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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

At the monthly meeting the St. James Township supervisor announced that he had met with the Peaine Supervisor about continuing the *phragmites* eradication program, and it would go forward. The sprayers will be back this spring to see if the 80% rate had been achieved; their evaluation will determine what the next steps will be. Application has been made for a DNR permit for additional spraying. The townships were looking into an ordinance to require affected property owners to allow spraying, and to pay their share—which could be billed to them with their property taxes.

The Internet tower agreement was being refined in dialogue between the townships and their attorneys. There will be separate agreements between each township and the owner of the two towers, possibly calling for an annual lease of \$1,000 for each. Members of the audience said they hoped the tower owner was moving forward on the possibility of also leasing space to cell phone companies to improve cell phone use on the Island.

Now that the state budget crisis has eased, the \$15,000 grant previously awarded for an engineering study of the Whiskey Point Light will be released, and the selected firm, Upper Peninsula

Architects and Engineers, one of two bidders, will start its work this spring. The total cost is \$22,750, with GLLKA and St. James Township paying the balance. By September 30<sup>th</sup> the firm will present a report stating what should be done and how much it is likely to cost, dealing with doors, windows, the stairway, ventilation, the bricks, and the foundation.

The Board authorized a letter supporting the Historical Society's plan to begin raising funds towards its most ambitious project ever, an addition to the Print Shop Museum.

The Board approved a proposal calling for a 2.3% CoL raise for itself, which will be presented to the public at the Annual Meeting, which was set for March 22 at 11:00 a.m. The Supervisor and Treasurer would be increased to \$14,267, the Clerk to \$15,574, and the two Trustees to \$4,227.

The Township was still negotiating with Wolverine Power on the terms of a contract for using the former power plant site as an Arranmore Park. Wolverine had offered 20 years; the Township wanted 50. So doing would allow them to greatly reduce the tax on the property, which would be reclassified—at present it's ~\$7,000/year. If this goes through, the Woollam Foundation may purchase the adjacent lot for



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additional park land.

Rich Gillespie resigned from BITA, but the Board was not yet ready to consider appointing a replacement. Because of his extensive nautical experience Jim White was appointed Harbormaster at a salary of \$16,964.

Ron Stith was appointed to replace Phil Gregg on the Townships' Cemetery Committee.

Sarah McCafferty alerted the Board that she had been the only Island paramedic serving with the EMS for the previous few weeks, and that this required her to be available 24/7. The joint township committee (Jean Palmer, Don Vyse, Paul Welke, and Tina Morgan) dealing with the EMS agreed to meet to discuss this potential problem and consider ways of increasing EMS funding, possibly through millage. (*Note: the situation eased with the return of Ken Bruland.*)

The Board of Review will be held on March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 and on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 and 6:00-9:00. The Annual Meeting will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00

#### Peaine Township

Peaine's Board agreed to present a proposal for Cost of Living increases for their members to the public at the Annual Meeting, which was set for

March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:00. The Supervisor would go up to \$15,455, the Clerk and Treasurer to \$14,599, and the two Trustees to \$5,130 each.

In discussing the proposed spraying ordinance to force people to accept and pay for *phragmites* eradication, it was said that only 2% of affected property owners did not respond positively last fall. The draft of the proposal should be ready next month.

The Board agreed to execute an Estoppel Agreement with Global Tower Partners, which leases the towers near the old town hall on the King's Highway, which will certify the lease. GTP needs this for additional financing.

A number of appointments were renewed with a blanket motion: Jacque LaFreniere, Joan Banville, and Arnie Rich to the Board of Review; Bill Markey to the Zoning Board of Appeals (3 years); Terry Saxton and Doug Tilly to the Trails Committee (3 years each); Darrell Butler to the Waste Management Committee (3 years); Carolyn Works to the Public Cemetery Committee (3 years); and Paul Welke to the Planning Commission (3 years).

A question was asked about the dormancy of the Youth Consortium. Some movement is expected soon.

The preliminary budget will be presented at the next meeting.



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## 6. SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

“Jerusalem Market Place” is the theme of a Vacation Bible School which is being planned for children ages 3 to 12 by representatives of the three Island churches, the Beaver Island Christian Church, St. James Episcopal Mission, and Holy Cross Catholic Church. The school will run from 9:30 –11:30 am on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Building on the great popularity of the Bible School sponsored for the past several years by the Christian Church (50+ children attended last year), enthusiastic volunteers from all three churches are looking forward to providing children who live on or are visiting Beaver Island with a variety of wholesome activities. They will

include music, crafts, games, and age-appropriate lessons focusing on Christian values and teaching children what life was like in the time of Jesus. Attendance is free.

This is a great way for children to make new friends. All materials will be provided, as well as daily snacks and a picnic lunch on the last day of the school.

Parents interested in having their children attend the school should contact Deb Robert at 448-2048 or by email at [debrob2@gtlakes.com](mailto:debrob2@gtlakes.com). Deb is also the contact for anyone wishing to volunteer his or her help for the school. More details will follow as summer grows closer.

## WHAT CANCER CANNOT DO—

*author unknown*

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Mike and I would like to thank all the islanders, Fresh Air, the Rural Health Center, our friends and family on Beaver Island for the support, prayers, and love they have shared with us during our recent life change.

—Gail Weede

## HONORS

Senior Jennifer Smith from the King’s Highway just south of Carlisle Road, made this winter’s Honors List at CMU.

## KATIE CULL —SCHOLAR

Katherine Ann Cull, daughter of Jim and Cissy Cull, made the 2007 fall semester Dean’s List at Michigan State University. Katie is the granddaughter of Emma Jean Belfy and Claire Cull.

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Most if not all businesses on the Island have already received a call, but if not, contact Brandon McDonald, Account Executive, TDS Telecom, for full details and answers to questions, or to sign up for business broadband service: 1(800) 233-5605 ext 3561 or [brandon.mcdonald@tdstelecom.com](mailto:brandon.mcdonald@tdstelecom.com)

And next time you see a TDS employee, be sure to say thanks for all the work they've put in to bring this about!

## ARTISTS' MARKET

Island jewelry-maker Karen Johnson is hoping to start an Artists' Market near the Ferry Dock this summer. A few other artists and craftsmen have expressed an interest in taking part, and she's hoping others, residents or visitors, contact her about this possibility in the next few months. She's at (231) 448-2168, or [kjohnson@gtlakes.com](mailto:kjohnson@gtlakes.com).

At this point she's not sure where the Market would be located. In part, that depends on the degree of interest. A building, or space in a building, might be rented, or perhaps an empty lot could

be leased and a study tent put up.

Once the Historical Society creates its planned replica of the first Trading Post at Heritage Park, that too might be a candidate.

The general idea is that participants will share expenses, with each keeping the profit from the sale of their wares.

Questions about staffing will have to be worked out after the group coalesces. Not all the artists will be here full time, so those who act as staff might have to be paid. This would be one of the enterprise's expenses.

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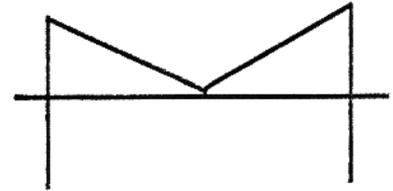
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## 8. THE VIEW FROM FIVE HUNDRED FEET

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### The Night of No Return

Sometime during deer hunting season in the late 80s I got a call late one night from Mike McGinnity, the Island's nurse-practitioner, concerning a medical emergency which he wished to evacuate to the mainland. The weather was moderate snow and strong southwest winds.

Mike's patient, a hunter, had been traveling with his buddy on a two-track, and had come across a downed tree across the trail. The pair decided that

one would hold up the tree while the other drove under. This sounded like a good idea, but during the execution of the plan the guy holding up the tree slipped and fell, and his leg was run over by the passing truck.

When Mike called about evacuating the patient with the broken leg, the weather did not look promising for a flight to the mainland. This was before we had the AWOS (Airport Weather Observation System), which now are prevalent throughout northern Michi-

gan. It also predates GPS (Global Positioning System) as a form of navigation, but Loran C was just coming into use. The problem was the Islander aircraft I had available that night was the only one without a loran—but it did have the old reliable ADF (Automatic Direction Finder).

I informed Mike of the doubtful prospect of transporting his patient to Charlevoix. He replied that the patient, who was in considerable pain, had no pulse below the break, and was most

## CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This year's Citizen of the year awards banquet will be held at Stoney Acre Grill on Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>. Cocktail hour begins at 6:00 PM followed by dinner at 7:00. The award(s) presentation will begin at about 8:00. The deadline for nominations is March 30<sup>th</sup>. (see page 17.)

The Chamber Board recently elected its officers, selecting Kathy Speck to the office of President, Ray

Cole Vice President and Steve West Secretary / Treasurer. The other board members are Pat Anderson, Angle Welke, Mike Weede, Sheri Timsak, Liz Lanier and Rachel Teague.

Currently the Chamber is wrapping up the 2008 membership drive and planning for the early season events the group sponsors. The Chamber will sponsor the summer meeting of the Michigan Outdoor Writers Association

in early June. The Beaver Island Airshow, featuring the *Yankee Lady* WWII B-17 bomber, will be July.

Currently the group is running a spring ad campaign featuring St. Patrick's Day. The theme is, "You've Never Been to Beaver Island?" The ads are running in mainland newspapers and on some news web sites. In addition, stories about this event are being picked up by several newspapers.

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reluctant to wait until morning. So off we went into the dismal night, headed for Charlevoix.

The ADF proved unreliable, due to the static build-up from the snow. I decided to err on the side of caution and take a more southeast heading than normal (considering the southwest wind), which would place me east of the airport (which would be better than to the west), and end up over Grand Traverse Bay.

The first lights we saw were the Big

Rock power plant about three miles east of Charlevoix, which meant I would have to make a simple change in heading to reach the airport. We landed without incident, much to the patient's relief.

I remained overnight, and returned the following morning. I believe this was the only time in my career that I had to remain in Charlevoix overnight after an emergency evacuation.

To the best of my knowledge there were no further complications, and I

heard no more about this until about a year later when a gentleman came up to me out on the ramp in Charlevoix during a routine refueling and asked me if I remembered him. I confessed that I did not, until he told me he was the person with the broken leg on that cold and blustery November night. We talked for awhile, and he thanked me for what I did that night. We shook hands and parted ways. That sort of made the whole effort worth while.

—Paul Welke

## THANKS FROM 'LITTLE GIRL'

On Superbowl Sunday, a 4-line note on Joe Moore's "News on the Net" appeared describing how the Transfer Station Cat, 'Little Girl,' had become very ill. It explained that in all the years since she walked into the Station, the crew had fed her and kept her healthy, and no taxpayer money was ever used.

The next morning the phone began ringing with offers to help pay or completely pay for her treatment. By

the time Doug Bugai arrived, the answering machine was loaded with calls—including one asking people to stop phoning the Hardware Store. Joe Moore was called, and was astonished when informed of what was happening.

She was taken to Jeff Powers, who, although very ill himself, did his best. She returned to the Station with medications and was sleeping, the bill paid by an anonymous benefactor.

We want to thank everyone who showed so much concern for our pet, who only lived another week. It shows how special Island people really are. Special thanks go to Joe Moore, Jeff Powers, the wonderful person who covered the cost, and all who cared.

A few strays have applied to take Little Girl's place, but haven't passed muster. What we need is a professional mouser. —Doug, John, and Tim



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Bad news: President Bush's newly-proposed budget would cut federal spending for Great Lakes water quality programs by 16%, reducing the effectiveness of programs designed to reduce sewage overflows, and keep exotic species invasions from getting worse.

Environmental advocacy groups called on Congress to devote more money to the Lakes, which make up nearly one-fifth of the world's fresh surface water supply. According to the analysis of the Great Lakes Coalition, the president requested \$297.6 million for Great Lakes programs, down from \$353.76 million appropriated for this year.

Another coalition, one representing shippers, ports, and other Great Lakes industries, complained that Bush would cut by 35% the Army Corps of Engineers budget for dredging to keep the lakes'

navigation channels open. The government allocated \$140 million for dredging this year, but Bush requested only \$89.3 million for 2009. The president of the Great Lakes Task Force bemoaned the reduction, saying that with water levels down and continuing to drop, this was the "worst possible time" to cut back.

One of the few programs not to get cut is the electric barrier to prevent the Asian carp from entering Lake Michigan through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal, which will get \$6.3 million to continue implementation. This fish escaped from Southern fish farms into the Mississippi River, and migrated northward in recent years. Biologists say if the aggressive, voracious species reaches the Great Lakes, it could devastate the \$4.5 billion sport and commercial fishery. Another is the Great Lakes Legacy Act,

which cleans up toxic sediments in the region's most heavily polluted harbors. Bush proposed an increase from \$34.5 million to \$35 million for this program.

But Bush wants to cut the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, a program that helps communities upgrade wastewater treatment systems, from \$250 million this year to \$201.5 million. Programs for preventing sewage contamination and fighting invasive species would absorb deep reductions. And the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, which leads the fight to control the invasive sea lamprey, would be cut by 21%.

Bush's plan has no money for an erosion control program coordinated by the Great Lakes Commission, which received \$430,000 this year. The Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor would take a 9.5% cut.

LETTERS: LAKE LEVELS IN DECLINE

Yes, climate change contributes to the decline of lake levels. We talk about the weather, but we can do nothing about it. Enough about winter evaporation already. In the past, weather conditions sustained the loss through the outflows at Chicago and Port Huron. These outflows are no longer sustainable.

There is much quibbling about the

quantity of the outflows. The point is that the outflow is both substantial and significant, and can not be sustained. Unless the outflow at Port Huron is held to an absolute minimum Lakes Michigan and Huron will continue to drop.

There is not going to be any rebound in lake levels without some action by the Corps of Engineers to drastically reduce

the outflow at Port Huron. Quite pessimistic, you think. Is anyone optimistic that there will be a climate change more favorable to maintaining the lake levels?

I've been told that this a complicated issue. I don't think so. I believe that there is only one card to play and that is to greatly reduce the outflows.

—Robert Trudgeon

COAST GUARD ORDERS NEW BOATS

On February 29<sup>th</sup> Congressman Bart Stupak announced that the Coast Guard issued a delivery order for 18 new boats to the Marinette Marine Corporation.

This delivery order represents a \$37.5 million obligation by the Coast Guard. Production is expected to support the delivery of one response boat per month, starting in

September of 2008. The first one will be delivered to Coast Guard Station Milwaukee. Upon delivery, it will be the first response boat located on any of the Great Lakes.

The response boat is a twin-engine, water jet propelled, 45' boat, capable of exceeding 40 knots. It will replace the Coast Guard's existing 41' utility boat,

which has a maximum speed of 26 knots. The response boats will improve mission capability through state-of-the-art electronics, which include a Forward Looking Infrared system to help the four-person crew see better in bad conditions. The new design and enhanced safety features will allow boat crews to be more effective and lessen crew fatigue.



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## EMERALD ISLE TECHNOLOGIES - MUSIC AND MUCH, MUCH MORE

by Frank Solle

If you are a budding musician or a member of an up-and-coming band that is looking to break into the world of recorded music for worldwide sales and distribution, then Emerald Isle Technologies (EIT) has what you need.

Combining forces last December, the talented trio of Ted Nicholas, Mike Hurkmans, and Larry Hall have forged a digital recording studio in Hurkmans' karaoke room at his Paid een Og's Road home. "We started this up for ourselves," said Hurkmans, long known for his involvement in the Island's karaoke scene.

"But we quickly realized what a benefit it could be for the Island musicians and artists as well," added Nicholas during an interview that quickly turned into running banter between the three partners.

"We'd like to welcome any Islanders who want to record their own CD," Hall added.

With a digital recording studio built around a trio of Macintosh computers

equipped with the production software known as 'GarageBand,' as well as a variety of other equipment, EIT offers top-quality recording, mixing, and marketing. When you consider the costs involved with transporting musicians and equipment to the mainland, renting studio time, motel and foods costs, the process of making a recording takes a large financial commitment. "It's extremely cost prohibitive," Nicholas said of such an undertaking.

"I think quality-wise we can put out just as good a product as mainland studios do," Hurkmans began.

"If not better," Nicholas quickly stepped in. "We have a lot more creative capabilities than a standard studio does. For example, if someone wants a whole string section in the background we can add that without hiring an orchestra."

"And part of our service is also promoting your CD on the internet," Hall explained without missing a beat.

"Yes," said Nicholas. "Anyone who records through us will get

their own page on our web site ([www.emeraldisletechnologies.com](http://www.emeraldisletechnologies.com)) so as we promote our site, we're also promoting their stuff."

In addition, EIT's site has direct links to CDBaby.com, which is an international distributor of CDs, as well as links to Apple's iTunes site for purchase and downloading of music.

"They will also get a page on CD Baby's web site," Nicholas, who has his own bio page there, pointed out.

"And that means the moment you list with us you're worldwide," added Hurkmans, "and you haven't gone any further than Paid een Og's."

"That's another advantage," Hall said. "You're not just selling your CD on the Island, it will be all over the place."

"And that's what the world's coming to," Hurkmans continued. "It's great we live in this community, I wouldn't be anyplace else, but the money is in worldwide, you need to be worldwide and this total system we are offering puts you worldwide."

EIT offers all the packaging for the final product as well. "We do all the final mastering of the CD, printing on the CD, design the cover art, and we print the cover," said Nicholas, who has a great deal of experience in photography and graphic design as well.

It doesn't matter to this crew what anyone's style is, they can help. "Country, rock, reggae, rap, we can do it," Nicholas, who has written and recorded his own songs in all those genres, said.

Plus, the capabilities of the digital studio are seemingly endless. "We can make adjustments, correct timing, and try new filters, all while the artist is still in front of the microphone," Nicholas said. "There is no background noise, no tape noise, and any parts can be duplicated easily with no loss of quality."

Recording directly onto computer hard drives gives EIT instant playback and re-record capability, according to Nicholas. "A musician can record a track and immediately sing harmony to himself, then play the rhythm guitar, then lead guitar, in the same session."

As an example of this, Hall added, "We've recorded the three of us singing as a quartet before."

This fact points out that the trio are more than only technicians, they are also musicians, each bringing a wide variety of experience to the business. As such, they have been working on material of their own design.

"We've been working on our own music project for quite awhile," Hall said. "We've got six-seven songs that are part way done. We've been composing

and writing the music and words ourselves."

"We want to do our own music and not do any covers," Nicholas added.

An example of that goal is Nicholas' own 'Blindscape' CD (available at CD Baby) that features his humorous reggae single 'Island Time.'

During a break from making their own music, the EIT trio, laughing at their own jokes, considered doing a comedy CD. "It's focused around a virtual talk show," Nicholas said.

The connecting theme is of two guys sitting on a couch while flipping through the channels, as guys are rumored to do. "It's like the old Johnny Carson show," Hall added. "There's a host and an announcer, a band, and the guest stars."



"It's like the old Firesign Theatre stuff, sort of a spin off of that," Nicholas said, dating himself by referring to the popular 1970s comedy group.

They've included their own humorous commercials, weather reports, and short takes from made-up movies and TV shows, plus all their own sound effects and crowd noises.

"It's really been quite a process," Nicholas said. "Writing plots and skits, coming up with all the sound effects and

grouping it all together." 13.

"And it's been a lot of fun, too," Hall solemnly added.

"Yes," Nicholas agreed, "we're having a blast with this comedy thing."

After some effort getting the interview back on track, Hurkmans spoke of another avenue for EIT. "We'll turn original music into CD+Gs which can be sold to karaoke places."

Hurkmans then explained the CD+G technology is what is used to added graphics to audio CDs in order to display the lyrics on a screen for use in karaoke.

Is there anything EIT doesn't do, I asked? With a laugh the three responded, "We don't do Windows. All our work is done on Macs."

"We can offer the full gamut," Hurkmans said. "Plus we are thinking of getting into music videos."

"That will be our next major project," Nicholas said.

"Plus we could do 'real' commercials for local businesses for radio or TV," Hall added.

Nicholas said there also are plans for a Beaver Island Mystery Theatre project. "We'll need to get other Island residents involved with that," he added.

It would appear the long history of music on Beaver Island is not only in good hands, but hands willing to carry local music into the future and to the world.

"We encourage anyone who wants to record their own CD or any audio performance material to contact us," Nicholas said.



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# 14. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 5, 1908 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island mail carriers are having an uphill business these days. There has been no mail across for the past ten days. Last week Tuesday they started out from St. James, but found open water and were obliged to return. Tuesday afternoon they left again with the purpose of remaining overnight on Hog Island, and crossed yesterday, arriving there about two p. m.

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 12, 1908 **Local News:** "The Beaver Island mail carriers made a

successful trip to Cross Village Monday, returning Tuesday."

**Beaver Island News:** "W. J. Gallagher came over via Cross Village and visited with his family over Sunday."

"Mrs. John Floyd is improving very rapidly."

"The ice harvest has commenced. John Floyd is filling the A. Booth and Co. house and Ray McDonald the Robert Co's."

"Trout fishing is very good. Some fine catches are being made."

"The 'Grippe' is going the rounds

of the Island."

"Capt. John McCann is finishing up his gasoline boat, and expects to have her in commission on the opening of navigation."

"Mr. Edwards, who slipped and fell, sustaining internal injuries, is in a critical condition."

"Born to Mr. And Mrs. William Wachter February 29, twin girls. Mother and children doing well."

"M. J. Gallagher and James Donlevy have been under the doctor's care for the past week. The Dr. has put them on a diet of Pilot-bread and

## N O R T H E R N

Seven northern Michigan providers of high-speed Internet service have formed a partnership, the Michigan Network Alliance, to deliver broadband service to rural communities and route Internet traffic faster and more efficiently throughout the region.

The partnership includes: Central Solutions, Inc., of Beaver Island; Charlevoix Wireless, Inc.; Cherry Capital Connection, in Elk Rapids; M33 Access (ISP) and Michigan Access (a telephone company), both of Rose City; Nodin Communications, LLC, of Sault Ste. Marie; and SpeedNet, of Saginaw.

The Alliance is separate from the recently-formed Northern Michigan Broadband Cooperative, whose steering committee is exploring ways to expand broadband service in a portion of the region. However, the two groups share many of the same goals, and several of the Alliance companies' leaders also serve on the cooperative group's steering committee.

"We'll do all we can to facilitate the co-op's goals," said Mark Snyder, president of Charlevoix Wireless, who said the ISP Alliance was borne after months of negotiations. "We're just not sure the proposed co-op can do what it hopes. To ignore what we might be able to accomplish collectively is not in the best interests of these seven companies and their shareholders. We felt we could move more quickly than other initiatives. A privately-run entity is much more fluid than a publicly-controlled entity. And we're already here."

## PRESERVATION ASSOCIATION TO HIRE BIGG STAFF

PABI will post positions later this month for part-time Community Center staff. They will seek applicants for 1) an events director; 2) a coordinator for youth, senior, and visitor services; 3) a custodian; 4) one or more hourly employees for events and food services; and, 5) student help for the summer season.

Posted descriptions of the positions can be found at the library, post office, school, Powers hardware, both local airports and at McDonough's Market.

If you are interested in the possibility of applying for any of the positions, please contact Joan LaFreniere or Bob Banville at **231-448-2092**, and they will send you the forms needed to make formal application.

Applications will be accepted from February 25<sup>th</sup> to March 25<sup>th</sup>, with interviews taking place in early April. Some positions will begin as soon as possible, while others will begin when the Center opens in late June.



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cheese.”

“A telegram was received here last week announcing the death on the 27<sup>th</sup>, of Mrs. Patrick McMahon at her home in Chicago. Mrs. McMahon was Miss Mary O'Donnell of this place. She leaves a husband and five children to mourn her loss.”

“Our mail carriers made two attempts to reach Cross Village last week but without success.”

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 19, 1908 **Local News:** “The Beaver Island mail carriers made a round trip Sunday and Monday. They

expect to cross again today.”

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, March 26, 1908 **Local News:** “G. H. Heimforth & Co. of Traverse City, are moving in the direction of having a car-ferry slip at High Island harbor, where the firm has large timber acreage, and are building a mill.

“They have 3000 acres on the Island, in which there is a large percentage of valuable birch. It is but a short distance out of the route of the Northport and Manistique car-ferry, and they expect to succeed in the undertaking.”

### Front Page Article

#### “GOOD FOR BEAVER ISLAND

“An Increase Of Mail Service Ordered For Our Island Neighbors.

“Notice has been received from Washington, that the Charlevoix - Beaver Island daily mail service, heretofore confined to July, August, and September, has been increased to include June and October. Beginning June First, the mail service between Charlevoix and St. James will be from that date to October 31<sup>st</sup>.

“Congratulations to Beaver Island.”

## P E E R I N G

While the Alliance has its own goals, the interconnectivity agreement between the companies will immediately enhance overall capacity.

“And that capacity can be increased on demand,” said Tim Maylone, founder and general manager of CCC. “This agreement will make it more convenient for consumers to interact.”

Glenn Wilson, founder and president of M33 Access and Michigan Access, explained that traffic generated in Northern Michigan and bound for Northern Michigan will stay in Northern Michigan. “There’s no reason any more to send it anywhere else and suck up a lot of bandwidth in the process.”

The challenge now, the group said, is finding the money to expand. It is exploring funding sources through the USDA’s Rural Development program and the FCC. “It’s not an issue of whether the ISPs can do it,” Snyder said. “It’s just a matter of dollars. That’s why we’re concerned about the potential success of this new Cooperative. We’ve already tried to get those monies.”

Among the Alliance’s immediate goals, Maylone said, is “to interconnect colleges in Roscommon, Alpena, Gaylord, Petoskey, Sault Ste. Marie, Traverse City and others to facilitate distance learning.

Snyder added that the technology is already in place to bring much-needed services to the region. “We want to let our communities know there are providers up here and we do play nice together,” he said. “Northern Michigan really does have options.”

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## 16. DR. DONALD W. ALIMENTI 1934-2008

Don Alimenti, 74, of Escanaba passed away Monday evening, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008, at home.

He was born Jan. 2, 1934, to the late Ittilio and Isabelle (Mooney) Alimenti in Iron Mountain. On August 16, 1958, he married the former Theresa Linder at St. Bruno's Parish in Nadeau.

Don enjoyed boating, snowmobiling, hunting, and spending time at his farmhouse in Nadeau. In his younger years he enjoyed participating in a variety of competitive sports, and was an avid Michigan State and Green Bay Packers sports fan.

Dr. Alimenti was a longtime

member of both the Escanaba Area Public Schools and Delta-Schoolcraft I.S.D. school boards. In 1965 he graduated from the School of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University and practiced veterinary medicine for over 39 years in Escanaba. Above all, he loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years: seven children, Greg (Sigute) Alimenti, Celeste (Bruce) Swanson, Chris Alimenti, Lauri (John) Stocker, Jeff Alimenti, Don Alimenti and Theresa (Steven) Martin; eight grandchildren, Matthew, Brett, Peter,

Nicholas, Lily, Paul, Isabella and Maggie; his mother-in-law Maurine Linder; as well as many nieces, nephews and friends. Don's parents and one brother Terry Alimenti preceded him in death.

Burial took place at Cemetery Park in Iron Mountain. In living memory of Dr. Alimenti, a tree will be planted in a Michigan State forest. During the last few years, Don became very close to his cousin Don Mooney of Beaver Island. They had found each other late in life but had so much in common that it was like they had known each other forever. We will truly miss him.

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## RENA THORSEN

Rena Crane Thorsen, 89, Christie VanLooy's mother, of Kalamazoo and formerly of Fennville and Beaver Island, died on February 15<sup>th</sup> after a long illness related to a weak heart.

She was born on October 19, 1918 in Fennville, Michigan to U. S. Crane and Lena (Miller) Crane. She was a retired secretary who lived in many areas of the country.

Surviving are her children, two daughters, Christie VanLooy of Kalamazoo; Sally and Charles Hubbard of Kalamazoo; two sons, Jon Thorsen of Pensacola; and Steven and Blanchie Thorsen of Pineville, LA; 16 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Norma Hungerford of Kalamazoo; Dixie Hungerford and Ken Twentey of Maryland; and Jacquie and Kreaton Cullimore of Big Rapids. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fredrick Thorsen in 1960.

Christie requests any local donations in memory of her mother be made to the Beaver Island Christian Church.

## EARLY EASTER

This year Easter, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, will be earlier than it's been since 1913, although not the earliest it's ever been, which is March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Easter is always the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox—based on the lunar calendar the Hebrew people used to identify Passover. The next time it's this early will be in 2228.

# SNOWMOBILE DRIVER DEVASTATED BY FRIEND'S DEATH 17.

An Eagle River snowmobile accident in late January sent Scott Hirschey to a Wisconsin hospital and proved fatal for his best friend, Randy Salerno, a Chicago news anchor. One of the pair's machines broke down, leaving both to ride a one-passenger model back to their starting point. On the trip back they lost control and hit several trees.

Mutual friend Tony Peters said the Hirscheys were Salerno's second family when he was growing up. "Randy and Scott are life-long best friends," he added. "Everyone is sickened by Randy's loss. If Scott could

switch places, I know he would. Randy would be adamant that he not be punished beyond the monumental personal challenges this tragic accident will bring him."

When Scott's mother Ruth, a long-trime Cubs' fan, passed away, Randy was working with WGN and helped Scott fulfill one of her wishes, to have some of her ashes spread over home plate at Wrigley Field.

### To Our Friends and Neighbors:

On the behalf of my family and the family of Randy Salerno, I want to express our sincere thanks for the many

cards, letters, and phone calls of sympathy and concern—and for keeping us in your prayers. Many of you knew Randy personally—he was a frequent visitor to the Island, with our family and his best friend Scott.

Randy and Scott were closer than brothers. They shared a bond going back to the second grade, and continuing to the time of that horrific accident that claimed Randy's life. They were best men at each other's wedding, and godfathers to each other's children. Randy was like a son to Ruth and I and our family.

—Bill Hirschey and family

## PETOSKEY-STONES

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Antrim County Petoskey Stone Festival is slated for May 24<sup>th</sup> at Barnes Park along the shores of Grand Traverse Bay in Eastport

Drawing thousands, the day's festivities, which begin at 10 a.m., include a Petoskey Stone hunt, a stone-skipping contest, and demonstrations of Petoskey stone cutting, polishing, and jewelry-making. The festival is free, and will run until 4:00 p.m.

The fossilized coral skeletons, actually fragments of an ancient Great Lakes Devonian reef, are found only in northern Michigan. They are also the only fossil to be named a state stone.

## VERILY VERNAL

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— John J. Gordon, 8/07



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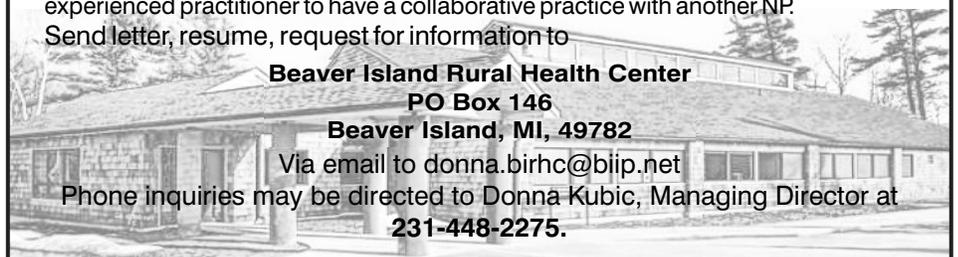
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# 18. ON THIS DATE

## Ten Years Ago

The *Beacon* reported that BITA Chairman Larry Malloy had installed the Island's first elevator in his home, upstairs of the former Malloy Meat Market on Main Street.

The K-3 students went down the street to talk with 94-year-old Mary Bert McDonough about what it was like for her to go to school. Back at the school, the kids related what they found the most remarkable: "They had to walk to school!" "The swings were high, but there was no slide." "They had to make their own sleds." "They took horse-drawn sleighs to church on Christmas Eve." "They had three outhouses!" "Babies got born in their own houses."

The Community Players were preparing to put on a play in which an IRS agent is found dead in a man's den. Beth Crosswhite, Bill Paladino, Phil Gregg, Eric Heline, Lisa Gillespie, Maggie Bennett, Claudia Schmidt, and Phil Lange had the roles.

PABI received a \$4,325 grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Petoskey architect Richard Neumann was incorporating historic elements in his plans for a \$2,400,000 new building.

Futurist Ed Barlowe was slated to visit the school and to meet with residents to educate them "about the future."

A professional costume, a beaver suit, was to become the "official Island mascot." Students were asked to suggest a name, with awards given to the winner.

The passing of John White was mourned; he had retired to Beaver Island two years before.

The Natural Trust Fund Board approved the purchase of 848-acre North Fox Island, our nearest neighbor to the south. The island was the focal point of the development plans of, first, Beaver Island's Mark Conner, and then Bay Harbor's Dave Johnson, the current owner. The Trust Fund intends to turn it into a nature preserve.

## Twenty Year Ago

The *Beacon* was a month away from publishing after a hiatus arose from a change in ownership.

## Thirty Years Ago

Six days during February dipped to five degrees below zero, with over a foot of snow.

The school kids were given a day off to take part in a window-decorating contest to get ready for St. Patrick's Day.

The team that did the Shamrock narrowly beat the team that did McDonough's.

The school's music class formed a band that performed after a pot-luck dinner at the Parish Hall: Cindy Gillespoie, John McCafferty, Ron Gregg, Joe Timsak, and Nick Hogan.

With snowmobile travel to the other islands becoming mundane, a caravan set off for Naubinway: Bud Martin, Joe McDonough, Ernie Martin, Rich Gillespie, Jackie Martin, and Rick Speck. Half-way they came upon two freighters breaking their way through the ice and leaving a channel full of ice chunks. Buz Anderson, John Gillespie, and Jerry LaFreniere, who had come this far, decided to turn around, but the rest chose the largest ice block and used it as a ferry to cross, one at a time—with Bud getting dunked twice. Those who made it stayed in the U. P. for three days.

The next week a group went to Cross Village and back. Nine brave Island women snowshoed to Garden for the day.

Poet Anne Welke received one of ten honorable mentions from the 1,000 entrants in the Michigan Writers' Youth Art Festival.



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The school began publishing a student newspaper, the *Emerald Isle Star*.

A letter from Jesse Cole talked about his father Gat's life before coming here and building *Nomad*. "He was a natural genius with figures," Jesse said. He would add up the board feet in his head as the lumber came out of the saw. Before arriving he was quite a gambler, and said that sometimes there was a thousand dollars on the table for a big pot during the three-day games. His brother Manny organized seances around 1902, and was adept at creating spiritualistic effects. "Ghosts would come out of the walls and go out the windows; a lady's comb would appear in a man's pocket; and Manny's overcoat would come flying down the hall."

Passings noted included Ernie Pratt, who was born on Beaver in 1906 and served in the Coast Guard, Mamie Salty Gallagher, and Wanda Bolton, who had moved to Beaver with her family and been involved in crafts. Her son Pat, who started a short-lived electronics-repair business here, submitted a poem in her memory.

#### Forty Years Ago

A pot-luck dinner was held at the Parish Hall to honor Karl Kuebler. He

had come to the Island 25 years earlier as the Conservation Officer, and developed the East Side camping site and the Lake Geneserath fishing access. After retiring, he became the Island sheriff. For years he labored tirelessly to improve the Municipal Airport, without pay. He also worked hard to launch the St. James Park, installing its well and clearing away the brush.

Plans were confirmed to plant 10,000 rainbow trout in Fox Lake in the spring.

A group of men hiked down to Bud McDonough's cabins at Sand Bay for six days of R & R, which included four hours of rabbit hunting each day. Russ Green served as cook, along with Bud, Walt Wojan, Archie Minor, Alvin LaFreniere, and Phil Gregg. One day they set off for Lake G on a toboggan towed by Walt's snowmobile. Three weeks later their wives, plus Loy Malloy, took their own vacation for a few days.

Jackie Hallahan and Ernie Martin announced their engagement.

The *Beacon* included Phil Gregg's story, *Safari to Cross Village*—reprinted on page 26.

Passings noted included Catherine Mel Gallagher, 91, a long-time Island

resident, and Anna Hill, who built a cabin at Cable's Bay in 1917 with her husband.

#### Fifty Years Ago

Walt Wojan and Doc and Vic Sorenson caught a record northern pike at Lake Geneserath—41", 17#. It was being mounted for display at the Lodge.

The Civic Association reported 153 personal and 25 business memberships—the personals entitled members to receive the *Beacon*.

Commercial perch fishermen Art Larsen, Charlie Martin, and Jack Connaghan were netting large catches, which were flown to Naubinway for sale by Don Hansen. Charlie made another trip to the U.P. and back in his Model A.

Part of the church-sponsored winter recreation plan was a square dance for teenagers.

The first Mass was held at Holy Cross Church's new location. A clean-up crew of 17 women prepared the church.

The Conservation Department purchased all of High Island for \$55,000—except for one acre, all that remains of "the old Indian reservation."

James Gallagher put up 50 tons of ice in blocks 20" thick.

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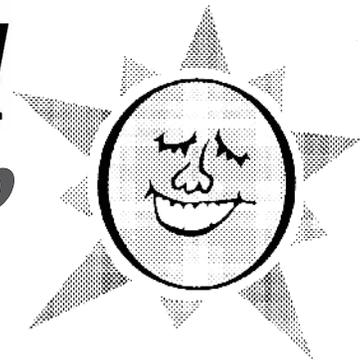
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20. MARY: IN HER OWN LITTLE WORLD



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Critters would be safe in the tall grass



Cows would know they can't fly

One of the basic Beaver Island institutions, a part of the winter we can all count on, is Mary’s off-season productivity, and this year, as she neared seventy, not only did she not disappoint but she became stronger and more productive than ever.

After a lifetime of rarely being sick, the inevitable health problems have been a recent hindrance to her, though, leading her to drastically change



her diet. One result was a loss of sixty pounds—she’s “back to her dancing weight”—which has given her a surprising renewal of energy. All fall and winter she awoke early, lay there thinking, got up to feed her 11 old chickens, and plunged into one project or another, continuing with it until 1:00 a.m., day after day, week after week, all the while listening to good music from around the world. “You know, if you put in ninety, a hundred hours a week, it’s surprising what you can get done in a few months.”

This year her productivity was not primarily channeled into painting, as it’s been in other years, but was absorbed by three other categories: *her own little worlds*; jewelry; and photographs.



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doing our laundry



The miniature worlds arose from her frustration with the political establishment, which was making her blood boil. "There are so many things wrong," she said. "I wondered if I was expecting too much." She began asking herself, "What kind of world would be better?" For each answer, she created an aphorism, and then built a small globe out of paper maché to illustrate it, her version of a Fabergé egg—leading to a veritable solar system of hanging, spinning parallels to the fairy tales of Calvino's *Invisible Cities*.

Her jewelry production resulted in more than a thousand unique items, almost all crafted from polymer clay. In a few cases, such as with a line of special bracelets, she did



not fire it in her electric oven, to keep it flexible. She tests everything she invents, and she has been wearing a flexible clay bracelet now for over thirty days, "in and out of the shower," with no ill effects. She also created a line of multi-colored eraser bracelets. The rings and necklaces are labor-intensive, many requiring up to six layers of various paint, metal flake, and sealers in between firings.



Someday ...  
the grass will  
grow 8' tall



Someday ...  
the fish will return



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in their full glory



Pigs in the roses – there's  
something here for us to learn



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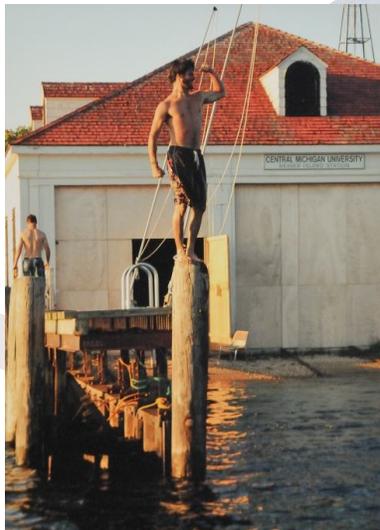
She came up with a way of printing an image on a special paper and then transferring it with turpentine to a flat clay amulet. After the paper was peeled away the amulet could be baked, receive additional color or metal patinas, fired again, and given a few coats of sealer before becoming

part of a medallion or kitchen magnet. On some she placed pebbles she found at the beach, or ersatz gems she made by melting clay. She also made thousands of beads—one at a time, forming them on the tips of toothpicks.

She brought out tray after tray of rings, each ring unique, each tray

containing around fifty—polymer-clay based, with gold leaf or other metal patinas, stones, and colorful paint. Perhaps the most amazing aspect to her production is that each of these products sells for only a few dollars. Her biggest problem is trying to figure out how to display them all for her annual

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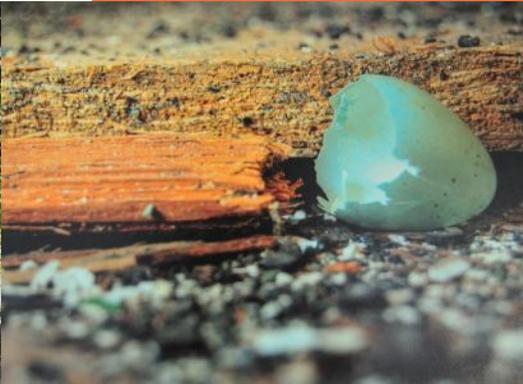




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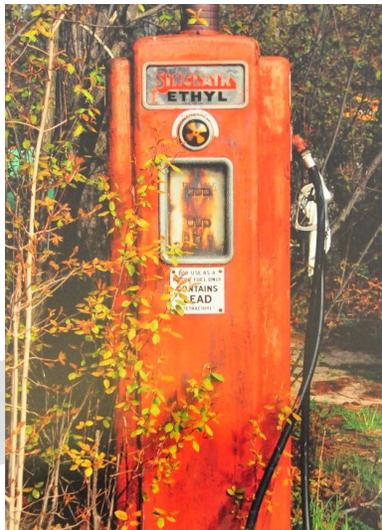
Memorial Weekend sale.

Her photographs are inspired by her son Jason Lome and her sister Lindy Johnson—both New Age Camera experts. Jason has truly mastered a unique way of imposing three images—one taken two stops down, another two stops up to create and map a

beautifully rich and vital, yet organic, dimensional and high dynamic range image, increasing the sense of realism imparted by the picture. Lindy is highly-respected for her work with fractal images, but, like any true artist, has a wonderful sense of how to make a good picture from the natural

world—and she possesses the requisite patience, waiting up to two hours for the conditions to be exactly right. The two sisters and one's son stimulate each other to strive to continuously push the limit of what can be done with a camera—as can be seen in the photo exhibit part of the Memorial Weekend show.

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## PABI BEAVER ISLAND ICE CLASSIC IS UNDERWAY

The Beaver Island Ice Classic is underway with the tower on the ice East of the Beaver Island Marina once again (and it's not sitting on the bottom, honest!) The object of the contest is to guess the day, hour and minute the tower tips over when the ice



melts. This is the third year of the contest. Last year the tower went in a 2:52 PM on March 28<sup>th</sup> and the winner collected over \$1,200. In 2006 the tower went in at 8:29 PM on March 29<sup>th</sup> and the winner collected over \$600. Tickets



are available at McDonough's or from any Preservation Association board member; they are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. If you live off the island and would like to participate e-mail [b\\_tidmore@hotmail.com](mailto:b_tidmore@hotmail.com) (please put Beaver Island in the mail subject heading) to get tickets.



2003



2004



2005



2006



2007

## WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THIS YEAR?

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**St. Patrick's Day Games** March 15<sup>th</sup>  
The **Easter Egg Hunt & Visit with the Easter Bunny** will be held on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm at the Beaver Island Community School. The egg hunt will be held outside, weather permitting, or in the gym if the weather is bad. The Easter

Bunny will be in the gym lobby.  
**Township Annual Meetings**, March 22<sup>nd</sup> See page 4.  
**Beaver Island Citizen of the Year**. April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. See pages 8 and 17.  
**The Fourth of July**  
2008 **Beaver Island Music Festival** July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. [www.bimf.net](http://www.bimf.net)  
**Beaver Island Air Show** featuring the *Yankee Lady B-17* July 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>

**Museum Week** July 21<sup>st</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.  
**Baroque on Beaver** July 29<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Livingstone Studio's **Meet The Artists** August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.  
**Beaver Island Writers Gathering and Literary Event** August 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
**Homecoming** August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.  
**Celtic Games** September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008.  
**Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle** October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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26. SAFARI TO CROSS VILLAGE

When ice began to form out from the Island in January, Archie LaFreniere started a one-man campaign amongst the local owners of snowmobile—encouraging them about the possibilities of crossing the ice to Cross Village. Many tales of years ago were spun, describing the routine trips of the mail carriers with horse-drawn sleighs. A fact often pointed out was that not a man was ever lost on these many trips, even though there were a few horses that met with disaster.

As the winter wore on, the temperatures closed the gap between the islands and the mainland and Archie’s campaign was stepped up to the point where we actually discovered he was serious.

The recruits were mustered on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, 1968. Perry Crawford, with his snow machine and sleigh, Walt Wojan, with his machine and his covered toboggan (in case someone got wet or cold), Archie LaFreniere and his sleigh, and Alvin LaFreniere and I were passengers. Alvin rode with Walt, and I perched on a wooden box on Perry’s sleigh. It was decided to get started the next morning, weather permitting.

The next day looked good even

though the temperature was reluctant to move very far from the zero mark and there was real fine frost snow in the air. The sky was blue above and the sun was shining, so we felt certain the day would be a good one.

We had learned that the big ice breaker, *Mackinaw*, had crossed our route during the night but it had been and was so cold this caused little concern for nobody but Archie. But as long as he was first, our enthusiasm nearly matched his. Our good-byes were brief and at 12:30 p. m. we were on our way from the back beach, heading for Garden Island.

In fifteen minutes we were skirting the mouth of Northcutt Bay. Though my seat lacked padding, other than my own, and the ice was anything but smooth, I thought what a snap this trip would be. Crossing the north end of Hog Island, Walt had to make frequent stops to pick up pieces of his covered toboggan, as the rough ice was shaking it apart. It was decided to leave it on the beach at Hog Island and pick it up on our return.

At this point I realized it was really cold, and the face mask my wife had knitted began to be appreciated. Perry

had one on too, so I knew I wasn't the only one who could feel the cold. The wind was picking up out of the northwest, and surface snow limited our vision to about 200 yards on occasion.

Leaving Hog Island, we headed out to Hat Island, east of Hog, Arriving here, we stopped for a coffee break and to check our chart. I took one mitt off to unscrew the cap of my thermos and my fingers were quickly numbed by the cold. The wind had increased, reducing visibility and increasing the cold; I feel certain that if any one of us had suggested turning back and trying another day, there would have been no argument, but this suggestion never arose. It was decided to hold our course well to the north, for we knew there was open water south of Gray’s Reef. A course was set for White Shoals, which would keep us on heavy ice.

The going was especially rough following the shoals, where often times the cakes of ice were shoved up four feet or so. I didn't bother counting the times I was thrown off my sleigh, but you can rest assured it was an impressive number. Actually, this was a blessing in disguise, because running to catch up to

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the sleigh would bring back the circulation to my numbing feet.

At one point Archie was lost to view from the rest of us, and with the wind-driven snow, his tracks were barely visible to follow. His load being lighter, we were having difficulty keeping up. As soon as he realized this, the pace was set so we could keep close together. Walt stopped about every fifteen minutes for a compass check; for working around the high cakes of ice, we were far from following a straight line. One big thing in our favor was that the wind was blowing directly on our backs and this was a good direction reference—as long as it held the same.

After some time, I suddenly caught a quick glimpse of a dark object off to my left and hollered to Perry. The blowing snow let up for a few seconds to make out the candy stripe markings of White Shoals Light.

Racing to catch up to the others, we pointed toward the light, and we all headed for it. Often times the blowing snow would completely hide it from view, but we finally came up to it. The ice cakes surrounding the light were huge and high for perhaps 200 feet

around it. Walt and I managed to climb through them to the ladder that led to the deck, at the base of the light. Once we were up there (approx. 25 feet.), we could see the mainland above the blowing surface snow. We took a new bearing to head on Waugoshance Point.

Our next concern, besides the cold, was finding the path of the *Mackinaw*. There was no mistaking it when we came on it though, for she sure leaves a mess in her wake. The roughest ice we encountered was this fifty foot strip. Archie tested the ice between the cakes with his axe and found it to be as solid as Highway 75.

After inching the machines across, we were on our way again, and White Shoals Light was disappearing fast behind us. The sight of land ahead was reassuring, but the cold was something else. Despite long underwear, wool shirts, and an insulated hunting suit—and with my back to the wind, I was getting real cold all over. I was especially worried about Alvin for he had no covering on his face, and, riding on the back of Walt's machine, he couldn't duck behind the windshield. The metal frames of his sunglasses were

frozen to his nose, and the side of his face was plastered with ice. A white stripe down his chin had all the earmarks of frostbite.

Reaching Waugoshance Point, we headed westerly on a straight line for Cross Village. This, of course, brought the wind to bear on our right flank, and with the lowering of the sun, so went the temperature, making these last miles a struggle against the paralyzing cold. Even my arms were cold and I had to keep looking to see if my feet were really still attached.

Just about a half mile out from Cross Village, Archie's machine sputtered and stopped. Thinking he was out of gas, he filled his tank. It didn't take as much as it should if it were out, so obviously this was not the problem. It wouldn't start and it was so cold the re-wind starter wouldn't work. After working at it for what seemed an eternity; he jumped on the back of the sleigh I was riding on and we headed in, reaching the beach at 6:20 p.m. A Welcoming Committee made up of Roy Chambers, the coyote hunter, Ralph Hess, the Charlevoix furniture man, and

*continued on page 28.*

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28. **Safari to Cross Village**, from page 27.

Jack Erber were there to greet us, and soon we were enjoying the comforts of civilized living. Ralph, and Jack did us a great favor by going out and bringing in Archie's machine.

Our plans of returning to the Island the next day were altered, for the snow was blowing even harder. A day of layover was needed, not only to thaw out but to get all our gear organized and tune up Archie's machine. Jack Erber put us up the first night.

The eve of our return trip was spent at a motel in Levering, which was the

closest accommodation to Cross Village, for we wanted to get an early start. Early that evening Archie received a phone call from Fred Annand of Lansing, who said he was sending two snowmachines up to Cross Village for us to take back for Bud McDonough and Russ Green. This sounded good, for we had discovered that on a trip such as this, one man per machine is best. Alvin and I both agreed that the title of passenger was not a very good description of the pain involved. My backside was one big black-and-blue spot, and the thought of sitting on that box again

was extremely disturbing.

The next day dawned overcast but with good visibility and the temperature was at least reasonable. By 9:30 a.m. we were back on the ice and headed for home. I was still in the rear but with the distinct advantage of a padded seat. Being able to see where we were going, we could take a more direct route and avoid most all of the rough ice. This was going to be like a downhill run.

About four miles out, one of the runners came disconnected on Alvin's machine so we stopped and discovered the nut had worked off the bolt holding it on. The threads were shot, so we tied it securely with heavy cord and we were soon on our way again.

We had heard the *Mackinaw* had been through again; that is, all but Walt had heard this. We were pretty much all abreast of each other when we approached the ice breaker's channel. Archie again stepped up to it with his axe. One swing and the blade hit water between the cakes. He had just turned, shaking his head, when we noticed Walt already going across, (it wasn't until we were home that he realized how thin this ice was). His machine being the heaviest gave us the assurance needed to cross, and all went well.

We stopped at Gray's Reef Light long enough to stretch our legs and take some pictures.

Hog Island was soon coming close and Alvin's runner came loose again but was fixed once more. We stopped at Hog to pick up Walt's toboggan, and also had lunch. It tasted especially good even though the sandwiches were partially frozen. The sun was bright and the temperature was barely freezing.

Announcements had already been made of our estimated time of arrival at Beaver, through the use of airplanes, and we especially wanted to make an impressive entrance into the harbor. Alvin's runner had come loose again but Perry snapped his pair of vise grip pliers on the nut end of the bolt, for we were plum out of cord to tie it on. We were in perfect formation as we approached the harbor, with Archie in the lead. Except for the possibility of one of the machines breaking down, our entrance would be a grand one.

But suddenly the whole formation fell apart. Archie had spotted two Coyotes out on the ice, and with his sled

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wagging like a dog's tail, spewing out duffle and thermos bottle, he took out after one of them, a big male. At first it looked as though the Coyote was going for the woods on Beaver, but it turned and headed for Garden with Archie in hot pursuit. As he was gaining on it his machine sputtered and stopped. Even though he kicked it, the darn thing wouldn't start,

I was the only one who had a machine that wasn't burdened with either a sleigh or mechanical difficulty, so I took off after the other Coyote. I was amazed at how fast this machine could go and was soon within a very few yards of the big bushy tail of a female. I felt she, too, would head into the woods of Beaver for she was running parallel to the shore and right on the lake side edge of the ice banks. With the machine between her and the ice banks and me hollering (as though it would do any good), I thought I might be able to alter her course back to the rest of the group. We finally broke away from the beach and headed out into the open on a straight line for Squaw Island. I came alongside her and tried to get her to turn but to no avail. Lurching the machine, I hit her broadside! Her feet went straight up and for a second I was certain she was going to come through the windshield. This maneuver put my machine out of control and it spun around a couple of times. The Coyote, in the meantime, hadn't changed its mind as to its desire to get the heck out of the way of this infernal machine.

Once more opening throttle, the machine wouldn't respond, and stopped. The gas line had come loose, where it slips over a nipple on the carburetor. After getting it back on, it started right up but the Coyote was just a spot in the distance. Drifted snow made the going rough but the machine fairly flew from peak to peak of the drifts.

Soon the Coyote was close ahead again and I inched directly behind it to the point that its tail was touching the front of the machine. With a sudden twist of the throttle, the machine hit it directly behind, but she merely rolled off to the side and was soon running right alongside, her tongue hanging way out and those big curved teeth biting big chunks of winter air. This promptly put out of my mind the thought of jumping on it, especially at 35 m.p.h.

I maneuvered the machine along her right flank, with another nutty idea. I thought if I could get a good grip on that tail, I knew darned well she couldn't run backwards fast enough to bring those teeth into play, and wouldn't that be great, to bring a hand-caught Coyote back to Archie and hand it to him on the fly. She never altered a bit and I was right along side, with her nose just behind the front of the machine. I reached out and made a grab for the tail. I could feel a good wad of fur through my glove but the main part of the tail wasn't in my grip. Steering the machine

with one hand over a rough surface 29. was bad enough but having a very concerned Coyote in the other was more than a little bit beyond my abilities. I ended up with a handful of fuzz, and stopped long enough to watch her streaking for a haven in the outer island. In a way I was glad it happened that way, for she certainly earned her freedom and will no doubt give it a great deal of thought before she ventures toward Beaver Island again.

Other than that, the trip was like in the old days—uneventful!

—Phil Gregg, March 1968

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## ISLANDERS BAG THEIR LIMIT OF EAGLES

by Frank Solle

Completing a season's sweep, the Beaver Island *Islanders* soared over the *Soaring Eagles* of Hannahville in the final home series of the 2007-08 campaign, taking all four games over the weekend of Feb. 1-2.

The most challenging contests were between the girls, as the *Lady Islanders* found themselves trailing at halftime of both games before staging comebacks to claim their pair of victories.

The boys had a much easier time downing their *Eagle* opponents, winning both games by an average of 33 points.

The weekend's results propelled the girls to a 9-1 overall record and the boys to 8-2. Both teams are 6-1 in Northern Lights League play.

### Second half stories

Trailing at halftime proved the perfect place to be for the *Lady Islanders* against the *Eagles*, as in each instance the *Island Girls* turned misfortune to fortune in gaining two hard-earned wins, 44-34 Friday and 42-34 Saturday.

After a somewhat lackluster first-half effort Friday, the *Islanders* trailed 22-17 at the break. But coach Marianne Brown put it on the line in her halftime talk, and the *Islanders* responded by staging a 12-2 run to open the third quarter and turn things around.

"We had a little chat," said junior co-captain Maeve Green

of the halftime discussion. "Coach Brown reminded us this was a big game for us and we needed to win. We went out and had a miraculous turnaround."

While the *Islanders* turnaround may not qualify as miraculous, it was magnif-



Jenna battles

icent in that they turned a 31 percent first-half shooting effort into a 53 percent effort over the third quarter. They also took better care of the ball while forcing

the *Eagles* into a dozen turnovers.

"I talked about our intensity, that we had to turn it up a little bit and that it looked like Hannahville wanted to win the game more than we did," coach Brown said after the win. "And we came out and wow, we were a different team and turned it around."

The *Islanders* turnaround resulted in a 27-12 outscoring of the *Eagles* over the second half. "Our defense got a lot better in the second half," Brown said of the comeback.

Samantha Kuligowski and Claire Kenwabikise led the *Islanders* with 10 points apiece. Heather McDonough added seven, while Maeve Green had six. Alex Kuligowski and Kristy Bousquet scored four each, with eighth-grader Brogan Maudrie adding three.

Saturday's game was a battle with five lead changes in the first half. Again the *Islanders* were behind at the break, but this time only by one, 22-21.

Scoring the first two baskets of the third quarter, the *Eagles* pushed their lead to five before the *Islanders* closed the period on an 8-2 run to grab a 29-28 margin going into the fourth period.

Alex Kuligowski and Jenna Butler scored back-to-back to open the final quarter for the *Islanders*. Maudrie and Samantha Kuligowski hit consecu-

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tive baskets midway through the period to push the lead to 37-30. McDonough scored on a pair of inside baskets to go with a free throw from eighth-grader Brighid Cushman to seal the deal down the stretch.

Samantha Kuligoski again paced the team with 12 points. Alex Kuligoski and McDonough each scored six. Kenwabikise added five with Green and Maudrie each netting four. Butler and Olivia Schwartzfisher finished with two each and Cushman one.

### Boys fly higher than Eagles

There was little coming from behind during the two boys games over the weekend. Although the *Islanders* trailed by two after the first quarter Friday, a 25-7 run through the second period put any doubts to rest and the *Islanders* soared to an 80-43 win.

The difference in Saturday's game was that the *Islanders* were able to jump out to a 20-5 lead after the first quarter. From there it was smooth flying the rest of the game until the 64-35 outcome.

In defense of the *Eagles*, it should be noted they arrived with just two high-schoolers on their roster, senior Eddie Frye and junior Parker Trudeau, both talented players. As *Islanders* coach Dan Martell would later say, "If you put three other decent players around those two, they would have a good team. But not when you have

three eighth-graders who are trying to play at that level."

"We can play against freshmen and sophomores," said Hannahville coach Seth Miller, "but against juniors and seniors it's tough."



Brighid slides

Friday's third quarter was again all *Islanders*, all the time, as they opened the period on a 15-2 run, gave up one more Hannahville basket, then closed the quar-

ter by scoring the final 16 points, building a 68-25 advantage. Senior Eric Albin led the way, scoring 14 of his game-high 23 points in the period.

*Islanders* coach Dan Martell went to his bench for the fourth quarter, rotating players in and out as the team cruised to the win. Joining Albin in double figures were Brenden Martin with 18, Bryan Timsak with 11, and Patrick Cull with 10. Dereck McDonough finished with seven, Dan Runberg six, and Cameron LaVasseur with five.

Saturday's game of run and gun was sparked by Albin scoring 14 of his repeat game-high 23 points in the opening eight minutes. A balanced *Islanders* attack had six players scoring a total of 22 points in the second quarter as the team held a string 42-15 lead at intermission.

The second half of this game was again a chance for Martell to rotate his younger players onto the court, with all but two finding the hoop. Eighth-grader Matthew Cull notched his first varsity basket while fellow middle-schooler Billy Lemmink tickled the twines twice.

Martin and Patrick Cull finished with eight apiece, Timsak added six and Runberg five. LaVasseur and Lemmink each had four, while McDonough, Doug Campbell and Matthew Cull all finished with two.

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## 32. ISLANDERS CAP CAGE CAMPAIGN ON THE ROAD

by Frank Solle

The Beaver Island *Islanders* basketball teams took to the air to close out their 2007-08 regular seasons, traveling to Mackinac Island Feb. 15-16 and Grand Marais Feb. 22-23.

Following these trips the boys were headed to a district tournament game at Northport on Feb. 27 to face tourney-favorite Leland. The *Lady Islanders* will take part in the Northern Lights League tournament at Manistique March 7-8.

As for the final two away series, the trip to Grand Marais was much more successful as the *Islanders* came away with four victories.

The girls dominated both their games, besting the *Lady Polar Bears* 58-12 Friday and 51-9 Saturday, while the boys claimed much-closer wins of 63-54 and 56-54.

The trip to Mackinac Island wasn't nearly as successful as the *Lady Islanders* came away with the only win of the weekend, and that was in Saturday's non-league contest where they prevailed 32-23. On Friday the *Lady Islanders* suffered just their second league loss in a 27-20 outcome.

Meanwhile, the boys saw two early leads evaporate like open water on a frigid winter's day as they lost 57-38 Friday and 82-47 on Saturday.

The results of these two trips left both teams with 8-2 NLL marks. And while obtaining official league standings is next to impossible, the *Lady Islanders* are believed to be tied for first with Paradise while the boys should be alone in second place. Hopefully the league commissioner will have this sorted out in time for the upcoming league tournament.

### ***Island girls tame Bears, meet Lakers halfway***

"Our girls played well," *Lady Islanders* coach Marianne Brown said of the two wins at Grand Marais. "These were big wins for us."

The wins were also a chance for the *Islanders* to practice some passing and teamwork drills as the *Polar Bears* were a

young and inexperienced squad. "They were not as disciplined as we are," Brown said of the *Bears*.

The *Bears* also weren't appreciative of the scoring ability of *Islanders*' post player Heather McDonough. "They pretty much left her alone inside and we just fed her the ball," Brown said of the towering McDonough who tallied 17 points in each game to lead the team.

Joining McDonough in double figures on Friday were the Kuligoski sisters as Samantha finished with 13 and Alex with 10. Rounding out the scoring were Deven Cook with six, Maeve Green and Kristy Bousquet with four each, and the Jennas, Butler and Battle, with two apiece.

Saturday's game wasn't as close, as the *Islanders* grabbed an 18-0 lead after one quarter of play.

Alex Kuligoski was the only other *Islander* in double figures with 12 points to cap a nice weekend. Green finished with eight, Samantha Kuligoski with six, eighth-grader Jenna Battle had four, while sophomore Jenna Butler had three, and Cook added one free throw.

Against the *Lakers* at Mackinac it was a tale of two games as the *Lady*

*Islanders* never got untracked on Friday, while on Saturday they cruised to the win.

"Mackinac wanted the game a whole lot more than we did," Brown said of Friday's game that turned in the fourth quarter. Neither team built any kind of a lead throughout the first three periods, with the *Islanders* holding a 16-14 edge going into the final frame. But the *Lakers* cut loose on a 13-4 run over the final eight minutes to claim the important league decision.

"That hurt big time," Brown said of the loss, "especially for our older players."

Alex Kuligoski led the team with 10 points, followed by eighth-grader Olivia Schwartzfisher with six. Samantha Kuligoski and Kristy Bousquet each

added two.

But the team fought back the following morning, holding the *Lakers* scoreless over the second quarter of play while building a 12-4 halftime lead. A strong 14-4 performance over the third quarter put the *Islanders* in control 26-8. Yet the *Lakers* didn't fold, outscoring the *Islanders* 14-6 in another strong fourth quarter effort, but it was too little, too late.

Coach Brown gave her team a directive prior to the morning game, "Let's prove to Mackinac that last night was a fluke," and the team followed it well.

Saturday's success was reflected in a more balanced scoring attack with power forward Alex Kuligoski again leading the way with 10 points. McDonough and Green each scored six points with Samantha Kuligoski adding four. Bousquet, Butler, and Cook all had two.

### ***Boys split final four***

The *Polar Bears* were ready for the *Islanders*, but still couldn't stop them. "We stuck to our game plan and won the games because of that," said coach Dan Martell. "It was us doing what we do best."

And while doing what they do best involves strong inside play on offense and tenacity on defense, it took the team most of the opening quarter to remember that as they fell behind 8-1 early in the friendly confines of the small Grand Marais gym.

"The tiny glass backboards and the small gym with the balcony overhead played with our depth perception," Martell said of the early going as the *Islanders* missed their first 10 shots. "We were doing what we wanted to do," Martell added, "we just couldn't buy a point."

But the comfort level improved in the second quarter as the *Islanders* began to work the ball inside for better shots, outscoring the *Bears* 24-11 to take a 31-21



Byran in air



Patick jumped

lead at the break.

Eric Albin led the way with 19 points in the period on his way to a career-high 38-point night. "Eric had a phenomenal quarter," Martell said.

Bryan Timsak added 10 points for the *Islanders*, with Brenden Martin scoring six, Patrick Cull four, Dan Runberg three, and Kevin Gillespie two.

Saturday's game was much closer as the *Bears* doubled the *Islanders'* seven points in the second quarter to take a 25-20 lead at the break. But Albin exploded for 16 of his game-high 29 in the third quarter as the *Islanders* outscored Grand Marais 21-13 to put the *Islanders* back on top, 41-38, heading into the final quarter.

The game stayed tight throughout the fourth period with Albin scoring the *Islanders'* final six points as they held off the *Bears*.

"It was frightenly close," Martell said. "Grand Marais is a good ball team."

Timsak finished with nine points for the *Islanders*, with Cull adding eight. Runberg and Gillespie each netted four with Martin adding two.

Things didn't work out so well at that other darn island. The *Islanders* took a 9-5 lead midway through the first quarter Friday, but found themselves down 33-18 at halftime as the *Lakers* outscored them 28-9 after that early edge. And while the *Islanders* were only outscored by four points over the second half, they never threatened the *Lakers'* lead.

"I don't know where our heads were. We didn't run our game plan at all," Martell said of the weekend struggles. "Maybe one and a half quarters all weekend was all."

Albin led the *Islanders* with 13 points with Cull adding seven. Runberg and Timsak each scored six with Martin notching four and Dereck McDonough two.

The *Islanders* forged a 16-8 lead after one quarter of play Saturday morning, but were outscored 74-21 after that.

"We never challenged them inside," Martell said of the *Islanders* who choose to fire away from behind the arc instead. That's okay if you connect, but hitting less than 20 percent from three-point range couldn't get the job done.

Albin dropped in 21 points while Timsak hit for 10. Martin finished with seven, Runberg four, McDonough and Gillespie two apiece, and Cull one.



Eric goes hard



# SHOOTING THE MOON

by Frank Solle

Oh, to aim high. To reach, if only temporarily, for the stars, or, in this case, the moon.

That was the quest the clear, cold night of the February full moon. Not, however so much to reach, but rather to simply capture, in near frozen ones and zeroes, the image of the moon as it, with its partnered celestial body, found alignment with our life-giving sun, allowing our normally shining nighttime neighbor to pass into and through the dark, deep-space shadow of our own Earth.

It all sounds romantic, doesn't it? The reality leaves something to desire.

Standing alone along the side of winter's deserted King's Highway, just south of the intersection with Paid Een Og's Road, in the low single-digit cold for 90 some minutes watching the total lunar eclipse take place, was not exactly like being beach-side on Aruba.

I had chosen this location for two reasons: it wasn't far from home, and it offered a treeless plain not found deep in the hardwoods.

The plowed and fairly smooth roadside provided a good base for my tripod until the moon rose to a height that

made stooping to look through the camera's viewfinder too awkward for ease of operation. I then turned my truck around and placed the tripod on the hood, effectively raising the whole works to give myself some neck relief.

But throughout the shooting session there was little relief from the cold. Standing behind the tripod and camera without much movement is not conducive to creating body heat. Looking back, I should have resorted to the old Charlie Martin knee bends and arm swings learned long ago during one of his yearly ice-cutting expeditions on the frozen harbor, with Charlie yelling, "Stay on yer keg," when a block of ice would break loose and begin to bob in the frigid open water with whoever was working the saw still standing on it. But

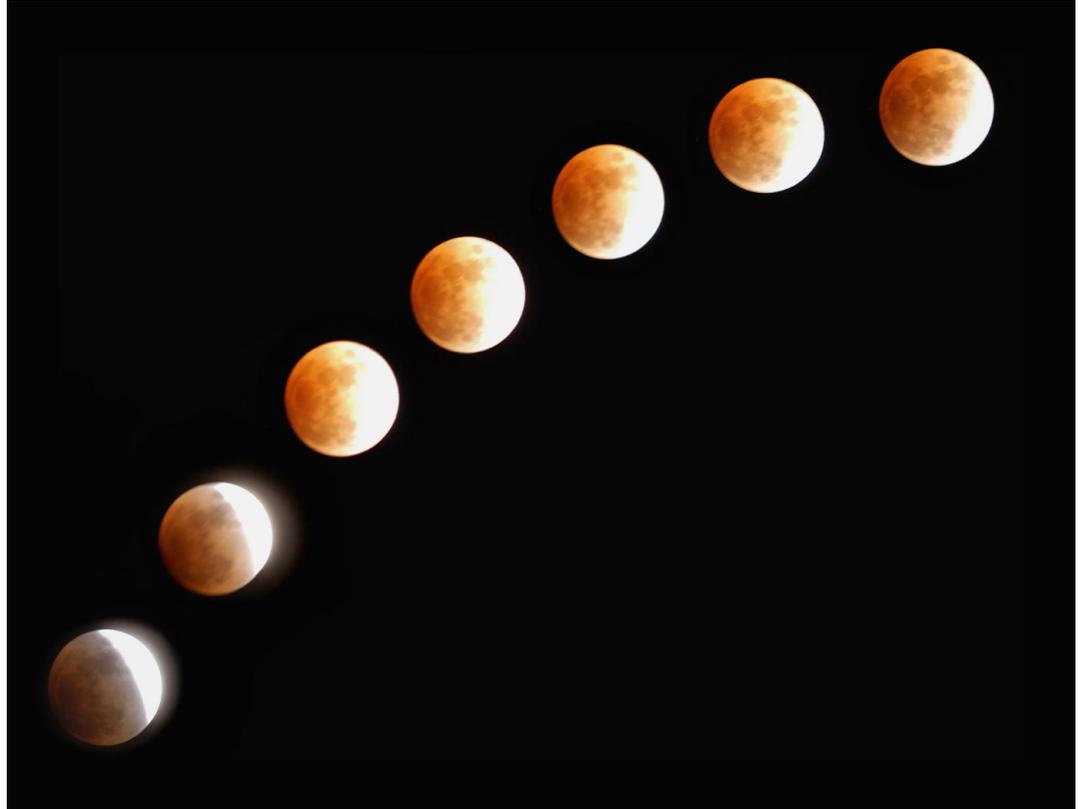
I was, no pun intended, too focused on the task at hand.

Time truly was a factor here as the shape and color and extent of the eclipse was a thing of constant, albeit somewhat paced, change. And that fact in itself brought a challenge to the digital capture.

Shooting photos at night under existing light, regardless of object, is always a difficult proposal, and one that

Let's see. Take the square, carry the one . . . or just go out and shoot, shoot, shoot.

The real trick, and one I now know I could have done better at, is balancing the lens opening (larger lets in more light, but cuts down on depth-of-field) with ISO value (higher increases light sensitivity, but also increases graininess of eventual prints, thus decreasing quality) in order to get the fastest shutter speed for the conditions, which,



calls for long exposure times. And when the lens is open for seconds upon seconds, any movement can be problematic, even if it takes place across the unattached heavens.

Earlier in the day, while keeping an eye on what proved to be ever-changing weather conditions—clear, cloudy, clear again—I downloaded an information sheet on eclipse shooting, containing a chart to use to determine f/stops and shutter speeds for a given ISO sensitivity, depending on Danjon value, or brightness of the eclipse. Simple enough. Or, if you'd rather, an exposure formula was provided that stated clearly:  $t = f^2 / (I \times 2Q)$  where  $t$  is your exposure time,  $f$  the lens opening,  $I$  the sensitivity setting, and  $Q$  the brightness value, normally depicted as  $L$ . Okay.

I remind you, included a moving object.

Now granted, the moon isn't moving all that fast, relative to our position on Earth. But once you leave the lens open for 20-30 seconds, you start to capture whatever movement there is. And any movement results in a less-than-sharp exposure—movement is bad.

The other two tricks involved here are the same with any photo shoot you have questions about: bracket your exposures and shoot lots of frames. Of course, that's easier said than done when you are having a hard time feeling your fingers and making those near-numb digits manipulate tiny camera controls or focus rings that don't want to turn in the cold evening air.

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36. **Shooting the moon**, from page 35. Another factor to keep in mind is that with a large lens (I have a 400 mm telephoto that becomes a 600 mm lens on the digital camera—it's more math, you'll have to trust me on that) any camera movement is exaggerated, even that of pushing the shutter button.

For that reason, I use the timer function. And while that works, it also means it takes 20 seconds for the camera to take the photo once I press the shutter. Therefore, bracketing (taking the same photo a number of times while over- and under-exposing the settings a similar number of stops) starts to take

up time, time that involves the moon moving, the eclipse eclipsing, and the body chilling.

Now I've got to start the truck and sit in it for a few minutes and try to warm up a little (the truck can't run while I'm shooting—especially if the tripod is on the hood—unless I were to

## DEAR SHORELINE PROPERTY OWNERS:

As spring arrives this year, many of you will return to survey your property and note the changes that have occurred over the late fall and winter.

This last fall, northern Lake Michigan's waterfowl was especially hard hit with the toxic effects of type E botulism. The count is approximate but the mortality bird number being circulated is 8,000, with 2,000 being identified as loons. Many of our native waterfowl as well as migratory birds such as the white-winged scoter, horned and red-necked grebes, mergansers, long-tailed ducks, and piping plovers were caught in a dangerous

soup. According to wildlife biologists from Sleeping Bear, they watched as the warmer Lake Michigan water mixed with the large mats of cladophora that rolled along the lake bottom. Although this type of botulism is native to the Great Lakes, the decaying cladophora mixed with botulism-infected gobies were eaten by these birds. Neuro toxins are released which paralyze the birds.

What is the property owner to do if they find a dead bird on their beach this spring/summer? According to Mark Breederlander from SeaGrant the following steps should be taken:

- Least desirable is leaving the carcass on the beach. Toxins can be spread to scavengers as well as leaching back into the water and re-infecting zebra mussels along the shore.

- Remove and double-bag the carcasses and take them to the Transfer Station. As with any dead animal, rubber gloves are to be used, and stand so wind is downwind when picking up.

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- Bury the carcass 2' below ground, away from water sources and in an area that will not be dug up. I personally will bury mine near the road in an area that will never be disturbed.

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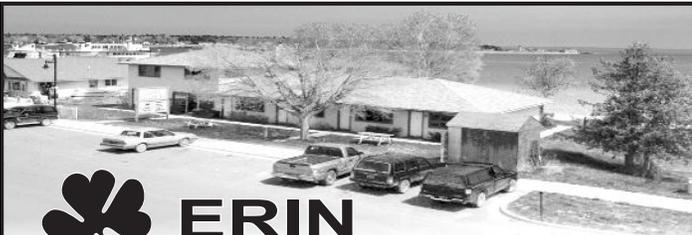


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move a few hundred yards down the road, as the tripod picks up the engine's vibration through the ground, and vibration is movement, and movement is bad).

So I go back out and try a few more frames, but my thinking is stuck on the idea of sharpness, so I never open the

lens enough to keep the shutter in a more acceptable 4-8 second exposure range. Given the distance of the moon, and focusing on just one thing, how much depth-of-field do I really need? Apparently not as much as I thought.

But it's a learning process, and I believe I learned something besides the

value of buying a pair of those 37. electric socks. The problem now is that the next total lunar eclipse that will be visible to us doesn't come around until December 2010 and I will have to remember these lessons then.

The only question remaining is: why doesn't this happen in July?

## DEALING WITH THE WATERFOWL MORTALITY ALONG THE BEACHES

- Anyone finding a banded bird should contact Mark Breederlander at Michigan Sea Grant (231) 922-4628 or Ken Hyde from Sleeping Bear National Park (231) 326-5134 x422 to discuss disposal. More information will be provided as procedures and policies are put into place over the winter.

- Botulism is destroyed in sunlight and fresh air, but some botulism spores may remain. There is still much to learn, according to the Sleeping Bear biologists.

- You will not get botulism by swimming in Lake Michigan

- **DO NOT** eat raw fish from Lake Michigan.

- There is a very real possibility that this die-off will occur again in October/November of 2008, if conditions continue. Some shoreline birds may be affected this summer season.

- The DNR will be involved in the coordination of surveys and reporting since they have the resources. Shoreline owners are going to be asked to participate in the identification and record mortality. Ken Hyde from Sleeping Bear will provide a visual guide to carcass identification for those birds that have been in the water for an extended period of time. This guide and other information can be found on line

at [www.beaverislandassociation.org](http://www.beaverislandassociation.org)

- No one knows if Beaver Island's 5-7 breeding pair of loons are in the count. Only the spring will bring an answer to our loon population.

- Jacque LaFreniere, our "Loon Lady," will be organizing the shoreline identification project and is in need of volunteers to monitor our beaches this summer and fall. If you are planning on being on Beaver Island for an extended period of time, please consider contacting Jacque to help. Jacque's e-mail is: [Jacquel@gtlakes.com](mailto:Jacquel@gtlakes.com) or (231) 448-2220.

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38. JOE FAVAZZA 1946-2008

Joseph J. Favazza, 62, died suddenly following a brief illness Tuesday, February 5, 2008.

He was born to Joseph, Sr. and Grace (Moceri) Favazza in Bay City, where he resided all his life. Joe received his Bachelor's degree in journalism from CMU and his law degree from Detroit College of Law. While studying for his bar exam, he was a law clerk for the Honorable Donald Holbrook and was admitted to the bar in June of 1972. Together with his father, he practiced law through the firm of Favazza and Favazza.

Whether in an airplane en route to his four-story home on Beaver Island, or tooling in his 1936 Packard car, he enjoyed life's journey.

Favazza "liked to go out and grab life," said his sister, 46-year-old Grace M. Nordstrom of Bay City. "My brother worked hard in the law business for 35 years, and when he wanted something like that antique Packard car, he treated himself with it. That was his dream car—the car he always wanted—and he bought it in November from someone in New Hampshire."

Favazza and his nephew, 21-year-old Brandon Roth of Bay City, took the

green Packard for a spin to Favazza's Arenac County farm a few weeks ago.

He had quite a collection of cars and was a member of the Classic Car Club. Joe raised grand champion burros and goats at his Charleston Ranch in Standish. He also enjoyed vacationing at his home on Beaver Island for the past 20 years.

Complications related to injuries to his diaphragm, which he suffered in a car crash about 10 years ago, were also a factor in his death, Grace Nordstrom said. "He got a cold last week and it settled in his chest, and it was just too much for his body any more."

He lived in an apartment in his law office in Bay City. His father served as a Bay County assistant prosecutor in the 1940s, and in later years as Bay City's city attorney.

He was known for eclectic pursuits—his toy collection numbers in the thousands, and he once grew garlic and raised burros on his farm near Standish.

"We used to kid him about being the garlic king of Arenac County," said Thomas E. Bock, 54, a Bay City lawyer. "He tried to make a cash crop out of that garlic. I don't know what his success rate was."

Favazza could afford unique pursuits and possessions, in part, due to shrewd investments and financial decisions, friends said. "I think Joe was a very astute businessman," Bock added. "I think he made very wise real-estate investments."

Nordstrom said her brother "dabbled in the stock market from the time he was 17 years old, but real-estate investment was really his thing, and he did very well in it."

Friends said he had plans to build a coffee shop on Bay City's Center Avenue, on the site of a former gas-station property he owned. Bay County District Court Judge Karen Tighe said he "always bowed when he saw you, and he was very respectful, and he was a very good attorney."

Joe is survived by two sisters, Catherine Anne Ferguson and Grace Mary (William) Nordstrom of Bay City; special friend, Dr. Janet Guisinger; nieces and nephews, Melissa (James) Lile, Jennifer (Paul) Coder, Lisa Ghent, Nicholas Nordstrom, and Brandon Roth. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Paula Favazza Black and a brother-in-law, Gilbert Ferguson.

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With that in mind, the EKG data collected this day went in the

participant's BIRHC chart, plus each person was given a copy for their personal health records. "It's good to know how your body works when it's working well, and document that," Solle reiterated, "then have that information handy when it's not."

All three BIRHC staff were on hand, along with six BIEMS personnel,



Photographs by Frank Solle

Feb. 23 to offer community members free baseline EKG readings, along with blood pressure and heart rate checks,

to provide this valuable service free of charge. Nearly 30 community members took advantage of the offering, enjoying some heart-healthy snacks in the process. In addition, six door-prizes donated from the American Heart Association were awarded at the end of the day.

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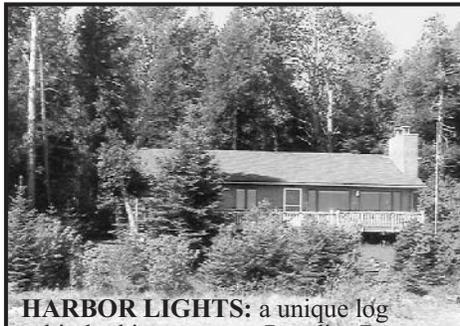
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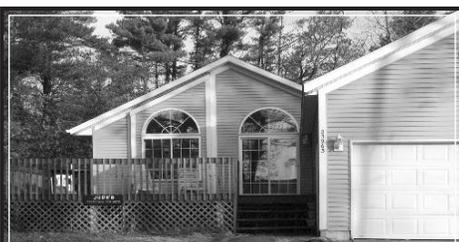
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**BEAVER SANDS BEACH HOME** - Located on Sand Bay, beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront home: 3 bedrooms, sleeps 8; 2 full baths; w/dry; full kitchen, including dishwasher and micro; wonderful sunrise views with sandy beach & safe swimming, screened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

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

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



**WATERFRONT HOME RENTAL/wk**  
3+bedroom, 3bath, 2,000s/f living space; at entrance of Beaver Harbor. Newly carpeted & painted, extensive decks, hand-crafted "shipwreck furniture" wet bar in sunroom/lounge w/ spectacular views of Lake Michigan & lighthouse. \$1,200./wk [biproperty@gtlakes.com](mailto:biproperty@gtlakes.com) or (231) 448-3031



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**ISLAND AERIE:** Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bathrooms, 4 BR w/ 2 king and 10 twin beds, large 1<sup>st</sup> floor decks, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor wet bar and deck, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor game room, all modern amenities and appliances, great for multiple families and groups. \$1600/week, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan (989) 866-2159 [www.islandaerie.net](http://www.islandaerie.net). [Jan@islandaerie.net](mailto:Jan@islandaerie.net)



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



**LOEW'S LODGE ON LAKE GENESERATH:** 6 BR (queens in 4 BR, bunks in 2 BR), 2 shower baths, 2 screened porches. laundry facilities, linen and bedding provided. Fully equipped kitchen. Boat and motor available. \$1050/week. (231) 448-2809



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

**APARTMENT FOR RENT** above the Sommer place. 1/2 block from town. Across from the library. 2 bedroom, with outside deck. Unfurnished. No pets or smoking. Newly remodeled. \$525/month. Call Nancy (231) 448-2550 or Roger (517) 663-3977

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

**SECLUDED 1940'S LOG CABIN JUST ONE BLOCK FROM LAKE** and market on one acre. Sleeps 4-6, *pets welcome* (\$100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available \$700/wk; weekends available. (219) 863-2655.

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

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

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

**THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE** - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. 4 BR/2 Bath; W/D; Four bedrooms, three rooms with double beds and one room with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer/dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733. *Continued on page 42.*



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REAL ESTATE, FOR RENT *from page 41.*



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**HEAVENLY VIEW:** Fully-furnished cabin located on the East Side of Beaver Island in Big Sand Bay. 320 feet of wide pure sand beach is great for swimming, walking, watching the Ferry. Screened porch facing lake, two picnic tables and grill. Sleeps 6. Prime weeks in June and August still available. (231) 448-2376 or [cabin@emeraldislehotel.com](mailto:cabin@emeraldislehotel.com)

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

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**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](mailto:dpluscombe@msn.com)

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

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

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

**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. (616) 772-9783; (616) 283-7227; [cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org](mailto:cschrotenboer@ghyfc.org)

**THE WALSH 40, SOUTH OF THE BEAVER ISLAND GOLF COURSE** - Walk to the Fairway. Make offer: Asking \$90,000. (248) 649-4909 or (248) 515-8746.

**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](mailto:mfolkening@pol.net)

**KING'S HIGHWAY LOTS ON THE EDGE OF TOWN** - Two beautiful wooded lots right near town, the Brothers' Place, and the harbor. Asking \$40,000 each. Call (773) 646-1424. [Odatlo@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Odatlo@sbcglobal.net)



**FOR SALE - HARBOR-AREA HOUSE:**

Four bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house on two lots with garage. Wonderful location near town and the harbor. Asking price is \$215,000.

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**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.

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

**HARBOR-AREA 2-STORY HOUSE** - 2,688 ft<sup>2</sup> plus 2 car attached garage & full basement. 3 large bedrooms—master with private bath and walk-in closet, cathedral ceiling. 2 ½ baths. 2 decks. ~1-acre corner lot. Peekaboo view of Harbor. Asking: \$245,000. Call Jackie at (231) 448-2342.

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

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

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

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

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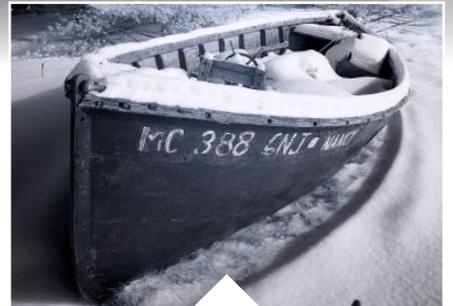
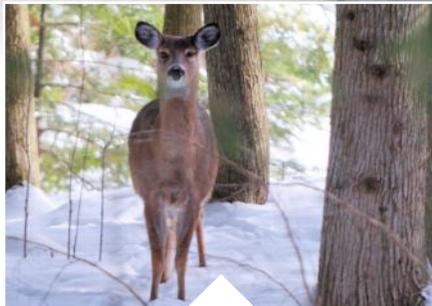
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