

Breezy Pointer

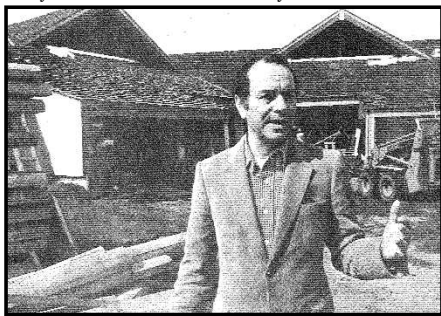
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The Evolution of Breezy Point Resort, Part 12

(Parts 1 - 11 covered the period from "Captain Billy" Fawcett's 1921 purchase of the property to the late 1970s.)

In the mid-1970s Whitebirch, Inc. was formed with the objective of developing 2600 acres surrounding Hopkins House Breezy Point Resort.

Jerry Lenz, a former partner of Don Eastvold and Ginny Simms during their ownership of the Resort in the mid-1960s, became a 50% owner of Whitebirch with the Hopkins House investors consisting of Herb Mason, Don Hagen, Joe Knobloch, Jim Harmon and Dave Gravidahl, who is general manager of the Resort today.



Bob Spizzo in front of the Breezy Center, 1983.

Bob Spizzo, in 1977, bought a portion of Lenz's ownership in Whitebirch and together they embarked upon the development of a timeshare operation, Minnesota's first.

The 2600 acres belonged to Brownie Cote, the owner of Grand View Lodge. He had had a working relationship with Eastvold and Simms whereby he would sign over to them individual lots as they were sold.

When the Eastvold-Simms business went into bankruptcy Cote retained ownership of the remaining

Whitebirch, Inc.
Mission Statement
To build together the most preferred resort with the best people providing superior service to our guests in an enjoyable, safe, efficient and profitable manner.

land.

In February of 1981, Spizzo proposed to the Hopkins House investors the purchase of their 50% ownership of Whitebirch. This would enable a more focused approach to the timeshare development.

Hopkins countered with an offer of both their Whitebirch interest and the entire Resort. The deal was struck and after some complex bank financing and leveraging Spizzo and Lenz found themselves the newest in a long line of Breezy Point Resort owners. Before the ink on the deal had dried Whitebirch was further leveraged with the purchase of the 2600 acres from Cote.

Breezy Point Resort had

updating, it was still a summer only business that would require year round operations to support the timeshare owner's expectations.

The Resort was still suffering the stigma of the Eastvold-Simms bankruptcy and mismanagement.

Hopkins House had been successful in reestablishing the Resort's credit with its vendors but the bankers in the area were all too aware of the past financial troubles thus they were gun-shy of any future financial involvement.

It was indeed a far cry from the high-flying "Capt. Billy" Fawcett era where the celebrities and stars played and there was an endless supply of cash.

Nevertheless, Whitebirch created an ambitious 25 year business plan. Working with the City of Breezy Point and all of the regulatory agencies, Whitebirch moved forward. The initial hurdle was the creation of an environment impact statement (EIS), reportedly Minnesota's first. With the able help of Jim Harmon, a former Hopkins House partner, the expensive and time-consuming EIS was approved.

The wide scale of Whitebirch's development plan could not have been implemented without the City's construction of a municipal sewer system in the 1970s. Whitebirch, again with the assistance of Jim Harmon, had worked closely with Mayor Gordon Thrane to obtain the appropriate regulatory approvals and funding to make the sewer system a reality.

From its first days of planning the sewer project was locally a very controversial topic.

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Captain Bud Gaylord and the Paddlin' Pelican

Twenty nine years before the Breezy Belle made her maiden voyage on Pelican Lake, the Paddlin' Pelican made her debut as the Resort's 57-foot, 50-passenger cruise boat. From 1981 through the 1996 season she hosted the Resort guests on countless maritime excursions.

Her first year of operation was under the command of Denny Gustafson who had worked as a caddy for Capt. Billy Fawcett in the 1930s.

In 1982, her command was turned over to Frederick Alan Gaylord II, better known as Captain Bud. Truly, a "renaissance man", his life's experiences read like a novel.

Born in 1921, he was fascinated with airplanes and although his father wanted him to follow his example as a postmaster, Bud attended the University of California and studied



The Paddlin' Pelican

aeronautical engineering. At 17, he was giving flying lessons.

Bud joined the Army Air Corps Ferrying Command in 1942. He flew out of several airfields in Asia and the south Pacific and flew the

"Burma Hump", resupplying aircraft needed in the war effort.

After the war, he flew for Avalon Air Transport in California. Flying from Las Vegas to Catalina Island, Bud became acquainted with Frank Sinatra and the "Rat Pack" and during his layovers frequently joined them in poker games.

He moved his family to



Bob Spizzo, Whitebirch owner, "Captain Bud" and Dave Gravidahl, the Resort's general manager, share a laugh

charters for Gaddafi.

In 1972, the family moved to Nigeria where Bud flew money to various locations for Central Bank.

Bud's wife, Jeanette, was an international horse show competitor. Each of the family moves required shipping the horses to Bud's next adventure.

Bud moved the family back

to the United States in 1978 because of his wife's health concerns. Jeanette passed away shortly thereafter.

Bud retired from flying and he and his son, Pete, moved to the Breezy Point area. He was captain of the Paddlin' Pelican until his retirement in 1996. Bud passed away on June 10, 2007, at age 86.

During a flying career spanning 4 decades, Bud was type-rated in almost every piston driven airplane from single engine Pipers to the 4-engine Boeing B-29 Superfortress.

Bud's son, Pete, is the chef at the Resort's Convention Center.

Time Sharing's Introduction

In addition to the present conventions and weekly rentals, a new program is being introduced to the public at Breezy Point called Time Sharing, which is an innovation started in Europe and now gaining wide acceptance at all of America's better Resort areas.

Time Sharing is simply the ownership of the period of time a family vacations instead of renting. A vacationer can buy one or more weeks as his "share". The unit is then his for the same period every year. The initial payment is modest compared to owning a cabin or condo all by himself.

Breezy Point is planning to affiliate with an Exchange system whereby the owner may arrange to swap his week of weeks with another owner in another country or even the world.

This article made the front page of the April 9, 1981, Lake Country Echo.

The Marines I have seen around the world have the cleanest bodies, the filthiest minds, the highest morale, and the lowest morals of any group of animals I have ever seen. Thank God for the United States Marine Corps!
-Eleanor Roosevelt

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Girls Discover How To Have Fun!

Breezy's Winter Girlfriend Getaway includes two nights lodging, a two hour cocktail reception from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM each evening, buffet breakfast each morning, dinner one evening with a choice of the menu at Antlers or The Marina II Restaurant, a one hour massage at Bliss Spalon and discounts at the Resort Gift Shop.

Valid October 16 - April 30, 2012

Girlfriend Getaway prices start at \$209.50 per person.

The Resort Remembers



Russ Carlyle

Russ Carlyle passed away on May 3, 2011 at age 96.

Russ was the lead singer with the Blue Barron Orchestra during which time he was voted the fourth top vocalist in the country by Billboard Magazine.

In the early '40s, he organized his own band, The Romantic Style of Russ Carlyle.

His career spanned numerous ballrooms, country clubs, resorts and hotels culminating with

the Dunes Hotel in Las Vegas and the Arizona Biltmore Hotel in Phoenix.

Russ performed at Breezy Point Resort in the mid-1960s, fell in love with the area and made it his home. He spent his last years between Breezy Point and Scottsdale, Arizona.

Russ was an ardent supporter of the Resort and the area and penned the song, "You've Never Fallen in Love Until You've Fallen in Love at Breezy Point".

Jim Harmon was named resident manager of the Resort in 1968 when it was acquired by the Hopkins House partners.

The Resort had been in bankruptcy for the two prior years and Jim was charged with the spring opening with no employees, facilities in disrepair and no reservations on



Jim Harmon

the books. In spite of these obstacles he got the Resort up and running.

In 1972 he became a partner in the Hopkins House Breezy Point Resort.

Jim successfully pursued the building of the City of Breezy Point's sewer system and was instrumental in the Resort's efforts to gain the necessary government approvals for the development of the 750 deeded campsites that today make up the Whitebirch RV Resort.

finances were quickly stretched woefully thin.

The Oliver's now realized that the Resort business was not as easy as they thought. Income dropped while expenses grew.

Several marketing firms were consulted but nothing stemmed the flow of red ink.

Spizzo realized he had only one option and that was to buy out Oliver's ownership and concentrate on Whitebirch's future.

A deal with Oliver was struck and Spizzo wrested control. It was now up to Spizzo and his dedicated team, some of whom are still working for Whitebirch, to save the fractured organization and regain the trust of its lenders and customers alike.

To be continued...

Employee Spotlight



Mark Johnson

To the average golfer teeing up on Breezy Point Resort's Traditional or Whitebirch golf courses the beautiful landscaping and meticulously manicured fairways and greens are taken for granted, as if Mother Nature has done her work. She certainly helps but the ultimate responsibility rests on the shoulders of Mark Johnson, the Resort's

director of golf.

Mark, a PGA certified professional, has supervised the Resort's golf operations since 1999. This includes insuring the courses are in top condition for individual and tournament play, staffing for course maintenance and the pro shops and scheduling of tee times and special events. He also squeezes in ample time for individual 1-hour golf instructions.

The Resort hosts up to 50 corporate and private tournaments each year, some with up to 300 players. For those tournaments with start times as early as 6 AM, the greens keepers are out cutting the fairways and

greens at 3 AM. This makes for some incredibly long days but Mark takes it in stride, saying his favorite part of the job is dealing with people, regardless of the hour.

One of his more memorable experiences was getting to work on an April morning a few years ago and being told he better take a look at some vandalism on the first green of the Whitebirch course. Upon his inspection, he found a 3-foot wide hole containing a sleeping bear!

A true people-person, Mark is recognized and asked for by the Resort's many returning guests.

Dazzle Your Friends & Family!

Antlers Chicken Wild Rice Soup

Serves 10

- 1 1/2 Cup wild rice, rinsed
- 3 Cups chopped onion
- 1 Cup diced carrot
- 2 Cup celery, chopped
- 1 Cup mushrooms, sliced
- 1 Stick butter
- 1/2 Cup flour
- 8.5 oz. LaSeuer or early

Combine wild rice and 10 cups water in a stock pot. Heat to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer 20 minutes or until rice is cracked. In separate pot melt the butter, add the onion, carrots and celery. Saute until onions are transparent; add mushrooms. Stir flour into butter and vegetables. Drain wild rice. Combine all remaining ingredients, except cream, with the vegetables. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add cream, salt and pepper to taste.

- 2 Chicken breasts, cooked & diced
- 6 C Chicken Broth
- 1 Cup Half-n-Half or heavy cream
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste

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The box to the right is the resort's "QR Code". If you take a picture of it with the bar code application on your smart phone, you'll go directly to Breezy Point Resort's webpage: www.breezypointresort.com



Antlers Winter Hours

Effective on October 23, Antlers Restaurant will be open for lunch and dinner during the following hours:

Wednesday - Sunday
11:30AM to 9:00PM

Antlers, under the watchful eyes of manager Don Christner and chef Casey Bryant, will continue the tradition of it's fine dining

in a casual atmosphere.

Of course, the area's favorite Sunday Brunch will be featured.

Antlers is the ideal location for holiday parties with a private room accommodating up to 45 guests or the entire restaurant for up to 145 guests.

Would We Call It Terrorism?

"Gerhart Peterson, 14-year-old son of the Ole Petersons, had a bad accident while attending the Deerwood school. He reached for a book and a dynamite cap in his desk exploded, tearing off three fingers on his left hand. How the cap got there is unknown."
From the Brainerd Dispatch, November 20, 1910.

You learn far more from negative leadership than from positive leadership. Because you learn how not to do it. And, therefore, you learn how to do it.
-Norman Schwarzkopf

- All the men in my family were bearded, and most of the women.
- If I had to live my life over, I'd live over a saloon.
- Some weasel took the cork out of my lunch.
-W. C. Fields

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'Shopping for a great golf cart?'
Look no further. Breezy Point Resort has the right cart for you...new or reconditioned.
Call Mark at 218 562-7178 or 7594

For reservations, information or ideas on how to make your vacation truly memorable, call 800 432-3777 or visit us on the web at www.breezypointresort.com.

From the Desk of Bob Spizzo



Bob Spizzo, Breezy Point CEO

Breezy Point Resort has become a favorite destination for families that gather from across the U.S. and Canada.

The saying that, "Families that play together, stay together" has never been more convincing than during these difficult economic times.

As our Resort is only a half-tank of gas away from the Twin Cities, it has become a gathering place for families coming together in one of our many reunion units. Our facilities can accommodate from a couple of families to a couple hundred families.

Activities are available for all ages including golf tournaments and fishing contests to sight-seeing on the Breezy Belle.

Having a good time at our Resort does not have to be a budget-breaker. Family meals in our housekeeping units are as memorable as steak dinners at a restaurant. Sitting around the campfire on the beach is truly quality time.

Whatever your preference, we're glad you're here!

Some people get married just to come to Breezy Point Resort!

For over 90 years, Breezy Point Resort has been providing the perfect setting for friends and family to gather and celebrate.

A true northern Minnesota lakeside resort, Breezy Point Resort has event space, a wide variety of lodging and dining options, as well as a long list of recreational and entertainment choices.



We can help you make your wedding experience truly memorable.

Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway

Just take a step beyond the Resort's gates and you'll find yourself on the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway, a picturesque 54 mile journey over country roads through northern Crow Wing and Cass counties.

The Byway introduces you to spectacular scenery along the route as well as hiking and biking trails. You'll also discover lakes, rivers and streams along your way.

If shopping is your pleasure, you'll have plenty of opportunities in Jenkins,

Crosslake, Pequot Lakes, and Pine River.

Byway signs dot the roadside with County signage marking the six routes of the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway. Site marker signs identify sites along the Byway routes.

Interpretive site kiosks are marked on the route map. Most sites offer a bench or picnic table for a well deserved rest stop.

Read the interpretive panels at each site along the Byway routes and learn the area's rich, entertain-

ing history sprinkled with Paul's whimsical tall tales.

The route map indicates Chamber Information Centers in Pine River, Pequot Lakes and Crosslake, where you'll find guidebooks, maps, and brochures to help you discover more to see and do during your visit to the Whitefish Chain of Lakes area.

For more information about the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway, visit their website: www.paulbunyan-scenicbyway.org

The Minnesota Room Wedding Package

Breezy Point Resort's expert wedding planning staff has created a wedding reception package that takes the worry out of the details and stays within the wedding budget!

Your reception package

for up to 150 people includes the reception room, head table on risers for the wedding party, all linens, draped cake & gift table, mirror tiles, candles & centerpieces, 2 kegs of domestic beer, cash bar setup with no minimums, deluxe dinner buffet, a

disc jockey and a complimentary King Executive Suite for the bride and groom.

The entire package is provided for \$6000, including service charge and sales tax. Additional guests are \$35 per person.

Thanksgiving Getaway

Check in on Wednesday, November 23rd, stay two nights or more at any Breezy Point Resort lodging unit and enjoy a FREE Thanksgiving dinner.

Martin Luther King, Jr. & Presidents' Weekend Special

Stay two nights and the third night is half price. Valid January 13, 2012 and February 17-19, 2012. Package includes a nightly cocktail reception from 5-7 p.m. and breakfast each morning.

Bring in the New Year!

Includes 2 nights lodging in a King Executive Suite, breakfast each morning, cocktail reception each evening from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, New Years Eve choice of the menu dinner in the Marina II Restaurant with a bottle of house wine and dessert.

2 Nights - \$319/Couple
3 Nights - \$399/Couple

Add \$30/night for Suites or Lodge units

Brides Tell Their Stories



Jodee & Chris Knipfer
Photo courtesy of Kelli Engstrom Photography

Weddings at Breezy Point Resort are truly magic!

The wide choice of venues satisfies the most discriminating desires of the bride and groom.

If the preference is an outdoor setting, the choices range from the tranquil shores of Pelican Lake to the beautifully landscaped

Indoor ceremony and reception venues satisfy wedding parties of any size, from intimate to grand.

Here are a few comments from this year's weddings.

"Hi Michele,

I just wanted to thank you and all of the breezy crew for all their hard work. Everything was perfect and the food was awesome!!! So thank you, thank you, thank you!"
Kristy and Ben Gottschalk

"Brandi Hitchler made our wedding effortless, she is fabulous to work with and very professional. I would highly recommend Breezy Point Resort to others."
Mary Jo Keenan

"We had so many wonderful comments about the reception. Everyone was incredibly helpful in making our weekend fabulous, we have so many great memories, thanks to all of you! Thanks!"
Sarah & Dave Lund

Trivia Quiz

1. How many golf carts does the Resort operate?
2. How many cups of coffee are served in the Convention Center in the average year.
3. Does Canada have a 4th of July?
4. What time does the "Memories of Elvis Show" begin?
5. How many countries were represented by the Resort's employees in 2011?
6. How many bedrooms are in the Fawcett House?
7. Who was the first to name the area "Breezy Point"?
8. How were the cabins on Fawcett Hill named?
9. How many months have 28 days?

Answers on page 5



Cartoon from Captain Billy's Whiz Bang, March 1930.

"Captain Billy" Made the News

"Capt. W. H. Fawcett of Breezy Point Lodge won the Minnesota State Amateur all-round trap shooting contest on the

Twin Cities Shooting Assn. range. He broke 94 in the handicap event, 90 in the doubles and 194 in singles for the title. His son Robert

was second."

Article from the June 17, 1931, Brainerd Dispatch

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Vacations Just Got Better!

Breezy Point Resort features 250 units in a wide array of sizes and prices to suit your every need and budget. From spacious hotel-style accommodations to deluxe condominiums complete with fireplace, Jacuzzi and full kitchen, it's easy to see why Breezy Point Resort is the *preferred* destination!

Did You Know?

- 11% of people are left handed.
- August has the highest percentage of births.
- Unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it.
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.
- A bear has 42 teeth.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than it's brain.
- Most lipsticks contain fish scales.
- Lemons contain more sugar than strawberries.
- 8% of people have an extra rib.
- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean.
- Ralph Lauren's original name was Ralph Lifshitz.
- The Hawaiian alphabet has 12 letters.
- A lobster's blood is colorless but when exposed to oxygen it turns blue.
- Armadillos have 4 babies at a time and are all the same sex.
- Reindeer like bananas.
- The longest recorded flight of a chicken was 13 seconds.
- Birds need gravity to swallow.
- The most commonly used letter in the alphabet is E.
- The least used letter in the alphabet is Q.
- The 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English
- Skiing is the only word with double i.
- Dreamt is the only word that ends in mt.
- The names of all continents both start and end with the same letter.
- The first letters of the months July through to November spell JASON.
- If you try to say the alphabet without moving your lips or tongue every letter will sound the same.
- Macadamia nuts are toxic to dogs.
- Rabbits like licorice.

The Breezy Belle's Second Season Scores with Groups



The Breezy Belle



Wilford H. "Capt. Billy" Fawcett, founder of Breezy Point Resort.

In only its second season the Breezy Belle's reputation has grown with locals and Resort guests alike.

As the only resort-operated genuine paddle-wheeler in Minnesota, the 100-passenger Breezy Belle

has played host to individuals on the twice-weekly scheduled public cruises.

Groups of all sizes including business and conference attendees, reunions and wedding parties have enjoyed chartering the Belle. It's even played host to a maritime wedding ceremony.

This year's addition of an onboard kitchen has provided a wide choice of menu items for lunch and dinner cruises.

For information call 218-562-7141 or visit our website: www.brainerdboat.com

A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and gets to bed at night, and in between he does what he wants to do. -Bob Dylan

Compassion at the Resort

"I don't want him prosecuted, I want to teach him a lesson," said Mrs. Fawcett, wife of Captain Billy, as she brought an employee to county authorities. The man had taken a guest's car, driven to Pequot and damaged it. The man will be forced to pay for damages.

From the Brainerd Dispatch, August 19, 1931.

Who Said This?

- You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
 - You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
 - You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
 - You cannot lift the wage earner up by pulling the wage payer down.
 - You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting class hatred.
 - You cannot build character and courage by taking away people's initiative and independence.
 - You cannot help people permanently by doing for them, what they could and should do for themselves.
- Answer on page 7*

Romance Abounds at Breezy Point

Enjoy two nights lodging in a deluxe King Executive Suite furnished with Jacuzzi tub and fireplace, a complimentary bottle of champagne with keepsake flutes, as well as nightly cocktail receptions, daily breakfasts and dinner for two at the Marina II or Antlers including a bottle of house wine each evening. Starting at \$389 per couple.

Breezy Point Ice Arena Has Record Summer



Point of Perfection participants onboard the Breezy Belle.



Participants at the Father-Son Weekend Camp



Participants at the Father-Son Weekend Camp

The Breezy Point Ice Arena had another successful Summer Camp season.

The Arena celebrated the 10th anniversary of its Point of Perfection Figure Skating Camp with a 40% increase in participants and, for the third year, hosted two weeks of the Breezy Point Acceleration

Hockey Camp. Both weeks were filled to capacity, setting a record number of participants.

New this year was the Father-Son Weekend Camp for Mite hockey players, ranging in age from 5 to 8. The camp received rave reviews from all of the fathers and their sons and will be returning for 2012.

The Breezy Point Hockey Center is also home to the legendary University of Minnesota Gopher Coach Doug Woog and his Doug Woog Hockey and the Top Dog Hockey Camps.

The 2012 Camps and schedules will be posted this winter on the Breezy Point Ice Arena's website: www.breezypointsports.com

Help Wanted

We need your help! If you have pictures, letters, postcards, menus, newspaper articles, advertisements or any other material or first-hand accounts of the Resort in its early days, we'd like to hear from you.

Of particular interest are the years of prohibition and early golf.

If you have any of the above or items that may be of interest to our readers, please call us at 218 562-4204.

They told me my services were no longer desired because they wanted to put in a youth program as an advance way of keeping the club going. I'll never make the mistake of being seventy again. -Casey Stengel

I grew up in the '40s and I heard all these great speeches, like Winston Churchill. His most famous, or infamous commencement exercise speech was one that consisted of seven words. He stood before this graduating class and said: "Never, never, never, never give up."

-Johnny Cash

Newsflash! Resort Opens in 1931

Breezy Point has its season opening today and the famous resort on Big Pelican Lake is well filled for this week and beyond. Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Mayo arrived from Rochester,

and Marcella Burke, editor of Hollywood Screen magazine, is here from the west coast.

Article from the June 27, 1931, Brainerd Dispatch.

Did you miss a copy of the

Breezy Pointer?

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Casey Bryant, Antlers' chef, serving barbecue ribs and chicken wild rice soup at the recent Taste of Pequot.

Can Families Have Winter Fun During the Week?

Four days of fun! Enjoy 3 nights of deluxe lodging, a \$200 gift card for use at the Dockside Restaurant & Lounge, Recreation Center, the Marina II Restaurant and Antlers Restaurant. Many lodging styles are available. Rates start at \$399 (two adults & two children)

We Welcome Our Neighbors to the North

Breezy Point Resort is truly an international destination. Our Canadian neighbors discovered the Resort years ago. Some are timeshare owners and others are attracted by the combination of the Resort's reasonable rates, attractive packages and the favorable currency exchange rates. These factors have made it their Resort of Choice. courses and courteous staff as reasons he returns. He then laughed and said it was really impressive that the staff had learned to speak Canadian!



Flags at the Marina II.

Politicians who seek to retain their office are making valiant efforts to convince people they hold the cure for the depression prevalent these past few years. Inasmuch as they have been in power during this time it seems odd they think their stories will work now. Editorial from September 16, 1931, Brainerd Dispatch

TIMESHARE OWNER ID CARDS

We have had a great response to our request for all timeshare owners to receive the new ID Cards.

The new ID Cards are an integral part of Breezy Point Resort's security program and protect our timeshare owners, guests, employees and facilities from unauthorized access to the Resort property.

Timeshare owners holding the new ID Cards receive discounts for dining at the Marina II, Antlers and the Dockside Lounge and purchases at the Gift Shop.

The benefits of the new ID Card are obvious. Owners who opt to continue using their old card should be prepared to show proof of their timeshare ownership while on Breezy Point Resort property.

ACCESS TO AMENITIES MAY BE GAINED WITH EITHER: 1) A TEMPORARY CARD ISSUED BY NARVESON MANAGEMENT OR BREEZY POINT; OR 2) A PERMANENT CARD ISSUED BY BREEZY POINT. EITHER CARD PROVIDES YOU WITH SUCH ACCESS AND NEITHER IS PREFERRED.

If you have not done so already, please call 218 562-4207 to schedule an appointment for the new ID Card.

Celebrate Our Independence!

Breezy Point Resort's 4th of July packages are tailored for any budget!

The 4-night package includes lodging and a \$200 Resort credit for restaurants, lounges, golf and the gift shop. Check in on Sunday, Monday or Wednesday. Packages start at \$595.

The 7-night package includes lodging and a \$400 Resort credit for restaurants, lounges, golf and the gift shop. Check in on Sunday, July 1. Packages start as low as \$1296.

A recent group from Thunder Bay arrived for a golf outing with the leader declaring that it was his third year and that several others had been making the trip for over 10 years. He cited the great golf

What Happened?

This issue of the Breezy Pointer covers the span of 1981 through 1982. The following events happened during that timeframe.

1981 - The first De Lorean DMC-12 automobile, a stainless steel sports car with gull-wing doors, rolls off the production line in Dunmurry, Northern Ireland.

- After 19 years hosting the CBS Evening News, Walter Cronkite signs off for the last time.

- U.S. President Ronald Reagan is shot in the chest by John Hinckley, Jr.

- The original Model 5150 IBM PC with a 4.77 MHz Intel 8088 processor was released in the United States at a base price of \$1,565.

- The first combined heart-lung transplant in the world is performed at Stanford's Medical Center. 1982 - Time Magazine

names the personal computer its Man of the Year

- Liposuction introduced.

- Vietnam Memorial erected in Washington D.C.

- Space shuttle Columbia launched on first mission.

- Unemployment hits 10%, highest since 1940.

- Dow breaks 10,000 for first time.

- The late Elvis Presley's home, Graceland, opened to the public.

- Braniff International Airways was declared bankrupt and ceased all flights.

- The Weather Channel airs on cable television for the first time.

- The Epcot theme park at Walt Disney World opens to the public for the first time.

Winter Lodging Bonus!

All lodging guests receive a free breakfast each morning in the Marina II Restaurant and a free cocktail reception from 5 to 7 each evening at the Dockside Lounge



May 2, 1926, photo of "Captain Billy" and Mrs. Fawcett with their 1925 Lincoln in front of the main lodge.

Trivia Quiz

Answers to the quiz on page 3

1. 137, including both golf courses and the Resort's support carts. Moldova, Poland, Romania and, don't forget, the United States.
2. 240,000 as well as 180,000 eggs. 6. 11
3. Yes, it comes after July 3rd and before July 5th. 7. Fred LaPage, who sold the land to "Capt. Billy" Fawcett in 1921.
4. Between 8 and 9 PM. 8. They were named after streets in Minneapolis and St. Paul.
5. 7. Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Lithuania, 9. All of them.

Appraisals are where you get together with your team leader and agree what an outstanding member of the team you are, how much your contribution has been valued, what massive potential you have and, in recognition of all this, would you mind having your salary halved. -Theodore Roosevelt

Do You Have Any of These?



Breezy Point Resort is always on the lookout for copies of Captain Billy's Whiz Bang magazine. If you have a copy or two that we could add to our library, please contact us at 218 562-4204.

What is a Palindrome?

A word, phrase, verse, or sentence that reads the same backward or forward. Examples:

- Are we not drawn onward to new era?
- Campus motto: Bottoms up Mac.
- Dennis and Edna sinned.
- Did Hannah see bees? Hannah did.
- Eva, can I stab bats in a cave?
- Marge, lets send a sadness telegram.
- Nella risks all: "I will ask Sir Allen"

Winter Midweek Getaway

Your winter getaway includes: Two nights lodging, breakfast each morning and a two hour cocktail reception each evening. Valid Sunday-Thursdays thru April, 2012. Starting at \$199.

"Socialism only works in two places: Heaven where they don't need it and hell where they already have it." -Ronald Reagan

For reservations, information or ideas on how to make your vacation truly memorable, call 800 432-3777 or visit us on the web at www.breezypointresort.com.

Believe it or not!

In the last issue of the *Breezy Pointer* we reported the presence on Pelican Lake's Gooseberry Island of a herd of goats that have entertained visitors and also relieved them of their picnic lunches.

A reader notified us that the goat interactions with humans can be a serious subject, worthy of the formation of *The Childhood Goat Trauma Foundation*.

The Foundation's website, www.goat-trauma.org, opened our eyes to this menacing malady.

"The Childhood Goat Trauma Foundation was created in 1982 by a small group that originally came together as an informal support group for problems that were the result of traumatic experiences at petting zoos as children. This group realized

that there were many others out there who were afraid to come forward with their horrific stories and wanted to find some way to help as many people as they could. The Childhood Goat Trauma Foundation is the result of their dream.

Through its programs and workshops, individuals from all walks of life have been able to live happier and more fulfilling lives, without the ever-present ghosts of their personal goat traumas. Some have even made such progress that they have been able to put their traumas completely behind them and rejoin mainstream society.

No matter what the effects of your trauma, we can help you. The effects of a childhood goat trauma vary widely from person to person, depending on the



A goat in a tree on Gooseberry Island

severity of their trauma. Such problems as irrational fears, unexplained twitching, and insomnia could all have origin in a goat trauma.

The Childhood Goat Trauma Foundation is here to help anyone who has suffered a traumatic run-in with goats. If you think that the foundation can help you, please contact one of our counselors"

Day Brighteners

Will Rogers was one of the greatest political sages this country has ever known. The following are but a few of his quotes.

1. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
2. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
3. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
4. Always drink upstream from the herd.
5. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
6. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
7. There are three kinds of

men: The ones that learn by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.

9. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.

12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

The moral: When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.



Will Rogers

To me, a lawyer is basically the person that knows the rules of the country. We're all throwing the dice, playing the game, moving our pieces around the board, but if there is a problem the lawyer is the only person who has read the inside of the top of the box.

-Jerry Seinfeld

Breezy Point Gift Shop

Forget to pack something?
Need a game for the kids?
How about unique gifts to show someone you're thinking about them?

The Gift Shop will fill the need!



Winter Hours:
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Thur - Sat 9 - 5
Located in the
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Unique Retreats for All Occasions!



The Boat House has four bedrooms, four baths, a fireplace and a rooftop deck! This lake home is perfect for golfers, families and gatherings of all kinds.



The Fawcett House, the 11-bedroom log mansion, built in the 1920s by "Captain Billy" Fawcett, hosts family reunions and groups in style.

Breezy Point's Unique Retreats offer lodging facilities with a special environment.

one home or, if you prefer, provide individual cabins or hotel rooms. Adjoining rooms, multiple room condos and studio apartments are also options. The choice is yours.

Whether you're planning for a business group, golf getaway, wedding party, family reunion or just a gathering of friends, there is a Unique Retreat to satisfy your every need!

We can accommodate the entire extended family in

Family Reunions Don't Get Any Better Than This

White Birch Family Reunion Resort is located at Breezy Point Resort's prestigious White Birch Estates.

Amenities include a new indoor pool & recreation building, children's playground and picnic area and all the amenities of Breezy Point Resort.

\$399 per night with a three night minimum stay.

Rates for the complete building - 8 bedrooms, 8 baths, (accommodating up to 24 people) start at \$699 per night with a 3 night minimum stay.

Each vacation home features two bedrooms, two baths, complete kitchens, deck or patios and barbecue grill. Homes connect with 4 complete accom-

Rates for TWO connecting homes (accommodating up to 12 people) start at

A Cat-Burglar at the Fawcett House?

Jesse Putney, 20-year-old truck driver at Breezy Point Lodge, was sentenced to five years at hard labor for stealing a \$4,000 diamond ring from Mrs. W.H. Fawcett. Sentence was suspended at her request as the young man had a previously clean record.

From the Brainerd Dispatch, July 18, 1930

All Inclusive Social Package

Your 3-day, 2-night package includes lodging in the Breezy Inn and Suites, breakfast each morning in the Marina II, lunch each day at the Dockside Lounge, dinner each evening at the Marina II or Dockside Lounge and alcoholic/non-alcoholic beverages at Dockside or the Marina II. Starting at \$240 per person

Fawcett Spotted Forest Fires

Capt. W.H. Fawcett of "Breezy Point Lodge," in flying from that place to Brainerd Sunday, counted 15 forest fires. Mr. Fawcett has offered his plane to the forestry department to locate fires in this district.

From the Brainerd Dispatch, September 30, 1922

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DOCKSIDE LOUNGE

Winter 2011/2012 Events & Entertainment

Tyrone Blue
December 3 - 24 (Weekends)
New Years Eve
Tami & The Bachelor
December 30 - 31, 2011
Tami & The Bachelor
January 6 - 7 (Ice Fest Weekend)
Tyrone Blue (DJ)
Weekends, January 13 - February 25
Tami & The Bachelor
April 29 - June 30, (excludes Sunday)
Asian Society
July 2 - 7
Passion
July 9 - August 4 (excludes Sundays)
Doug Allen
August 6 - August 25
Tami & The Bachelor
August 29 - September 29 (excludes Sunday)
Tyrone Blue (DJ)
Weekends in October - April
Ice Fest
January 6 - 7
Polar Plunge



Chris Olson will be back next summer at the **Dockside Lounge** where he has entertained Breezy Point Resort audiences to rave reviews for the past 17 summer seasons. His Saturday night "Memories of Elvis Show" outdoor performances have been the headliner events of the resort's summer music lineup, attracting hundreds of people of all ages to the Resort's docks and outdoor decks along Pelican Lake.

Performances begin between 8:00 and 9:00 PM. "Come early, if you want a good seat!"
May 26th
June 30th,
July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th
August 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th
September 1st



Coming in August!

What's New at Breezy Point

The Resort's continual program of facility upgrades and refurbishment this winter will include:

- Replacement of all of the meeting room carpeting in the Conference Center continues. When complete, over 20,000 square feet of carpeting will have been installed. (That's the equivalent of carpeting 12 average size homes.)
- The lobby in the Conference Center will receive an entirely new look with new carpeting, furniture and lighting. For the convenience of the Resort's guests, a business center with 4 computer stations will be constructed in the lobby.
- 204 flat screen TVs and new telephones will be installed in the Breezy Point Inn & Suites and Breezy Center guest rooms.

Who said this?

Answer to question on page 4

An e-mail making the rounds lately attributes this quote to Abraham Lincoln. An outspoken political conservative, Rev. Boetcker is perhaps best remembered for his authorship of a pamphlet entitled *The Ten Cannots* that emphasizes freedom and responsibility of the individual on himself. Originally published in 1916, it is often misattributed to Abraham Lincoln.

Over a three year period, I gave away half of what I had. To be honest, my hands shook as I signed it away. I knew I was taking myself out of the race to be the richest man in the world. -Ted Turner

RCI NEWS & UPDATES

Question: How are activities for timeshare owners selected and why not have bus tours etc?

Answer: The activities that are selected by the rec department are based on things most timeshare owners enjoy doing while staying at the resort. Bus trips, carriage rides, and excursions require a minimum amount of participation. Many guests prefer to stay at the resort or drive to other areas on their own. The recreation director is always looking for new ideas so be sure and stop by for a visit on your next trip to Breezy.

Question: If we want to take a trip but do not have enough Points can we still make an exchange?

Answer: Yes, you have many options open to you. You can borrow points from upcoming years or you can purchase points from RCI to use for that particular vacation exchange. RCI can assist you with either choice.

Question: When I booked my exchange through Points and RCI tells me I may have to switch units halfway through my stay, can the resort fix it so I can stay in the same unit

and not move?

Answer: When you are using points and staying before and after a check-in/check-out day you will have to move if the owner is using that unit for their week.

Question: I want to stay in a certain area of the resort but do not want to come on the listed check in days. Is there anyway around this?

Answer: No, unless you book through Points and use only part of a week. Otherwise check-in dates are firm in each building.

Use Caution When Selling or Renting Your Timeshare!

Several timeshare owners have reported being contacted by companies offering to sell, buy or rent their timeshare. As an inducement, they claim to have a buyer ready to purchase the timeshare or assurances they can sell it.

In all cases, the owner is being told that they must pay up-front fees as high as \$5000 for services, closing costs or other fees. Once the money is received these companies often disappear.

Adding insult to injury, after the company gets the money from the owner they take no action to sell, buy or rent the owner's week or relieve the owner of the ongoing responsibility for association fees.

The following are tips to protect yourself:

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

- Be wary of up-front fees.
- Don't agree to anything before researching the company.
- Demand everything in writing.
- Don't be tricked by fancy sounding addresses or titles.

Under no circumstances should you pay in advance any fees for the sale or rental of your timeshare.

If you have questions regarding companies wanting to sell, buy or rent your timeshare, we urge you to contact us at 218 562-4204.

We will provide you with the necessary information for the safe sale and transfer of your timeshare. (We are only able to assist those owners whose timeshare association is managed by Breezy Point Resort)

For that special occasion, shopping for that hard-to-shop-for someone, or for just no reason at all, you can't go wrong with a **Breezy Point Resort Gift Card!**

The easy-to-use Breezy Point Resort Gift Card can be used for dining, lodging, golf and your favorite selections at the Gift Shop and the Traditional and Whitebirch Golf Courses and Pro Shops.

Available in any denomination. Additional value may be added at any time.

To order, or for more information, call 800 432-3777



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Don't Be Fooled...Ticks Don't Tickle

Understanding the science behind Lyme disease is not easy, but Dr. Elizabeth Maloney, a Lyme specialist, recently gave interested citizens in Pequot Lakes a science lesson.

Maloney was the guest speaker at the Sept. 8 meeting of the Minnesota Lyme Support Group of the Brainerd Lakes Area.

Maloney, with the Minnesota Lyme Association, spoke specifically about the bacteria *Borrelia burgdorferi*, which is the agent of Lyme disease.

"This brilliant bug causes havoc and it is the most complex of all known bacteria," Maloney said.

She said there are many different strains of *Borrelia*. In the United States the strain that makes humans sick is *burgdorferi*. In Europe there are four strains that people have to be aware of for diagnosis and treatment purposes.

Maloney's explanation about the bacterium's highly developed tricks for survival was one of the main topics of the presen-

tation.

There are two main ways that the bacteria may survive: by either changing itself or inducing the host to change.

One way that *Borrelia burgdorferi* has induced a host to change is seen in ticks.

Maloney said when a tick gets ready to bite, the bacteria actually causes more saliva to be produced than is necessary and the tick secretes a protein that keeps a human's antibodies from being able to attach to the bacteria.

Borrelia burgdorferi has learned to change itself in many ways to evade the human body's immune system.

One way of evasion, Maloney said, is for *Borrelia burgdorferi* to change what it looks like so that when antibodies come in search of what the bacteria used to look like, the antibodies won't be able to kill the new form the bacteria is in.

"Our immune system is always one step behind," Maloney said.

Another way that *Borrelia burgdorferi* evades our immune system is to hide themselves in the human body's proteins.

"In a sense, it has its own wardrobe of coats and one coat that it borrows from us," Maloney said.

Another technique the bacteria uses is to change the physical form it is in from a mobile form to a cyst form to a granule form. Maloney said antibiotics that are effective on the mobile form of the bacteria do not work on the cyst form.

"You can't know what form the *Borrelia* is in. It's best to believe that if you have been sick for months, assume you have both the mobile form and the cyst," Maloney said.

Also, *Borrelia burgdorferi* hides out in the few places in our body where the immune system can't go. Those hideouts include the brain, eyes and joints.

Maloney warned that *Borrelia burgdorferi* has the ability to catch a ride on platelets in the blood stream and travel anywhere in the body and it

can affect many different systems in the body including the nervous system.

Maloney said there are many more ways that *Borrelia burgdorferi* tricks our immune system, which is why it is important for everyone to become knowledgeable about Lyme disease and signs to watch out for.

"Remember the most common rash of Lyme is a solid oval. A bull's-eye rash only presents in about 20 percent of people and only 70 percent of people get a rash at all," Maloney said.

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Whitebirch Village

To anyone who ever said "I wish I could live here"; we can only say "keep wishing".

The optimal solution to an active adult life style is living on a golf course at Breezy Point where your grass is cut and your snow is removed. You would feel free to leave for several months with the assurance that your property safe and secure.

With all due respect to the "greatest generation", baby boomers have never wanted to live like their parents. They are now an active generation of grandparents and emerging retirees.

The aging ranks of baby boomers are creating a huge population shift in

Minnesota and the entire nation. A 40-percent increase in the over-65 population is expected by 2020. Whitebirch Village conceptually accommodates the future needs and lifestyle of this growing population.

Thus far, great time and expense have been invested in comprehensive architectural and engineering plans.

Whitebirch is concentrating on the feasibility and economics of the development and "wishes" that this project will someday become a reality.

Its ultimate completion will certainly be another asset to the community and to Whitebirch, Inc.

Preservation Continues at the Historic Fawcett House

"They don't make them like they used to." This saying certainly applies to the Fawcett House, the log mansion built in 1924 for Capt. Billy Fawcett, Breezy Point Resort's founder.

The mansion's 11 bedrooms and 9 bathrooms make it ideal for larger family reunions and business groups.

The Fawcett House was

designed by architects Magney and Tussler who also designed the Foshay Tower, Minneapolis' first skyscraper. It was selected for listing on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

The challenges of preserving the mansion while retaining its original rustic elegance are many.

The exterior's massive logs require frequent

attention to protect them from the ravages of Mother Nature. The Resort's maintenance staff is charged with preventing damage from water incursion, woodpeckers and insects.

This winter the mansion's interior will receive an intensive detailing including paint, restoration of original fixtures and new, period-correct drapes and bedspreads.

As soon as people see my face on a movie screen, they knew two things: first, I'm not going to get the girl, and second, I'll get a cheap funeral before the picture is over.
-Lee Marvin

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- Landscaped lot, Royal Int. travel trailer, holding tank, landscaping..... \$16,900 MLS# 204665
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