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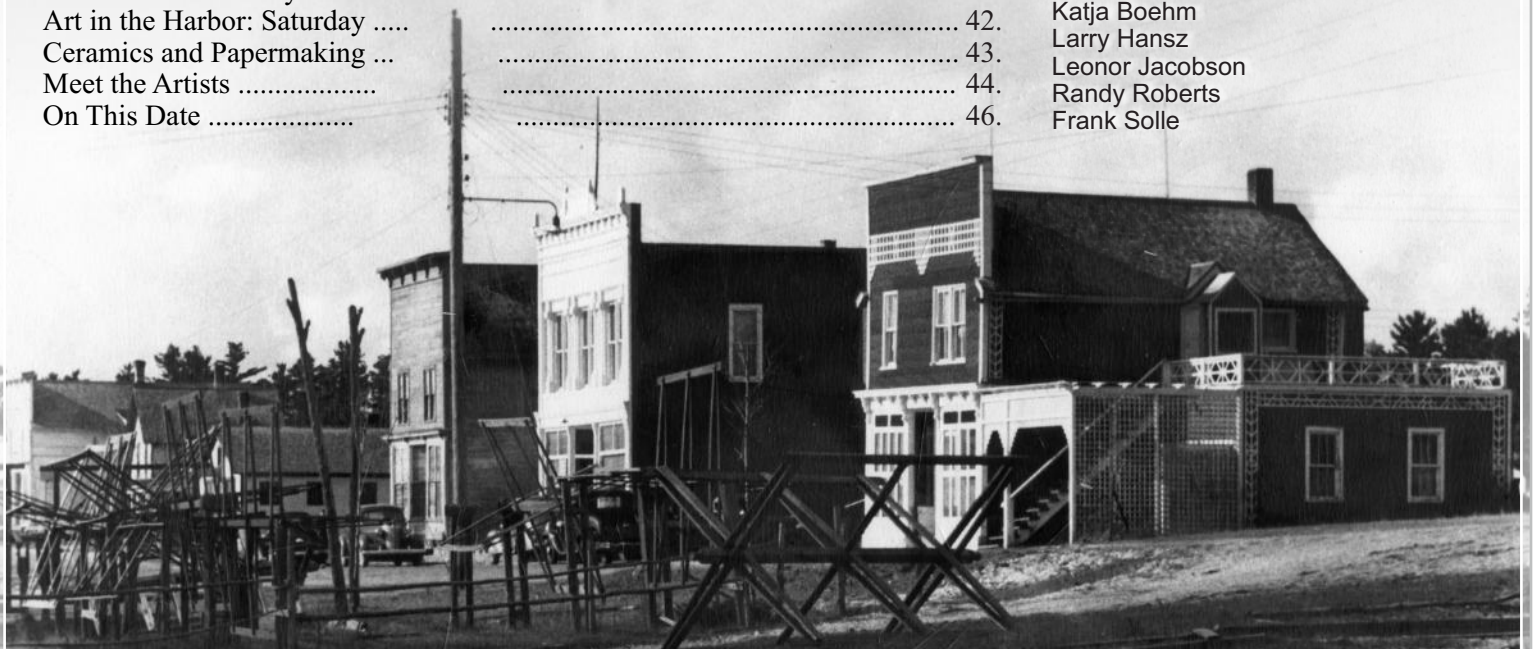
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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

On July 2<sup>nd</sup> the St. James Supervisor announced that both townships had agreed with the County Drain Commissioner's request to let him administer the Townships' Storm Water Ordinance. He also suggested asking the Whiskey Point Light restoration architect/engineer for advice about the public restroom.

In the ongoing negotiations with Wolverine Power, the Arranmore Park lease was approaching satisfactory terms. It will run for 40 years, mandate no structures and no tree plantings, and have an annual lease amount equal to the annual property tax, which will be reduced by its new zoning designation; we'll pay them the lease amount, and they'll turn around and pay it back as property tax.

Supervisor Vyse spoke about what he had learned at a recent Lighthouse Conference. There is much material on Whiskey Point in the National Archive

for ongoing research. The continuing operation of the Light is crucial; if it isn't maintained, we could lose our ownership rights. We can't let people climb the tower unattended because we are responsible for damage. We must issue regular reports demonstrating continuous progress in the Light Tower's restoration. We should focus on educational opportunities by getting schools involved.

The lease to EW Marine of the Township land on which the 180' internet tower has been built was discussed. It requires Township approval for any and all third-party uses—such as for telephone communication. It is good for 20 years, with a 10-year renewal, at \$1,000/year. The lessee must pay for a million-dollar liability insurance, and pay personal property tax and utilities. If the lease is terminated the equipment must be removed within 30 days. The Township can terminate the lease if the lessee fails to

## BEACH TRASH NEW TEACHER:

Recent news stories say trash has been washing up on a hundred miles of mainland Lake Michigan beaches, possibly from a single source—which the Coast Guard is trying to track. Now some of it has been found on the Island's lower half. If you come across any, please report it to the Coast Guard's Grand Haven office, (616) 550-0765.

When BICS teacher Mariane Brown announced her resignation, some parents were worried that a new 7-12<sup>th</sup>-grade teacher might be difficult to find. The position was posted online, and the district quickly received over 50 applications, which were reviewed. An interviewing committee composed of the Principal/Superintendent, two



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operate for a year. Trees cut for installation must be replaced—and a hedge of new trees must be planted around the tower. There can be no trailers, storage, or additional structures (beyond the small building placed there) on the site.

A letter was received from Kevin Elsenheimer about reapportioning municipal revenue sharing, which has favored downstate communities; the Detroit area, with 10% of the state's population, receives 52% of these funds. His plan to fight for northwest Michigan's fair share would boost these revenues by almost 50%. The Board passed a resolution of support.

#### Peaine Township

The Peaine Township Supervisor stated that his research into ORV use on Township roads had not been completed, so this matter was tabled until the next meeting.

A question was raised about whether the Peaine Town Hall could use

the GLE generator across the street in an emergency instead of purchasing its own emergency generator. The provisional answer was that new wires would have to be run, which could cost more than the purchase of the generator.

Copies of the proposed tower lease agreement were circulated and discussed. The Board encouraged EW Marine to seek agreement with a cell phone company to improve cell phone use on the Island, and decided to ask for the presentation of the appropriate insurance certificates at the time of lease signing.

#### State-Level ORV rules relaxed

Governor Granholm recently signed a bill allowing northern Michigan counties to pass ordinances allowing ORVs to travel along the far right shoulder of some county roads. Some counties are reviewing their options, but at present Charlevoix County seems uninterested.

## WELCOME TIMOTHY EATON

teachers, two School Board members, and a parent then interviewed the six top candidates. Three were asked to teach a mini-lesson with five high school students, followed by another round of questioning by the committee.

Grand Valley State University graduate Timothy Eaton was unanimously chosen. Besides completing the

teacher certification program at GVSU, he completed undergraduate work at University College, in Cork, Ireland, and earned his masters degree at the London School of Economics. Tim has all of the qualifications to teach secondary level social studies. He may also coach girls' basketball. Tim and his wife plan to move here this month.

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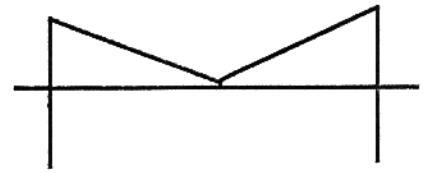
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## 6. DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PLAN

On May 17<sup>th</sup>, instead of holding its regular meeting, the Health Center Board and staff spent 3½ hours in a strategic planning session, moderated by Pete Plastrik. He had interviewed each Board and staff member and some stakeholders, and read five years worth of minutes, financial statements, surveys, reports, and other material. His research allowed him to create a "situation report" covering the Center's mission, history, growth trend, the market, governance, nexus of relationships, and goals.

The Health Center has come a long way since its inception in 1953 as a 2-bed "hospital." Over the past two decades it has increased its number of patient visits six-fold, and owns an 8,000 ft<sup>2</sup> showcase facility with room for growth. Along the way it has earned a reputation for cost-effective, caring, dedicated service to Island residents and visitors, with a constant increase in and improvement of various services.

Yet despite the intense effort of the past five years, several critical issues have appeared, which the planning process identified. For one, with mandated retirement after three three-year terms, three uniquely talented Board members who provided important guidance will have to be replaced—and it will not be easy to replicate their skill and dedication.

For another, the long-term financial challenges are becoming more difficult. A tremendous push produced an Endowment Fund of \$1,100,000, a remark-

able accomplishment, but the rate of continuing increase is slowing, indicating a plateau of availability may be near.

The problem of full staffing is also unsolved despite diligent searches of job markets, employee finders, and N/P schools.

Much work has gone into refining the by-laws and policies of the Health Center, but there is still more to do, particularly in determining factors that limit the Center's services. The success it has enjoyed so far has been dependent on the Center's relationship with the two Island Townships, other governing bodies, various insurance companies, mainland doctors and hospitals, the EMS, the school, the transportation companies, and the public. Each of these relationships has taken time and effort, which has to be formalized and incorporated into a system to insure its continuation.

Then there is the need to develop a strategy for coping with new situations, whose character can not be known in advance.

The session ended with the formation of five new "task groups" to refine the role of the Center, develop a 5-year cost/income projection, brainstorm about the Center's future scope, consider ways to maintain and expand the necessary web of relationships, and ensure good community interaction. Everyone's plate was full, but each of those present was energized by the clarity of the path they had been presented.

The next step took place on July 12<sup>th</sup>,

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when the task groups met to pool their results. This led to the listing of eight goals, with indicators and step-by-step targets. Goals included maintaining strong Board leadership and activism; reducing dependence on donors; maintaining the facility and equipment; reducing patients' cost for obtaining medical services; increasing the use of some medical services; establishing new prevention, screening, and wellness services; developing a long-term recruitment strategy; and maintaining the high quality of services.

A week later, on July 19<sup>th</sup>, the Board met before their regular meeting to talk about these goals and establish some targets. For example, in the area of financing the operation, they set a target of growing the Endowment Fund, which after five years has reached \$1.1 million, to \$1.5 million by 2014—the reduced growth rate reflecting the increasing difficulty of fund-raising.

Pete Plastrik broke the nine members present into three 3-man groups to each consider the package of goals. After fifteen minutes each group reported their ideas. The third group had listed the most items, so their list became the framework for incorporating the other groups' comments. Before the next session Pete will endeavor to take these comments to the next level to facilitate creating specific recommendations.

Some of these will no doubt include creating a transition plan for the Board to guide the incorporation of new members, creating a facility maintenance

plan, renewing the attempt to broaden the source of funding, marketing the Health Center's services, and devising a long-range plan to provide staffing.

In the regular meeting that followed, some of these matters were touched on again, along with normal business. It was noted that patient encounters, and hence patient revenue, were lower than last year, but budget projections were close to being met. Because of the nation's poor economy, earnings by the Endowment Fund and the Special Projects Fund were lower than anticipated.

Two ideas for improving finances were floated. One was to shift the search for donations into a greater emphasis on planned giving. To this end the Charlevoix County Community Foundation will be asked to provide information, followed by an attorney who specializes in this field. The Board will investigate using the CCCF website to present material about this and to include a form for planned giving directly to the Endowment Fund.

Another idea was to hire a lobbyist to seek some specific benefits from the government: the reestablishment of an annual stipend to cover operating expenses (not the \$75,000 we once had, but at least \$100,000, to reflect higher costs for medical services); the designation of the Health Center as an Emergency Care Facility (which would allow for more profitable billing); and legislation to force insurance coverage of the extraordinary costs of transport from Beaver and other islands.

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My husband grew up in Spring Valley, IL and spent his childhood by the Illinois River, and lived in Door County several years before we left in 2005. He's a marine electronics / hydraulics technician, has worked as a sailboat rigger, and worked on sail- and powerboats in Chicago, Florida, and Palma de Mallorca, Spain. I am from a small village near the Baltic sea

in Germany, a health psychologist by profession, working in medical research on complementary and alternative medicine.

After we got married in Shaldon, United Kingdom, where I worked for 9 years, we took off in October 2005 from Sister Bay, WI to travel to the Gulf of Mexico on the river system. We traveled south on Lake Michigan to Chicago, took the Chicago River to the Illinois River, the Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, and finally the Tombigbee

Waterway. After having passed through 7 states and 19 locks on our way south, we finally ended up in Panama City, Florida. We visited Apalachicola Florida before bringing the boat back up in the fall of 2007 and returning to Europe for the winter.

*Some of the animals Katja, Bob, and Buddy saw on their trip: armadillos, beavers, otters, racoons, deer, coyotes, snakes, turtles, tortoises, dolphins, sharks, starfish, sand dollars, jellyfish, alligators, fiddler crabs, yellow sand crabs, hermit crabs, stone crabs, blue crabs, king mackerels,*

*catfish, blue, grey and white herons, humming birds, cardinals, wild turkeys, turkey vultures, egrets, golden and bald eagles, white and grey pelicans, kingfishers, woodpeckers, frogs, toads, lightning bugs, minks, butterflies, sting rays, manta rays, conch, crawfish, oysters, and muskrats.*



We met many friendly people, saw amazing sights and animals (see inset) and were happy with our decision to leave our lives behind and be "modern day gypsies" living on our sailboat.

Our dog Buddy, a 12-year old Jack Russell, keeps us company wherever we go. He loved Beaver Island as much as we did.

We found Beaver Island to be the perfect place to prepare for the next leg of our trip. McDonough's Market helped us stock up on provisions,

Powers' hardware store provided some fittings we needed, and the Shamrock served a welcome meal, which we enjoyed greatly; the Guinness chocolate cake was amazing! Finally, the Museum of the Mormon Printing Press enabled us to swap a few books for those days at anchor.

After having spent 3 days on the hook at Paradise Bay we will be going through the North Channel, Georgian Bay, and through the Trent Severn lock system. Then we will visit some of Canada's south shores, sail across Lake Ontario, and pass through the Erie Canal then down the Hudson

River to New York. After

that we will travel the East Coast southbound to Florida. We'll then be leaving the *Francis Lee* to pick up a friend on his boat. Together we are going to sail to the Bahamas, where we are planning on spending Christmas this year.

We are hoping to be in Trinidad or the North Coast of Venezuela by June 2009, as this is a good place to ride out hurricane season.

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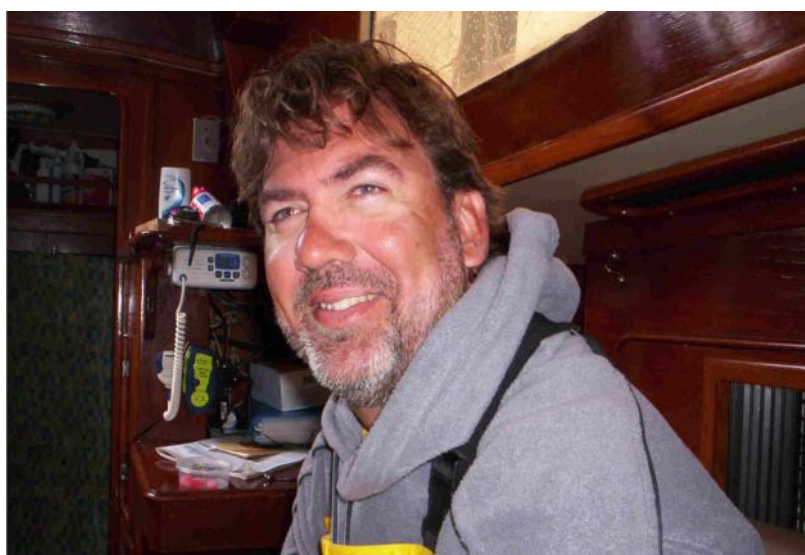
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# DESTINATION: PARADISE BAY

11.

by Larry Hansz

## S/V "LEARN'T"; HOME PORT MUSKEGON

The Irwin 52-foot sailing vessel *Learnt* visited St. James for June 9 and 10 while on its way to Lake Huron's North Channel. Aboard were seven boys and five adult men who are delivering the boat to Little Current as part of a church-based sailing program, which will involve 200 kids in grades 9 through 12.

Doug Pearson, who owns Story Maker Adventure Company, chartered the vessel to the Blythfield Hills Baptist Church in Rockford, Michigan as part of their youth ministries' DawnTreader program. The crew visiting Beaver Island are sailing from Leland to Little Current, where they will coordinate chartering an additional sixteen to

eighteen sailboats. Then on June 14<sup>th</sup> two hundred teens from the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grades will board the flotilla and cruise with adult escorts through several wilderness islands of the North Channel for one week. Doug stated that the object of DawnTreader is to "build and enhance social relationships among the kids. Put a bunch of teenagers on a small boat and they are forced to deal with each other."

The boys explored town and, of course, made several stops at Daddy Franks for ice cream. Also, the adults complimented Powers' Hardware as being equal to their favorite hardware back in Rockford; they bought several repair parts for projects on the vessel.

A few of the adults conducted an informal class for the kids on Mormon history and religion while visiting the Mormon Print Shop and accepting the challenge of its Treasure Hunt.

When asked what he thought of Beaver Island, Doug said "There are not too many places where my whole crew can walk down the middle of the street safely to the ice cream store. Beaver is a natural layover spot when sailing up the lake toward Mackinac."

For more information on the DawnTreader program visit the Blythfield Hill Baptist Church internet site at [www.bhbconline.org](http://www.bhbconline.org); for information on Doug Pearson's company see [storymakersonline.com](http://storymakersonline.com).

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## 12. LEGISLATURES CONVENE ON BEAVER ISLAND

by Frank Solle

Six members of the Michigan House of Representatives, four from the Committee on Tourism, Outdoor Recreation, and Natural Resources, held a public hearing concerning Double-crested Cormorant Damage and Depredation at the Peaine Township Hall on Monday, July 28.

Joining the congressmen and their aides were 21 concerned citizens, eight of whom addressed their concerns to the committee.

Speaking for the Chamber of Commerce, director Steve West introduced three large photographs as part of his statement, one of which showed the stomach contents from a cormorant that had recently dined on a fresh perch dinner. The second showed a cormorant in mid-devour of a northern pike, and the third a fishing guide with a small mouth bass recently caught in local waters. Using the lower-end estimate of what one adult cormorant ingests in a day (1-1½ pounds), multiplied by an approximate local population of 50,000 adult birds living in this area for six months, he suggested the cormorants eat up to 9 million pounds of fish per year.

Another aspect of the cormorant



problem was highlighted by photos supplied by resident Bob Tidmore. Tidmore handed out photos from 1975 and 2005 comparing outlying islands and the damage done to vegetation by the nesting birds.

Local commercial fisherman Skip Duhamel addressed the committee, expressing his concerns over the impact the birds may have on whitefish spawning grounds as well as the food source

for the whitefish. Duhamel pointed out that he is a member of the Grand Traverse Ottawa and Chippewa Band and has served on the Tribe's natural resource commission for 15 years. "The Tribe is very concerned about this," he said. "We need to work

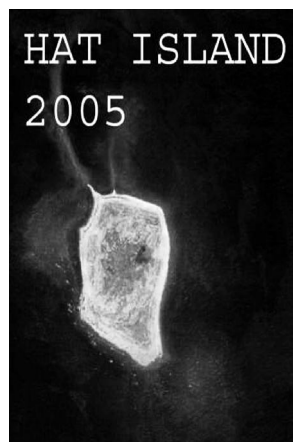
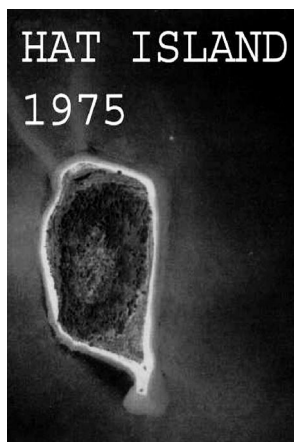
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limit set by the state government in this area despite field representatives from the Department of Natural Resources recommending a 90% reduction in cormorant numbers. "We're glad there has been a start (at reduction)," Powers said, "but it's not enough at this point to make a difference." Powers pointed out there is "a welcome core of volunteers here to assist in getting the job done."

One person to address the committee who is not a local resident but has been active in cormorant control for some time was Larry Meier of Houghton Lake. "This is a 'whole state' problem," he told the committee. "We are losing tourist money by the thousands of dollars."

Speaking of cormorant numbers, Meier told the committee, "With well over one-half mil-

lion birds, there are more cormorants in the state of Michigan than all of



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Europe.”

Both Powers and Meier pointed to Jim Dexter, the Michigan DNR’s Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator, as the person who has kept control efforts from moving forward. Committee chairman, Representative Joel Sheltrown (D, 103) stated the committee “can and will bring in Dexter and those under him to ask why he is not doing what is being recommended.”

Committee member Representative Tom Casperson (R, 108) added, “The bottleneck is our own DNR not taking this situation seriously enough. How can the DNR set limits on man’s take of fish but can’t comprehend how the cormorant impacts the fishery?”

Another concern in cormorant control is the jurisdiction of several small outlying islands by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department. Hat Island, with eight thousand active nests, according to Powers, falls into this category where those attempting to implement control activities such as oiling eggs cannot do so as they must stay offshore in accordance with USFWS regulations.

All those who addressed the committee spoke of the once-great fishery of the Beaver Archipelago and their desire to

see it return. Powers stated he was told by DNR Biologist Tom Rosich, “fishing will never recover if cormorants aren’t brought under control.”

The committee members were flown over some of the cormorant nesting areas prior to the meeting to give them a better understanding of the damage that has occurred and is occurring. Chairman Sheltrown spoke of holding more hearings in Lansing in the attempt

to get more action. “It doesn’t seem so much of a political problem,” he said, “but a matter of the legislature versus the bureaucracy. We are frustrated too.”

The committee members attending this meeting also included Rep. Terry Brown (D,

84), and Ted Hammon (D, 50), as well as Representatives Kevin Elsenheimer

(R, 105) and Darwin Booher (R, 102).

Elsenheimer followed up on the meeting by sending letters to the directors of both the Michigan DNR and the Department of Environmental Quality the next day, seeking answers as to why the control efforts are not moving forward as recommended. “Northern Michigan

residents and businesses have been dealing with the cormorant issue for years and they deserve to know the basis for this decision made hundreds of miles away in Lansing... Experience on the ground and hearings point to the necessity of a management program that will yield real results and relief from the cormorants,” Elsenheimer said in his letter.

Elsenheimer also included copies of the photos provided by Tidmore dem-

onstrating the vegetative damage on Hat and Pismire Islands. “I think the waste issue should be of interest to the Department of Environmental Quality... If the contaminants left by cormorants were instead the result of a commercial enterprise or private individual, the DEQ would have all kinds of oversight and environmental standards those entities

would be required to follow,” Elsenheimer wrote.



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# 14. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August, 5, 1908 **Just Among Ourselves:** "Under Sheriff Weikel was at Beaver Island the first of the week."

"James C. Gallagher of St. James was a Charlevoix visitor this week."

"James Dunlevy, of St. James, was in the city Wednesday night, returning home Thursday."

"Willard A. Smith, accompanied by the general manager of the Western Union Telegraph company and staff, went to Beaver Island Monday."

(Note: Willard A. Smith, Charlevoix; T. Pleook, Chicago; G. A. Cellar, Pittsburgh, M. T. Cook, Chicago & W. J. Lloyd, Chicago appear in the *Beaver Hotel Register*, Aug. 3, 1908)

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, August 6, 1908 **Local News:** "W. W. Boyle, Anthony Malloy and Jas. C. Gallagher of St. James, were in the city this week."

**Beaver Island News:** "The 'Gleaners' have invaded the Island."

"Miss Mel Gallagher of Chicago, is with her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Gallagher for the summer."

"Mrs. Dan P. Boyle returned home from Charlevoix much improved in health."

"Miss Anna O'Malley of Chicago is the guest of her sister Mrs. James Donlevy. She is accompanied by the Miss Kent also of Chicago."

"Mr. and Mrs. Haase of Davenport, Iowa are at the Beaver." (Note: Mr. & Mrs. Gustave Haase, Davenport, Iowa appear in the *Beaver Hotel register*, Aug. 4, 1908)

"Mrs. Quickenboss of Grand Rapids is on the quest of her daughter Mrs. Thomas Graham."

"Mr. James Connors of Rock Island, Illinois is here on his annual vacation. He is accompanied by Dr. Thos. Lilly of Chicago."

"C. Novak of Charlevoix made a business trip to the Island last week."

"Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney and Treasurer were here a couple days last week, professionally."

"Miss Minnie Roddy and brother Will of Milwaukee are visiting friends here."

"Schooner *Rouse Simmons* is taking on a cargo of bark this week."

"C. Butler with the Government launch (2) was here a couple days last week inspecting fog signals."

"Miss Sue M. O'Donnell and sister Alice are the guests of their aunt Mrs.

Mamie Gibson. Miss Sue is a trained nurse."

"Mr. and Mrs. Peter McCauley are visiting their daughter Mrs. H. Brigg at Elk Rapids."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 12, 1908 "List of Jurors for August Term of Court: Frank McCauley, Peaine township; Timothy Roddy, St. James"

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, August 13, 1908 **Local News:** "The Father Provincial, Rev. Cyprian Bauscheld, O.F.M. was at Beaver Island over Sunday, returning to Petosky Tuesday night."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 19, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "Rain is badly needed on the Beavers."

"Rev. Father Norbert was away for a few days last week."

"W. D. Gallagher was away for a few days on business."


"Mrs. Patrick Roddy and her sister both from Milwaukee, are visiting relatives and friends."

"Mr. Blais, a fish buyer for the Beutel Fish Co. has returned to the Island for the remainder of the season."

"Mr. and Mrs. Condie Gallagher have returned to the Beavers. Mrs. Gallagher's health is much improved."


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gave a leap year dance last Wednesday night to a number of their friends."

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"The Gleaners organize Wednesday night. Supper will be served afterwards finishing with a leap-year dance. A good time promised to the members and their friends."

"The Gleaner ladies had an excursion to Garden Island Sunday. There was a party of twelve, including Dr. and Mrs. Graham. They secured a number of applicants. All report having a good time."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 26, 1908 **From Beaver Island:** "The tug *Margarite* has again started in fishing."

"William Scheid was away a few days last week."

"Ed Pratt is building a veranda around his residence."

"Rev. Father Zugelder spent a few days with us last week."

"Condy Gallagher's son had the misfortune of badly bruising his finger Thursday."

"Mrs. Coblentz and Mrs. Ramsey

both deputies for A. O. O. G. left Friday for a limited time." (Note: *Nellie Coblentz, Charlevoix and Saddle Ramsey, Traverse City appear in the Beaver Hotel Register, August 11, 1908*)

"Joe O'Donnell and Miss Annie Gallagher, both from here, were married Tuesday at Petosky."

"Mrs. Heath from Charlevoix is here on a visit to relatives and friends, whom she hasn't seen in many years."

"Dr. Graham has been busy dressing fingers the past week, a number of young men having the misfortune of losing a few."

"The A. O. O. G. organized here Wednesday evening immediately after a fish supper was served to members and their friends. All returned to the hall to dance until the wee hours of morning. Nearly two hundred people attended the dance and all reported a good time, also a success. The deputies did their share in everything and deserve much credit."

**Just Among Ourselves:** "Williard A. Smith is in St. James today." (Willard A. Smith, *Charlevoix appears in the Beaver Hotel Register August 25, 1908*)

"Under Sheriff Weikel returned from Detroit today, where he went Tuesday morning with Neil F. McCauley,

sent to Detroit house of correction for ninety days from St. James on a drunk and disorderly charge."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, August 27, 1908 **Local News:** "Prof. H. J. Cox, in charge of the U. S. weather service for Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Superior, was here again Monday on his return to Chicago from his lakes Huron and Superior inspection trip. Tues morning, accompanied by the local cable superintendent, he went to Beaver Island" (Note: *H. J. Cox, Chicago appears in the Beaver Hotel Register, August 25, 1908*)

"At the Beaver Hotel, St. James, yesterday, was celebrated the 55<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mr. Gus Hasse, a resorter and a prominent citizen of Davenport, Ia. The breakfast table greeted the Hasse family with most elaborate decorations, and the guests of the house vied with each other during the day in doing honor to the event. The Beaver Hotel has more people this year than ever."

"Frank N. Clark, Superintendent of U. S. fish hatcheries in Michigan, arrived Monday and conferred with Charlevoix fishermen concerning close season spawn fishing. On Tuesday he went to Beaver Island on the same mission."

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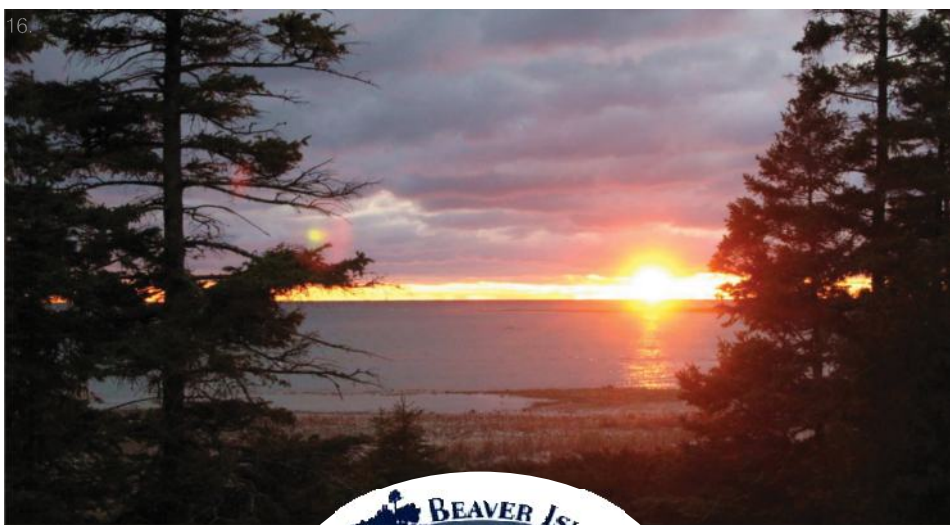
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## TAKING CARE

In 1965, a week after graduating from Indiana University, Randy and Carol Roberts honeymooned on Beaver Island on the Island's then undeveloped north shore – the beginning of a multi-generational love for the Island's wild places. Carol's parents, Frank and Vera Dulin, began vacationing on Beaver the following year, deciding in 1982 to buy an isolated property on the southern-most tip of the land between Little and Big Iron Ore bays.

Their visionary purchase was the culmination of a life-long love of nature, camping, and hiking. The family, including Carol's sister, Dianne, and brother, Gary (a biologist who did significant loon research on Beaver Island in the 70s), had tent-camped throughout the U.S. as children, as did Carol and Randy with their three children, Kirsten, Michelle, and Eric. The tradition continued as the family camped on the Beaver property for 10 summers until Frank and Vera built a cabin in 1992.

This vigorous love of the outdoors that Frank and Vera's children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren inherited began in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Vera tent-camped and fished in Canada with her parents in the 1930s and 40s; her childhood diaries record both English and Latin names of the wildflowers she studied and loved. A Northwestern University graduate, Vera filled her glorious gardens with native plants and flowers years before it became the green thing to do. As Trail Guide Chair for the Fox Island Alliance Nature Preserve in Fort Wayne, Indiana, she organized and led guided hikes for hundreds of children and adults. At age 89, she is still active on their board.

After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business, Frank Dulin served as a Naval officer in WWII and then was a partner in the CPA firm Dulin, Ward, and Dewald. Frank dearly loved and cared for Beaver Island for 21 years; he was still hiking two miles daily in its woods and shores just four months before his death at age 90 in 2003. At that time, the property was left to the three




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children; in 2007, Randy and Carol, who had purchased the neighboring property, bought the Dulin property from Carol's siblings with a desire to preserve the combined 27 acres through a conservation easement with the Little Traverse Conservancy.

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Another way to visualize a conservation easement is to think of owning land as holding a bundle of sticks. Each one of these sticks represents the landowner's right to do something with his or her property. The right to build a house, to extract minerals, to lease the property, pass it on to heirs, allow hunting—these all are rights that the landowner has. A landowner may give up certain development rights, or sticks from the bundle, associated with their property through a document called a conservation easement.

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For the 28<sup>th</sup> year the Historical Society put on a week-long celebration of Beaver Island's rich historical heritage. As usual, the events kicked off with a Monday evening "Music on the Porch," with 200 people braving the blustery, dark weather. Doris Larsen organized and MC'd, with Mike and Sharon Hurkmans providing their booming sound system.

Joe Moore's *Violin to Fiddle* made a great connection with the audience. The extended Gerrish family's performance with a second new percussionist was stirring. Barry and his daughters' harmony was magnificent. Jeff Connor sang his own compositions with power. And Sherri Timsak was in top form. The crowd

was very disappointed when a deluge of rain cut short *Island Soul's* set—luckily they perform regularly on the Island.

When Antje Price and Joyce Bartels opened the Protar Home (for 82 visitors) during the afternoon, there had been no sign of the storm to come.

The next night Bruce Struik, *the Imagineer*, talked about the metaphors for life suggested by aspects of nature—in particular, sections of dead trees he came across while out for a walk. He showed eight numbered works of art, and had the 42 people present state what each piece suggested to them—ably prodded by Paul Niehaus, while Paul's wife Liz wrote each idea on a flip chart which was

then taped to the wall. For some pieces there was great uniformity, but others inspired a dozen unique interpretations. When all the sheets of responses were on the wall, Bruce spoke about what he had seen in each case, and how he had generalized it into a lesson about life.

That afternoon Mary Blocksma signed copies of several of her books on the Print Shop Porch as her many friends stopped by. She also discussed the Health Center's auction of her commission to paint an Island scene for the winning bidder. A few original paintings and several of her prints were on hand.

GLLKA's Terry Pepper met 40 people at the Whiskey Point Light during

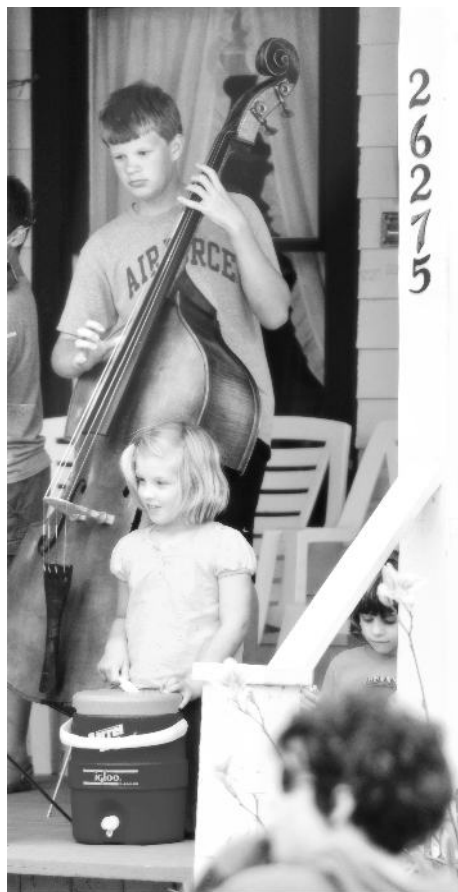






the day Wednesday, chatting with them about all the work that must be done to achieve the goal of restoring the light tower and rebuilding the keeper's house. That evening he discussed a dozen other nearby lighthouses, showing pictures and providing information on their history and current status—including the light at Waugoshance Point, Michigan's most endangered, which has never recovered from being used for bombing practice and may soon fall down.

Seamus Norgaard introduced 28 Thursday afternoon visitors to Celtic culture with an inspiring talk whose locale ranged from Ireland to Beaver Island. That evening, 62 fans of our



underwater trove were enthralled by Mike and Gail Weede's recounting of their dives on the *Cayuga*, which began with the sad tale of its collision and sinking. After the talk they answered a number of questions about diving on the archipelago's many shipwrecks.

Dianna Stampfler discussed the women who served as lighthouse keepers, providing a fact-filled overview of their sacrifices. Despite the backbreaking and unrelenting work, the job proved addictive, and many served into their seventies and beyond.

Pinky's Bingo was another big hit, with 75 happy gamers taking home the

*continued on page 22.*

## FARMERS' MARKET GROWING

by Frank Solle

The weekly Farmers' Market held every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Paradise Bay Coffee shop is growing each week. From fresh vegetables and herbs to cut flowers, jams and jellies and honey, to a variety of fresh breads and homemade fudge, the offerings continue to expand as the season progresses.

New to the market this year is Western Shores Baking Company, a joint venture from Barbara Murphy and Cathleen Jones. The pair have teamed up to provide a wide variety of fresh-baked delights from white and whole-wheat to

rye breads and beyond. Other loaves include a peasant loaf as well as one with sun-dried tomatoes. Their fresh scones are as good as one can find anywhere. And with a hot cup of coffee, well ... you just have to try it.

Organizer Heidi Connor hopes to have more participants as well as patrons as the summer moves closer to harvest time and the range of fresh items increases.

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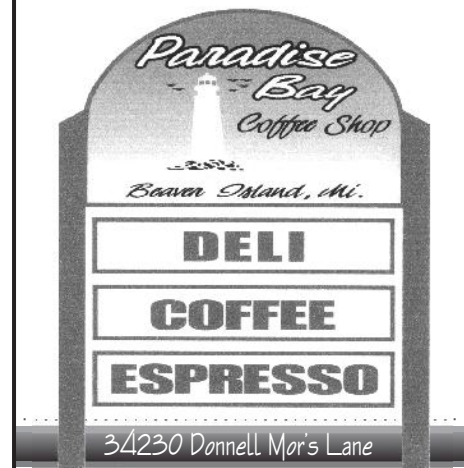
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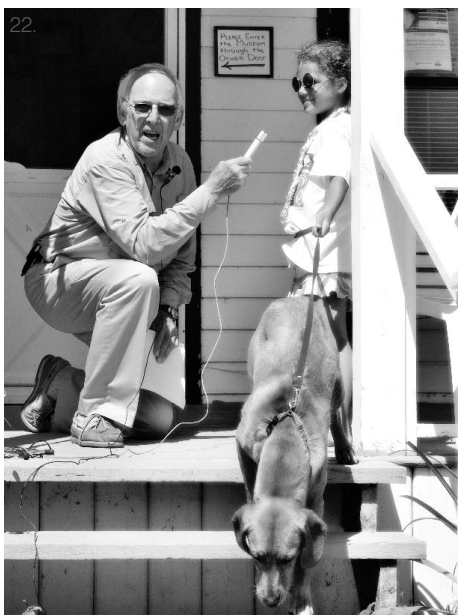
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**Museum Week**, continued from page 21. large cash pots and many door prizes, and generally having a great, not-too-raucous time.

Liz and Paul Niehaus conducted a Pet Show in which kids described their pet's special talent—one of



which was "not following strangers home." Perhaps the greatest success of this week was the three-day Art Show, superbly managed by Lois Stipp in the Gregg Fellowship Center. She and her husband Kevin, with Tom Rockwell, Frank Solle, John

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Thank You to all the volunteers for making this past 4<sup>th</sup> of July Carnival a success! Thanks for setting up and tearing down, and extra running around, for working the carnival, for taking the tickets, for getting the bounce house ready, for getting balloons ready, and for loaning an electrical supply box.

Thank you to the people who

worked the games and the food tent, to those collecting the tickets for the dunk tank. Thanks to the face painters, the dunk tank celebrities, and the clean-up crew.

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Crouse, and others, set up and arranged the art for the over-500 visitors, who invested over five thousand dollars in prints, paintings, Island-crafted furniture, and more.

The Historical Society has a hundred and thirty



people to thank for the success of this Museum Week, including all the merchants who covered production costs. Staging it requires much effort, but many visitors remark that they schedule their vacation to be here during this interesting time.



## IN MEMORY: CARL RAY 1946 - 2008

Carl John Ray, 62 of Barker Creek, passed away suddenly on July 31 as a result of a bicycle accident.

Born in Traverse City, he was the son of late Edward and Helene (Makerevich) Ray; the loving husband of Alice; brother of Gerry and Bill Lain, twin brother Charles and Fran Ray and Elizabeth Bryan; and friend to many. He was a grad-

uate of Elk Rapids High School, served in the US Navy during the Vietnam War, and had an Associates Degree from NMC. He married Alice Stoppels in 1975.

A lifelong resident of Barker Creek, he was employed by the Postal Service, had his building contractor license, was an avid bicyclist, a private pilot, a wood carver, enjoyed sailing, and nature pho-

tography. He got involved with the Coast Guard in Traverse City and became Commander of the Auxiliary.

He had a home on Beaver Island and was a member of the Historical Society, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assoc, Cherry Capital Cycling Club, Experimental Aircrafts Assoc, Grass River Natural Area, and Grand Traverse Audubon Club.



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# THE "YANKEE LADY" ARRIVES

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As onlookers circling the harbor craned up at the sky waiting for a low pass, fog prevented the *Yankee Lady* from arriving on the 18<sup>th</sup> until late in the afternoon, but the next day, Saturday, was nice and warm, and the crowd waiting at the Municipal Airport had a good time being out,

talking with friends or snacking at the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop booth.

The sight of takeoffs and landings sent thrills up everyone's neck, a marvel as rare as a pterodactyl suddenly materializing in the blue sky and making everyone feel they'd been thrust into a great, sixty-year-old war movie.

Instantly the crowd was transported into a special aura, and all agreed the wait was well worthwhile. Particularly the artist Ted Prawat, on vacation from his teaching job in China; he and his family have been following B-17s for some time, and had watched the *Yankee Lady* being restored at Willow Run.





# THE "YANKEE LADY" ARRIVES



A long line eager to see the inside of the legendary war machine, replete with the ghost of John Wayne and the shadow of William Holden hanging onto a strap, climbed through her.

The interior was tighter than was expected, and the maze of instruments and controls were unfamiliar to most visitors. A few recognized every lever and knob, and were transported back to

their glory years, to the ambiance of youth when they miraculously defied the odds against survival. For a few hours the intervening years disappeared, and they relived "America's Finest Hour."



In-air photographs over Beaver Island







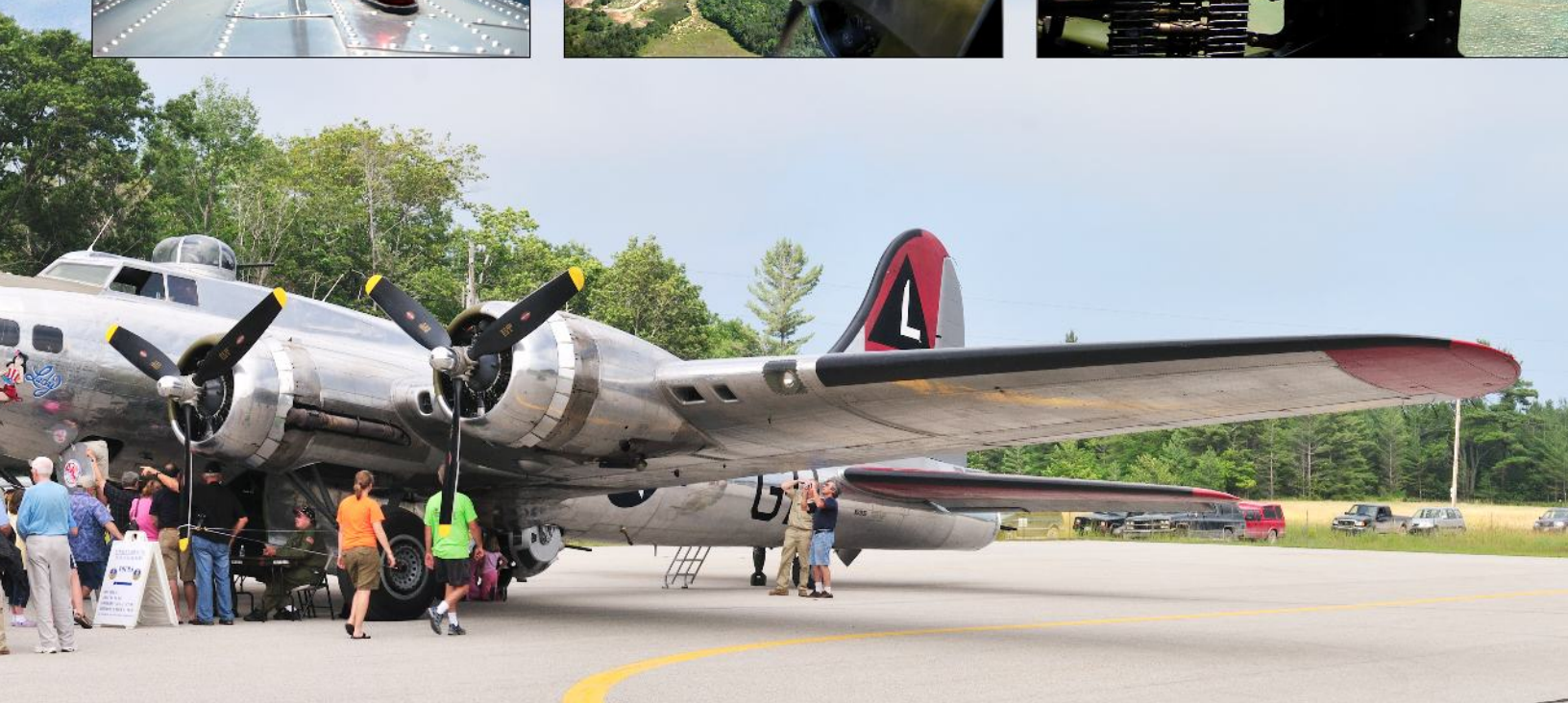
Then the flights began, first for the sponsors and then one for those who paid the \$425 fee. Everyone who went up in the beast was absolutely thrilled; the experience dwarfed the value of

mere money as she burned 50 gallons of fuel and a gallon of oil per engine per hour. "If there's no small puddle of oil, that means she's out," a crew member remarked on the ground. "As long as

you can step over, it's safe to fly."

The Chamber deserves the accolades it received for pulling this off and giving us a taste of the extraordinary, even if for only a day.

courtesy of Leonor Jacobson







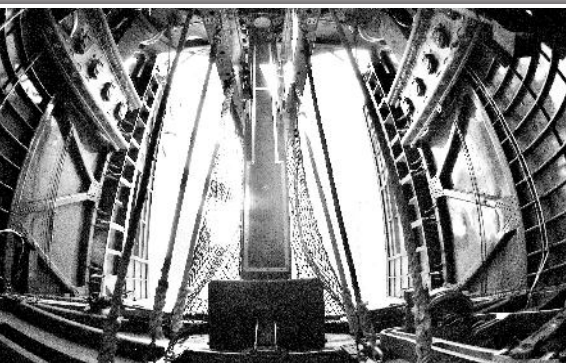
### To the Beacon:

Thousands of Islanders and visitors greatly enjoyed watching the *Yankee Lady* B-17 fly overhead. Hundreds toured the historic plane on July 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>. About 20 went for a flight

experience. This was only possible because of the sponsors who helped the Chamber of Commerce bring the WWII bomber to Beaver Island.

Thanks go to Island Airways, Ken

McDonald, Roger Wilcox, the Beaver Island Golf Course, the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop, the Elson and Helen Spangler Family, Fresh Air Aviation, the Beaver Island Lodge, and Haggard's Inc.



Bomb doors open for the crowd at the Township Airport



Thanks to Helen Pike, who opened her home to the *Yankee Lady* crew on a busy weekend when every room on Beaver Island was booked. Also, thanks to Elaine West for her help with transportation, logistics, public relations,

and much more.

And, of course, I want to extend a huge thank you to Steve West. Even though it was "his job" to put this together, he went way above and beyond!

I was with the Spangler family as they watched their Dad climb on board for the first time in 63 years—what a thrill it was. We all shed a few tears.

—Kathy Speck

President, Beaver Island Chamber







## IN MEMORY

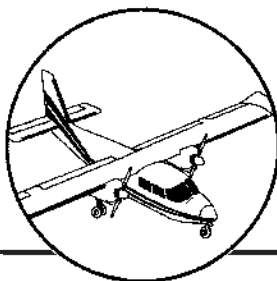
Paul F. Baron (1955-2008)

### High Flight (An Airman's Ecstasy)

by John Gillespie Magee Jr.

Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth  
Of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air...

Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace  
Where never lark, nor even eagle flew —  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
Put out my hand, and touched the face of God.







Ladies Champs



Top Putter

## PAR FOR THE COURSE *by Fairway Frank*

Summer, in its warm and sunny glory, is upon us, and with it the golf season is once again, if you'll excuse me saying, in full swing. Golfers of all sizes, shapes, and talents are being drawn to our wonderful course like seagulls to Daddy Frank's at lunch time. The driving range is challenging B.I. Apiaries as the buzzingest hive of local activity. All the while tournaments and other events are sprouting up like flowers in Heidi's greenhouse. Which events, you ask? How about these ...

### Splendor in the grass

On a gloriously perfect July morning eight four-player teams gathered to determine this year's Ladies' Tournament titleists. But after nine regulation holes of play two groups weren't ready to quit. Posting identical rounds of 42, Team Charbeneau (Marg Charbeneau, Susan Hendricks, Doris Larson, and Annette Dashiell) and Team Worsfold (Nel Worsfold, Ann Broder, Jane Wagner, and Floss Frank) were ready to extend the day to a playoff.

But first things first. And first was what has become an annual addition to the day—the putting contest organized by 'Bunker' Bob Simpson. With four putting stations set up at ever-increasing distances from the hole, and labeled Rookie, Junior, Senior, and Wow!, Bunker put the ladies through the paces. While everyone rallied to Rookie status and a few managed to make good at the Junior level, only one steady hand managed to claim the Senior distance and thus the Golden Putter (okay, there

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Larry & Jayne — champs



Fourth Champs

was a small cash prize and the chance to get a photo with Bunker) and that was Joyce Runberg.

Then there was the wonderful luncheon catered by Carolyn Works. Three different salads along with fresh rolls and muffins and a huge bowl of strawberries were followed by a dessert table loaded with sweet treats.

And somehow after that there was more golf. All eight ladies sent tee shots into the fairway to start the playoff, a fact certainly not

missed by the handful of gentlemen golfers gathered around the tee.

The second shot proved to be crucial to the outcome as Larson put her team close to the green with a strong approach while Worsfold's second shot had the distance but not the direction; she landed in the sand trap on the right side of the green. And with that, the tension mounted.

"If you think this is fun," said team captain Charbeneau, "well, think again!"

While Charbeneau's team chipped close to the hole Worfold's crew struggled to leave the beach. The final hitter was Floss Frank, who punched the team's only shot out of the sand, yet ran across the green and then just off. From there four good efforts at the pin still left the team away, but Nel dropped in the putt for a bogey. That meant someone, anyone, from Charbeneau's team needed to hit the four-foot tester to win. Where was Runberg when you needed her?

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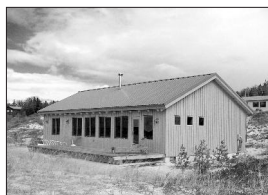
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32. **Par for the Course**, from page 31.

After three misses, all eyes then turned to the captain, who was by then calmly embracing the moment. Marg's shot went in. Doris' arm shot up. And another great tourney was history.

**Pike's Peak, again**

Shooting a blistering four-under-par 31, the team of Francis Pike, Nelson Pike, Brett Pike, Gerard Pike, and Todd Ireland repeated as Fourth-of-July Golf Tournament champs, besting a field of 14 total teams.

On a morning that presented nothing but blue skies, sunshine, and low scores, only one team carded a score over the regulation par 35 as the various five-person teams took advantage of perfect conditions on the local course groomed to perfection. "It was a great day for the tournament and a great turnout as well," said event organizer Kevin Stipp.

Two teams came in hot on the heels of the winners as Vince Beilman, Jim McElwain, John Rademaker, and Lisa and Tom Houseman joined the crew of Bob Simpson, Leroy Fockler, Fred Rheim, and Ron and Mike Wojan to complete the course in two-under-par 33.

Prizes were donated by numerous Island businesses and individuals, with one prize awarded per hole based on player performance, while many, many others were drawn as door prizes following the completion of play and an appreciated catered lunch.

John Works, Jr. and his crew once again had the course in top shape, and once again kept the golfers on their toes with difficult pin placements at each green, proving once again this is an event not to be missed.

**Jayne's Reign**

Competition in this summer's mixed-partner golf events is building with each outing. The second round of action took place on June 29, with 13 teams participating. While this number was down one from the first event, the action picked up with three teams finishing below 50, led by the dynamic duo of Jayne Bailey and her brother-in-law Larry Roy, who carded a best-effort of 45—although that score was enhanced by three strokes to a 48 due to Larry's former PGA-card-holding status and subsequent abilities.

Yet it was far from a runaway as the teams of Ivan Young and Sharon Scamehorn, as well as Kathy and Rick

Blalock were right on their heels at 49, forcing a playoff for second and third places. This was the second time in as many events that a playoff was required to determine the final standings.

Both Scamehorn and Kathy Blalock put their playoff drives right down the middle of the first fairway, with both near the 150-yard marker. Although Young found mostly the top of the ball on his second team shot, Rick Blalock's iron shot drifted long and left into the far rough. Scamehorn came back with a low screamer that rolled up near the pin, putting her team in position to claim second even though Young's par putt fell away from the hole in the final six inches as the Blalocks struggled to get from the rough to the green.

The defending champs — Theresa and Larry Laurain — finished fourth, one stroke away at 50.

The third event was held on July 27, while the next gathering is set for Sunday, August 17 at 1:30 p.m.. Contact either the golf course pro shop (2301) or organizer Buck Ridgeway (2680) to reserve your team's spot and come enjoy the fun. Like the popular t-shirts advertise: Life is Good.

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individual donors, 16 Island businesses, and the six home-owners who provided lodging. When all was said and done it was well worth it!





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These five concerts thrilled over 600 residents and visitors, many of whom felt they comprised the high point of the summer. The program was outstanding. Conductors Jason

Economides and Kevin Simons, and soloists Martha Guth and Meryl Mantione, plus James Fiste, Lisa Honeycutt, Jill Sipe, Mary Lou Nowicki, Richard Illman, Robert Lock-

hart, Jim Krutz, Zachary Krieger, Lexa Bell, and Marcus Bell were sensational. Thanks go to them for interrupting their schedules to come here and elevate the cultural ambiance of Beaver Island.



## CCC SUPPORTS JAZZ & MORE MUSIC CAMP

This year's *Jazz & More* music camp was instructed by Lynne Tovin, Miranda Rooy, and Robin Berry. Concordia University's Jim Krutz was the

guest instructor for percussion; drum phenom Paul Gordon (left and right, below) gave Jim and the class a lesson. Maureen Radke, from the CCC Foun-

dation, presented a check for \$3,550 to the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association's Ruth Kelly in support of the summer music camp (center, below.)







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## MEMORIES GALORE AT 25<sup>TH</sup> FASHION SHOW

Despite a new group of sponsors and a new venue, this year's annual Fashion Show celebrated 25 years of fun and entertainment by focusing on the past.

Hostesses Donna and Louise King of the Beaver Boat-Tique, with the talented help of Doris Larson, put

together a slide show from shows gone by, which was projected between fashion sets on the dual screens in the elegantly decorated auditorium of the Gillingham Academic Center, much to the delight of the packed house.

Fourteen tables of fashion viewers were spaced around the auditorium,

each meticulously decorated by a pair of hosts with an assortment of items as varied as cedar branches, lighthouses, Peruvian scarfs, and a set of china that belonged to long-time Island resident Marie Regal and was being used for the first-ever time, along with stunning flower arrangements by BJ Wyckoff.



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by Frank Solle

Two fully-stocked food tables were overflowing with salads of all kinds, delicious breads, and sinful desserts. Again, much to everyone's delight.

Following a brief history of the Boat-Tique given by co-owner Donna King, this year's models began a wonderful flow of summer styles that

ran the gamut from light and breezy dresses to snugly sweaters, to classy pants suits, to one pair of multi-colored and patterned bib overalls. And, of course, the ever-present swim wear presented by Jayne Bailey, maintaining her status of doing so for every show, as slideshow photos demonstrated, even

when she was expecting her daughter Melissa. Joining Jayne down the runway this year were Pam Grassmick, Lita Popke, Pat Giteronke, Sandy Simpson, and Camilla Worsfold, while emcee Lisa Gillespie also modeled a Boat-Tique outfit.

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38. **Fashion**, from page 37.

And while the Kings did another outstanding job tastefully matching models and styles. As the models moved gracefully through the crowd, the slideshow was as much a hit as the fashions themselves. Photos from the previous 24 fashion shows proved an amazing fact: that nearly all those in attendance had, at one time or another, participated as a model.

Trying desperately to keep up, this



reporter tallied 163 different models, a number that surely isn't complete. From an infant Melissa Bailey to a young Heather Cary and Lindsey McDonough to Father Bob and Sister Marie Eugene, the parade of faces familiar and some not-so continued while the

memories flowed. The models have been as varied as former Michigan Supreme



Welke, Mary Minor, Joy Green, and Jo Hooker.

Court Chief Justice Jim Brickley to current model and Circuit Court Judge Lita Popke. A number of couples participated through the years, including Bill and Tammy McDonough, Liz and Paul Niehaus, and Jim and Donna Stambaugh. A moment's pause followed the projection of faces no longer with us, such as Bill Fox, Matt Hohn, Ellen

## BEAVER ISLAND ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL MEETING

Fifty people attended the July 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of BIPOA, at which its name was officially changed to BIA, the Beaver Island Association—with the elimination of the property ownership requirement for membership.

With all bills paid, the 501(c)3 organization currently has over \$9,000 in its accounts.

The Board was expanded from 9 to 11, and now consists of Sue Avery, Annette Dashiel, Jane Dwyer, Paul Glendon, Pam Grassmick, Peter Igoe, Bruce Jacobsen, Jacque LaFreniere, Ken McDonald, Craig Schrottenboer, and Dan Wardlow.

Pam Grassmick reported on the successful *phragmites* eradication program and the continuing fight, answering a dozen questions from the audience, which applauded her efforts.

Jacque LaFreniere had prepared a graphic illustration for her and Pam's talk on Avian botulism. Much of what they reported was learned in a June meeting at Pam's home with Beth Leuck and Nancy Seefelt from CMU, Dave Solomon from MSU Extension, and Marc Brederland from Sea Grant.

Avian botulism is an insidious disease affecting birds and fish around Beaver Island. First noticed in 1983 in the

Garden Peninsula, it seems to run rampant for a few years and then subside for a decade or two. In 2006 it cropped up on 11 miles of Sleeping Bear Dunes, killing 2,000 birds—including 200 loons. It's been devastating Lake Erie since 1999, peaking at 25,000 bird kills.

It begins when the weather turns hot and botulism spores get into the food chain, such as through zebra mussels. (Lake Superior has been spared by its colder water.) Fish can be paralyzed; they float vertically and are eaten by birds, which then acquire the disease. Loons, which usually eat only live fish, are also at risk.



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All the various locations were featured as well, dating from the Circle M restaurant to the old Dockside Market and the Holy Cross Hall. The Brother's Lodge hosted shows both outside and in the long, covered porch. Another outside location was the Hosta Garden. The bulk of the shows over the years were sponsored by the Health Center. Three were put on by the folks at PABI, while this year's was a group effort by the Island's



three churches.

Throughout the years three women acted as emcee, with Liz Bissell taking on the task the first few years before Marilyn Damstra (who snuck her husband away from work to model with her for one show) took over. Lisa Gillespie has handled

the responsibilities with aplomb the last few years.



The show wrapped up with a short dance by the hostesses, emcee, and models, followed by a call for anyone in the audience wearing 'vintage' apparel purchased at the Boat-Tique through the years. Not surprisingly, this brought a number of outfits and proud and pleased wearers in front of the crowd, providing a great wrap for a great show that left everyone wondering, "what will they do next year?"

Typically only a few loon carcasses are found on our beach, but last year 84 were counted. Loons live for 25 years, and their chicks are sometimes raised by loon rescue groups. Other birds are killed—we've had two dead swans, plus dead morgansers, longtails, and gulls—but the threat of a loon die-off hits home here, where so many delight in the few pairs' haunting calls.

At present there is no cure, but research is ongoing. Jacque called for beach-walking volunteers to sign up after the meeting to inspect the perimeter of the Island once a week this October to determine the nature of this disease. Pam

and Jacque will co-ordinate the volunteer gathering of data. Some carcasses will be brought in, others buried 2' deep.

One positive note was that although 10,000 dead birds were found last year in the northern Great Lakes, our loons left in time and the dead found here were part of the 500,000-loon Canadian flock.

Dan Wardlow discussed the Island logging situation, pointing out the damage logging trucks do to the roads. At present logging is being done only on private property. Contracts include limitations, but it is up to property owners to make sure they are being followed. Right now DNR logging contracts are not being en-

acted, but when they are, the state doesn't have manpower to enforce its rules and is dependent on citizen complaints.

A fourth presentation, by Donna King on algae, could not be made because the weather had held back the gathering of information. But the algae mats will be mapped, with help from Paul Welke, and presented later.

At the end of the meeting an alert was raised about the danger of a devastating fire which could destroy the Island's economy. The idea of cutting fire lanes through the state forest was mentioned, as well as asking for advice from the DNR and the State Fire Marshal.

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## GRANTS GALORE

by Frank Solle

**T**he Charlevoix County Community foundation recently awarded a pair of grants to help improve medical care on Beaver Island.

The first was presented to the newly reorganized 'Helping Hands' hospice group, in the amount of \$4,000. Now working in conjunction with the Munson Hospice organization from Traverse City, the local group will use this money to assist in purchasing

educational materials, medical equipment for patient loan, and to help Island residents with food, lodging, and gas expenses when traveling to the mainland for medical treatment.

"We are most appreciative of the receipt of this grant. Thank you CCCF for helping us out," said group member Joyce Runberg.

Another, for \$2,500, was awarded to the Beaver Island Rural Health Cen-

ter to assist in their \$15,000 matching funds required to purchase digital x-ray and video conference/telemedicine equipment.

"This grant is greatly appreciated, and moves us closer to our goal of providing the Island community with a tremendous new technology," said BIRHC manager Donna Kubik.

Both grants were awarded by CCCF trustee Sally Fogg.





## 42. BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Homecoming** August 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.

Beaver Island Christian church Women's Circle is having a **Bake Sale** Sat. August 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at the Greggs' front lawn next to the P.O.

**BIHS Annual Meeting:** August 14<sup>th</sup> at

Peaine Hall, 7:00 p.m.

**PABI Silent Auction** - August 15<sup>th</sup> - page 36 - [www.pabi.beaverisland.org](http://www.pabi.beaverisland.org)

**Gregg Fellowship Center Benefit** with the Community Choir, Aug. 24

**Music Benefit / Barn Dance / Pig**

**Roast Benefit** for Jerry LaFreneiere at Unfinished Farms. August 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Ransom Street Big Band** - Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Celtic Games** September 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Bite of Beaver Island** and the **Island Boodle** October 4<sup>th</sup>.

## TRAVELING AUTHOR. MINISTER OFFERS WORKSHOP

Visiting author and minister Karyl Huntley, fresh from leading a summer pilgrimage to Ireland, will offer 4 short "personal wisdom" workshops on Beaver Island August 23-24. The senior minister of the Golden Gate Center for Spiritual Living is the author of *Real Life Rituals*, "a guidebook for celebrating the life's most

significant passages and events."

She teaches Ministerial Craftsmanship, and has led co-ed groups and women's groups on spiritual pilgrimage to Celtic Ireland and Britain. She is "vivacious and fun, her workshops full of laughter and wisdom."

During her stay she will offer two-hour workshops intended to help

participants "deepen their experience of the seasons, the sacred, life's important passages, and each other."

Islanders can drop by for a single workshop, but should register with Tara's Meadow Retreat Center to attend all four. A package includes a light lunch and supper on August 24<sup>th</sup>, with an evening drum circle.

## BRAKE FOR BUFO

Summer is a busy time on Beaver Island. One of the downsides of this fact is increased vehicular traffic, which takes its toll on the Island's wildlife when the two collide.

Among the unfortunate victims of such collisions are the Island's big American Toads (*Bufo Americanus*)

which can occasionally be seen on a warm summer's night plodding along the roadside feeding on insects drawn to the headlights of passing cars.

These huge toads inhabit Beaver Island and the surrounding islands, and can grow to be quite old, achieving enormous size—some as big as a man's

hand. Because of their size, they also move more slowly than their smaller kin, which can make them even more vulnerable to passing vehicles.

So when you're driving at night on Beaver Island, please watch out for Bufo (and all his cohabitants too).

— Owen Neils

## SATURDAY ART FAIRS



In addition to the art community that everyone enjoys visiting on Whiskey Point, built around the Toy Museum / Mary's Gallery and Livingstone Studio, there is now an art fair held every Saturday next to Lisa Gillespie's Shipwreck Shirts on Main Street.

Some artists overlap, such as the Island's glass-maker, Nancy Peterson, who often directs shoppers to her other

items on display at Livingstone. But the Island's gallery walls are valuable and finite, sought after by artists early in the season. The weekly outdoor art show gives local artists another place to display and gather with their fellow artists.

On the afternoon we stopped, Tova had her handmade comfort blankets strung between two oaks, while founder Karen Johnson set out her jewelry near

the sidewalk. Larry Robinson had a table full of unique stone jewelry, while Mark Valente had two tables of beaver hats and bands and beaver-tooth necklaces. Maureen Cull was there, and Steve Allen.

This new fair, catering to both walkers and drivers, provides an opportunity for spontaneous displays and a nice extension of the art market through St. James.







## CERAMICS + PAPERMAKING + BOOK ARTS SHOW



August 1<sup>st</sup> brought a delightful show of the work accomplished by the participants of this year's Ceramic and Papermaking class at CMU, some coming from as far away as Los Angeles.

The hand-made papers were eye-opening, as were the uses to which they were put. Several sample books blended traditional binding with paper sculpture—dimensional reliefs. A circular

wheel's slices each unfolded to reveal "some assembly required." BI's Tim Barrett was a guest lecturer one evening.

Ceramics filled the evergreen garden outside the Gathering Room: a ceramic spiderweb, birds, deer, and a frog. Others were more fanciful. Some installations were evocative—an interactive red box had to be picked up and tilted from side to side to allow the ceramic pebbles to

mimic the sound of falling rain "A Case of the Jitters" was a sprangy surprise.

A table contained an array of 60 unique tiles whose designs were captured on field trips—into the woods, and to Protar's Home. Log ends, hinges, Protar's stove and potato masher, leaves, sticks, and other natural objects became patterns for ceramic tiles, which were then fired, painted, and glazed.







A dozen artists showcased their work at Livingstone Studio's "Meet the Artists" celebration. In addition to the wonderful, zany, and highly creative art on display (jewelry,

photographs, prints, paintings, hard or puffy colorful birds, frogs, and snakes, quilts, gemstones, and pottery), Claudia Schmidt, who would sing at Donegal Danny's Pub in the evening, came by to

say hello to her old friend Sue Thomson and performed in the courtyard, surrounded by display tables and dozens of the 150 patrons who stopped by to enjoy the wine and whitefish, and art.





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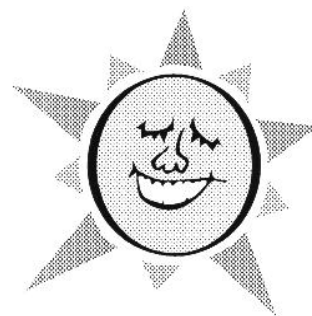
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## 46. ON THIS DATE

**Ten Years Ago** The Wildlife Club reported stocking Greene's Lake with 400 polywogs, and both Lake Geneserath and Fox Lake with 1,000 large bluegill. The Club was concerned about "very serious problem" of cormorant proliferation.

Local musician Michael Moore released his first CD, featuring ten songs he wrote, sang, and played most of the instruments. He classified his music as "somewhere between alternative rock and world beat." Ross Henderson supplied lead guitar solos and Aaron Long added percussion at a release party at the Shamrock.

The name "Cherry Street," which formerly referred to the portion of the King's Highway from Holy Cross Church to Harbor View II, was formally eliminated.

A controversy began over Greyhound-style tour busses arriving on the ferry and driving around the Island.

A new B & B was approved for Ron and Lisa McComb at Aranmore Shores.

The passing was noted of George Kress, a musician from Green Bay who arrived in his large sailboat, the Aria, every summer, and used to play with Pat

Bonner at the King Strang Hotel.

A laptop-using couple camping on the East Side, Chas + Lin Balm, were awakened by "a sudden cessation in the collective birdsong," and submitted a poem they composed in their sleeping bag:

*A great silence is afoot in the land.  
The birds hush, almost in unison, and  
calmly await a cue  
until a bold sparrow high in a spruce  
begins the new movement.  
Two robins join in from the juniper  
bower  
and the bluebirds offer their sarcastic  
jazz,  
one from a raspberry bush,  
others from the pines.  
It occurs to me they are collaborating  
On a familiar yet unique symphony  
Which I unwittingly register in my dumb  
bones.  
Each in their own way add to the  
melody.  
I long to peel these words from my  
screen  
And hurl them into the dewy morning  
air.*

**Twenty Years Ago** A letter was printed in which the EMTs were praised for their expertise and for arriving

quickly, in six minutes, and in force, nine members.

On July 17<sup>th</sup> 140 people attended a meeting at which the plans for the new library were presented, with the architect answering questions.

Darrell and Chris Butler, and Darrell Jr., announced they were moving to Wyoming to run a business they had bought.

School principal Kitty McNamara married Mike Green, captain of the *Star of Charlevoix*.

The Wildlife Club sponsored a salmon derby, with the biggest caught fish weighing over 20 pounds.

The *Beacon* profiled teacher Jayne Lilly (written by Connie Wojan), who had been visiting her brother Joe Cunningham, the quilter and musician, three years ago when principal Shari Hogue offered her a job.

The EMS sponsored a golf tournament, which made them \$800. Among the winners were Jerry Sowa, Leone Schellenberg, Eleanor VanderLinde, and Joyce Runberg. Katherine Ricksgers won \$275 in a 50/50.

Stanley Floyd's history book was released.

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David Broder gave a lecture, resulting in the Library raising over \$5,000 for stocking.

Chuck and Jean Carpenter's preassembled home arrived on Bud Martin's barge.

A night of vaudeville was held at the Circle M.

The passing of Martha Miller was noted. She and her husband George had lived here off and on since 1945 and regularly since 1972. They were well known for several endeavors and adventures, such as the time Martha and Marie Reigle went cranberrying and got lost; when they were found well after midnight, they were sitting around a campfire singing songs. Martha and George donated the land and building that are now the Marine Museum.

**Thirty Years Ago** Beaver Head Light came into ownership by the Charlevoix School District, which applied to the state for a grant for funds to make badly-needed repairs. Charlevoix planned to make the facility available to all schools for a small fee.

Repairs to the Beaver Island school were being made: fixing the roof, carpeting the hallway, adding shelving

to the school library, and painting some rooms. Jim and Barb Noyes arrived to teach, along with Mary Ann Omer, Joe Moore, Sister Marie Eugene, and Sister Dennis Marie, who also served as principal. There were 55 students.

In addition to the Noyes, three other families moved to the Island, those of John Zanella, Erwin Belfy, and Terry Bonesteel.

The Medical Center sponsored a dance, raising over \$2,000, bringing the building fund to \$40,000.

**Forty Years Ago** On the 4<sup>th</sup> of July prizes were awarded, including a painting of Protar's Home, won by Art Ryan.

Archers received permission to hunt deer on Beaver and Garden from raised platforms—as a research experiment.

The new convent for the Dominican Sisters was being finished by Walt Wojan and his crew. Winnie McDonough opened the coin-operated Green Acres Laundromat at Enoch Hill.

John Murphy, the Oakland County Clerk, came to Beaver from Royal Oak, rented a boat and motor, and set off for Garden despite worsening weather.

When he failed to return by dark the Coast Guard launched a search. Early the next day they found the boat overturned northeast of Garden. Its contents had washed up on the shore, but the body never appeared.

**Fifty Years Ago** The 'James Frances Neer War Memorial' at Holy Cross was dedicated, with a plaque naming six Beaver Islanders who had died in the service.

Don Cole and Bud McDonough took 16 boys to camp out overnight on Garden Island, taking them on Bud's 20' boat, *the Russara*, and a Coast Guard boat.

Rogers Carlisle hooked a 3-pound bass at Garden Island.

The *Beacon* was looking for its stapler, which it had loaned out.

A Municipal Dock was getting closer to a reality after the St. James Town Board met with members of the Waterways Commission.

A fatal accident to a 44-year-old man occurred at the West Side Mill when a board was kicked back by the saw and hit the operator in the chest. He was brought to the Medical Center by the crew, where he died.

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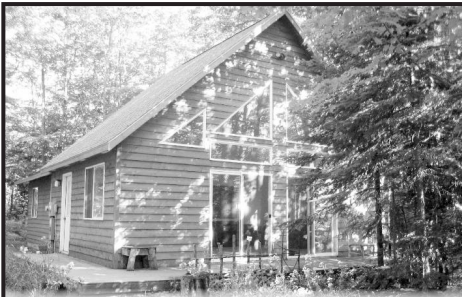
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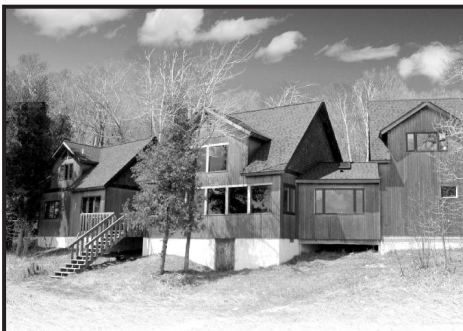
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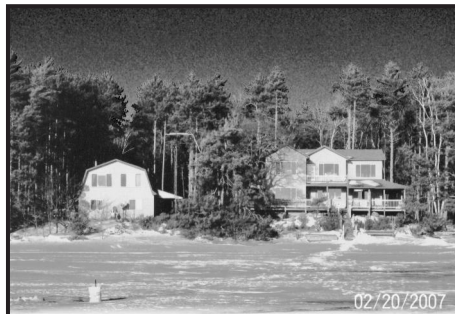
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