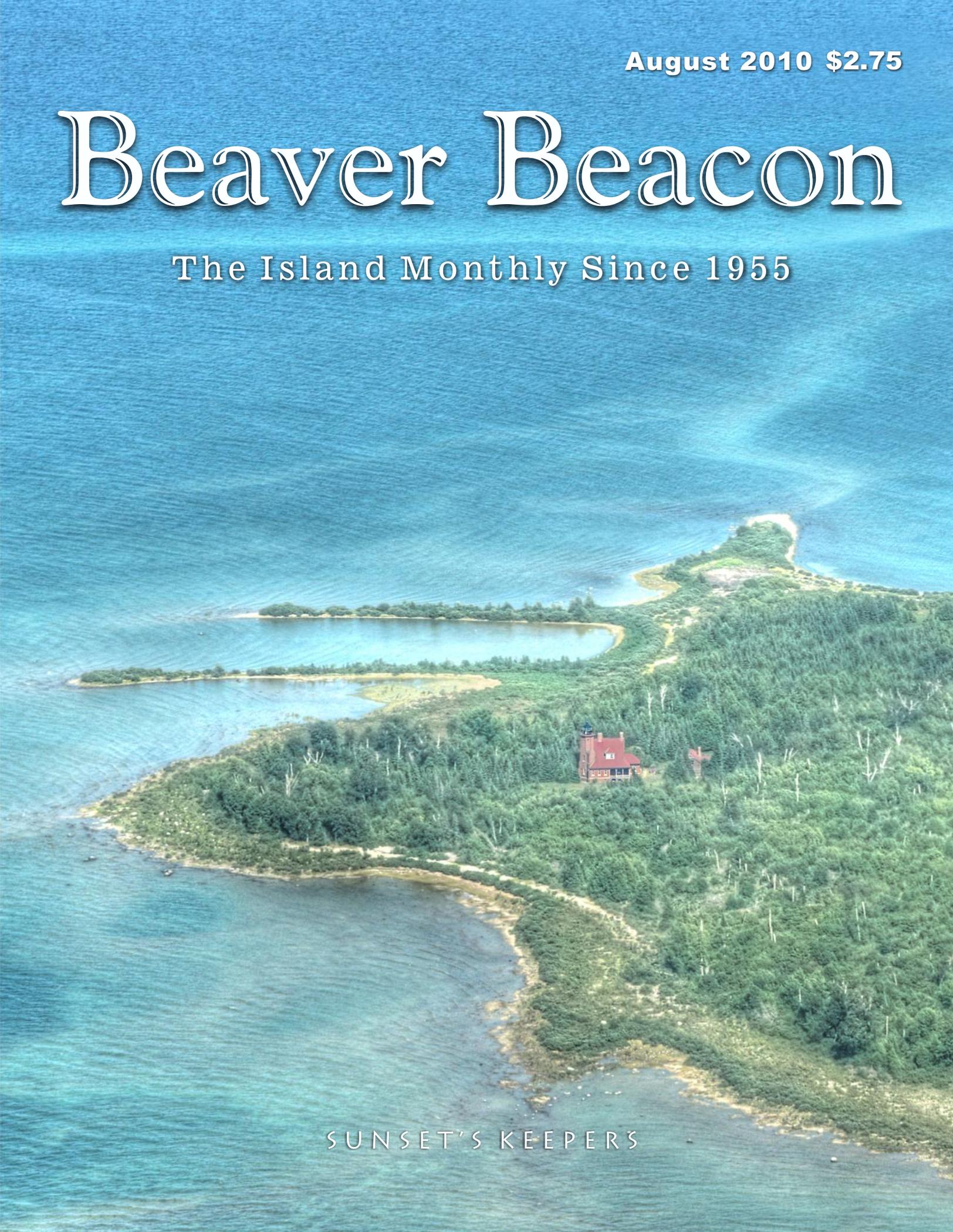


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## 4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

### St. James Township

St. James Township received only one bid for fuel oil, from Bud Martin: \$3.19 a gallon—good for a year. It was accepted; all tanks will be filled and then topped off in December.

The matter of St. James Township's power to exercise control of NREtC was discussed. The supervisor had contacted the Township Attorney, and learned that the formative agreement between the NREtC and the Board did not give the Township Board any control over who sits on the NREtC. If necessary, the agreement could be amended, it was said, or St. James Township could withdraw its support. But the general feeling was that the rift between the NREtC and the Conservation Club has died down, and most comments about the recent NREtC Symposium were very positive. Consequently the supervisor felt no action was warranted at this time.

Two Board members announced their interest in bidding on current projects and filed the required "Affidavit and Announcement of Interest" sufficiently in advance of the bid openings: Jim Wojan in the Port St. James road upgrade and Jean Wierenga in the grounds maintenance job.

Two grounds maintenance bids were opened and studied by the Board. The bid from Jean's Lawn Service was

found to be lower in all categories, and she was given the job.

A special meeting was to be called to open the road bids.

There was considerable discussion of the merits of trading Whiskey Island, now owned by St. James, for the DNR property (the Sheriff's station and waterfront), with Bud Martin urging the Board to consider the small island's great uniqueness and value before giving it up. It was said that no one had ever lived there, although later research showed it to have supported several fishing families in the late nineteenth century. The Board, though, felt it was more important to secure the Deputy's dwelling than to keep Whiskey Island, and voted unanimously to move forward on the land swap with the DNR.

### Peaine Township

At the beginning of the July 14<sup>th</sup> meeting supervisor Jack Gallagher responded to a question asked at the previous regular meeting of how much tax money went to the Community Center indirectly through such agencies as the CoA. He said it was difficult to say because such agencies had multiple sources of revenue, which were commingled before being dispersed. He cited a similar case of our school renting the Community Center auditorium for a function and paying for it with money

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derived from multiple sources.

Bob Hoogendoorn took advantage of the early public comment period to warn the Board that the condition of the East Side Road was at its worst ever, and the chance of an accident at its highest. The supervisor agreed and promised to step up efforts to fix it. Hoogendoorn said what was needed was a road grader stationed on the Island, not just “a truck with a snow scraper bolted to its belly.”

The Waste Management Committee was moving toward reducing its operating costs for insurance, transport, and burial.

Only one bid was received for supplying fuel oil, from Bud Martin, and it was accepted.

A report on the assessor’s progress could not be made because the deputy supervisor was under the weather. It was noted that the valuation of the Island as a whole would drop by 3.4%.

A detailed financial statement was circulated, showing the actual revenues and expenses for the previous three months compared to budget projections. Revenue was 10% less than expected, but expenses were more than 18% less.

Pete LoDico reported on the selection of a new Township Attorney. He said 8 firms had responded to the RFPs, and three were interviewed (June 21,

29, and 30), with Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge of Traverse City being selected. Charles Judson will be our primary contact within that firm. They have experience with township government and intergovernmental agreements. At \$200/hour they were the most expensive, but also seemed the most competent. All Board members will have direct access so long as the entire Board knows. They will give us eight free hours to catch up.

Discussion of the airport began with some good news: although the final price has not been set on the land acquisition at the west end, the owners have agreed in principle to transfer the desired property. More good news followed: the operating Airport Committee had met productively and made much progress on the 10-year plan required by August 4. In October and November all these plans from Michigan’s airports will be evaluated, and in December the Michigan Aeronautics Commission will decide which will go forward.

Some audience members were hoping the 10-year plan would be presented, but that was not to be—because of a communication breakdown. Mike Scripps said he had intended to present it, but had learned that the supervisor had asked the consultant’s engineer to make the presentation later. He was upset by *continued on page 6.*



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6. *News from the Townships, from page 5.* this because it seemed like an indication of low confidence in the Committee's ability to present its own plan, and might entail an unanticipated expense, perhaps of three to four thousand dollars (this was challenged, with \$500 being suggested as more likely).

Another point of contention was whether or not the ten-year plan was an exact blueprint. Specifically, the start of construction of the new terminal was questioned: the plan calls for it to begin in the summer of 2011, but Scripps felt this was overly optimistic because the selection of an architect had not yet

begun; with plan reviews, modifications, posting of bids, and choosing of a contractor, he guessed 2013 as a more likely date. After some energetic discussion it was agreed to let the two supervisors and the Airport Committee's chairman set a date for a public meeting at which the plan will be presented and explained.

A letter from the Chamber director was read in which he asked that the Natural Resources Commission accept a member appointed by the Chamber. It was said that NREtC member Mike Weede was on the Chamber Board—but he had not been designated by the Chamber as its representative. The



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matter was referred to the NREtC for it to resolve.

The recent Planning Commission's decision on the "junk yard" on Barney's Lake Road was discussed. The junk yard was given two years to wrap up its operation, with annual ground-water checks required and the creation of a green belt. The Planning Commission felt a place was needed at which junk could be collected, processed, and packaged for shipping, but it was said that such a facility could not be set up at the Transfer Station because of the "strict rules" governing its operation. A property owner across the road complained

that the junk yard was a real eyesore, which was countered by the statement that the places from which the junk cars had been extracted were now no longer eyesores. The PC hoped to find an alternative site, because collecting and removing junk is a continuing need.

Bob Hoogendoorn thought the section of the East Side Drive from Four Corners to CMU should be paved, that this would keep cars from breaking down so quickly. At present the King's Highway is scheduled for repaving in 2013; that would be the time for this, when the paving equipment is here—if an agreement can be reached by then.



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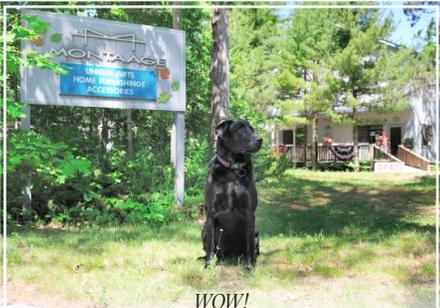
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 actors barely recognizable as their  
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grown significantly in their self-  
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trying their hands at a little acting but as seasoned performers, sure of their ability to sing and dance and elicit applause from the packed house.

The individual performances were good—and some surprisingly so—but their work as a unified group was even better; the timing was right on. When the

show ended, the full house could not quite believe it was over.

The audience felt the representation of Beaver Island delivered by these skits was zany and yet spot on. Their strong positive response led the crew to set a second show for August 13 and a third for September 3.



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He was an inspiration to all ball players. More recently friend Vince Olach passed away. He and his wife Jan have been the "unofficial" scorekeepers you could count on, in the outfield beyond the fence.

Everyone is invited to join in the

Jim Willis Commemorative tournament on Friday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00, ending Saturday—weather permitting.

The garden around the Bud McDonough Ball Park sign is maintained in memory of both men.

—Skip McDonough

## GILLESPIE WINS BIG!

Despite an energetic campaign waged by incumbent Shirley Roloff, Rich Gillespie won the primary on August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Charlevoix County Commission seat by a 124 vote margin, 570 to 446, thanks in great part to a 160 vote advantage on Beaver Island. In Peaine he won 132 to 26, and in

St. James 183 to 29; 55% of his total votes came from his home turf.

In St. James, Rick Speck was made Supervisor 146 to 7, and Ray Cole Trustee, 157 to 1. Also passing were the Roads millage, 150 to 48, the Landfill, 148 to 49, the Airport, 122 to 60, the Fire Department, 158 to 34, and Opera-

tions, 125 to 63.

The voters continued their support for the Library (262 to 82) and Health Center (263 to 88). The Health Center appealed to 74.1% of the voters in Peaine and 74.4% in St. James, while the library measure met with favor by 75.5% in Peaine 76.5% in St. James.

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—Dawn George

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Someday she will have a rest  
Though her lonely travels be great  
Someday she will find her mate  
The mate she seeks will come alongside  
And then they will take to the sky ...

—Dawn George

## NRETC EXPANDS

At its July meeting the NRETC discussed amending its charter to allow it to add new members from the Chamber of Commerce and the Beaver Island Conservation Club. This takes 12 members and only ten were present, so it voted to pursue this amendment in a timely manner.

It also responded to positive comments about its recent Symposium by beginning to lay plans for a follow-up gathering in the fall.

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# A WALK ON THE NEAR HORIZON

11.

As we walk our beautiful shores and gaze at the magical summer sunsets, we often find ourselves looking out over the outer islands. Sometimes a freighter sneaks behind them, or comes into view in the space between. Occasionally a small boat is seen coming or going for an outing. We even mark the passage of the season by

noting the sun's movement over the islands which mark our horizon.

Many of us have explored the intriguing remnants of historic settlements on High and Garden Islands, traced their trails and circled their beaches. We've always found the idea of the runway splitting the private Trout Island in half fascinating, and the lighthouse on the private Squaw Island magnificent. But Whiskey has

remained unknown, the previously-private Island beyond the red buoy, with its long tail like a stingray swimming next to us in the vast lake.

Following in the footsteps of Christopher Columbus, Hernando DeSoto, and Ferdinand Magellan, a group of Beaver Islanders decided to ride the mighty *Neptune* (Ben Fogg's new boat) to the shores of Whiskey Island to plant the flag of St. James Township and

survey its new territory, even if it is traded to the DNR soon. The fact that it came up and is now public was a surprise, and many around town wondered just what was there.

We wondered if there would be any

trace of the people who once lived there when the archipelago was a center of fishing activity, of the extended family of James McCann, who moved to Whiskey from Mackinac Island before taking over the Dormer store at Whiskey

Point and then building his own by the ferry dock, or of the basket-weaving Indians, some of whom later lived on Garden.

A few days earlier, on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July, we got the opportunity to jet over



in Deputy Edgar's cherry speedboat with he and his wife. As we blazed past Garden it was surprising just how close Whiskey was and how deep the water was on our side of its unique tail. As we came close to the shore, the sound of the rumbling engines spooked dozens and dozens of cormorants from their roosts where they sat watching for anything in these waters to intake. But there were also gulls and a group of swans meandering along the lee shore. When we turned to return to Beaver, it was striking just how close Squaw looked over Whiskey's long tail, only a stone's skip. Being here out among the outer Islands, one gets a wonderful new perspective of the archipelago and Beaver itself, maybe not quite like seeing the Earth on the trip to the moon but still something not to be missed.

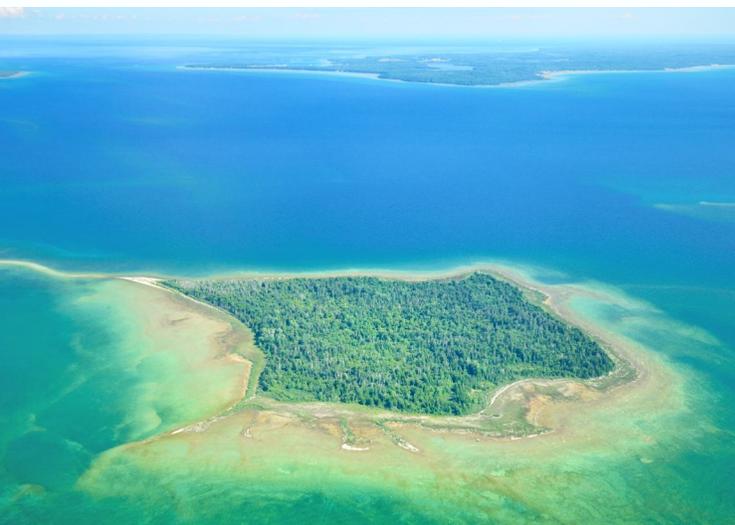
On the 22<sup>nd</sup> a larger

group of Islanders came aboard the *Neptune*, prepared to set foot on and explore Whiskey's shores. Jeff Powers was already anchored off, and greeted us as we ferried a short distance aboard the *Shark* (most Islanders have seen this toothy red skiff around the harbor over the years).

The point itself is composed of small stones, as if the limestone shelf has juttred out of the lake right here – a bit of prehistory seldom walked by human feet as it was crushed, swayed, and contoured by the mighty force of the lake over the years. Walking south, the shores once underwater are now lush with vegetation, with water

teasing in and out among many small inlets and stones providing a generally clean footing. The feeling is similar to the Gull Harbor Nature Preserve, though without the nice trail. Several patches of wildflowers seem familiar but different than those we are used to on Beaver, now on our horizon to the left. Where the island turns at its south, a tiny bay is framed by High on the horizon.

At this summer's meetings, Bud Martin urged the St. James Town Board to think carefully about the future of





Whiskey Island. When they unanimously voted to pursue a trade with the DNR for the house where the Deputy currently lives and the harbor frontage

across the street, he decided to circulate a petition calling for the Township to hold onto the island and not pursue a trade. He got over a hundred signatures

in July. On the return trip, several ideas were discussed back and forth by the group who had walked Whiskey. Some thought the Township's course of action





was fine – let the State, which already has control of Garden, High, Hog, and most of the public shoreline on Beaver, manage this island as well. The public can visit, anchoring out, and it will most likely remain undeveloped natural land;

knowing islands are unique, the DNR will, hopefully, value it and never release or trade it. Some thought privatization and development of the island would actually be a good thing, because even though only the county would

benefit from the initial sale of home sites, St. James would benefit from the increased annual property taxes. Some thought the Township should keep Whiskey so it could put in a dock, or trails, or picnic tables, or a shelter. Beaver



Island’s economy might get a boost from there being an enhanced and easily reached yet adventurous destination for boaters to the northwest (for example, there was once a dock at High as well as Garden for easy tie-ups, and many boats paid a call). Expanding on this, some

thought we should leverage our current hand while we have Whiskey and see if there is an opportunity to trade most of Whiskey for small Township footholds on each of the outer islands to assure us some control of access, no matter how things change in the future.

As we passed our own red buoy and reentered Paradise Bay, everyone felt a bit more alive having walked on this outer island on our near horizon, and having pondered what this island holds. It is wonderful to have such opportunities.



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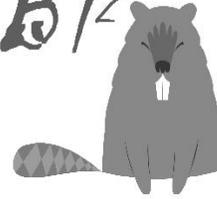


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Far Left: Chuck as seen by the passenger in a mirror mounted on the upper wing to see the pilot in the rear seat

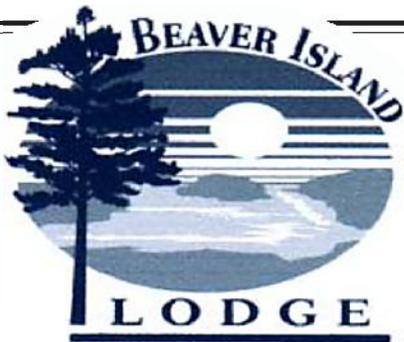
## EVERY DAY IS IMPORTANT *by Larry Hansz*

The sight of a Stearman biplane circling the harbor and criss-crossing Beaver Island has been an everyday event the last few weeks. Chuck Marshall has

been offering rides at the Township Airport in an immaculate 1942 ex-Army flight trainer. Many have flown with Chuck and experienced another view of Beaver going low and slow, waving to

fishermen and folks on their decks, and getting a birds' eye view of their home or cottage.

The Stearman biplane was originally produced by Stearman Aircraft



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17. Chuck Marshall & Fred Brobeck – his flight a surprise father's day gift from daughter and son-in-law Mark and Amy Anderson, Greenlee Bay

Company which was soon bought by Boeing. The Navy adopted the model 70 for training in 1934 and the Army followed in 1936 with the model 75. Chuck's plane was built in March 1942

at the Boeing plant in Wichita; it was a PT-17 version with a Continental radial engine. It displays the "Buzz Number" 301 on the fuselage. "Buzz Numbers" allowed farmers and others to identify a

plane which buzzed their home or barn when they called the training base to complain that their cattle had stampeded. Thousands of pilots were trained in the two seat Stearman and eventually



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over 10,000 were built. In 1946 the biplane was retired from military training in the United States and replaced by the T-6. The agriculture industry adopted the Stearman for crop dusting and spraying; that is probably why there are still about 1,000 flying today.

Chuck is doing what he loves when he flies. He got to this point in his life by

surviving and then appreciating what he and his wife Christy went through in 1999. He was a successful CPA in Elkhart, Indiana when he complained of a sore shoulder. The day after he saw his doctor and had x-rays he found himself in the hospital awaiting surgery for a mass growing in his chest. He had thynoma; a tumor the size of a soda can

was removed, followed by radiation and chemo.

Following treatment he had two wishes: sell his business, and buy a new plane. Buying a brand-new plane did not happen but the business was sold. Chuck said, "I did not want to work on other people's problems anymore. I'm lucky to be alive, and I want to enjoy

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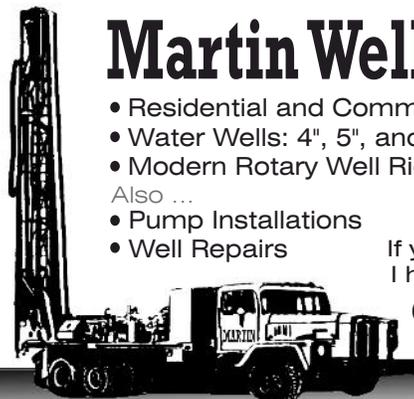
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every day.” Another very wonderful and in itself a life-changing event culminated the year 1999. Chuck and Christy adopted daughter Anna, who is now ten years old.

His life transition continued with the purchase of the Stearman in 2003. That lead to much more recreational flying and becoming active in competi-

tion formation flying. Chuck is a member of the Scorpions, which are the current four plane Stearman formation champions; they have won the championship two of the last three years, and will defend their title in Galesburg, Illinois on Labor Day weekend. So don't look for him here then.

Beaver Island is an important part

of the Marshalls' life. They still live in Elkhart but have had their Island home, *Isle Awhile* on McCauley Bay, for twenty-two years. Chuck will be leaving the Island this season in another week, but look for him next summer when he returns with the Stearman and will again offer a memorable Beaver Island experience.

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## 20. PAR FOR THE COURSE

by *Fairway Frank*

Ah, summer on the golf course. Heat and humidity. Birdies galore. Well, we see them fly by on occasion, although our Wednesday night league group did happen by a woodcock nest the other night while searching for an unnamed golfer's errant shot. The first hint something was up besides finding Buck's

ball (oops) was the hen putting on quite a show out in the fairway, hopping and flopping, urging us to come chase her. A few seconds later and there was a young fledgling, deep in the tall grass, fresh from the egg, and we knew it was time to abandon the ball search.

A few years ago there was a large nest of turkey eggs in the rough between fairways eight and nine – why I'm so aware of what's in the rough is



anybody's guess. Looking for another off-line shot, I thought I'd stumbled upon some sort of golf ball treasure before realizing these white orbs were a bit too large and misshapen to be Top-Flites. And early this year there were a number of fawn-in-the-tall-grass sightings, another signal to let a lost ball lie and move on.

So you see, there's a lot more to this game than just putting the ball into the hole.

### *July 4<sup>th</sup> tourney's surprising results*

Summer at the golf course – you never know what you'll find. You might even find owner/manager/ grass-cutter/ purveyor of all that is golf John Works Jr. holding a Fourth of July Tournament trophy, and not in anticipation of handing it to the winners. Yes, John and his hand-

picked team of Carl Evans, Mike Bailey, Dave Schurburg, and Larry Roy claimed this year's tournament following yet another playoff to settle the final results. John's charges, along with the team of Todd McDonough, Jesse Gill, and the Molines: Doug, Dougie, and Dennis, posted a top score of 32. The tourney playoff uses an alternate shot format with each team player hitting in order until the ball is holed. Taking advantage of a monster drive by Mike 'Long Ball'

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4<sup>th</sup> of July champs - Carl Evans, Dave Shuberg, John Works, Mike Bailey, Larry Roy



Bailey, and then a dead-on approach by Larry 'Put It On The Pin' Roy, John's team claimed the top prize without him even having to take a playoff swing. Hmm. Meanwhile, the playoff pressure mounted on Todd's crew and they were still searching for the green after five shots. But, hey, that's golf. If it were always so easy we wouldn't keep coming back.

***Ladies in waiting no more***

One team we might just see coming

back because this baffling game is so easy is that of Shirley Sowa, Aulene Duffy, Jo Ellen McGary, and Audrey Beilman who shot a well-played round of 39 to claim this year's Ladies Tournament. "We were a well-balanced team," they all said in unison, a fine demonstration of their winning teamwork. What has fast become a traditional add-on to the annual 'Ladies Day' is 'Bunker' Bob Simpson's 'Ladies Can Putt' Contest. This year's contest was



Bob's wicked tribute to the Open Championship being held at golf's home of St. Andrews, Scotland. He had the ladies putting from as far away from the pin on the second green as they could get, St. Andrews' Old Course being famous for its monstrous green<sup>s</sup>, so there was no way to pin a collusion charge between Bob and his lovely spouse Sandy, who claimed the three-putt challenge, although they were seen driving off into *continued on page 22.*

Ladies tourney champs - Shirley Sowa, Jo Ellen McGary, Aulene Duffy, Audrey Beilman

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22. *Par for the Course*, from page 21. the sunset in Bob's bright red Mule with the cash prize in hand.

***This must be a Mix-up***

July's Mixed Events showed a disturbing trend as Annette Dashiell and Joe Moore swept the month's two events, claiming the first meeting with a solid 42, one stroke better than Nel Worsfold and that hack partner of hers, then besting a solid field of 14 teams in the second Event with an outstanding

round of 41 (an actual 40, but with a one-stroke penalty added for their previous win; I'm not sure of the specific rule, but I believe winning two Events in a row requires an additional penalty of 3-5 strokes, minimally). Jo Ellen McGary carried first-time partner Bob Simpson to second, while Florence Neumann and Larry Roy required a two-hole playoff before prevailing over Taffy Raphael and Jeff Mestelle for third place. August's Events are scheduled for the

15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, and while participation is growing, there is still room for four more teams. Contact the golf course and sign up for the mixed fun today.

***More coming attractions***

August features more great golfing events, highlighted by the Second Annual BIRHC Open on the 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be prizes galore as well as a new set of clubs, complete with stand-bag, to be raffled off, as well as a post-event meal. The time to organize your four-person



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## ON THIS DATE

**Ten Years Ago** The *Beacon* reported on a contingent of Beaver Islanders traveling to Lansing to woo legislators and urge more support—particularly for our Rural Health Center.

Improvements to the EMS were cited: new equipment, and five new trainees—thanks in part to a grant from the Grand Traverse Band.

The Sports Boosters had raised \$4,500 but was still \$3,000 short of its goal. The MI Economic Development Corporation provided an \$800,000 grant to improve Main Street.

The newly-formed Beaver Island Housing Commission was asked to change its name.

The Health Center received a grant of \$96,546 for telemedicine (the REMAC system) from the MI Department of Community Health.

The police report showed five felony complaints had been investigated, with no arrests.

**Twenty Years Ago** The *Beacon* had two important stories on its first page: the DNR clean-up, and the new Conservancy property. The clean-up involved spilled gas at the former Dockside Market, first noticed in November of 1989. On August 1, 1990, a 40' well with two pumps was installed, designed to pull out any gas and pump it into a tank for recycling. The contaminated water was to be pumped through large carbon filters and returned to the Harbor. Regular sampling would be done. The anticipated duration was 1 to 3 years.

The Barney O'Donnell homestead on the north side of Barney's Lake was donated to the Little Traverse Conservancy by the over 50 heirs, forming the Barney's Lake Preserve. CMU's Biostation reported on the biological

team – men, women, or mixed – is now. All proceeds from this benefit outing go directly to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center so come out and support your health support system. Contact the course for more information.

The Annual Jerry Sowa Outing is set for the 20<sup>th</sup>. This late afternoon event has a 5:00 pm start and also is a four-person scramble, open to teams of any makeup. A meal will follow play, giving participants a chance to gather and tell

importance of this land. The Conservancy began working with like-minded Islanders to establish the Beaver Island Natural Areas Initiative.

Colleen Martin planned and hosted a 1969 BIHS class reunion, inviting graduates Marie Connaghan Szczepanski, Judy LaFreniere Hansul, Mary DeVogel Pischner, Ron Wojan, Ed Connaghan, and Bud Martin.

The Homecoming Dance featured music by Ed Palmer, Cindy Gillespie, Dudley Stevens, Danny Gillespie, Glen Hendrix, Karen Campbell, and Ed Sobie.

The *Hundred with a Heart* beat their 10k goal by raising \$16, 990, and bought a defibrillator for the EMS. It was to be stored in the ambulance and kept charged, to be ready for use by EMTs Ruth Gregg, Bill McDonough, Mike McGinnity, Bill Markey, Joe Moore, John and Joyce Runberg, Jerry and Shirley Sowa, and Lois Stipp.

Kevin and Linda McDonough hosted two young Irish lads for the summer.

The *Around the Island* cruise on the *South Shore*, part of Museum Week, was hampered by rain and dense fog. “I guess we went around *something*,” a participant said.

Josh Broder and Pat Hough returned from New York to teach art and theater.

There was a flap over which marina was being radioed by approaching yachts.

Miller’s Marsh was polluted by the discharge of 250 gallons of raw sewage. The DNR suggested discing it under the ground.

Amy Munger’s yurt was approved for a 200-gallon cement block drywell for greywater.

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stories of their talents, some possibly believable.

A new event is also gathering steam – the first Mens Pinehurst Event – scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>. In Pinehurst play each player from a two-player team drives a ball but then hits their partner’s ball for the second shot. From that point the teams choose which ball to play and alternate shots until the ball is in the cup. It’s an interesting format that combines the alternate shot format with the

scramble and should produce some 23. low scores. Contact the golf course to sign your winning team to the slate.

While there is never a shortage of events on-going at the course – Mens’ League play is Wednesday evening and Women’s’ League action takes place Thursday mornings – don’t forget you can always simply go out for a relaxing and enjoyable round of golf with friends or family without being involved in league or competitive play.



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24. **On This Date**, from page 23.

Sympathy was extended for the loss of Jack Boyle, 77, who grew up on Beaver Island and attended Sunnyside School before marrying Bea O'Donnell (1936) and moving to Chicago (1941). He started as a carpenter and then owned the Matela-Boyle Construction Company with his son-in-law's father. He had returned home in 1984.

**Thirty Years Ago** The *Beacon* published one issue, labeled August, for the summer of 1980. It feted the Homecoming Parade on its front page. It also reprinted a newspaper article from 1956 in which the initial publication of the *Beacon* was praised for having a subscription list of 300 names. There was a full-page ad for Annie Hayhoe's "Country Inn," an adult care facility which never really got going.

News from the Port St. James included a report of an expanded parking area at the Donegal Bay beach and a plan to provide a cedar hedge there to reduce erosion. The subdivision also purchased its own dust control.

The Sweet Adelines were invited to perform at Charlevoix's Venetian Festival, and did.

Three Medical Auxiliary luncheons were planned to raise money for an electric cauterizing machine and a sigmoidoscope.

The loss of Island matriarch Mabel Cull was noted. Born Mabel Connaghan in 1893, she married Mike Cull in 1913.

**Forty Years Ago** The Homecom-

## CLEAN YOUR BEACH

Beach Clean-up 2010 is sponsored by the Beaver Island Association. This year the Beach Clean-up will be on September 11, 2010. Same drill as last year—meet at the Community Center at 9 a.m. to get bags, data sheets, and a beach assignment. Then go forth and clean, clean, clean.

Meet back at the Beaver Island Community Center at Noon for a free hotdog lunch (featuring the Community Center's *Nathan's Hot Dogs*) and a weigh-in of all you've picked up. Volunteers are needed so we can clean as much of Beaver's beaches as possible.

Call Ken McDonald (231-448-2981) for more information or to get bags and data sheets early.

ing Parade was touted as the biggest and best ever. The Beaver Lodge float won first prize, beating out Beaver Gems and Kay's Beauty Shop. Over 450 people attended a turkey dinner at the Parish Hall (not *our* turkeys).

Good weather was credited for providing excellent fishing at Garden and Hog Islands. A 7-pound 3-ounce smallmouth was brought in by a group from Pontiac. Lake trout were being caught off Beaver's west side. One of the fishermen was Dick Lennox, architect of the new Medical Center.

A special deer-hunting season on Garden Island was to open on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Governor Milliken arrived and was met by Jewell Gillespie, Dr. Joe Christie, and Phil Gregg. A hundred people gathered to speak with him at the Beaver Lodge.

Enrollment for school was expected to be 63 students. Sister Rita was to be the principal, with Sister Agatha, Sister Margaret, and Sister Pamela as teachers.

Five benefactors combined their efforts to purchase a Resuscitator for the Med Center.

The Island passed an Ordinance requiring all cars left at the Township Airport to have a sticker proving they had paid the annual \$5 fee.

Thirty-three Strangites from Artesia NM visited the Island and conducted a Strangite service at the Museum.

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Responding to a long-felt need, physical Therapy will now be offered at the Health Center through the Charlevoix Area Hospital. Larry Hudson, physical therapist, will be coming to the Island on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting July 27<sup>th</sup> to treat patients at the Health Center. A medical prescription of need is necessary from a doctor/or health care provider.

Larry is originally from Rapid City, SD. He received his Masters Degree in physical therapy at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. He has been practicing physical therapy in northern Michigan for 10 years.

Call the Charlevoix Area Hospital to make an appointment (231-547-8360) to be seen at the Health Center.

Benton Harbor had the winning bid for paving 4.36 miles of the King's Highway after grading it and installing designated drainage facilities: \$94,466, with the federal government paying half and the CCRC paying the other half.

Harry Wanty was congratulated for the new green shutters at the King Strang Hotel.

**Fifty Years Ago** Holy Cross Church celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday after being established by Father Baraga. Several former pastors and neighboring priests were invited to attend. The Christian Brothers were to help sing the High Mass.

Over fifty sailboats anchored in the harbor after the Chicago-Mackinac Race.

Oilmen with Texas drawls were installing "well #1." Walter Wojan and his new Cat were on the payroll of the McClure Oil Company.

The Pink Poodle Gift Shop moved to the old LaFreniere store.

Bob Tuck, a student at U-M, was studying mammals on the Island under a federal grant. John Olaga of MSU was studying Island predators for the Game Division.

Fishing was good at Garden Island and Lake Geneserath, but "legal technicalities" eliminated the grouse season on Garden and High.

The King Strang Hotel featured turtle soup—from a 37-pounder caught by the chef.

Phil Gregg and Walker Hill "reactivated" the Gallagher Dock.

## GLEN'S CONCERT

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Glen McDonough Memorial Concert was held on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Patrick and Jenny McDonough's cabin on the King's Highway. Twenty-three musicians performed during the evening. Everyone had a wonderful time.

Glen McDonough Memorial Music Scholarship applications are available by writing to Mrs. Glen McDonough, 301 May Street, Charlevoix 49720.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual concert will be held on July 9, 2011.

## PLEASE RETURN

Please return Ernie's Irish flag, which was taken from Charlie's old truck after Mike Martin drove it in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade.



CAN'T SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

## 26. HIT OF THE SUMMER

This summer will be remembered as the time when everyone was reading Kenzick Fox's new novel, *West to Donegal Bay*, a mystery and coming-of-age story set on a Beaver Island in a parallel universe. Reading, thinking, and rereading.

The slight distortion of real names, people, and events Fox uses to create his setting give his readers an eerie sense, as if they've just popped up from a swim off Donegal Bay with enough water in their eyes to make the panorama of the beach shimmer in and out of focus. In

the novel the citations are almost right, creating a need to pinpoint exactly where the fictional world departs from what they know. The abundance of archetypal characters is another puzzle; it's as if the Island's entire history was rolled into these 220 pages.

People who investigate the possibility of moving to Beaver Island sometimes hear rumors of an "X factor," a mysterious force that can make the experience better than anticipated but more usually causes frustration by inflating an unanticipated obstacle into

larger-than-life proportion; the same strange force ultimately affects the ability of Fox's protagonist to get his bearings. Nothing is as it seems, he learns; instead there's a quantum-like effect in which everything shifts, seemingly to a random degree. It's as if this man has had a dream of Beaver Island from a great distance, but wakes to find himself trapped in the dream.

Resolving all the factors at play in the complicated plot requires much contemplation, but readers report that things come clear with a little turning



## BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 6 - **Téada** at the Community Center. 8:00 pm.

August 6 - 8 - **Homecoming**

August 7 - Christian church annual **Bake Sale** at G.F.C. 9:00 am

August 7 - **Grotto Benefit** at Jerry's

Garage, 7:00 pm, byob

August 12 - **Switchback** 8:00 pm at the Community Center.

August 13 - **Beaver Tales 2** - 8:00 pm. at the Community Center.

August 14 - **Rural Health Center**

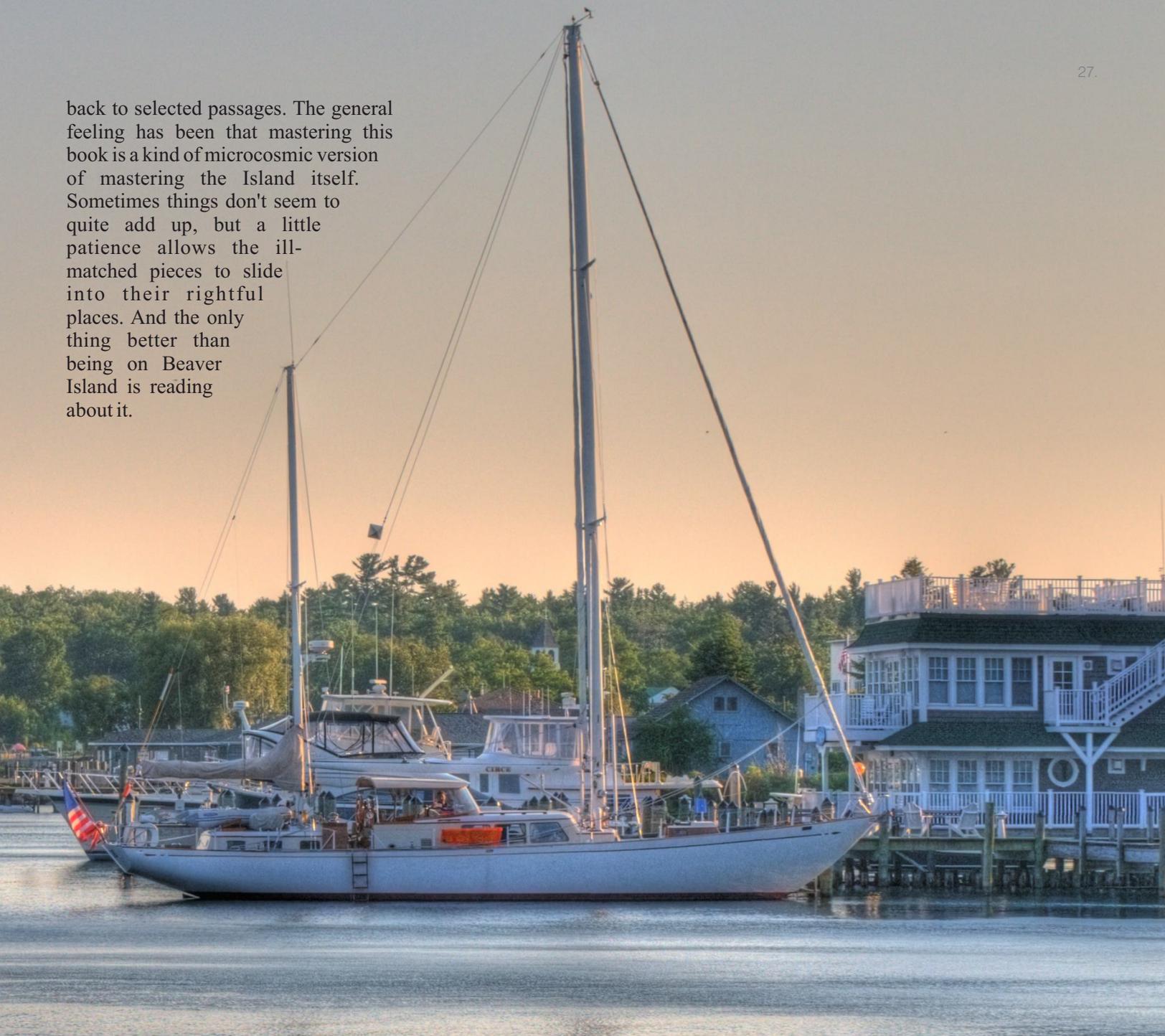
**Open**, B.I. Golf Course

August 19 - **Kitty Donohoe: A Wine Tasting Concert**, at the Beaver Island Community Center, 8:00 p.m.

August 19 - **BIHS Annual Meeting**, Peaine Twp. Hall, 7:30 pm



back to selected passages. The general feeling has been that mastering this book is a kind of microcosmic version of mastering the Island itself. Sometimes things don't seem to quite add up, but a little patience allows the ill-matched pieces to slide into their rightful places. And the only thing better than being on Beaver Island is reading about it.



August 20 - **Jerry Sowa Golf Outing**  
5:00 pm

August 26 - **The Rachael Davis Band,**  
Community Center, 8:00 pm

August 27 - **Mens Pinehurst Golf**  
**Event,** Beaver Island Golf Course

September 3 - **Beaver Tales 2,** 8:00 p.m.

September 4 - **Beaver Island Marathon**  
and Half Marathon

September 9 - **Holy Cross Women's Re-**  
**treant;** For all Island women.

September 11 - **Beach Cleanup** 9:00 am

September 16 - **Health Fair** 2-7 pm

September 17 - 19 - **Beaver Island Celt**  
**Fest – Slide** 9/17, **Grand Traverse**  
**Pipes and Drums** 9/18.

October 2 - **Bite of Beaver Island** and  
**the Island Boodle** 5k Run/Walk





from Joyce Bartels

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

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 3, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "W. E. Stevens of St. James was in the city the first of the week. Deputy Sheriff Floyd of St. James was in the city the last few days. Mr. Floyd is suffering from a badly cut hand."

"*The Courage of Captain Plum, a story of the Beaver Islands*, begins in this issue. Don't fail to read the opening chapters."

"James Connor of Rock Island, Illinois, who has been several weeks at the Beaver Islands, returned home this week." (*F. Protar: August 3 - 5, stormy, down to 42 degrees at night.*)

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 4, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "It is understood that the Franciscans are abandoning Beaver Island and a secular priest appointed over the parish. Rev. Father Zugelder, of Beal City, formerly of St. James, is spending his vacation on the Island and if the people of the Island could have their way about it he would come back to the stone house on the hill. We have so far failed to pump any information out of anybody. We are told that there is to be a change at Charlevoix and up-lake points."

"It is semi-officially understood that the new priest for Beaver Island will be Rev. Father Malone, now of Maple Valley, Mich."

**From Beaver Island:** "Mr. F. Stuke & Sons Elmer and H. W. Mr. F. Miller and H. B. Rosenburgh are camping at Lake Genagareth (sic) for a couple of weeks." (*Note: F. W. Stuke, Chicago; H. R. Rosenberg. Chicago appear in the Hotel Beaver register July 31, 1910*)

"Miss Annie O'Mally (sic) of Chicago, is visiting her sister Mrs. James Donlevy for the summer. Mrs. M. S. Nackerman and her sister, Miss Grace Mackey of Newberry, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nackerman."

"Miss Bid Boyle and Miss Mary Duffey are visiting friends in Escanaba this week."

"Rev. Alex Zugelder of Beal City, is spending a few days on the Island."

"Miss Elizabeth Fullerton of Toronto, Canada, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gallagher for the summer."

"Mr. John A. McSweeney and Miss Mamie Roddy of Milwaukee, are visit-

ing friends here for a few days." (*Note: J. A. McSweeney, Milwaukee, Wisc. appears in the Hotel Beaver register*)

"Ed. B. Gallagher was in Charlevoix last week. Mrs. Joseph Burk (sic) visited Charlevoix last week."

"Capt. John McCann has begun fishing again."

"Mr. J. A. Carnes of the Chicago Fire Department is spending a few weeks here with his family."

"Mr. Frank Aimsbury visited Charlevoix last week."

"Mrs. James Donlevy and Mrs. Mary Gibson went to Harbor Springs Saturday (sic) returning Sunday."

"A. Burton Nicholas of East Jordan, candidate for Prosecutor spent a few days on the Island last week." (*Note: A.B. Nicholas Jr. appears in the Hotel Beaver register*)

"Rev. Fr. Burkhart of East Jordan and Rev. Fr. Donnius of Petosky were the guests of Rev. Fr. Norbert last week."

"Prof. John Timpe of St. Francis College, Quincy, Ill., is spending a few days on the Island."

"Miss Laura Sendenburg is at Luddington this week attending the Maccabees convention."

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 10, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "James Dunlevy (sic) of St. James was at Baker's Inn Tuesday."

"A. Malloy of St. James was a Charlevoix visitor the first of the week."

"Father James Malone of Maple Valley parish has been assigned by Bishop Henry Joseph Richter to take charge of the Beaver Island Parish."

"Dr. C. E. Ruth and wife of Porto Rico and Miss Lane of Keokuk, Iowa, are the guests of Dr. A. M. Wilkinson. They will go to the Beaver Island for a few weeks stay." (*Note: C. E. Ruth & Wife, Ponce, Porto Rico appear in the Hotel Beaver register August 10, 1910*)

"The steamer *Maywood* brought over a large crowd of excursionists from the Beaver Islands Sunday."

"W. E. Stevens of the Beaver Island Lumber company was in the city the latter part of the week."

"W. W. Boyle, the St. James candidate for register of deeds, came over from the Islands Sunday."

"Harry Vincent, Peter Nelson, and

Morris Jensen of St. James were in the city Saturday."

**From Beaver Island:** "Henry Lafrinere left on Sunday's boat for Ashland, Wis."

"Paul Kersch of Rock Island, Ill. is a guest of F. Protar."

"Mrs. Catherine McCauley is visiting friends in Escanaba this week."

"The government boats *Hyacinth* and *Sumac* were in the harbor this week."

"Barge *Leland* brought in a cargo of coal last week for James McCann."

"Miss Grace Rodgers of Escanaba is spending a few days on the Island."

"Miss Eva Gibson went to Grand Rapids last week on a visit with friends."

"Mrs. W. A. Scheid and Miss May Gallagher returned from Chicago last week."

"Edward Pratt and John Floyd are at Charlevoix this week for medical treatment."

"Phil C. Gallagher returned from Green Bay where he had gone to consult a specialist."

"Schooners *Minerva* and *Josia* are taking on cargoes of cedar at the south end of the Island."

"The steamer *Maywood* of Escanaba was at the Island Sunday with an excursion from the above city."

"Mrs. J. H. Gallagher and Miss Martha Gallagher have gone to Manistique for a visit with friends."

"Mrs. Anthony McCafferty and Mrs. Anne Moran of Escanaba are visiting friends on the Island this week."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner of this place has purchased Capt. Larsen's interest in the schooner *Rouse Simmons*."

"Rev. Father Frederick of St. Joseph's College Tentopolis, Illinois, was the guest of Rev. Father Norbet (sic) last week."

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, August 11, 1910 **Local News:** "James Donlevy, of St. James, was in the city yesterday on business."

"The Grand Rapids Herald says that Bishop Richter has appointed Father James Malone, of Maple Valley, to the Beaver Island parish and he will move about Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>."

"Rev. Father Malone, the recently appointed pastor of the Beaver Island parish, went to St. James *continued on page 30.*

30. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 29.

Tuesday morning to look over the ground preliminary to his removal there.”

“Chief Clerk Twist, of the State Tax Commission, was in the city yesterday, and is expected here again this week, on his way to Beaver Island.”

“A blustering thirty-mile gale, with disagreeably low temperature, prevailed last Thursday and Friday. The *Beaver* was compelled to lay at her dock both days. The big boats made their schedule time, but seasick passengers were numerous.”

**Beaver Island News:** “Rev. Fr. Frederick of Teutepolls, (sic) Ill., was the guest of Fr. Norbert last week.”

“Mrs. D. C. Gallagher and children, returned from St. Ignace Sunday.”

“H. Lafrinere (sic) has gone to Ashland, Wis., where he will make his future home.”

“Miss Eva Gibson is visiting friends in Grand Rapids. Mrs. W. A. Schied and Miss May Gallagher returned from Chicago, Saturday.”

“The barge *Leland* discharged a cargo of coal here for James McCann.”

“The steamer *Maywood* was at the Island Sunday with an excursion from Escanaba.”

“Mrs. James H. Gallagher and Miss Martha Gallagher are visiting friends at Manistique this week.”

“Mr. Ed Pratt is in Charlevoix this week for medical treatment.”

“Phil C. Gallagher, clerk of Peaine township, returned from Green Bay where he had gone to consult a specialist who we understand did not give him

very much encouragement.”

“Mrs. Anthony McCafferty and Miss Annie Moran of Escanaba are here on a visit with friends. Mr. Paul Kersch, of Rock Island, Ill, is spending his annual vacation on the Island.”

“Mrs. Catherine McCauley is visiting friends in Escanaba this week.”

“Miss Elizabeth Cull and Miss Susie Malloy, of Grand Rapids are visiting friends on the Island.”

“Miss Grace Rogers, of Escanaba, is visiting friends on the Island this week.”

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 17, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** “H. P. Boyle of St. James was in the city the first of the week.”

“H. F. Gates of Porto Rico was in the city Tuesday on his way to Beaver Island where he will spend a few days with Dr. Ruth.”

“The steamer *Beaver* will run an excursion to the Indian camp meeting at Northport Sunday August 21.”

“Mrs. C. J. Strang and daughter Helen of Lansing and Mrs. Parker of Petosky spent Wednesday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. John Barn.”

**From Beaver Island:** “H. P. Boyle is in Charlevoix on business. Mrs. Albert Biggie spent Sunday in Charlevoix.”

““Andy” Ross of Charlevoix visited here last week.”

“Fred Nackerman left last week for a visit in Georgian Bay.”

“Undersheriff Wenkle visited the Island Friday and Saturday.” (Note: *W. J. Weikel, Charlevoix appears in the Hotel Beaver register*)

“Mrs. C. C. Gallagher spent a few

days in Charlevoix last week. Miss Nora Barry was at Charlevoix last week attending the teachers examination.”

“Miss Jones of Charlevoix is renewing acquaintances here this week.”

“Bert Smedley of the Lumber Co. Is in Traverse City this week on business.”

“Mrs. J. P. Maloney of Chicago is visiting friends on the Island for a few days.”

“Dr. A. G. Ruth of Iowa have arrived and are occupying their cottage.” (sic)

“The Misses Mary and Anne Trainor and Miss Julia Seidel of Cleveland were Island visitors last week.” (Note: *Mary Trainor, Cleveland, O.; Anna M. Trainor, Cleveland, O. and Julia S. Seidel, Cleveland, O. appear in the Hotel Beaver register, August 10, 1910.*)

“Mrs. W. E. Tilley and Miss Emma Hodge of Elk Rapids are visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Charles E. Tilley.”

“Mrs. Bounson, wife of Captain Bounson of the steamer *Hyacinth* is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Fred Nackerman. Miss Mamie McCarthy and Miss Laura Kelly of Chicago are the guests of Mr. & Mrs. John McCann for a few weeks.”

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, August 18, 1910 **Local News:** “The steamer *Beaver* will run an excursion to Northport Indian camp meeting Sunday, leaving Wilbur’s dock at 9:00 a. m.; returning leave Northport at 4 p. m. Fare, round trip, \$1.00.”

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 24, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** “J. G. Gallagher of St. James is in the city today. Dr. A. M. Wilkinson went to the

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Beaver Islands for a few days stay.”

“Mrs. Dodge is visiting relatives at Beaver Island this week. W. W. Boyle of St. James was in the city Monday on his way to the eastern end of the county.”

“T. A. Heaton and wife of Boyne City were over to the Beaver Islands last week, in the interest of his candidacy (sic) for sheriff.” (Note: *T. A. Heaton and wife, Boyne City appear in the Hotel Beaver register August 19, 1910*)

“D. H. Fitch of East Jordan went to the Beaver Islands the first of the week in the interest of his candidacy (sic) for prosecuting attorney.” (Note: *Dwight H. Fitch, East Jordan appears in the Hotel Beaver register August 23, 1910*)

**From Beaver Island:** “Attorney D. H. Fitch was at the Island this week.”

“Mrs. Neil D. Gallagher of Milwaukee returned home this week”

“Mrs. Al Stirling left on Monday’s boat for Scottsville on business. Mrs. Dr. Graham is visiting friends at Grand Rapids this week. Phil C. Gallagher left Monday for Manistee to take the salt baths. James C. Gallagher has gone on a business trip to Chicago and Milwaukee.”

“Steamer *Maywood* took an excursion from here to Escanaba Sunday.”

“Miss Otilea Lenthivies (sic) of Beal City is spending a few days on the Island.” (Note: *Fr. Zugelder’s niece, name very much misspelled*)

“Deputy Sheriff Heaton of Boyne City spent a couple of days on the Island last week.”

“Miss Marie Briggs of Elk Rapids who was visiting at the home of Mr. And Mrs. Fred Nackerman for the sum-

mer returned home Monday.”

“Mrs. W. A. Scheid, Miss Beatrice Gallagher, Mrs. Peter O’Donnell, Dan C. Gallagher and Maurice Call (sic) are attending the A. O. H. convention at Port Huron this week.”

*Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, August 25, 1910 **Local News:** “John Floyd, of St. James, who has been seriously ill at the Ferguson House, this city, the past month, with inflammatory rheumatism, is slowly improving and expects to be able to go home within the next week.”

“Superintendent Norton and the Inspector, Capt. Henderson, were here last week on their regular inspection trip. Capt. Henderson went to Beaver Island Friday on business connected with the establishment of a full station at St. James. A station at that place was decided on several years ago and a site selected, but a fatal flaw in the title prevented action, and the matter has been in the air ever since. Now, however, the title has been perfected and without doubt next year will find a paid crew there, installed in a new station and with full new equipment. The Island already has a volunteer station with surf boat, in charge of Capt. Owen Gallagher, a veteran in the service.”

“The tug *McCann*, of St. James, was hauled out here Tuesday for minor repairs.” (F. Protar: *Aug 21 - 24, dark, dry, constant thunder, deadly heavy air. Aug 24- 25, super furious thunder storm, lightning strikes near house, blackest weather in 17 years.*)

*Charlevoix Courier* Wednesday, August 31, 1910 **Local News Briefly**

**Told:** “W. J. Gallagher spent last 31. week at his home in St. James.”

“Will Driggett was a visitor to the Beaver Islands last week.” (Note: *W. T. Driggett, Charlevoix and Ada A. Driggett appear in the Hotel Beaver register, Aug. 29, 1910*)

“F. A. Smith made a business trip to the Beaver Islands last week. Dr. A. M. Wilkinson made a business trip to the Beaver Islands last week.”

“Capt. M. J. Bonner is a Charlevoix visitor this week. James Dunlevy (sic) of St. James was a Charlevoix visitor the first of the week.”

“Dr. J. A. Auld was doing dental work on the Beaver Islands last week.” (Note: *J. A. Auld, D.D.S., Charlevoix appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 22, 1910*)

“Charles Tilley of the Beaver Islands had a cow killed by lightning this week.”

“The two young sons of Captain McCann of St. James, have built a twenty-two and one half foot gasoline boat and installed the engine, making the first trip last week.”

“W. W. Boyle of St. James, returned home Monday, after a week’s trip through the county in the interest of his candidacy for register of deeds.”

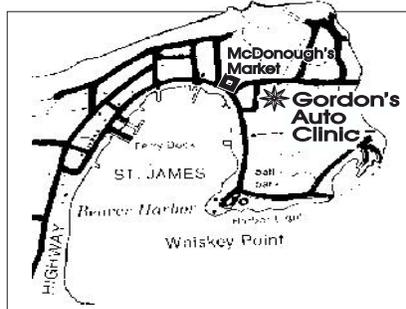
“Deputy Sheriff Floyd of St. James who has been receiving medical treatment in this city for the past few weeks, returned home this week.”

“Visitors to Beaver Islands report that the improvement in the general condition of the Indians is very noticeable since the Island went dry.”

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32. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 31.

“Miss Lichtneis (sic) who has been visiting at the Beaver Islands returned to her home in Beal City this week.”

**From Beaver Island:** “A. Malloy has gone to Milwaukee on business.”

“Miss Elizabeth Fullerton who has been visiting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. W. J. Gallagher returned to her home in Toronto.”

“Mrs. Dr. A. M. Wilkinson and children of Charlevoix are visiting Dr. Ruth and family at their cottage.”

“Mr. Gus Kitzinger of Manistee transacted business on the Island last week.” (Note: *Gus Kitzinger, Manistee appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 24, 1910*)

“H. S. Moore, the government fish statistician, visited the Island last week.

Wm. Driggett & wife of Charlevoix spent a couple of days on the Island this week. Mr. Walter J. O'Donnell of Portland Oregon is the guest of James McCann and family for a few weeks.”

“Schooner *Joses* is loading tanbark for the B. I. L. Co.”

“James Donlevy visited Charlevoix the first of the week. Miss Elizabeth Cull of Big Rapids force returned to the

## IRISH TREE LOVE

**O**ur Irish ancestors were great lovers of trees and protectors of the forest. They used their forest oaks to build their lodges and the great halls of their chieftains on the hill of Tara. And the Irish were some of Europe's first road builders: before the Roman pavement came, Celtic carts rumbled through the forests of Ireland on corduroy roads built of oak, yew and ash. Yet our ancestors knew enough also to set aside large tracts of forest where no wood was cut, no exploitation allowed. For every acre of timber they cut from, another was set aside just as the great core preserve of the peoples. The first known forest preserves in



Europe were the “Nemetons” of the Celts. These were great groves and spiritual sanctuaries where:

“ No ax, no saw, no fire shall harm you,  
No mind of ownership shall seize you,  
No hand of greed or profit claim you.  
But the grace of the stepping deer among you,  
Strength of the rooting boar beneath you,  
Power of the gliding hawk above you,  
That the harp of the woods be heard once more  
Throughout the green and living Earth.”

Our Celtic ancestors stressed balance among all things. They somehow knew it was important both to use the ax and the land to survive, but also to keep core areas unspoiled and uncut as spiri-



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above city Monday.”

“Rev. Father Norbert has been transferred to Harbor Springs and he left on Tuesday’s boat for the above place. Rev. Father Malone will succeed him.”

**Beaver Island News:** “Prof. Cox, of the U. S. Weather Bureau, is at the Island looking after the weather signal.” (Note: H. J. Cox, Chicago, appears in the Hotel Beaver register; Aug. 14, 1910)

“W. W. Boyle and Chas. Tilley are at Charlevoix as jurors this week.”

“Capt. Chas. Ros, of Harbor Springs, is at High Island driving a dock for the Hiemforth Lumber Co.”

“Capt. Ed. Martin is visiting relatives at the Island this week.”

“W. J. Gallagher Jr. Is at Escanaba on business this week.”

“Mrs. J. P. Maloney and daughter

Agnes of Chicago, and cousins of 33. Cleveland, Ohio, are visiting at the Beavers.” (Note: Mrs. J. P. Maloney, Chicago, Ill, appears in the Hotel Beaver register; Aug. 10, 1910)

“Miss Mary Jones, of Charlevoix, is visiting friends on the Island.” (Note: Mary E. Jones, Charlevoix, Mich., appears in the Hotel Beaver register; Aug. 10, 1910) *continued on page 34.*

tual reserves for the people.

Perhaps they understood what we are having to relearn today: you can tamper with and manipulate the earth for your benefit in some places, but its always best to keep an equal portion left untouched, just in case you mess things up. For example, what if you harvested most of the best maples from all of your beech-maple forest for money, betting that the forest would survive? Of course you'd have mainly beech trees left in the canopy. But then what if some surprise disease swept through and killed most of your remaining beech trees?

Not too far fetched to imagine here on Beaver Island, where the “beech bark



disease” is now ravishing our forests, and will probably kill most of those remaining beautiful beech trees from our forest canopy. It's always good to keep a large core reserve untouched with – an acre left untouched for every acre you cut elsewhere.

When the English came to Ireland they wanted to cut all of her oak trees down. It was profitable, and they were building great fleets of ships to fight the Spanish Armada. Besides, these oak groves were the hideouts of troublesome Irish rebels who were fighting for their freedom. So the English cut most of Ireland’s great oak forests down. And these forests never grew *continued on page 34.*

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34. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 33.

"Dick Moore, the genial salesman of Detroit, is at the Island this week." (Note: R. B. Moore, Detroit, appears in the *Hotel Beaver register*, Aug. 14, 1910)

"Mr. Stukie, Rosenburg, and Miller, of Chicago, who were spending a few weeks fishing at the south end of the Island, returned home last week. Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Lathrop, of Jackson, are at the Beaver Hotel." (Note: Dr. W. W. Lathrop

& wife, Jackson, Mich., appear in the *Hotel Beaver register*, Aug. 10, 1910)

"J. Smedley of the High Island Lumber Co., is at Traverse City on business." (Note: J. B. Smedley, High Island, appears in the *Hotel Beaver register*, Aug. 27, 1910)

"Phil Malloy returned home from Marquette, Mich., where he spent the summer. Eva Gibson returned from Grand Rapids. Frank Miller was at Tra-

verse City for a week, returning home Tuesday."

"H. P. Boyle, supervisor of Peaine, was at Charlevoix this week."

"Billy Armstrong, the 'candy man' paid us a visit this week." (Note: J. W. Armstrong, Milw., appears in the *Hotel Beaver register*, Aug. 16, 1910)

"Geo. Williams, of South Arm, is at the Island this week buying cattle and horses."

**Irish Trees**, continued from page 33. back, but were permanently replaced by bogland. The traditional Irish song "Bonny Portmore" laments the selling off of the forests by the English landlords:



“ O Bonny Portmore I am sorry to see  
Such a woeful destruction of your ornament tree...  
All the birds in the forest they bitterly weep,  
Saying "Where shall we shelter or where will we sleep?  
The more I think of you, the more I think long  
If I had you now as I had once before  
All the Lords in Old England would not  
Purchase Portmore.”

It should not be thought that the Irish were passive in defending their sacred forest groves from cutting. No less a leader than Ireland's favorite Saint fought fiercely for his Nemeton, cursing anyone who dared to cut trees in his beautiful "Derry" (oak grove):



“ I love my beautiful Derry,  
My Derry,  
My fair oak trees,  
My dear little cell and dwelling;  
O God in the heavens above  
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"Jeff Weikel, of Charlevoix, was at the Beavers last week."

"Mr. Fred Nackerman has gone to Georgian Bay for a trip."

"Mrs. Albert Biggie spent Sunday in Charlevoix."

"Mrs. Captain Bronson is spending a few weeks here with her parents."

"Mr. Peter McCauley is at Petoskey taking treatments."

"The Misses Anna and Mary

Trainor, and Julia Seidel, of Cleveland were Island visitors last week."

"Mrs. W. E. Tilley and Miss Emma Hodge of Elk Rapids, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Tilley."

"Dr. Ruth and family are occupying their cottage here."

"Mrs. C. C. Gallagher spent a few days in Charlevoix and Petoskey last week."

"Miss Nora Barry was at Charlevoix

last week attending the teacher's 35. examination."

"Andy Ross of Charlevoix spent a couple of days here last week." (Note: Andrew Ross, Charlevoix, appears in the Hotel Beaver register, Aug. 10, 1910)

"Miss Mamie McCarthy and Miss Laura Kelley of Chicago, are the guests of Mrs. John McCann for a few weeks." (F. Protar: Aug 31 Reverend Norbert replaced.)



That favorite saint by the way was not Saint Patrick whom most Americans emulate. Rather it was the Irish's beloved Saint Columcille (or "Columba the dove of peace") from Donegal. Columbanus also wrote. "He who tramples upon the Earth, tramples upon himself."

We can learn much from our Irish ancestors about good "land management." We can learn why it is a good policy that for every acre of forest we cut (for wood products or game), we leave untouched for all future generations, another acre in our core wild preserve. Our ancestors knew what modern ecologists are just realizing:

"If you want to understand the Creator, seek to understand created things."

Saint Columbanus

In modern ecosystem land management you do the same thing. You keep large acreages free from manipulation, just so you can "seek to understand

created things." In a world of Gulf oil spills and dying oceans, our grand children's lives just may depend on this understanding.

—Seamus Norgaard



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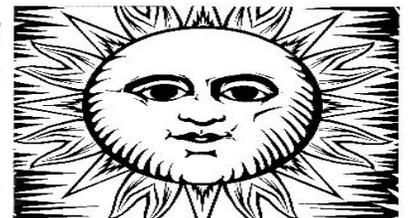
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### 3-STEPS TO E-STEP

During the recent symposium on forest management hosted by the Natural Resources/Eco-Tourism Commission (NREtC) it was brought to light by Phyllis Higman of Michigan Natural Features Inventory (MNFI), an arm of Michigan State University's Extension Program, that the invasive species European Swamp Thistle (EST) has taken hold on Beaver Island. Higman noticed the thistle growing in the swampy area near the end of the boardwalk on a tour of Little Sand Bay (LSB), and





that's how I became involved.

As the volunteer trail steward for the Nature Conservancy at the LSB site I'm not normally involved with off-trail issues, but due to our geography I was glad to get involved in an attempt to nip this problem in the bud, so to speak. However, once I got off the trail and into the wetland area, two plants here turned into three plants there and then into four plants, five plants ... It appears that once established in an area favorable to its growth, *continued on page 38.*



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38. *European Swamp Thistle*, from page 37.

EST is a hardy and willing expander. This is not to say that EST is anywhere near the threat to the Island as was the recently treated *Phragmites*. Thanks to the efforts of Pam Grassmick, Beaver Island's work to eliminate that troublesome beach invasive was extremely successful and has been a model plan for others to follow in other locations. And, with some necessary spot follow-up treatments and continued vigilance, we can continue to talk of *Phragmites* in the past tense. Nor is EST nearly as widespread or threatening as is Spotted Knapweed, which soon will be taking over many of the Island's open areas, choking out native species while blanketing fields in its less-than-lovely, spiky, lavender flowers. However, once established, EST tends to spread easily while out-competing such species as the endangered Dwarf Lake Iris.

European Swamp Thistle seems to be a fairly recent arrival to our shores (it also was recently spotted on Whiskey Island and can be presumed to have taken hold on other outer islands as well), perhaps in the past five-six years. It takes some time for a plant to become established and then some more before it becomes noticed. And that's where we are today with EST – the early detection level, before it becomes too widespread and firmly established, when taking early action will have the greatest effect. And unlike either *Phragmites* or knapweed, early action against EST is fairly simple and straightforward.

There are three steps to what I'm calling the European Swamp Thistle Eradication Program (E-STEP, if you're going to have an acronym, it might as well be a useable one):

**Step 1: Identification.** You need to know what it is you're looking for. EST is a tall, often over six feet, spindly, spiny thistle with multiple, small, purple flowers blooming off skinny branches. The preferred habitat is wet and fairly sunny, so roadsides, ditches, wetland clearings, inland lake shorelines, and wet wood lines along the Lake Michigan shore are all good candidates. A few EST patches have been spotted in higher, dryer areas, leading to the conclusion that this is a very opportunistic invader. While occasionally found growing singularly, they are most often found in decent-sized patches, and where you do

find just one, chances are, if you look around a bit, you'll find others. So, if it's a tall thistle, with multiple small flowers, and a spiny stem, you've found it.

**Step 2: Location/Extent.** Once you know what you're looking for, you need to know just where and how prevalent it is. Among the locations known so far are: Little Sand Bay, the wood line along the beach below Martin's Bluff, Johnny Martin's Trail, both sides of East Side Drive near Kilty's Point, the shore of Barney's Lake, and numerous areas along Hannigan's Road. A couple dry areas where a few EST have been found and eliminated are along Mrs. Redding's Trail and the power line that parallels the northern stretch of Old Fox Lake Rd.

**Step 3: Eradication.** This is the good step. All that is needed is a pair of leather-palmed gloves, a plastic pail of some sort, and a pair of sharp hand pruners – the pointed, by-pass type seems to work better than the bulky anvil type as they offer more agility in nipping the smaller buds – and a few plastic grocery or garbage bags for disposal. Another consideration is good footwear. Given EST grows in wetlands, sturdy, well-oiled work or hiking boots are your best bet, as are long pants and a long-sleeved shirt as these are spiny plants, and are likely found in thick vegetation, often joined there by a large contingent of biting, stinging insects. So far it appears EST does not share the same habitat requirements as poison ivy, which is good for those highly-susceptible to that plant's itchy outcome. The most control-effective technique is to clip the stalk just below the lowest bud, hold the cutting over the pail, and clip off the flowering heads, being sure to snip all the small buds along the stalk as at this time it's not known whether or not there is enough energy left in the cutting for any buds to mature. And since you're there .... The final step is to clip off the stalk near its base, again, just in case. Once the flowers have matured and the seeds reach the 'white, fluffy' stage, they are ready to disperse and need to be handled with care so as not to help spread them. These are biennial plants that flower their second year, so once the stalk is grown and the flowers mature, that's it. First year plants appear as ground-level rosettes. When the pail is full the flowers can be dumped into a garbage bag and deposited at the transfer station.

According to Higman's field identification guide to invasive species, foliar herbicides can be used at nearly any stage of development to control EST. However, a state permit is required to apply herbicides in wetlands and application to individual plants is nearly as much work as hand-control. As with any herbicide application, great care must be taken in order to limit damage to other plants and animals in an area. Overall, it is much better, if an invasive can be dealt with by hand, to simply do so.

Another consideration is that as a biennial, any control work completed this year will likely need to be duplicated next year when this year's rosettes begin to stalk and flower. With the location knowledge gained this year it should be easier to control EST next year and, possibly, the year after. The unknown in this equation concerns the viability of the plant's seeds. But again, spot control combined with vigilance will be crucial to gaining and keeping the upper hand against this newest of invasive species.

Since at this time there is no official township involvement with control of this invasive, if you find some on your property or suspect that you have found some, please call me at 2162 so your location can be added to my ever-growing invasive map. —Frank Solle

*Frank has a BS in Conservation from Northern Michigan University and a BA in Education with teaching certification in Secondary Biology and Broad Field Sciences from the University of Montana.*

## INTRODUCTION TO THE ORCHESTRA

"An Introduction to the Orchestra" was sponsored by the B. I. C. S. as a part of its 5-year Twenty-First Century Grant. The Gerrish Cousins began the concert (the kids who have played for the last three years at Music on the Porch). Several members of the orchestra played and then introduced their instruments to the audience. After that the children were invited to get familiar with the instruments (above right). They loved it! The girl in black playing the clarinet is Catherine Osborne (granddaughter of a High Island teacher). Her younger sister Julia is playing the flute.

At the end of July Beaver Island was alive with the sounds of music. It drifted out of the halls and auditoriums and wafted down the streets and into the woods, thrilling everyone who was here – and giving every Island and visiting

musician a chance to join in. For this long weekend there was good and even great music seemingly everywhere, creating a delightful ambiance. Gone, at least temporarily, were our mundane concerns with making a living, replaced

by an anxious anticipation of the very next note as the piece of the moment built toward its intended crescendo. After it was over the Island responded with a single voice, saying “Thank you, thank you; thank you!”

Orchestra: Robert Nordling, Conductor. Violin: David Ormai, Jenny Butcher, Mary Hillyard, Linda Ignagni, Connie Markwick, Beryl McHenry, Sheri Richards, Sita Yetasook. Viola: Jan Caputo, Christine Wiest, Timario Wilkins. Cello: Elizabeth Bert, Sherrill Smith, Jon Wiest. Bass: Leon Bennett. Flute: Leslie Graham, Jessica Price. Oboe: Lynn Hansen, Dan Ruggles. Clarinet: Joan Van Dessel, Steve Landane. Bassoon: Drew Hinderer, Jennifer Dean. Horn: Lisa Honeycutt, Robert Pavelek. Trumpet: Leonard Allman, Matt Thomas. Trombone: Mark Hodges. Tuba: Sam Griggs. Keyboard: Ken Bos. Chorus: Kevin Simons, Director. Mark Rethmann, Accompanist. Soprano: Rachelle Austin, Jayne Bailey, Lexa Bell, Annette Dashiell, Mitzie Garnett, Denise Hoffman, Dottie Hoopgarner, Deb Jackson, Joyce Runberg, Marianne Weaver. Alto: Jane Girdham, Peg Hoogendoorn, Leonor Jacobson, Tammey Kikta, Doris Larson, Jane Maehr, Meryl Mantione, Anne Martell, Lois Meier, Liz Niehaus, Miranda Rooy, Davi Stein. Tenor: Ed Campbell, Don Hoopgarner, Bob Hoogendoorn, Jeremiah Kraniak, Paul Niehaus, Ken Zick. Bass: Bob Bass, Phil Becker, Collin Johnson, Jack Kelly, Marty Maehr, Bob Meier, Don Taylor, Donavan Tear.



## MEET THE ARTISTS

Some of the Baroqueans, the woodwinds, to be precise—one of the many sub-groups to tour Island venues—played for an hour at Livingstone Studio’s “Meet the Artists” on the last day of July. Early in the morning the artists awoke to a grey rain and were worried, but the sun came

out, the ferns dried off, and over a hundred people came to the event to sip wine, sample hors d’oeuvres, and see the latest efforts by the Studio’s talented stable (all good, although the hot wax color transfers from *National Geographic* into a bright collage of fluttering butterfly

wings by Doris Larson deserves special mention—and please won’t they call it *International Geographic*?). Claudia Schmidt thrilled the patrons as they milled about, meeting friends and settling on something for their wall to remind them of this fine time on a fine day.





## WATCHING THE SUMMER HARBOR



## A FINE MUSEUM WEEK

Once again the staff and many volunteers of the Beaver Island Historical Society put on an interesting and entertaining Museum Week. It opened with Sheri Richards demonstrating violin techniques on Monday afternoon—a warm-up for the crowd-pleasing Music

on the Porch, with new emcee Kathy Speck doing a bang-up job of organizing the musicians. The Community Choir opened; the Gerrish Gang showed that they've taken a big step forward in arranging and playing; Joddy got everyone excited—and himself—so much so he had to dance; Kevin Bousquet debuted;

Chris Screven on guitar proved to be an undiscovered talent; and the Folksters (Patti Cull, Kevin White, Miranda Rooy, and our fiddling teacher Laura Gibson) won many fans.

Even with starting early, the last performer (the very talented Trae McMaken) finished after dark.





The Boyne Thunder boats raced here for Camp Quality



People tromped through the woods on special Nature Walks, met Antje Price at the Protar Home (twice) and had their copy of her book signed, learned more about the delicacy and value of our forests from ecologists Seamus Norgaard and Eric Myers, and heard about Ken Bruland's risky hundred-

mile solo kayak trip. Lee Boisvert sang some of Kee's songs, surprising the audience with the quality of her voice. Some were also surprised to learn that the Minis Kitigan Drum is still active.

Deb Rotman put her dig at the Doney house into the context of a modern interdisciplinary approach which

combines archaeology with anthropology by using mined artifacts to build a picture of what life at a particular site must have been like. During her three weeks of work over 70 people stopped to talk, many offering old sites on their property for future investigation. The thousand plus *continued on page 43.*





Little Betsy Borre



Shan Hale



Kay Masini



Doris Larson



Suze Bonadeo



Cindy Ricksgers



Nancy Peterson



Alison Lucas



*Museum Week*, continued from page 41. artifacts she unearthed will be analyzed back at Notre Dame. The Doney Home was first occupied by Mormons, then Germans, and then Irish, and Dr. Rotman expects that differences in kinds of china found at different layers, for example, will reflect these different cultures.

Mike Weede told the story of an 1859 shipwreck in which the schooner sank but half the crew climbed the mast and clung to the top, which stuck out of the lake, until a morning rescue.

The Art Show showcased Island

artists, photographers, jewelry makers, furniture builders, and model makers. Five hundred people spent forty-six hundred dollars during its three days, many picking up a copy of the new book of Jerry LaFreniere's photos, which arrived on the 21<sup>st</sup>. The nineteenth century religion evening held people's attention, producing a dozen interesting questions directed by moderator Ted Sirotko to either Strang authority Vickie Speek, Baraga expert Elizabeth Edeline, or our last "absolute ruler," Father Peter Gallagher—the persona adopted by Father Dan Connaghan for the evening.

A very enjoyable time was had 43. at the Bingo game, a last-minute addition to the schedule made by popular demand. Pinky was, well, Pinkyish, and her crew lived up to the high expectations. The mariachi band made a perfect intermission.

Everyone had a good time during the week, so the most important goal was met. Thanks to the generous support of the merchants, donations from the audience, and the help of dozens and dozens of volunteers, the Historical Society even made a little money. It has many many people to thank.

## THIS YEAR'S BIMF

As one festival comes to an end the planning for the next begins. Before you know it you are down to the last days before the festival. July has arrived: hourly trips to town for supplies, and oodles of phone calls and emails roll in. The rush of excitement has begun and frenzied set-up starts to unfold. Last-minute additions from camping areas, new restrooms, and trails, develop. Frenzied details were being taken care of, stage preparation, tents, torches, etc., and equipment put in place. All of this transforms what was a just a place in the woods into a festive wonderland.

Volunteers and artists have arrived all week long, filling up the festival grounds. Tents pop up everywhere. Thursday afternoon things are ready to roll. The ferry arrives at the dock, a rocking and rolling experience this year for most newcomers. Then musicians, volunteers, and festival visitors pour out, excited by the live entertainment and suspense of what the festival may bring. They are loaded into shuttles and transported to the festival grounds, now alive with activity. Quick set-up of more tents, check in, more equipment, and then the festival is officially open.

Five, six, seven o'clock rolls around and the most amazing musical sounds filter through the woods to the early hours of Sunday morning. An all-star line-up of performers takes their place one by one on the stage, every one even better than the one before no matter what day or time they performed.

The performers included long time friends of B.I.M.F, Masters of Festival,

Ernie Douglas and Dave Boutette, doing an excellent job of entertaining in between sets. Adding to change-over entertainment this year, Hardware Jeff with his top ten of the festival and top 11 on how to know a Boodler. Every Boodler starts at zero! And the absolutely amazing performers ... *Red Tail Ring* – delightful duo singing Appalachian folk with syrupy voices that could keep a crowd spellbound all night, *Blue Water Ramblers* – seasoned veterans of old and new, *Black Jake and the Carnies* – energetic, lively bluegrass “crabgrass,” crowd involved entertainment, *The Afternoon Round* – feel good music that delivers rock like Tom Petty with a twist of country and pop, *Kung Fu Rodeo* – a variety of styles from rock to blues and everything in-between, *Dave Boutette* – “the Campfire Kid” American roots to favorite tunes, no musical stone unturned by this guy, *Black Rose* – sparkle and shine combined with a powerful voice that gives a sweet mixture of funk, blues, rock, reggae, jam, *Four Finger Five* – power trio that delivers intertwining elements of pop and soul, keeping a crowd up on their feet, *Midtown Underground* – funk, soul, jazz, they do it all, *Sowa Brothers* – rock band from Beaver Island that is sure to keep you dancing, *Prisoners of Paradise* – Beaver Island's best with clever and entertaining rock and roll, *Burton's Garden* – fun, original band from rock to reggae, and the *Fundamentals*— with swaying rhythms of reggae. They were all great! To make it even better there were 500 people on Thursday, 700 to 800 on Friday and Saturday milling around the

festival grounds, though it only felt like a Sunday stroll down Main Street. Worries dropped at the door, good times began, smiling faces, good will, and fun for all. Anything lost over the weekend was returned to the owner. Trips to town were numerous as visitors went to the beach, to eat, to shop, or just stroll around. Comments on how hospitable the entire Island was were in abundance.

Sunday arrives and the trip home for many started, with great memories to last throughout the year. However, wait, did someone say surprise Birthday Party? Staying for a little bit longer, some of the musicians played for PJ Niehouse's 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Sunday night! Happy Birthday and many more! The clean-up is done by the following Sunday and only a few traces of the festival remain. Then the letters and e-mails arrive, saying what fun! Why we continue to plan for the next even more amazing year: “YOU!” This event has brought together so many great people from everywhere over the years, to share a weekend of the best music and fun, on a beautiful Island that we are very proud to call home. Thanks to everyone who makes this event so special and successful – volunteers, artists, vendors, sponsors, and festival attendees – because without YOU it would not be possible year after year.

We hope to see you all next year for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual music festival July 14, 15, and 16, 2011.

—Carol Burton  
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## 44. HERE OR THERE, IRISH IMMIGRANTS REMAINED TRUE GREEN

by Frank Solle

According to University of Maryland archaeology professor Stephen A. Brighton, it's not always clear just how Irish immigrants arrived at their final locations when they traveled to this country. But what does seem clear is that regardless of where they settled they remained true to their roots, their culture, and themselves.

Brighton has been working to solve some of the historical mysteries of an Irish settlement in what was once Texas, Maryland, where a group from County Roscommon settled to work the limestone quarry, beginning in the 1840s.

What Brighton finds as an interesting connection between the Maryland group and those who settled on Beaver Island is that while the Irish here did indeed settle on an island, the Maryland group created their own island in a sense. "They preferred to stay within one community, to stay amongst themselves," he said. And, of course, their small society revolved around the Catholic church – in that case one they built themselves from the stone and marble they removed from the earth by hand.

Brighton explained how the quarry, the limestone kilns, and even the railroad all were located right among the small houses the people lived in. Dust and explosions from the quarry, fumes



from the kilns, and fires from the coal-fired trains, not to mention the trains themselves, all created less-than-desirable living conditions. And the dangers from the stone work increased the death rate among the workers as it also increased the number of widows among the population. "The Irish performed roles others wouldn't do," Brighton said, a situation not so unfamiliar from what many immigrants do today.

While the Irish were deemed backwards, uncivilized, and lazy by others during the late 19<sup>th</sup> century,

Brighton's archeological digs have provided evidence contrary to that unwarranted stereotype. Showing a number of slides with examples of tea cups and saucers, dinner plates, soup tureens, and chamber pots, Brighton explained that many of these items needed to be purchased and indicated the Irish were part of the mainstream, "modern world" of the time. Other items recovered included dining utensils which "not everyone could afford," demonstrating some economic buying power leveraged through hard work. Children's toys such as Frozen Charlotte dolls, marbles, along with learning or Scripture plates and Saint's medals indicate not only some financial discretion, but also "solidarity of community," Brighton pointed out.

Invited here by colleague Deborah Rotman of Notre Dame who was currently doing an archeological study at the old Peter Doney home on East Side Drive on the Little Traverse Conservancy's Little Sand Bay property just past Welke's airport, Brighton saw the Irish heritage of Beaver Island entwined with that of Texas, Maryland and other places. In his work he is looking for answers to questions such as, "how does a group come together to form a community?" while also looking at how such communities were held together through social obligations and the "Irish way."

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Professor Stephen Brighton discusses his archaeological work on an Irish settlement in Maryland

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# 46. YOU CAN'T GET THERE FROM HERE—WITHOUT A BRIDGE

Yes, some people call the new bridges being built by Boy Scouts' Troop 176 from Grand Blanc along the trail running west from the Wagner Campground "bridges to nowhere" — but you have to realize that "nowhere" is getting harder and harder to find with each incremental increase of "somewhereness" in the modern world. As complications proliferate, the response to the answer "nothing," given to the question "what d'you do on Beaver Island," has shifted from "that must be boring" to "that sounds wonderful—wish I could do that back home."

This July the Scouts spent a week working with Danny LaFreniere a mile west of the East Side Drive to continue the trail enhancement begun four years ago. Doug Tilly from the Trails Committee (which bought the



lumber) pitched in to provide guidance and logistic help, but the Scouts and their Scoutmaster did the work, making this route through the pristine woods/wetland mix easier to traverse. It's a win/win — something talked about a lot more than actually found: even if only a few

follow the trail all the way to the end, the Scouts learned how to work together, to share tools and duties, to finish a job, to do it right no matter what difficulties are encountered—traits indispensable for coping with the "new economy."

The project received help from several sources. Tools were loaned by Jeff Mestelle, Bob Evans, Bob Banville, Pete Lodico, Mike Hurkmans, Gary Morgan, and Jon



Fogg. Expenses were covered by Powers' Do it Best, Island Airways, Pam Grassmick, Andy Kohls, John and Beth McCafferty, Jon and Sally Fogg, Lisa Gillespie, Judy and Jack Gallagher, Beaver Island Boat Company, and the Laurain Lodge. Food was provided by Shanoule B and B, Judy and Jack Gallagher, Paradise Bay Café, the Shamrock/Harbour Market, Stoney Acre Grill, and Daddy Franks. Joe Timsak, Kurt Smith, and Joan LaFreniere helped with the transport.

This was about a lot more than getting the second to final merit badge to become an Eagle Scout.

It takes a village, but we've got a veritable village to help—as is also demonstrated by the ongoing Cottage for Karen project. Beaver Island continues to prove that it can respond to the challenge.



## LETTERS: FORESTRY

This letter is response to Mr. Seamus Norgaard's opinion piece entitled "About Clear-cuts, Game, and the Wilderness." Mr. Norgaard conveniently left out many facts regarding active forest management and the roles and responsibilities we have as stewards of our land.

I am an avid grouse and woodcock hunter who spends more than 75 days a year afield running my bird dogs, as well

as working with rangers at the Manistee National Forest and Muskegon State Game in efforts to enhance our forests. I am also an active member in the Ruffed Grouse Society where I work to raise money for animal habitat, and also routinely work with government officials to enhance young successional forests which many animals need.

Mr. Norgaard states that our DNRE

forestry goal is to place 20% of our forests in clear-cuts maintaining them at less than 50 years of age. Most of these forests are aspen/poplar stands that if left to their own will die out and be overtaken by maple/beech forests (evidenced on the Island along West Side Drive). This doesn't lead to the biodiversity that healthy forests require.

The truth is that the state is required

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Michigan author Adam Schuitema read from his newly released collection of short stories, *Freshwater Boys*, at the Beaver Island District Library on July 5. A small but enrapt crowd listened intently as Schuitema read from the story "After the Recessions," the action of which takes place on Beaver Island.

"I was here about 10 years ago," Schuitema told his audience, "visiting my good friend John Crouse. I wrote the story shortly after that.

"I never thought I'd be here reading it to a group of Islanders," he said, admitting to being nervous over that prospect. "I try hard to be accurate with all my settings," he told the gathering, "and I apologize if I've gotten anything wrong."

While it's hard to say how long he read, it was evident from the reception that everyone would have liked him to read more.

The story revolves around a younger man, fresh off a broken engagement, visiting an older couple living on the Island. The feeling of familial relationship—nephew to aunt and uncle—is mutual, the relationship having begun when the young man worked with the older man, Henry.

Henry has become somewhat of an

Island historical buff (as was John Crouse) and fills his young friend in on local stories and place names. But one part of Henry's history is not so pleasant, and that part is roused with the arrival also of two State Police units.

Despite the shortness of his previous visit Schuitema is able to capture a good feel for the Island and the lure of Island life. Having received a postcard



invitation with only "Care to visit God's country?" scrawled on it, our young visitor goes on to say of Henry, "He insisted we communicate through letters. The obvious reason was that he had no phone, but it was more than that. I could already tell he was distancing himself from what he called 'the mainland,' which was not, to him, simply the land,

but its people, technologies, and pace of life."

But as Schuitema says on his website, "Some of the tensions between the characters and the police are based on real events, and the setting is mostly real, but most of the story is invented. The conflicts are certainly exaggerated."

There does not, however, appear to be anything exaggerated about Schuitema's talent. All eleven of the stories in "freshwater boys" are well-written, as well as hard-hitting. All revolve around locales along the Great Lakes, with the main characters ranging from young boys grappling with growing up to men dealing with divorce or the death of children.

Michigan born and raised, Schuitema has traveled the state far and wide and seems to know it well. Holding both an MFA and PhD. from Western Michigan University, Schuitema is currently at work on a novel whose story takes place in the U.P. and is centered around a fictional town similar in geography to Grand Marais.

There is a copy of *freshwater boys* at the library. More information, including an interview and a reading guide, is available at Schuitema's website: [freshwaterboys.com](http://freshwaterboys.com)

to maintain our forests. The Certified State Forest program was something that Jennifer Granholm worked hard to get. She worked with the Nature Conservancy Group to get Michigan to have one of the largest certified forests east of the Mississippi. By doing this it allows our forests to be managed into the proper age classifications. This promotes healthy sustainable forests with a

large number of species that require a diverse age and habitat range. Forest managers and biologists from around the country have outlined these certified forestry plans with great success.

Many corporations now require forests to have this "stamp" in order to buy wood from them. It proves that these forests are self sustaining and eco-friendly. Our State Government is grossly behind

in their annual aspen harvest quota (these are the forests where most clear-cutting is happening). During the last 30 years we have been losing close to 5% of our aspen forests per year which affects many game and non-game species alike. This fact has not gone unnoticed by bird watchers. The American woodcock has been on a steady decline of 3% per

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48. **Forestry**, continued from page 47. year for the last 30 years. This corresponds directly with the lack of habitat. The federal government has been working on getting more habitat dedicated to the American woodcock because of this reason. Most ruffed grouse hunters would state that they too have seen a dramatic decline in birds over the last 30 years as well.

Here are a few other facts conveniently left out of Mr. Norgaard's article.

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One thousand acres of proposed cutting on the Island would not take place in a single year and nobody in their right mind would want that. Let's also not forget that Beaver Island is well over 50,000 acres, so we are talking about less than 2% of the Island's total forests, and less than 5% of the state forest. Not the 20% that Mr. Norgaard implies.

He also states that forests that have been clear-cut are robbed "of all its nutrients by stripping away all materials

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from the site." Anyone who has walked in a recent clear-cut would know this is false. The only thing that is harvested is the logs themselves; the tops, roots, stumps and branches are all left to fertilize the soil and provide the nutrients he worries about.

Mr. Norgaard also states that natural wind throws create ideal habitat for grouse and woodcock — again this is a partial truth. These areas are important cover during winter and during storms,

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but in order for animals to have successful brood production they need uninterrupted areas of trees from the 8-20 year-old range. It has been well documented by biologists that this age class of forest provides the proper protection from avian predators (goshawks, owls, etc.) and also allows for the proper ground cover to produce food for chicks. Bunchberry, wild strawberry, etc. are ground cover that not only produce food for adults but also much needed

insects for chicks to survive. The fact of the matter is there is very little true "old growth forest" on Beaver Island. Most of what we see is just mature forests in dire need of active management to ensure succession of all types, ages, and classes of forest. By the DNR counts only two stands (under 100 acres) of Old Growth exist on the Island. Let's protect that, and manage the rest.

In closing I would put out a few things to ponder. Do we want a world

that is full of 80-90 year-old people with little to no young and middle-aged people? By not managing a forest we see that equivalent. Do we want to see deadfalls and rotting forests, or do we want to see some great diversity in our forests where we can see many different types of animals? Is making the Island a more popular place for animals a bad thing? We all know that Beaver Island is one of God's great gifts to us; let's not let this go to waste. —Brent Pike

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