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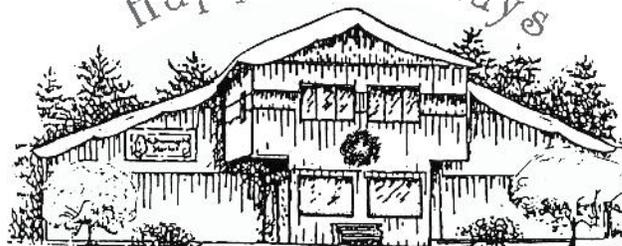
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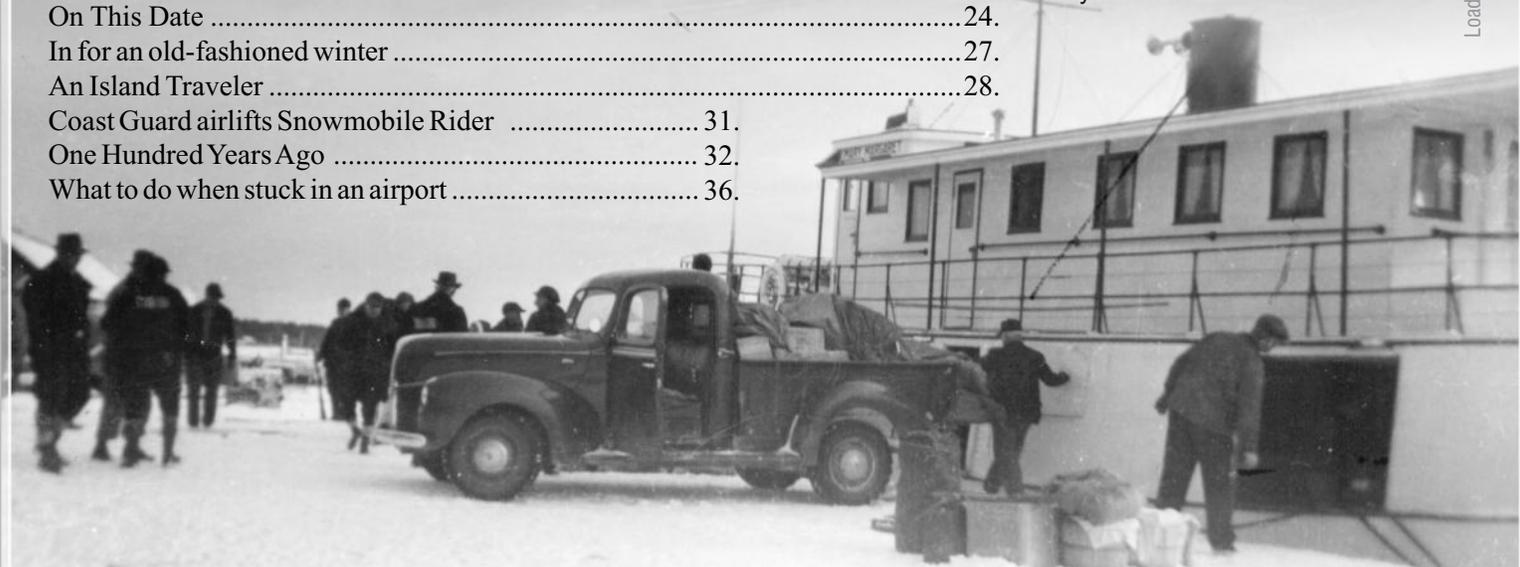
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

At the St. James meeting of 12-3, EMS Director Sarah McCafferty reported on the transport situation. Island Airways is in the process of becoming qualified to transport patients, for which it will have to purchase a portable gurney; it will require two people to install it in any of the *Islander* planes, but it can be done in fifteen minutes. IA's request for certification was on the desk of the Air Ambulance Inspector—where it might languish for months. If approved, it will take eight weeks to build the gurney and another eight weeks to inspect its installation. In the meantime Northflight and the Coast Guard will continue flying off those patients who can not sit up—except in life-threatening emergencies.

There have been a few inquiries about using the former C of C building west of the Municipal Marina office, but the Board decided to wait until some criteria can be formulated before considering them.

Don Vyse reported from the Airport Committee that it recommended purchasing a 5-acre parcel on its north border, using money from its Development Fund (currently with \$48k). First it would have an appraisal done—a prerequisite for reimbursement by the FAA; then it would negotiate a price, probably up to \$20k. The Board approved.

Rick Speck was reappointed as the Township Board's emissary to the BIRHC Board.

Gordon Heika submitted the only snow-plowing bid—at a dollar less than

last year's price. He was authorized to keep the Town Hall and Government Center snow-free.

The Board agreed to support, in a letter, the Economic Development Corporation's request for a grant for the Senior Housing Center from the Grand Traverse Bands.

Peaine Township

The parking lot was full of cars driven by those wanting to witness the first meeting chaired by Peaine's new supervisor, Jack Gallagher, who passed out a thick packet of information with the agenda—including three color-coded sheets. One, yellow, listed ten supervisor responsibilities plus others for the Clerk, the Treasurer, and the Trustees. Another, in blue, described the process, by example, for creating the agenda for each meeting and listing those items that belonged on it. The third, in green, proposed immediately launching a strategic planning process for determining the next budget (to be finalized in March), giving a time line for the necessary steps.

The packet contained other items as well, including a copy of the Planning Commission's minutes from 2-10-04 concerning a land division approval for Sue Poppe and a letter from the Equalization Department discussing "Poppe's Path," and a letter from Ed Welter, attached to a news article about the importance of broadband.

Jack Gallagher opened what would be a 150-minute meeting with ten minutes of comments about his hopes and plans, leading to a unanimous resolution about the value of open,

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transparent government. He called upon the public to contact him with matters about which they were concerned, and hoped each agenda could be posted no later than the Monday before a scheduled meeting—and the minutes within 21 days following a meeting. He thought it would be helpful to print for each Board member a list of committees, their members, and the members' terms and remuneration. He wanted to let the public comment early in the monthly meetings.

Paul Welke mentioned that he had resigned from the Planning Commission only because Larry Kubic's election as Treasurer put two Board members on the Commission, which was one too many.

The supervisor had looked at the audit, noting that some items (in Waste Management, because of extra doors and the chipper, and Airport, because of an increase in gas prices) had exceeded the budget. He noted that state law required a budget reexamination and possible modification when proposed expenditures would exceed its allocation, which was not being done.

The supervisor acknowledged the exceptional contributions of his predecessor, which was seconded by other Board and audience members. John Works was lauded for his dedicated service and leadership, his integrity, and his importance to the Beaver Island community.

The possible acquisition of a five-acre parcel contiguous to the north side of the airport was discussed. Several maps were circulated, including some brought by Ed Wojan. Paul Welke

thought buying this property would protect the N/S runway; without it, there would be no legal remedy to inhibit tree growth just 15' north of the runway. The supervisor wanted to make sure this would not open the door for additional purchases, and was assured that this was a unique case. The airport Committee revealed that FAA funds would not be forthcoming until their current project, the acquisition of land west of the E/W runway, was concluded, but that if we followed proper procedures (primarily, getting the land appraised beforehand), there was a 50-50 chance reimbursement could be obtained.

The supervisor announced that he had appointed Jim Birdsall as his deputy, and wondered about compensation. He said he would have his hands full with regular work, but there will be much extra work because of the problems brought by our weak economy, and then there are the opportunities we might grasp, if we have someone to act on them. After discussion it was agreed to postpone this matter until more detailed information arrives.

Filling the Board of Revue term of Arnie Rich, who had resigned in October, was the next topic. The supervisor had found a possible candidate and wanted approval—the law requires the Review Board to be in place on January 1st—but decided, upon comments by the Board and the audience, to postpone selection until the position could be posted. A special meeting will be held on 12-22 to determine the replacement.

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6. *News from the Townships*, from page 5.

The Board approved Pete LoDico's offer to pursue repaving the King's Highway by meeting with the CCRC and our County Commissioner to fight for a share of the money raised by the newly-passed County Road Millage. Paul Welke offered to pitch in. The Board also approved Pete's request for support of his \$62,000 grant application to the Grand Traverse Band, which would allow construction of the Senior Housing Center in the spring.

The supervisor had attended the Michigan Townships' Association's "new officials" orientation meeting in Traverse City, and had learned a lot in two days. He suggested other Board members take advantage of the MTA's continuing meetings.

The "Poppe's Path" matter involved the Township accepting this name for a private road below the bluff at Sunset Ridge. Ed Wojan pointed out that this road serves perhaps 20 parcels, and suggested that those owners be

LETTERS: ORV USE

When the concealed gun law was passed, many thought this would turn Michigan into the old wild west. In fact, all it did was to allow law-abiding citizens their right to carry a weapon.

The same kind of panic is clouding the ORV ordinance that is currently being considered for Peaine Township. Responsible users of ORVs should not be denied their right to operate their vehicles on public roads because there is a possibility that some may not use

these vehicles properly. These are roads that were paid for and maintained by tax dollars.

If the ORV is used properly, then those sharing the roads with them are actually safer. For example, the ORV is much lighter than any car or truck and would most certainly come out the worst in any collision. And if speed is a concern, keep in mind that the person driving the ORV would be driving something else to get where they are

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polled for suggested names—a process undertaken successfully in St. James Township leading to the naming of Limestone Ridge Road.

Finally Ed Welter's letter was discussed. The Board agreed that increasing high-speed internet capacity and adding cell-phone capability would greatly benefit the Island's economy, safety, education, and quality of life. To help bring this about Ed Welter was willing to consider donating two of his three towers to the Townships—if they

would join and lead a consortium of 7. Island entities (CMU, BICS, BIRHC, NMH, Phil Hoffman, and others) in this project. Toward that end, Brian Tort, CEO of Central Solutions (who once intended to crack this nut) was willing to come to a two-day conference (12-30 and 12-31) about this matter, and fill in people about what he learned during his involvement.

Anyone interested in working on this was urged to contact their Town Board (either one).

going, so which would present a greater danger: a speeding truck or the smaller, slower ORV?

If the concern is damage to the environment then that can be addressed a couple ways. If they leave the designated roads, there would be signs or tracks. Today with cell phones everywhere, anyone can alert police to this or any other infraction caused by the violator. And, the terrain of most of the off-road Island is so severe that very

little off-road use is even possible. Even this worst-case scenario could hardly be worse than the tracks left by trucks hauling timber out of the woods, and that usually grows back fairly quick.

The final check is that if there are abuses that cannot be regulated, then the ordinance can be amended or repealed. It is not fair to deny someone access to public amenities simply because one thinks they might be a bother. —Terry Frysinger

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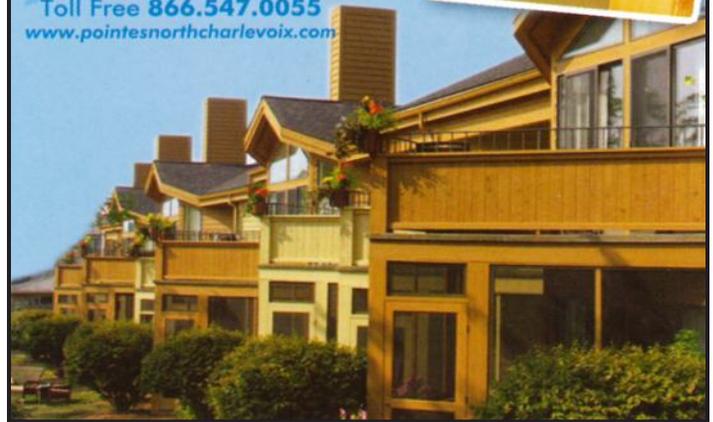
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by Frank Solle

Earning basketball wins over the opening two weekends of play for both the *Islanders* girls and boys teams was like earning traction coming up an icy hill. There was a lot of slipping and sliding, but not too much scoring. The only solid ground gained came at Hannahville where the *Lady Islanders* earned a win in their Saturday morning matchup against the *Soaring Eagles*.

The other seven games resulted in *Islanders* losses as the boys dropped both games at Hannahville and two more at DeTour while the girls lost their opener at Hannahville and both at DeTour.

The teams will get back in gear following the holiday break as the *Ojibwe Eagles* will play here Jan. 9-10. The *Islanders* will travel to Paradise for games Jan. 16-17. Then the Grand Marais *Polar Bears* will rumble into town Jan. 23-24.

Soaring Eagles Soar

Playing well at both ends of the court, the host *Eagles* of Hannahville used strong defense and solid offense to best the *Islanders* boys 53-41 on Friday, Dec. 5, in both teams' season opener. The difference came late in the game as the *Eagles* limited the *Islanders* to just eight fourth-quarter points after the *Islanders* held both halftime (24-20) and third-quarter (33-32) leads.

"We shot 20 percent from the floor Friday night," lamented *Islanders* coach Dan Martell. "We even missed open shots—in the lane, down under the basket—we just couldn't hit them."

Senior Patrick Cull led the *Islanders* with 21 points and 13 rebounds. Junior Bryan Timsak added 10 points, while fellow juniors Cameron LaVasseur and Dereck McDonough added five and one point, respectively. Sophomore Doug Campbell chipped in with four points, and pulled down eight boards.

Saturday's game was a near repeat, although this time Hannahville held a slim 30-29 lead going into the final quarter. But over the last eight minutes the *Eagles* netted 21 while again holding the *Islanders* to just eight.

Senior Parker Trudeau led Hannahville with 20 points in each game. "He's a heck of a player," Martell

said of Trudeau, while pointing out that overall Hannahville is "a very talented team with a lot of speed and more height than last year."

Cull recorded his second straight double-double, scoring 15 points while grabbing 14 rebounds. McDonough added six points and 11 boards and Campbell added two points and 13 rebounds. Timsak notched 10 points and LaVasseur four.

Lady Islanders earn split

It took a game for the visiting *Islanders* to learn how to deal with the speed of the Hannahville *Soaring Eagles*, but once they did they turned a 31-21 Friday night loss into a Saturday morning 30-19 romp.

"I was real tickled the way our girls were able to come back on Saturday and compensate for Hannahville's speed," said *Islanders* coach Mike Myers. "Hannahville is a very quick and very solid team. They are going to be the team to beat if we're going to compete for the league title."

The other thing the *Islanders* improved on was their shooting. "Our shooting percentage was terrible Friday night," Myers said. "We were throwing it up five-six times, then they would grab the ball and go down and score."

Improving individually was junior Alex Kuligoski who led the *Islanders* Friday with nine points, but stung the *Eagles* for 16 on Saturday. Senior Maeve Green also improved her scoring effort, going from just two to eight points. Also scoring on Friday were sophomore Claire Kenwabikise with four points and senior Deven Cook with two. On Saturday Kenwabikise and freshman Olivia Schwartzfisher each netted a pair of points.

Hannahville took control early on Friday, jumping out to a 10-4 lead after one quarter and extending that margin to 39-18 at intermission. Saturday's game turned the other way, with the *Islanders* gaining the early advantage, 10-2 after one quarter and 22-9 by the half.

Detoured in DeTour

The two big differences between the smaller Northern Lights League schools and other Class D schools are numbers and experience—more kids, playing more games, more often. Any-

way you add it up, it is going to equal more.

When the two *Islanders* teams made their first-ever trip to DeTour, one thing they learned about was more. The *Raiders* had more players with more experience and more practice, and in all four games that totaled up to more points for DeTour.

On Friday night the *Raiders* won the boys game 87-29 while the DeTour girls claimed a 44-21 decision. The following morning saw the *Islanders* boys drop a 77-21 game, while the girls lost 74-18.

"We actually had some mismatches," *Islanders* boys coach Martell said. "Bryan was taller than his guard counterpart and Dereck could out-jump their post players. But what it really boils down to is the fact that we are a very young team. We have players playing for the first time and players playing positions for the first time.

"DeTour was too fast and too experienced for us, plus they were a very good shooting team," Martell added.

Lady Islanders coach Mike Myers seconded that opinion, adding his own positive twist. "It was a good experience for our kids," he said. "It was good for our girls to see such a disciplined program and team. This is the next level of play you need to reach if you want to compete at districts."

For the *Islanders* boys Friday, Cull finished with 10 points and six rebounds. Timsak had nine points and four rebounds, and McDonough had five points and seven rebounds. On Saturday McDonough led the team in scoring with eight points, and off the glass with seven boards. Timsak tallied seven points, Cull five, and Campbell three.

Kuligoski and Green each netted six points for the girls on Friday. Heather McDonough added four, Cook three, and Schwartzfisher two. On Saturday Kuligoski scored another six points. Jenna Butler sank a three for her only points, while McDonough, Cook, Schwartzfisher, and Kristy Bousquet all hit for two. Green added a free throw.

Both teams hope to turn things around by starting the new year with wins over visiting Ojibwe. Plan on coming out and rooting for your *Islanders*.



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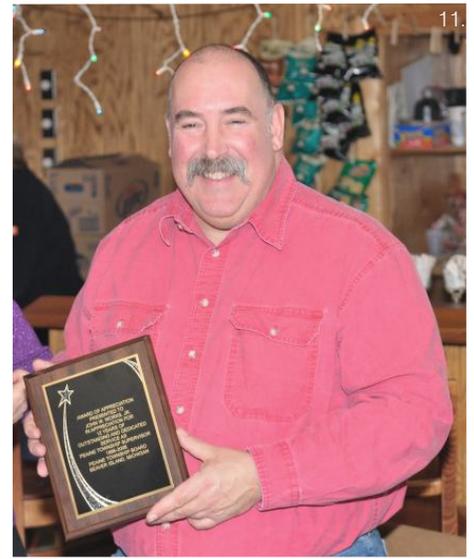
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ISLAND SIGHTINGS

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JOHN RECOGNIZED

A large group of friends gathered at the Shamrock to thank John Works for his twelve years of dedicated service as supervisor of Peaine Township, presenting him with a plaque acknowledging his efforts. He said helping people can be addictive; once someone starts to serve the public it's difficult to stop. It was hard to allocate his time because something unexpected was always coming up, a real problem for real people, and he was motivated to do whatever he could. He won't miss the long hours, the late-night calls, but he will miss being able to help.

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12. PAYTON MILLER, UNMUZZLED

Guns & Ammo Editor Payton Miller on Gun Love and the Pursuit of Happiness

by Katina Dunn (Eagle Hill Road)

When Payton Miller goes to work, he goes hunting. As Executive Editor of *Guns & Ammo* magazine, Miller travels the world testing rifles, shotguns, and handguns in Canada, Argentina, Africa, and locations in the USA from the Dakotas to Georgia. After 17 years on the job, he says he knows “just enough to be dangerous.”

He plans to get to Michigan’s UP and Beaver Island—a major deprivation thus far. “We have a lot of readers up there,” he says of Northern Michigan. “I’ve always wanted to go hunting there for the grouse, turkey, and deer.” Forget elk, they’re too elusive for him—Miller’s been on horseback for 10 days without capturing one. He prefers wild boar hunting in California, and the boar’s deadly, triangular teeth “that sharpen themselves” are nothing compared to the hazards of hunting he

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Grouse: “The best tasting bird I ever had in my life. If I had to hunt one bird, that would be it.” Miller marinates the breasts in Italian salad dressing for a few hours, or overnight, and grills them.

Wild Turkey: “Basically I just breast them.” He makes a soup in the crock pot with celery, onions, garlic, chicken stock, turkey, and rice. He also makes Turkey Nuggets—slice the turkey breast into two-inch strips, bread with catfish breading, and fry in canola oil.

Venison: “I just grill it, rare,” he said. “The backstrap is the best. I also grind it—sausage is good—and take it to a processor. They use garlic and red pepper. There’s no such thing as too much garlic. Guys I know cook the shank, but I like my venison rare. The liver is the best part.”

truly fears—such as scorpions, puff adders, rattlesnakes, water moccasins, vipers, fleas, ticks, and chiggers, plus flying in small planes during bad weather.

The rugged 57-year-old earns a living by his hobby—hunting. “It’s nice to get paid for stuff you’d be doing on your own, anyway,” said Miller. “You don’t get rich, but you don’t tear your hair out doing something you hate every day.” The UC Berkeley graduate also was editor for a gourmet beer magazine, *All About Beer*; drinking his way through the world’s best brews. Asked what type of beer he prefers now, he answers without hesitation: “What do you have?”

Miller began as a copy boy at *Guns & Ammo*, founded by the late Bob Petersen (1926-2007), who also published *Hot Rod* and *Motor Trend* magazines. “He had one of the best gun collections ever,” Miller said of Petersen. “He had original Walker Colts, Lugers, and English double rifles—they use those in Africa for elephants. Huge caliber bullets. Some of the ammo, if you can find it, sells for \$60 to \$100 per round. Nobody knows what’s going to happen with all his stuff. He was going to start a firearms museum.”

The best hunting gun to have, he says, is the one you shoot the best.

“Most of the really good stuff has already been invented,” said Miller. “Guns are sturdy and overbuilt like crazy. They’re built better than they need to be because of liability. A rifle won’t be obsolete, like a car. A rifle will be just as good 50 years from now if you clean it and don’t abuse it.”

Probably the greatest gun designer of all time, in Miller’s opinion, is John Browning, a Mormon from Utah. “His designs are still in use. He designed all the classic guns—the 1911 pistol, the .50 caliber M2, 9 mm high powered pistol, several Winchester lever-action rifles, the Browning Automatic Rifle, recoil-operated Browning Auto-5 shotgun....”

“The lever action rifles—Marlons and Winchesters—were perfected at the turn of the century,” said Miller. “They

might use stainless steel now but essentially the design is the same. There are new magnum calibers, but you get more speed that you don’t need. Hunting under heavy cover, most deer are taken at 100 yards; probably with a .30 or .35 Remington lever-action at 2,100 feet per second, or maybe bolt action .30-06 at 2,700 feet per second. At 3,000 feet per second, the actual difference is not that great.

“Lots of guys are hunting with handguns now, large caliber revolvers. A lot of people like to handicap themselves, get closer,” said Miller, who prefers pump rifles. “I find them more reliable. It kicks harder because you’re not giving off any gas. The most popular is a bolt action Savage or Remington. The 70 Winchester—that was a good rifle. It’s coming back. The 94 Winchester was also discontinued, which was really sad. I like a Marlon 336 which you can find between \$500 to \$800. When I was a kid, you could get a Model 94 for 75 or 80 bucks.”

Although basic gun design can hardly be improved upon, the design of ammunition is always being refined, said Miller. “It’s more expensive, but it’s better than 30, 40 years ago. Computer models have helped a lot. High-speed photography—it captures the flight characteristics of projectiles so they know how to fix stuff and make it go straight. They have labs that are unbelievable, state-of-the-art,” he said. The components of ammo—the primer, the case, the powder and bullet—are constantly being upgraded.

“Now there’s a move toward lead-free ammo because of the condor. People would leave gut piles and the condors would come—they’re like buzzards—and eat it and pick up trace elements of lead and it would kill ‘em. Copper and steel work pretty well,” he added.

Though a rifle can hit a target at 300-400 yards, and a handgun at 60 yards, the closest one can get to a target is with a bow—at 10 to 60 yards. “When you shoot too far, three things can happen and two of them are bad,” said Miller. “You miss ‘em, or wound

'em – that's bad. With an accurate rifle, you shouldn't be shooting past 200 yards.”

Bow hunting is an art in itself. Intermedia Outdoors, which now publishes *Guns & Ammo* as well as *In Fisherman*, also publishes *Bow Hunting*. Miller said bow hunters must practice at least three times a week, rain or shine, year 'round. “It requires a real commitment. Bow hunting requires more dedication to practice” for strength and muscle memory. “If you don't shoot a bow for a couple weeks, you feel it,” he said. “You lose something if you're not practicing every week.” The same goes for rifle practice —“It's better to shoot 30 rounds three times a week than 100 rounds once a week.”

The trend in compound bows began in the 70s—with mechanical wheels bending the bows rather than arm and shoulder muscles. “It allows you to stay at full draw without effort,” said Miller. “You're holding a third of real bow weight.” Purists, however, won't use mechanical bows. “The more traditional recurves and long bows are tougher and more of a challenge. They might be harder to use, but there's a lot less to go wrong. The less gizmos you have, the better it works out. If things can break, they will,” he said.

“There's a little bit of snobbery there,” said Miller of the types of bows. “They'll say there's not—but there is. Between people who use compound and people who use recurve. Long-bow shooters look down on recurve shooters, who look down on compound shooters. It's like car guys. Once guys get into something, they always get into a hierarchy of true believers. It never ends.”

Miller said the basic hunter's collection will include two or three shotguns and three rifles:

- Turkey gun – .12 gauge Magnum, might be scoped, fairly short-barreled
- Waterfowl gun – could use the above
- Upland gun for geese, doves, quails, and pheasant – lighter, .20



Payton Miller and his son, Kevin, in Sierra Madre, California. Miller says the most dangerous game-hunting thrill of all is hunting Cape Buffalo in Africa: “They lose somebody every once in a while.”

gauge, so you can walk long ways with it.

- Big game rifle – .30-06 or 07 Magnum 270
- Varmint rifle – .223 or 22.250
- Small game rifle – .22 rimfire

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via email. He is also seen on the *Guns & Ammo* TV show scheduled on the Outdoor Channel and Wild TV.

His favorite museums are Springfield Armory National Historic Site (founded by George Washington in 1777) in Massachusetts, Cody Firearms Museum in Wyoming, and the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles.



BRINGING THE WINTER'S OIL



BEATRICE BAUMAN 1916-2008

Beatrice S. Bauman went to be with the lord on Friday, December 12th 2008.

She had 92 wonderful years, residing on Beaver Island for the last 24. Previously she had lived in Grand Rapids after growing up in Grosse Pointe. An academic (and tennis) star in high school, her plans for college were wiped out when her father lost everything in the Great Depression, leaving her family destitute. When she was sixteen her mother handed her three dollars, wished her luck, and abandoned her in a small room whose rent was overdue. She did not see her again for over ten years.

She found a job passing out programs at Tiger Stadium, and then was hired as a secretary at the Cadillac Motor Company. She supported herself, until she married a rising architect and began her family. She moved to Grand Rapids, and became active in the Republican Party and the State and



National PTA. Her husband designed all the homes in two large subdivisions, but his early passing at 38 sent her back to work, serving as personal secretary to a Lear Siegler executive for twenty years

until she retired and moved to Beaver Island.

She possessed exquisite manners, which seemed to be from a forgotten age. She loved to read, and always had a few books going; she switched to large print when her eyesight began to fail. She enjoyed history, and recounted stories she had witnessed herself, such as Purple Gang skirmishes and labor

union mayhem: organizers threw a recalcitrant boss out the window while she sat translating shorthand at Cadillac. Big-band leaders occasionally flew her to Chicago for special shindigs. She met several famous people, and was a close friend of President Gerald Ford early in his career. She was also a published writer, having had an early story printed in the Saturday Evening Post.

She was preceded in death by her husband Melvin L. Bauman, and is survived by her three children, Nicholas (Dorothy) Bauman (Grand Rapids), LTC (Ret) Melvin (Constance) Bauman (Grand Rapids), and JoAnne (William) Cashman, five grandchildren, Russell (Shanda) Bauman, Nichole (Bill) Nemcek, Jeffrey Cashman, Melissa Bauman, Andrew Bauman, and three great grandchildren.



DOLORES GALLAGHER 1931-2008

Dolores J. Gallagher, 77, died Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at Covenant Medical Center - Cooper in Saginaw.

She was born October 2, 1931 in Lansing, daughter to the late Frank and Mary (Chambers) Kraai. She attended Everett High School in Lansing. She married Peter Gallagher on Beaver Island on April 23, 1949. They later moved to Marlette and then to Clifford. She worked at Metal Craft Industries as a press operator for 29 years, and

4 years at Ligon Factory in Almont until her retirement. She was a long-time member of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Clifford.

Surviving are two daughters, Sharon & Kenneth Wilcox and Vickie & Alan Gould, both of Marlette; 5 Grandchildren Michael and Loni Gass of Lapeer, Rodney and Brandy (Gass) Fernandez of Middleburg, Fl., Jason Gallagher of Clifford, Nicholas Gould of Cleveland, and Trevor and Liberty Gould of Caro; eight great grandchil-

dren Chelsea Gass, Dorothy and Mary Fernandez, Mickenzie and Kody Gould, Lakyn and Maisy Biglow and Alecsis Gould.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Peter of 48 years (on May 23, 1997), daughter Dorothy Gass Fox on September 30, 1996, and brothers Herbert Wheeler and Bernard Kraai.

Funeral services were held on December 8th. Burial will be in the Holy Cross Cemetery next spring.

LETTERS: THANKS TO THE EMS

We had to call the EMS for our emergency on December Twelfth. At the time, and more so in retrospect, we were very impressed with their combination of quick efficiency and gentle, caring concern.

Sarah arrived first, and immediately took charge. Shortly thereafter Ken and Gerald showed up, followed

by Donna, Cindy, and Jim. Each of them knew exactly what to do, and performed with complete professionalism, both individually and as a coordinated team. They gave special care to our family's psychological needs (of which we weren't really aware until afterward) during a delicate situation.

We knew how much time these men

and women sacrificed to learn their craft, and how much energy they continue to expend to perform in emergencies. But to hear about it is not as moving as to witness it first hand. We felt secure putting ourselves in their hands. They are a great treasure for the Island, and have well earned our deep and heart-felt thanks and respect.

— Bill and JoAnne Cashman

16. NUMBERING THE DEER

by Pinky Harmon

I feel it is my God-given right and duty to put a number to the deer who reside in the glades and forests, hills and dales, hollows and cedar swamps, here on this fine Island. I've been at it almost 30 years and still haven't an inkling as to just how many of these lovely creatures inhabit this Eden on Lake Michigan.

The numbers fluctuate from year to year depending on the rigors of a harsh winter; the amount of forage available to the critters; predators—the four-footed ones, namely the coyotes, who, by nature, take only the weakest specimens, and the two-footed ones, namely the deer-hunters, who by choice take only the strongest specimens and who descend on the Island in great, boisterous, bravado bands come November 15th each year.

Mind you, my numbering of the deer is not a precise scientific undertaking. It is the time-honored method of piling into an old pick-up truck armed with a six-pack and keeping a tally

of how many animals you spy. Sometimes the amount escalates depending on whether or not you finish the six-pack.

I often speculate that the deer do some people-spotting of their own, and that during their morning visit to the lake for their breakfast drink they compare notes on the number of old Fords, dented Dodges, 4-wheel Suburbans, or the newer, spiffier Tracker rentals they spot as the vehicles wend their way “around the horn,” often leaving a metal trail of exhaust pipes and mufflers in their wake, Islandizing their cars.

Counting the deer involves a minimum of four to five short runs per week, mostly after supper but occasionally just after sun-up. The short runs are circle drives beginning and ending at Four Corners.

Most times the quest begins turning west on Darkeytown Road past Richie's storage units on the right, then the old house where Mary Gillespie lived; it

used to be a Pepto Bismal pink then. There's a tiny garden across the road, luring deer with its forbidden fruit— forbidden by a high sturdy wooden fence.

Not far ahead lies a small open field that used to belong to Lester Connaghan, a very good dancer, and my family used to pick high-bush blueberries just behind it—on the edge of a wetland. This field draws a doe with her ears atwilt, two yearlings often at her side. The trio shares its grazing ground with a flock of fat wild turkeys, strutting and gobbling.

Traveling on down the road that now curves gently to the left a bit, you can often come up blank, but if you look really really hard you can spot the deer standing still as cement lawn ornaments, confident of their invisibility.

Just behind lie more open fields, magnets to the beasts, great gathering places, and then a lone house set back off the road, behind some clumps of birch—the Dave Roop house, built by



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blind Buz Anderson—fronted by a big yard that's a frequent stop for the deer to meet and munch.

Just down the road apiece, past Buddy and Colleen's and the Unfinished Farms, a fenced-in expanse of open fields abuts a copse of evergreen which conceals a long-abandoned orchard that draws deer in great numbers. The impotent fence, being an old sagging barbed wire affair, is effortlessly scaled by the agile leaping animals.

Next, on down the hill, bordered left and right with old apple trees, you approach Barney's Lake, a shallow reedy pond, home to nesting loons in the spring and a pretty reliable watering hole for the deer in this hood.

The inland side of Barney's Lake can be an explosion of lavender when the lilac buds burst open in late June. There are also some old plum trees with gnarled branches, some still able to present sweet purple fruit in late summer—and boy do the deer love

them. Hops too grow near the road.

At the end of Barney's Lake lies a lily-padded marsh, with a solitary blue heron standing stock still, ready to skewer his next meal, gawky and awkward-looking until he takes flight and transforms himself into this amazing graceful winged aviator. Lucky me to see him!

Through a sun-dappled canopy of trees you go back up the hill, reaching a fork in the road. Turning left you pass the Bluebird Bed and Breakfast and on the other side the road to the Graves Mill, patrolled by an osprey. There, where Graves' horses once quietly grazed, there are often two or three deer, formerly dumbfounded that the silly horses couldn't bound out of the enclosure as easily as the deer can leap in.

Adjacent to the horse yard is a sizable clearing where many deer feed, along with scads of wild turkeys, some proudly fanning tail feathers. A venerable crooked pear tree stands along the two-track road that enters this field, and

this tree yields honey-sweet fruit that drips nectar down your chin with every bite, the 'no trespassing' sign somehow overlooked. There are bumble bees also feasting, and some well-worn barbed wire draped here and there—both easily avoided by the experienced pear-gathering thief.

There used to be this really nasty-tempered billy goat tethered here on a rope that was too long. He was the buttingest goat on the Island, in the country, in the state, or in the world. My grandkids perversely loved to visit this cantankerous he-devil. I would invariably end up with the goat's horns grasped firmly in both of my hands while the grandkids scurried and scrambled to scale the tailgate, leading to the safety of our old Ford's bed. The instant I would release old Beezelbub's horns, he'd whirl and attack the back end of the vehicle, allowing me exactly two seconds to haul myself into the cab and slam the door shut before he turned

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18. *Numbering the Deer*, from page 17.

his evil eyes and horns on me, repeatedly bashing his head on the just-closed door—pride restored, screaming, laughing grandchildren safe. I'd return home, and try to explain the dented tailgate and door panels to my bemused husband and anxiously-awaiting daughters.

Getting back to the deer run, you now pass the Bonadeo log cabin, another good spot for deer, the draw being either the wonderful, big, limey yellow apples seductively dangling overhead or Suzie's exquisite gardens, complete with irresistible hastas, a most definite deer delicacy. Just ask Gene Masta, or the folks at the Library.

The next two-track road, just past Bonadeo's, leads to the ominously mysterious Egg Lake, a peat-moss-surrounded body of dark, still water, which according to Island legend can suck you down to its murky bottom, never to be seen or heard from again. I imagine old Egg Lake's belly to be chock full of deer carcasses by now, and

quite possibly a careless Fudgie or two who ventured into this taboo quicksand abyss, undaunted by the natives' dire warnings of danger and peril.

Just ahead, Russ Green's hayfields, a vast clearing, one of the largest on the Island, and the most favored deer hang-out of them all, is practically guaranteed to display large groups of animals. I've seen herds of 17 or 18 along with small family groups of two or three, randomly foraging, led by wary bucks.

Doe and their offspring are the most common sight, the wily, evasive bucks not seen nearly as often. Antlered and alert, they feed along the perimeter of the herd, cautiously on sentinel duty, ready to flag with their white tails signaling danger and leading their tribe to the safety of the forest, and then gracefully bounding out of sight.

My personal best in one deer-numbering run was 72. It happened two springs ago (*editor's note: now two decades back*) on an early evening run, looping the whole Island. Luckily a friend went along, which is the best of

all situations, as occasionally a solitary deer-counter has been known to see herds in the hundreds, especially after the Shamrock closes its doors for the night.

At this particular time of year, the deer are just emerging from their winter hidey-holes in the cedar swamps. Even the most seasoned deer-counter can be dazzled by the appearance of eight or ten of these magnificent animals along the tree line of a luscious green sun-lit clearing.

If you're in just the right place at just the right time, there'll be some tiny, teetering, polka-dotted fawns in the group, with mamas nervous and ever watchful, and the big-horned buck staring you down. Often this scene freezes, and you and the deer hang motionless, suspended in this wondrous woodland tableau—your camera left behind on the kitchen table. No matter—it will be a long, long while before this picture fades from your heart.

I'm still counting....



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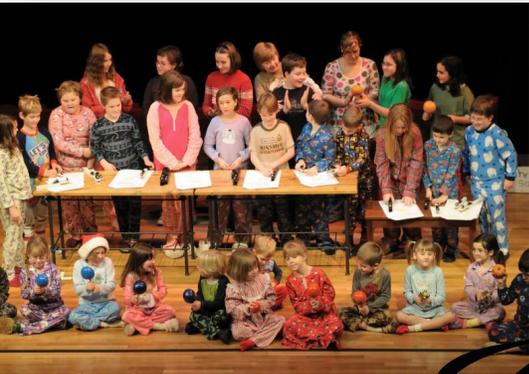
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Hooker Home – 38175 Trout Island Ct.

This is a large, ranch-style home with a full basement and drive-in garage and “attached guest house at the very north end of Donegal Bay on Lots 519 and 520 of the Port St. James Subdivision, with 217.3 feet of beach frontage. These two lots make up what is known as “Hooker’s Point” on the 2006 Wojan-Cashman map. This year-round home was comfortably occupied by Chuck and JoAnne Hooker for about 25 years; it would make a good retirement home but it’s also a beautiful lakefront home that anybody would enjoy as a second home as well. The main house is 1152 sq. ft. and the guest house behind it (connected by deck and connecting roofs between) is 20’ x 20’ (400 sq. ft.). This guest house has been rented occasionally separate from the main house; it is like a studio apartment. The main house has two bedrooms and one full bathroom. It has a combined dining room and living room area in the middle of the house with a lot of glass doors and windows facing the lake. In the living room there is a stone fireplace with split Beaver Island fieldstone surrounding an efficient, Superior heat form unit. The view was just recently trimmed open again so that you see a lot of High Island and Donegal Bay and Lake Michigan from inside the house and from the decks now. Out in front of the house there are still a lot of beautiful spruces, white pines, and white birches that frame the view of the lake. There is a nice sand path through the dune grass to the beach, but the good sand beach that was always in front of this house is not there at the moment. (The low water levels of the last 4 or 5 years have allowed some sand bars to be pushed up into a new beach ridge farther out that has given a chance for vegetation to take hold. As the lake comes back to its normal level - which it always has - the shoreline will move in to its original point and the sand will wash in and all the vegetation will disappear.) The beach is right now the worst that it has ever been - but hopefully not for long. With two Lake Michigan lots with a total of 217 feet of frontage, the raw land value of this package is over \$200,000. The asking price of this house was \$419,000.

It has now been reduced to

\$295,000.



An Island Christmas





On a weekend when many Islanders were snowbound, the Christmas Cantata lifted the spirits of those who were able to fight their way through the storm.

Saturday's snow was so intense that some of the performers could not dig out, but by Sunday all the musicians were there, and gave a strong perfor-

mance. The afternoon opened with a traditional piano/organ duet of Judi Meister and Laraine Dawson, followed by two numbers by the kids' choir and chimes (with a few adults replacing absentees). That led to a quartet of singers, Jayne Bailey, Jean Wierenga, Mike Scripps, and Dan VanderVliet; a trio of recorders, Jayne Bailey, Joe Moore, and

Matt Ritchie (they are looking for more); and the most unique quartet, Marianne Weaver, Davi Stein, Deb Plastrik, and Phil Becker, singing in German, with Kevin White accompanying them on guitar.

Four more performances served as prelude for the Cantata Choir. Mike Scripps delivered a moving solo on the



This beautiful Christmas program is our "gift" to the community of Beaver Island. It would not be possible without the help and support of so many people:

First of all, special thanks to the Board of Directors and members of the B.I. Christian Church for their continuous support of our music programs, and allowing us to use the church for

rehearsals and performances.

And many thanks to ALL who have made monetary donations to the music fund of the Christian Church for all of our music, but special thanks to Carol

Soprano: Jayne Bailey, Shelly Scripps, Kathy Tidmore, Sheri Timsak, Marianne Weaver, Gail Weede, Elaine West, Karen Whitecraft. Alto: Deb Bousquet, Lil Gregg, Leonor Jacobson, Anna Martell, Diane McDonough, Judi Meister





local favorite *Mary Did You Know*. Joe Moore played his arrangement of *Ave Maria* on the violin, with Judi Meister accompanying him on piano. Jayne Bailey, Shelly Scripps, Marianne Weaver, and Elaine West did a version of *White Christmas*, and then Scott Kasbaum did a medley of songs on the piano, the last with Laraine Dawson on

the organ calling forth a boisterous round of applause.

The 30 members of the Choir came down the aisle with confidence and quickly took their places, filling the Christian Church with their exquisite and subtle harmonies. Their eight songs produced shivers in the audience's necks, and at times some spectators

could not help but sing along. The work they had put in showed in their finely-honed rendition of Christmas songs, and when it ended, no one wanted to leave.

In the midst of much bad news coming over the airwaves, this group set the tone for a splendid Beaver Island Christmas.



and Ray Geskus, the Holy Cross Church Altar Society, and Mrs. Carol Myers for her many years of support.

Thanks go to Judi Meister and Laraine Dawson for their beautiful

music year-round to the Beaver Island community and its churches. They are an inspiration to me personally, and I appreciate their never-ending support of our Christmas Cantata.

Other members of our choir—specifically Deb Plastrik for her continued support and help with anything that is needed, and for her

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Kim Newport, Miranda Rooy, Davi Stein, Wendy White, Jean Wierenga. Tenor: Susie Fisher, Betty Hudgins, Joe Moore, Deb Plastrik, Dan VanderVliet. Bass: Bob Bass, Phil Becker, Larry Hall, Mike Scripps, Kevin White, Tom Whitman



So this is Christmas



The Cantata, from page 21. patience with those of us who play chimes; Miranda Rooy for her help with the kids' part of our program; Elaine West for great publicity; Susie Fisher for the beautiful Christmas decorations; and Lil and Phil Gregg for their help after practices each week.

Mike and Shelly Scripps for their weekly trips to the Island this fall and all

of their help and support of the Cantata year after year. The choir knows that we couldn't do this without Shelly. I know a lot of people were delighted to hear Mike singing *Mary, Did You Know* in our program.

A very, very special thanks goes to Bob Bass for his continued technical support and just being there for whatever needs to be done. He is a very

valued member of our church. 23.

And, of course, thanks go to all of our families for their patience and never-ending support and help.

We especially remember today our good friends—Jerry LaFreniere and Paul Baron; we dedicate our Christmas Cantata in memory of them.

—God Bless You All,
and Merry Christmas, Kathy Speck

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

The AmVets Post #46 Ladies Auxiliary held a Santa's Workshop on December 16th at Holy Cross Hall for the children of Beaver Island Community School to purchase Christmas gifts for their families and friends. The teens were dropped off at the Hall before school by their parents, and after shopping were bussed to school at CMU's Bio-station, and the elementary children transported from the Beaver Island Christian Church.

Each child had their list of names and gift tags ready to purchase gifts at a nominal price. The younger children were helped to shop and wrap gifts by



Santa's Elves (the Ladies Auxiliary and AmVet members).

When all the shopping was done, all the toys and games that were left were boxed up to be donated to *Toys for Tots*. The hats, gloves, socks, and scarves were donated to the Women's Resource Center.

Then on the 19th the kids made ornaments and decorated the first tree at the Community Center—after watching *Prancer*, a movie sponsored by the AmVets.

The AmVets and Ladies Auxiliary wish you all a very happy and safe holiday!

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Thur., Jan. 22, 7:30 pm

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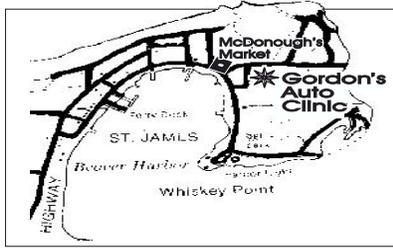


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24. ON THIS DATE

Ten Years Ago The annual Wildlife Club's Hunters' Dinner brought 173 hungry hunters to the Shamrock for a feast that included rabbit, squirrel, venison, and other game dishes. The Wildlife Club also held a lunch at the Beachcomber for representatives from the DNR and CMU, with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service up next, to try to get at the bottom of the question of whether or not cormorants were depleting bass and perch stocks.

The year-end police report showed that the Island deputy had passed out 7 traffic citations for 1998, along with issuing 35 verbal warnings and tagging 13 abandoned cars. Thirteen animals were impounded, none euthanized.

The B. I. Commission on Education for the 2nd Century received a \$20,000 grant from the Frey Foundation, and used part of it to schedule a series of consultants, such as Doug Ross, who was here for two days to talk to the Steering Committee about the transition from an industrial society to an information society.

PABI was asked by the St. James Board to look for an alternate location for the Community Center because of the limited parking downtown.

The *Beacon* included Christmas poems by Ross Henderson, Kay Masini, and Ron Wojan.

Twenty Years Ago Managing editor Mary (Stanhope) Russell was expecting twins, so she and her husband Austin moved to Traverse City to await their birth. Shannon (Rafferty) Heynig took her place, with Edie Wilmot (wife of Bill Freese) joining the *Beacon* staff to handle business affairs. Shannon and her husband Dave owned and ran the Stoney Acre Grill.

Bill and Betty Welke, together with Paul and Ellen Welke, purchased the "other half" of Island Airways from Eric Hodgson, with Ann Welke taking over as Charlevoix manager. Six years earlier the Welkes had merged with Joe McPhillips' flying service, with Richard Hodgson becoming half-owner of the joint venture.

The *Beacon* collected some stories from Archie LaFreniere, such as that the first automatic washer was invented and developed here—by Patch, a Speed

Queen employee who moved into the King Strang Hotel and set up his drafting table in the 1930s.

Gwen Marston and Joe Cunningham held their 5th Quilt Retreat, bringing in 78 people for three sessions. They were about to leave to tour quilt museums in Helsinki.

When Jennifer Vyse married and left the Island, Tom Cole became the new librarian.

Three years after the record high water level was set, Lake Michigan had dropped 33" to be right at the long-term average.

The planting of walleye in Fox Lake was challenged on the theory that the increased fishing might be harmful for loons.

The Airport Committee requested a letter of support from the townships for their search for a fixed-base air service at the Municipal Airport. The Beaver Island Boat Company was investigating the possibility of expanding into the airline business.

Phil and Lil Gregg once again hosted a New Year's Eve Open House, with 120 people signing the Guest Book.

Suzu Bonadeo was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Thirty Years Ago Following the Christmas Bazaar, a progressive dinner and dance brought in \$950 for the Parish Hall Improvement Fund. The school band performed, as well as violinist Joe Moore. A New Year's Eve dance earned another \$900.

Father Alvin Yard was leaving the Island for Kentucky after three years.

Mark LaFreniere was named president of the Civic Association, which was planning for a mid-February Winter Carnival.

Despite deep, fluffy snow, moonlit snowmobile safaris were becoming quite popular.

A third Beaver Island Party was being planned for Ludington.

The Coast Guard icebreaker *Sundew* freed the Harbor because the Island had run out of fuel oil.

Island students were taking an industrial arts course being held in the back of Phil Gregg's Beaver Haven Marina pole barn.

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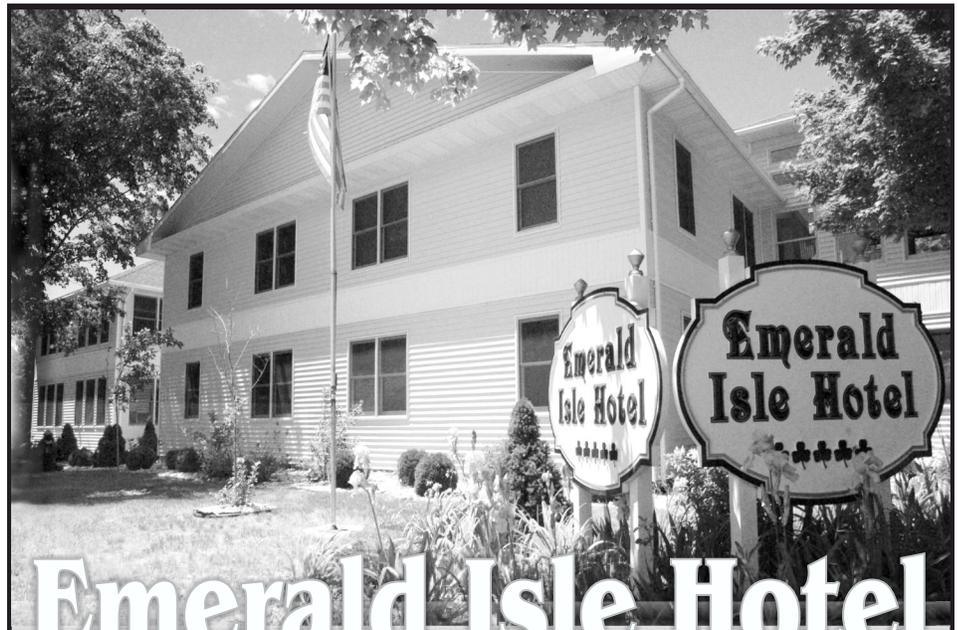
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26. **On This Date**, from page 25.

The performance given at the CMU closing party by Sweet Adelines from Howell inspired the Rafferty girls to start a women's chorus here, with 21 participants practicing regularly.

LaDonnis and Eleanor Mooney arrived from Arizona, and Curt and Joan Petrak from Farmington; counting their 8 children, this bumped up the local population by almost 5%.

Game warden Bill Wagner had tagged 26 beaver, with the season open until April 1st. A DNR helicopter delivered 22 turkeys, which would try to survive here.

Forty Years Ago The Island was blanketed with snow; snow fell on 21 of the previous 30 days, and there was a week-long blizzard. Several Islanders were snowbound behind 4' drifts, with supplies delivered by snowmobile. Ardent pinocle players were forced to take to snowshoes.

Archie LaFreniere broke trail for the winter's first snowmobile safari, going onto the ice at the Erin and following the shore down to Bud McDonough's cabin at Sand Bay.

The Sisters moved into the new convent in town, thanks to several

trucks and a dozen volunteers.

Ice shanties were out on the harbor, but the perch weren't taking the bait. Hunters were busy tracing turkey tracks, which were usually followed by the tracks of coyotes.

Archie Minor returned to the Island after spending nine months in the Marine Hospital recovering from an accident suffered on the boat he crewed, a U. S. Steel freighter.

Alvin LaFreniere was elected president of the Civic Association.

Several passings were reported. Lin Rountree, who had moved into the McCrea home (now Hirshey's) from Chicago in 1961, had been Vice Commodore of the Chicago Yacht Club. Danny Gatliff was married to Georgie Connaghan; he was survived by eight sisters and three brothers. Joseph Schmidt was survived by sister Elsie O'Donnell and brother Willie Schmidt. Ceil Gallagher was the wife of Captain Con Gallagher and the cousin of Florence Burke. Don McCauley, a former Great Lakes seaman, was the son of Captain Con McCauley and the cousin of Mary Bert.

Fifty Years Ago It seemed like just yesterday that Doc Bales of Indianapo-

lis urged the Civic to publish a newsletter, but the *Beacon* was celebrating its fourth birthday.

Father Joseph, the Island priest since 1951, was transferred to Louisville and replaced by Father Alexis, who had been a Mission Preacher stationed in Grand Rapids for the previous five years. Father Joe had been on the Civic Association, and had served on the groups that founded the Island Phone Company, the Medical Center, and the *Beacon*.

For the third year in a row Dick LaFreniere was inveighed to pull a bad tooth for someone in pain.

Several Islanders took up fox hunting; Milt Bennett, Archie LaFreniere, and just-retired (after 35 years) game warden Karl Kuebler each bagged one.

The telephone line was extended to the Bonner (not yet centennial) farm.

Troubles at the power plant: first the main generator broke its crankshaft; then one of the two small auxiliary generators blew a valve—the Island was completely without power for the 10 hours the repair took, and then had to limp along while a new crankshaft wound its way here from Kansas City.

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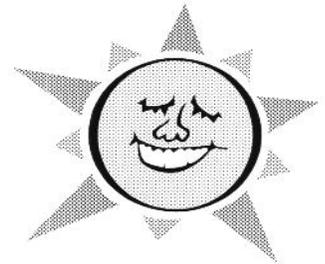
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AN OLD-FASHIONED WINTER

December brought an old-fashioned snow to Beaver Island—after the ground remained bare through much of deer season—the kind of snow associated with our grandparents’ tales of life during the Great Depression (snows like this may have *caused* the Great Depression).

The snow started as a November-ending tease but quickly picked up speed, falling slowly and gracefully but incessantly over the entire range. It snowed heavily on the east side and the west, at the north end and the south. The piles began to build; the plows ran day and night, day after day, as snow continued to come down. It covered the trees, a thick white frosting sticking to each side of every drooping branch, coating twigs and needles.

By the middle of the month snow had been deposited two feet in the plastic chairs left outside the cottages.



For the most part the coyotes had to stay in their bowers, and the deer confined themselves to a very few paths crossing the moonlit fields. The owls cooed to no avail as mice frolicked in their tunnels at the base of the blanket. And still the snow came, becoming at mid-month a heavy wet spattering obliterating the

few footprints from yesterday’s emergency run to the store. Snow silently drifted down, hour after hour, leaving Beaver Islanders huddled in their homes, freed from any obligation to venture forth, thanking their lucky stars they were dry and warm.

Then, on the 14th, the temperature shot up and the snow turned to rain. The white mounds and humps in the yard were revealed to be a wheelbarrow, a grill forgotten in October, and a stack of firewood that hadn’t yet made it to the woodshed. After two days the temperature plunged to a single digit, freezing in the slush furrows in everyone’s drive. The roads were slick with hard ice, eliminating the possibility of driving at the speed limit. We discovered there weren’t that many places we had to go.

The prediction was that this winter would be front-loaded, with the new year being more inclement. Let’s hope so; Beaver Island can barely wait.



DONALD'S DUCK ON TOUR

Somehow Don Cole acquired an effervescent and sassy toy Donald Duck. Not appreciating its wit, he put it on a shelf in a dark back room, but its clamor only increased. "I want to do something," it complained. "You're no fun. Take me somewhere."

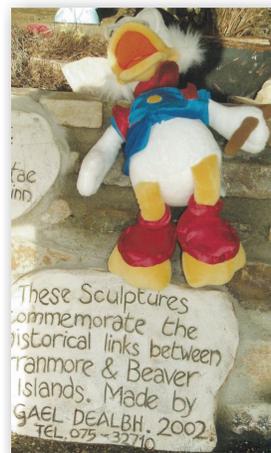
So Don did, taking the loquacious homunculus to Phoenix. Before disembarking, Don managed to pose the duck with the pilot, which started a round of Don taking pictures of the duck



at various tourist sites—which he planned to put up in the duck's small room back on Beaver. He did, but the snapshots only whetted the duck's appetite for more travel.

Unfortunately for Donald, Don had already sated his wanderlust with several trips to Europe. But Donald had enjoyed his taste of bright lights, and began agitating for more. When Patsy Sweeney was here from Donegal last

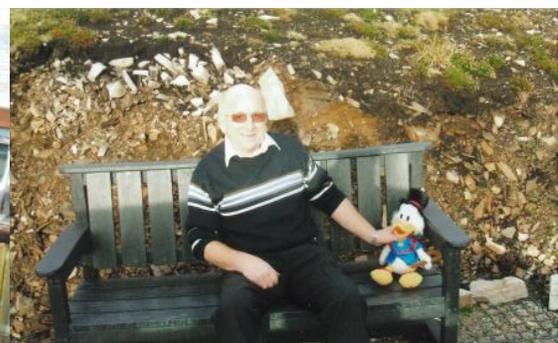
August, he paid Don a visit and heard the harping chatter. "I'll take 'im to the Auld Sod, if you'd like," Patsy offered. Don was willing to do anything to get the



angry quacker out of his house.

So began little Donald's world adventures. Patsy took him around, snapping pictures for the duck's Island wall, and then mailed him home. Others have offered to take him around on their exotic turf and photograph each stop. If any *Beacon* readers would like to help

Donald see the world, just contact Don with your name, address, and open dates, and Donald will get back in his USPS box and soon be on his way.



GOOD INVESTMENTS IN THE RECESSION

There is a lot of advice floating around these days, so I thought I would add a little more.

The condition of the American and global economy, not clearly distinguishable, is not just a financial cycle. There are market cycles, but this is much more. There are clearly several structural forces combining to produce a multi-tiered recession.

Therefore, anyone who pretends to predict when and how it will end is just demonstrating ignorance. Some sequences of recovery are likely, but not in any clearly-defined progression. Unfortunately, it is obvious that the state of Michigan will likely be near the tail end of any recovery. And, again structurally, the economy will be significantly different from the previous growth period.

So, what to do on Beaver Island? First, it is not a time for traditional investments. Michigan tourism will

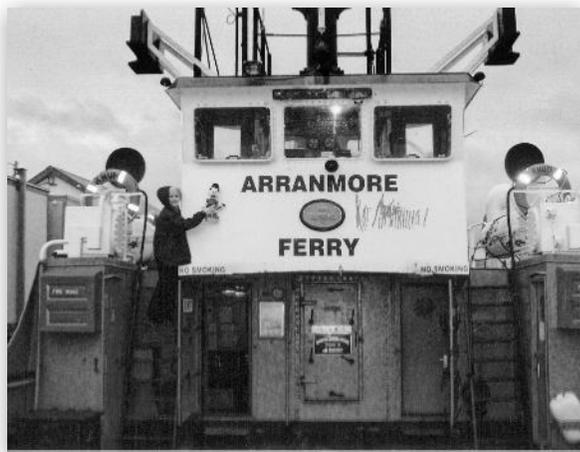
suffer, and impacts are likely to be increased by the extra costs of getting across 30 miles of water. Second-home markets are often slow to recover, although there will be a limited number of potential buyers looking for bargains. New businesses based on discretionary income markets are not a good risk at this time.

For basic services such as health, transportation, and infrastructure development, extreme caution is advisable. This is not the time to take on maintenance and operation costs of any but essential new service-sector investments. In some cases, realism may dictate cutbacks from current levels. Such caution suggests very wise planning and prioritizing, preferably by the townships working together. Beaver Island will not be able to support every good idea. Rather, even current tax levels are a major limiting factor in the housing resale market.

If you want to look far in the future, global warming and biofuel development may make the state a locale for new kinds of agriculture. Attention to attractive recreation resources will help prepare for the future. In the shorter term, look for investment in basic social and economic needs that are fundamental, especially to an aging society.

And for those who are concerned about investing whatever they have left in ways that will benefit their children and grandchildren, I have one surefire opportunity. Do whatever you can to underwrite the best possible education for them; the best preparation, the best colleges and universities, and the best continuing education for those already in the job market. That is both long and short term, and guaranteed to pay dividends.

Happy New Year anyway!
— Jack Kelly



THE CHRISTMAS TREE SHIP SAILS AGAIN

One hundred and twelve years after the *Rouse Simmons* (owned at times by Beaver Islanders) began the tradition of delivering Christmas trees to Chicago's disadvantaged



families, shipments are continuing—thanks to the Christmas Ship Committee and the U. S. Coast Guard. This year the mighty *Mackinaw* made her third run of the 21st Century, bringing a thousand trees from Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin's pine forests to the



Navy Pier. After it docked and dispensed its cargo, the *Mackinaw* hosted tours by school children, during which brief lessons in nautical history were delivered.

30. A CHANCE TO SERVE

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board of Directors is seeking applicants interested in serving on its Board for a three-year term commencing in January, 2009.

The Board of Directors currently meets every other month on Saturday morning. The dates for meetings are set annually by the Board. In addition to attending regular Board meetings, Board members are expected to serve on a Board Committee and take an

active role in Board activities. The Board has eleven members, and there will be one position open in January due to the expiration of Anne Glendon's term.

Anne has indicated that she will remain active in the Health Center by serving on a committee, but is not eligible for Board election in 2009 because the By-laws limit members to two three-year terms.

In addition to the Board, there is

also an opportunity for residents (both full-time and summer) to serve on committees. Anyone interested in either appointment to the Board or a committee should send a letter to Connie Wojan, Board President, by January 25, 2009. Those with prior board experience, or expertise in fund-raising, endowments, finance, IT, insurance, health care industries, medicine, or personnel management are particularly encouraged to apply.

Happy New Year



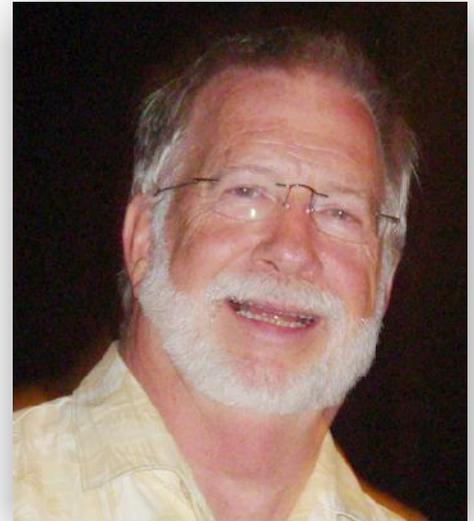
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JOHN CROUSE 1944-2008

John M. Crouse Jr., age 64, of Grand Rapids and Beaver Island, passed away unexpectedly while showing property December 10, 2008 on Beaver Island. He was preceded in death by his parents, John M. and Betty Mae Crouse. He is survived by his wife, Maureen Abele; his children, Geoffrey Crouse of Naples, FL and Jennifer Crouse of Grand Haven; their mother, Mary Jane Crouse of Grand Haven; his brother, Robert (Sherry) Crouse of LaGrange, KY; his sister, Elizabeth Erickson of Coldwater, MI; grandchildren, Tristan and Isabella Crouse; also nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Gathering of John's family and friends was held in Grand Rapids, and another at Stoney Acres a week later. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Little Traverse Conservancy or the Beaver Island Historical Society, on whose Board he ably served. He made good friends everywhere he went, and will be greatly missed.

Andrew Kenwabikise, a 27-year-old male living on Beaver Island, was medically evacuated after he was injured in a snowmobile accident here Thursday morning, 12-11. Charlevoix County Sheriff George Lasater said the one-snowmobile crash occurred about 1:30 a.m. on private property off the Donegal Bay Road.

The snowmobile struck a chain extended across a private road. The chain hit the driver in the neck, breaking

John was born in the spring of 1944 in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and spent the first years of his life playing on the battlefield. At age seven, his family moved to Benton Harbor, Michigan.

After his school years and marriage, John and his wife settled in Grand Rapids, where they had two children, and later moved to Grand Haven. In 2003 he remarried.

John's professional background spanned nearly four decades in the visual arts. During that time, he worked with many of the nation's top photographers, film makers, printers, designers, and art directors. His work was recognized for its innovative visual imagery and was regularly featured in design anthologies. He received over 100 national and international awards.

John served on the professional advisory board of Ferris State University's school of visual arts. He was also a regular monthly contributor to the Grand Haven Tribune's editorial page. After his retirement in 2004, he moved to Beaver Island, which he had been exploring for forty years. Here he pursued his lifelong passions in history and storytelling.

He worked in real estate, selling the first home he showed; this field gave him the chance to walk the Island he said reminded him of growing up in Gettysburg. He was chairman of the Publications Committee of the Beaver Island Historical Society, and composed the highly-regarded yellow-covered booklet about the Island's history. Although his work was what he did, it is not who he was. His life was his family and friends. He was well loved, and admired by everyone he met, many of whom felt he was their best friend.

his jaw and throwing him off his machine. It was properly marked with orange ribbon, the sheriff said, but was difficult to see. Poor lighting was thought to be a reason for the crash.

After he was picked up by the EMS, a Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City, Mich., HH-65C Dolphin helicopter was diverted from an operational mission to transport him to the Charlevoix Area Hospital.

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Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 6, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Anthony Malloy of St. James was in the city on business the first of the week."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 7, 1909 **Local News:** "Anthony Malloy, the St. James meat market man, came over on the *Violet* Monday to buy hogs to supply a shortage of pork on the Island."

"W. H. Collins, engineer of the Beaver Island tug *Margaret McCann*, is home for the winter."

"The fishing tug *Ciscoe* went out and set nets Monday, and some of the smaller crafts are still fishing. Beaver Island fishing is entirely suspended."

"The Beaver Island mail tug *Violet* came over with the mail Saturday, returning Sunday. She came again Monday and will continue mail trips as long as the lake is open."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 13, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Rev. Clement J. Strang, of Benzonia, will preach at the Congregational Church next Sunday morning and evening. He will also Preach at Ironton at 2:30 p. m. He is a very interesting speaker."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 14, 1909 **Local News:** "The tug *Violet* has about averaged her tri-weekly mail trips since the *Beaver* laid up, and will continue as long as Beaver Harbor is open."

"News was received here Tuesday that the fish tug *Ciscoe*, which left here last week for Manistique to lay up, sunk at the dock at Manistique on that date. No further particulars are given. The *Ciscoe* is owned by the R. Beutel Co., the fish dealers, operating here, and was sailed by Capt. Peter McCafferty, of this city. The *Ciscoe* lies in nine feet of water, and has six gangs of nets in her hold which will be seriously damaged. The boat will be raised at once."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 20, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Rev. Clement J. Strang, who occupied the pulpit in the Congregational Church Sunday, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Wilkinson while in the city."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 21, 1909 **Local News:** "Navigation seems to be open again. The tug *Violet* arrived again today from St. James."

"Capt. Peter McCafferty who had his tug *Ciscoe* sunk by a cake of ice at Manistique, arrived back home Monday. The *Ciscoe* was raised before he left there."

"Well, thank Heaven, 'Bowery' is marooned on this side of the channel for the remainder of the winter, anyway."

**FRONT PAGE ARTICLE:
BEAVER ISLAND
CUT OUT FOR A TIME**

The tug *Violet* left here last Friday morning on her last Beaver Island mail trip, and is frozen in at Beaver Harbor. This means that the next thing on the program is the ice route. Reports from St. James are to the effect that the ice bridge is not yet closed up between the outermost Island and Cross Village, but a few nights like the last three will afford a safe passage.

It is safe to say that we shall get a mail from St. James within a week. Our last cable news from the Island gives us no news out of the ordinary.

LATER — — — A change of wind cleared out Beaver Harbor Tuesday night, and the *Violet* arrived here at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, returning same day."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, January 27, 1909

**FRONT PAGE ARTICLE:
VIOLET IN ICE**

*Was Caught
While Making Trip Friday*

The fish tug *Violet* which has been carrying the Beaver Island mail since the *Beaver* laid up for the season, left here Friday for St. James with five sacks of mail but, was caught in the drift ice four miles out from Cross Village, with the crew consisting of Captain, Ed. Martin, Engineer Barney Martin, and helper Charles Cross, on board. Tugs *Parmalee* and *McCann* were sent to the

rescue, but were unable to reach the imprisoned tug.

Tuesday, Captain Martin made his way over the ice and was able to take some provisions out. Captain Martin reported that they had been reduced to two cans of tomatoes found among the freight, which, while they didn't go very far, tasted mighty good.

Today, the tug *Alice C.*, from Manistique, attempted to get the tug out but on account of the heavy wind, was forced to abandon the effort. Captain Martin is at Cross Village, the other two members of the crew being left aboard."

Local News Briefly Told: "W. J. Gallagher will attend a meeting of the Knights of Columbus at Petosky tomorrow night."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, January 28, 1909

**FRONT PAGE ARTICLE:
FOUR DAYS IMPRISONED
Hazardous Trip and Trying Experience
of the Mail Tug Violet
—Ice Threatening and Food Scarce
—Final Rescue**

"In local marine annals there is not a case involving more hardship or greater peril than that of the last trip of the tug *Violet*, owned by the R. Beutel Co. and hailing from this port.

"Her crew was Ed Martin, master; Barney Martin, engineer. On board was one passenger, Charles Cross of St. James, on his way home from Chicago. She arrived here with the Island mail Thursday afternoon, making a good run. At one o'clock Friday afternoon she started out for the Island with fair prospects, but encountered a large field of ice about five miles this side of the harbor, which she could not force herself through.

"Saturday morning found her still there, and from time to time all day the cable operator at St. James informed Charlevoix that she could be seen. But, on Sunday morning nothing could be seen of her from that port. At nine o'clock Sunday morning the information came by telephone from Cross

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34. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 32. Village that she laid four miles off that place, inside a field of ice, and unable to extricate herself.

“Meanwhile, the tug *Margaret McCann* started out from St. James,

soon locating the *Violet*, but was unable to reach her. The same evening the *McCann* was joined by the *Parmalee*, from this port, but both tugs were obliged to abandon their efforts. One very important task of the expedition,

however, was accomplished—a liberal supply of food was sent to the *Violet* in a boat shoved over the ice floes by members of the *McCann's* crew. The question of food was the one causing most anxiety on both sides of the

BIO STATION RECOGNIZED BY AIA

The American Institute of Architects Southwest Michigan recognized seven architecture firms at its 2008 Design Awards, including an honorable mention to Slocum Associates for its work on CMU's Beaver Island Bio Station.

Twenty-one project entries were submitted by area architecture firms under three categories: New Construction, Existing Projects, and Unbuilt Pro-

jects. Jurors from the AIA Indianapolis reviewed the submittals and bestowed awards.

The criteria for design excellence included demonstrated skill and sensitivity to the functional and technical requirements of the project, the contribution the project made to the surrounding physical and social context, and the overall harmony and design consistency. Each entry was judged based on

the merit of the architect's solution and the apparent success with which the project added to the discourse of design in the architectural community.

Slocum earned distinction for its work on the James C. Gillingham Academic Center on Beaver Island, for which the buzz remains; those who are just now seeing it are as thrilled as those were who attended its gala grand opening a year and a half ago.

A BRAVE GAL FATHER TO STAY B/R, PC POSTS

Thanks to Dianna Stampfler, an animated version of Elizabeth Whitney Williams' exciting life, on and off Beaver Island, can be seen online at americanepic.org/keeperofthelight.

Dianna spoke here on women lighthouse keepers, and campaigned to get EWW in the MI Women's Hall of Fame.

Holy Cross Catholic Church received some great news: much-loved Father Pat Cawley rescinded his plan to retire when the Diocese could not find a replacement. A new directory with a portrait of each congregation family of the Holy Cross Church was also just finished in time for Christmas.

At a special Peaine Board meeting on 12-22, Tina Morgan was appointed to join returning Board of Review members Joan Banville and Jacques LaFreniere.

One Planning Commission seat needs to be filled; applications to Peaine Township are due by February 1st.

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channel. It was found that the crew was well toward the bottom of a box of canned tomatoes—the only edible article left on board. Both the relief tugs returned home Tuesday morning. The strong steel tug *Berger*, of Manistique,

left that port yesterday morning, and, as we go to press, it is safe to say that the *Violet* is rescued. She is reported to be in good condition, with a ton and a half of coal on board.” “An interesting phase of the affair is that W. D. C. Germaine,

Mayor of Traverse City, came here 35. intending to go to St. James on the *Violet*, on important business, and only at the last moment before the tug left did his friends here prevail on him not to take the chance.”

WELCOME BACK & THANK YOU PARTY ON 1-31

A “Welcome Back” Reception for Chris VanLooy, our new co-care giver at the Health Center, will take place on January 31st, from 3 to 5 pm at the Peaine Hall. Everyone should come



and welcome her back to the Island.

The same party will also be a Thank

You to Sue Solle and the Health Center staff for getting us through a year and a half of only having one care giver and the extra work and taxing of being constantly on call—*Thank you*

for all your work to keep us well!

The next regularly scheduled

Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board meeting will also be January 31st so board members will be on the Island for the event.



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36. KILLING TIME AT THE AIRPORT

Chiropractor Jessica Carden and Tamara Graf (the Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Medicine Practitioner) travel here every other week to offer care at the BIRHC. On their December 4th and 5th trip, snow delayed the return flight, so they made the most of having

extra time on the Island by offering their services at the Municipal Airport.

Their fellow passengers accepted their offer of care, and relaxed with what was their first acupuncture needle experience. After resting in the airport chairs for awhile, their needles were

removed and they had adjustments on the portable chiropractic table. "An hour ago I was grumpy and sore, and I just wanted to get home. Now I feel so good I plain don't care if we go or not!" said one of the impromptu patients after his care.



The needles are placed in the ears, atop the head, in the wrist/forearm/hand, and in the ankle/leg/foot. There are little tips on the needles so you can see them in the pictures—if you look closely. In these photos you can see the guys have their pantlegs rolled up and they're resting still as the acupuncture needles work the Qi....

Jessica gave adjustments and brief massages, and assigned therapeutic stretches and exercises for homework.

The guy on the adjusting table was at the CMU Bio-station working on the dock, and the other guys are from Grayling, here drywalling the school.

Keith at Fresh Air was surprised that the two care-providers preferred

working over relaxing and reading magazines as they waited for the snow to abate. But Tamara and Jessica both love what they do, and want people to experience the benefits of this type of care. That's one of the reasons why they honor the sliding scale at the BIRHC, and offer discounted "Year 'Round Islander" rates for their services.

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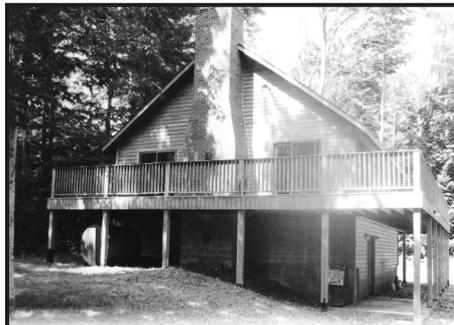
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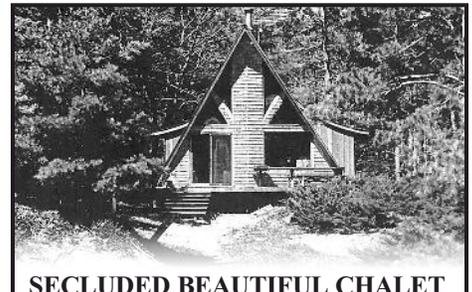
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