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The "Island Beauty Shop" has just recently been opened by Mrs. Robert (Isabelle) Southern in her home located at the end of the King's Highway.

RARE FIND: A favorite pasttime of many summertime visitors, is hunting for relics of the past amongst the remains of fallen buildings, or skin diving on the many wrecks sunken around the Beavers, in the same quest. Early this month, Edward R. Kintzinger of Rolling Meadows, Ill., was hiking in the Cables Bay area, and while inspecting a site where a dwelling once stood, found a large copper penny, in good condition. The date on the coin, a Liberty Penny, was 1826, twenty-two years prior to the Mormon Era! This may have been left by the fishermen who settled the Island many years before the Mormon's arrived.

MEDICAL CENTER: Dr. Joseph Christie has been busy getting his equipment all in readiness for any emergency and wishes to report that his office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., plus being on call at all times. With his enthusiasm and experience, it looks as though the Island's medical needs will be well met.

Mrs. Evelyn (Leo) Kujawa is Dr. Christie's receptionist at the Medical Center.

4TH OPENS WITH BANG: For a change the weather was cooperative for the activities of the day. At 10:00 a.m. a Parade was assembled at the Medical Center. This year the Parade was made up of children, with some grown-ups assisting. Decorated bikes, wagons and trailers made their way from the Medical Center to the Post Office and back.

Carl Crawford won First Prize with his decorated bike, Ronnie Gregg took Second Prize with his decorated pedal tractor and trailer and the Kenwabiksee kids took Third Prize with a towed auto depicting the results of a driver education drop-out. The Holy Cross Hall was opened up at 11:00 a.m., where many booths were open, offering a wide variety of items. Games for the kids and a lunch counter was also kept in full swing.

Gladys Schmudigal won the Basket of Joy and Stanley Floyd won the Space Wagon.

After the sun had set, Bud McDonough and Russ Green set off a display of fireworks for the finale of festivities.

OPEN FOR BUSINESS FOR THE SUMMER AGAIN: With the return of Olin and Ruth Wanty to the Island, the King Strang Hotel is now open for the season.

Shannon Shores, Allen's Cabins and the Rustic Villa Cabins are again open for the season. "Cloud Nine Cabins" (McDonough's Sand Bay Cabins) are open for the season. The cabins are now owned by Edna and Franklin Douglas of Kalamazoo, Michigan.

"Kay's Beauty Shop", located on the back beach road, is open again for the season.

The Episcopal Mission holds services each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Again this summer movies will be shown at the Mission each Monday evening at
7:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Marvil Thomas Shaw III is the minister residing on the Island this summer.

Harbor Hills Refreshment Stand and Miniature Golf Course is being operated by Ed and Barbara Claus of Mt. Pleasant. Mrs. Claus is the daughter of Mrs. Bess Haynes.

The Rustic Villa Grill is now in full swing with Bob and Paula Simpson of Saginaw, managing it this year.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Dennis (Nancy Kenwabikisse) Harris, of South Haven, are the proud parents of a son, Douglas Patrick, born May 20th. Douglas weighed in at 6 lbs. 1 oz. and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabikisse are the happy grandparents.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward (Mary Margaret Green) Breden are the proud parents of a son, Gary Gerard, born on July 9th in Chicago. Mrs. Mary Green is the grandmother.

A son, James William, arrived at the Brian Gallagher home in Grand Rapids.

Owen and Marie Boyle announce the arrival of a daughter, Kathleen, on July 14th, in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Palmer announce the arrival of Tracie Lynn, on June 25th at the Medical Center. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer are the proud grandparents.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mary Ann Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital for eye surgery.

NEW RESIDENTS: Mr. and Mrs. Bernard (Bing) McCafferty and family have moved to the Island. They purchased the James Gallagher home some years ago and have been remodeling it.

Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Christie and their son have purchased the Spaulding home on the back beach and are now year 'round residents of the Island.

NEWSY NOTES: The Frank Nackerman's have received word that their son, Rod, has recently graduated from the Dale Carnegie Course in Effective Leadership & Public Speaking. He is employed as a Supervisor at Pontiac Motors in Pontiac and has a successful bookkeeping and income tax business on the side. Rod and his family are regular summer visitors to the Island where they stay at the old Nackerman Farm house on the Darkeytown Road, which has been restored by Frank and Rod.

Mrs. Telles O'Brien, an Islander living at Granvuo, has received another citation. She entered three oil paintings in an Art for Rehabilitation contest in Los Angeles recently, and was notified her paintings had won Honorable Mention. She received a check for $5.00 from the contest, with a nice letter of congratulations. Congratulations from all your Beaver Island friends, too.

OBITUARIES: ARTHUR WILLIAM BROWN - Arthur William Brown, 68, a resident of Beaver Island for the past 11 years died in Little Traverse Hospital on June 21th.

Mr. Brown married Sadie Sander in Petoskey on July 1, 1936. They mov
to Beaver Island in 1957 where Mr. Brown did lumbering. The Beaver Island Saw Mill was operated by him at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Albert Danning of Harbor Springs and Mrs. Lloyd Steiner of Sturgis, Michigan; his son preceded him in death a year ago; 15 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Services were held June 24th at the Erin Funeral Home in Harbor Springs. Burial was in the Pellston Cemetery, Pellston, Michigan.

THANK YOU: Mrs. Arthur Brown would like to thank her friends and neighbors on Beaver Island for all the cards, prayers, flowers and monetary gifts given her upon the death of her husband. Your expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

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TEN YEARS AGO

Now that the Beacon is well past the ten year mark, we can refer back to see what made the news, then and reflect a bit.

LOST IN THE WOODS - Mr. and Mrs. Ed Murray, of Anderson, Indiana, went fishing on Lake Geneserath on the 25th of June. They rented a McDonough Cabin in the village and cars for a row boat. The lake was a little rough so they decided to leave their car at the new Conservation Public Fishing Site, on the north arm, while they walked into the woods to fish from the shoreline. They went in about 4:00 p.m. and having lost their direction, wandered around for the entire night not finding the West road until they had reached Carpenter's Mill, about 4:30 a.m.

Mr. Murray built a fire and left Mrs. Murray there while he walked to the airport, where he was able to get a rental car. He then drove back to get his wife and returned to Lake Geneserath, changed to their own car and drove to the village; arriving about 7:30 a.m. While all this was going on, Bud McDonough noticed they had not returned to their cabin, so he and Archie LeFreniere, combed the town and then went to Lake Geneserath between 12:00 midnight and 1:00 a.m., where they found the Murray car with the boat cars. By 5:00 a.m. they had arranged a search party and had alerted the Coast Guard and Karl Kuebler, local Conservation Officer. Operations were impeded by heavy rain and fog during the night. When the Murrays reached the village, they were given medical aid by Dr. Lutton, who treated them for shock and exposure. They were apparently recovered from their grueling experience the next day and remained on the Island (close to home base), until Sunday. They have resolved to try again in the fall.

BIRTHS: Audrey Maureen to Mr. and Mrs. Buster (Dorothy Gatliiff) Licovoli, in Detroit, June 21st.

Thomas Keith to Bud and Shirl McDonough, on June 27th, at the Medical Center.

ISLAND VISITORS: Governor G. Mennon Williams and Mort Neff (T.V. Celebrity of Michigan Outdoors), were on the Island for the opening of bass season.

MINIATURE GOLF COURSE: The Miniature Golf Course, owned and operated by A. J. Roy, is now in operation under the name of Harbor Hills.
B. I. UNICOM now in operation for aircraft traffic to the Island. Pilots can call on 122.8 for weather conditions on the Island.

Ten years ago doesn’t seem so very long ago, does it?

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