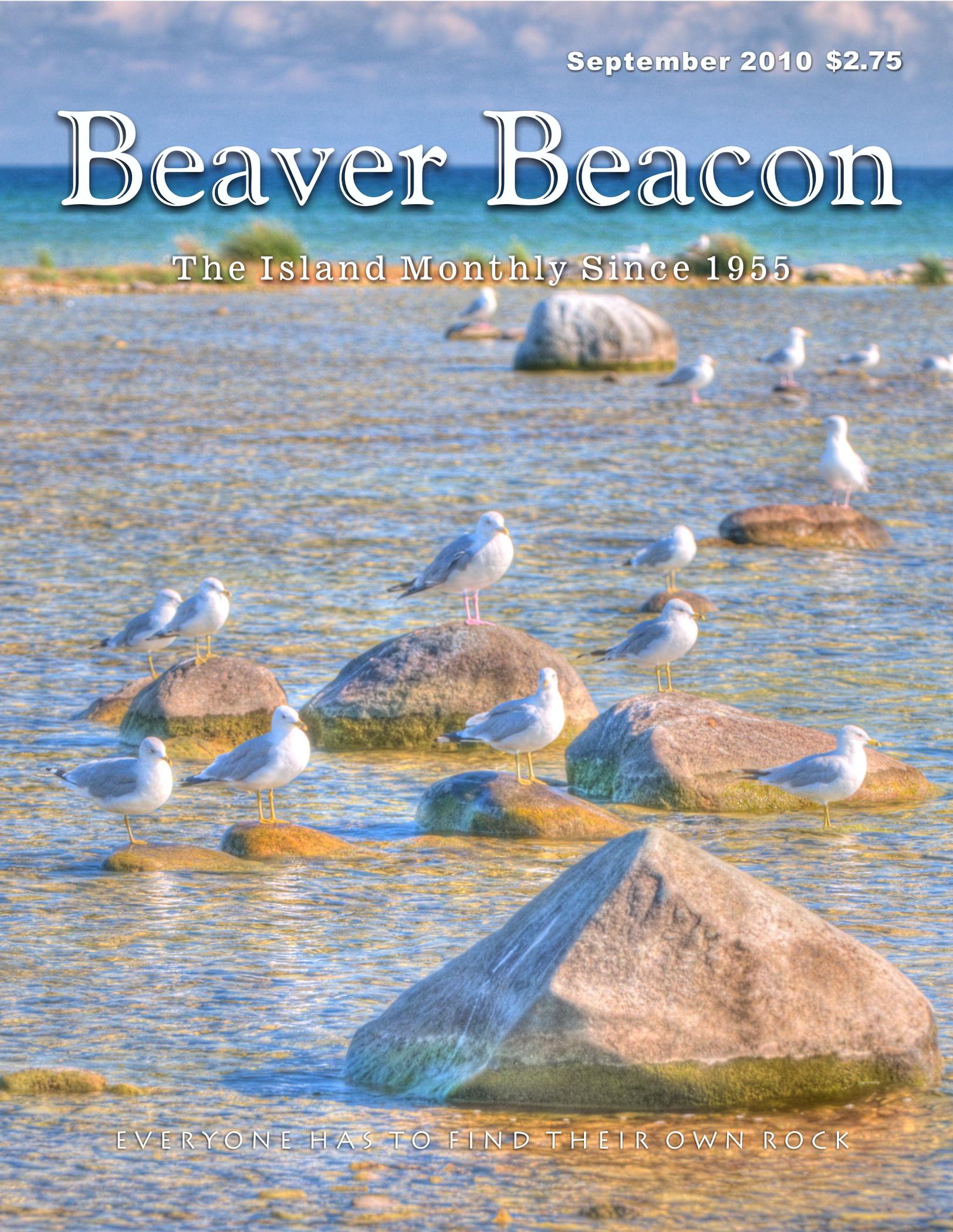


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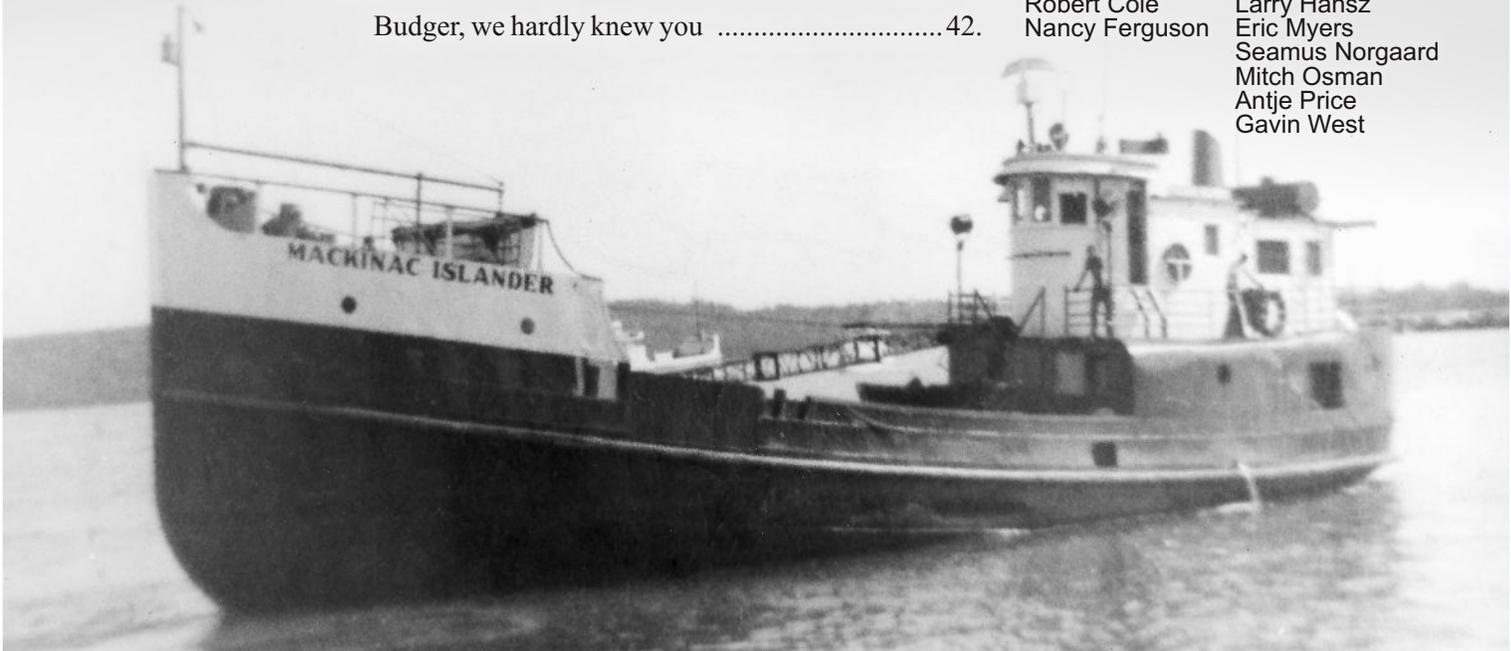
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

At a special meeting on July 15, two bids for the widening of Indian Point Road were received and discussed. Both were well above the estimate provided by the Charlevoix County Road Commission, but the Town Board felt this work had to be done and awarded an \$18,940.08 contract to the low bidder, Gillespie Enterprises—provided it has the right insurance, its trucks are properly licensed, and its drivers have their CDLs.

At the regular meeting of August 4, supervisor Rick Speck stated that he had received four letters requesting him to rethink his desire to trade away newly-purchased Whiskey Island, and a petition bearing many signatures. But he wanted to proceed with the trade, and itemized his reasons:

- 1) Whiskey Island would still be available to the public under DNR ownership;
- 2) Owning the island would have an expense (insurance; improvements; clean-ups) which hasn't been budgeted;
- 3) The Township has been trying to acquire the DNR harbor land for 20 years and this is its best chance;
- 4) Time may be running out—the new legislature beginning in January has come into office on belt-tightening platforms, and excess

property may be examined with a view to maximize a return;

- 5) If we can't provide lodging, we may lose our live-on-Island deputy;
- 6) While no DNR grant funds are available to help develop Whiskey Island, there are funds available for creating a boat launch;
- 7) The Little Traverse Conservancy felt strongly that the island should go to the DNR, and offered to finance the DNR's acquisition; and
- 8) The petition may not be altruistically motivated.

Those people in the audience who spoke favored the trade. One said that there were unmet needs in St. James, such as beach access at the campground. Another said Whiskey Island provides nothing not offered by other nearby islands. After listening to the comments, the Board voted unanimously to urge the supervisor to diligently pursue the trade.

The AmVets asked the Board to purchase one bench for the Memorial Park it was building, and the Board agreed to put this in next year's budget.

The supervisor announced that the proceeds from the Carnival exceeded the costs, so the seed money could be carried over.

The Board approved switching to American Waste (a Canadian company) to transport our refuse from the main-

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land dock to the landfill.

Jack Gallagher requested a joint meeting of both townships with the Airport Consultants, Mead/Hunt, at which the Ten-year Plan could be explained and critiqued, but supervisor Speck thought that because it had already been submitted to the Michigan Aeronautics Commission there was no urgency. Instead he suggested a joint meeting to properly form the Airport Committee. The Board supported this, and wanted to push to have an operating agreement in place within thirty days.

Peaine Township

It did not take long for controversy to develop at the Peaine regular meeting of 8-11. A motion to amend the minutes of the 7-14 regular meeting was offered by the supervisor, who felt an interchange with Mike Scripps in which Scripps made remarks about the difficulty of understanding the Ten-year Plan for the average person should be included. But Scripps was present and said the suggested quote was inaccurate. After discussion both Scripps and supervisor Jack Gallagher said they would consult the video made of the disputed interchange.

Gallagher said the title to the Albin land parcel sought by the Airport had now been transferred, as of 7-12-10 — after suit was filed to take roughly 22

acres on 7-8. Funds matching the appraisal of \$191,000 were transferred to the Albins (although the fairness of this price may be challenged), and acting AC chairman Don Vyse was given the go-ahead to begin the tree-cutting project.

Gallagher praised the work done by the Scout group, which built 7 bridges to make the trail at the Wagner Campground more accessible.

Possible savings at the Transfer Station were considered. Having St. James Marine haul instead of BIBCo would save \$3,000; having American Waste take it the final leg instead of Waste Management would save almost \$5,000. Both changes were approved. Unfortunately the hoped-for insurance savings (~\$3,600/year) could not be realized because Transfer Station employees are hired by two separate entities—the two Townships.

Gillespie Enterprises was awarded the contract to rebuild the culvert at Iron Ore Creek. The South End Road will be closed for a few weeks; travelers will be directed to the Betsy Smith Trail to get around this obstacle.

The AmVets requested the Township buy a bench for Memorial Park. It agreed, and commended Jim Wojan for all his free work (once again) to contour the land. The AmVets offered a new flag for Peaine Hall.

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

Pete LoDico wanted to know what had come of the Board's request to offer seats on the NREtC to the CC and the C of C. Sandy Birdsall said a 12-person quorum was needed to modify the charter and they had fallen one short at the last meeting.

The Board was urged to press the new attorney to present options for an Airport governance document. Gallagher said the attorney, Charles Judson, had tried to contact the St. James attorney three times but had not yet been able, but thought this would take place soon. Gallagher agreed to press him to act quickly.

Pete LoDico wanted to form an Airport Committee as soon as possible consisting of two Board members and an at-large member from each Town-

ship, with those six deciding on a seventh member. Gallagher thought the governing document should be in place first, and it would specify the composition of the AC. But the Board approved LoDico's motion.

A second controversy erupted when Gallagher announced that Mead/Hunt had agreed to come to Beaver Island on 9-21 or 9-22 to present and explain the Ten-year Plan. It was pointed out that the Board had voted to have Gallagher, Speck, and Vyse meet to come up with a date for such a presentation, and that it would have to occur no later than 11-30. Gallagher pointed out that changes could be made in the items in the Ten-year Plan up to 11-30, but after that none could be, and its elements would receive either a yes or no vote; the sooner we heard about the Plan, the better we could assess its

AMVETS' GRANT \$1,000

AmVets Post 46 is pleased to award this year's \$1,000 scholarship to Patrick Cull in its continuing program. At the meeting the members stated they wished they could have awarded all those who submitted a request as they were all well written.

BEACH CLEANUP

September 11, 2010 – meet at the Community Center at 9 a.m. Then go forth and clean, clean, clean. Meet back at noon for a free hotdog lunch.

CELTIC GAMES POSTPONED

The Celtic Games this year have been postponed indefinitely. If the Island is interested in having the Celtic Games next year, possibly a festival committee could be formed soon to start planning (arranging funding for transportation, accommodations for athletes and their families, what time of year the games should be held to balance our desire to extend activities into the shoulder season, other games which tie up the athletes, and available audience vs. available accommodation.)



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contents and decide on possible changes. Gallagher argued that the people hired to guide the AC through its plan-making did not feel it was premature to inform the public. He also read the FAA guidelines for creating a Ten-year Plan, which indicated the public should be informed as quickly as possible. But the Board did not want to proceed without St. James joining in and without having an Airport Committee in place, and would not support the calling of a public meeting with Mead/Hunt at this time.

Bud Martin asked the Board to write a letter to the DNR to inform them that over many years Peaine had invested funds in maintaining its property on the harbor and thus had a vested interest in its disposition, so it should be kept aware of any discussion involving this property.

Terry Saxton said the new generator at the Peaine Fire Hall ran so quietly that he could not hear it at all. Supervisor Gallagher apologized for not having purchased it yet.

A financial report was circulated but not discussed. It showed both monthly and four-month comparisons of actual versus budgeted revenue and expense. Four-month revenue was up from projections by \$1,500, primarily because of the arrival of \$5,000 in property taxes. Four-month expenditures were running \$23,500 under projections, primarily because the auditor had not been paid, the new attorney not yet billing us, the stump-grinder payment reduced by extending the term of the loan, equipment had not been bought, and Parks and Trails not having drawn all of its funding.

BIRHC RAFFLE DRAWING AT BEAVER ISLAND LODGE

For the first time the Health Center Car Raffle drawing will take place at the Beaver Island Lodge at 7:30 PM on September 6th. Tickets are on sale at the Health Center and McDonough's Market. Please be sure to get your ticket; every dollar raised by the raffle

goes directly to supporting the daily operating costs of the Health Center.

Thanks to all who have already bought tickets and to Sally Lounsberry, Sharon Cole, Adam Richards, and McDonough's Staff for helping board members sell tickets! —Connie Wojan

FATHER DAN JOINS BIHS BOARD

At the recent Historical Society annual meeting, Island resident Father Dan Connaghan, a retired priest, was unanimously elected to the Board of Trustees.

Thinking of his grand Museum Week performance, there was only one stipulation: he is not to come to meetings in the garb of Father Peter Gallagher.

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Here are the year-by-year improvements, with their projected total costs and the brief comments which were appended to the Plan:

2011: Construct new terminal building (\$740,000): "The old terminal building is in need of significant repairs, and a new building is required to accommodate the numerous daily flights of the Air Taxi operator."

2012: New access road and parking lot—gravel: (\$270,000): "As part of the new Terminal area development a new entrance road and parking area is required."

2013: Expand apron (\$240,000): "The new terminal building will require additional apron area for increased usage. Based on the latest survey data, over 5,500 annual air taxi operations occur at the airport." Also, pave gravel parking lot (\$270,000).

2014: Purchase tractor and snow-blower (\$150,000): "The current maintenance equipment is insufficient to properly handle the snow removal at the

OCTOBER 2 - BITE OF BEAVER ISLAND

The 9th annual Bite of Beaver Island Food Festival will be held on Saturday, October 2.

The day begins at 10:00 a.m. with the Island Boodle, a 5K Walk and Run, organized by Mike and Gail Weede. It benefits the Island Sports Boosters.

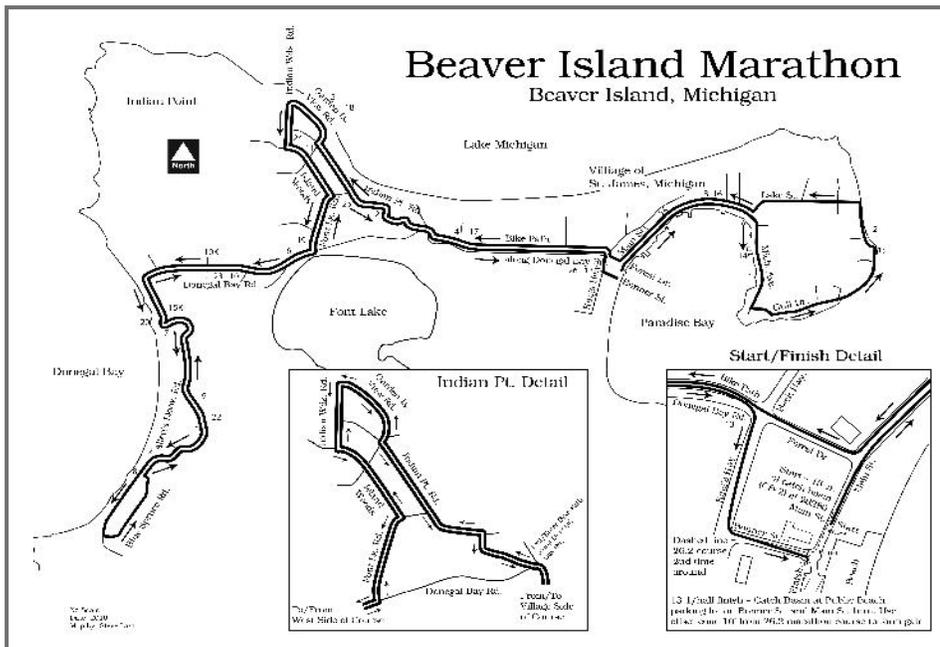
(Registration: Pick up forms at the Chamber office or online at BeaverIsland.org). The Bite of Beaver Festival will run from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall, where amateur and professional chefs will present "bite size" portions for reasonable prices.

(Vendor forms are available at the Chamber office or website).

Deb Harwood, the Island chef who took her dream of starting an Island food festival to the Chamber a decade ago, is chairperson this year, and has added some new fun activities to the event.

Along with great food, fresh Island apple cider from the cider press, and the annual pie contest and benefit auction, Third Coast will be performing at the hall.

Outside, free hayrides along the harbor will be provided by Andy's Grooming Barn and Beaver Island Financial Center. Harwood says some surprise culinary characters will also be on hand to entertain the crowd. Prizes will be given out to the top two apple pie contestants, one for the best decorated table, and one to a student at BICS who submits the winning name for the His-



MARATHON

The runners asked for more Beaver Island scenery and downtown merchants asked for a little less road disruption. "We hope the new 13.1 mile Boston Marathon course makes everyone happy," said Chamber of Commerce Director Steve West. The course was developed by Ron Suffolk of Good Boy Events, the marathon promoter.

The September 4th Beaver Island Marathon starts at 8:00 AM at the Public Beach. Nearly all half-marathon competitors will conclude the event by 10:00 AM and many full marathon runners will finish by 10:30.

The course is not closed to vehicle traffic. Island drivers are asked to avoid using the course roads between 8:00 and 10:30 AM on Saturday September 4th.



airport. Federal AIP funds have been previously used to purchase a displacement plow. Carryover \$7,500 for future projects.”

2015: Expand fueling facility (\$140,000): “The airport is on an island ... fueling facilities for the itinerant and air taxi aircraft.”

2016: Carryover funds: “Carryover \$17,000 for future projects. Cumulative \$24,500.”

torical Society’s stuffed Island Beaver – a mascot, donated by Ed and Connie Eicher, which will be on display at the Bite. Main Street will have additional spots to visit, with a number of merchants planning special food tasting events or sales. The Community Center will have artisans selling their wares (artisan forms are available at the Center or online at *BeaverIsland.org*).

Starting at 4:00 p.m. at the public beach (weather permitting), Linda Frysinger is organizing a bike ride of various lengths, another benefit for the Beaver Island Sports Boosters.

Nightlife for the festival weekend includes: Live music at Donegal Danny’s Pub on Friday, Oct. 1, starting around 8:30 p.m. Friday will also be the final performance of *Beaver Tales 2* at the Community Center, beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. On Saturday evening,

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2017: Security fencing (\$18,000): “Security fencing is needed in the building area and along access points to the airport.”

2018: Storage Hangar (60' x 80'; \$300,000): “A storage hangar is needed to overnight itinerant aircraft.”

2019: Pave crosswind runway (2,000' x 60'; \$350,000): “Because of the roughness of the sod, the crosswind runway is almost unusable. The exist-

ing soil will not support a good sod runway. Paving is required to make the runway usable when wind conditions require its use.”

2020: Carryover funds: “Carryover \$150,000 for future projects.”

2021: Construct parallel taxiway (\$510,000): “By 2020 the airport should have over 20,000 annual operations and need a parallel taxiway.”

Third Coast will perform at the Shamrock.

Tell Mom! Apple Pie Contest: Please have your entry at the Hall kitchen by noon on Oct. 2. Judging will take place at 1:30 with winners announced at 2:00. Pies will be judged on

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A bit of background:

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about 1905-6 but they came back to the Island year after year for visits We have owned land since about 1862; our family is one of the longest continuous land owners (tax payers) on the Island.

The first was John from Castlebar.
Four years hence son Charles was born.
Then grandson Carl in 1902,
These early generations thrived.

Carl's son John, Chicago born,
Was next to travel to this isle,
The year was 1946,
With dad I hiked it mile by mile.

Fast forward to the seventies,
We brought our three kids on the boat.
Generation five's arrival,
A family event of note.

There have been many visits since,
But none have had more laughs or joys,
All eight grandchildren here this year,
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They swam at Sand and Donegal Bays,
Each day the action was non-stop.
They conquered both “big tree and rock”
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—John J. Gordon, 8/2010

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As reluctant snake holders became more confident, children had to take turns carrying and admiring their new colorful, squirmy friends. What a fabulous science class for all ages!

In addition to Beth, Ed Leuck, Dan Benjamin, Nancy Seefeldt, and Pinky Harmon have been instrumental in orga-

nizing and leading CMU nature trips throughout the summer. They all volunteer their time and knowledge to take participants to beautiful places and teach them about the lakes, plants and animals of the Island. I hope they will continue these classes, which have been a highlight of our summers on Beaver Island for eight years! Many thanks to all of you!

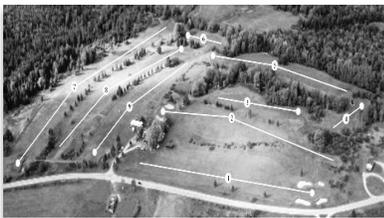
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12. RESPONSE TO BRENT PIKE'S LETTER "FORESTRY"

I was under the impression that when God created this earth, He had a master plan and we were the caretakers. It appears to me that Mr. Pike and his supporters think their plan is better or is going to improve on God's plan. It seems to me that where ever and when ever man has interfered with nature he has often made serious mistakes. People with good intentions often create massive problems.

For example, draining the Everglades in Florida for more farmland. Certainly someone's great idea! Government is now spending millions of dollars to "fix" that "great idea." Consider what happened in New Orleans and the Gulf Coast region a few years ago. Hurricane Katrina was catastrophic because man's idea of a levee system was inadequate and man's ideas to "improve" the area by destroying marshes and natural barriers created even more serious problems. What about the invasive plants, animals, and fish we brought to our country to solve problems that have in reality created even greater problems. For example, kudzu in the south and (what we are particularly familiar with) Phragmites, and Flying Carp. The latter was brought here to clean the bottoms of commercial fish farms and will eventually enter Lake Michigan and destroy commercial and sport fishing in the lake. The list of ideas to improve nature are endless. We are not as smart as we think we are! The question is are we learning from our mistakes? Unfortunately, not fast enough.

Mr. Pike cites the "certified forest" as support for his argument. The concept of certification of forests was not to im-

prove natural forests, but to prevent man from doing more harm. This need for international certification came about in response to uncontrolled logging around the world, which was having a negative impact on the whole of our environment. Leaving the forest alone is more desirable than managing it.

Many of us are as concerned as Mr. Pike about the decline in birds and animals including Woodcock and Ruffed Grouse. But his plan may solve one problem while opening a door to many others not yet known or understood.

Let's get answers to some important questions regarding this decline:

1 - Since there has been substantial development on the Island over that past several years, this must have had an effect on the game population. Two Ruffed Grouse, having been startled, were killed flying into our cabin windows. How many offspring would they have produced? I am certain other residents have had similar experiences. So, perhaps at least some of the decline is due to less space.

2 - The increase in the general population may also be a factor. Has the number of hunters seeking this game increased? In addition to resident hunters, is the number of hunters from the mainland increasing? With little DNR patrolling the Island, are all hunters abiding by limits? Even if the total bird population was maintained, if there are more hunters, each hunter would not experience that same success he/she would have had in the past. If the bird population is indeed declining, the personal experience of a hunter would be magnified.

3 - Has a brief hunting moratorium

(2-3 years) been considered to build the population. This might be followed by a reasonable hunt season commensurate with reduced breeding and available hunting land?

4 - How much natural breeding environment is needed per breeding pair? We see that development, including logging, has impacted both forest and open land; now we must determine how it has affected that part of nature that relies on that environment.

5 - Our change in population has increased the number of feral cats, house cats, and dogs that roam freely; chemicals being used to improve roads, crops, lawns, and gardens, and other changes in our general environment are having an impact here and around the world.

Using a theoretical solution to address a problem would be fine if we knew it did not negatively impact the environment in other ways. There is a lot of information that needs to be gathered before any major decision regarding the problem of a declining Woodcock and Ruffed Grouse population can be addressed.. If support for a plan is desired, especially one that affects the Beaver Island forests that we have grown to love and cherish, then planners need to be willing to conduct appropriate studies, and collect information to address our concerns. We may discover that habitat is not the major problem after all. Let's keep an open mind to find the best solution(s) in order to protect not only Woodcock and Ruffed Grouse but all game and, in particular, our fragile eco system. To do anything else would be irresponsible! — Barbara Fiore

HOME RULE

It's not the average politician who makes promises *after* winning an election, but Rich Gillespie has never been average. Following his win, he thanked his family and all his supporters, and then repeated, with more urgency, that he will work hard to reduce government waste.

One of the ways he'll do that, in addition to closely examining every issue to make sure no excesses are attached, is to make the public more aware of what's going on by creating a clearing house for ideas and information about matters in all county communities: www.CharlevoixForum.com This site will also aim to give people a better idea

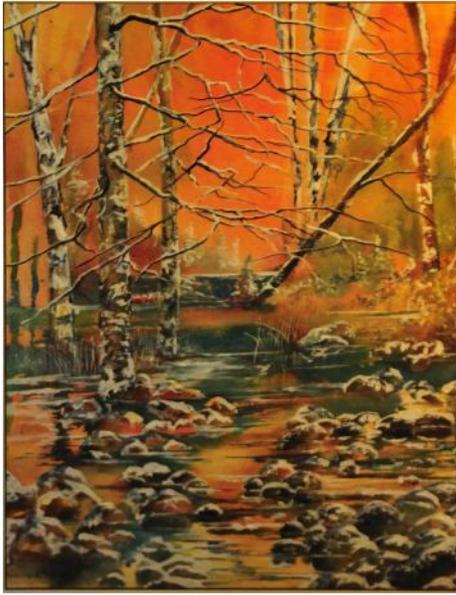
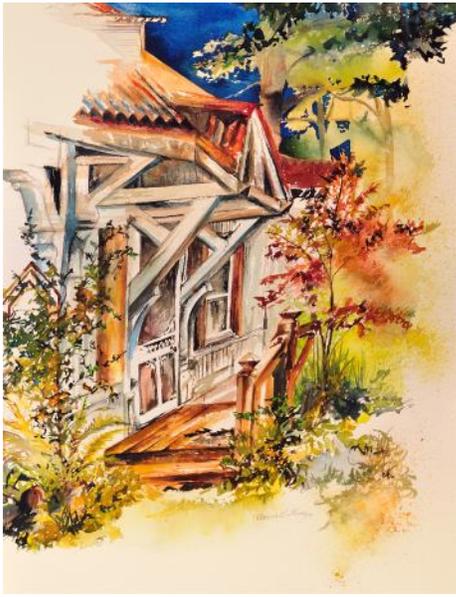
of CCC workings than their abbreviated minutes. "I hope that people will post their gripes (or compliments) there and let their representatives know what they are looking for," he said.

He doesn't consider his Commissioner position an easy job. He'll have to spend two or three days on the mainland each month for meetings, and will have to touch base often with those in his extensive network of Charlevoix friends to pick up any "inside scoops." Those who've grown tired of the way things have been going have been getting together regularly to practice their new cheer: "Go get 'em, Rich."

THANKS—EMS

When I called 9-1-1 for aid during my recent medical emergency, I had my first occasion to observe the EMS in action. They arrived promptly and quickly had me in the ambulance and on the way to the airport for a smooth transfer to the Island Airways plane for the flight to Charlevoix, for another smooth transfer to a second ambulance to take me to the hospital. We are blessed to have a trained, efficient group to care for us when we need them. Also special thanks to Island Airways for expediting my trip home after my stay in the hospital.

—Bud Cruickshank



A CHANCE TO SEE THE WATERCOLORS OF PAT TINNEY AN ISLAND FAVORITE



Patricia Tinney ©



PAT TINNEY OPENING AT LIVINGSTONE

Long-time Island favorite Pat Tinney had a surprise show at Livingstone Studio in mid-August — set up only three days before it was held. Several artists at-

tended—particularly those taking CMU’s water color class. Much of her work was priced in the three to four hundred dollar range, and featured the Island scenes that have fascinated and inspired

her for some time. The evening started slow, with Beaver Tales drawing the crowd, but before closing there was a flurry of activity in which four of her paintings found new homes.



NEW LANDSCAPE DESIGN-BUILD COMPANY ON BI

One of Beaver Island’s newest full-time residents, Barbara Rahn, brings to the Island’s nature focused community 30 years of experience in landscape design. She and her husband Joe have recently retired to their home on the western side of the Island on Mrs Redding’s Trail. Landscape Designs by Barb will offer many services including detailed design, site preparation, and installation.

According to Barbara, some people may only be interested in a “detailed drawing of plantings for a transition

area between thier house and woods or shore. Others may want a complete 3-5 year landscaping plan.”

Having recently employed local contractors to build her house, Barbara is familiar with the quality of workmanship available on the Island for hardscaping and excavation. These will compliment her plant installation expertise. She will personally oversee planting crews or install the plants herself.

Design work by Mrs. Rahn has included residences, apartment buildings,

fast food chains, shopping malls, businesses and golf course enhancement. The most unusual design she did included a sand trap and putting green for the back yard of an executive of one of the Fortune 500 companies. Barbara’s education includes a BA combining Landscape Design and Business from Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri and a MS in Public Horticulture Administration from the University of Delaware, where she also won a Fellowship to the Longwood Graduate Program.

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* discussed the pros and cons of the Townships' Merger question, which had been raised by a "community planner." The Township Boards were asked to put the question on the ballot but unanimously refused.

A report was made on the cormorant study conducted by CMU's Dr. Doug Peterson, who said they had caused an 85% reduction in smallmouth bass around the Archipelago—a reduction from about 10,000 to 1,500 while the birds increased from a few hundred to over 40,000.

The Capital Campaign to fund the Community Center had raised \$239,000 so far.

Community Outreach coordinator Elaine West announced that *Meals on Wheels* would soon be available to Beaver Island seniors.

The Health Center announced the hiring of New York physician's assistant Duane Nolf.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Chicago's Dan Boyle.

Twenty Years Ago The Island School announced new physical plant improvements (the creation of a counseling room and the addition of an airlock entry), new programs (preventive guidance and youth soccer), new staff (Beth Croswhite and Shaun Markey), and six new students.

The Historical Society held a dinner at which 100 guests feted Helen Collar, the Island's preeminent historian, for all her research. Speeches were delivered by Floss Frank, John Runberg, Helen Pike, Henry Hill, Josh Broder, and Alvin LaFreniere.

Patrick McGinnity reported on a trip taken by himself and fellow Boy Scouts Rick Damstra and Mike Himebach.

Former *Beacon* owners Ann and Ray Stanhope moved across the country to Orcas Island in the Puget Sound only to stroll down to the Orcas Center and find a show of Gwen Marston's quilts. They told the curator, "No matter where you go, there you are."

Bruce and Sheryl Struik prepared the second annual Gourmet Dinner for 97 guests at the Christian Church.

Jim Wojan reported that the Airport

Committee had worked with the Michigan Aeronautics Commission to bring a much-needed instrument approach to the Municipal Airport.

Joe Moore and Deputy Jim Owens argued against getting rid of the emergency boat.

Phil Gregg told the story of Island men needing the work of rebuilding the Roosevelt School so badly that they drove two trucks across the ice in 1933 to obtain the materials the job would need: Emmett McCann, Charlie Martin, Stanley Floyd, Pat LaFreniere, and Archie LaFreniere. On the way over they hit a crack and stopped, causing the sleigh they were towing to smack them and puncture the gas tank. Charlie immediately put his finger over the hole and asked Stanley to find a plug, but all he could come up with was a fig newton—which worked. Caught in a flurry of low-blowing snow, they were guided the last few miles by the sound of a circling plane. After welding the tank they started back but encountered a 30'-wide crack filled with 1"-thick ice. They had no choice but to try to jump it, and they did. But a second crack did them in off Sand Bay when they tried their trick again. The first sleigh made it but the second's runners were torn off, and they had to leave it and come back after unloading the first sleigh on the McCauley Road site. After their harrowing trip, building the school seemed like child's play.

There was no September *Beacon* in 1980.

Forty Years Ago Nearly 50 hunters made their way to Garden Island to take advantage of the early deer season. The coyote hunt was on, with Roy Chambers taking two, Sheldon and Bea Parker three, and Duane Newstead one.

Work on rebuilding the King's Highway was underway, with blacktop expected in the spring.

Father Donahoe, owner of the Stone House on Paid een Og's Road, gave samples of five apples to a horticulturist because of the Island's bumper crop of apples. One was identified as "a crab apple of the old kind, which tends to get quite big; it was originally used for pickling." Another was a Ben Davis—close to a red delicious. Three others could not be

identified.

For the past two years Henry Allen and his sons Joe, Mike, and Steve worked on building a landing strip down the middle of Trout Island, which they divided into 10-acre plots. The first one to sell went to Emory Griffin, who began building a 28' x 40' home.

Island students Angie and Ron Wojan, Kevin McDonough, Judy LaFreniere, and Phyllis Gregg returned to college.

The Civic Association's attempt to keep the Coast Guard Station from closing on 9-15 did not work.

The *Beacon* took part in a national campaign to reverse the censure of astronauts who had read the Bible while orbiting the moon, which had been instigated by atheist Madolyn Murray O'Hara.

SAC's Major Dan Egbert bought the 120-acre Burke farm, believed to have originally been cleared and worked by squatting Strangites.

Fifty Years Ago Holy Cross celebrated its centennial by publishing a booklet containing pictures and information about its history. The ladies of the Altar Society served a roast beef dinner under the direction of Lil Gallagher. Twenty floats took part in the Homecoming Parade.

Gerrie Lockwood saw a flying saucer in the sky as she was driving back to her cabin.

State biologists thought grouse shooting on Beaver would be very good. Five hundred deer permits were to be issued.

The motorship *Mackinac Islander* brought in construction material and a crew to build a dock near the Conservation Dock for off-loading drilling equipment for the McClure Oil Company's spring start.

The campground was used heavily, with up to 55 campers there at one time.

Game biologists were to spend the fall on Garden and High.

Archie LaFreniere was voted a 3-year term as director of the Beaver Island Boat Company.

The new Municipal Dock was dedicated, with several members of the Waterways Commission attending.

The school had 22 k-4 children, 25 5-8, and 9 in high school.

16. CAMP O'QUALITY ON BEAVER ISLAND



When I heard that the theme for the 2010 main camp in August was going to be "Every Day's a Holiday at Camp Quality!" ... and that one of the days to be celebrated was St. Patrick's Day, it didn't take long to decide that some Irish shenanigans would be perfect for this year's Beaver Island Teen Camp. Then arrived in my mailbox the April issue of the paper, showing all of the Island activities. Put it all together, with help from many Islanders, and we had a rollicking good time set up for the campers.

We were a small, but mighty, group



this year, just three lads, four lassies, and four staff, but we were all ready to have some serious fun. We encountered a rainstorm and some rolling seas on our trip across on the *Emerald Isle*, but some fresh air on deck kept any from becoming too queasy.

The rain had ceased by the time we

were ready to disembark. We searched and looked, but ... no Tina. She always meets our boat. So, we resigned ourselves to gathering our belongings and loading them into the waiting vehicles supplied by McDonough's Market and Gordon's Auto Clinic. Then, we trekked over to (where else?) the Shamrock where all the pizza and soft drinks we could eat were provided by our gracious hosts, Eric and Dana. And then, Eric brought out the surprise! "Tina said I should bring these out to you." Inside the large cardboard box were goodie bags filled with yummy stuff to eat AND Irish items to don for



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Scripps "Beach House" 31840 East Side Drive (On Lot 34 of the Beaver Sands Plat)

This three bedroom, 1 and 1/2 bathroom home is on a 100-foot wide sandy beach lot just three lots north of the Bill Wagner Camp-ground (almost right at the intersection of Hannigan Road with East Side Drive). This Lindall cedar home is built in sort of a chalet style with glass from the floor to the peak on the lake side; it gives absolutely fabulous views of the beach out front and most of Sand Bay. Most of the living area is on the first floor level with 1200 sq. ft. There is one full bathroom downstairs plus there is a shower and stool "half bath" in the master bedroom. There is an 8' x 48' deck on the lake side of the house connected to a 5' x 12' deck on the south side of the house. The main entry-way on the west side of the house just off the driveway also has a 7-1/2' x 18' deck. There is a garage west of the house just off the driveway in from East Side Drive that is 22' x 24'. It's really being used more as a workshop/storage building. The main part of the house has a large combined living room and dining room area with the kitchen just off the south side of the dining area. There is a stone fireplace on the north wall of the living room that is perfect for this house; it's to your left in the living room as you are looking east through the glass wall to the beach. This Lot 34 of Beaver Sands is almost 1,000 feet deep from East Side Drive to the water of Sand Bay. The boardwalk off the front deck leads down to a small beach deck with a couple of beach chairs. After a strong east wind - or in the fall after November winds - the beach sometimes shows some pebblestone but during the summer it's mostly sandy from the dune grass down to the water's edge. The bottom out front is almost pure sand with a number of sand bars as you go further away from the shore. This really is a beach house on a good swimming beach. The sunrises and moonrises are visible year-round; you cannot find a better beachfront location on Beaver Island. The next lot to the south, Lot 35, is also offered as part of this listing. The asking price includes the second lot and the listing says that both lots must be sold together, but it might be possible to arrange with the bank for Lot 35 to be sold separately. Because lots in this plat were selling for a minimum of \$190,000 each three years ago, the two lots have a current value somewhere between \$320,000 and \$380,000 FOR JUST THE RAW LAND. This package with furnishings and appliances is therefore a good buy at a total of

\$506,000.



our special weekend.

After gorging ourselves, we tumbled into the vans for the ride to the Lighthouse School. We had some new campers this year, and it was interesting to listen to the experienced campers pass on information to the newcomers. At camp, we barely had time to settle in before it began to rain in earnest. We were a bit worried about our scheduled outdoor activities for the next day. Soon, the crew snuggled in with books, and by 10:30, all the girls were sleeping peacefully in spite of a cracking thunderstorm outside.

We awoke to a chill, misty day. Af-



ter breakfast, off we went to Lakesports to get our bicycles. The cool, damp weather turned out to be perfect for cycling. Some went all the way to Donegal Bay and even climbed Mt. Pisgah. The rest of us rode the bicycle path to enjoy the view from the St. James Township Campground before



returning to ride to the Whiskey Point Light. At last, it was time for their favorite place to be open. Both groups converged on the Toy Museum. Really odd, color-changing, reflective glasses were the biggest hit with the boys. The girls were fond of beads and jewelry and such.

By now, we had been biking and shopping for nearly three hours, certainly enough time to work up hearty appetites. But not too hearty for the luncheon that Judy Boyle and family, the Episcopal Mission, and the cookie ladies had prepared for us at the

continued on page 18.

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18. **Camp O'Quality** from page 17. McDonough cabin. The campers wolfed down dogs 'n beans 'n chips 'n fruit 'n cookies 'n cookies 'n cookies until all were sated.

We were kind of lazing around, sleeping off our lunch (one even on the stairway landing) when Michelle and her merry group of Island teens arrived. It didn't take her long to snap us all to attention and get us organized into teams. We listened (well, mostly listened) as she carefully went through the directions for the road rally. Then, we were off!

I can only speak for my group, but some fierce competition seemed to be setting in. Michelle had set up a road rally to get us familiar with Island landmarks and the Irish language. In addition to having to write down what three Island historical signs said, we had to make our way to "the meeting place," translate the Boat Company's slogan, and, most difficult of all, make our way to the "ancient orchard" where we could visit and stay a day or a week.

There were tasks to complete as well. What team could putt the best on hole number nine at the Beaver Island Golf Course? Which could build the best castle at Donegal Bay ... without using any sand?!? And somewhere, in the middle of all of this, we had to figure out that Great or Huge, opposite of black, and the mountain range between Spain and France meant Sweetie Dawson and hie ourselves to Larry and Laraine's for cookies and punch. (During all of this hoopla, the team was working frantically on the wording for their limerick.)

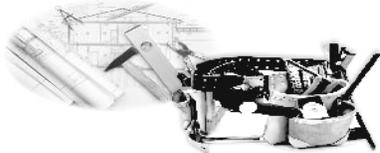
Rolling up almost simultaneously back at the beach in St. James, all were rushing over to Cindy and Dusty's for two more signatures. Then, breathlessly arriving at the parking lot where Michelle and Nelda were waiting for us, we discovered we were not yet through. There was a race to be run with the venerable paddy wagon. It was a timed event, and each team ran their best in flip-flops and bare feet. The race was close. Points were being tallied. We could earn a few more points IF we

were willing to sing a little tune. Danny Gillespie had recorded "It's a Long Way to Beaver Island" for us. In the long run, each team decided to go for it. Four off pitch and off key melodies were performed ... three by camper groups and one howling rendition by the staff.

Only the limericks remained to be ruled on. Each group presented their limerick, and then the final judging began. Michelle and Nelda were adding up the points. My team was looking good until ... remember what I said about the directions? We needed signatures of Irish folks on the Island BUT, and here's the kicker, you couldn't use the name of anyone on your team. Oops. I believe that put us in second place. Oh well, a great time was had by all. Such a great time, in fact, that Michelle and the Island teens joined us for dinner at Stoney Acre. The mealtime was raucous with lots of laughter and stories.

Sunday morning came with bright sunshine and a breeze. That made it a perfect day for meeting Kayak Ken at

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the new school to learn about orienteering. Most of us no longer know how to use a compass. Ken not only taught us how to use a compass, but other ways to safely navigate in the woods ... and to stop navigating altogether and stay in one place if you are truly lost. After practicing our skills on paper, we all received our compasses and headed out into the forest to test what we had learned. We carefully made our way to Font Lake. From there, we had to maneuver ourselves between two hills and finally to a treasure. We managed to make our circuit without too many scratches and mosquito bites. It was an adventure to remember.

Of course, we were hungry again and navigated our way to Dalwhinnie (the meeting place) to order up mouth-watering sandwiches. We ate them at McDonough's cabin with more cookies and lemonade. After lunch, we went flightseeing. We had been eating so much, it's a wonder that Paul could get the Island Air plane off the ground with us aboard. He took the teens on a won-

derful tour of the Islands, shipwrecks, and more. On such a beautiful clear day, it was fabulous.

On our way back to camp, we stopped at the CMU Biological Station. Zach Egan was waiting for us and over the creek and through the woods to the beaver dam we went ... and other places, too, until the skeeters got too hungry. Then we convened in front of the stone fireplace and each camper strove energetically to start a fire. Many tried, but only staffer John succeeded, but that was just because camper Taylor had warmed the "firestarter" up for him!

Since it was our last night at camp, after supper and packing up for the next day, a fire was started, so'mores were made, and lies and stories were told. The stars were out in multitudes in the clear night air. The mosquitoes gave us a respite until we all grew quite drowsy around the fire.

Monday! Another gorgeous day! We packed up our gear and headed for town. We cleaned and returned vehicles and then had time for one more

treat. Trooping happily up to 19. Daddy Frank's, smiling faces greeted us as we selected our ice cream treats. Tired, sticky, and happy, we clambered aboard the *Beaver Islander* for our return trip to Charlevoix. A few read or had a card game going, but most slept to the gentle rocking of the boat.

Beaver Island! How do you do it? The Camp Quality Teen Camp gets better every year! Predicted - dismal, rainy weather. Actuality - cool, sunny days that were perfect for orienteering, biking and an Irish-themed road rally. The campers (and companions) had a blast! Thank you so much for all you do for Camp Quality. The campers feel like they are at home here. We would like to especially thank the generous folks, civic groups, churches, and businesses that make this camp possible for our special kids.

A hundred thousand thank you's from Camp Quality.

—Nancy Ferguson

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20. IRISH TREE REALITY

In the past few installments of the *Beacon* Seamus Norgaard has made an impassioned plea to save the forests of Beaver Island. I applaud Seamus for his desire to protect one of the Island's most beautiful natural resources. I agree with him. We must protect all of our forests, young and old alike. Protecting the forest, however, requires more than caring. It requires understanding the science, facts, and realities of modern forest management.

Modern management techniques replicate what would occur naturally over the lifetime of a forest. Man's presence has a profound effect on our forests, from the introduction of various insects and disease, to our containment of forest fires. Because we have a role in affecting the forests we have a responsibility to manage them. If we used Mr. Norgaard's principals of biological isolation, would we respond to a wildfire, an invasive species, or an oil spill? We have a moral obligation to fix those man-made problems, and we have the same obligation to responsibly manage the forests of Beaver Island. Eric Ellis, Wildlife Manager and Biologist for the Conservation Resource Alliance and invited

guest of the NRETC at this summer's symposium, agrees with active management for Beaver Island. He states:

"There are areas where 'hands off' management has its place. This can work well in an area where all natural forces are allowed to occur without interference, such as the USFS Wilderness system. But, I'm doubtful that anyone advocating for 'hands off' management on Beaver Island would let a large wildfire run unchecked across the Island or feel that nothing should be done if a massive outbreak of a native defoliator species started killing trees all over the Island. Also, I think that there are enough human influences on the Island (fire suppression, support of subsidized predators, introduction of non-native

tree disease, invasive species) that 'hands on' management is essential if the natural heritage of the Island is to be maintained." (Ellis, 12 Aug 2010)

There are a variety of active management forestry techniques that can be employed to manage the island forests. Single tree selection, group selection, clear-cutting, seed tree, and shelterwood cutting are all acknowledge management techniques by the US Forest Service and Michigan DNRE. Even clear-cutting, a much misunderstood and misrepresented, harvest technique has a role. The Michigan DNRE believes that clear-cuts are instrumental "to help regenerate species



Fresh clear-cut— Clear-cutting leaves debris on the ground to help restore soil nutrients



4 months after initial cut— Within a few months clear-cuts begin to regenerate foliage



2nd growing season— in only its 2nd growing season a clear-cut has lush vegetation



2 years after clear-cut— Within 2-3 years a clear-cut is has turned into a thriving young forest

that cannot compete in mature forests. A number of them—aspens, jack pine and, in areas with poor soils, oaks—are important species for both game and nongame wildlife species." (MDNRE, 21 May 2009) These areas are instrumental to a large number of species and improve the overall biodiversity of the area.

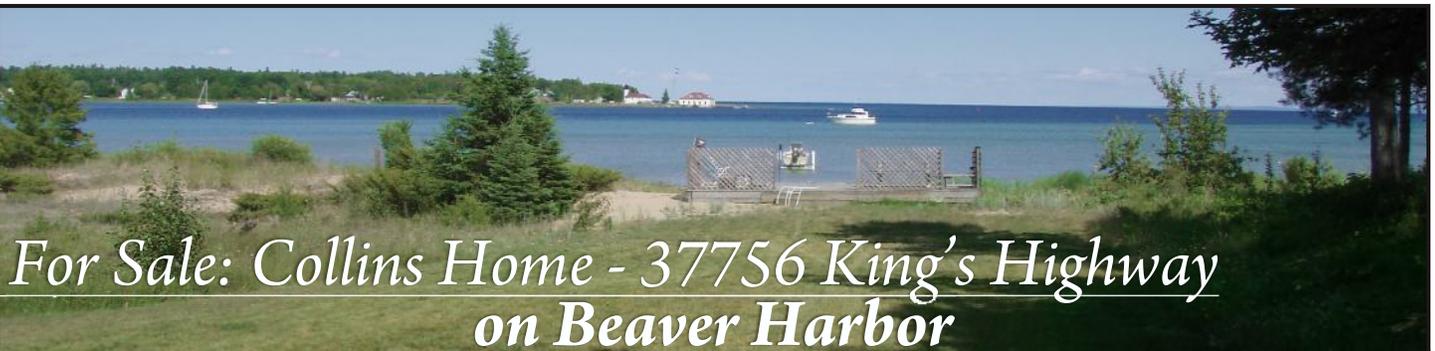
"The first year after a clearcut there's a lot of course woody debris on the ground, so it's very helpful for creatures like salamanders and snakes," said DNR wildlife biologist Al Stewart. "The cuts help to release the raspberries and the fruit-bearing shrubs, such as gray-stemmed dogwoods, so you'll get some bird species, such as rufus-sided towhees...As growth progresses, there are other species that come in and use that

habitat. In that first 10 years, the golden-winged warbler uses that young forest as it's coming up. Over the last 40 years, golden-winged warbler populations have declined by more than three percent a year. That loss is attributable to the loss of habitat due to forest maturation." An aspen clear-cut begins to pay off almost immediately for more than 70 species of wildlife that use the early successional forest. (MDNRE, 21 May 2009)

As explained by Mr. Stewart clear-cuts are instrumental in providing habitat for many species of animal. Some people object to clear-cuts for aesthetic reasons, but this is also a flawed view if you have an even slightly more long-term perspective. The accompanying pictures (left) courtesy of Eric Ellis clearly illustrate that a clear-cut quickly becomes a thriving and beautiful young successional forest in just its first and second growing seasons. I doubt anyone who has seen a golden stand of aspen swaying in the fall breeze could say it is anything but beautiful.

Mr Norgaard and others who share his opinion clearly have a love of the Island and her forests. Like any good Celt, he has turned to the Saints and the Bible for guidance on this issue. Perhaps a verse from Ecclesiastes can remind him that every type of forest management has a place under Heaven. It states, "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven...a time to be born, and a time to die, a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted..." (God, timeless) Love must be tempered with logic. We have a responsibility to care for our forests. Just like weeding a garden and pruning an apple tree produce the best results, we must actively work to keep our forest healthy. Every type of management will have a role, from the protection of the two stands of true old growth forest on the island to the regeneration of fresh young successional forest.

—Gavin West



For Sale: Collins Home - 37756 King's Highway on Beaver Harbor

A very rare offering of a newer home ON BEAVER HARBOR with a fantastic view of the entrance to Paradise Bay. The house sits up on a bluff overlooking the harbor offering an unequalled view with a deep running lot from the King's Highway to the water's edge. The frontage has a pure sand bottom, great for swimming and safe for kids.

The first floor level has two bedrooms and one full bath, a formal dining room, a living room with a wood-burning fireplace, an excellent fairly new kitchen, and a screened-in three-season porch. There is an open deck on the lake side in front of the living room, and a protected private hot tub area below the porch with a full view of the harbor just outside the walkout basement door. The walkout basement is being used as a master bedroom by the current owner (with a second $\frac{3}{4}$ bath on this lower level). There is also a laundry room in the lower level.



This home is unique: very few homes in the town of St. James have a view of the harbor like this.

If you like the idea of watching the boats come and go, and seeing sunrises and moonfalls, this could be your perfect retirement spot, a very nice summer home, or an excellent rental property.



The finished area downstairs can be used as a spare bedroom, family room, or any other use a new owner might desire. The house has over 1,740 ft² of finished living area. It also has an attached one-car garage. It has recently undergone extensive renovations and improvements by the owner/builder Mike Collins. A new roof, new electric hot water boiler, and new, long-lasting shake shingles were installed last year. In 1989 a new deep well was put down, and in 2001 a new septic system was added. New landscaping and walkways were put in, and a double-insulated dog door was installed in the basement to a 15' x 100' dog run. New floor coverings are on the first floor level, and a new stove and refrigerator is in the kitchen. The owner is offering almost all of the contents for a full price offer – including the boat lift on the harbor, boats and kayaks, a 32' twin engine cabin cruiser, and other items to give you a complete package to enjoy life. Because this is some of the most valuable lake frontage on Beaver Island (a minimum of \$2,000 per front foot), this house and everything with it is priced right at \$459,000.

Contact owner and Agent Michael Collins with Prudential Preferred Properties

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22. SENIOR HOUSING—AT LAST!

After ten years of hard work, the Beaver Island Community Development Corporation has obtained the \$1,100,000 it will cost to build its first 6-unit senior housing complex, Forest View Community. The final piece was a \$582,000 rural development 1% loan, which will be closed on September 8th. Ground-breaking at the site east of the Rural Health Center will take place shortly thereafter.

The Michigan State Housing Au-

thority awarded the BICDC a \$472,000 grant—raising it by \$70,000 at the last minute when local efforts fell that much short. Those local efforts provided the rest of the total—plus funds used to bring in power and cover other preparatory costs. They included grants from the Grand Traverse Band and the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, raffle proceeds from the Island Quilters, all the money spent at three dinners at the Beaver Lodge, and indi-

vidual donations.

This project began when Pete LoDico became part of the Rural Health Center's task force and saw that several responses to their surveys mentioned a need for senior housing—it was the second most important concern, behind health care. He and Nina Simpson-Jones, who pushed through a 501c3 status for the BICDC, were put on the committee, along with others. Pete stayed with it and became the president of the BICDC board—for which he was rewarded by being asked to guarantee, personally, that he would cover any construction overruns.

He wasn't worried, though, because the USDA rules had allowed him to select a contractor instead of putting the project out for bids. After reviewing work histories and consulting with the USDA he selected Robert Gillespie,



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CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF GUIDANCE

The final element in the celebration of Holy Cross Catholic Church's 150 years of serving Beaver Island will be a special Mass on September 12th at 10:00 a.m. It will honor past and present members of the Holy Cross community, including the many priests who have served here and are still much beloved. Afterwards there will be an old-fashioned ice cream social; all are invited.

This will come eight days after an outdoor Mass will be held at Arranmore Grotto (September 4th at 5:30 p.m.)

who had brought in several complicated projects on time and on budget. Robert responded by joining the team and contributing his experience.

Another important board member has been Jane McKenzie, director of the Northern Community Development Corporation. Having been through this before, she proved invaluable in obtaining funding. Don Spencer, Sandy Birdsall, and Barb Murphy also joined the board. Bill McDonough and Ed Wojan, the Island movers, played important roles in the land acquisition. The Health Center Board stood behind this effort all the way.

This first stage will produce a six-unit building with four 1-BR units and two 2-BR ones. Only seniors will be eligible to move in; if they qualify, the 1-BRs will rent for \$600/month and the 2-BRs for \$700—these prices including utilities and maintenance (lawn and snow). The six units and the Community Room provide naming opportunities: \$6,000 for the units, \$9,000 for the common area. Fifteen thousand dollars has already come in and will be used to smooth over any rough spots as the building becomes occupied and gets up to speed.

Those who can't meet the poverty guidelines may not have to wait too long

HEALTH FAIR

There'll be a senior picnic on September 16th from 12:30 to 2:00 at the Community Center, with special guest speaker Larry Hudson, a physical therapist, a new trivia contest, and prizes. Suggested donation for the picnic for Seniors 60 and older is \$3, and those under 60 a charge of \$6. Call 448-2022 to sign up!

From 2:00 to 7:00 the Beaver Island Health & Human Services Fair will be held at the Gregg Hall. Over 20 service organizations will be there. Free transportation from the Community Center to the Fair will be provided by the CCCoA. Themed "Live well. Feel well. Be well," the Fair will provide Beaver Island residents and visitors with information about—and opportunities to connect to—over 20 on- and off-Island organizations which can help them improve their total well-being.

for nearby lodging. A second acre will be sold to a developer who agrees to build two three-unit buildings, with the units more upscale; these units will be sold at market rates—conceivably to investors who will rent them. Residents of these Stage II units will have the option of buying into the right to use the Community Room in the Stage I building—a kitchen, TV, and lounge.

The BICDC is hiring a professional management company (as is required)

for the next three years; it will write the rules and run the complex as the BICDC looks and listens before taking this over itself. Its work will be far from over with the completion of Phase I and Phase II; a market analyst reported that within five years there would be a demand for 20 units, so the BICDC may have to scout for other locations.

When people prove they can get something done, they quickly find there's plenty more to do.

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Beaver Tales 2 A Beaver Island Journey! Friday, 9/3 8pm and Friday, 10/1 8pm \$12/Adv \$15/Door
A Community Players' production of unique songs, skits, and anecdotes of Island life and history, created and performed by Island folks and artists. If you enjoyed Beaver Tales, you'll love



Movies Every Week! Check Community Center for listings!

Senior Picnic:
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September 16
12:30-2pm. Join us for a post-summer Senior Picnic!

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Fri-Sat 10am-9pm
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Friday, 9/17
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The incredible quintet from Ireland returns to BI! It's a non-stop, contagious show of fabulous music, dancing and laughter. Slide's newest CD was recorded live, which is where they're best!



Missy Raines & The New Hip

Saturday, 9/25 8pm \$20

The most decorated bass player in the history of the International Bluegrass Music Association, Raines has "bluegrass bones and jazz muscle!" She leads the New Hip straight to the heat source and they all kick it up!

24. CLEAR-CUTTING IN OUR PUBLIC FORESTS, ASPEN POPULATIONS, GAME SPECIES, AND BIODIVERSITY

Mr. Pike makes many claims in his thoughtful letter in the August *Beaver Beacon*. Some are based on good biology, reflecting the requirements of the two game species he favors: grouse and woodcock. But our forests support many more forms of life than just these two species, and his selective bias shows when he pushes for an artificial regime of more clear-cutting here on Beaver Island, at the expense of many other values. It is just plain not true that “healthy forests” exist only with “the help” of humans through clear-cutting. And it is just plain not true that the mature Maple-Beech forests on the West Side of Beaver Island are of little value and “in dire need of management” (read clear-cuts) — simply because Mr. Pike hopes to see more grouse and woodcock there.

* The mature forests on Beaver Island that Mr. Pike maligns as “rotting” and “in dire need of management” (clear cutting) are in fact “rare,” “of high quality,” and “of significant conservation importance to Michigan,” according to the Michigan Natural Features Inventory: “Mesic northern forests ... consisted of vast, contiguous tracts with both complex species composition and forest canopy structure ... there was a diversity of dead trees, both down and standing, of various size classes and in various stages of decomposition. The result was a very complex system with a large diversity of habitats and microhabitats Although mesic northern forest is a common natural community, it is quite rare when found in a structurally intact, high qual-

ity condition. The high quality examples of mesic northern forest discovered in this study, particularly on Beaver Island, are of significant conservation importance to Michigan.”

* If our public forests were to be managed primarily for 2-3 game species and we cared about little else, then certainly we could select for these species by keeping our forests in one giant “rotational clear-cut” for high aspen production. (This is close to what the DNR has been doing on the mainland, by keeping a whopping 20% of our State Forests in clear-cuts for aspen.) But here's some more facts to consider before deciding we need to “save the aspen” by bringing more clear-cutting here to Beaver Island and elsewhere:

* The original, naturally occurring distribution of aspen in pre-settlement times was only approximately 2% of Michigan's forest canopy (source: U of Wisconsin, Madison, “Early Settlement Vegetation in the Northern Great Lakes Ecoregions.”) Natural processes will maintain aspen at this pre-settlement level without us clear-cutting. Grouse evolved in forests with this natural 2% aspen ratio — not in the artificially high 20% aspen forests kept today on the mainland only through clear-cutting. Grouse will not disappear from the mainland or the Island if we fail to clear-cut here or there. In fact many of us have enjoyed seeing many hens with large and healthy broods crossing the roads on the Island this spring. It is disturbing then to those of us who value natural forest eco-

systems, that some (not all grouse and woodcock enthusiasts) would advocate for still more clear-cutting of our public forests over on the mainland, and now wish to bring that same mistake here to Beaver Island.

* For every advocate of more clear-cutting of our public forests, there are many others who would like to restore our forests to their more natural, original state. Many of us are not happy with the current heavy clear-cutting bias on the mainland, in which the DNRE favors certain species at the expense of others. (The sustainable forestry certifications which Mr. Pike touts were in fact given to the DNRE only conditionally, pending it come up with and enact an authentic viable biodiversity plan for our forests. To date the DNRE has failed to do so, and it continues to receive criticism for this failure.) Over-cutting by the DNRE on the mainland has resulted in the near disappearance of several magnificent species — including the red-shouldered hawk, the pine marten, the wolverine, and the fisher from much of Michigan's woodlands. Other species which prefer mature woodlands include the pileated woodpecker and the barred owl, which we now have here on Beaver Island and many of us treasure.

Let's not bring the same mistakes from the mainland over here to Beaver Island. The mature forests we have here are “rare,” “of high quality,” “of significant conservation importance,” and are definitely worth preserving for future generations. —Seamus Norgaard

BIRHC BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT BIG SUCCESS

The August 14th BIRHC Benefit Golf Tournament organized by John Works Jr. and his family raised over \$7,600. Everyone at the Health Center would like to thank John, Carolyn, Meg, and Trudy Works, and Jenifer Harless, Joan Vyse, Frank Solle, and Buck Ridgeway for all the time and effort they put into organizing a fantastic event that was enjoyed by all, despite the humid weather. This is the second year John has taken the lead in putting together a much-needed Health Center fund-raiser. All proceeds will go directly toward defraying its daily operating costs.

John and the Health Center want to thank and recognize the 60 people who paid \$75 each to play, and the many individuals and businesses who contributed very generously to the event. Off-Island donors were: Belvedere Golf Club, Dr. Ed Newcomb, Dr. Dan Mann, Charlevoix Area Hospital, Dennis Kolenda, Dr. Jeffrey Ricks, Mike's Glass, Featherly's Auto, Wilderness Golf Course, Wawasgkamo Golf Course, Charlevoix Golf and Country Club, The Weathervane Inn, Tri-Turf, Dave Kring Chevrolet, and Carquest Charlevoix.

Island donors were: Eric and Dana

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With much appreciation to all those listed above for your generosity even in these difficult times,

—the BIRHC Board and Staff



LET'S HOPE IT DOESN'T END

Something happened on the way to staging the annual CMU watercolor show in the Gillingham Auditorium. Minds were changed (over the liability question) and the colorful announcements were ripped down. This was the second major hurdle overcome by the twenty artists who spent the past two weeks hunkered in front of scenic Island outlooks; the first was the initial canceling of the three-

credit class, a decision that was reversed to great acclaim.

The culminating Art Show had provided a splendid opportunity for the public to see the CMU facility (usually 200+ attend), see how inspiring Beaver Island can be (and have one's own feeling ratified), and meet and talk with the artists, most of whom are Michigan teachers who have bonded with each other and with the Island and return year

after year.

Luckily the Community Center rose to the challenge of solving this dilemma and offered its auditorium on a Thursday afternoon for the show. The artists present had the expression one sees when a rider leaps from a tired mount halfway across a river onto one with fresh legs and a desire to please, impress, and excel. The sense of relief and joy was palpable, and showed in the paintings as well.





The challenged artists responded by rolling up their sleeves and digging in to show their mettle. There was no more playing around.

Some of the artists felt the powers

that be no longer valued the long-time institution of hosting a watercolor class on Beaver Island. The immanence of this fin de siècle prompted them to examine the value of their threatened activity.

None wanted to give it up without a fight. Because most of them have returned year after year, a camaraderie and self-confidence has developed in which they freely critique each other's work,



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without getting defensive, and offer helpful suggestions—after all, they are teachers.

One possibility being discussed is that of the artists banding together to

return to Beaver Island for two weeks next summer without the sanction of CMU. They would not earn any credit, but that's not the primary attraction, and they would not have to pay tuition. Such

a plan might depend on the willingness of cottage owners to take in some of them, gratis, for two weeks next August. The *Beacon* will apprise its readers if they decide to act on this plan.



Arlene Cleveland



Harlan Minor



Pru Barber

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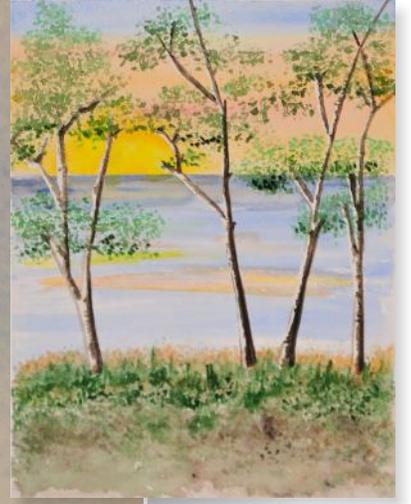
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Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 1, 1910 **Beaver Island News:** "Miss Nellie Roe, of Harbor Springs, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donlevy."

"Another (Cross) girl in town, and in consequence of which 'Charlie' is building an addition to his house."

"Government agent D. H. Dickinson was here last week issuing checks to the Indians. About two hundred Indians participated in this pay off."

"Wm. Driggett and wife, of Charlevoix, were Island visitors this week." (*Note: W. T. Driggett and Ada Driggett appear in the Hotel Beaver register, Aug. 27, 1910*)

"Mr. Walter J. O'Donnell, of Portland, Oregon is the guest of James McCann and family for a few weeks."

"Schooner *Joses* is taking on a cargo of bark for Milwaukee."

"James Donlevy was a Charlevoix visitor this week."

"Miss Elizabeth Cull of the Big Rapids hospital force who has been visiting her mother here for the past two weeks returned to the above city Monday."

"A. Malloy made a business trip to Milwaukee."

"Miss Elizabeth Fullerton who has been spending the past month with W. J. Gallagher and family returned to her home in Toronto."

"Mrs. Dr. A. M. Wilkinson and children of Charlevoix, are spending a few days with Dr. Ruth and family at the latter's cottage."

"Mr. Gus Kitzinger of Manistee, transacted business on the Island last week." (*Note: Gus. Kitzinger, Manistee, appears in the Hotel Beaver register Aug. 29, 1910*)

"The esteem and respect by which Rev. Father Norbert held by the inhabitants of the Island was manifested by the large concourse of people that participated in a farewell entertainment given in his honor on the evening of his departure from the Island. After a few introductory remarks by Hon. Walter J. O'Donnell of Portland Oregon, who was formally an Island boy, the following programme was rendered. Violin Solo – W. A. Sheid; Recitation, *The Leper* – Rachel Donlevy; Piano Solo – Margaret Gibson; Song, *Madeline* –

Mis Anna O'Malley. Violin solo – Patrick Bonner. Song – Leo Sheid; Reading – Rachael Donlevy; Song – W. A. Sheid; Violin solo – Robert Davidson; Song, *Sing me to Sleep* – Mrs. A. M. Wilkinson. Song, *Then You'll Remember Me* – Miss Anna O'Malley.

The farewell address was delivered in a masterly manner by Mr. O'Donnell, following which The Rev. Father in a few well chosen words bid them all farewell."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, September 7, 1910 **From Beaver Island:** "Mrs. Frank Left is visiting friends in Chicago and Manitowoc."

"Hon. W. J. Mears of Boyne Falls was an Island visitor last week." (*Note: Wm. Mears, Boyne Falls, appears in the Hotel Beaver register, Aug. 29, 1910*)

"Mrs. Annie Moran and son left Sunday for their home in Escanaba."

"Capt. Daniel McCauley and wife of Manistique were Island visitors last week. Tom McCauley and niece, Miss B. J. Gallagher are visiting friends at Manistique this week."

"James McCann went to Mackinaw Island Saturday to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mr. Donnelly."

"J. Burke and H. Hartwig are building a general blacksmithing and repair shop. This is what the village needed."

"A sad accident occurred here Saturday noon of last week, while the elder members of the family of Bernard McCafferty were at dinner. Willie, the seven year old son of Mr. McCafferty, in some way got possession of his older brother's twenty-two rifle, informing his sister, age ten, who was with him, that he would shoot the cat for killing his mother's chickens, accordingly started out in search of the animal. Coming upon the object of his search near the barn he opened fire at the same moment his sister rushed in and received the shot intended for the cat. The bullet entered her back inflicting a dangerous wound. The doctor thinks he can save her life."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 8, 1910 **Local News:** "James McCann, of St. James, was in the city Monday night, on his way home from Mackinaw Island, where he went to attend the funeral of a relative."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. Annie Moran and niece, Miss M. Brown who have been visiting friends here for the past three weeks returned to their home in Escanaba Sunday."

"Joe Burke and H. Hartwig are erecting a large blacksmithing and repair shop."

"Capt. Dan McCauley and wife of Manistique spent a couple of days on the Island this week."

"James McCann is at Mackinaw Island this week attending the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Donnelly."

"Miss Beatrice J. Gallagher is visiting friends at Manistique this week."

"Mrs. Frank Left has gone on a visit with friends to Chicago and Manitowoc."

"A very sad accident occurred here Saturday noon while the older members of the family of Bernard McCafferty were at dinner. Willie the seven year old son of Mr. & Mrs. McCafferty in some manner having gotten possession of his older brother's rifle, informing his sister age ten, who was with him, that he intended to shoot the cat for killing chickens. Hunting the cat, he opened fire at the same moment his sister rushed toward the animal in order to save it, and received the shot, the bullet entering her back inflicting a dangerous wound. At the present writing the child is resting easy although the doctor has not yet been able to locate the bullet. The little fellow realizing what he had done became frightened and ran away, and was almost a mile from home when overtaken." (*Note: Sept. 1-11 Continuous thunder and rain storms, 72 -39 degrees. F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, September 14, 1910 **Front Page Article:**

**ONE OF THE WORST
MARINE DISASTERS
IN HISTORY OF LAKE MICHIGAN
PERE MARQUETTE
CAR FERRY NO 18
SANK MONDAY MORNING**

"One of the worst marine disasters in the history Lake Michigan occurred Friday morning when Pere Marquette

continued on page 30.

30. **One Hundred Years Ago** from page 29. car ferry *No. 18*, the flagship of the fleet of five steel car ferries owned by the Pere Marquette railroad, sunk to the bottom of Lake Michigan, 20 miles off Port Washington, with the loss of 25 lives. The loss of the boat and cargo will amount to one-half million, which is covered by insurance.

"Friday morning at 3 o'clock the wireless station at Ludington caught the 'C. D. Q.' message, saying, 'Car ferry *No. 18* is sinking - Help.' The flash was repeated continuously for one hour, but was unsigned. At 7:30 Friday morning Superintendent Mercerean of the car ferry line received a wireless from car ferry *No. 17* saying that *No. 18* had sunk after all on board had been saved. Later he received a wireless saying that only 30 had been saved. All the officers on the boat were lost when she went down.

"The ferry carried a crew of fifty men. The cause of the accident is unknown. At the time of the disaster there was a strong northwest wind and a fairly heavy sea running, but there was nothing dangerous in this direction.

"*No. 18* was the largest, finest and most costly ferry on the great lakes, and left Ludington at midnight for Milwaukee with twenty nine cars and four hundred tons at coal in her bunkers. *No. 17* left Milwaukee at 3:30 for Ludington, and overtook her sister ship *No. 18*, about 5 o'clock.

"The names of the officers on the lost boat were: Captain, Peter Kilty;

first mate, Joseph Brestinsk; second mate, Walter Brown; chief engineer, Ross Leedham; assistant engineer, Chas. Rosecranz and Paul Rehmer; purser and wireless operator, Steve Sezpanek; steward, Frank J. Young.

Local News Briefly Told: "W. W. Boyle of St. James was in the city Monday on his way home from Harbor Springs, where he had been visiting his children."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 15, 1910 **Local News:** "The steamer *Beaver* did not make her Island trip Monday on account of heavy weather."

Front Page Article:

TERRIBLE MARINE DISASTER

"The most appalling marine disaster of the season thus far was the foundering, early last Thursday morning of the big Pere Marquette car ferry *No. 18*, off Sheboygan, with a loss of 28 lives, including every officer.

"The cause of the disaster is a mystery. She was found to be leaking and settling rapidly by the stern. Several of the 24 cars were run off astern, which raised her some, but she continued to settle.

"Wireless messages were sent out and distress signals displayed, and the *No. 17* went to her assistance, lowering her boats, but the big craft suddenly went down stern first. But four people were rescued.

"Her commander was Capt. Peter

Kilty, a brother of Mrs. M. J. Bonner, of St. James. His body, with several others, was recovered and taken to Ludington. Mrs. Bonner came over Friday, on her way to that place."

Beaver Island News: "Chas. Roddy went to Manistique to work for Capt. Coffee."

"Nellie Roe of Harbor Springs returned home after a two week's visit with Mrs. James Donlevy."

"Paul Kersh of Rock Island returned home after a month's visit to the Island."

"James Donlevy went to Chicago on business."

"Major Mansfield and H. Howard of the State tax commission force are at High Island reassessing." (Note: F. A. Mansfield, *Grand Haven*, appears in the *Hotel Beaver* register Sept. 14 and 19; John Howard, *Evart*, appears on Sept. 14)

"Mrs. John McCann and two daughters are at Charlevoix visiting friends."

"M. J. McCann went to St. Ignace last week to attend the funeral of his cousin John Murry."

"Mrs. William Vallers and family of St. Ignace are visiting her father, Phil Gallagher."

"The tug *Shamrock* went to Charlevoix last Friday night with Mrs. M. J. Bonner."

"Dan T. Gallagher is cooking at the Heimforth camp on High Island."

"Mrs. Adolph Blaze left for Bay City after spending the summer on the

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“Martha Gallagher is visiting friends at Charlevoix.”

“Miss Margatet Gibson went to Traverse City to attend school.”

“The St. James school is getting a coat of paint. School will commence Sept. 19 at school District 1.”

“Sister Alexander of the Dominican order is at the Island for her health.”

“The steamer *J. Schroeder* is loading a cargo of No. 1 maple.”

“There are a few Hay Fever people at the Beaver Hotel.”

“Mrs. M. J. Bonner went to Manistee to attend the funeral of her brother, Capt. Peter Kilty who was lost on the P.M. carferry *No. 18*.” (Note: *Sept. 12 - 15 Ideal autumn weather, 68 - 49 degrees, Sept. 16/17 Rainstorm, Sept. 18 - 22 Ideal autumn weather, 68 - 49 degrees. F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, September 21, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** “R. W. Kane went to the Beavers on a business trip Wednesday.”

“Capt. M. J. Bonner of St. James was at Baker’s Inn Friday night.”

“Mrs. Graham of St. James was in the city the latter part of the week.”

From Beaver Island: “Capt. M. J. Bonner returned home Saturday.”

“John S. Gallagher visited Charlevoix last week.”

“H. Frankel left Monday for a two weeks visit in Chicago.”

“John W. Green made a business trip to Charlevoix this week.”

“The steamers *Chequamegon* and

Beaver were windbound here Saturday.”

“Dr. Auld will make his last trip to the Beavers this season, September 27.”

“Mrs. Frank Left returned from a two weeks visit with friends at Manitowoc.”

“R. W. Kane and E. S. Stacks visited the Island this week in the interests of Local Option.” (Note: *R. W. Kane, Cx and E. S. Stacks, Cx appear in the Hotel Beaver register Sept. 20*)

“Miss Ruth Gatliff, who has been at Charlevoix this summer returned home Saturday.”

“Every available space in and about the harbor is being utilized by the perch fishermen. Some fine hauls are being made.”

“Mrs. Dr. Thomas Graham has returned home from Grand Rapids. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss Mary Graham.”

Charlevoix Sentinel September 22, 1910 **Beaver Island News:** “H. Frankel has gone to Chicago for a two weeks visit.”

“John W. Greene transacted business in Charlevoix this week.”

“The perch fishermen are making some fine catches.”

“R. W. Kane and E. S. Stack, of Charlevoix, were Island visitors this week.”

“Mrs. Dr. Thomas Graham returned from a three weeks visit with friends at Grand Rapids. She was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss

Mary Graham.”

“Steamer *Chequamegon* took a cargo of shingles from here to Traverse City last week.”

“John S. Gallagher was a Chicago visitor last week.”

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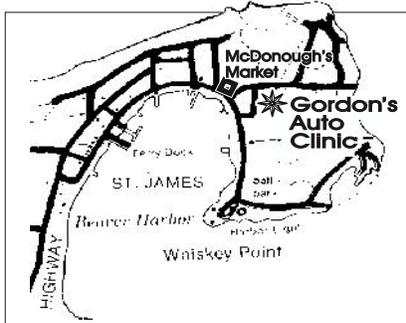
Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, September 29, 1910 **Front Page Article**

FINEST LIGHT ON LAKES

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unloaded at Ironton on August 25 that will be installed at Iron Ore Creek soon.



The latest miracle: Trevor Joseph, born to Andrew and Lindsay (McDonough) Gorlewski in Chicago. Trevor was born on July 10, and weighed in at 7# 10 oz, measuring 21". Despite his size he's ready to try becoming the champion of the world. Proud grandparents are Tim & Denise McDonough and Jerry & Corrie Gorlewski. Great grandparents include Skip McDonough and Fran & Betty Stout.



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4 GENERATIONS

Island resident Alvina Sarah Cornstalk Napont is very proud of her great-grandmotherhood. She has ten grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren. The little one in the picture is seven months old.

Also shown is her daughter Donzell Sarah Anthony (another Island resident), her granddaughter Rachelle Sarah Cherette, and one of her great-grandsons, Cameron Leo Cherette. Rachelle recently finished her four-year term in the Army, which took her to Afganistan and Iraq. They are all members of the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Ottawa Indians.



Thanks to all the people who worked on and came to my 50th birthday party. It was very special!

Warm up your dancing shoes again, because Liz Lanier turns 50 in September!
— Lisa



“Liz is turning 50, but can still party with the best of them”



“Raise your glasses to Salute, Liz is 50. She’s a Hoot!”

PILOT SAFETY

A pilot safety seminar will be held on September 18, 2010 at Welke Airport (6Y8) starting at 11:00am.

This program is put on in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The topics to be discussed include “Safe Flying Over Water,” “Cold Weather Flying,” and “Short Field / Grass Field Operations.”

More information is available at: mdotwas1.mdot.state.mi.us/public/aero/calendar/ss.cfm

The seminar will take place in the maintenance hangar at Welke Airport. Refreshments (coffee, tea, cookies, doughnuts, etc.) will be served. Any questions: please don't hesitate to contact Angel at Welke Airport (231) 448 2071 or angel@islandairways.com.

HEALTH CENTER THANKS THE COMMUNITY

The Staff and the Board of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center want to thank all who voted for our millage renewal on August 3rd. It passed by a margin of almost three to one.

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—Connie Wojan,
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Father Giles Berthaume standing in front of the rectory

"JERRY'S BOOK"

For years people coming to the parties Jerry LaFreniere threw in his home on Freesoil Avenue spent a little time looking at the old-time photos on the wall or in the dozen-plus albums set out on a table, testing their memory of relatives and other people who were once an important part of the Island community. When Jerry passed, people worried this enterprise of turning back time could come to an end. But Pam Grassmick had scanned over 800 of

Jerry's historic photographs in the year 2000, hoping to put them in a book. She had never found the time, though, and last fall she donated them to the Historical Society.

Last Christmas the BIHS Publications Committee appointed a subcommittee of Cindy Ricksgers, Pete Plastrik, and Bill Cashman to create a sampler of the collection. At first they planned to produce a 40- or 50-page book with about as many pictures. But the more

they poured over the trove and tried to decide which pictures to include, the more the project grew. Categories were gradually established and selections made—but those deemed indispensable forced the page count to over 100.

Another problem was that while Jerry knew everyone depicted in his collection, much of his information was not written down, and many of the pictures the subcommittee selected as showing typical Island scenes con-



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Roger and Emil Fischer on Patrol #1



Violet Feindt, Dick LaFreniere, Musette, and Clyde Hinckley taking a drive with ice cream cones



tained people they could not identify. So drafts were printed and circulated to such "old timers" as Rod Nackerman, Janet O'Donnell, and Kathy Tidmore. Marie LaFreniere and Loretta Slater pitched in. Finally Ed Wojan convened two long meetings of people who had been part of the pictures—Rose Connaghan, Katy Ricksgers, Roland Cull, Sally Hammermeister, Rosie Zajakowski, Bev Cantwell, Charlotte McDonough, Anthony Greene, Brian

Gallagher, and Bud Left.

Jerry's children wrote a forward.

Everyone agreed that the cumulative effect of looking at the succession of black-and-white pictures (263 in all) was the engendering a sense of how vital and absorbing life here was during the era depicted.

After five drafts, the printer was given the go-ahead. The book arrived during Museum Week, and quickly garnered much acclaim for subtly present-

ing an accurate sense of a poignant but vanished style of life. It was available at the Art Show, where it sold fifty copies. Another 300 have been sold at the Museums and stores.

Now it's available at the Museums for \$16, including tax. Or the Historical Society will mail a copy for \$20. Just write the BIHS at Box 263, Beaver Island, Michigan 49782, phone them at 231-448-2254, or email a request to history@beaverisland.net

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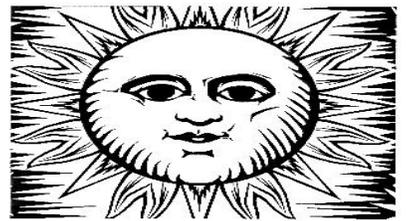
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friends, but that happens elsewhere too. It must be something more that makes our Homecoming so important.

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Dorothy presenting the trophy to the Flight Deck team at the Jim Willis Commemorative Softball Tournament



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38. S/V JUNIPER; HOME PORT TRAVERSE CITY
DESTINATION: PARADISE BAY
SAILBOAT + LIGHTNING = DISASTER

by Larry Hansz

Scott and Suzette Blair are both avid sailors and love their boat. He is the manager of the waste water treatment plant in Traverse City and she is a special ed teacher for Traverse City Public Schools.

Their first visit to Beaver Island was twelve years ago in their sloop *Cally*, a 1969 Bristol 27. It was not long before the desire for a bigger boat resulted in the purchase of *Juniper*, which they found in Marinette, Wisconsin in 2001. *Juniper* is a 1978 Bristol 32 sloop. All Bristols are known for their classic designs and heavy construction. The 32 was designed by America's Cup designer and sailor Ted Hood; about 322 were built between 1966 and 1983.

While sailing the boat from Wis-

consin to Traverse City, Scott and Suzette began a list of projects to improve and personalize their new boat. That first fall when the boat was hauled out Scott found a crack on the bottom of the keel, probably due to the previous owner leaving water to freeze in the bilge; this repair moved to the priority spot on the list. He decided to build a trailer to move the boat home to more easily work on it. Soon the list included: removing the engine to rebuild the mounts; new shaft bearings and flex coupler; repainting the hull and deck; adding backing plates to all deck hardware; new cushions; a new inner forestay for a staysail; and much more. The list looked like a multi-year job, so Scott built a barn for *Juniper*.

Juniper was out of the water from the fall of 2002 until the spring of 2008. Scott and Suzette continued to sail *Cally* during the project years and visited Beaver annually. Finally in May 2008 *Juniper* was relaunched in pristine condition. The couple made plans to cruise the North Channel in northern Lake Huron that summer.

The departure was to be a Friday in late July. Scott worked that Wednesday loading supplies. The boat was just about ready to go when he left at dark. The next time he saw *Juniper* all that could be seen was the top of the mast. It had sunk on its mooring sometime during the night. It was not noticed until the next afternoon when another boater saw the mast sticking out of the water. *continued on page 41.*

TIME FOR ACTION WITH CLEAR-CUTS

I am writing in response to Mr. Pike's comments on clear-cutting. I have written about the many problems with clear-cutting in the past, and we all know that woodcock and ruffed grouse like to eat/use young aspen. But somehow the message that clear-cutting is not necessary to create a situation that favors woodcock and ruffed grouse has not gotten out there.

My first question is, what proof does Mr. Pike or anyone have that the woodcock and ruffed grouse decline is due to a lack of aspen in their range and not, say, increased pesticide use, or increased forest fragmentation or a lack of winter cover or some other biological possibility? Raccoon numbers have increased thanks to human alterations to habitats and raccoons eat eggs and baby birds, especially of ground nesters; what role does this play in bird declines? Maybe we should focus on having more wet thickets and brushy swamps for woodcock rather than clear-cut more beech-maple forests. A part of ruffed grouse habitat is mixed deciduous woods, which is what our clear-cut destroyed. What Mr. Pike has done and others often try to do is to oversimplify a situation. This does not solve a problem and many

times the actions taken in the name of simplicity make things worse. How can simply making clear-cuts in a forest help a species if we don't even know the cause of its decline? Moreover, and maybe most importantly, there is a lot of clear-cutting in MI today, so if woodcock and ruffed grouse are in decline in Michigan it would seem that MORE aspen via clear-cuts is not the answer. If the birds were on the increase, maybe I'd see the logic. Since there is so much clear-cutting in Michigan today, why do people say we need more? It does not seem to be doing any good if the animals are still in decline.

What we have here is a need for information. Like it or not, we have a 30-acre clear-cut at Camp #3 Trail. The question is, do we want the DNRE to make more? We have people calling for more clear-cutting without even knowing how well it is working on Beaver Island. What we need now is monitoring. When I take people out on an Ecotour, I show them where deer have grazed, how to tell a deer from, say, a rodent or a cat or dog (deer yank as they eat, so the vegetation looks pulled off rather than cut cleanly or chewed by a rodent or dog). What type of monitoring can be

done to see how many and which animals are using the aspen in the clear-cut? How many woodcock or grouse have nested or are expected to nest in this area? Is anyone out there doing wildlife counts now? Is anyone looking for tracks? How many buds have been eaten? Can you tell what species is doing the eating? What type of vegetation is growing on the ground this year and last (I can tell you at Camp#3 Trail it is not the beneficial strawberry and bunch berry Mr. Pike mentioned; far from it). What wildlife have benefitted from this area since its creation compared to before the cut? Maybe the first thing we should know is how many ruffed grouse and woodcock can Beaver Island sustain and what a reasonable number to hope for is. These questions should be discussed rather than any potential benefits of potential clear-cuts so the public can see the success of clear-cutting as an actual management tool. If these questions are not answered, I ask, "Why should we have more clear-cuts if we cannot even prove that the one we have now is a benefit in any way?" Someone is benefitting from clear-cutting and I wonder if it really is the woodcock and ruffed grouse. *continued on page 41.*





S/V Juniper, continued from page 39.

The feeling of shock and disbelief was devastating, but there was so much to do. Scott called salvage diver Tom Donnelly; he was on the scene within an hour. The diver confirmed a lightning strike by burn marks, holes in the hull, and blown-up instruments. Several inflatable air bags were put in the cabin to begin raising the hull. As soon as the deck was awash, pumps were started.

Scott and Tom dove to plug as many of the holes as possible with wood plugs. Soon Tom's boat was able to tow *Juniper* to a hoist to lift it out of the water. It had been under water less than

twenty hours.

Work removing all the sodden food, supplies, and cushions began immediately. The engine starter and alternator were removed to dry out. Even though Scott's insurance company said "Do what you've got to do now!" he got three repair estimates and selected Bergmann Marine in Charlevoix.

The insurance company totaled the boat and quickly settled with Scott and Suzette. Scott said he did six years of work on *Juniper*; this was going to be Bergman's project. They got on their old boat, *Cally*, and sailed to Beaver Island to relax.

Bergmann worked all winter; 41. in the spring of 2009 *Juniper* was again like a new boat, reborn. Scott and Suzette are so proud to have her.

This year they again anchored in Paradise Bay for a few days and then visited High and Garden Islands. Suzette said, "We look forward to Beaver because it is so friendly and has everything you need. It is also close to several other nice anchorages in the out islands. We look forward to returning in *Juniper* many more times."

We look forward to seeing them again and wish them "fair weather, following seas, and NO LIGHTNING!"

Time for Action with Clear Cuts, from page 39.

As I and others said at the June 28th Forest and Wildlife symposium, Beaver Island, like all islands, is unique; we should be having public discussions about our uniqueness, what makes us special, and how to keep it, not how to be more like northern Michigan (no offense). One possibility is what Eric Ellis showed at the symposium: rather than clear-cutting large areas as was done at Camp #3 Trail, we could do strip cutting where strips of aspen forest are cut to promote new growth. The adjacent strip is then cut a few years later etc. to create a rotational area that has various ages of aspen, forever. That is a sustainable for-

estry idea we should consider. This and other ideas are something I would like to see incorporated into an Island-wide management plan: maintain existing aspen (by rotational strip cutting) rather than destroying the beech-maple forest. This is one possibility to have good habitat for woodcock and ruffed grouse (i.e. hunting) without many of the long term consequences of clear-cuts, I encourage people to offer other sustainable suggestions.

I will end with a friendly challenge to any and all proponents of clear-cuttings. Before you write a fairy tale reply, go out to Camp #3 Trail and find evidence of the benefit of clear-cutting. I go out there and I see only negatives; do the

negatives outweigh the positives? I will go first; I have found Eurasian swamp thistle (EST) growing at Camp # 3 Trail. I mentioned in a past article that one of the many downsides to clear-cutting is that it allows exotics to reproduce; well it is happening right here on Beaver Island. Camp #3 Trail was a dense forest where the EST could not have grown before clear-cutting; now it is growing there in many spots and attempting to spread its seeds further around the Island. This is just one real life example against clear-cutting here on Beaver (I have more). If you want to show the effects of clear-cuts, we have this one to study. It is time for action. —Eric Myers

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Many thanks to all who have contributed either cash or medical supplies so generously to us this past year.

— Joyce Runberg

42. EULOGY FOR PERRY 'BUDGER' PALMER 1933-2010

Robert Cole, delivered at Holy Cross Parish Church
on August 21, 2010



Good morning. The Palmer family asked me to say a few words today in memory of our late friend and relative Perry. So I've gathered together Budger's own memories, and some memories of him by those of us who knew and loved him.

What follows is a sketch of his life in his own words from the Museum archives, much of which paints a picture of his life on the water from a young age onward...

"When I was a little kid I used to stutter. I called butter *budger*. That's how I got the name 'Budger'.

"When I was going to school in the sixth grade, I rang the fire bells. All the school kids were marching around the yard! One of the kids seen me, and told the Sister, Gilbert Popp. She told me not

to come back to school until I learned to behave. So I never went back.

"Then I went to work on a fish tug from St. Ignace. We fished trap nets around Garden Island and Hog Island, and lived on Garden Island in old Golden's cabin, and Pichner's cabin. We would lift our trap nets and take our fish to the harbor at St. Helena Island and truck them to St. Ignace and then go back to Garden Island. We would make about three trips a week.

"That winter I went to work at Bob McDonough's farm. Bob and his brother Lawrence and Matt Melville ran a dairy business. We would deliver the milk with a pickup truck. We would travel along the beach to Luney's Point and cross the harbor on the ice to a road down from the post office. Coming on springtime, the

ice started drifting away about a mile outside of our road. I said to Holiday (Bob's nickname, 'I'll test the ice and see if it's ok to travel on.' There was no sign of any crack. So we went across the harbor and delivered our milk – to Lloyd McDonough's store and Dick LaFreniere's, and then Holiday went to the Shamrock Bar to have some drinks. So about two hours later, the wind was blowing harder and I noticed the ice was moving out, and it took half our road with it. I said, 'Bob, how are we going to get home now? Our road is on its way to Charlevoix!'

"A month or so later I went to work in Tony Wojan's sawmill at Greene's Lake. And the year after, they moved the mill downtown to where the Harbor View Motel is now.

"From there I went to work on the lumber boat *Rambler* for a while, and then I went to work on the lumber boat called the *White Swan*. We carried the lumber to Holland on the *Rambler* and *White Swan*. Also carried cedar logs to Boyne City for Blair Cabins—some of it came back for Henry Allen's cottages. I also worked on 'Shing' Martin's fish tug, and on a fish tug out of Chicago.

"Then my cousin Norman Gillespie, known as 'Speck', worked on a steamboat for Interlake Steam Ship Company as an officer. He got me a letter so I could get me a Merchant Marine card. I got my parents' consent and went to Chicago and got my seaman card. I got me a job on an Interlake ship, the *Samuel Mather*. That was 1951. I was 16 years old.

"After the boats laid up for the winter, I would come home and cut timber in the logging camps 'till spring. The crosscut saw grew along with me. When I started out workin' with the old saw it was only four feet long. When I quit logging it was six feet long!

"I went and worked on the car ferry C/X out of Ludington and out of Muskegon, and on the oil tankers out of Chicago. The ore ferries would go to Milwaukee and Manitowoc and Keewaunee, Wisconsin. And then I would go on the Ford boats, and the Nickleson boats out of Detroit.

"Then the St. Lawrence Seaway opened up, and the ocean ships started coming to the Great Lakes, and then I started working on them. *continued on page 44.*

Back to school.



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44. **Budger**, continued from page 42.

I sailed on the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean, and back to the Lakes again and on the ocean for a while. I would get a ship out of New York.

“Back in 1953 I was drafted in the Army. Spent one-and-a-half years in Germany. I also rode around from city to city on freight trains as a hobo. That was back in the 60s.

“I finished my sailing in 1989. The last four years I worked on the Ford boats out of Detroit. When I reached the age of 55, I signed up for retirement, and then spent a lot of time in Detroit working in bar rooms. I really didn't spend much time on Beaver Island in those years.

“Then I got my Social Security, and my National Maritime Union pension, and planned on spending most of my days here on Beaver Island and find me a nice woman with lots of money. I have never broken a darling's heart.”

Some here today knew him only in later years, when he'd retired to the Island. But Tony Gatliff remembers Budger during his sailing days:

“Budger, or *Beaver* as he was known when I sailed with him back in the 70s and 80s, was a sailor's sailor, a great shipmate who was very good and knowledgeable about all the workings

on deck. He taught me a lot about splicing cable (which is no easy task!) and other marlin spike seamanship attributes I still remember to this day.

“I can also attest to his ability to ‘take care of himself’ with his fists—he was one tough customer. He used to hang out in some rough watering holes on Michigan Avenue in Detroit that you wouldn't think of going into.

“On the soft side, he had a huge heart. When I was first starting out he obviously had much more seniority with the Union than myself, and the economy was much like it has been the past year or so. The boat he was on was the old *Henry Ford II*; she went out first every year. I was relieving him as he was on medical leave. I went to his apartment as he was due back within a week, to see if he was coming back on which day. He said, ‘You want to stay on for another month or so?’ I had two young children at home and bills to pay. I couldn't have heard better news. I ended up staying another couple months. He knew I could use the work, and I never forgot that act of kindness he showed me and my family. I know many people saw him in his latter days when he was fading, but to know him as I did then was a true pleasure.”

There's another story from Budger's

maritime days from Jim Willis, who also worked on the lakes. Jim was in a port-side tavern somewhere in Wisconsin, and apparently had ended up on the losing end of a pretty bad fight. Much to his surprise, and at just the right moment, Jim saw Budger stride through the front door of the tavern. He promptly pulled the guy off Jim, picked him up in his hands, and proceeded to throw him out the door into the street. Jim said later, ‘I thought I saw an angel that day.’ It wasn't just that Perry had strength; it's what he used that strength for that defined him.

As he got older he developed some quirks as we all know, some of which were pretty comical. Former Deputy Jim Campbell recalls the time Budge got his long-awaited driver's license:

“He was so happy, he came over to the sub-station to show it to me. He was like a kid with a new toy. As Pam, Sheldon, and I watched him leave he backed over three of Marge Boyle's trees and just missed one of the police cars in the driveway. This prompted Sheldon to say ‘He can park a thousand-footer but he can't back up a Dodge.’

He backed up a lot of people when they needed it though, and that's one of the things we'll remember him for. He never forgot an act of kindness, and extended kindness to many, in ways large

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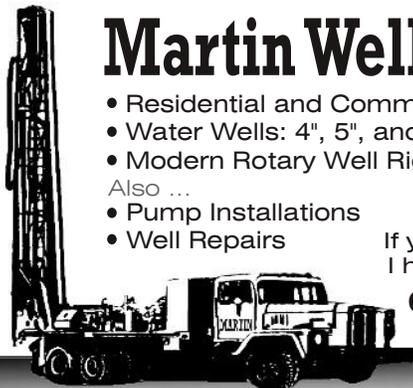
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and small. He looked out for the underdog, and looked after his friends. He was loyal, and had a code of honor about him that was solid.

As you can hear from his own words, he was from an earlier Beaver Island, growing up in times that could be lean and tough; times that made him tough, but didn't harden his heart to those around him.

There are so many things about him we'll remember. He loved music, and old songs he'd learned from older Islanders at the house parties of his youth. I can remember him singing snippets of songs about islanders that had lived and died before he was even born, songs and stories of island characters now all but forgotten. He was a walking history book of unique stories that gave you a perspective on island history that few others had. Through all the later years of his life here, he never forgot those times, and he missed them deeply. "This island ain't

what it used to be," he'd often say, and it wasn't. Like I suppose many who left the island young and returned in old age, he came back to a town that had changed a lot from what he'd known. Part of him was always searching for a glimmer of those old times, keeping an eye and ear out for visiting descendants of people he'd known long ago, or sitting faithfully at the boat dock every day to look for a familiar face. He'd sit on the porch of the Museum with a far-away look in his eyes, or on a bench on main street, saying "Here comes the boat!" to anyone within earshot. He'd lived hard in younger days, but found sobriety later on, which he often said made him feel better than he ever had. And he loved to tell jokes, virtually none of which can be repeated here. With Budger, what you saw was what you got, and that was just fine. He was real—no airs about him.

Budger, you were one of the last of Beaver Island's true characters. With

you, a truly colorful, heart-filled, 45. and unvarnished part of this place goes too. I'd like to think that you're truly at home now, playing smear with friends at some kitchen table in a little island home over there, or strumming your guitar at a house party, or running through the woods on foot laughing, while Karl Keubler chases you for snaring deer in the off-season. Thanks for being part of our life, and enjoy your rest. You earned it.

In closing, the words a young friend wrote about Budger sums him up plain and simple and true, the way Budger was in life: "God love him. He was a helluva man. Not many people have seen or did the amount of stuff Budger did. He was the most loving man, with the hardest fist, and the biggest heart, I have ever, or will ever know. The sea could not kill him, and nobody else could either. We'll miss you old buddy."

—Robert Cole

PERRY "BUDGER" PALMER

Perry J. "Budger" Palmer, 76, passed away August 6 at the Grand Rapids Home for Veterans. Memorial mass was held on August 21 at Holy Cross.

Perry was born December 19, 1933, to Clarence and Lorraine (Boyle) Palmer. In 1953 he joined the Army, and

served for two years. Then he joined the National Maritime Union Detroit, and sailed until he retired to Beaver Island.

Perry enjoyed playing and listening to old time country music.

He is survived by sisters Virginia of Hayward, Calif, Evelyn (Tom) Oleksy

of Charlevoix, Roberta of Traverse City, Mary Ann Ferguson of Petoskey; brothers Edward (Mary) of Beaver Island and Russell of Traverse City; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters Grace and Irene, and brother, Robert.

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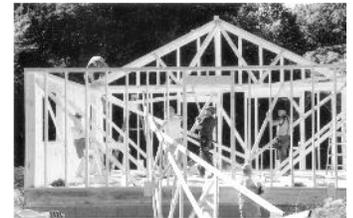
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WALLS ARE UP, ROOF IS ON

A summer of volunteer work has paid off and the Cottage for Karen project is starting to look a lot like a home. Volunteer work parties with Islanders

and visitors alternated with the Lighthouse building trade class to frame the structure. Next the roof sheathing was installed and covered

with roll roofing, the first tier of siding was nailed up, and most of the windows were added. It's built strongly and well.

After the first push some of the vol-

VIEW FROM THE END

When I travel north to Beaver Island, things are different. On TV I saw local candidates in the recent primary race. One claimed to own more guns

than his opponent, which made him more qualified, I suppose. Can't say I disagree. Another had testimonials from wife, children, mother, etc. reflecting

intense family values. I couldn't tell which was the Tea Bag Party candidate.

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unteers had to work on their paying jobs, but soon they'll be back and will close in the home; there's talk of a mid-September "workers' bee." A few more

donations are needed right now to buy insulation and the doors—call Judy Boyle (448-3189) to get involved. Mike Duer and John Robert have offered to

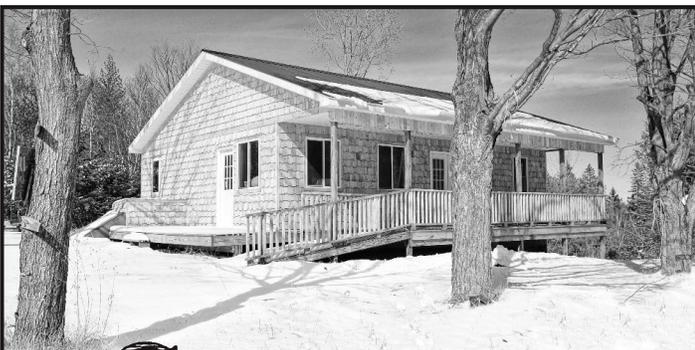
help get the wiring and plumbing in, and John Runberg will put up and finish the drywall. If all goes well, Karen will be in before winter.

less than .1% on cash. That means that savers are losing 2+ percent a year (inflation at least 2%). Tough for fixed income people and everybody with

cash on the sidelines.

The phone rang. It was my brother. "Big banks don't need to lend money. They borrow short from the Fed at near

zero percent and lend long, buying 100% guaranteed US treasuries (about 3+ percent return)." Almost like printing money! *continued on page 48.*



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48. **View from the end, from page 47.**

At least somebody's getting rich.

I turned the TV back on to see a guy giving student loan advice. "Better save than borrow." Just save every year at 6% a year for 10 plus years and you'll have enough for college! He was serious, too. If the big banks can't get

6%, how can you or I?

I went then to a gathering of the local cognoscenti and learned the solution to the deer herd problem. Seems it's not the herd that's flabby and flimsy, but the deer themselves. They are genetically defective. The plan is to have a deer breeder on the mainland

collect and breed a genetically superior strain, one that can survive harsh winters and, if necessary, eat Scots pine. The deer are then to be loaded onto a tractor-trailer truck and brought over on the ferry. One of the many local conservation clubs will then need to step up to the plate to oversee continued

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breeding and eventual introduction into B I forests. I heard also that the only natural predator for the Asian carp may be the cormorant. Oooooops!

I returned home, lay on the bed, and listened to the lake. I didn't think of anything.

The summer comes to an end. I

want to thank Mr. Gillespie for pulling me out of the sand after the great (as usual) 4th of July parade. Thanks to everyone who made Baroque on Beaver a great musical happening. Thanks to all who contribute time, effort, and money to the fire department, Community Center, Health Center, etc., and for the

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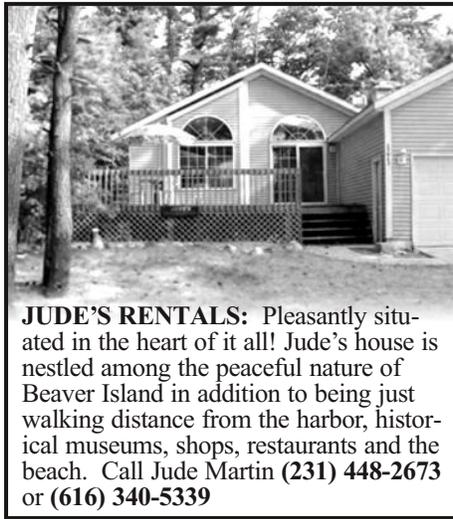
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