beaver Island at Livingstone Studio, and online at www.livingstonestudio.com. Her work is also shown at the Main Frame Gallery in Mt. Pleasant, Third Stone Gallery in Fennville, and at the Uncommon Grounds Coffee Shop in Saugatuck. Cindy holds an M.F.A. from Michigan State University, and will be the featured summer artist at Montage on Beaver Island in 2009.



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a series from Rebecca Carlson

PATRICK'S WIFE

As a few of us walked into the cemetery, our guide's sad words about his wife gave all of us pause. They were an appropriate reminder of the sacred ground we were walking on. It took a few moments to take in the

whole scene. Someone turned and asked him the age of this cemetery. He said the oldest graves dated back to 500 A.D. The most recent burial was February 2006. The cross on the left is for his departed wife.

ORNATE

Walking through this cemetery, the crosses are stunning. Some of the crosses are very ornate in design and decoration, others are very simple. This gravestone caught my attention because of the words inscribed on the cross: "Thy Will Be Done." It was one of the few crosses written in English....most inscriptions are in Gaelic.

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

(Note: December 6 Big thaw; December 7-10 Fog, Rain - rain, 34 - 43 degrees; December 11, 12 Storm, 20 - 11 degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, Dec. 12, 1907 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island fishing tug *Elliot* is laid up here for the winter."

"The steamer *Beaver* made her Island trip Wednesday, and had a good run."

"The steamer *Beaver* is making a Cross Village trip today for the Argo Milling Co."

Beaver Island News: "Dr. J. C. Graham of Grand Rapids, visited the Island last week. We understand that he contemplates purchasing Dr. Wilkinson's interest here."

"Mr. George Gagnon is improving quite rapidly. He can now take nourishment without the use of a tube."

"C. C. Gallagher has been confined to the bed for the past week or so."

"Born to Capt. and Mrs. D. McCauley Thursday Dec. 5th a girl."

"Dr. A. M. Wilkinson is having a cement wall put under his residence."

"W. F. Stephens returned from Manistee with a force of shingle weavers."

"H. R. Boyle from Point AuSauble station returned home for the winter."

"George Williams of Charlevoix, transacted business here this week."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 19, 1907 **Local News:** "W. E. Stephens, of the Beaver Island Lumber Co. Was here this week, returning yesterday."

"Frank Berge went to St. James on the *Beaver* Monday, returning the same day."

"Mrs. Myrtle Young went to St. James on the *Beaver* yesterday on insurance business."

"M. Spencer, Keeper of the Beaver Head lighthouse, came over Saturday and proceeded to Nunica, Mich., where he will spend the winter."

Beaver Island News: "E. C. Lidke left for Manistee last week."

"Daniel W. Green returned home for the winter."

"The tugs have all started in fishing again this week."

"Both Beaver Head and Squaw Island Stations have closed for the winter."

"F. E. Cartier the enterprising tailor of Charlevoix transacted business here this week."

"Mr. Fred Nackerman and son returned home. His wife is still at the Big Rapids hospital."

"Fred Wilder the scaler for the Lumber Co. Left for Manistee to take the salt baths for rheumatism."

"The funeral of Mr. George Gagnon who succumbed to the attack of paralysis occurred Saturday morning of last week. He leaves a wife and three children, the eldest of which is only six years."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, December 26, 1907 **Local News:** "Deputy Oil Inspector W. J. Gallagher spent Christmas at St. James with his family."

"W. W. Boyle of St. James, came over Saturday and went to Harbor Springs to spend Christmas."

"Capt. Campbell, of the steamer *Beaver*; expects to wind up his Island trips Saturday of this week, but may make one trip next week."

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In 2007, our attendance increased again, especially with children 12 and under, over 30! Crazy Richard the Mad Juggler was a huge hit with the kids, and big adult kid category. (pictured on right) 250 musicians (including Doghouse Boodlers & Prisoners of Paradise), vendors, and volunteer staff. 620 total day and weekend visitors.

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We would also like to thank the many volunteers who dedicated their time to making it a fun, clean, and safe environment for everyone over the festival weekend. If you are interested in volunteering for 2008 see website for details on how to get involved.

Over the years BIMF has held a fundraiser and contributed to the BI Music Fund, BI EMS, BI Fire Department, and the BICS Music Program. If you are interested in working with BIMF to raise funds for your non-profit organization please contact Carol Burton at 231-838-2883; we choose one group a year and with your help would like to continue to help in supporting the Beaver Island Community.

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26. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* reported on the 43rd annual Hunters' Dinner, this one run by Emma Jean Belfy. 105 hunters were served from an all-game menu: primarily rabbit and venison, but also a turtle jambalaya.

Chris Butler took a 115# deer with her bow in her first bow-hunting attempt.

Drawings of the proposed Community House were being circulated, and a scale model was on its way. Hopes were that a "Little Fort Beaver" children's playground would be temporarily erected on the property to draw interest. A series of ethnic dinners was planned for the coming winter—starting with a *Fiesta Italiano*.

BICS Senior Kendra Wojan had received scholarship offers from Ferris and Lake Superior State, with other applications pending.

The new Hardware Store was under construction and expected to open by the onset of summer.

Katherine Ricksgers agreed to let the townships extract gravel for road work from her King's Highway property.

A mild disagreement over the ownership of the Yacht Dock was settled, with St. James being a 3/4 owner and Peaine 1/4.

The CCRC said it could not plow the road to the Townships' Airport because

"flying snow would be a danger to tethered planes."

A hunter lost on Garden Island was located by a ground crew, with the Coast Guard's help (they overflowed to direct the searchers, and brought over their dog team).

As the year ended, the Deputy Sheriff reported that he'd had 45 animal complaints since January, had impounded 22 and euthanized 17. Eleven abandoned vehicles were tagged.

Thirty Years Ago (there was no Dec. 87 *Beacon*) Two award-winning essays on Christmas by Gena Delamater were published in the *Beacon*, followed by essays by Sister Agatha on *The*

IT WAS ONLY A BIRD

by Phil Gregg

It was one of those blustery December days of blowing snow and bone chilling temperatures that my wife had presented me with a last minute shopping list. Bundling up in my snowmobile suit, boots and mitts, I headed out and after a few short yanks, the machine barked a response and I headed down the side of the road for McDonough's Market. As I was passing our marina, out of the corner of my eye, I caught sight of a small bird fluttering in the tall weeds poking up through the snow. Stopping to investigate, I was able to easily capture the bird that obviously had a broken wing. Carrying it gingerly in one hand, I continued on to the store, where I offered it up for examination to Bud and Skip. At the time, none of us knew what kind of bird it was. He had a red cap on his head with a faintly pink breast, brown wings, and

about the size of a sparrow. Skip provided me with an empty cottage cheese carton to transport him home in. Returning home, we shredded some newspaper in the bottom of a high sided cardboard box, set in some wild bird seed, a small dish of water and placed the bird in it. The bird hardly stirred but did eat and drink a little. We figured its survival chances were pretty slim. After all, a wild bird, wounded at that, just didn't stand much of a chance. After placing the box next to my chair, I got out the bird book to determine just what it was that we had. Not being an expert at bird identification it took awhile before finding the proper description but at last I found it. We had a male Common Redpoll. Their summer home extends to the arctic and wintertime finds them as far south as South Carolina.

Really not expecting it to survive, I

was surprised to find him hopping around, in relatively good shape the next morning. He was still dragging his wing but had cleaned up his food and water and strangely enough, didn't act the least bit frightened.

As the days passed, he was practically ignored, other than feeding and changing his bedding. It was very evident by now that he was doing great. After a week, we decided he needed more freedom, so when Joy Green loaned us a bird cage, we transferred him to it. Several had said this just can't be done with a wild bird, but this little fella was different. We had dubbed him Gimpy, for his injured wing put him a little out of balance when he walked. He took to the cage like it was home and had a great time swinging on the swing.

We placed him on the teacart in front of our picture window, where outside,

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Meaning of Christmas, by Kevin Green on *The Children's Christmas*, and a heart-warming tale by Phil Gregg, *It Was Only a Bird*.

Forty Years Ago A heavy snow had bent over the Island's evergreens, producing the look of Christmas. Temperatures dropped to as low as 16 late in the month.

The *Beaver Tail Restaurant* held an Open House for Mr. and Mrs. Rogers Carlisle's 50th wedding anniversary

Deer hunting was good, with 137 being taken. The largest was a 188# 8-point by L. Z. Riegle. Because of severe weather, only one party went over to Garden Island, taking two large deer.

The Hunters' Dinner was well-attended, with chicken being served.

Since the passing of Dr. Haynes, Doc Christie was flying in from Harbor Springs to keep the Med Center open two days a week.

Passings noted included George McCann, James Cull, Bernard O'Donnell, and Father McLaughlin, who had served Holy Cross before WW II. Mr. McCann was born on Beaver Island in 1915, but left to become a truck driver; he died when his truck left the road and struck a tree. James Cull was born here in 1882, one of 11 children of Dennis Cull and Mary 'Labbly' O'Donnell. Bernard 'Ben' O'Donnell

was born here in 1890, and was a sailor on the Great Lakes all his life.

Fifty Years Ago Two hundred plus hunters went into the woods this year, including 30 Islanders, taking 107 deer. Earlier the archers took 29. This year the Game Club treated 75 to a perch dinner for the Hunters' Ball, organized by Don Cole and Bud McDonough.

The infamous *Patrol #1* docked at St. James for a night.

A coyote and fox hunt was being promoted for mid-December.

The passing of Ket Gillespie, Jewell's father, was noted. He had been born here in 1868, and married Mary Ann Boyle in 1900.

we had a bird feeding station. Soon there was a large flight of Redpolls making regular visits to the station, much to the delight of Gimpy. As an experiment, we propped the door of the cage open and it was nearly two hours before he decided to venture out. He would hop onto the windowsill and perch on a miniature Christmas tree that one of the girls had made from small pine cones. By the hour he would sit and watch the birds that came to feed. As the day came to an end, he would hop back on the teacart and re-enter the cage. With each passing day his strength grew; though obviously his wing would always droop, he could now fly short distances across the room and back to his cage. He soon developed the desire to roost on the rim of the hanging lamp over my chair. The fact that Gimpy wasn't truly house broken made sitting here rather hazardous.

Over two months had passed and even though the family had become fondly attached to Gimpy, it was time for him to go with his own. One bright sunny day, we placed his cage, with the door propped open, on the bird feeder and watched while Gimpy made up his mind to leave. It took some time but finally he ventured out and flew to an upper limb of the big oak in the front yard. We thought perhaps that would be the last we would see of Gimpy, for with his new gained strength and freedom, he took off and disappeared into the distance. Early that same evening, the big flock of Redpolls made their usual visit to the feeder. Much to our delight, among them was Gimpy! We watched as they fed and chased each other off the feeder, sorta playing king of the mountain. Old Gimpy, we could see, could take care of himself and it looked

like he felt rather possessive of the feeder, for he stayed long after the others had left. Then just before darkness set in, off he would fly. This very same procedure followed day after day until the migration instincts took over and Gimpy and all his friends headed north.

Four years have passed since and as yet, we haven't seen any of Gimpy's kind. However, it was a delightful experience from which our whole family learned a most important lesson that all of us, especially at this time of year, might keep uppermost in our minds. Gentle, tender, loving care, with plenty of patience, can do wonders for the healing process, whether mental fears or physical injuries, and believe it or not, it works on people too! All we have to do is apply this simple principle to our everyday lives to assure Peace on Earth and Good Will to all Men.

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Alice Joy Green, 74, of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, October 30, 2007, at her home on Beaver Island. She was born November 4, 1932 on Beaver Island to Lloyd and Eva (LaFreniere) McDonough. She graduated from high school here and then from Mercy Central School of Nursing in Grand Rapids. Joy was a Registered Nurse and assisted Island doctors with many deliveries.



She owned and operated her own business, Joy Green Bakery, supplying homemade breads, pies and doughnuts to local stores and restaurants for many years. She was a member of the Beaver Island School Board, the Holy Cross Altar Society, and was chairman of the Holy Cross Cemetery.

On September 15, 1956, Joy married Russell J. Green on Beaver Island, and he survives her. She is also survived by her children, Michael (Kitty McNamara) Green of Beaver Island; Mary Delamater, Bernadette (Dave) Cole, Rose (John) Peters, Kathleen (Dana) Dvoracek all of Charlevoix, Beth Anne (Steve) Lucas of Blanchard, Kevin (Snowe) Green of Signal Mountain, Tenn., Amy Bair of Chesterfield Township; seventeen grandchildren; two

great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; special neighbor and friend, Skip McDonough. Joy's brothers, Bud and Bruce McDonough, and sister, Vera Wojan, preceded her in death.

Visitation was at the Holy Cross Church on Beaver Island, where the Rosary was recited. Rite of Christian Burial was on November 3, at the Holy Cross Church, the Rev. Patrick Cawley officiating. Burial followed at Holy Cross Cemetery on Beaver Island.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church for the Ellen Welke Memorial Fund, or to Holy Cross Cemetery.

Dear Friends,

"Words could never express...". In our case, there are so many words that express our heartfelt thanks and love toward each and everyone that has been so much a part of our lives, especially these past few weeks. The outpouring of your gifts was so overwhelming that we are all in total awe.

For those who couldn't be a part of the past few months, Mom didn't suffer and she never lost her beautiful smile.

She had so much faith and spirit in her heart and soul that it was truly a gift for those of us close to her. She died as she lived, with the utmost grace and dignity, but not before she so unselfishly made sure all her ducks were in a row.

If she could have attended her own funeral, she would have told us all to stop the fanfare and the pomp and circumstance, as in her mind there was only One worthy of such honor, although we all know different.

The food at the hall, as well as all that was brought to the house, was like the wedding at Cana, endless and wonderful. And for all who participated, Mom said to make sure you were all there to work at the Homecoming dinner!!

Not to name names because you all shared a special part, but we need to acknowledge Sue Solle for being Mom's ANGEL of MERCY as well as all of ours.

And Father Pat, THANK YOU.

We will never forget what you all did for us.

Thank you for sharing in our laughter, our prayers, our sorrow, and our anguish. But above all else, Thank you for sharing in our "JOY".

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SHEILA ROBERT 1941-2007

Sheila Robert, 66, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, formerly of Marquette, Michigan, was born into eternal life on November 7, 2007 at Froedtert Hospital in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. Sheila courageously battled diabetes since the age of 15. She was a beautiful woman with an amazing spirit. She never complained even when the pain was intolerable. She touched the lives of everyone she came in contact with. Everyone adored her . . . her nurses and doctors, as well. One nurse who cared for her in her final days wrote a letter to Sheila's husband commenting on what a wonderful person she is and how her smile lit up the room.

Sheila was born on November 2, 1941 in Munising to the late Clyde and Esther (Gran) LaRock. She graduated from Mather High School in Munising

and also attended the Muskegon School of Business.

At 19, Sheila and her family moved to Ishpeming where her father purchased the Negaunee Home Bakery. She worked for her father, and at the former Gately's Furniture Store. Later in life, Sheila was a teacher's aide at Parkview Elementary School in Marquette and worked in the Food Service Department at NMU for 10 years, where she was very fond of the students.

Due to her daughter's love of figure skating, she joined the Marquette Figure Skating Club. She was the Director of its Summer School Camps. She was a former member at St. Louis the King Catholic Church in Harvey, enjoyed her weekly bridge games with "the girls" and looked forward to Saturday lunches

followed by shopping with her daughters. She loved life and spending quality time with her family and friends.

Sheila and her husband moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin in December of 1993 to be closer to their children.

Her family would like to thank Sheila's sister, Karen DaFonseca, for the gift of her kidney, which allowed Sheila an additional nine years of treasured life with all who are dear to her.

She is survived by her loving husband of 45 years, John D. Robert, whom she married on November 2, 1962 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ishpeming; and four cherished children, Scott (Laurie) Robert of El Segundo, CA, Lisa (David) Ball of Wauwatosa, WI, Michelle Robert of Milwaukee, WI, and John (Debbie) Robert of Beaver Island.

JOHN W. WORKS 1928-2007

John Wolcott Works, Ph.D., of Silver Lake and Beaver Island, passed away at age 79, on November 12 after a long illness.

John was the son of John and Harriet Works of Salem, Ohio. His wife of 52 years, Trudy, and three children survive him: Gabriel Works (John O'Connor) of Grand Rapids, Michigan, John Works, Jr.



(Carolyn) of Beaver Island, Michigan, and Jeb Works (Denise) of Stow. He has three grandchildren, Michael, Matt, and Meg. His daughter, Margaret preceded him in death.

John was a well-learned and well-traveled man of many interests. He was a retired Professor of Finance at the University of Akron, following a long career at Duquesne

University. He received his M.B.A. and Ph.D. from Northwestern University, a J.D. from Ohio Northern Law School, and a B.A. from Brown University. Additionally, he was a graduate of Andover Academy. John was a veteran of the Korean Conflict.

Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, Beaver Island Medical Center Fund, Box 718, East Jordan, MI 49727.

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30. CLINIC GROUNDS GET UPGRADE

by Frank Solle

Through the generous donations of materials and time, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center received a new look in the grounds around the building.

The first step was the placement of numerous large rocks by Jim Wojan, including a large granite boulder near the entrance that represents the heart of the clinic's mission—caring for the well-being of the Island community.

With the rocks in place, the next step was landscaping with plants. This was accomplished through the combined efforts of local BIRHC supporter BJ Wyckoff and Charlevoix businessman Gary Marvin of Marvin's Garden who contributed over \$2000 worth of plants

from evergreens to flowering shrubs to trees.

"We support everybody on the other side," Marvin said while digging a hole for yet another planting along the sidewalk in front of the Clinic. "Why not support somebody over here?"

With encouragement from Wyckoff and fellow supporter Leonor Jacobson, the job took shape. "BJ and I have been friends for many years," Marvin said. "We sat down, put some ideas together, and shipped things over here."

While Jacobson oversaw the project, including supplying the many helping hands on planting day with coffee and cookies, Wyckoff prepped

many of the plants with her trusty clippers. "Gary was so generous with us," Wyckoff said. "He provided us with a great selection of plants and did all the design and layout." Looking at the workers, the rocks, the plants, and the wonderful building, Wyckoff added, "We are so privileged to have all this."

Helping with the project was BIRHC board president Connie Wojan who was nearly overwhelmed with the generosity and spirit of helpfulness of everyone involved. "It's just so wonderful," she said.

It should be even more wonderful next spring when everything begins to bloom.

If you would like to help with the continuing project in the spring, call 448-2894 (Leonor) or 448-2379 (Connie)

EMMETT MARTIN 1947-2007

Daniel "Emmett" Martin, 60, of Fountain and formerly of Beaver Island, died Friday, Nov. 23 surrounded by his family. He was born on Beaver Island October 6, 1947 to the late Marion and Charles Martin. Emmett was taught by the Catholic nuns as he attended school on the Island. Emmett worked many years as a commercial fisherman and general contractor. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with his grandchildren and going on road trips. Emmett was Irish, Catholic,

and a man with a plan. He had a sense of adventure. Emmett is survived by his love of 34 years, Nancy McDiarmid of Fountain; their daughter, Julie Martin; grandchildren, Jacob Emmett, Brennan, Levi and Evan Daniel Martin of Walhalla; stepdaughters, Jill Schwartz of Fountain and Jody Yerian of Evart; stepgrandchildren, Joshua Schwartz of Tennessee, Shayna Schwartz of Virginia, Mariah and Devin Schwartz of Fountain, Noah and Jonah Yerian of Evart. He is also

survived by two brothers, Buddy Martin of Beaver Island and Mike Martin of Sparta; three sisters, Margie Armstrong of Beaver Island, Sally Delia of Hesperia and Mary Jane Martin; several nieces and nephews. Emmett was preceded in death by his brothers, Jimmy Lee Martin, Erwin Martin and twin brother, Ernie Martin. Funeral Mass was Saturday, Dec. 1 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

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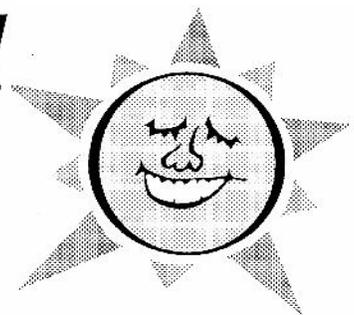
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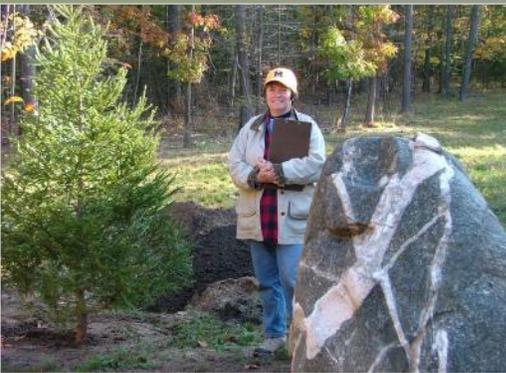
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photographs: Horseshoe Reef above water; walking the old lumber dock, on the beach

The International Joint Commission, a U.S.-Canadian advisory agency, is overseeing a study of whether erosion near the upper end of the St. Clair River is a cause of the steady decline in Lake Michigan and Huron water levels since the late 1990s.

The IJC said it was too early to judge the validity of the Georgian Bay Association's contention that erosion is the leading culprit. But it said the underwater video taken in September showed the riverbed is covered with gravel, pebbles, and stones up to 10" long. The video images from the St. Clair River's bottom have turned up no evidence that continuing erosion caused by dredging is causing water levels on the upper Great Lakes to drop. But the research is in the early stages and no final conclusions have been reached. The rock layer is stable, mean-

ing "the bed cannot be eroding," it claimed during a news conference in Toronto.

A spokeswoman for the Georgian Bay Association, whose studies have promoted the erosion hypothesis, said the IJC's report was unconvincing and contained errors. The association suggests looking for ways to reduce water flow out of Lake Huron.

Researchers acknowledged many questions remain unanswered, such as whether river flow rates have changed over time and how long the riverbed has been stable. The rock layer holding it steady may have been covered previously by sediment that washed away.

Low water is causing ecological and economic problems on the Great Lakes, particularly for commercial shippers and recreational marinas. Lakes Michigan and Huron are about 20"

below their historical average levels. Lake Superior also hit a record low.

Last month Gov. Jennifer Granholm and U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow asked the Corps of Engineers to consider placing underwater barriers in the river to limit its flow even before the commission's study is finished.

The IJC acknowledged that dredging caused Lakes Huron and Michigan to drop 16" from the mid-1800s to the 1960s, but doubts it also is causing the present low-water period, which began in 1999. Retired Ann Arbor hydrologist Frank Quinn believes 80-90% of the lakes' current drop-off can be attributed to weather. He added that they probably would have fallen even more during recent decades except their outflow has been restricted by a buildup of the water supply in Lake Erie—caused primarily by increased precipitation.



We've never walked the dock like this before...

ALARMING BIRD DEATHS

by Frank Solle

All along the beaches of Beaver Island, loons and other migratory fishing birds are dying and washing ashore in shocking numbers due to an apparent outbreak of Type E botulism. While this form of botulism, caused by a toxic botulin produced by the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum*, occurs naturally in the Great Lakes, it has come to the forefront over the past two years due to the dual effect of certain invasive species.

The problem first appeared in the Sleeping Bear Dunes area near Traverse City last year where nearly 3,000 dead birds were found along the shore. This year other outbreaks have occurred around the Manitou Islands, the Delta County area of the Upper Peninsula along the northern shore of Lake Michigan, the northern coast of Lake Michigan along the Lower Peninsula near Cross Village, and here on the Island.

According to our local loon expert, Jacque LaFreniere, some 67 loon bodies have been reported this fall, along with those of white-winged scoters, grebes, and gulls.

"It's rare to find even one dead loon a year,"

LaFreniere said. "This is unheard of."

On a recent trip to Greene's Bay, LaFreniere reports finding 27 dead birds, including 15 loons, in a short half-mile stretch of beach.

While the death of so many birds is tragic, LaFreniere is holding out hope that the birds which nest on the Island's inland lakes are long gone. "I'm hoping the dead loons we find are migratory birds and not our buddies who nest here," she said. "We won't know until next spring."

According to a number of recently published articles, the problem lies

both in the zebra and quagga mussels as well as the round goby, all invasive species inadvertently introduced to the Great Lakes over the past twenty years through discharges of ballast water by international ocean-going ships.

As the mussels filter water along the lake bottom they become intoxicated with the naturally occurring botulin. They then become prey for smaller fishes, such as gobies, who in turn become intoxicated and pass the paralytic toxin up the food chain to the birds.

This cycle can be affected in numerous ways, not only by the resultant slow movement of infected fish. Each fall the natural turnover of lake

the birds was not good.

Once in the birds' system, the botulin causes muscle weakness and paralysis, especially affecting the respiratory system. Many birds, particularly loons and mergansers, succumb to offshore drowning as they can no longer hold their heads up.

Other areas of Michigan have reported finding dead terns, eagles, mergansers, bufflehead ducks, and cormorants. However, LaFreniere says among the birds she has found or have been reported to her, not one was a cormorant.

Unfortunately, little can or is being done about the problem. "There really isn't any economic impact with

loons dying," LaFreniere said. "People like to see them and hear them, but not many make the drive north just to do that." LaFreniere pointed out this is much different than the introduction of the sea lamprey that devastated the commercial fishing industry in the 1950s and 60s.

Tighter controls on shipping may result in fewer invasive species being introduced to the Great Lakes, but the economic

impact of shipping keeps such controls slow to be enacted. Yet such controls won't help with the invasives already here. And who knows what impact the next invasive will have.

If you do come across a dead bird do not touch it or allow a pet to eat it. The birds may be disposed of, using plenty of precautions, by burying away from the shore, but LaFreniere says it is best at this point to simply leave them. She does request anyone who finds a dead bird to call her (448-2220) so she can document the numbers.



One of the 67 dead loons, surrounded by gobs of dead algal bloom and the husks of zebra mussels

water brings both the infected invertebrates and small fishes closer to the lake's surface where birds feed. Also, warmer water with lower oxygen content (both of which occur in low-water conditions), and areas with increased nutrient content due to decaying plant growth (such as this summer's algal blooms, again, in part, thanks to the invasive mussels which allowed more light to penetrate the lake, causing too much growth) aid in the production of the natural toxin.

Given that all these conditions were present this fall, the outlook for

34. HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS FOR THE KIDS!

The AMVETS and Ladies Auxiliary will again host a **Santa's Workshop** at the Beaver Island Community School on Thursday, **December 13**, to enable the kids to purchase affordably priced gifts for their families and friends. Older students and adults will be available to help the youngsters select and wrap their purchases.

Also, the Emerald Isle Hotel and the AMVETS and Ladies Auxiliary of Post #46 will again partner in the

Annual Children's Christmas Party to be held on **Saturday, December 15, 11:00 to 1:00** at the Emerald Isle Hotel. Hot dogs, chips, cookies, ice cream and beverage will be served to the kids as well as their parents at no charge. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to hear the Christmas wish lists and pass out gifts to the kids. Pictures will be taken of each child with Santa and given to them with our Happy Holiday wishes.

We wish you all a happy and safe holiday season!

NEW YEAR'S DANCE

... at Holy Cross Hall, **December 31st, 2007**. From 7:30 to 9:30, Happy Hour with Cindy Cushman, Dan Gillespie, John McCafferty, Ed Palmer and Brian Roman.

9:30-? with the Doghouse Boodlers
Buffet at Midnight. Raffles, 50/50

TOY DRIVE

December 16th is the last day to contribute to the Ellen Welke Memorial Toy Drive. Call (231) 448-2491 for more information.

THE GRAVEL,

I would like to address the article about the roads on Beaver Island in October's issue which focused on the conditions of West Side Drive and Fox Lake Road and I would like to respond with a different point of view. Although I do sympathize with the temporary inconvenience that it may be causing to Bicyclists, this work has greatly improved the condition of these roads.

As a resident living off of West Side Road for the last 6 years I have seen the work that has gone into the betterment of this road and at times, I will agree, that it has been quite troublesome to travel over the large rocks and stones put down, but prior to the dumping and compacting of rock and gravel it was a road nearly impassible or not traveled at all and I would like to refresh everyone's memory who has encountered this road what it was like not long ago.

The only thing you could see in the Spring or Fall was knee deep muck. OK sometimes waist deep muck! This after any solid rain was the general view or panic if you had to travel anywhere using this road. If it was a must that you travel this way at all, it was always with a little prayer and a heavy foot down on an accelerated peddle, not forgetting that little voice in your head repeating don't stop!, don't stop!, DON'T STOP!!!!, (and I know that many of you can probably picture yourselves in this situation). During these times of year we drove, or more like mud truck raced, through this muck to get home or to our destinations, hoping that we wouldn't get stuck and have to trudge the giant puddles on foot. This however does not hold true anymore and for that I am a very grateful resident of Beaver Island. I believe the road improvements, no matter how temporarily

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AA MEETINGS

Friday at Noon at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Conference Room. For more information, inquire at the Medical Center Desk

THE DUST

bothersome, have benefitted all travelers. This road has not been shut down during the Spring or Fall for the last 2 years or longer and it has in no way altered the natural beauty of West Side Drive.

These improvements have also helped to increase the traffic on West Side Drive greatly over the years, and I believe it is because of the extended season we have been given by improving the road. This increase in travel brings me to a much bigger issue that I feel is important to bring to the attention of Island Residents. Not the condition of the roads but Safety on these roads! We should consider the safety of everyone who travels this road at another time of year: Summer. If you are traveling this end of the island you go from East Side to West Side or vice versa, the loop. Everyone has taken this route. However, West Side Drive, although a major tour road, does not get treated to keep the dust down during the driest and busiest time of year. Even driving slowly the dust clouds are so encompassing that you can not see ahead of you if following a vehicle or behind you under any conditions. This is perilous to everyone, especially those on bikes or traveling on foot. In the interest of avoiding what could be a tragic preventable accident this issue should be addressed. If it takes a budget adjustment to help guarantee the safety of residents and visitors by fixing this dust safety problem on West Side Drive and several other dirt tourist roads, I don't think that many would object to saving a life. I believe that this issue is a matter of grave importance, safety on all major roads with dust control. Perfect gravel I believe can wait. I'll personally chose dust control for the safety of everyone and give me a few cheaper rocks; I'll wait for them to work.

– Carol Burton

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Don't miss the upcoming Holiday events at the Christian Church, including:

The **Christmas Cantata** by the Community Choir, **December 8th and 9th at 3:00 p.m.**, and the **Cookie Carnival**, Thursday, **December 13th**

ON THE COVER

As the Island sees added structure, a little juxtaposition may be a needed restorative. The best version of this scene though was seen at Mary

The Beaver Island Community School Holiday Program will be held on **December 18th at 7:00 p.m.** at the Holy Cross Hall. The Beaver Island Community School Holiday Vacation starts on December 22nd and lasts until January 2nd 2008.

Scholl's gallery, a pair of red sunglasses left on the tomb's gate. But the sunglasses were likely missed more than the prankster's tie.

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36. LETTERS: OUTDOOR WRITERS GROUP TO VISIT ISLAND

During the first weekend in June the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce and the Wildlife Club are going to host a visit by members of the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association (MOWA). This is a very important opportunity for the Beaver Island community. These writers, perhaps 100 or more, will publish Beaver Island stories over the next couple of years. The island marketing value, if purchased as advertising, will likely exceed \$100,000.

The Chamber of Commerce and member businesses will subsidize the price the writers will pay to visit the

Island for their June conference. Additional Chamber marketing expenditures will focus on enticing members to come to Beaver Island. I will attend MOWA's February meeting in Baldwin and have an opportunity to talk to the group about the Beaver Island experience.

The Wildlife Club will plan and guide a variety of island experiences for the writers to enjoy. The MOWA group is not all "hooks and bullets" as they say in the business. In addition to hunting and fishing members are also interested in a wide variety of outdoor and travel related activities. Wild flowers and

kayaking as well whitetails and walleyes will be featured for these influential visitors.

You can help support this important effort. Join the Chamber of Commerce and the Wildlife Club. The Wildlife Club welcomes all who are interested in the natural world. You don't have to be a business owner to join the Chamber. Individual supporting members are welcome. Information about both organizations can be found on the Chamber web site www.beaverisland.org. Thanks for your consideration!

— Steve West

LETTERS: SHANGHAIED TO CHARLEVOIX

Ever notice the sign about shoplifters in McDonough's? Or vandalized picnic tables at the public beach? Complaints from weekend warriors from Chicago or Detroit, and dog-haters in general about dogs not chained or penned, have got the backs up of BI's finest. Forget crimes against people or property. LOOSE DOGS, now that's a real problem! Maybe in the big city, but not here.

In Michigan, scores of families leave the state daily in search of jobs. And these are people who actually want to work! The rest of us are left to support all state and local government expenses. Money has to come from

somewhere. In Mt. Pleasant there is an ingenious remedy. Police give massive amounts of parking tickets and the county levies huge fines for the slightest traffic offense. (e.g. seat belts 105\$). And everyone goes to jail for the most innocuous "crimes" (e.g. jail on a domestic violence charge for squirting breast milk on a spouse). And the cost of running the jail? Outsourced! That's right. Why pay good taxpayer money to local people when it can be sent out of state, and a portion returned for "expenses?" Medical care for inmates? Easy. Determined by an oncologist in Indiana, without a Michigan license. No inmate gets any medicine! Think of

the savings on staff!

Besides, who cares about prisoners? And there are lots of fines and costs charged to prisoners and their families. And better yet, they can almost never get a job when they get out! Causing them to commit more crimes! And pay daily costs for tethers and reimburse the jail for "housing." Basically a big shake-down operation.

Is Charlevoix feeling the pinch? Are dogs 'Shanghaied to Charlevoix' part of the solution? Should BI have it's own home-grown police force? Should we be part of Charlevoix County? What are you getting for your tax money?

— Mitchel Osman; South End Road

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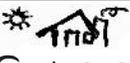
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year either in person or by speakerphone at their own expense. In addition to regular attendance at meetings the board members are also expected to be champions for the Health Center, contribute time and talents, avoid conflicts of interest and be team players. Because fund raising is so crucial to BIRHC, board members should also be willing to commit substantial time to organizing and helping

at fundraising events, financially supporting those events and helping to solicit prospective donors.

Letters of interest should be sent to Connie Wojan, President BIRHC Board of Directors c/o BIRHC, POB 146, Beaver Island, MI 49782 by January 10th, 2008. Candidates will be reviewed and a slate presented at the January 19th Annual Meeting. For more information call Connie Wojan at (231) 448-2379.

LETTERS: A RUMOR THAT IS SIMPLY UNTRUE

The rumor I am talking about is the one that suggests that Beaver Island does not need ALS, Advanced Life Support. I will address this rumor since I provided Advanced Life Support to the Island as the only paramedic for four years.

Did anyone ask the man who was transported aboard the USCG Cutter Biscayne Bay if he thought that Beaver Island should abandon the ALS treatments he received? Has anyone asked the cardiac arrest patient who survived if the advanced treatments he received were valuable to the patient and family? Does the public know that 82% of the yearly ambulance transports require advanced life support due to patient condition, not convenience? Did you

know that the ALS service affects more than thirty people each year?

Advanced Life Support is provided on Beaver Island by the paramedics of BIEMS. The advanced care provided at the BIRHC, if the patient is transported from there, is continued by the paramedics of BIEMS.

Did you know that the BIEMS paramedics can provide the same treatments at the patient's home, for many conditions, that the patient would receive in the emergency room? Did you know that BLS, basic life support EMTs and MFRs, are not allowed to provide this level of care? Did you know that a registered nurse is not allowed to provide this emergency care in an ambulance?

Advanced Life Support has become a part of the culture and part of the success of Beaver Island. It is part of what people expect when they come to visit our Island. It is an essential service that is called upon at least 90 times each year, which averages out to once every four days or almost twice each week.

Are there people who are alive today that are alive because of Advanced Life Support? The answer is YES. Are there people who were made much more comfortable in their transport to the hospital because of Advanced Life Support? The answer is YES. Is Advanced Life Support needed on Beaver Island? The answer is YES.

- Joe Moore

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by Fairway Frank

Ah, the joys of cold-weather golf. Not winter golf mind you. We're not there. Yet. Soon. Hopefully.

And about those joys? Well, there isn't much of a crowd. Unless you consider playing with a partner or two a crowd, which we don't, so there isn't. The air is fresh and crisp, not much haze in November other than from wood stoves. And the conditions are just right when we play, because if they aren't, we don't.

So what are the right conditions? More sun than wind. More clouds than wind. More anything than wind, because wind just makes it colder. And dry. Cold rain/snow isn't that much fun, although it is challenging, and if we weren't up for a challenge we wouldn't be out golfing in November, or later. As far as temperature goes, we'll take anything above freezing, but let's be realistic about this, the warmer the better—a sunny November day hovering around 40, without much wind is really pretty nice. Although we did finish one post-Thanksgiving round with the clubhouse needle pointing at a crisp 28! See, it's a good thing we walk back and forth between tee and green.

Of course, in order to do this you have to layer up. Fleece-lined pants aren't a bad idea if you're playing in the 30s. The right gloves are important, as cold, stiff fingers don't help your grip much. I've been looking online at cold-weather golf gloves, but haven't found

the right pair yet. Until then, I'm hoping for more 'warm' days, and in the meantime will stick with my trusty fleece gloves that seem to work well.

However, the layers, while keeping you comfortable once you've played a few holes and built up some body heat, don't really help the swing that much. Neither does the cold. But remember, you're on Beaver Island and you're golfing.

The cold also doesn't help the ball. The ball becomes hard, like a rock—or a Titlest—refusing to fly or carry or put up much of a fight against the relentless force of gravity (unless you're a former PGA card holder, but not too many of us are). I've switched over to the new Wilson 50/50 ball for that reason. At 50 compression, it's the softest ball on the market. I think it helps, but it's hard to know when you're bundled up like Charlie Brown and need a push to get going.

As far as the course goes, it's held up quite well. There seems to be more deer running across the greens, but the fairways are still green and lush while the rough has thinned out as the taller grasses have died off (or so I've been told). The greens themselves are in great shape. The cold temperatures makes them fast (oops, not that fast), although some, even during the same round, are much slower (yikes, not that slow).

So you see, it's still just golf. You just have to accept the fact that as the temper-

ature goes down, your score goes up. You hit an extra club on the mid-range shots as well as off the tee on the par-threes. You walk a little faster, at least at first as whatever wind there is on a given day always seems to be blowing from the north as you play number one. By the time you get to number five, you get a break from the wind, you've walked enough to almost feel warm, you've swung enough to establish whatever rhythm you're going to get, and you seem to actually be looking forward to playing the final four holes, regardless of your score.

A golfing tribute

The local golf scene was saddened recently with the news of the passing of John Works, Sr. John bought the golf course in 1978 and began diligently to improve the course. Without his efforts it's hard to know if we would have a course today or not. I know I am not out of line to say the entire Beaver Island golfing community extends their condolences to Trudy, John, Jr., Gay, Jed, and their families.

With his passing fresh in our minds, Joe Par and I dedicated a round of golf to John, Sr. on a wonderful, sunny, November afternoon a few weeks ago. We didn't play our best. We didn't play our worst. We simply played the game in his honor, thankful we could make a small gesture to a good man.

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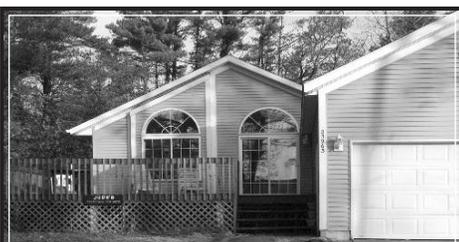
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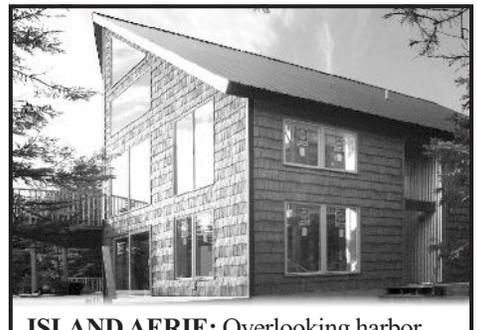
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LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY - pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: \$500. Call (734) 449-0804 or email delzey@earthlink.net

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

Beaver Island Homes & Cottages for Rent - Continued on page 42.



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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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REAL ESTATE, FOR RENT



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Cottages For Rent, continued from page 41.

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

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.

REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

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 - 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. ~1-acre corner lot. Peekaboo view of Harbor. Asking: \$245,000. Call Jackie at (231) 448-2342.

PRIME 20 ACRES NEAR FONT LAKE, close to town, w. apple trees, power and road in. \$150,000 Erik Peterson (616) 240-8980.

THE WALSH 40, SOUTH OF THE BEAVER ISLAND GOLF COURSE - Walk to the Fairway. Make offer: (248) 515-8746.

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 e-mail cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org

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



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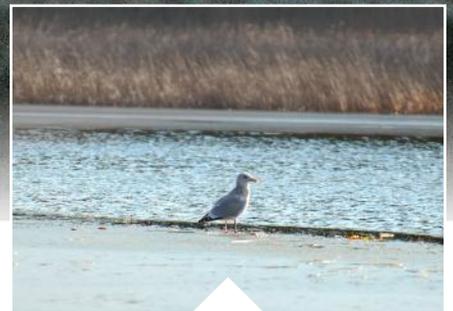
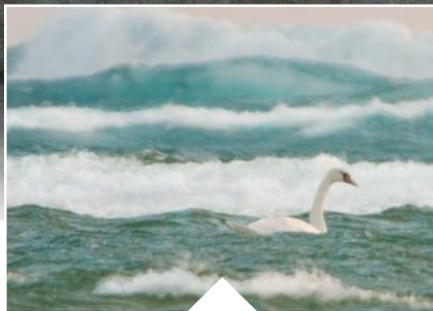
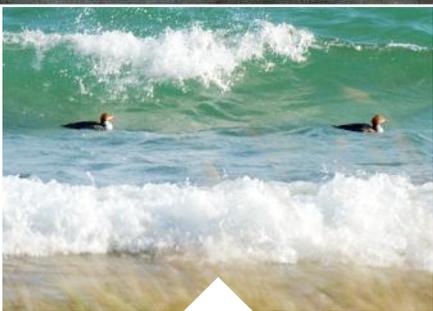


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