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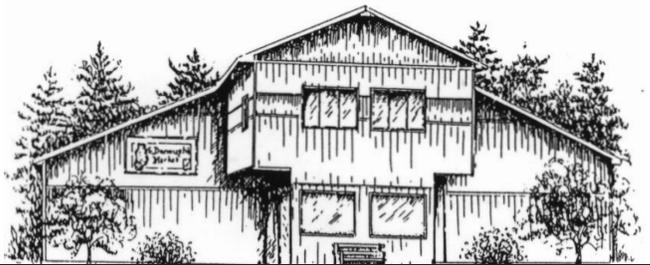
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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

At the Township's regular meeting the supervisor announced that the two Townships had agreed to hire Tim Myers as the Transfer Station's bookkeeper, so long as he does the work outside of his normal working hours.

The board accepted a new legal services contract calling for zoning work to be compensated at \$130/hour and other work at \$135. The only change is that bills will now be received monthly instead of quarterly.

The vacant position at the Transfer Station was posted.

The board gave its preliminary approval of the proposed budget.

### Peaine Township

The Peaine board approved the new legal services contract.

The review of the past three years of minutes was almost complete. The board hoped to establish guidelines for all Peaine's committees, commissions, and boards to follow, which will include them posting their agendas and minutes.

The board reported that the Board of Review received a high number of complaints this year, 30, most of which wanted an answer to why taxes can go up when land value falls. A few adjustments were made, but generally the increase is mandated by the state.

The supervisor reported receiving a letter from Cherry Capital Connection's Tim Maylone, who is interested in

providing broadband services to the Island, using the existing towers—he might trade service to the townships for their use. It was unclear where the set-up funds would originate.

The federally-established poverty level for property-tax reduction was continued, although no one in Peaine had yet claimed it.

Don Spencer looked into a larger emergency generator for the Fire Hall, reporting that a 60 kw Generac would cost around \$14,000, plus installation.

### The Budgets: Peaine

Comprehensive packages about the proposed budget were distributed to those who attended the Peaine budget meeting on 3-21.

It opened with some comments by the supervisor about why property taxes went up even though some land values were falling. He said taxes are based initially on "true cash value," which is established by the purchase of the property; then 50% of this becomes the amount which is taxed (the SEV). But year after year the state raises the valuation—by an average of 2½% and a maximum of 5%. This year the state imposed a 4.4% increase.

The supervisor noted that this year's budget included a deficit of \$34,500—the first time a budget with a deficit has been proposed. It was only possible because the various funds contained "surpluses," such as \$260,000 in the General Fund, at the



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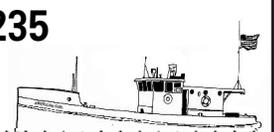
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beginning of the year. The deficit will come out of the General Fund, which will be reduced to ~\$200,000 by 3-21-2010. The Road Fund will be reduced by \$15,000, but the Waste Management, Airport, Road, and Fire Protection (new) Funds will grow.

He requested more input from non-resident property owners, and urged them to get involved with the Township during the summer to express their feelings about tax policies and other matters. He promised that any modifications in spending would be posted on Peaine's pages on the Charlevoix County website.

The budget was approved without modification or dissent.

After the budget meeting, a second meeting, the "Electors' Meeting," was convened to review the compensation of elected officials, which, by unanimous consent, was not changed from last year. Once that was resolved, the supervisor stated his hopes for the coming year. He wanted to focus on improving eco-tourism, enhancing citizen participation, investigating wind power, improving the community infrastructure, and moving forward in providing high-speed internet service to the entire Island. He intended to make it a policy to post all job openings, service opportunities, contracts to be let, and meeting information.

There were a few suggestions from the audience, such as putting more effort into trail improvement and

creating, as part of the evolving disaster plan, an alternative route to town.

### The Budgets: St. James

On the last Saturday of March the St. James Township Board presented its final budget proposal for next year, and entertained comments and questions from the audience. Those which were asked were for clarification, and produced such facts as that the maintenance man tracks his time and bills it to the township ordering the work, that each township had to kick in \$10,000 this year to support the EMS, and that the engineering study of the Whiskey Point Light will establish the sequence of restoration tasks when it is completed in June.

The audience took time to study both the proposed budget and the financial statement showing both the previous budget and the actual revenues and expenditures. The proposed budget was more detailed, and it was balanced—at \$241,383. The just-ended previous year the Township ran at a \$16,500 deficit—even though its revenue exceeded its projection by \$31,500, thanks primarily to a \$30,000 bump in taxes. The \$48,000 jump in expenses could be attributed to the Lighthouse study (\$15,000, which will be returned when the study is done), the EMS investment, an unbudgeted fireworks outlay, and a rise in "other" of over \$14,000.

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

The distributed material showed that the Municipal Marina revenue fell off by 11%, but its income still covered its expenses; the Fire Department ran over by \$10,000 because of the extra training required; the Road Fund gained \$42,000 because no unexpected problems arose; and the Sewer Fund incurred an \$8,000 loss. All these funds had healthy account balances.

After reviewing this material, the proposed budget was unanimously passed.

The budget meeting was adjourned, and a second ("Electors") meeting immediately called to order. The board declined any raises, and the Township's attorney, accountant, insurance carrier, bank, and engineer were retained by motions. The land use policy was renewed, and the Marina rates, set by the state, approved.

After that business, the Supervisor, Don Vyse, made some remarks. He thanked the members of the Fire Department, who have been undergoing more training in addition to fighting fires, and the Townships' maintenance man, whose job is essentially 24/7 and involves a wide range of skills.

The supervisor shared his thoughts on other topics. The first was his pride over the gamut of benefits and services offered by a small township. He mentioned the Fire Department, the Rural Health Center, the Library, the Marina, the campground, the bicycle path, the Gull Harbor nature trail, the swimming beach, the Font Lake access site, the public restroom, the

Government Center, the deputy's dwelling, Arranmore Park, the downtown parking lot, the Resale Shop, the harbor boat launch, the Lighthouse, the cemetery, street lights, sidewalk maintenance, the town clock, the Print Shop Museum, the Marine Museum, and the Heritage Park. These assets owed a debt of gratitude to the work done by the broad collection of Township committees, commissions, and boards. He cited the benefits to Township residents and land owners of the Community Center, the school, the Parish Hall, the ferry dock, the transfer station, the CMU boathouse, the Woollam Foundation nature preserve, and the tennis courts.

He also touched on the imbalance in millage rates between the two townships, which results from Peaine's insistence on matching the amount raised by St. James' millage for such services as the EMS, the Transfer Station, the Historical Society, the Municipal Airport, and fire protection.

In closing he said he hoped to continue working on improving the quality of life, emphasizing the growth of the airport, the expansion of high-speed internet, and the restoration of the Lighthouse to make it a tourist attraction. He was thanked for his efforts by the board.

**The EMS Budget**

The EMS projected a 7½% increase in revenue for the coming year to \$126,500, based on a comparable increase in property taxes and other income sources remaining nearly the

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same. But expenses are expected to rise by 14½% to \$126,500, primarily because of anticipated paramedic compensation, 'initial education' costs, and a defibrillator upgrade. These increases were offset by savings in vehicle maintenance, purchases of medicines and supplies, and winter on-call pay.

**Cemetery Budget**

The St. James Cemetery, jointly owned by both Townships, requested \$5,750 from each, primarily for maintenance (\$3,000) and improvements (\$6,500). These improvements might include replacing the sign and the fence, and possibly acquiring additional land.

The sexton is paid \$200 a year, and has a \$100 budget for supplies.

**Notes on the Township Budgets**

As of 3-25-09, the two Townships had healthy balances in their funds. St. James had \$138,392 in its General Fund, \$35,314 in the Municipal Marina Fund, \$87,444 in the Fire Department, \$176,620 in Roads, and \$26,597 in the Sewer Fund. Peaine had \$260,000 in its General Fund, \$130,000 in Waste Management, \$85,000 in the Municipal Airport, \$100,000 in Roads, and \$12,000 in fire protection.

Several agencies are jointly supported by both Townships. The EMS and the BIHS receive 1 mill and ¼ mill, respectively, from St. James, and those totals are matched by Peaine from its General Fund. The Fire Department receives \$43,727 from

each Township through a levy of 7.09713 mills in St. James and 0.6411 mills in Peaine. The Municipal Airport receives \$41,500 from each, through a 0.9227 levy in St. James and 0.6091 in Peaine. The Transfer Station receives \$72,701 from each, through 1.6149 in St. James and 1.0659 in Peaine. Each Township administers the agency contained on its land.

The Health Center receives \$87,454 from St. James (1.9426 mills) and \$125,840 from Peaine (1.8450 mills). The Library receives \$40,517 from St. James and \$61,385 from Peaine, both through 0.900 mills.

St. James wants the Municipal Marina to operate with financial independence, paying its expenses from its revenues. Thus if fewer boats come in, the harbor master and his helper will have to put in fewer hours.

The Fire Department has several regular expenses: insurance (\$18,000), Fire Truck loan payment (\$17,639), Fire Hall loan payment (\$12,407), training (\$12,000), supplies (\$9,500), and utilities (\$7,100). It compensates the firemen for their time (\$8,000), and the chief (\$5,000).

The Municipal Airport budgets \$10,000 for equipment maintenance and \$10,000 for airfield maintenance. It makes an annual loan payment of \$10,093, and spends \$8,500 on insurance. It plans on a 10% contingency. Any money left at the end of the year goes into its Development Fund, which will be used to pay for such things as tree clearing and the next stage of the terminal expansion.

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## 8. THE ISLAND'S BUDGETS

INCOME:	ST. JAMES	PEAINE
Tax collection (General Fund)	\$179,265	\$168,000
From other Township	\$26,000	\$120,000
Administration fees	\$14,918	
State SET tax		\$8,000
County swamp tax		\$8,000
County allocation		\$59,000
State Revenue Sharing	\$10,000	\$16,000
Reimbursement (library)	\$5,000	
Other reimbursements		\$9,000
USDA generator grant		\$7,000
Rents	\$3,100	\$8,000
Campground fees	\$1,600	\$2,000
Zoning permits	\$1,000	\$3,000
Interest	\$500	\$3,300
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$241,383</b>	
Dock fees	\$45,000	
other dock income	\$175	
Road Fund taxes	\$86,869	\$63,000
interest	\$500	
Fire Department taxes	\$43,430	\$44,000
BIFD donations	\$2,500	
BIFD interest	\$400	
Sewer taxes	\$41,647	
sewer use fees	\$13,000	

INCOME, CONTINUED:	ST. JAMES	PEAINE
Transfer Station taxes	\$73,000	\$73,000
Green bags/tipping		\$83,000
Wood chip sales		\$4,000
Airport taxes	\$42,000	\$42,000
Airport gas		\$118,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$589,904</b>	<b>\$838,300</b>
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Wages		
Elected officials	\$44,068	\$45,000
Deputies	\$3,778	} \$9,000
Trustees	\$8,454	
All other		\$8,000
Maintenance man	\$39,400	
Maintenance assistant	\$500	
Zoning/assessor	\$21,203	\$21,000
Second deputy	\$4,700	
ZBA/Planning Comm.	\$1,000	
Board of Review	\$1,000	
Payroll taxes	\$8,000	
Office expenses		\$27,000
Pension	\$10,000	\$10,000
Treasurer expense	\$1,500	} \$6,000
Clerk expense	\$1,500	
Assessor expense	\$4,800	\$6,000
Maintenance expense	\$1,000	\$4,000



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Audit fees		\$6,000
Legal fees		\$6,000
Insurance	\$15,000	\$15,000
Telephone	\$2,700	\$10,000
Board supplies	\$2,885	\$4,000
Training		\$5,000
Emergency Planning		\$10,000
Elections	\$800	
Cemetery	\$5,750	\$6,000
Hanger	\$2,500	\$4,000
Fireworks	\$3,000	
Shoreline maintenance	\$3,000	\$8,000
Maintenance truck loan	\$5,500	\$4,000
Maintenance man supplies	\$1,000	\$10,000
Trails/parks/recreation	\$17,400	\$14,000
Lighthouse restoration	\$6,000	
Town Hall operation	\$7,100	
Government Bldg operation	\$7,695	
DNR Bldg operation	\$8,150	
Road bond payment	\$32,133	\$10,000
Sewer bond	\$46,000	
Sewer upkeep	\$8,647	
Dust control	\$15,000	\$28,000
Street lights	\$8,000	
Other road issues	\$32,236	\$26,000
Fire Department	\$44,880	\$44,000

EXPENSES, CONTINUED:	ST. JAMES	PEAINE
Harbor master	\$17,473	
Harbor-master assistant	\$6,000	
Marina operation	\$21,702	
EMS		\$45,019
Historical Society		\$11,196
Youth Consortium		\$1,000
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# 10. 2009 BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 10 - **Good Friday Service** 7 pm at the Beaver Island Christian Church

April 11 - **Easter Egg Scramble** and visits with the **Easter Bunny**. The Egg Scramble will be held in the Community School gym at 1:00 pm; the bunny will be in the lobby. At 2:00 the AmVets will sponsor a **free children's matinee movie**, and a \$1.00 ticket for a free snack.

April 12 - **Easter Sunrise Service** - 7:30 a.m. at Warmwater Bay, 23455

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April 12 - Beaver Island Christian Church **Easter Service** 10 am Easter Brunch - Noon (everyone is invited)

April 15 - **Quiz Bowl**, 7:00 p.m. To raise funds for the State Quiz Bowl Class D Tournament, the Beaver Island High School National Honor Society will run a Quiz Bowl Tournament on the Island. Teams of at least

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## A BRIGHTER LIGHT

The city of Charlevoix and the Charlevoix Historical Society have received a grant from the Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program.

The MLAP is funded through the sale of Michigan lighthouse license plates and grants are matched by the local organization. The program is administered by the State Historic Preservation Office, which assists Michigan's citizens and communities



have a team, we'll form a team for you. We can only have eight teams, so call or email Connie Boyle at [connieb@beaverisland.k12.mi.us!](mailto:connieb@beaverisland.k12.mi.us)

April 23 - **Mulebone** In concert 8:00pm at the Community Center. Mulebone is John Ragusa and Hugh Pool, some of New York City's finest (and most versatile) traditional bluesmen. (see page 29)

April 25 - **Beaver Island Citizen of the Year** at the Shamrock (note location change to the Shamrock this

year.) You may have won!

May 23 - Formal **Dedication of the New School** 11:00 a.m.

June 13 - Health and **Wellness Fare**: 11:00 to 2:00 at BIRHC

June 22 - **Wind Farm** Presentation, 7-9 p.m. at the Peaine Hall (page 24.)

June 26-28 - **Beaver Island Air Show** featuring a B-25

July 13 - **Beaver Island Association Annual Meeting** 7:30 Peaine Hall

July 16-18 - **Beaver Island Music Festival** - [www.bimf.net](http://www.bimf.net) (page 25.)

July 20-25 - **Museum Week 2009**: Music on the Porch; Three-day Art Show; see the Protar Home; learn about shipwrecks; and meet George Anthony.

July 30-August 2 - **Baroque on Beaver!** - A Festival of Classical Music

August 1 - **Meet the Artists** at Livingstone Studio 12-5

August 7-8 - **Homecoming**

September 5 - **Run Beaver Island Marathon** and Half Marathon

October 3 - **The Bite & Island Boodle**



## —OVER THERE

with the preservation of cultural resources through various state and federal programs that encourage the recognition of, and reinvestment in, historic properties.

The total amount of this grant is \$29,666, which will go toward the interior painting, rust removal, lead paint abatement, and lantern room repairs for the Charlevoix South Pier Light Station.

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Several months ago I was loaned a book titled *Flight of Passage: A Memoir* (Rinker Buck) about two teenage brothers who flew a Piper Cub from New Jersey to California. This book was well recommended by two good friends. At first I didn't think much of it because these days, how hard could it be, with modern equipment such as portable, hand-held

communication and navigation (com/nav) radios, and GPS. As I got into the book I found it to be more than I expected. As it turns out, it was a reflection of my own life growing up and learning to fly in the late 1950s and through the 1960s. Like the young pilot in this book, Kern (who soloed in a Cub in August 1964 on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday), I soloed in September 1965 in an

Aeronca Chief on my 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Now I didn't fly across the country, but I did make many trips between Detroit and Beaver Island and other places in the Midwest.

The Pipers and Aeroncas we flew in those days were post World War II light aircraft trainers. The reason there were no radios in these aircraft was because they had no electrical system to power



# Easter Sunrise Service

**E**aster Sunrise Service; 7:30 a.m. at Warmwater Bay, 23455 South End Road.  
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Piper Cub

them. They had no starters, either, so you had to hand-prop it to start it—a procedure better done with two people rather than one. For navigation you had



Aeronca Chief

a magnetic compass and a chart. There were no lights, hence no night flying. You didn't fly in bad weather because your instruments were very basic and limited. I was literally growing up in the



Taylorcraft L-2

“Model T” age of aviation. I did not find it remarkable at the time because that was simply all we had; light aircraft had very few conveniences. Even in the newer aircraft of the time, the com/nav

equipment, compared to what is available today, was about one step better than nothing.

I can remember the first ride my Dad gave me; it was in a Taylorcraft L-2, a two-seat tandem (one in front and one behind). He put me in the front and he flew it from the rear. He let me fly a little, but what I remember most about it was that I could barely see out the side windows, much less out the front. The best I can remember, I was 5 or 6 years old, but from then on I was hooked on aviation. As time went on I hung out at the local airport every chance I got. The local mechanic must have gotten tired of me being in the way, so he finally put me to work.

At first it was sweeping the floor, picking up tools, or putting things away. Eventually I helped on fabric recovering (a long, tedious affair), opening up airframes for inspection, and sheet metal repairs. The best part was being around when a plane needed test-flying, or a recently repaired aircraft needed to be delivered. Many times I was able to tag along.

A lot of “old timers” would hang out there, and the stories were absolutely endless. There were WWI veteran pilots, barnstormers of the 20s and 30s, and middle-age pilots from the WWII era. Given that the Wright brothers first flight was in 1903, I have been hanging around airplanes now for nearly half of the period of powered aviation.

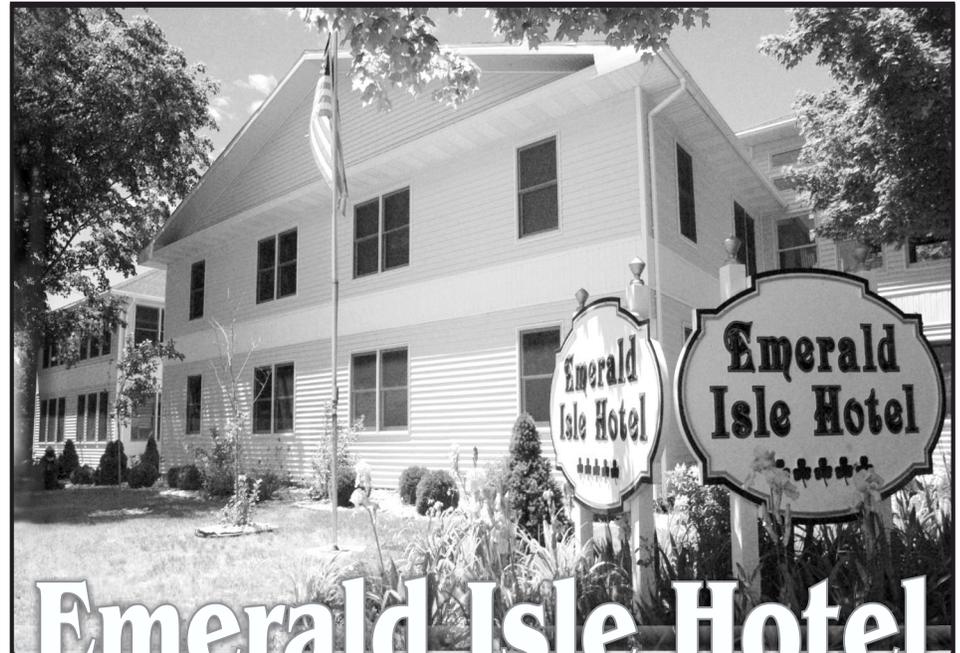
After reading *Flight of Passage*, I dug out my old logbooks. Going through them was a trip down memory lane. My first solo flight to Beaver Island (as a student pilot) was in July 1966. Prior to my departure from Detroit that day, my total flying time was a little over 30 hours. I made a stop in Charlevoix for fuel, where my logbook was signed by Annie McPhillips (as a student pilot your logbook was endorsed each time you landed). The total flight time was 3 hours. This may seem long, but after the usual all-night drive to catch the first morning ferryboat and arrive about midday, it seemed like breathtaking speed.

Now I do this same trip (Beaver Island to Detroit) in our Piper Aztec in a little over one hour, with two state-of-the-art GPS navigation systems and an autopilot—you program in your destination, the system flies the plane, does a complete instrument approach, and almost lands for you. Technology certainly has come a long way.

Once every so often while flying

the Detroit to Beaver Island route, I look down and am reminded of those same sights I saw now over 40 years ago. Some things have changed beyond what anyone could have ever anticipated, yet in the larger scheme of things, much has really stayed the same.

The best part of flying is and always has been coming home to Beaver Island.



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Thoughts on what it means to me to be Native American:

"To me, it's all about freedom—to be able to exercise rights that our ancestors preserved for us—to be part of the things that make me stand apart from other people; to be part of a people who have willingness to share and to look out for each other—to be a part of people who have their own language that is still spoken, to be part of a people who still tell the stories and sing the songs of our ancestors—to be aware of the things that make up our spirituality, without which we would be lost, and to preserve the freedom to gather in common with the rest of the Indians people for the same purpose."
—George A. Anthony

This remarkable book is the culmination of forty years of recorded interviews with tribal Elders having knowledge of the Native American culture from the islands in the Beaver Archipelago of the coast of northwest Michigan. A labor of both duty and love, it interweaves two stories: accurate reports of authentic institutions stretching back to prehistoric times, and a photographic record of today's elders to live these traditions over the past handful of decades.

George Anthony, a talented writer, respected judge, and longtime fisherman, has made the collection of this material a main focus of his life. This book is his gift to all those who find this aspect of our common history relevant and fascinating.

The Elders Speak by George A. Anthony

The Elders Speak

Reflections on Native American Culture and Life

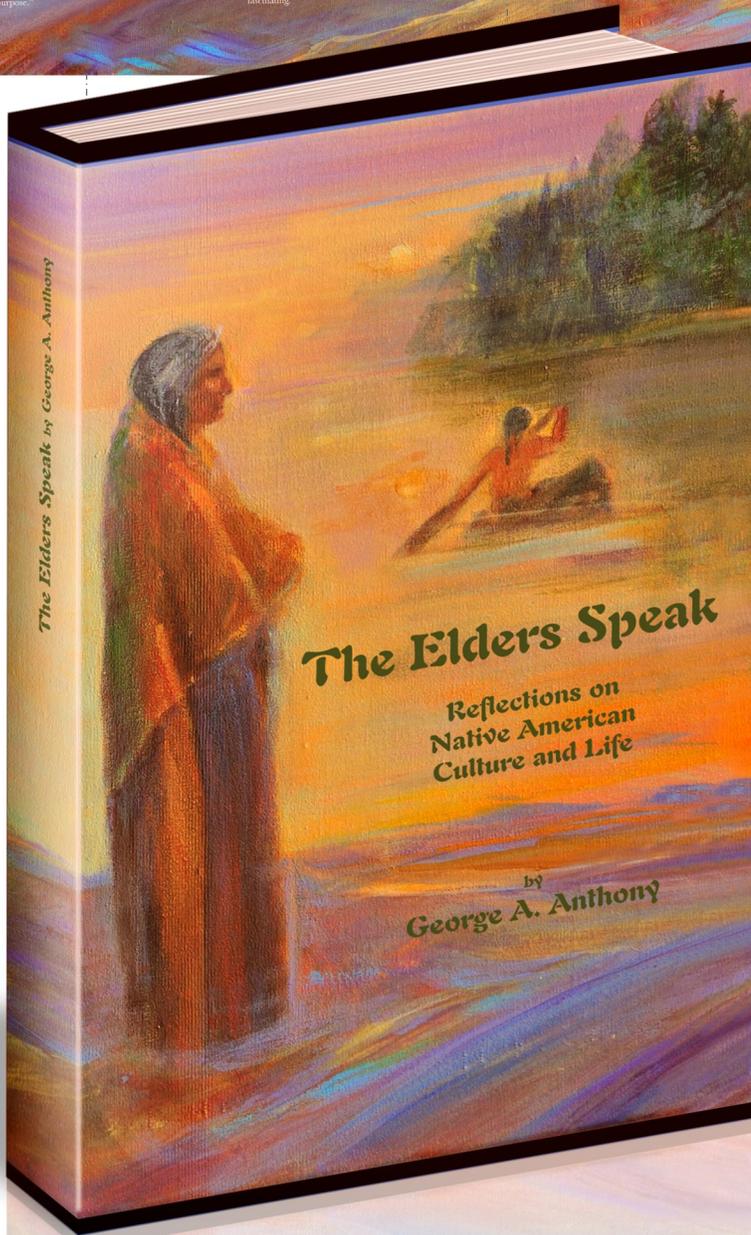
by George A. Anthony

Many articles and books about the Native American culture of northwest Michigan have been written by anthropologists, sociologists, and historians, but the oral traditions of the Indians themselves have been noticeably absent. The publication of George Anthony's wonderful book about their lives in the Beaver Archipelago, The Elders Speak, is a first.

Charged at an early age with the duty of learning and preserving the lore of his tribe, he shrugged off this responsibility until he was a grown man. Then he began, at first casually but with growing dedication, to visit Elders, sit with them, and listen to their stories with tape-recorder in hand. Back in his home he would spend hours after hours comparing and organizing his transcripts, putting aside his other work for the next forty years!

This book presents authentic information about the beliefs and ceremonies prevalent on High Island, Garden Island, and Beaver Island, three miles out in northern Lake Michigan—an area of relative stability around which the rest of the world constantly spins. These stories are preserved against two sources of context: the legends that were imposed and the letters that went back and forth to interpret their terms, and a remarkable collection of original photographs depicting a confident and industrious people doing their best to adapt to an ever-changing world.

The Elders Speak is a rich material to anyone wanting to understand the commonalities associated with the occasionally dramatic collision of two different ways of life.



A NEW BOOK

The last ten years, Beaver Island has been teased by the prospect of George Anthony's book on the Native culture of the Beaver Archipelago coming out—so much so that some thought they would never see the day. But they have, as the book, The Elders Speak, hit the bookstores in the middle of March after only forty years of George's effort.

The author's roots go to High, Garden, and Beaver Island, the places his family lived. As a young man he was taken aside and charged with the duty of preserving the memories of his people. He nodded politely but shrugged it off—until, in his late 20s, he began to feel a twinge of guilt and decided it could not hurt for him to talk to a few elders. It turned out to be a very enjoyable experience, one he wanted to repeat.

Once he began, the idea of visiting and recording as many Elders as he could became an obsession, and whenever he heard about where another was living, he grabbed his tape recorder and hopped in his car.

At first the idea of creating a book did not occur to him, but as his interviews mounted it began to seem like the best way to preserve what he was told. So he set himself a criteria: a story would have to be repeated three times before he would accept it for inclusion.

Gradually a book began to take

## LIBRARY GIRDS UP

Basking in the success of their 18-month computerization project (installing the NuGen information system), the library board approved its budget at a recent meeting. The budget is based on revenues and expenses of \$110,000, with property taxes contributing \$102,000 in revenue and salaries accounting for \$77,000 of expense.

Last year the sale table yielded \$1,500.

Head librarian Barb Cruickshank repeatedly declined a raise but was outvoted and forced to accept a CoL increase. Digital guru Phyllis Moore was given a 20% pay increase. Professional fees were dropped, maintenance increased by 20%, and book purchases decreased by 20% in the new budget.

shape, first as a kind of hand-written journal with photographs pasted nearby, then as a typed manuscript, and finally as a book with almost 200 of the old photographs he had collected along the way.

His text included descriptions of some of the Native rituals, such as burial rites, celebrations of unity, and ghost dinners. The sequence of chiefs is described, and there is material about commercial fishing, the primary Native industry here.

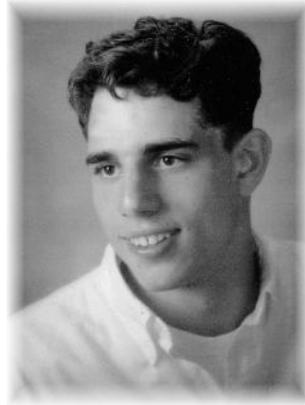
Another section reproducing the original treaties and some of the letters written to and from the Indian Agent, seeking clarification, provides a context. The wonderful photographs tell, visually, a parallel story of a people who lived on the fringe of white society and managed to find a great deal of satisfaction as they adopted some of the new ways and rejected others, with their own past and culture never far from their minds.

The Beaver Island Historical Society facilitated this enterprise by editing and publishing this book, which should have a broad appeal. Highly-regarded artist Kay Masini designed the attractive cover.

Copies are available from the BIHS, Box 263, 49782, for \$21, including postage, or \$18 at the Museum. Hardbound copies are due out in early April.



Dr. Jeffrey Powers (with Senator Jason Allen) testified about the impacts of cormorants on the fishing industry in Northern Michigan at the Hunting, Fishing, and Outdoor Recreation committee on March 26.



### *In Loving Memory of Ronald Haggard*

*August 18, 1977 - April 27, 2000*

*The lord now cradles Ron in his love.*

*His spirit remains on the island.*

*His laughter can be heard in the gentle breeze.*

*The warmth of the sun surrounds you like his loving  
embrace and endless hugs.*

*The image of the twinkling light in his eyes will linger  
with us.*

*The imprint of his smile will remain forever in our  
hearts.*

*We love and miss Ron.*

*The Haggard Family and Friends.*



Photograph by Dawn George

Dawn George took this photograph on 2-28 at 7:45 a.m., remarking, **ROAD RALLY #7**

PABI has announced its 7<sup>th</sup> annual Road Rally for Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 2:00 at the Shamrock. Lisa, Liz, and Joan have come up with “Brain Poppin” clues, with plenty of twists and turns for everyone who takes

“Science says this beauty is the result of cold, sunlight, and ice crystals. Others part in this fun-filled afternoon—so mark your calendars.

Here's the procedure. Instead of sitting home, load your car full of friends, throw in as many reference items as will fit (a complete of the

see it as a gift of the spirit of God to those who are paying attention.”

*Encyclopedia Irishica* is recommended—as a minimum), and come out and play. Register first, with a check to PABI for \$15/person—which is tax deductible.



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GOODBYE TO THE GERTRUDE K



It's always sad to see a boat or artifact lost, but in the case of the *Gertrude K*, the second large fishboat on display at the Marine Museum for years now, the familiar Island feature had to make way.

The *Gertrude* wasn't in good shape when first donated, and unfortunately in years past there simply were not resources available on the Island to

maintain or protect her sufficiently. Luckily the adjacent *Bob S* has now been sheltered by a roof.

Unluckily, finances were insufficient to make the roof large enough to also protect the *Gertrude*. Years of exposure led to metal sheathing peeling off, broken windows, and rotten decking. After much deliberation, the BIHS board felt this rather plain boat was not

of enough interest to warrant the large effort required to rebuild her, and with her rusty metal and popped nails, she was becoming a danger to the public.

So in mid-March she was chain-sawed into three and hauled off to make space. It's always sad to lose anything, but it will be exciting to see what the Historical Society has planned for this harbor space next.

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## 18. ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

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

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, April 1, 1909 **Local News:** "The first mail for the Beavers went over Saturday on the tug *Parmalee*. She had no trouble on the trip and landed the mail on the ice near the harbor. The steamer *Beaver* made her first trip Tuesday, having no trouble."

"According to a statement sent out from the state attorney general's office, there will be no change in the date of the trout opening and closing season this year. The opening will be April 15 and closing August 15."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, April 7, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "W. W. Boyle of St James, was in the city the latter part of last week."

"A. and Philip Malloy were in the city the first of the week on their way to Chicago."

"George LeBlanc of St. James, was in the city the first of the week on his way home from Manistee."

"L. Spencer and wife, light-house keeper at the Beaver Island Head were guests of the Ferguson House Tuesday night."

"Peter and Emmet Gallagher of St.

James, passed through the city the first of the week on their way to Chicago." (Note: April 6/7 First thunderstorm. F. Protar)

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, April 8, 1909 **Local News:** "'Bowery Bill' our genial oil inspector Gallagher has maintained a sphinx like silence in regard to certain issues in the recent election. St. James township cast 58 'dry' votes and 58 'wet' votes. The 'sphinx' has not yet broken its silence." (Note: April 9 Snow 4" F. Protar)

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, April 15, 1909 **Local News:** "The U. S. Local inspectors were here Tuesday and inspected the steamers *Beaver* and *Knobloch* and the St. James tug *McCann*."

"Supt. Stewart, of the local fish hatchery made a plant of Lake Trout fry on the steamer *Beaver* Wednesday."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, April 21, 1909 **Local News Briefly Told:** "Owen Gallagher of St. James, is in the city today."

"The tugs *Violet* and *McCann* of the Beaver Islands were over this week."

"Captain C. C. Allers and W. E. Stephens, of St. James were at the Elston Thursday night."

"Bert Nash of St. James was a guest at the Ferguson House the latter part of last week."

"Mile Burke, Dennis Gallagher and Miss Margaret Gallagher of St. James were in the city Thursday on the way to Chicago."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, April 22, 1909 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* took several hundred thousand of Uncle Sam's baby fish to the big flats Tuesday."

"Rev. Father Norbert, of St. James, came over on the *Beaver* Monday, and went to Petosky to spend a few days at the Franciscan monastery."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, April 28, 1909 **Local News:** "Mrs. Gilden, of St. James, is the guest of Mrs. Polly Eagleton."

"The tug *Shamrock*, of St. James, was over the last of the week." (Note: April 29/30 Snowstorm 4" F. Protar)

List of Jurors for Circuit Court Session: Frank McCafferty, St. James, John O'Brin (sic) Peaine.

## THE MUSIC IS COMING

In a season when reports about banks and loan companies are not encouraging, and even the Philadelphia Orchestra is struggling, there is still good news on Beaver Island!

When "Baroque on Beaver" returns for performances on July 31, August 1 and 2, the number of off-Island musicians will be somewhat fewer, but

"Bach will be back" – and so will Beaver Island's favorite, Martha Guth! In addition to works by J. S. Bach, the orchestra, directed by Jason Economides, will feature works by Dvorak, Purcell, and others.

The Festival Chorus, directed by Kevin Simons, will sing some of the most well-known choral pieces ever

written, including "The Heavens are Telling" by Haydn and "Sheep May Safely Grace" by Bach.

The entire choir will join Martha Guth in the Sunday performance. Interested singers are encouraged to contact Jayne Bailey at jaynekb@yahoo.com for information.

## ST. JAMES, SERBIA

Ever wonder what it's like over in Serbia? What business is done there? What sights are there to see? What issues have thrust the Serb citizens into turmoil? Do they get cell-phone reception? If you have, just ask Beaver Island students Caitlin Boyle, a senior, freshman Matt Cull, or sophomores Doug Campbell or Jake Drost, who recently represented the Balkan nation at a "Mid-American Model U. N." conference held in Kalamazoo.

Before going, they had to bone up on all things Serbian, and then write position papers and resolutions on such matters as poverty, war, and disease.

Once they reached the 5-day conference, they discussed, debated, and voted on several possible solutions to these and other problems, with 800 students from other 27 schools representing other countries. Taking on issues including AIDS, the situation in the Middle East, the crisis in the Congo,

the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, Darfur, and dealing with land mines, to name a few, the MAMUN competitors prepared arguments that corresponded to the point of view held by their assigned country.

When our team returned, it began to prepare a report for their schoolmates about what had been learned—about the issues, and about the difficulty of reaching an agreement among countries with often-competing interests.



# TO BE YOUNG ON THE GREAT DAY

**I**t was a wonderful St. Paddy's Day on Beaver Island this year, with the weather good, the local bands playing up a storm, and

almost 100 new faces in attendance at one or another event.

During the afternoon, the Games got underway only an hour late—so

everyone said they were "right on Island time." Fewer people fell on their butt trying to ski-walk quickly, so the general feeling was that either





the four-man teams had practiced during the past twelve months, or there just wasn't as much to drink this year—unlikely; we were all there to

cheer the special beer flights, so we know. The tug-of-war went back and forth, and an end was looped over a parked truck's trailer hitch only three

times—but it was still hilarious (you had to be there). Few were able to get a grip (on the catfish).

But at night, that's when the craic





came out, a veritable “Gaelic borealis” that illuminated the crowds of old and new friends who gathered at every venue to dance up a storm and

make a few changes in the words of the limericks that had been submitted earlier to make them more *apropos*.

Channel 9 & 10’s TV crew, here to

record our *bon mots*, turned their lenses on some locals who jumped on stage to sing “I’d rather be Irish than rich.”





## FROM THE BEAVER ISLAND CLUB

On behalf of the Beaver Island Club of Grand Raids, I would like to thank everyone for making this year's party a great success! The weekend started off very well, with Rigormortis performing in the Spinnaker Lounge on Friday night. Thanks to Rich, Richie, and Randy for a great evening!

The big party was held on Saturday night, with over 200 people. Spirits were flowing and great music playing; you couldn't have asked for a better evening. A big congratulations to John Haggard who won of our Basket of Joy!

We especially want to thank all those businesses and people who donated items we used for our Chinese Auction and door prizes. We had a lot of wonderful things this year! A big thanks also goes to those special people who contributed their time by helping man our work stations.

And lets not forget Rich Scripps and his crew ... their performance was outstanding, noticeable by the continuance of a full dance floor!

Last but certainly not least, we want to thank all the folks who came out and

gave so generously! With the economic crisis, we were thrilled to see so many people enjoying a wonderful evening with friends and family! There were some new faces this year, and some faces we haven't seen in awhile; but there were some faces we truly missed. We hope you will all be back next year.

Without the help and support of everyone, this party would not be possible, so again many, many thanks to everyone!

— Diane O'Donnell Westmaas,  
President, Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids



# THE MAYOR OF CHARLEVOIX PAYS A CALL

Because of the unabated furor over the February proposal to add a \$1/passenger enplanement fee to departures from the Charlevoix Airport, Norman “Boogie” Carlson, the Charlevoix mayor, met with 38 Island citizens at the Community Center in mid-March, bringing along Matt Bailey, the airport manager, and Rob Straebel, the city manager, for a Town Hall meeting.



Bill McDonough revisited the context before introducing him, mentioning the Island talk about relocating our mainland landing field and inquiring about obtaining our own mainland parking lot, but adding that resolving our issues with Charlevoix would be the best possible outcome.

Boogie began by saying he would recommend to the Charlevoix City Council that it not enact an enplanement fee. He acknowledged the value of Beaver Island for Charlevoix businesses, and talked about our long, successful relationship. He said the airport has lost money year after year and required an infusion from the city’s general fund, but this had always been done because of the



recognition of the airport’s value to the town. He said the airport’s annual \$30,000 payment for the terminal would be extinguished soon, and that would relieve the situation. Plus the suggestions made by Island Airways and Fresh Air were being studied.

Boogie touched on the long-term plans for airport expansion (an extended runway, more maintenance, added security, and possibly an expanded terminal and restaurant). This would only be possible through FAA grants, which require

a 2½% match—and the continuing Beaver Island traffic to qualify. He was friendly, informative, and even gracious.

But he did not anticipate how deep our emotions ran from the attempt to “tax us without representation”—until some members of the audience spoke their mind—some making comments unreportable here. Boogie tried to calm the storm by saying that when he took his family to Florida, he did not like its 9% sales tax, but he decided to just pay it and not protest since he did not live there. But this analogy was rebutted by the statement that Boogie didn’t *have* to go to Florida, but the residents of Beaver Island had no current choice but to fly to Charlevoix during part of the year.

The FAA grants, of which Charlevoix qualifies for up to a million dollars a year, seem like free money to some, but offer little advantage to Beaver Island, we said, while adding hidden costs to the airport operation.

Safety will be increased by lengthening the runway, they claimed.

The maximum extension possible is under 500' because of the cement plant, but this would be enough to allow certain jets to take on full loads of fuel (permitted fuel loads are proportional to runway length). At present some pilots land in Pelston and drive to Charlevoix as being preferable to stopping midway home for more fuel—enough of them that a 500' extension might produce up to \$20,000 in additional fuel sales. This would increase revenue for the airport which could be used for maintenance and operations, which in the future could reduce the cost to Islanders, Boogie said.

Mention of the cement plant brought up another point from the audience. At some future date the cement mining will end and that property converted to a ponded subdivision of expensive homes; this has been planned for over 25 years. But for this \$100,000,000+ project to succeed, the airport will have to be moved—no one wants a McMansion where there are jet cracks overhead on a regular basis.

Another concern was over the planned terminal enlargement, elevations and some plans for which had been drawn. Boogie said those plans were just concept drawings created by one of the architects who responded to a request for bids to design an expanded terminal.

At present the posted 5-year plan for airport improvements includes no money for construction in its \$6,000,000 projection (which has \$950k for parking-lot expansion, which Boogie also said is now off the table, \$900k and \$850k for two “avigation” easements, \$800k for runway extension, and lesser amounts for security fence, paving, land acquisition, fuel-farm expansion,



and snow-removal equipment, plus \$200,000 for terminal design). But members of the audience pointed out that these seemingly free improvements (which would create Charlevoix jobs) would increase maintenance costs which cannot be paid through such grants and thus would create additional pressures for increased revenue which could fall on Islanders and our visitors.

On the plus side, the airport manager claimed a switch to LED lighting might save ~\$25,000 a year in electricity.

After an hour and a half, during which the Charlevoix contingent was frequently on the hot seat, a pledge was made to improve communication and



create a steering committee to study the current situation. The group was thanked for having come, and allowed to head back to their plane in one piece.

As of 3-28, the enplanement fee had been removed from consideration, for the time being, but parking rates in the Charlevoix Airport parking lot have increased markedly. The day rate has gone from \$2 to \$3, overnight from \$3 to \$5, weekly from \$15 to \$20, monthly from \$45 to \$60, half-year from \$75 to \$110, and yearly from \$150 to \$200.

## 24. A BRIDGE TO SOMEWHERE—HERE!

Thanks to the continuing feud on Capital Hill, disgraced former senator Ted Stevens' infamous Bridge to Nowhere, denied roots in Alaska because of the scandal but with much Republican energy behind it to prevent the Democrats from claiming yet another victory, now has a good chance, thanks to vague formulations in the stimulus bill, of being built here!

Proponents cite the number of jobs it will create, which are needed in Michigan more than in any other state.



One backer suggested the Zilwaukee abomination could be used as a template for the first span, which is supposed to start at the end of a new highway built out onto Waugoshance Island from Waugoshance Point a little north of Cross Village. It will cross the shipping channel at sufficient height and come down on the east side of Hog Island, where it will anchor in the limestone bedrock. A second leg of new road will run along the gravel ridge to Grape Island, from where a second

span will carry drivers to Garden. A little more road and a final bridge span with connect Beaver to the mainland.

When interviewed, Beaver Island's movers and shakers were unanimous in their praise for the far-thinking foresight of Congress. But they had three burning questions: when will a leg be built to the Upper Peninsula; would there be anything wrong with us setting up a toll gate at Timms Island; and, might there be someone who does not realize that this is April Fool's?

## TIME MACHINES

People drive by Morris Boyle's family home on Sloptown and are usually distracted from the old farm machinery by the turkeys and deer. So here's a slower and closer look.

On the back cover (if you had to ask): warm reflections flowing in Cable's Creek despite cold spring snow.

## THANKS

Our thanks to each and every one of you for your thoughts, cards, prayers, and generosity to our family these past several weeks. It is very much appreciated.

— Love, and God bless you,  
Bob and Muggs Bass



## WIND FARMS

**W**ind Farms will be the topic of a presentation on Monday, June 22, 7-9 p.m. at the Peaine Hall. Dean Solomon, Charlevoix County Extension Director, will present an overview of wind energy development potential in NW Lower Michigan and Beaver Island.

Siting issues related to wind

towers, new state renewable energy legislation, and planning and zoning issues for wind energy will be discussed. This lecture is being sponsored by the Planning Commissions of Peaine and St. James Townships, along with the Beaver Island Association.

It's open to the public and free. Join us as Dean shares his expertise.

## HOW BIG?

Several hunters and observers of nature let it be known that the largest coyote they ever saw here, or just heard about, weighed no more than forty or forty-five pounds. Maybe forty-six.

At the same time, there have been new reports of a hulking beast sneaking across Lake G's ice—the legendary Island wolf.

## IN MEMORY: CHARLES K. (CHUCKIE) DUDLEY 1942-2009

Chuckie was the son of Vickie Connaghan Dudley McDermott and Elmer Dudley. He lived most all of his youth with his Grandparents, Hugh and Catherine Connaghan, on Beaver Island.

Chuck is survived by his son Devin (Jodi) and three grandchildren, Chelsea, Nathan & Will. He is also survived by his sister Rosalie (Bennett) Harrison (Nick) of Overland Park KS; brother Bill Bennett (Jennie) of Stover MO; and several nieces and nephews

and great nieces and nephews.

Chuck was a very talented person. In Jewell Gillespie's garage he learned welding and car repair. He also learned carpentry from Wilfred O'Brian, both at an early age. At the age of 10 or 12 he built a barn by himself for a pony he never got.

Like many Islanders, there was nothing in the "trades" that Chuck wasn't capable of doing and doing well. I guess you might say he was a jack of all trades and a master of all!

Chuck's personal hobby was hunting for arrowheads, and he was very good at it.

Music was his love, as everyone who knew him was aware. Chuck really enjoyed late-night jams with his friends. He made friends in all walks of life, and will be missed.

Farewell Dear Brother!

The family would like to thank all those who called and/or sent heartfelt condolences. It is greatly appreciated.



BEAVER ISLAND MUSIC FESTIVAL  
JULY 16, 17, & 18, 2009  
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**FESTIVAL UPDATES:**

This year's festival continues to grow and get better than the year before. We have an amazing line-up this year. There will be 14 performing groups over the weekend and of course Master of Ceremonies Ernie Douglas with in-between entertainment newcomers Janet Day - comedian and Dave Boutette - musician. Here is the official line-up you have all been waiting for:

- The Ragbirds
  - Rootstand
  - Whitey Morgan
  - Lake Effect
  - Black Jake and the Carnies
  - The Mossy Mountain Band
  - Ultraviolet Hippopotamus
  - Squeaky Clean Cretins
  - Strings n' Things (also be doing a show just for Kids Time)
  - Pinky Lee
  - For Heaven's Sake
  - Sowa Bro's
  - Paul Lamb
  - Shifting Souls
- \*\*\*Stay Posted for the Schedule!

**WEB PAGE UPDATES:**

You can find all of the current news and visit the past festivals at [www.bimf.net](http://www.bimf.net). Please continue to send your pictures from previous years. You can also apply to be a volunteer for 2009. We will now have all the information you need to join us and be an advertiser/sponsor of BIMF.

**MUSIC ON THE FERRY RIDES???**

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TOTAL			



## 26. LADY ISLANDERS COMPLETE SWEEP

by Frank Solle

First, it was winning the regular season title. Which the Beaver Island *Lady Islanders* did, sweeping all their Northern Lights League games following a season-opening loss at Hannahville to finish atop the standings with a 7-1 record.

The final step was claiming the annual NLL post-season tournament, this year held at Hannahville March 6-7. This time it was a necessary clean sweep in this single-elimination tournament as the *Islanders* easily dismissed the Grand Marais *Lady Bears*, the one league opponent they hadn't faced during the regular season due to travel difficul-

ties, 65-26, in Saturday's opening game of the two-game tourney. Then they claimed the championship trophy with a hard-fought 45-34 win over Mackinac Island.

Grand Marais had defeated Paradise on Friday, 44-34, in first-round action. The other first-round game saw Mackinac Island down Ojibwe 66-5, advancing the *Lady Lakers* to the second semi-final game, where they flew past the host *Soaring Eagles* 33-19, setting up an emotionally charged final between the two Island rivals.

The *Lady Islanders*, despite being

bogged down with a nearly team-wide illness, was up to the challenge, and opened an early 9-5 first-quarter lead over the *Lakers*, whose late three-pointer accounted for their only field goal of the period.

But the *Lakers* warmed up over the second quarter, just as the *Islanders* cooled down. Mackinac outscored the *Islanders* 13-4, including the final nine points of the period, to grab an 18-13 lead at the break.

However, while the *Islanders* were down, they weren't yet out. As coach Mike Myers said of them afterwards,



NLL Tourney Champs

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As we go to press on April 1<sup>st</sup>, the icebreaker *Mobile Bay* returned to open

"I've got a tough group of kids here." After the teams traded baskets through the first three minutes of the third quarter, the Islanders took charge on an 8-0 run, keyed by the inside play of Alex Kuligoski and Devon Cook. When the dust had settled from a frantic quarter, the Lady Islanders were back on top, 29-26. The question then was, could they keep up that pace for eight more minutes?

The Islanders answer was a resounding 10-2 run to open the final quarter, pushing the lead to 39-28 with just 3:26 to play. Cook and Kuligoski each scored again during the run, while Heather

McDonough added two of her eight fourth-quarter points through the championship-deciding stretch, with Briana Maudrie also adding a basket.

McDonough scored the Islanders' final six points of the season, giving her a team-high of 14 for the game. Kuligoski finished with 11, Cook with 10, Maudrie with six, and Maeve Green with four. "I'm really proud of the way the girls kicked it in," Myers said. "I had a bunch of sick puppies, but they were able to pull it together."

The tournament win, the team's first, capped the Lady Islanders season with a

14-3 overall record. They claimed the league title with a 7-1 mark.

All eleven players had court time against Grand Marais, with all but Kuligoski, who spend most of the pre-game warm-up time curled up on the floor, finding the hoop. The Islanders scoring numbers were: Briana Maudrie 12, Cook 11, Kristy Bousquet 8, Green 6, Claire Kenwabikise 6, Jenna Butler 6, McDonough 4, Olivia Schwartzfisher 4, Jenna Battle 4, and Brogan Maudrie 4.

Okay, they've done it once. Now let's talk about next year. Can they do it again? Here's the inside skinny: yes!



Alex layup



Heather's too much



Deven does it



B busts a move



Claire drives



Happy coach



Maeve moves in



Deven drives



Alex scores again



the harbor for the Emerald Isle to begin her season.







Donegal Bay Sunset

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## 28. BOYS PLAY SHORT-HANDED BUT NOT SHORT-HEARTED

by Frank Solle

While battling the same illness bug that hampered the *Lady Islanders*, the Beaver Island boys basketball team was dealt the double-whammy of having to travel to the Northern Lights League post-season tournament at Hannahville with three of their 10 players unable to attend due to schedule conflicts.

"When you've only got seven players suited up, including two middle-schoolers, and five of them are sick, that's pretty tough," said *Islanders* coach Dan Martell.

But when the *Islanders* took the



Talking it over

court against Grand Marais on Friday of the two-day tournament, you wouldn't have known they were both short-handed and short-winded. "I don't think I've had a team play harder than these kids did," Martell said following the *Islanders* ill-fated 49-38 loss to the *Polar Bears*.

Although the *Islanders* fell behind early, 9-4, back-to-back baskets by Cameron Lavasseur and Patrick Cull pulled the *Islanders* within one, 9-8, by the end of the opening quarter.

Using that late momentum, the

*Islanders* kept the pressure on Grand Marais, forcing a number of early turnovers while converting at their own end of the court to outscore the *Polar Bears* 9-4 over the first half of the second period and build a 17-13 advantage. People were wondering: could Beaver Island pull off a miracle?

Following a Grand Marais basket that closed the gap to two, the *Islanders* scored the next seven points to extend their lead to 24-15. A last-second Grand Marais triple closed the first half with the *Islanders* holding a 24-18 lead.



Michael under heat



Cameron races



Billy fires one



Patrick for 2

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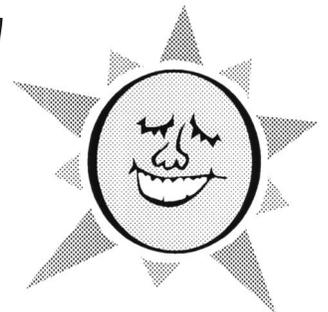
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Dereck goes up



Patrick blocked

Unfortunately, the *Polar Bears* found their long-range shooting eye in the third quarter, nailing a trio of three-pointers, and ran off a game-turning 14-0 run to open the third quarter. The *Islanders* responded with a pair of late baskets and a free throw, but the damage had been done as Grand Marais captured a 35-29 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The *Islanders* fought bravely through the first part of the final frame, but as fatigue caught up to them so did fouls, and one-by-one the three upper-

classmen fouled out. LaVasseur, who scored 10 points, was the first to go, picking up his fifth foul in the first minute of the period. Dereck McDonough scored six points in the quarter before hitting the bench. Senior Patrick Cull was the last to go at the 1:22 mark. His fourth-quarter triple also gave him 14 for the game.

“When our three older boys fouled out at the end, it was because they were gassed,” Martell said. “They just didn’t have any legs underneath them anymore. They really went for it today”



Cameron soars



Dereck thru the glass

The *Islanders* finished the game with their version of the “missing man formation”: four players on the court – freshmen Billy Lemmink and Michael McCafferty along with eighth-grader McCauley Connaghan and seventh-grader Ron Marsh.

“Even when we had four players on the court they were still trying to foul and shoot threes to win,” Martell said of his youngest players. “You have to be proud of them.”

The *Islanders* finished their season 3-5 in NLL games and 5-12 overall.



NLL tourney fans

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#### Sunday, April 5 & 19

*Scrabble Scramble* 2pm - Show your Scrabble-stuff at a bi-weekly Scrabble play-off competition of strategic vocabulary! *Scrabble Standoff!* coming in May too!

#### Now available EVERY Week! Sunday *Pickleball!* 2pm

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#### Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29

*Recorder Roundabout* 5pm  
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#### Thursday, April 23 *Mulebone In concert*



April 23, 8:00pm. *Mulebone* is John Ragusa and Hugh Pool, among New York City's finest, most versatile, traditional bluesmen. John can play anything he can put his lips on. Hugh plays guitars, harmonica, boot board and sings. Slide guitar boogies, 1 chord trance riffs and country blues. Tickets: \$12 advance; \$15 DOS

#### Sunday, April 19, 11am-1pm

*Sunday Dinner* – Not just for Seniors. Enjoy a delicious roast turkey/cherry cobbler dinner put on by the CoA. Come one and all and enjoy a delicious Sunday dinner together! Tickets: Suggested Donation \$3 for seniors, \$6 for others

## 30. A 1976 SALVAGE ADVENTURE

I had heard of a salvage operation of the centerboard and centerboard well of the *Chandler Wells*. It was off the abandoned barge that had been left on Whiskey Island shoal in a storm. Jim Sawtell, a retired navy diver, was the salver and was attempting to salvage the entire centerboard well.

When I arrived there were some young Island fellows securing 50 gallon drums full of water to the well with eye screws and wires going over the drums, the drums to be pumped full of air later to assist lifting the well. I worked with them for several hours, securing several drums. When they were all attached to

the well, a small barge with a winch was brought over, attached, and the winch lifted the massive box to just below the barge. Now it was ready to be towed to Beaver Island where it would be brought ashore and shipped to Charlevoix. Being a paranoid person, I secured a Prestone bottle with 200 feet of nylon string to the center board. Of course this was questioned, "why did you do that?" My answer: "just in case."

Bob Timms (Timms' Island) was overseeing the project and using his boat for towing the box back to Beaver. For awhile everything was going well. We were slowly towing the booty back when the barge bounced upward and

three barrels bounced out of the water. Just astern was a little yellow jug whirling in the water.

Now it was time for plan "B." So Jewel Gillespie and his tug the *American Girl* were hired to complete the salvage operation. He had a wire rope winch on the stern of the *Girl* capable of lifting the whole item.

Who would dive to secure the cable through the box? Bob Timms said he had never been below 60 feet, and I convinced him it would only be 40 feet deeper (no sweat). Anyway, he went along with it, and we went to the box following the little yellow string from the Prestone bottle. When we arrived at

## THE KIDS ARE COMING

Camp Quality: the Beaver Island Teen Camp will be held on June 12 - 15. Make certain you are on time because on Friday, June 12, we will board the *Emerald Isle* at the Charlevoix dock at 2:00 p.m. The boat runs ON SCHEDULE. Don't be late or ... you'll be left high and dry at the dock. Although snacks are available on the boat, you

should eat your lunch before check-in.

Make sure you bring a jacket so you can comfortably relax as we travel 32 miles out into Lake Michigan to our final destination ... Beaver Island. If anyone hasn't yet been here (hard to believe), get out your Michigan maps. Find the Mackinaw Bridge. Then, go to the left and down into Lake Michigan

until you spy the Beaver Archipelago.

Requested activities this year include goofy golf and a road rally with the Beaver Island kids, a coyote hunt, a cruise on a starfighter, more bicycling, the Toy Museum, lots of good food, and night-sky watching with Kayak Ken—and maybe some special music with Cindy and the boyz—plus a llama ride.



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the bottom, being the rude person that I am, I was taking pictures of the box and the barrels that now looked like bright blue prunes crushed by the 44.5 psi pressure of that depth.

I noticed Bob working feverishly trying to thread the heavy cable through the box, so decided I had better help him, and did. This accomplished, we returned to the surface.

The *Girl* started to wind the box to just below the water behind the boat so it could be brought back to the Island. Then began the slow process toward the Island. Slow, because it remained crossways vertically behind the propeller wash of the *American Girl*,

which was not going at six mph as planned, but only around one mile per hour.

I tied my steel boat *Burr Is Bell* to his starboard side and was enjoying the slow ride, until dinner time. Everyone was famished, so I went to the rescue with the *Burr Is Bell*, bringing back a bag full of hamburgers from the Shamrock. When I flipped a bowline on a cleat of the *Girl*, the suction from the laboring wheel slammed me along side. No worry about stepping across to the *Girl* because I was glued there by the tremendous suction.

As we hit shoal water the box would slide and we would pick up

speed, since the propeller could be more efficient with the box achieving a horizontal at angle. This concerned me, and led to the question of the cable power supply to the Island—which had to be asked of Jewell: What happens if the lights go out on Beaver Island? Jewel (as usual) quipped, “Why, we all go to Chicago.” We finally made it to the Island, and the box went ashore, then went to Charlevoix. Later I found out of the material from it was returned to the Island and ended up as woodwork in Deerwood.

*note:* This story lacks a lot of detail that only Bob Timms (Sawtells), the salvor, can offer. —Dick Burris

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## 32. ON THIS DATE

**Ten Years Ago** The *Beacon* reprinted Rich Gillespie's explanation of a "Power Outage." One day he dropped Gary Voogt at the airport and ran into three Wolverine Power men he knew, whom he offered to drive into town. On the ride he learned they were here to red tag and moth ball the two Island generators, and that he and his brother John, who had looked after the power plant for decades, had been fired. He watched while the fuel was removed from the tanks and hauled away—even as the township officials were making desperate phone calls but getting nowhere. Within twenty-two hours the Island's back-up system was off-line.

As it happened, the next day the 1¼" cable stopped functioning. The power company executives decided Rich and John must have sabotaged it to embarrass them, but later discovered the failure had not been man-made. In the meantime Great Lakes Energy CEO Ed Doss was trying to get permission to fire up the generators again, which he finally did. Shortly thereafter a meeting with community leaders convinced the

powers that be to start the process that led to our current stand-by generator set-up at Four Corners. But until they were installed, the Island was on a "brief usage only, please" schedule.

In the St. Pat's Day festivities Tony Rouch and Becky LaFreniere got the greatest distance on their pike toss. Julie Gillespie and BIBCo's Jerry Pease won the King & Queen contest.

Middle-schooler Keith Grassmick won the Oakland County Prosecutor's anti-drug poster contest over 700 other entries.

A plan to hire a year-around Youth Recreation Director at \$10/hour was gaining momentum.

Brian Sommer, 13, was chosen to attend Space Camp in Alabama.

Dave Gladish released a new collection of his poetry, *Trusting the Ear to Hear*, from the Whiskey Point Press in Anacortes, WA.

The *Beacon* printed two poems commemorating Ross Henderson, who had been one of the EMTs as well as an Island poet and musician.

Passings noted included Larry Cull

and Stanley Floyd, both born on Beaver Island. Larry, considered the best Island story teller, started fishing with his father, and served in Korea before marrying and settling in Chicago. Stanley, another raconteur, was in the merchant marines, ran a car rental business here, and served as Peaine supervisor. He was commemorated in a Kathy Maudrie poem, which ended

*You've been dealt your last hand,  
As the last great spoofer.*

*Our poker-playing friend:  
Ol Stanley, the "Goofer."*

**Twenty Years Ago** The Resale Shop moved into the Livery Building.

Twelve inches (minimum) of harbor ice was broken by the *Acacia* on March 29, taking 1½ hours from the mouth to the dock. On April 8<sup>th</sup> the *Beaver Islander* made its first trip, hauling over a full semi-trailer load of Spartan food.

Tom Cole planned to take over as summer editor of the *Beacon* while Shannon Heynig ran Stoney Acre. Tom was also the new librarian, and MC'd a Claudia Schmidt/Joe Cunningham



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concert to benefit the library.

A special meeting was held with local, county, and DNR officials to discuss closing our dump. County planner Larry Sullivan's first grant request for funds for a new transfer station was rejected. Until funds were available, the policy was to stop burning at the dump and begin a recycling program.

Ray and Claire Cull had 65 guests for a St. Pat's party—in Port Charlotte, Florida.

St. James decided to enforce the dog laws—no more loose-running canines.

Swans (and a blue heron) returned to the harbor on April 10.

Dave Gladish observed,

*The way to funnel money to the thugs  
Is to make guns illegal, just like drugs.*

The school's Science Fair was held on April 20. The next week potter Frank Ettawageshik presented a special program. Some students went to Interlochen to see a play. For Spirit Week the students dressed in different costumes for each day.

A trip over the ice was reported, in which Ernie Martin and Paul LaFreniere went to Naubinway on a single snowmobile. They came upon a block-filled chasm opened by a ship, with Ernie roping Paul and telling him to try walking on water. He did his duty, and when he made it Ernie scooted across on his machine.

The Chamber of Commerce was preparing a map of hiking trails.

Bill Schneider reported that 225 households had joined the (BI) POA.

Mike and Pat McGinnity's home was completely lost, with all its contents, from an afternoon fire that started in the cabinet enclosing their gas water heater. For the time being they moved into the Holy Cross Rectory.

**Thirty Years Ago** The new Ladies' Chorus performed, under the direction of Nancy Rafferty for the first time—after the St. Pat's dinner. They were followed by the high school band and another group organized by Joe Moore.

The *Sundew* broke the ice in the harbor a day after an immense snow storm piled mounds against the doors of

some North Shore homes, requiring their owners to either jump from second-floor windows or call a friend to dig them out.

Dan McCafferty, Amy Green, and Todd McDonough won a checkers tournament held at the school. The eighth-graders were interviewing old-timers for a book. A bond initiative was expected to be voted on in June to raise \$160,000 for a 1600 ft<sup>2</sup> addition for industrial arts. A second proposal would raise \$215,000 for a 3,024 ft<sup>2</sup> multipurpose room. Voters would also consider millage for a sanitary landfill, the Fire Department, and the creation of a roads fund.

The Health Center, which had been operated as part of a private practice by the resident physician, was about to become a Community Medical Center, with the State's Department of Public Health taking on the duty of paying the doctor's salary.

John Ludwick sold the Beaver Lodge to Dick and Arlene Bailey.

The March of Dimes raised \$554.

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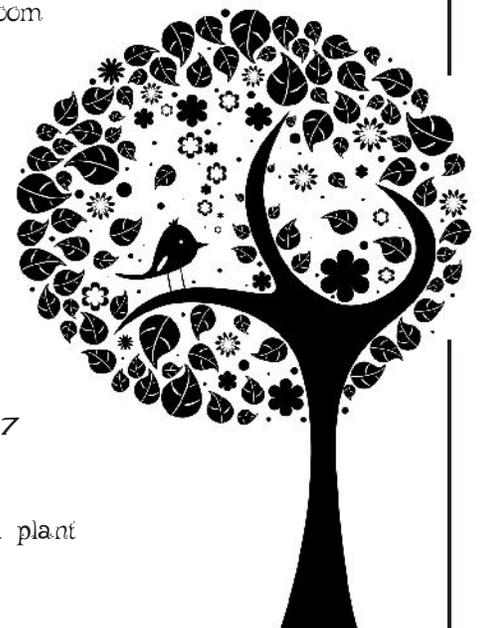
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Passings noted included Francis Val McDonough, who had been born here but lived in Texas, and Tony Wojan, who moved here in 1935 at the age of 15 to run a sawmill, first at Greene's Lake and then on the harbor.

**Forty Years Ago** The Island was grieving over the loss of many of its turkeys over the winter; only 26 could be found. Coyotes were being blamed. An otter was found near Nomad.

Karl Kuebler and Rogers Carlisle took nine beavers during the trapping season.

The *Sundew* broke out the 18"-thick harbor in order to deliver much-needed fuel oil.

When the boat crew flew to

Charlevoix to get the *Beaver Islander* ready for the season, they discovered one of the rudders was missing.

Ralph Merrill, Gene Burke, and Marcus Martin arrived with contracts from the DNR to maintain their cabins on Garden and High Islands. Don Cole's new 36' steel fish boat also arrived.

After the Christian Church's Easter Egg hunt, a count reached 142—two short. All the adults pitched in to find the last two eggs, but could not.

The flu was on such a rampage that the school was closed for five days.

Passings noted included William Wiitenberg, who had summered here, Warren Townsend, who once owned High Island, where he raised cattle in the Israelites' fields, Dick Lyons' wife

## OUR HEALTH CENTER

The financial report for the BIRHC, through February 28<sup>th</sup>, showed income running ahead of expenses. Medical Service income was better than expected for the off-season, and the raffle car, a Cobalt, has been purchased. But the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, like other foundations, has been severely hurt by the economic turmoil, and stated that it would not be able to distribute any earnings from the BIRHC's Endowment Fund.

On the bright side, the price of propane is falling, and the cost of insurance, which rose dramatically this year, should come down significantly because of the partnering that will be done with Northern Michigan Hospital. A task force has agreed on the first stage of interaction, creating a non-binding arrangement for us to take advantage of NMH's buying power for medical supplies.

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Ruth, and Emma Boyle Susanka, who had been born here in 1883.

**Fifty Years Ago** The Island's first summer home (1896), built by Dr. Ruth but now owned by Walt Wojan, burned to the ground. Walt began building a motel on the site shortly thereafter.

Islanders were surprised by a visit by two UP men from Gould City, who arrived on a snowmobile. The children were let out of school to see the strange mechanical contraption.

Sailors were being recalled to their posts, including Earl Boyle, Don Burke, Bob Malloy, and Pat LaFreniere.

The Corps of Engineers was sending a three-man crew here to investigate the sinking the previous fall of the *Carl D. Bradley*, and

to determine if it was a hazard to navigation.

Pressure-treated timbers were on their way from California to be used in the new Yacht Dock.

Beaver trappers reported seeing many healthy deer, but warned that the coyotes were becoming dangerously numerous. One trapper, Walt Wojan, got himself turned around in the woods (after being out in it almost constantly for the past 14 years), and had a devil of a time figuring out where he was.

Vern Fitzpatrick was appointed as the new Conservation Officer.

Margaret Cronyn and John Kerry arrived to research a second book—they had released *The Saga of Beaver Island* a few years back.

after-hours and on Saturday to those who work during its normal hours.

The board decided to obtain fresh eyes by searching for a new auditor.

A brochure advertising early raffle ticket purchases is being prepared; a hundred advance tickets will be sold, for which there will be a preliminary raffle on May 25—with all the tickets going back into the drum for the major Labor Day drawing for the car.

The Charlevoix Hospital was reassured that our affiliation with NMH

will in no way hurt our relationship with them. Their CEO was invited to attend our next board meeting.

Committees corresponding to the issues identified by the strategic plan were created: personnel and board development; medical services and quality assurance; finance; board development and recruiting; legislative; and maintenance. Board members volunteered for them, and the hope was expressed that people with special interests and talents might be added.

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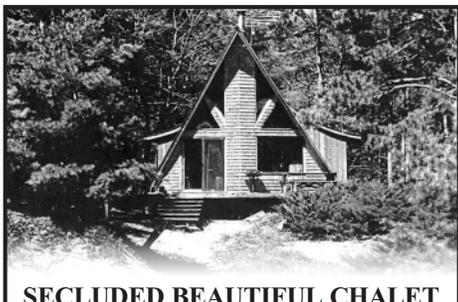
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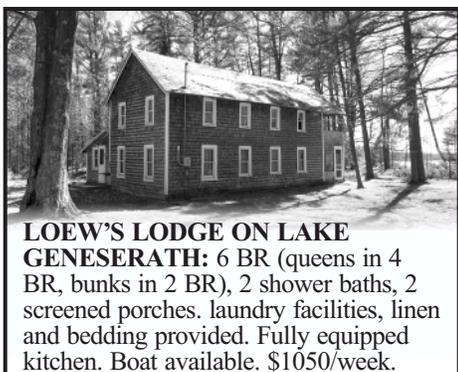


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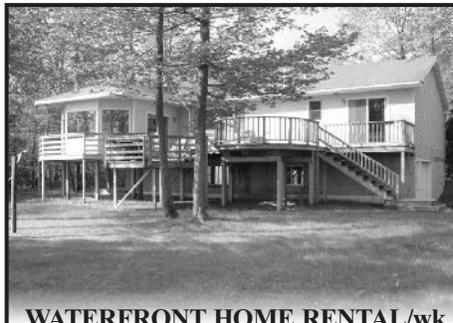
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3 bedrooms and loft – total 5 beds, hot tub, gorgeous views, solitude, wood stove, May-Sept. \$1050. Off-season \$795. \$50 gas card with week's rental. Call Perry at (313) 530-9776 or e-mail [pgatliff@hotmail.com](mailto:pgatliff@hotmail.com)

**FOR SALE** at \$339,900

**SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL** - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry, East Side Dr.—only four miles from town. This home is only two years old. Awesome sunrises—walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. Please call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email [lauriesbos@chartermi.net](mailto:lauriesbos@chartermi.net)

Photographs of Bay Haven can be viewed at [bayhaven.beaverisland.net](http://bayhaven.beaverisland.net)  
**HAGGARD'S SUMMER RENTAL HOMES** - Beautiful home over looks Paradise Bay across from the Maritime Museum. It's a comfortable custom home that sleeps 8-10 with three baths. The sunset view of the harbor and the village of St James is a winner. Public

sand beach is close by. Well mannered pets are welcome. Only \$1,200 per week. Also, a two-BR one bath mobile home a block from the store and a short walk to public lake access. Well mannered pets are welcome. The price is right at \$400 per week. Both properties: [samhunt59@yahoo.com](mailto:samhunt59@yahoo.com); day (231) 547-4046, evening (231) 547-6600.

**LOCH WOOD SHORES** - Located four miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, W/D, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, dish TV, and a gorgeous view. Call (231) 448-2733 or (231) 448-2499 [tammymcd107@yahoo.com](mailto:tammymcd107@yahoo.com).

**ONLINE TOO** - browse available cottages at [www.beaver-island.com](http://www.beaver-island.com)

**FOR SALE, 11 ACRES ON EAST SIDE DRIVE** - good land, 357' on road, 1373' deep; \$28,900. Phone (231) 448-2545.

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

**2 LOTS ON SAND BAY** - 3.3 Acres each. 1700' deep. Sandy Beach. Frontage 117' each. (810) 629-7680 or (231) 448-2257.

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

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

**THE WALSH 40** - south of the Beaver Island Golf Course - Walk to the Fairway. Make offer. (248) 649-4909 or (248) 515-8746.

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



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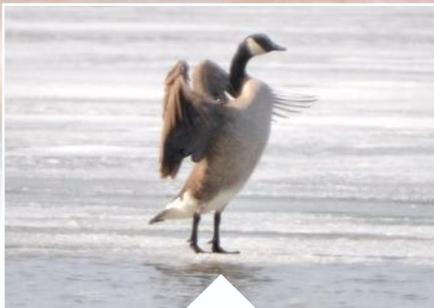
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**Units 7, 8, 9, 11 of Innisfree Dunes Condominium**

Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces located on the north side of Donegal Bay Road just four-tenth's of a mile from town and the Emerald Isle Hotel. These lots have access to their interior (north side) off Innisfree Lane but Lots 9 and 11 also have access to Donegal Bay Road. The new bike path runs along the south line of these lots. All four lots are zoned and restricted to single-family residential use. They are very close to town and just about 3/4 of a mile from the public access at Font Lake. Lot 11 is immediately adjacent to Ed and Connie Wojan's home at 26765 Donegal Bay Road. Lot 7 is on the west side of Innisfree Lane and Lot 8 is just toward town on the east side of Innisfree Lane. These large homesites are really hard to find close to town; the nearest anyone will find something like these are 10-acre parcels much farther down the Island. One-half acre lots in the Wojan Plat a little closer to town than Innisfree Dunes Condominium have been selling for \$42,000 to \$45,000 for a number of years. These 2-1/2 to 3 acre lots are therefore really a bargain at **\$45,000 each**



**FOR SALE: 28190 ISLAND WOODS RD:** 3 Bedrooms; 2 Baths; Built in 2005; Immaculate with loads of character; For details and interior photos, go to [Forsalebyowner.com](http://Forsalebyowner.com) (Listing ID #: 21207130) or contact Drew & Sarah at (231) 675-3746



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