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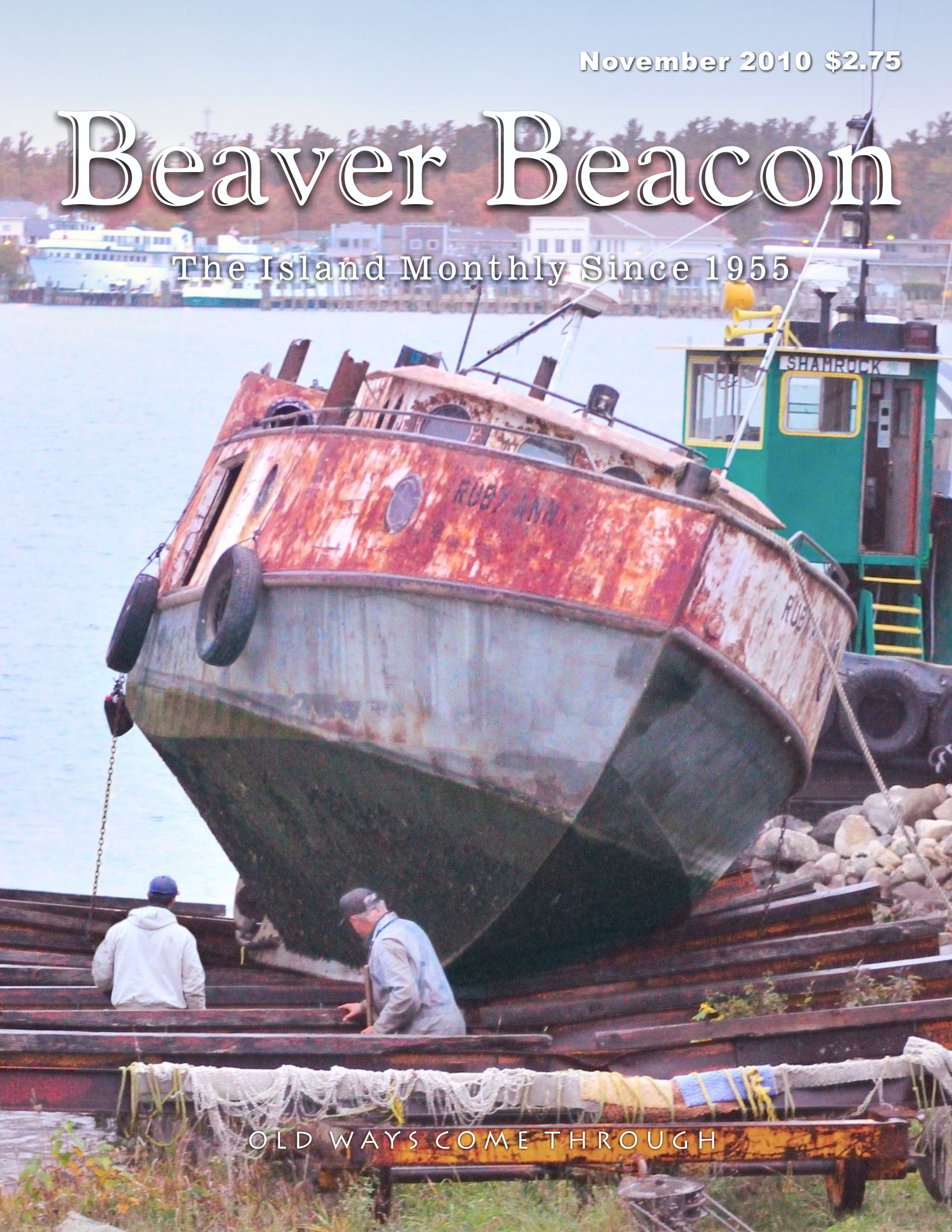

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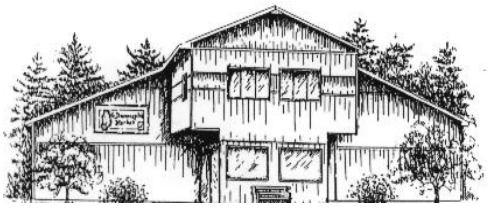

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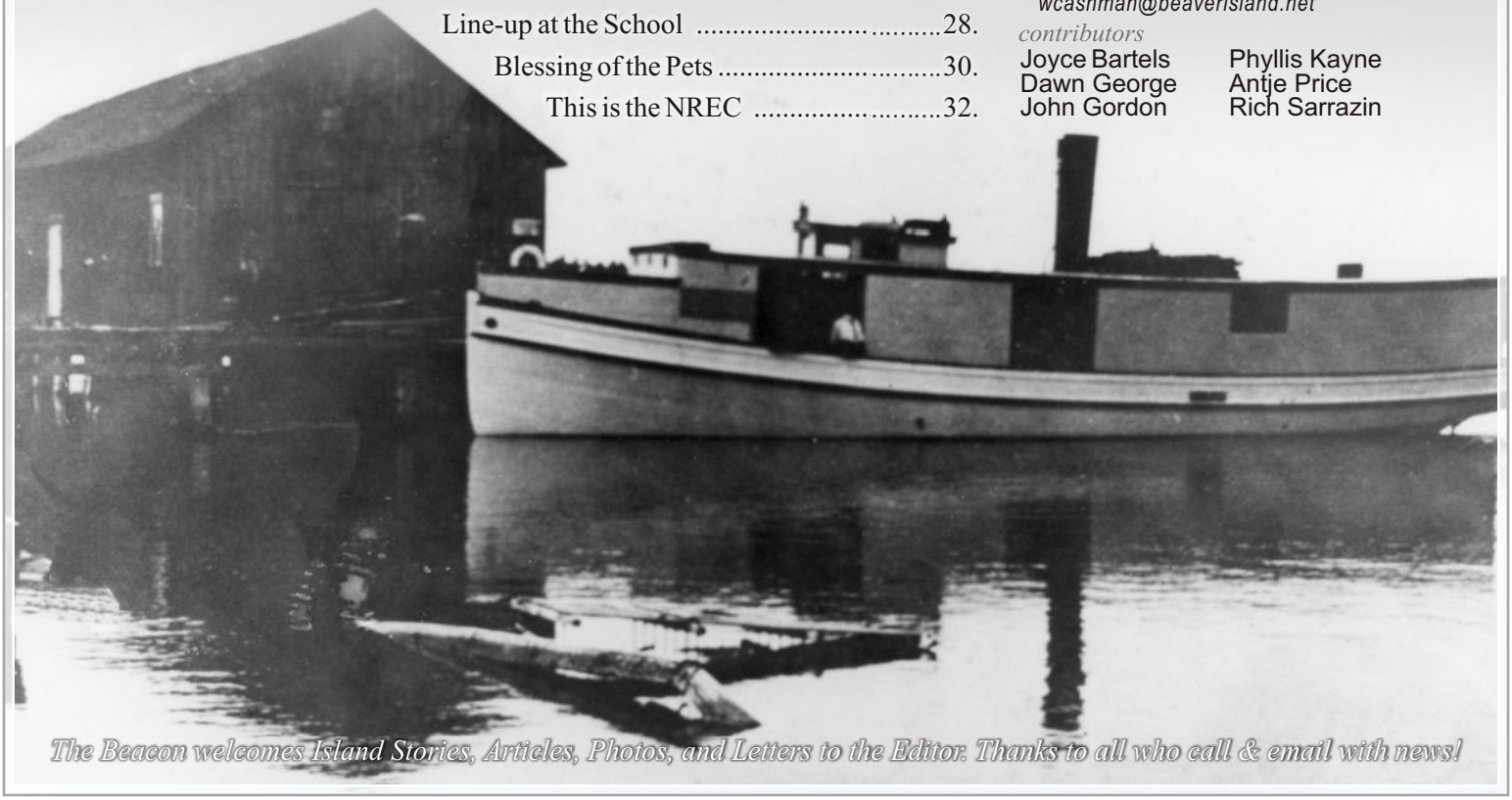

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Thirty people attended the monthly meeting, at which the supervisor mentioned a FIA request had been received for correspondence dealing with the biplane tours at the Municipal Airport. There had also been a letter requesting information about the collection of parking fees, saying the number of parked cars suggested the amount should have been greater. And Gary Voogt asked that his letter criticizing the tone of Jack Gallagher's description of events leading to the present situation with Airport governance, which appeared on the Forum and was distributed as a booklet, be read into the record.

Jacque LaFreniere gave a report on the phragmites eradication, saying 46 volunteers, most in their 60s, had spent ten hours one day swiping the invasive reed, and a few hours the next morning—after being trained in how it should be done. They expected to find fewer plants than last year, and that was the case—except for Cable's Bay, where it had proliferated. She said the similar reeds in the inland lakes were the native form, much less dangerous, except at the back of Barney's Lake, where what was growing was thought to be a hybrid.

Dr. Jim Jones reported about the activities of the NREC while Sandy Birdsall distributed copies of a brief brochure explaining how the Commission was approaching the task of creating a comprehensive adaptive management plan for the Island's natural resources. The brochure listed the criteria the Commission adopted, the principles it accepted, and the six programs it was concentrating on. It was meant to serve as a preamble to the plan itself, which stood at 41 pages in its eighth draft. When asked about the summer Symposium, Dr. Jones said its input had been summarized and taken into account; it had proved very helpful.

The Board wanted to set a date for a joint township meeting to consider and hopefully approve a governance agreement for the Airport—and eventually did so: October 27th at the St. James Town Hall. But first there were many comments about the differences of opinion between the Peaine supervisor and his opposition in this matter—the St. James Board, some of the Airport Committee members, and some, it was said, of the other members of the Peaine Board. One sore point was that Peaine had finally received a draft of a possible agreement from its new attorney, which it was tweaking, but had declined to make it available to St. James. Gerald LaFreniere brought up the question of a deer fence (the Ten-year Plan had been criticized for not including this), saying it would have to be 15' high to work,

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would be ugly, would cost a million dollars, and was not needed. He explained that if NorthFlight is called, they have 45 minutes to decide if conditions permit them to come; if they decide to, they then assemble a crew, so they might not arrive for two hours. But the Coast Guard can be here in 30 minutes. Several people reiterated the common feeling that the Municipal Airport is of great importance to the community.

A member of the audience suggested that the trade of Whiskey Island for the DNR building was not fair, that we should get more—and suggested we ask the DNR to throw in Garden Island's Northcutt Bay, which could then become a Township Park. He claimed Squaw Island was comparable and was for sale for three million dollars, and if the value of the Lighthouse was subtracted, that would still leave a value of well over a million dollars. But the supervisor pointed out that appraisals don't consider asking prices, and that if an appraisal were done it would probably reflect that the DNR property in the Harbor is worth more than Whiskey Island, not less.

Peaine Township

At the onset of the Peaine meeting Adam Wirth stood up to say that he is bothered by what seems to be a rush to grab as much "free money" as possible, across the country and on Beaver Island. "There is no such thing as free money," he maintained, even an FAA grant, because if it isn't spent productively it will set everyone back. He was worried about the national debt being out of control, and thought America's only recourse was to start living more responsibly. He hoped a movement to do this could start here.

Once business started the Town Board passed the resolution that had been tabled the previous month, supporting the transfer of a liquor license from Prescott to Bud and Colleen Martin for the Rectory.

Dr. Jim Jones took a few minutes to explain the NREC's six programs, putting them into a context of the Island's goals as stated in its Master Plan. He said the NREC had reviewed documents such as Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, and was working to create measurable KPIs for its suggested action steps. He said the NREC's comprehensive management plan was moving forward; twenty actions steps were being considered for implementation.

Pam Grassmick and Sandy Birdsall also each spoke about this ongoing effort. Pam has received much positive feedback about this effort, and thinks Beaver Island might come to serve as a

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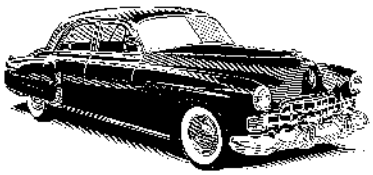

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model for other islands. Sandy said a recent meeting with CMU was very promising; it has obtained a multimillion dollar grant to study coastal wetlands (in conjunction with other institutions), and will involve BICS and Lighthouse School students in the research.

Correspondence with the DNRE responding to Peaine's effort to share in the sheriff's substation was circulated; Rebecca Humphries recommended that the two townships work together on this matter. Pete LoDico and Larry Kubic agreed to contact St. James.

The Board voted to spend ~$1,400 to purchase software that would allow accessing information (the assessor's cards, notes, sketches, and photos) online about all Peaine Township property. The new assessing was a little ahead of schedule.

Don Bair's complaint about the roads was mentioned; there have been more conversations with the CCRC, but nothing has changed.

The Board had received a revised draft of the Airport governance agreement and planned to review it in the next day or two and transmit any changes to Peaine's attorney. It was thought it could be sent to St. James early the next week, so the Joint Meeting set for 10-27 could be held. (*Note: the document arrived, but it required additional tweaking, in the eyes of the Board, and was then sent back to the Peaine attorney. Consequently the joint meeting was put off until November 4th. Only St. James was there, and approved the agreement. Peaine will on the 10th.*)

The supervisor also asked the Board to write to the Airport Commit-

ELECTION RESULTS

Charlevoix County reflected the Republican upsurge across America, which saw the Democrats lose 60 seats in the House and 6 in the Senate. Of those voting a straight party ticket, 3,489 chose the Republicans and 1,575 the Democrats. In the Governor's race the ratio was even more lopsided, with Snyder getting 7,048 votes and Bernero only 1,575.

Despite the efforts of Shirley Roloff's write-in campaign, she was trounced in her attempt to return to the Charlevoix County Commission by Beaver Island's former poet laureate Rich Gillespie, 1,118 to 360.

In Peaine Township 182 of 292 voters voted. Gillespie topped Roloff 134

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tee's chairman and ask him to call a public meeting with Mead & Hunt to explain the 10-year plan.

Keith Teague, chief pilot for Fresh Air, rose to talk about the 24-page brochure recently circulated by Jack Gallagher in which his concerns for following proper procedures were detailed. Keith thought the percentage of market share attributed to Fresh Air was incorrect–15%, as measured by airplane wheels bumping over a tube without regard to the number of people inside the plane. He complained that the brochure gave some people the idea his business was faltering, which was not true. He thought the supervisor was mistaken to suggest that the Island would be in trouble if Fresh Air had to handle all the traffic. "Four and a half years ago our competition handled all the traffic from a smaller airport and had no trouble doing so," he said. "Our business plan allows for the possibility of us handling it all. We would have no trouble."

Others expressed their disappointment and even anger at the supervisor's report, claiming it was political and did not represent the Township's view; it would be one thing to sign it as an individual, but quite another to sign it as the supervisor. Because none of its claims were challenged (except for the percentage of traffic at each airport, numbers he took from government reports), it was suggested that everyone consider how the school issues had been decided: through several open meetings at which everyone was encouraged to speak their mind, and in the end people came together in that context to act for the good of the Island, independent of personalities.

to 26; Snyder beat Bernero, 114 to 56; and Benishek topped McDowell, 97 to 62. The straight tickets favored the Republicans, 60 to 27.

In St. James Township 207 of 323 registered voters went to the polls. Straight tickets were cast by 37 Republicans and 26 Democrats. Rich Gillespie topped Roloff, 157 to 30, and Rick Snyder topped Virg Bernero, 122 to 67. But, surprisingly, Gary McDowell gained more support than Dan Benishek, 93 to 91.

In the two Island races, Ray Cole topped Bob Tidmore, 124 to 76, and Rick Speck was elected supervisor, 156 to 4–with those four votes cast for unidentified write-ins.

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Suzuki strings: BICS is extremely lucky to be able to provide a K-12 strings program. Beginning this year all students in grades K-4 will have free group and individual Suzuki Method violin lessons. Students have lessons during the school day and, if they choose, can take private lessons after school. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend the lessons along with the students. The school district received a grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to help fund the program. Crooked Trees Arts Center in Petoskey is another partner in keeping this program alive and well. Crooked Tree funds an instructor for students in grades 3-12. Interested students in grades 5-12 will have group and individual Orchestral Method strings instruction in the stringed instrument of their choice.

Stained glass windows: All three of the windows are completed and installed! Thanks to Island resident Steve Hagerman, these beautiful windows in the main entry tower of the school were completed within the budget of the grant. Again, Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians supported this project, which was envisioned as part of the new school building project. The center window depicts the school crest with its emphasis on academic achievement, wisdom, the arts, and Island culture. The crest is flanked by a Celtic and a Native American design.

Historic action tour: A fun project being planned for the spring involves setting up an Island route from station to station, with an activity, usually historic, at each stop — such as sawing a round off a log with an old cross-cut saw, or repairing a net. All BICS students will form groups, and points will be awarded at each stop.

CMU TO OVERSEE $10 MILLION GREAT LAKES RESTORATION GRANT

Biology researchers at Central Michigan University are taking the lead on a $10 million grant designed to protect coastal wetlands in the Great Lakes. During the next five years scientists will collect data to assess and track the health of surrounding wetlands — a move that environmental leaders say is critical to the economy, industry, and future of conservation.

The coastal wetland monitoring program supported by the grant implements a monitoring plan finalized by the Great Lakes Coastal Wetlands Consortium in 2008, following nearly seven years of research and development. The plan is to monitor major components of coastal wetland conditions that include water chemistry, vegetation, invertebrates, and fish, amphibian, and bird communities.

"This effort will benefit anyone living near the Great Lakes watershed," said CMU biology professor Donald Uzarski, who spearheaded the complicated task of obtaining the grant. "We have found that these wetlands are very important to the overall health of the Great Lakes, which much of our economy relies on. We have already lost 50 percent of these systems from development and cannot afford to lose more."

At one time no one considered wetlands important, and they were routinely destroyed. In the past four decades, though, we have learned that they help support a $7.5 billion per year commercial and sport fishery, and also filter pollution before it enters the Great Lakes. Additionally, they provide major breeding and migratory habitat for wildlife, and some coastal wetlands are crucial for flood control.

The Great Lakes watershed covers areas in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania as well as two provinces in Canada. This entire shoreline is being targeted for study.

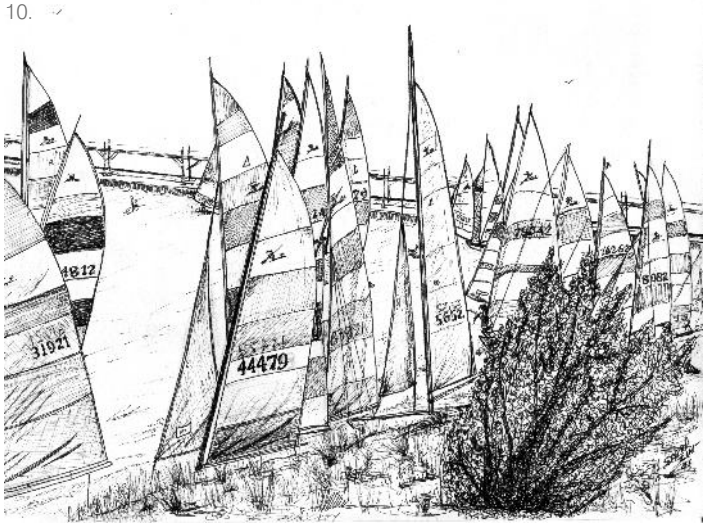
"Great Lakes wetlands are important to Michigan's environmental quality and provide excellent habitat to a high number of wildlife species," said Rebecca Humphries, retiring director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment. "The importance of this project is that we will learn how to better manage and preserve wetlands."

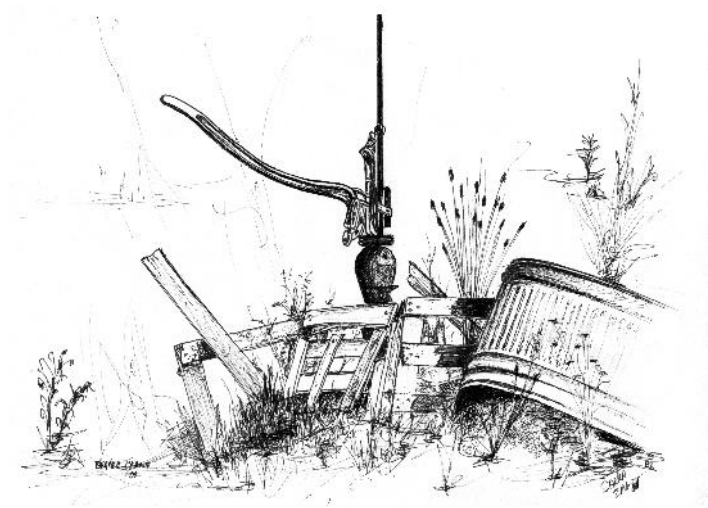
Uzarski, who is director of CMU's Biological Station on Beaver Island, as well as director of Great Lakes and Environmental Research at CMU, said about 30 CMU biology students will be involved in research related to the grant each year. CMU also will collaborate with other universities and partners including the Department of Natural Resources and Environment.

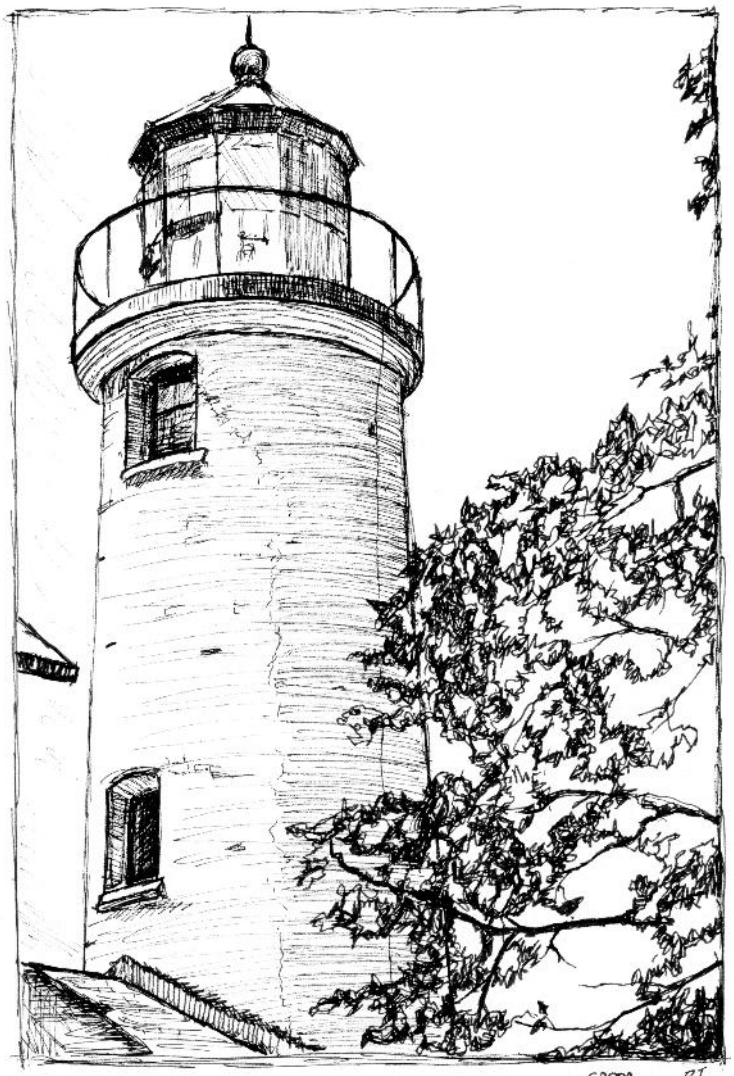
Uzarski recently was appointed by outgoing Governor Grandholm to serve on the Michigan Wetland Advisory Council. The grant is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as part of an effort supported by President Obama's Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. Uzarski brings more than a decade of research and expertise related to wetland science and the Great Lakes, and is considered a leader in the field.

CMU researchers will set up monitoring plans for all of the Michigan shorelines of Lakes Michigan, Superior and Huron, while other collaborators will cover several hundred sites of shorelines connected to surrounding states and provinces. Much of the data for Beaver Island will be gathered by students from both the Community School and the Lighthouse School.

"This program is vital," Uzarski said. "It is important to the Great Lakes ecosystem, and therefore, it is important to our economy."







A GLIMPSE AT

THE ART OF RICH SARRAZIN

Beaver Island residents and visitors never tire of seeing an artist taking inspiration from something so common here that it is sometimes taken for granted; such a sight occurs along the Harbor or out at the Protar Home or other old farmsteads several times a summer – and that's not counting the organized collectives, such as the students taking the CMU water-color class.

We all like to stop and look over the artist's shoulder, and maybe interrupt his or her concentration by sharing information (which may or may not be true) that we've picked up from some unremembered source over the years.

As we stand there spouting our folk wisdom, a frequent experience is that we suddenly notice an aspect of the artist's subject which we'd never previously registered. We react by glancing up at the thing itself, and sure enough, there it is. "I never noticed that before,"

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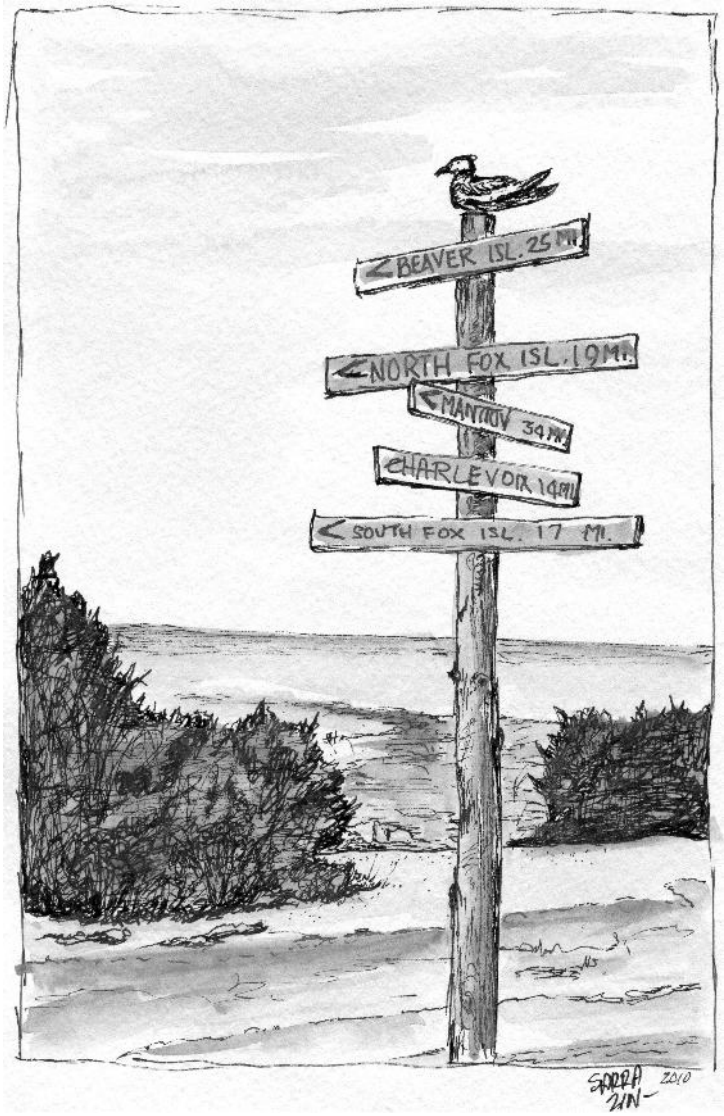

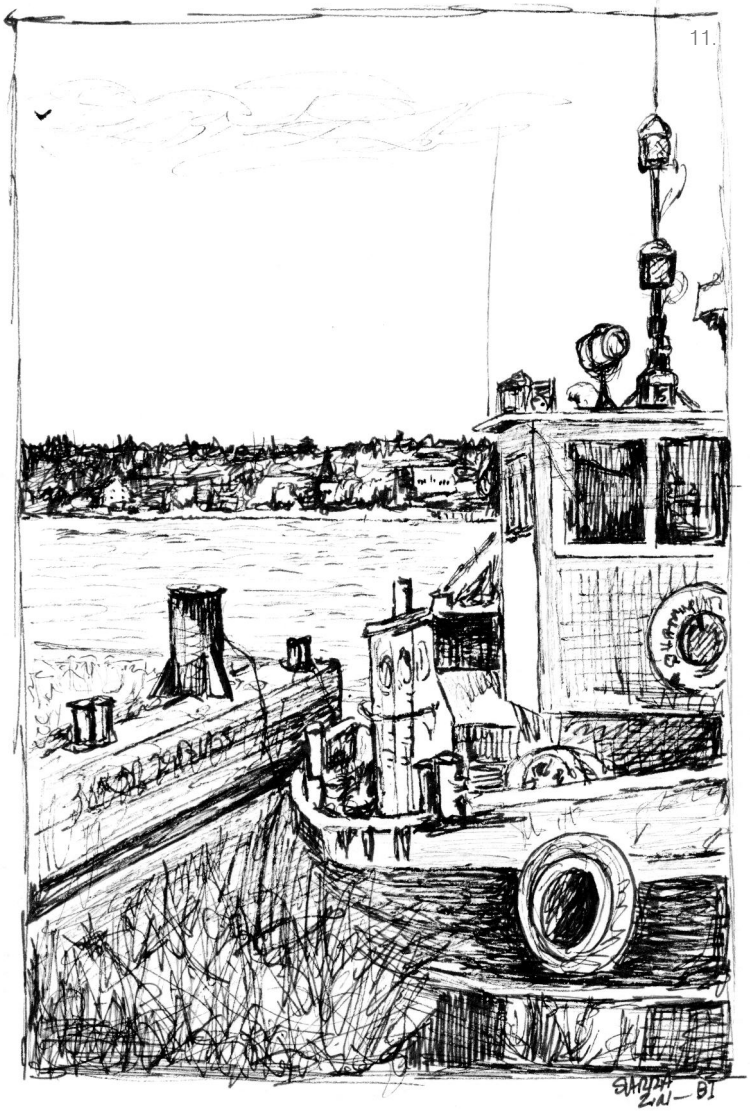

we say, shifting our stance to block less light. Leaning close, we discover what makes him an artist. He is concentrating so intensely on penetrating the scene's next layer of resistance that he cannot backup, at least during the process, to explain what he has moved beyond.

With this kind of art, the Art recedes from notice and what comes through is an evocation of the thing itself. As we let our eyes rest we tend not to see the subtle linework and the techniques that have taken the artist a lifetime to master. Instead we willingly allow ourselves to be bathed in ambiance, to reflect on the memories of past good times generated by the subject. We need not hesitate in confessing this to the artist. She or he is not as much concerned with revealing the technical questions that had to be answered and compositional problems that had to be solved as hearing that his efforts have been rewarded, and the work of art can be considered a success.

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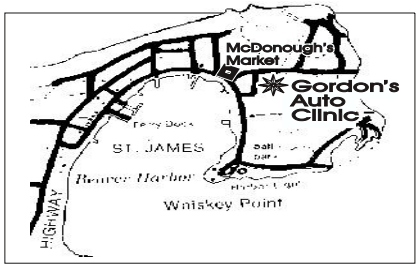

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RUBY ON RAILS

On a drive to the point to see what boats are moored in the harbor or count the gulls to see if the fish tug has come in, one often notices the old red rust-colored marine ways sitting on the tracks next to the Grand Traverse Band's dock. What looks like a primitive mechanical device was made reliable by Wayne Chapman and Bill Welke in the 1970s. Most people assumed it had fused into permanent inertia from mussels and rust. But when

HUNTERS' DINNER

The Annual Beaver Island Wildlife Club Harold Lounsberry Memorial Hunters' Dinner will be on Sunday November 14th at the Shamrock. Once again, a selection of wild meats will be offered. The Rifle raffle will be at 8:30 - prizes include Savage 270 Win and 7mm WSM Rifles, Jay's gift certificate, a trail camera, and three knives (two engraved).

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current owner Bud Martin and his son Nathan wanted to pull out the old Kenwabikise fish tug *Ruby Ann*, it had no problem with the task. Sure, it creaked and groaned at first, but when push came to shove it pulled and pulled and the *Ruby* emerged from the lake for the winter. Onlookers could feel the tremor in the ground as she rolled up the rails. Ten tons was not too much for it to tow out of the lake. We'll see how much the ways is asked to pull out next.

LET EM GROW

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club asks hunters to only harvest larger bucks allowing smaller bucks to mature. The past year's campaigns were to let spikes go – this year hunters are asked to also let the 3s and 4s go so they can grow. Plenty of doe tags are available. Last year's winter was mild with only 38" of snow and there should be plenty of healthy deer.

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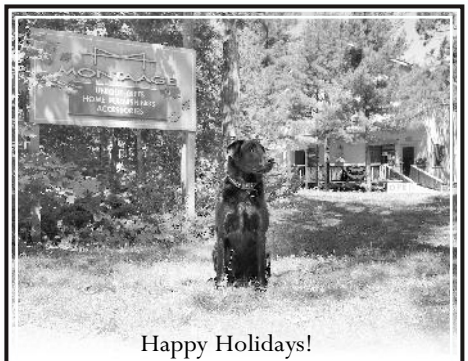

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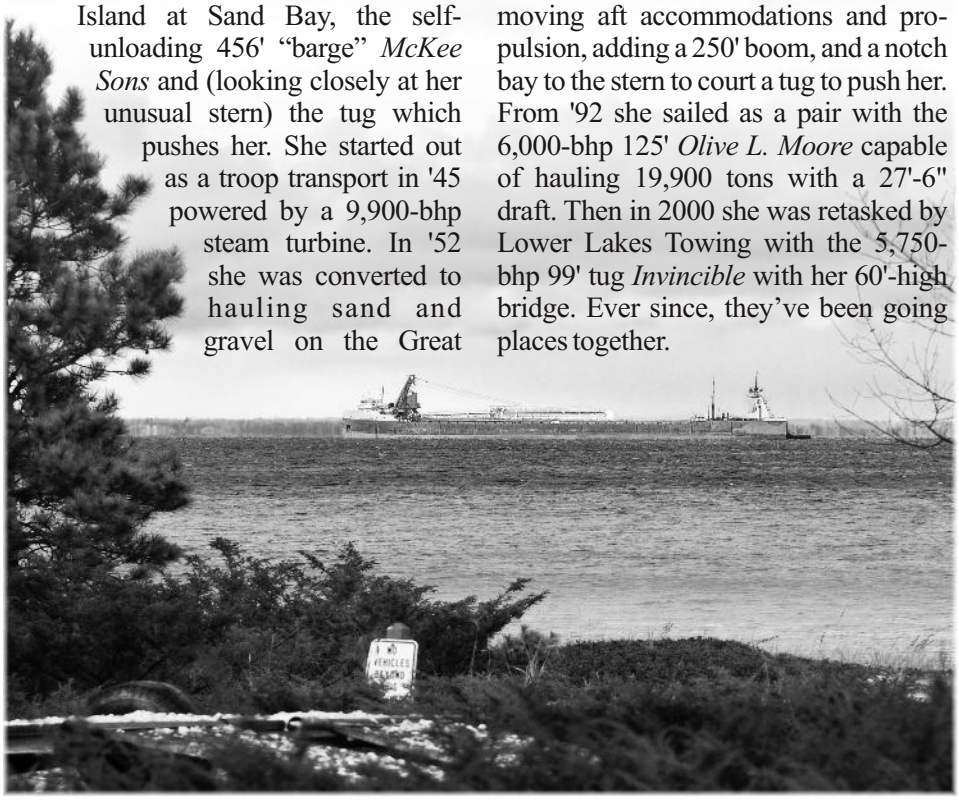
During the big blow that ended October, an unusual pair tucked into the lee of Beaver Island at Sand Bay, the self-unloading 456' "barge" *McKee Sons* and (looking closely at her unusual stern) the tug which pushes her. She started out as a troop transport in '45 powered by a 9,900-bhp steam turbine. In '52 she was converted to hauling sand and gravel on the Great Lakes. Then after a decade idle, Upper Lakes Towing Co of Escanaba acquired the freighter, shortening her by 54', removing aft accommodations and propulsion, adding a 250' boom, and a notch bay to the stern to court a tug to push her. From '92 she sailed as a pair with the 6,000-bhp 125' *Olive L. Moore* capable of hauling 19,900 tons with a 27'-6" draft. Then in 2000 she was retasked by Lower Lakes Towing with the 5,750-bhp 99' tug *Invincible* with her 60'-high bridge. Ever since, they've been going places together.



SURE CURE

The malaise that stalked
like a relentless predator
poised to pounce,
drove me to irrational behavior.
I darkened house lights,
pulled shades, closed blinds,
retreated to the basement.

When I dragged myself to the doctor's office,
she asked only that I recall impressions
of the past several months.

I had enthusiastically embraced
the promise and beauty of spring,
reveled in the re-birth of its slowly warming days,
marveled at its glorious explosion of color.

And yes, summer had delivered myriad delights:
lingering lengthening days of brilliant sunshine,
morphing clouds punctuating cerulean skies,
shimmering turquoise water lapping golden beaches.

Even early fall had provided enrichment:
eerie emerging shadows crafted by a retreating sun,
autumnal aromas of smoldering leaves, crackling fires,
children's contagious anticipation of Halloween.

I was trembling with excitement
when she suddenly interrupted my recitation.
"You are suffering from SSO,
Seasonal Sensory Overload,
overexposure to beauty, sunlight, color, excitement …
but there is a sure cure — extended bleakness."

She scribbled a prescription:
"Take November for 30 days!"
—John Gordon

TALLIS SCHOLARS, EVENSONG

Some years ago I attended a Boston, MA performance of the Tallis Scholars, a choral group from England devoted to Renaissance/Baroque music. Thomas Tallis, 16th century English organist and composer of religious music was born a Roman Catholic and composed for both the Catholic and Anglican faiths. The evening concert was held in a beautiful, candlelit church. The setting plus magnificent music was such an inspiring experience that I was moved to write this poem shortly thereafter.

Repletei sunt omnes Spirito Sancto, et ceperunt loqui
(They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak)

Voices rise, one against others, borrowing the refrain
giving it back; woven responsories
for the night offices of my soul; rhythmic lament
echoes through centuries of candlelit shadows
in solo, in tutti, calling in anguish and joy
all essential messages for the vaulted
chambers of the heart; rhetorical canticles
luminous in their resonance

Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam
(We give thanks to thee for thy great glory)
—Phyllis Kayne

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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 2, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told:** "The steamer *Beaver* is now making three trips weekly."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 3, 1910 **Local News**: "Mrs. Lou Comfort, of Traverse City, joined her husband here over Sunday. Mr. Comfort has finished his Beaver Head fog signal work, and is now engaged on Squaw Island light improvements."

"Owen C. McCauley, keeper of the Squaw Island light, was in the city Saturday after supplies."

"W. D. Gallagher, former supervisor of Peaine Township, Beaver Island was in the city several days the past week."

Beaver Island News: "George Seitz returned after a few weeks visit to Freesoil."

"Miss Mary Cull was visiting with her parents a few days."

"Clarence Bissell returned home after sailing all summer."

"W. D. Gallagher is on business to Charlevoix and other points."

"Capt. Ludwick returned after two week's trip to Grand Haven."

"J. Cunningham packer of A. Booth Fish Co. Spent Sunday at Charlevoix."

"Dr. Armstrong of Charlevoix, spent a few days at Garden Island last week."

"J. T. Boylan of the Saginaw Hardware Co. spent Sunday on the Island."

"Joe Burke and Henry Hartwig are putting a new top on the Joe Gallagher building."

"Francis Roddy brought a bushel of potatoes to McCann's store of which 22 potatoes made the bushel."

"A. T. Stewart of the U. S. Fish Hatchery spent a few days looking after the B. I. interest of the spawn taken."

"J. Edwards of Cheboygan, Michigan of the Seed Pea Co. is looking after his interest making contracts for next season. They have over 2,000 bushels of peas to go on the Hart Boat to Cheboygan."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 9, 1910 **Local News Briefly**

BIRHC RECEIVES STATE FUNDING

On October 5th the Beaver Island Rural Health Center received a check for $33,300 from the State of Michigan. This was the first state money for BIRHC since 2003. Considering Michigan's dire economic straits the receipt of this funding was a near miraculous accomplishment that reflects two years of efforts by many people.

It began with the formation of an alliance between BIRHC and Mackinac Island and Drummond Island medical centers. Next came intensive joint lobbying efforts by Senators Jason Allen and Roger Kahn and Representatives Gary McDowell and Kevin Elsenheimer. Former Michigan Department of Community Health Director Jim Haveman also played a key role by lending his considerable influence and sage advice to the effort. All involved were relieved when the legislation passed and escaped the Governor's veto pen in the fall of last year. Then all seemed lost when a bureaucrat single-handedly chose not to dispense the funds.

More behind the scenes lobbying by Don Spencer and Bill McDonough, compelling in person testimony by Donna Kubic, letters of support from St. James and Peaine Townships and renewed pressure from the officials mentioned above finally produced the check just in time to ease the cash flow shortage that occurs every fall at the Health Center. Even more encouraging, the legislature recently authorized expenditure of a similar amount next year for the three medical centers.

Thanks to all who worked as a team to make this elusive but crucial funding for local health care possible.

—Connie Wojan

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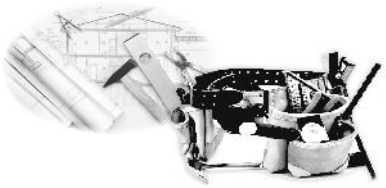

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Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

Told: "Hugh P. Boyle, supervisor of Peaine, was in the city the latter part of the week on official business."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 10, 1910 **Local News**: "The catches at Beaver Island indicated Saturday that trout are beginning to spawn, and Monday Mr. Stewart went over with a supply of appliances to begin the harvest, leaving a man there in charge to receive eggs. A force of men arrived Tuesday from Northville to assist in the spawn-gathering and hatchery work."

"Dr. A. M. Wilkinson of this city, will leave next Tuesday for Porto Rico, where he will spend the winter. The chief purpose of Dr. Wilkinson is to put in the winter in surgical practice with his friend Dr. Ruth, formerly of Keokuk, Iowa, one of the most skillful surgeons in the west. Dr. Ruth was for several years a summer resident of Beaver Island, where he had a pleasant cottage on the shore of the harbor."

Beaver Island News: "W. W. Boyle has started business in his old store."

"W. D. Gallagher returned home after visiting his brother Dan."

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Gallagher Nov. 5, a boy."

"Capt. Frank Left and C. C. Cross went to Charlevoix on business."

"The Game Warden boat *Chase Osborn* was at the Island last week."

"A. L. Sterling foreman of the B. I. L. Co. went to Ludington after men."

"Miss Hattie Gallagher returned home after spending a few weeks at Escanaba."

"The steamer *J. Schroeder* brought a load of winter supplies to the B. I. L. Co. dock."

"Frank Dunlay brakeman on the B. I. L. Co. train went to Boyne City on a visit."

"Supervisor H. P. Boyle returned home from Charlevoix where he was on business."

"The Heinforth Lumber Co. crew passed through St. James on their way to Traverse City." *(note: from High Island)* *continued on page 18.*

RUTH CATHERINE HALLAHAN 1919-2010

Ruth died peacefully on September 19th, surrounded by her family.

She was born in Park Ridge Illinois on February 16, 1919, the daughter of Charles and Maude (Moulton) Scheunemann. She was preceded in death by her parents and two sisters, Betty and Mickey, and her husband John, and is survived by her three children, Eileen (Ron) Perry, Jack (Sandy) Hallahan, and Jacquelyn Martin, as well as 4 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren.

She married Jack Hallahan on December 7, 1937 after attending Bowen High School in Chicago. She worked for 11 years as a nurse's aid at Community Memorial Hospital in LaGrange, and retired to Beaver Island 1985. She had been a Lutheran early in life but converted to Catholicism upon her marriage.

She was always active and hard-working. She loved gardening, reading, sewing, bowling, and swimming. Her most memorable experience was saving a teenage boy from drowning in Lake Michigan. She was quite resilient, able to bounce back from ill fortune—such as the complete loss of her uninsured Island home to fire. She had a great sense of humor, and was generous and caring. She loved her family and friends deeply, and will be missed.

Her family wishes to express their thanks and gratitude to all those who helped them through this difficult time.

—Jack, Jackie, and Eileen

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"Mary D. Gallgher returned home from Escanaba after spending the summer."

"A. T. Stewart of the U. S. Fish Hatchery has started men to gather trout eggs on the fish tugs."

"The Wisconsin Fish Co. of Green Bay, has a new manager looking after the fishing interests."

"Mrs. Neal D. Gallagher returned to Milwaukee after spending a month's visit with her parents."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 16, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told**: "W. E. Stephens of St. James was at the Elston, Tuesday night.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November, 17, 1910 **Local News**: "Six tons of trout and two tons of perch came over from the Island Monday to the Booth and Beutel warehouses, and the catches continue large."

"Fairly good gathering of trout spawn are reported from Beaver Island and the eggs are beginning to come here."

Beaver Island News: "Mrs. P. D. Boyle was at Charlevoix on business last week."

"Mrs. Phill (sic) R. Gallagher returned home to Chicago after a month's visit with her friends."

"Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scopp left for a visit to Harbor Springs"

"Wm. E. Stephens returned home from a business trip to Manistee and Free Soil."

"Capt. Charles Roe is visiting friends on the Island."

"Armstrong the candyman, had a nice time all last week hunting etc. He stayed over on Wednesday trip and the *Beaver* did not come until Monday." *(Note: J. W. Armstrong, Milw. appears in the Hotel Beaver register Nov. 9, 1910)*

"Mrs. C. C. Allers went to Charlevoix Monday with one of her grandsons to see Dr. Armstrong."

"A. L. Sterling returned Monday from Ludington with a large force of men to work in the woods for B. I. L. Co."

"John Floyd and wife, returned home after a week's stay at Charlevoix. Mr. Floyd was under the Doctor's care.

"We have two men from the Paris, Mich. fish hatcheries taking trout eggs for the U. S."

"John P. Maloney of Chicago, was here visiting his mother, returned on the Monday boat."

"The streamer *Beaver* missed one trip last week from Wednesday to Monday no mail boat."

"Griffin the Swift Co. agent is here on business." *(Note: H. Griffith, Traverse City appears in the Hotel Beaver register, Nov. 9, 1910)*

"Fred Smith of the Petoskey Grocery House, is staying over a trip to attend to his fall orders for the company." *(Note: Smith, Petoskey, appears in the Hotel Beaver register Nov. 9, 1910)*

"Wm. Hoolihan of Traverse City, agent for the International Harvesting Co. is here on business." *(Note: Wm. Hoolihan, Traverse City appears in the Hotel Beaver register Nov. 9, 1910)*

"Fred Nackerman is home for a few weeks from New Berry (sic), where he is working for the L.S. B. and I. Co."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 23, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told**: "The *Beaver* went to Petosky Tuesday where she loaded with the winter's supply of oil for the Beaver Islands."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, November 24, 1910 **Beaver Island News**: "Dr. A. A. Swinton of Charlevoix, was at the Island on business."

"John O. Gallagher and wife went to Charlevoix Monday on business."

"Peter Boyle and Chas. P. Gallagher are at Charlevoix on business."

"The steamer *Pathfinder* struck a rock off Vincent place on Garden Island Monday morning and the Captain put her ashore in 18 feet of water."

"Wm. A. Schied went to Manitowoc on the steamer *Went* (sic) Tuesday, will return next Monday."

"Rabbit hunting is good on the Island."

"Patrick Earley was called to Grand Rapids as a witness before the Grand Jury last week."

"A. Malloy went to Escanaba, Mich."

"Mr. Patterson of Boyne City, is selling furs, etc. in Mrs. P. A. O'Donnell's store."

"Born, to Mr. and Mrs. John Grill a boy."

"There will be an entertainment at the St. James hall Thursday night, home talent."

"Mrs. Myrtle Young was over last week writing up insurance."

"W. J. Gallagher and daughter May went to Charlevoix Monday."

"*P. M. Car Ferry No. 1*, was in the harbor over Sunday on her way to Sheboygan, Wis."

"Capt. Ed Martin was over with the *Violet* Sunday."

"Mr. Cook of the Northville U. S. Fish Hatchery is at the Island, he came from Detour where he was taking care of trout eggs."

"The steamers *Went* (sic) and *Schroeder* loaded lumber at the B. I. L. Co. Dock."

"Frank Left bought the steamer *Little Maeta*."

"Tomey (sic) Boyle was at Grand Rapids last week to attend the Grand Jury."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, November 30, 1910 **Local News Briefly Told**: "W. W. Boyle of St. James, is in the city this week on business."

"George Gillson of St. James was called to Grand Rapids this week by the serious illness of his brother."

"Matt Ricksgers of Courtney, North Dakota was in the city the first of the week on his way to Beaver Island, where he will visit his parents."

From Beaver Island: "The fish tug *Alice*, of Manistique, was in the harbor last week."

"Wm. Sheid spent Thanksgiving with his parents at Manistee."

"W. J. Gallagher has moved his family to Charlevoix for the winter."

"Chas. Roddy, James Burns and John Quinlan returned home for the winter."

"Frank Miller, John Floyd and Phill (sic) D. Malloy were Charlevoix visitors this week."

"Miss Anna Floyd returned to Boyne City after spending a few days with her parents here."

"The barge *Panther* that went ashore on Garden Island has been abandoned until spring."

"Mrs. Lou Briggs and daughter were called to Alpena by the serious illness of Mrs. Briggs' mother." *(Note: Alternate "dark autumn" with some rain and snow storms, 37 degrees to 28 degrees; 27 - 30 snow 12" to 14" "Winter" F. Protar)*

Whether at the famous Shamrock Halloween party, Donegal Danny's, volunteering at Tina's kids party, or the

party at the historic Old Rectory (pictured above): *family and friends – the best and only way to enjoy a Beaver Island holiday!*

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* announced that plans were underway to form an AmVets post on Beaver Island, to be named for Emmet Burke, a tailgunner in WW II who lost his life to enemy fire.

Northern Michigan Hospital's Wellness Wagon made its first trip to Beaver Island, in conjunction with the Health Fair—attended by 200.

St. James Township received a renewable 10-year lease for the Whiskey Point Light.

The *Beacon* reported that the Twinning ceremony with a group from Arranmore went well, with 80 visitors enjoying a dinner at the Parish Hall. Beaver Islanders were surprised at how similar some of them looked to their distant Beaver Island cousins, and how much the group from Arranmore knew about what had been going on here since the immigration. When they departed on the *Emerald Isle* a large group of Islanders assembled at the ferry dock to serenade them with hearty old Irish songs.

The 21st Century Learning study made three recommendations to the school. They wanted a "common understanding of mental, physical, and ethical expectations" clearly imparted to students. They wanted to make the school more focused on the later-life success of every student. They urged establishing "real partnerships" between the school and other Island organizations. A five-year plan of implementation was put forward.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Bernard O'Donnell, 86. He was born on Beaver Island but left as a young man, served in WW II, and then settled in Chicago, working as a painting contractor.

Twenty Years Ago Father Leonard Jocys, born and raised in Lithuania, was assigned to Holy Cross Church.

The Chamber of Commerce's Wildlife Dinner served buffalo and whitefish, with proceeds earmarked for the new Wildlife Fund—to support walleye planting, salt block and winter wheat placement, and hunter education.

The school was proud to announce that 64% of its students were on the honor roll, 14 students had perfect attendance, the 7th and 8th graders published the school's first newspaper, and the Student Council conducted a successful food drive to help the needy. With a perfect GPA of 4.0, Katrina Martin received the D.A.R. Award. She and Mimi Lewis each qualified for a State of Michigan full-tuition scholarship.

The Island landfill was officially closed.

The reconstruction of the King's Highway was suspended for the winter.

Mary Jane Martin won the sportsmanship award at the soccer tournament.

Gosling-Czubak invoices for designing the Transfer Station were tabled after reaching $26,000 because their estimate had been $15,000.

"Jo Hooker felt the St. James Clerk should be given a raise because of the current workload. This could not be done until the annual meeting. A motion was passed that in lieu of a raise, the Clerk would be paid the Supervisor's salary for the months he is not active."

Phil Gregg told the story of the first airmail as one of his Beaver Tales. It happened in April of 1926, after the telephone cable had been broken for two months and the ice so churned up that the ice walkers couldn't travel. When the pile of undeliverable mail became so high that George Weaver, the Charlevoix postmaster, could not function, he sought permission from Senator Ferris and Representative Scott to put the mail on a plane.

Officials of Booth Fisheries pitched in, contacting Herbert Hoover, who authorized a plane to come up from Chicago. Joe Donnelan was the pilot, with his pal Alvin Yoder as mechanic. They were ordered to leave Chicago on April 1—during a roaring blizzard, as it turned out. But orders were orders so they set off, worried most about freezing to death before they could find land. Snow pulled into the engine made it cough. They had no idea where they were, but after awhile felt they had to be over land and decided to set down. They wound up in a snow bank outside of Lawton, so deep it took three days to free the 2-seated biplane.

Then they took off again, stopping at Grand Haven and Cadillac before arriving in Charlevoix. Island resident Captain John McCann was there, and offered to guide them on the crossing to Beaver, even if he had to squat on the 400 pounds of mail. It took them 43 minutes—a record for the mail, which usually took eight hours to three days. News of their immanent arrival came on the radio, and the Islanders cut evergreens and made two lines on the frozen harbor to light when they heard the plane. Old Jackie, at 22 the senior Island horse and a 10-year veteran of picking up the mail, was hitched up by Joe M'Fro and taken out to greet the plane.

"Soon the plane came into view, and the crowd cheered. Jackie had never seen anything like this before, and the big winged beast with its thundering voice was more than his old heart could bear. Jackie slumped to the ice and died, thus ending one era and beginning another."

Thirty Years Ago There was no November *Beacon.*

Forty Years Ago After eight days of hunting 41 bucks, 30 does, and 34 fawns had been taken. The hunters' dinner drew 185. Dr. Herbert Lenon of CMU was the guest speaker, and talked about the Biostation's accomplishments and plans.

The *Beacon* ran a poem about the night Marie Riegle and Martha Miller went cranberrying (below Mudge's cabin on the ridge running along the north edge of the bog) and got lost. When they failed to return home a search party was formed near the south end and fanned out into the swamp, periodically hollering.

Unbeknownst to the searchers, the two women had built a fire and settled in for the night. At one point Walt Wojan thought he was close, and hollered, "Martha! Where are you?" A faint voice came back, "If I knew, d'you think I'd still be here?"

Island-born Monsignor Victor Gallagher celebrated his silver anniversary in the priesthood at St. Mary's in Charlevoix.

The Historical Society's president, A. J. Roy, authorized Bill Welke to put a new roof on the Protar Home.

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Bringing in the change of season: clouds reflected in **Greene's Lake**

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

Sympathy was expressed for the unexpected death of 37-year-old Ronnie O'Donnell, twin brother of Richard.

Fifty Years Ago The Civic Association authorized resident and Realtor Rogers Carlisle to put together color films to showcase the Island's features.

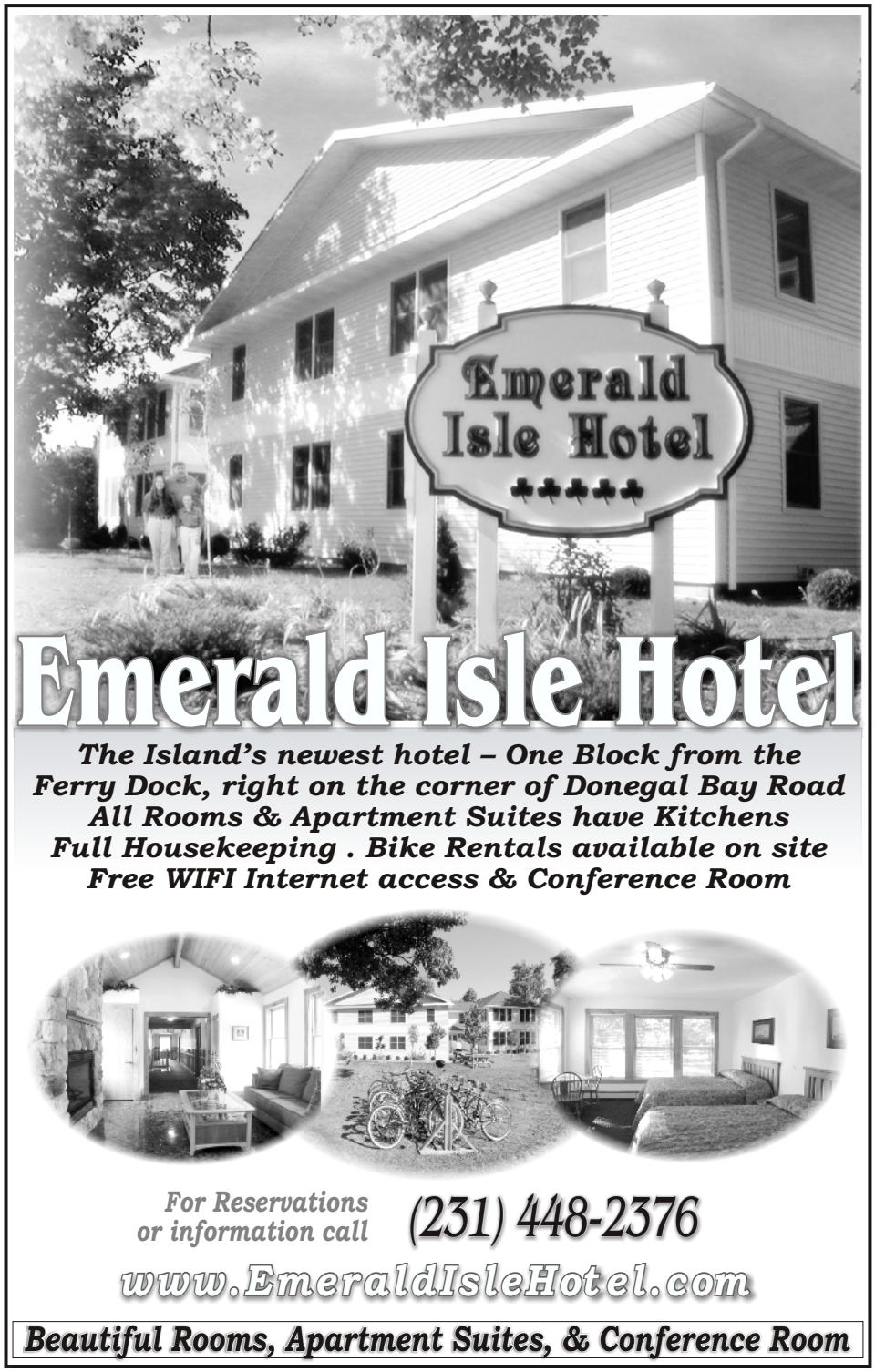
The Conservation Department handed out 435 deer permits for Beaver Island. It was estimated that 180 deer would be taken.

The County Nurse gave booster shots, vaccinations, and hearing tests to all the students at the Island school.

Twenty-four teenagers were given a 40-minute boat ride followed by hot chocolate and cookies at the Shamrock and a Lawrence McDonough hayride.

Alvin LaFreniere purchased a VW bus, with which he intended to offer Island tours.

Passings noted included the wife and the daughter of Dr. Luton and Willie John Gallagher, a long-time Island mover and shaker.



EVERYDAY THANKSGIVING

Grateful for-
Rustling leaves for carpet
Rusty drifts of gold
Autumn swiftly running
As things are growing cold

Grateful for-
Hunters sometimes lucky
Sometimes lucky deer
Fall is unpredictable
But we love this time of year

The changes that we we welcome
In gratitude we pray
Bring everyday thanksgiving
For each and every day
—Dawn George

THANKS

Thank you to all our friends and family, some who had to travel to come to our Anniversary party. It truly was a surprise.

Thanks also for the many cards and good wishes and a special thanks to our daughters for doing this for us.

—Sandy and Pete

A BRIEF OUTAGE

Thanks to Mike McDonough, John and Jean Gillespie, and Jim Wojan, the power knocked out by the storm of October 27th did not stay off for very long for most, despite the longest fierce blow we can remember. All those needing firewood were out sawing the next day.

VETERANS DAY

AmVetsPost 46 will conduct its annual Veterans Day on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. at Holy Cross Church.

This year students from the Beaver Island Community School will read the names of those Island veterans who gave their life to their country in time of war. If you're on the Island, please try to take part.

– AmVets Post 46

SERVICE CHANGED

Sunday services will not be held at St. James Episcopal Church on November 7th and November 14th, but will resume on November 21st at 10 a.m.

ISLAND BAZAAR

Mark your calendars! The holiday bazaar will be Sunday, November 14 at Gregg Fellowship Center from 11:00 – 2:30. Registration forms for tables can be picked up at the Community Center or from Jean Kinsley at the Prudential Realty office. The popular 25-cent tickets for a drawing will return this year.

Hot soup and beverages will be available in the kitchen for a donation; proceeds will go to the Food Pantry.

If you have any questions, call Judi Meister (2963) or Jean Kinsley (2856)

FELLOWSHIP

This year there will be a Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 25th at 6:00 p.m. in the Gregg Fellowship Center at the Beaver Island Christian Church. Turkey, mashed potatoes, and stuffing with gravy will be provided. If possible bring a dish to pass or a dessert to share. Casual dress is fine. Enjoy a relaxing evening.

CARNIVAL

On Thursday December 9th from noon until about 3:30 the Cookie Carnival will be held. We will have the usual cookies with some new ones in the mix. Nutmeg logs and party cookies can be ordered by calling Jean Carpenter at 448-2893. Heidi Vigil will again have Gingerbread Houses and possibly a silent auction. Judi Meister is working on a silent auction of Santa Clauses and whatever else she can find – should be interesting and a fun time starting the Holiday Season.

HILARITY 2

Members of the Beaver Island Comedy Group have been working as hard as Santa's elves, creating brand new skits and videos for the upcoming "Holiday Hilarity" production. Along with the regular cast, a number of Island folks will be guest stars in this special production, guaranteed to tickle your funny bone!

The show will be presented at the Community Center on Dec. 10 & 11, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $12. To reserve tickets in advance, call the Community Center at 448-2022.

A DIG ONLINE

The Notre Dame archaeologists who were here in July have nearly completed the laboratory processing of their discoveries. Analyses will continue through the coming year. Dr. Rotman's students did some preliminary projects – that is, began to ask some questions about interesting objects recovered during the excavation. Their explorations have been posted to the new website, *http://blogs.nd.edu/irishstories/*. For every page, there is an opportunity for members of the community to submit comments, share their thoughts / memories, etc. They very much want input and collaboration from the Island on the project.

Plans are in the works for Dr. Rotman to bring two Notre Dame students here in late May, with them serving as Historical Society interns for eight weeks — if lodging can be found.

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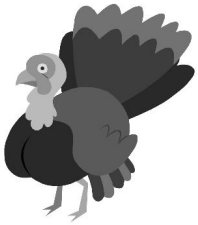

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Pictured are Chaplain Mike Wermuth and Volunteer Joyce Runberg.

On Monday, October 11th, at the monthly hospice volunteer education meeting for Munson Hospice Volunteers at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center, Joyce Runberg was presented with the Peter M. Strom Volunteer Recognition Award.

This award is presented annually to a volunteer who demonstrates commitment to the organization by furthering the mission of Munson Hospice and Palliative Care. An MSU graduate, a nurse, and a person who has overcome serious health problems — as well as a member of the Munson Hospice team since 2008, Runberg has been instrumental in promoting Munson Hospice on the Island.

"She has set up education meetings and trainings, made phone calls, and sent reminder postcards. She recruits volunteers, creates schedules for volunteers for respite care, and offers support to other volunteers and people in her community."

When the going gets tough, the tough get everyone going. Joyce has been an inspiration to everyone in that regard.

For more information on the Munson Hospice Volunteer Program, contact Judy Goodrich at 1-800-252-2065 extension 58485 or 231-935-8485 or jgoodrich@mhc.net.

LETTERS: THANKS FOR NEVER GIVING UP!

Dear Editor,

In just the past month two events of lasting benefit to Beaver Island occurred which, until very recently, had seemed like lost causes: The ground breaking for the senior housing project and the Beaver Island Rural Health Center's receipt of $33,300 in State funding, the first such funding in seven years.

Nothing major is accomplished on Beaver Island or anywhere else without cooperation and teamwork. Yet no team effort can succeed without dedicated and persistent leaders. At least one individual has to take responsibility for keeping the other team members motivated and coordinated in their

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Mary Acker's son, Brian Arrow, recently moved to Manhattan and took part in the 65th Anniversary of the famous 'VJ Day Kiss' photo of the sailor and nurse in Times Square. Brian and his fiancée Ryan McGuinnis are pictured in *US Weekly,* September 6th issue on page 28. Their photo posing in front of the 26' statue, re-enacting the famous kiss, was featured by Maybeline in their two page ad layout. Maybeline sponsored the event that was attended by hundreds of re-enactors. And a great time was had by all!

Here's another picture of them that was not featured in the mag, so you can see what they actually look like. Brian found a great job! He started in early October, with a great salary too.

efforts, especially when the endeavor takes years to complete and runs into many set backs along the way. Someone has to inspire the rest of the team to keep going when prospects look bleak. The two leaders responsible for the landmark events of the past month are Pete LoDico (Senior Housing) and Bill McDonough (B.I.R.H.C. State Funding). Both have made it a point to give public credit to their team members. The purpose of this letter is to give both of them the credit they deserve for laboring so long and tirelessly behind the scenes and being such great leaders.

Thanks Pete and Bill for never giving up!!

—Connie Wojan

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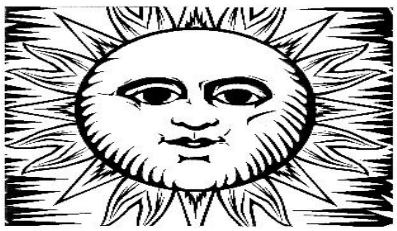

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YELLOW RIBBON CAMPAIGN

Following the weekly K-12 Flag Ceremony, students and staff at the Beaver Island Community School gathered for a photograph as part of Beaver Island's Yellow Ribbon Campaign.

The yellow ribbon campaign is for the safe return of our local soldiers, particularly Grant West and Brett Maudrie, and for all service men and women everywhere. The photograph will join those of many other Islanders in an online tribute album posted for viewing by Island soldiers.

The school's National Honor Society will be running a campaign to provide care packages to soldiers in Afghanistan.

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Lampson Home- 33213 Mrs. Reddings Trail

1,478 sq. ft. house with 912 sq. ft. of semi-finished basement area on Lot #14 of the Western Shores Plat. The lot is over 700 feet deep with 210 feet on Mrs. Redding's Trail and 207.3 feet of Lake Michigan frontage. (This house and lot have the feeling of being on a 15-acre lakefront parcel because the homeowner to the north owns two lots and the home-owner to the south also owns two lots.) This home is a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home with a large living room, a combination kitchen-dining room area that is open to the living room, and a large insulated, finished front porch. There is a beautiful stone fireplace in the living room and a lot of glass on the lake side of the house. The place has beautiful views of the lake and the woods all around it. It has been a very good rental house for the owners (just rented during some of the weeks in the summertime that the owner is not using it), but it would make a very nice second home for a family and/or a very good year-round retirement home. The house is labeled as a one and a half story home on its official appraisal but it has the feel of a full two-story home. The beach out front always had water up to near the tree line and a good strip of sand beach during normal water level times. For a number of years now the lake has been down so there is no sand washing in and a lot of ridges and sand bars and large rocks on the bottom are now exposed. The beach condition will improve over time so you are seeing it at its very worst right now. It is still a spectacular view of High Island to the northwest and Gull Island nine miles off to the west with fabulous sunsets year-round. To appreciate this home you really need to review all of the pictures on our website - www.edwojanrealty.com The furniture and appliances and a lot of the personal property except for the tools and the wood chipper will be included as part of the sale price.

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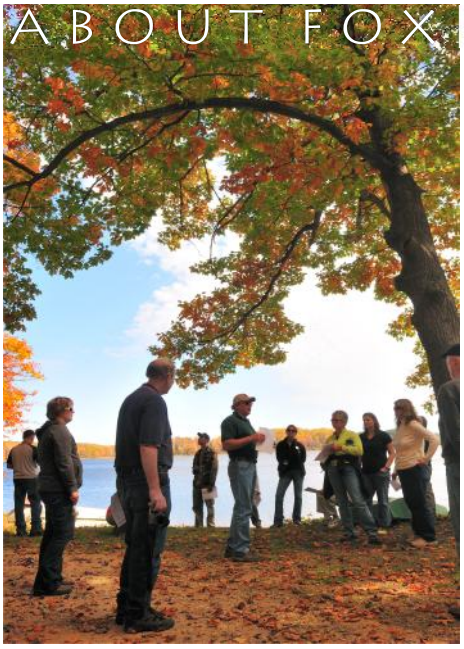

Central Michigan University professor Dan Benjamin explains some interesting facts about Fox Lake to a group of biologists touring Beaver Island — such as that its low oxygen keeps fish near the shore.

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BLESSING OF THE PETS

On a blustery, rainy day a dozen pets (all dogs, ranging from pocket pups to big enough to rest a paw on a man's shoulder) were brought to Holy Cross Church for Father Pat Cawley's blessing, and would have been even if there had been snow. They grasped the significance of the occasion, and were all well behaved.

This bond-affirming ceremony might be more important on Beaver Island than it is elsewhere because we place such high value on our pets here. It must be because of our greater than average involvement with nature, the wonderful endowment which plays a role in drawing us here.

Our pets are more animated than city dogs because nature is so engaging; there is just so much to run ahead and sniff, so many teasing creatures to which

MEMORIAL BRICKS SET AT VETERANS' PARK

As October faded into November a team from the AmVets began setting the bricks subscribed to as a way of honoring relatives and friends who served our nation in the Armed Forces. One hundred and sixty-one bricks were set by six veterans, despite the bitter wind: Bob Tidmore, Bob Hoogendoorn, Alvin LaFreniere, Jack Spanhak, Richie O'Donnell, and Brian Gallagher. A new brick order will be sent in this spring.

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they must give chase. Their interest in what might lie beyond the next bend pulls us into the fields and the woods, providing the excuse we need to get in the exercise we know we need. Each time, we earn their appreciation, a tangible beneficence that can swell our sense of worth for the rest of the day.

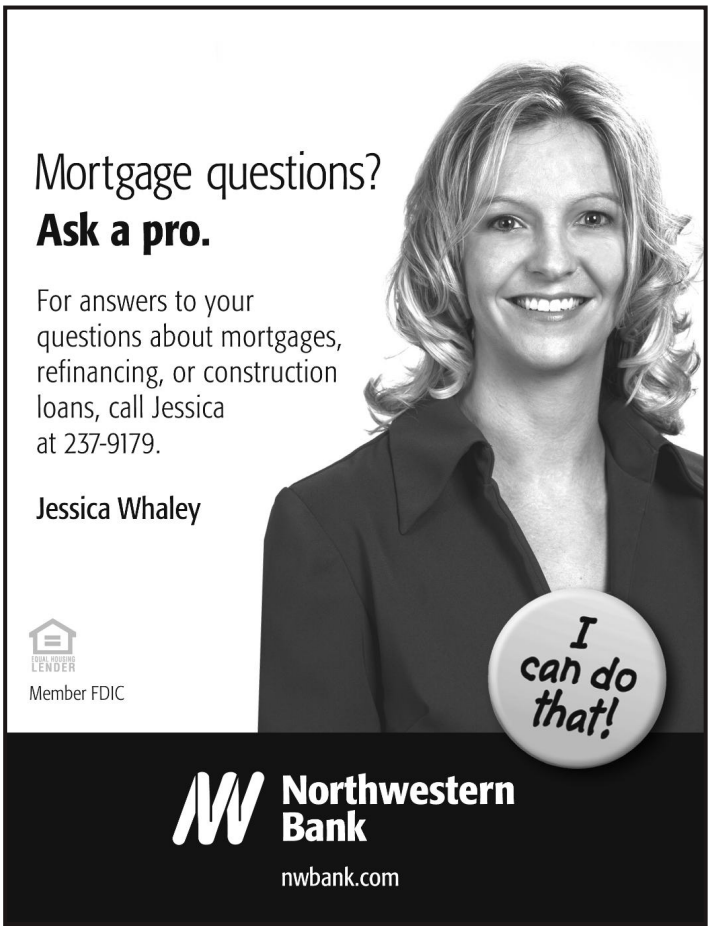
Our pets also mediate nature for us, reducing the daunting component of its mysteries. There's nothing here that could harm us on a moonlit walk, yet a primal apprehension can crop up unless we have our pet at our side and refuse to lose face in its eyes by showing fear.

Helping us express our appreciation for our pets in this ceremony is one more in a long list of reasons why everyone on Beaver Island is so fond of Father Pat, and grateful for his many acts of kindness and grace.

IN MEMORY: EILEEN PERRY

After attending her mother Ruth Hallahan's funeral and helping write the obituary notice *(page 17),* Eileen Perry, 71, passed away on November 1st. Beloved wife of 50 years to Ronald Perry. Loving mother of Michael Perry and Matthew (Rebecca) Perry. Dearest "Mom" of Gail, Ian, Noah "Mo," Gabriel, Molly, Madison, Mckenzie, and great-grandmother of Aidyn and Essence Perry.

She too will be missed.



DEVELOPING A MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR BEAVER ISLAND'S NATURAL RESOURCES

In August and September of 2009 the Island townships were concerned about future threats to Beaver Island's natural resources, so they created a commission to look into the various issues and offer some suggestions about what could be done to ensure that our rich endowment is protected and maintained. The NREC (Natural Resources and Ecotourism Commission) was chartered as a group of 17 representatives from several Island organizations and NR-related businesses, and set about researching and analyzing the issues.

The initial charter reflected the generally-accepted belief that the broader issue was not to simply protect and maintain our natural resources but to safely derive economic and quality-of-life benefits from them by promoting responsible ecotourism. (Ecotourism is the business (usually but not always private) of charging customers for the experience of observing, and in some cases of interacting with, natural features.)

In September of 2009 NREC began to hold regular open monthly meetings. Anyone interested was invited to contribute ideas. By-laws were adopted that November and committees were formed to pursue specific actions suggested by NREC members. Three actions were accomplished the following summer—a trails guide was created, a self-guided driving tour brochure was distributed, and much of the garbage on Garden Island was removed.

NREC is unfunded, so each accepted action step had to include a funding plan. The first two were paid for by selling "sponsorships," the third by a $2,000 DNR grant. Another suggested source of funding was targeted donations. Asking the townships for help was considered a means of last resort.

Some NREC members believed their most important task would be to create a natural resources management plan, a document which would provide guidance for any future issues concerning Beaver Island's natural resources. Work on this began with the first few meetings.

In July 2010 NREC sponsored a day-long symposium at which eighty-five people gathered in the morning to listen to experts from off the Island talk about natural resource topics in the morning. In the afternoon they were divided into focus groups to discuss various issues; as consensus was reached, reports were delivered, which were studied by NREC members in the following month. The purpose was two-fold: to bring information to NREC, and to demonstrate to the public that managing natural resources wisely was a matter of widespread concern. Plans for a second symposium are being made.

Several possible actions beyond the three mentioned above were suggested and approved by informal assent. A list of sixteen independent action steps was attached to the first draft of a management plan. Some NREC members felt the action steps (not necessarily those in the initial list, but the idea of actions that could and should be taken to promote NREC goals) were more important than enumerating principles for a natural resources management plan.

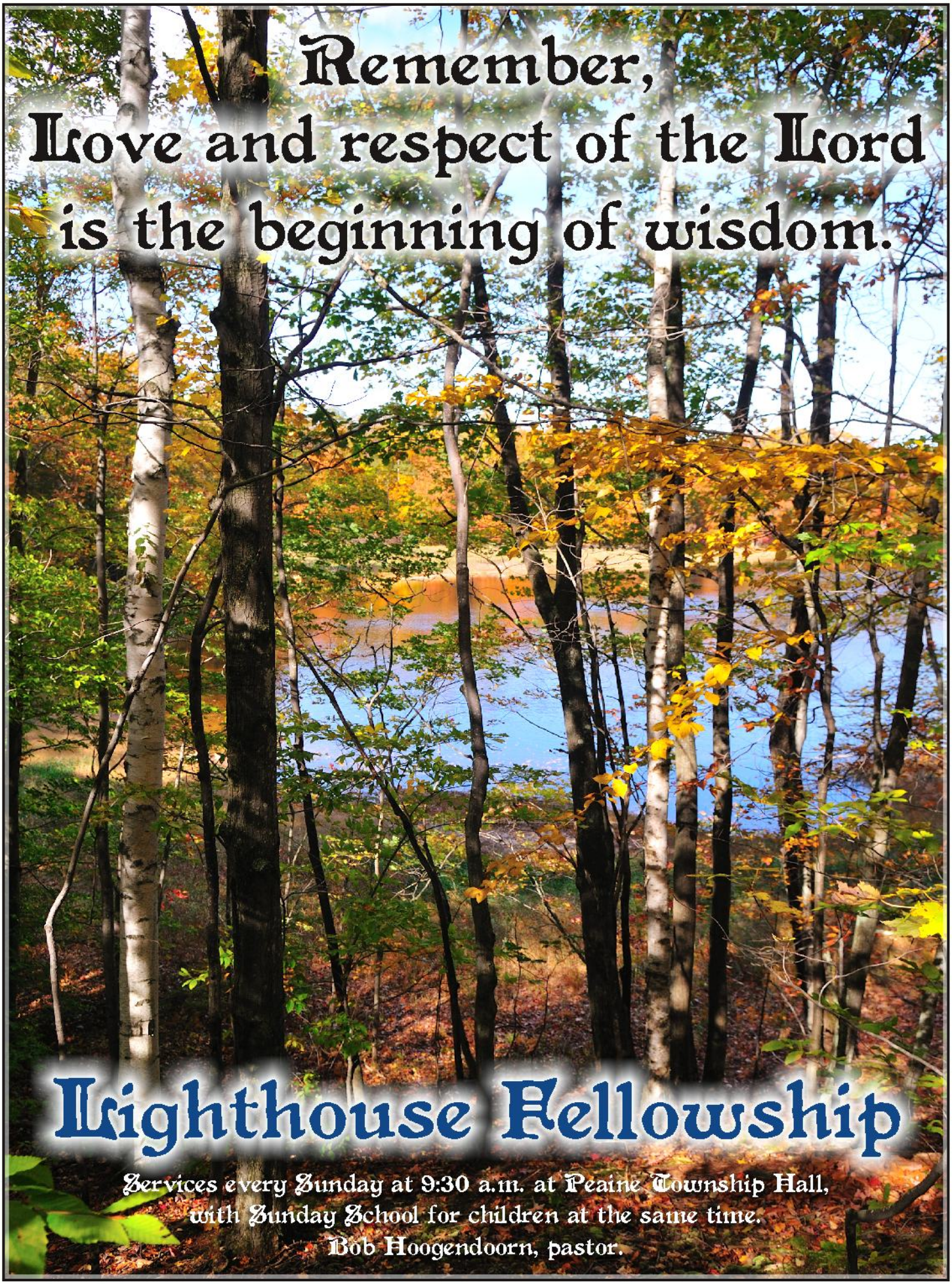
Nevertheless a search for appropriate guiding principles was undertaken early on. Two were obvious: a management plan should be comprehensive (it should speak to all aspects of natural resources and ecotourism, not just some) and it should be adaptive (it should contain methods for evaluation and adjustment). Other natural resource management plans were studied.

Lists of principles from various relevant sources were copied into the successive drafts of a management plan: the Island's own master plan, Michigan's Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Michigan's Natural Features Inventory, the Nature Conservancy's biodiversity project, the international Conference on Biodiversity, and others. Soon a set of twelve principles for guiding Beaver Island's approach took shape:

1) **All decisions should be based on science;**
2) **Populations of flora and fauna should be managed to maintain interdependencies and communities;**
3) **Safe and enjoyable hunting and other wildlife-related activities should be provided and promoted;**
4) **Biodiversity should be conserved and encouraged;**
5) **Rare and endangered species should be protected;**
6) **Native habitat for natural communities should be restored, protected, and improved;**
7) **Guidance should be provided for resolving human-wildlife conflicts;**
8) **Island residents and visitors should be educated about the value of all wildlife and habitat;**
9) **Partnerships to create and implement programs should be developed;**
10) **All activities should be performed in a professional manner;**
11) **Public opinion should be incorporated into the decision-making process; and**
12) **Habitat and all wildlife should be preserved, used, and managed as a public trust.**

These principles were published and distributed in a single-sheet trifold hand-out in September of 2010. So far there has been no criticism of the principles per se, but there has been much discussion about how they should be interpreted and put into play. Defining their terms has also raised several questions. For example, even if people agree that all decisions should be based on science, they may disagree about what science is and whose understanding of science should take precedence.

NREC members understood that these principles were not as inflexible as the axioms of geometry, and that actions to which they might lead were not as indisputable as Euclid's corollaries. They felt a management plan should not set forth hard and fast rules but proceed through an orchestration of small steps, with each one evaluated as it proceeds so adjustments can be made. Thus the NREC began to consider establishing key performance indicators (KPIs) for both the management plan as a whole and for each of the many action steps it intended to contain. *continued on page 34.*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34. *NREC, continued from page 32.*

The ideal KPIs for evaluating specific actions require measuring conditions before and after their implementation. In most cases this is extremely difficult and requires techniques and equipment beyond local provision. Even with the assistance of leading experts, creative innovation will be required to obtain results with approximate accuracy. Good will and clear thinking will no doubt will be put to the test time and again.

All the suggested action steps were put into a manageable format by being divided into six programs, those

a) **defining the current state of and conservation challenges to Beaver Island's habitats;**
b) **protecting threatened rare and endangered species;**
c) **identifying, monitoring, and creating rapid response options for eliminating invasives;**
d) **promoting responsible recreation and use of Beaver Island;**
e) **maintaining viable game species for hunting; and**
f) **seeking governmental and academic recognition and funding.**

For each of these programs NREC has suggested a varying number of action steps. Each action step will be accompanied by a method of funding, a method of enactment (by NREC, by a member organization, or by some other agency, on or off the Island), and a means of evaluating the results (an independent set of KPIs). No doubt new or modified action steps and programs will arise in the future. Consequently NREC will establish rules for their inclusion in the evolving (adaptive) management plan, and for their enactment.

Rules for the enactment of an action step might include:

- **it must contain a detailed statement of purpose;**
- **it must be accompanied with a risk evaluation;**
- **it must be accompanied with a method of funding;**
- **it must be accompanied with its own set of KPIs, with their "before" parts determined;**
- **it must include a method for determining the "after" parts of its KPIs;**
- **it must be approved by a majority of NREC members; and**
- **it must be approved by both townships.**

THE BEAVER ISLAND RURAL HEALTH CENTER RECEIVES

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center was delighted to receive a one-time grant of $35,000 from the Kellogg Foundation earlier this year. The grant was the result of a special program for high-level Kellogg Foundation employees. (It has since been discontinued.)

This program allowed select individuals to designate qualified charities of their choice to receive Kellogg funding. Because the proceeds of this grant could be spent directly on patient services rather than on equipment or new initiatives, it was especially helpful.

The Health Center has very few

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NREC realizes that the complexity and difficulty of its task will require significant time and effort. At the onset it created a rough draft of a management plan, essentially a compilation of some of the information, hopes, and goals relating to natural resources management. This document has been modified repeatedly and has now reached its ninth draft. Through these iterations the focus has been considerably refined.

The current draft, "9b," is concerned primarily with adding details and context to the action steps. The proposed revised format is still taking shape, but it would place each suggested step within a program, state its purpose, indicate a timetable, set general and specific goals and targets, identify the opportunity or problem being addressed, and cite the associated risks.

No one can predict how long this continuing refining will take. It should not be rushed; the hope is to create a document of high longevity which may increase in importance as the years go by. The number of Island-related members began at seventeen but may soon increase to twenty. Each member will bring the next draft to the organization they represent, and all of the comments engendered by this will be weighed by the Commission. Outside opinions will also be sought. After the agreed-on modifications are made, input from the public will be solicited through the publication of the latest draft of the plan and a series of meetings during the summer of 2011. Then the members will digest the received input and decide on further modifications. At this point a document may be ready for formal presentation to the townships. Their review may lead to further revision. Eventually the document could be accepted by the townships and incorporated into their master plan.

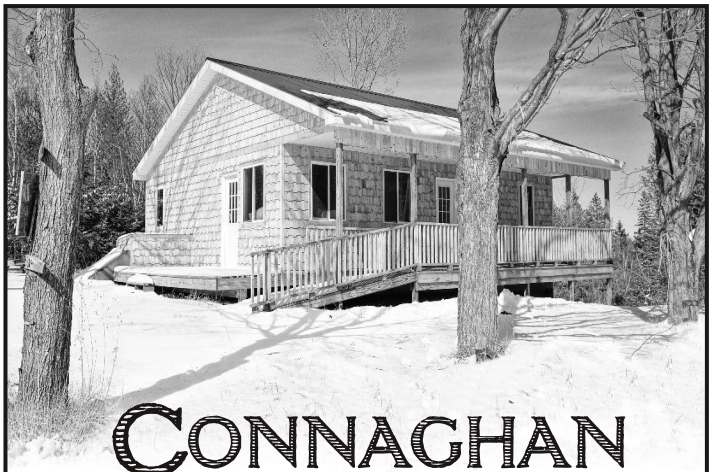
This will not end the role of NREC but merely shift it from creating a comprehensive adaptive management plan to enacting and/or monitoring it. Some of the work required in the next stage may dovetail with independent research needing to be done by academic institutions, and may provide an economic boon to the Island. If these efforts succeed they may also position the Island at the cutting edge of the renewed importance being given to this kind of ecological concern all over the world. The nature and makeup of NREC will surely evolve, but at this point it would be premature to try to estimate exactly how.

GRANT FROM KELLOGG FOUNDATION SUCCESS

funders to whom it can turn and is most grateful to the Kellogg Foundation for its support. Thanks as well to the employee who honored a family connection to Beaver Island by naming B.I.R.H.C. as the recipient charity. The financial boost could not have come at a more needed time for the Health Center

–Connie Wojan,
BIRHC Board President

Beaver Island's Emily Gray, daughter of Michelle LaFreniere Sowa, is about to receive her Registered Nurse license. She's passed her board exams and is only waiting for her license to be printed.



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TRUNK OR TREAT

Sure, we were skeptical about the name. But in truth, this event was a real treat. Out-of-towners gathered at the Gregg Fellowship Center bringing candy from the far reaches of the Island to tempt the children, whether cute or

REAL ESTATE, FOR RENT

FURNISHED SEASONAL RENTAL for 6 months. 2 BR Condo at Harborview. $400.monthly plus electric. References. Call (231) 675-2555.

APARTMENT FOR RENT - One bedroom furnished apartment available for year round rental. Located in town near McDonough's Market. Utilities and Dish Network included in the $525 monthly rent. Call 448-2450 after 5:00 p.m. or email marieconnaghan@yahoo.com

LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY - pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: $500. Call (734) 449-0804 or email dlelzey@gmail.com

7 PINES - Weekly Rental. Close to town (short walk to Dalwhinnie) Sleeps 6, 1½ bath, washer/dryer, linens furnished, freshly remodeled, *DOG friendly,* $750/week,Contact Ryan & Gretchen Fogg at (616) 836-1597. ryanpfogg@gmail.com

SECLUDED 1940s LOG CABIN just one block from lake and market on one acre - Sleeps 4-6, pets welcome ($100 deposit.) Washer, Dryer & linens furnished. Bicycles, canoe, grill available $700/wk; weekends available. (219) 863-2655 or email cehlah@urhere.net

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE - Nicely furnished 3 BR, 1 bath, washer/dryer. On dune w/ beach access. $775/ July & August $600 off-season weekly. Dana Luscombe (248) 549-2701 eve or dana.luscombe@gmail.com

ONE BEDROOM, ONE BATHROOM UNIT ON FOX LAKE with full kitchen, and laundry - Sleeps two and is 20 minutes from town. Canoe and paddleboat available with balcony overlooking the lake. $600/week. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com No smoking and no pets please.

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

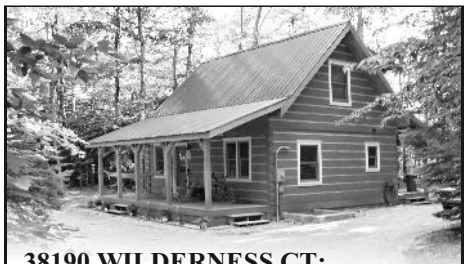
Four beautiful, wooded acreage pieces located on the north side of Donegal Bay Road just four-tenth's of a mile from town and the Emerald Isle Hotel. These lots have access to their interior (north side) off Innisfree Lane but Lots 9 and 11 also have access to Donegal Bay Road. The new bike path runs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

REAL ESTATE, FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1300 SQ. FT. HOME with 12'x12' out-building on Font Lake Court $99,900.00 Call Mike Collins (231) 448-2923.

40 ACRES ON WEST SIDE ROAD near Young James' Trail for $85,000. 231-941-1698 or 989-345-5797

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



38190 WILDERNESS CT:
For sale by owner b*y appointment only.* On two lots. Six year old 900 ft^2 finely finished log cabin with additional seasonal living space – covered porches, front and rear. Storage building. Appliances included. Will be nicely landscaped. Circular driveway. Cathedral ceiling and sleeping loft, with additional bedroom downstairs. Tongue and groove pine. Open floorplan, ceiling fans, propane gas log stove, and electric baseboard. Hand-crafted by a cabinet maker. $159,000. **(231) 448-2221**

10 ACRES, ISLAND HIDEAWAY OFF WEST SIDE DRIVE - $39,000, lc available. Includes 522 ft^2 building, driveway, large clearing, mixed hardwoods. Call owner agent Michael Collins (231) 313-8739.

LOTS 644 AND 645 PORT OF ST. JAMES. Nice corner lots. $19,000 for both. (231) 448-3088.

40 ACRES ON SLOPTOWN ROAD - Call Bud at (231) 448-2397.

AUTUMN EVENTS

The hit **Escanaba in da Moonlight** closed in Petoskey Saturday night, October 23rd; the set was struck and loaded onto the Sunday boat, and was installed on the Community Center stage that night with a crew of eager Island volunteers. Performances will take place at the Community Center Saturday and Sunday, November 6 and 7.

PRIME 20 ACRE WOODED BUILDING SITE

Just out of town near Font Lake. ¼ mile road frontage, power, clearing with old apple orchard, lots of deer. Fabulous home site close to St. James but very secluded. Price reduced to $80,000. Contact owner **(616) 240-8980** or elpmill@verizon.net

ghoulish, who were delighted to show off their best costumes on this brisk but sunny Halloween. Our rock-star Deputy gave out tickets–but only for a free hay ride behind his ATV. And, best, the adults got to dress up in costume too.

WATERFRONT COTTAGE - On the east side. Available by the week or weekend. One BR, full kitchen and bath. Enjoy the water and the woods, year round. Off-season rates. Complete privacy. (231) 448-2907.

SAND BAY - "BAY HAVEN" COTTAGE - WEEKLY RENTAL - Lake Front, Sandy Beach, 5 br, great view, laundry, East Side Dr.—only four miles from town. Awesome sunrises — walk to beach is straight and flat out the lower level. Taking reservations for 2011 – Please call Laurie Bos at (616) 786-3863 or email lauriesbos@chartermi.net Photographs of Bay Haven can be seen online at: *www.bayhaven.beaverisland.net*

WEEKLY RENTAL - Harbor Beach Two-bedroom Condos. $550/week. Call Satch Wierenga at (231) 448-2808.

THE FISHERMAN'S HOUSE - Great 'In-Town' location across the street from St. James Harbor on the harbor road. Four bedrooms, three rooms with double beds and one room with twin beds, two bathrooms, bed linens and bath towels provided, fully equipped modern kitchen, washer / dryer, TV, enclosed porch, and open deck with grill. For availability, call Bill or Tammy (231) 448-2499 or (231) 448-2733.

COTTAGE ON BEAUTIFUL FOX LAKE - One bedroom, one bathroom, full kitchen, laundry with bunkhouse. Cottage sleeps six and is 20 minutes from town. Dock, rowboat and deck overlooking the lake. $700/week. No smoking and no pets please. Contact Sue at cabinbythelake1@gmail.com

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20 ACRES WEST SIDE ROAD $55,000; 16x18 rustic cabin (no electricity or water); Apple orchard and deer blinds; great location for hunting; ½ mile north of Fox Lake Rd; contact: Mike Eicher (248)766-4205.

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

WANTED: 5-10 ACRES - to buy or rent. Some cleared ground for garden & pasture desirable as well as barn or stable. (616) 828-4102. nsneller@posthastedesign.com

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

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

LAKEFRONT PROPERTY FOR SALE: Build your summer place or year-round home on Donegal Bay's "Sunset Corner." Lots 537 & 538 feature 206.76 feet of gorgeous Lake Michigan frontage with barefoot sandy beaches. Secluded building site sits in a natural bowl-like setting, surrounded by trees. Spectacular view of Lake Michigan and the Beaver Island archipelago. Five minutes to ferry, shops and downtown/harbor events. Selling both lots together, available for $295,000, reduced from $325,000; individual lots now $160,000, reduced from $175,000 each. Tom Koetsier, Koetsier Realty, **(616) 550-4447**

There will be a **Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast** November 11, 7:30-9:30 at Peaine Hall.

The **PABI RTV Raffle** Drawing will be on November 20, 6:00 pm. Don't miss your chance–get your ticket!

On November 25, come to the **Thanksgiving Dinner** at 6:00 pm at the Gregg Fellowship Center. *See page 25.*

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FOR SALE: GREAT LOCATION, CLOSE TO TOWN
DAN'S DEN
Two BR downstairs and BR in the loft. Sleeps 6. Cathedral ceiling with exposed beams. Full kitchen, custom cabinets. Two baths. Walk-out basement. Interior fieldstone work. Large lot. Wrap-around deck. $239,000.
(231) 448-2238 dansarahoct9@tds.net

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SAND BAY COTTAGE - ON THE LAKE WITH GREAT BEACHFRONT:
Sleeps 6. Two bedrooms and loft, 1 bath. Modern kitchen, fireplace, washer/dryer, grill. Deck and screened-in gazebo. No pets, no smoking. $800/week. Call Sue on **(231) 448-2670** or cabinbythelake1@gmail.com

DONEGAL BAY COTTAGE: 3 BR, 2 BA, full kitchen, W/D, fireplace, secluded patio & deck surrounded by pines and bluff and overlooking one of Beaver Island's best beaches. $850 per week June-September; winter rates available. Call **(734) 996-3973** or loonlookout@comcast.net
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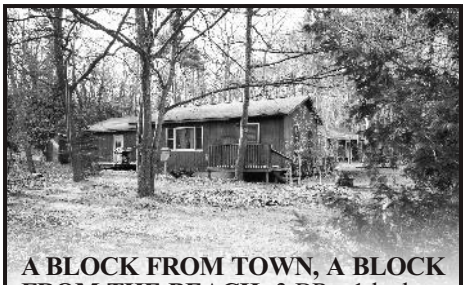

A BLOCK FROM TOWN, A BLOCK FROM THE BEACH: 3 BRs, 1 bath; wireless; $625/week; call **(231) 313-6225** or email abbieswest@yahoo.com
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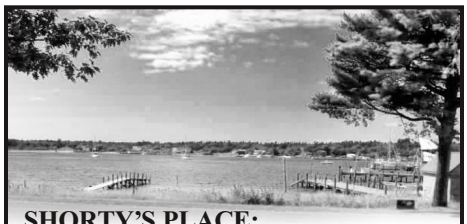

SHORTY'S PLACE:
In town with a beautiful view of the harbor and our beach lot across the street. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sleeps 6. Dalwhinnie and McDonough's within walking distance. $1100 per week. Call Patti Fogg: **(616) 399-5067** pfogg@charter.net
Website: *www.allenfoggcottages.com*

WATERFRONT HOME RENTAL/wk
3+bedroom, 3bath, 2,000s/f living space; at entrance of Beaver Harbor. Newly carpeted & painted, extensive decks, handcrafted "shipwreck furniture" wet bar in sunroom/lounge w/ spectacular views of Lake Michigan & lighthouse.
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BEACHFRONT HOUSE FOR RENT: Exciting cottage with view of High Island from large deck. Open floor plan, huge windows on extremely private beach. 2 BRs with 2 full beds + loft with 2 twins. 1½ baths, TV/VCR, W/D, microwave, gas grill, all amenities. $1200/week; spring & fall $895. Limit 6 people. Please call **(941) 921-2233** or **(317) 769-6563**

DONEGAL BAY - 3 BR 2 bath Home; sleeps 6; many amenities. $1,080 a week. Reduced rates for off-season. Phone (313) 885-7393, after 4:00 p.m.
SAND BAY - sleeps 8—amenities—available May- September $950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email robin@robinleeberry.com.
LOCH WOOD SHORES - Located about 4 miles from town on the beach of Sand Bay. 3 bedrooms, 1½ bath, w/d, full kitchen, gas grill, large deck that you step off onto the beach, gas fireplace, and a gorgeous view of Lake Michigan. Call (231) 448-2733 or 448-2499 or tammymcd107@yahoo.com
APARTMENT FOR RENT- $550/month, Fully Furnished, Near Four-Corners, Year Round availability. Call (231) 448-2074.

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ALLEN HARBOR-LAKE FRONT: One block W. of marina. Sharp 3 bedroom, 3 bath, washer/dryer. Sleeps 8. Awesome view of harbor from living room, kitchen/dining room, and master bedroom. $1,400/week. Call Patti Fogg **(616) 399-5067** pfogg@charter.net or *www.allenfoggcottages.com*

JUDE'S RENTALS: Pleasantly situated in the heart of it all! Jude's house is nestled among the peaceful nature of Beaver Island in addition to being just walking distance from the harbor, historical museums, shops, restaurants and the beach. Call Jude Martin **(231) 448-2673** or **(616) 340-5339**

ISLAND AERIE: Overlooking harbor next to Nature Preserve, easy walk/bike to town, 3 bathrooms, 4 BR w/ 2 king and 10 twin beds, large 1st floor decks, 2nd floor wet bar and deck, 3rd floor game room, all modern amenities and appliances, great for multiple families and groups. $1800/week, reduced off-season and extended-stay rates. Call John and Jan **(989) 866-2159** *www.islandaerie.net . Jan@islandaerie.net*

LAKEFRONT: 2 bedrooms, 2 baths + large lower level with sleeping for 6. Sleeps 12 total. Washer/dryer, bikes, kayaks, wrap-a-round porch, views of sunset & Garden & Squaw Islands. $1400/week. **(773) 663-7772**. Website: *www.whatproperties.com/PL48480* E-mail: Info@whatproperties.com

To place an ad that will be seen with the Island's largest circulation, please call (231) 448-2476 or email ads@beaverbeacon.com

WATERFRONT HARBOR HOUSE - Spectacular view of Paradise Bay! Large home with all the amenities, linens provided. 4 bedroom, 2½ baths, sleeps 8, washer/dryer, fully equipped kitchen, satellite tv. June – Sept. $1250 a week. Short walk to the Stoney Acre Grill.

ON THE HARBOR – Furnished upstairs apartment overlooking beautiful Paradise Bay. 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fully equipped kitchen. Porch and deck area on the harbor with possible dock slip. $800 a week.

A GREAT HARBOR VIEW – from a great "in-town" trailer. Perfect for a couple of working people. 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Furnished and fully equipped kitchen. $1500 a month.

Please call **(231) 448-2235** for reservations or more details.

HAGGARD's SUMMER RENTAL HOME - Overlooks Paradise Bay across from the Maritime Museum. Sunset view of harbor and village of St James is a winner. Comfortable custom home sleeps 8-10. 3 baths. Public sand beach close by. Well mannered pets welcome. Only $1,200 per week. Call (231) 547-4046 (day) (231) 547-6600 (evening) or email samhunt59@yahoo.com

A HOUSE RENTAL - Cute 2 bdrm house in woods near town, public beaches, and bike path. Screened porch. Washer, dryer. No pets, no smoking. $595/week. Call (231) 871-0477.

WEEKLY RENTAL - Lakefront. "The Last Resort" 2 BR house on Sand Bay, great view, beautiful sunrise, laundry pair, 1 ½ bath. Phone Bill McDonough at (231) 448-2733 (days).

HARBOR LIGHTS: Unique log home looking out over Paradise Bay. Beautiful views of St. James Harbor, Garden, and Hog Islands. Enjoy the boats from the huge deck, or sit around the fire pit on the beach. Very secluded, sitting among lush cedars and pines. 3 bedrooms with 2 queens and 2 twins. One large bathroom and one half bath. All the amenities you could ever need. Immaculate home with "spectacular" views. $1,150 a week. Home **(630) 834-4181** Cell **(630) 995-0507** harborlightsbim@aol.com

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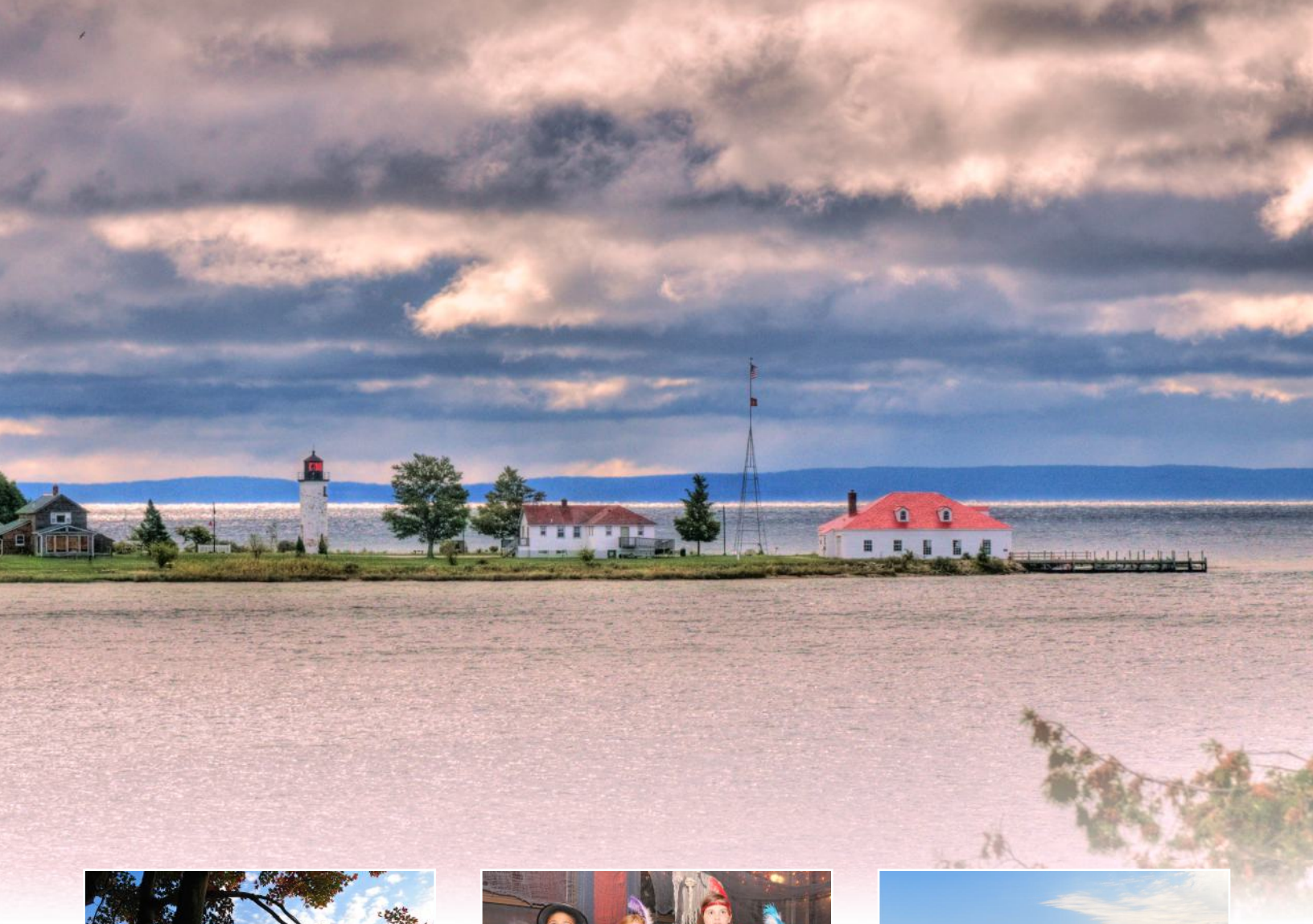

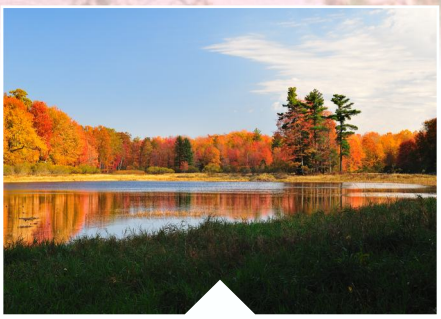

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