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School cultural project receives Grant

—Cindy Ricksgers

The Beaver Island Community School has been awarded a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Alice Belfy and I attended a meeting in Lansing on September 13, where the awards were announced. We learned that we were one of only four winners in Charlevoix County, and one of only seventeen Rural Arts and Culture grants state-wide. All grants were reduced by 1%—a much smaller cut than in recent years—bringing the total down to \$9,900. This will be matched by the School in monetary and "in kind" support (such as classroom use, teacher participation, donated time, etc.), bringing the budget for the project to almost \$20,000.

It was a long wait for the news. Alice first approached me in February, asking if I'd be willing to write a grant request. Mary Jane Martin and I attended an informational meeting in early March in East Jordan. Sponsored by the Michigan State University Museum, 39 counties—designated rural—were eligible to apply. The goal of the program is to strengthen and showcase the unique arts and culture of Michigan's rural communities through community-based collaborations relating to community or regional arts, history, and

culture. We listened to the speakers, tossed ideas back and forth, and decided it would be a worthwhile effort.

The decision was not made lightly, as both Mary Jane and I were committed to other jobs, and each of us had plans for spring trips. Neither of us had written a grant before. The deadline was May 1st.

After meeting with Kitty McNamara and Alice and getting the go-ahead, we set aside an afternoon each week to meet. We compared notes, charted our progress, and planned what needed to be accomplished the following week. Staff at the U-M Museum were on call six days a week to answer our questions. Kitty and Alice both offered to help as well. Jim and Donna Stambaugh made themselves available to proof the application.

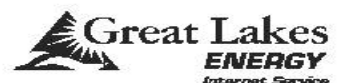
Still, it often seemed overwhelming. Roughly, the work load was divided into Mary Jane doing the research and documentation while I wrote the proposal. We each made dozens of phone calls, wrote letters, and made drop-in visits, trying to involve as many talented Islanders as possible.

The day before the grant had to go out, Mary Jane and I went over hundreds of pages, refining statements, double-checking figures, and

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copying everything. Mary Jane was a trooper. One artist's résumé was hand-written on flowered stationery; beautiful, but copies were illegible. She snatched it up and typed it without a second thought. Another artist had gone on vacation without getting a résumé to us. We made phone calls to get our facts straight and created the document ourselves. Every page, form, letter of reference, and résumé had to be copied and collated. Our final package was 54 pages, and we had to make 12 copies. Alice had done much of the typing for us, never complaining when I dropped off hand-written pages filled with erasures and corrections.

Because we finished at the 11th hour, Jim and Donna never had a chance to proof all of the material. Approval by the Board of Education was still pending--it was approved shortly after their next meeting. Then the long wait began.

Now our work has just begun. The project summary follows:

"Grant funds are requested to support a year-long exploration and celebration of who we are as individuals and as members of the Beaver Island community. First, we intend for our schoolchildren to learn the fundamentals of genealogical research, as they track family histories. Involving families and

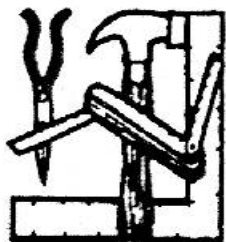
others in the community, we will gather information to provide a clear picture of our diverse ethnic heritage. We'll chart changes in the ancestry of our population over the last 150 years, and study various cultures through their food, customs, music, and art. Second, we will celebrate the rich cultural fabric of Beaver Island today. Through a series of concerts, lectures, and workshops we will showcase the artists, musicians, and craftpersons who have made Beaver Island their home."

Letters to the Editor

Thanks

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to so many thoughtful friends for making my convalescence more tolerable. Whether it was just a card, a thought, a prayer, a call, a book, a visit, a flower, music, a treat, or a meal, know that you were and are greatly appreciated. I also would like to thank the Beaver Island Fire Department and the Beaver Island EMS personnel for such professionally-rendered care and treatment. You all provided me the confidence and assurance that I was virtually in the most capable care. Lastly, I want to thank my family and all the staff of McDonough's Market and Dalwhinnie for picking up the slack during my "vacation." God bless you all.

—Bill McDonough.



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Letters to the Editor

An Open Letter to the Rural Health Center Board

Dear Board Members,

It is with great sadness that the Beaver Island Emergency Medical Service has come to realize that the BIRHC Board has decided to sever a sixteen-year partnership with BIEMS. The members of BIEMS regret whatever has caused this severance, but are powerless to restore this partnership due to recent decisions of the BIRHC Board.

We have heard through gossip in the community, and confirmed by Don Vyse, St. James Township Supervisor, that BIEMS has been completely deleted from the plans for a new BIRHC building. It appears that the many hours of work on and for the BIRHC Task Force seem to have been in vain. I do not believe that the Task Force would have even considered severance of this partnership nor do I believe that the Task Force's Report to the community on Beaver Island had any indication of a separation between the BIRHC and BIEMS. Completely to the contrary, I believe that this report, that was more than a year in the making, suggested that a stronger partnership with BIEMS was needed. I also believe that those on the Task Force have been overwhelmed by a few who are not knowledgeable about the sixteen-year history of this relationship between BIRHC and BIEMS.

We strongly believe that we deserve a written reason for what we see is an outright dismissal of the emergency care needs of the members of the Beaver

Island Community. Reportedly, there are trauma rooms as part of the new BIRHC plans. Who will be delivering trauma patients to these trauma rooms? Who will be transporting seriously ill patients from this new facility? Where will the transport vehicles be housed?

It seems that the volunteers of BIEMS, who have been providing emergency care for the residents of Beaver Island and the visitors to Beaver Island for the last sixteen years, have been cast out to fend for ourselves. If this is not the purpose of our removal from the BIRHC Board's plans for a new rural health center, then we deserve a logical, written reason.

As part of the work of the BIRHC Task Force, an air ambulance need was seriously discussed. As soon as the reality of an air ambulance service for Beaver Island became financially possible, the BIRHC Board has pushed BIEMS out of the plan for medical care for the Island.

You now have the financial means to build our request for an ambulance garage. You now have the financial means to make an air ambulance a reality for the people of Beaver Island. We, the volunteer members of BIEMS, have the expertise to provide the needs for emergency pre-hospital care for the injured and ill patients of Beaver Island. We are truly sorry that the BIRHC Board has chosen to put us out in the cold.

—Joseph A. Moore, BA, EMT-P, IC

Health Center Response

Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board Response to Joe Moore BIEMS:

The Board of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center deeply regrets the communication failure that led to Joe Moore's recent open letter to the Board published in the Forum Section of **Beaverislandtour.com**. We want the public to know that we acknowledge the fact that we did not keep Beaver Island EMS adequately informed over the summer months about the events which led to our decision not to include an EMS garage in the new medical center facility. That failure was not intentional. It was due to the fact that our all-volunteer board was overwhelmed with work at an extremely active time in the Medical Center's history and that we incorrectly assumed that appropriate communication was happening. Unfortunately, lack of communication can easily be misinterpreted as lack of respect for the individuals or organizations involved. We want to make it absolutely clear that the Rural Health Center Board recognizes that BIEMS is an essential component of health care on Beaver Island. We could not be more respectful of or grateful for the hundreds of lives saved and thousands of hours volunteered on a moment's notice by the dedicated members of BIEMS over the sixteen years of its existence.

That being said, we would like to respond to Joe's request and explain to BIEMS and the public how the BIRHC Board came to the decision not to



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include the second ambulance garage in the new facility. As a board we believe that, as difficult as it was to make, this was the right decision under the circumstances. These circumstances were:

1). **Financial Constraints.** As often happens with any public or private construction project, it became apparent over the summer months that as impressive as the \$1.5 million dollar figure we received from the State sounded, it was not going to be enough to fund a building that met all the healthcare needs identified in our December 2001 assessment study. In addition, as we reported in the August 2002 issue of the newspapers, we received news from the State that we could no longer rely on operating grants which in the past had ranged from \$75,000-\$108,000 per year. This left us with a huge gap in future operating budgets and eliminated the option of tapping our Special Projects fund to boost our construction budget.

2) **Long-standing and intense public pressure not to build a facility that we could not afford to operate.**

3) **Both townships' commitment to provide for the building needs of BIEMS at the vacated health center.** Before the Board made its decision to eliminate the BIEMS garage, a meeting was held with Don Vyse and John Works Jr. to explain the Board's financial dilemma. At that time both Supervisors indicated that they would allow BIEMS to take over office space in the vacated building and to continue to use the existing ambulance garage. More recently Vyse and Works have agreed to allowing

BIEMS to construct an additional garage at the site and to encourage their respective boards to work with the group to find funding for construction.

With other BIEMS needs in mind, the Board and staff of the BIRHC made sure that a separate, private and sheltered EMS entrance, two large exam/observation rooms, wider hallways and a decontamination room were included in the plan for the new center. All of these features will make it easier for EMS personnel to function when patients must be picked up at or taken to the new center for evaluation. Finally, the community education room (with telehealth hook-up) at the new center will be available to BIEMS for continuing education.

In connection with the new medical center building, questions have also been raised about the inclusion of space for a dental practice. At the same meeting with township officials at which space for BIEMS at the old building was discussed, the BIRHC Board requested that the townships also consider letting the dental practice remain there. We were told by the township officials that this would not be possible.

After conferring with Dr. White who told the Board that she could not afford to continue her small practice if she had to pay rent elsewhere, the Board decided to keep a reduced dental space in the new facility. We felt that the health and financial benefits to island residents of having a resident dentist justified the construction and rent subsidy expense. Dr. White will be entirely responsible for equipping

her space and is currently in the process of engaging in a written contract with BIRHC which will formalize our relationship. It should be remembered that since dental care was first available on Beaver Island, several decades ago, free rent has always been necessary to entice a dentist to practice here. Further, Dr. White has expressed a willingness to pay rent in the future as her practice grows and she is financially able to do so. Annually, the Board will review with Dr. White her ability to pay rent.

In conclusion, the BIRHC Board acknowledges its special obligation to improve its communication and cooperative relationship with the dedicated and extraordinarily competent members of BIEMS. We want the community to know that we have already taken steps to see that this lack of communication does not happen again. We would, however, encourage members of the public who are interested in the details behind BIRHC Board decisions, to attend monthly meetings which take place on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM at the Beaver Island District Library as well as the special public meetings which have and will continue to occur concerning the new facility. The floor plan, site plan and a computer drawing of the new facility exterior are currently on display at the Beaver Island District Library. The next public meeting with our architects will be at 7:00 on November 20th at Peaine Township Hall.

*Sincerely,
The Health Center Board*



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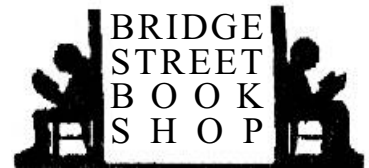
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In 1995 the Michigan Bar Association dedicated its 21st Legal Milestone, the steps taken as our contemporary system of laws evolved, to a much-cited case, Pond v The People. This case established the rule that "a man's home is his castle" (a phrase first invoked by Clarence Darrow, who cited Pond), and involved a man who moved to Beaver Island as a result: Dennis Cull.

The events that led to this case occurred in 1859, three years after the Mormons had been driven out of northern Lake Michigan's fishing grounds. As fishing camps moved westward along the northern shore, one of the typical frontier communities sprang up at Seul Choix Point, ten miles east of Manistique. Many of the fishermen to build shanties in an arc along the beach had come from Mackinac Island—including young Cull and Daniel Whitney, fishermen who worked for Gus Pond, Pond himself, and David Plant, Joe Robilliard, and the hulking giant Isaac Blanchard Jr., the three men whose attack on Pond led to this landmark case.

Mild-mannered 34-year-old Augustus Pond lived with his wife and three children in a 16' x 16' house, built like the others in this arc, with poles driven into the ground and boards nailed on as siding and roofing. Boards were also laid on the dirt to form a floor. There was one window and one door, held on with leather hinges, swinging outward and locked by a cord twisted around a nail on the inside. Pond also owned a comparable structure he used as net shed, where 18-year-old Cull and Whitney slept 36' from the primary building. On both bark was nailed to the roof boards to minimize leaking.

For some reason Dave Plant developed an unassuageable need to beat up Gus Pond—later rumors had him infatuated with Pond's wife. In the days preceding the fatal clash of June 18th, Plant made several threats as

he tossed off another drink. When they were repeated to Pond, he spent the night with a neighbor or with his brother-in-law, or hid under his bed. On one occasion the two men ran into each other, and Plant punched Pond in the face with enough strength to knock his hat off. Without saying a word Pond picked it up, put it back on, and ran into the woods.

After dark Plant, Robilliard, and Blanchard, freshly fortified with whiskey, took to visiting Pond's house and calling him out. His wife Mary would deny he was there. One time Plant asked her for some sugar to sweeten his whiskey, and reached through the cracked-open door and grabbed her arm and squeezed until she blacked out. Another time they thought Pond might be in his net shed and began ripping the boards off the roof to gain entry; Dennis Cull gave the impression he could sleep through this impending demolition.

Things finally reached a head past midnight on Friday the 17th. After failing to gain entry to Pond's house, the three bullies shifted their focus to the net shed. Robilliard climbed on the roof and began throwing boards down to the 22-year-old Blanchard, who stood 6' 7" and weighed over 240 pounds. Plant ripped the door off its hinges, pulled Dennis Cull from his bed, and began choking him and demanding to be told where Pond had gone. Hearing the ruckus, Gus Pond crawled out from under his bed, picked up the double-barreled gun filled with pigeon shot that he had borrowed from his brother-in-law, and stepped into the

night. He called out for the invaders to desist, and then, when they ignored him, called out again. When they continued to dismantle his net shed and choke his helper he fired a single shot, sending the three men running away.

In the morning the body of Blanchard was found in the woods a few hundred feet away. Pond feared the worst because Blanchard's father, Isaac Sr., was a powerful judge on Mackinac Island. Gus wanted to turn himself in to his brother Louis, who was a junior constable, but Louis didn't want to get involved. So Pond ordered his two men to row him to Beaver Island, 27 miles away. Beaver was part of a different county, thanks to Strang, where Blanchard Sr. had less power. Wilson Newton, the head constable, spotted them on the horizon and set off in pursuit, with Plant, Robilliard, and two others manning the oars. Having more muscle power, Newton caught the smaller boat before it reached Beaver, and took Gus Pond into custody. (Newton was the brother of Arch Newton, who had helped drive the Mormons from Beaver to promote his liquor trade, and became wealthy in the years that followed.)

Pond was charged with murder, convicted of manslaughter, and sent to Jackson Prison to serve ten years. Dennis Cull was so upset by these events that he moved to Beaver Island, where he became a fisherman and met and married Mary O'Donnell, who presented him with eleven children. Pond languished in jail until 1860, when the State Supreme Court considered whether or not his act was justifiable as self-defense.

They decided he was entitled to use extreme force under those circumstances, and ordered him freed. When defending Ossian Sweet on a charge of murder in 1925, Clarence Darrow referred to the 1860 reversal, claiming it established that "a man's home is his castle." This has been the caption for the Supreme Court's 1860 decision ever since.



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Beaver Island's Knife Repairman moves his Home

On October 1st Dick Winnick's long-rumored house moving project finally took place. A long-time half-year Island resident, Dick has frequently been sighted working uncovered earth with his metal detector (several of his discoveries are on display at the Print Shop Museum) or set up at a table with his grinding wheel and files during a parade or gathering of craftsmen. Working in minutiae, he has endeavored to keep his life here as unencumbered as possible, which meant living in a Walden-style portable structure behind the former Pelke speakeasy on Donnel Mor's Lane. This provided a

vantage point from which he witnessed the arrival and departure of the Sanctuary Gang (Joe Nuke and his merry pranksters) and the Flat Tail Festers (music weekends, which included Beans' first performance here) as he meticulously worked away on the restoration of a Bowie knife or Civil War carbine and kept his comments to himself. For the winter his home is resting at the Bonner Centennial Farm—a relief to those who feared we would have a repeat of the Holy Cross Church fiasco when half of that noble structure was left in the middle of the road through a rough 1950s winter.

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Lighthouse Grant

We just recently heard the announcement on National Public Radio that Beaver Island Light Station received a \$150,000 "SAVE AMERICA'S TREASURES" grant from the Department of Interior/National Park Service/National Endowment for the Arts, Humanities, et.al. Senator Levin's office sent the announcement to the Petoskey News. Harold Chase in the Senator's office stated that "we should be very excited to receive a 'Save Americas Treasures' grant...the process is very, very, competitive." We were also listed on the net site of the National Endowment for the Arts as a grant recipient from Michigan. So I guess it is official.

We didn't get as much as we asked for, but it was a significant amount, and we are very pleased. That brings our total up to about \$500,000 for the restoration work and architectural fees. Thanks to all who wrote letters of support including, Senator Levin, Representative Stupak, Paul Connors and Bill Cashman (Beaver Island Historical Society), and Brian Conway of the State Historic Preservation Office. The State Historic Preservation Office letter put us in the running for the grant, and we would not have been considered without it. So a special tip of the hat to Mr. Conway and his office.

The grant application was submitted by Diekema/Hamann Architecture on behalf of Charlevoix Public Schools (owner of the site) and Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District/Michigan Works! Division (manager of on-site youth programs.)

While the Senate and House Appropriations committees approve the funds for these grants, the National Park Service in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts administers them. The National Park Service in Washington received our application in April.

A national committee reviewed competing grant applications in June. Recent Grants for Lighthouse Restoration included \$10,000 from the *Michigan Lighthouse Assistance Program* (State of Michigan, Dept. of State), which paid for an architect to complete a Historic Structures Report; \$257,813 from the *Clean Michigan Initiative--Waterfront Redevelopment Program* (the Department of Environmental Quality/DEQ) for restoration work; and this \$150,000 *Save America's Treasures* for Restoration and Fire Suppression. Work continues as we apply for additional funding.

Again, thank you everyone, and I'll keep you updated as things progress!

—John Freeman



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Ten Years Ago The November 1992 *Beacon's* headline announced that Ross Perot had beaten George Bush Sr. on the Island—by one vote. The referendum to revoke the 200' rule for R-1 property was defeated by 70 votes. The two new Supervisors, Joan Petrak in Peaine and Neal Boyle in St. James, both said that their primary agenda was to improve the roads. Rich Gillespie, elected to the County Commission, also rated this as important, and said he would try to get a handle on whether Beaver Island was receiving its fair share of funds coming into the county (such as for a County Transit bus) as well.

The School supplied its Honor Roll, which included 9 members of the second grade (Seniors today.) The Chamber of Commerce printed the names of their 45 business members and 32 associate members; their "annual hunter's dinner" drew 76 people, who particularly enjoyed the elk enchiladas. The Tennis Court Committee listed the 40 donors who had contributed \$4,860 towards the

project. The Boat Company stated that passengers were down by 5% but freight was up enough so that the total revenue was the same as the previous year.

Kevin White's performance at the Denmos Museum received a glowing review. Plans were announced for a Community Christmas Tree, and a candlelight walk and caroling. Island Airways once again flew in over 100 pumpkins, purchased by Paul and Ellen Welke. Dana Gillespie (Hodgson) returned home from five weeks in Europe, glad to be back.

A profile of Murray and Wave Wanty included their story of enjoying a fish fry at the Parish Hall when a fire broke out. Instead of succumbing to panic, the tables were moved outside and the meal continued as the firemen arrived, went to work, and put out the blaze. In exchange they were invited to sit down and have a delicious free dinner.

Twenty Years Ago People are still talking about the Halloween

party at which Rick Speck dressed up as a Playboy Bunny and won first prize. Other winners were Laurie McGlocklin and Barb Rakowski. Other events of note were the CMU Orchestra performing (under the direction of Mike Scripps) at the Holy Cross Church, and the Sweet Adelines singing at the Regional Meeting in Flint. The volunteer firemen received more training. The Junior Class raised funds by selling princess pine wreaths.

ET, the school biology experiment (a presumptuous basilisk lizard), was the only hatching from a group of eggs. When it became apparent there would be no other births, the students proposed dissecting the eggs. Darrell Butler did the honors, after which a funeral was conducted for ET's stillborn brothers. KK Belfy made the casket and Amy Green created a tombstone. Robert Cole said a few words at the grave.

Obituaries included Ed Demorest, Peaine Township Supervisor who died in office, and Lil



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Gallagher's sister Mary Green, who had taught at the Greentown School in 1925.

Thirty Years Ago After a school trip around the Island for the 1st- and 2nd-graders, and a tour of the Big Rock nuclear generating station for the High Schoolers, the 3rd- through 8th-graders had a two-day outing to Mackinaw City. Phil and Lil Gregg and Bill and Marge Wagner were the chaperones. They visited Fort Michilimackinaw, drove over to St. Ignace, and stayed at the Wilderness State Park, where the Conservation Officer gave a talk and showed a film about the park's rich endowment. The next morning, while eating a hearty pancake breakfast, the Island kids saw a skunk outside the mess hall window. It too was presumptuous.

Friends of Milt Bennett finally caught him and forced him to ... celebrate his birthday, which he'd refrained from doing for almost ten years. To make up for it they threw him an old-fashioned Polish Party, a three-day affair starting with a turkey

dinner followed by broiled steaks the next night and then a whitefish fry. Just enough tippling was done to float the food down. Bucky Vreeland and Joe Kilmartin were present for the entire shindig, but to this day don't remember a thing.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* reported that for the third time this year a Coast Guard boat was found washed up, this one, 54' long and in good shape, at Cable's Bay by Ralph Rutt and Island turtle king Milt Bennett. They decided to move it to Lake Geneserath to give excursions, but Charlie Martin also wanted it. Before the dispute could be settled, the *Sundew* arrived to claim it.

Karl Keubler, our Conservation Department's officer, has single-handedly (this is literally true) been improving the Township Airport, digging up stumps and hauling them away in his pick-up. He had thinned the surrounding woods, improved the access road, and started to widen the N/S runway. While he worked he registered the planes to land. His list

topped 400, and he felt he'd missed another 400 while attending to his many other duties.

In game news, 257 of the 458 allowable deer permits were issued. The previous year's stocking of Fox Lake with rainbow trout was so successful that this year 3,000 brown trout were added. Fishermen were warned that when baiting up, if they were in a boat they should kneel down and apply the worm to their hook under the seat, or if they were on shore step behind a tree, because the new fish were desperately hungry.

Two bold hunters arrived on the *Beaver Islander* and were driven to Donegal Bay, where they launched their 12' motorboat for a sojourn on High Island. Two days later they did not return to the prearranged pick-up point, and people began to worry. It turned out their motor quit, so they attempted to sail back, using a blanket for a sail. Having no oars, they were unable to steer, but luckily were blown ashore near Bonner's Landing.



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Beaver Island Wildlife Club

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club meeting of September 12, 2002 was well attended. Jeff Powers and Lois Williams gave an overview of the last two years' efforts to develop a rearing pond for walleye. A signed agreement between an Island landowner and the club gives us permission to begin the project now. And, in fact, the project has been started! Robert Gillespie agreed to do the excavating and forming of the pond. Unfortunately the late September rains have put the job temporarily on hold.

We discussed the need for additional feeding habitat for whitetail deer now that logging on the Island has come to a close (*editor's note: Bob Graves has suspended his operation and moved back to the Upper Peninsula.*) Alvin LaFreniere suggested we plant several small plots with rye for feed in the critical months of March and April. We will encourage all Island landowners to dedicate a small area to this type of planting in the future. The best crops are rye and wheat, and the best time to plant is September.

We will have mineral blocks available for club members. This year, as usual, we will have corn available for supplemental winter wild turkey feed. Please check with Mark LaFreniere if you locate a flock to feed. This usually begins in January, unless we have heavy snow earlier.

The annual Hunters' Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 17, 2002 at Holy Cross Parish Hall.

Look for menu posters closer to the date. We will also be sponsoring a Big Buck Contest again, so check at Power's Ace Hardware for details. Just a reminder: annual memberships are due. One year is \$15.00; five years for \$50.00; \$200.00 for a lifetime. Send your name and complete address along with your check to the BIWLC, c/o Harold Lounsberry, Box 498, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

Next meeting will be held October 17, 2002, at Peaine Township Hall. The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held in December—look for signs later.

— Lois Williams, secretary



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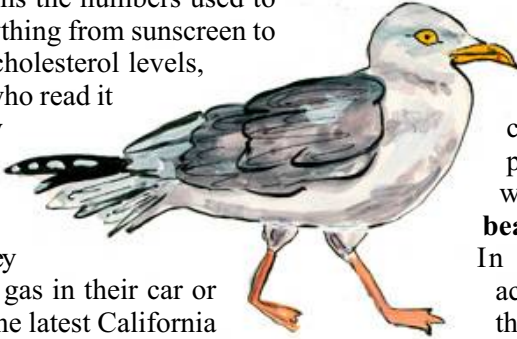
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What's new with Mary Blocksma?

Since moving Beaver Island Arts to Bay City two years ago, Mary has been at least as productive as she was during her many years here. Her most recent book, *Necessary Numbers*, has arrived in bookstores. This fascinating volume explains the numbers used to measure everything from sunscreen to sandpaper to cholesterol levels, so that those who read it will know what they're talking about when they say they use 87 octane gas in their car or mention that the latest California quake was 6.1 on the Richter scale. The book provides hundreds of sources for additional information, many of which are accessible through the internet.

Another of Mary's books, *Lake Lover's Year*, was named second-best memoir of the year by the Independent Publisher's Association. A copy was picked up by the editor of the magazine *Watercolor Magic*, who was so



impressed she commissioned her to write an article about switching media for the October issue. Still another book, *Great Lakes Nature*, will be published in a new color edition by University of Michigan in

April of 2004 (the old version is still available, as are all of Mary's books, cards, prints, and posters, through her website, beaverislandarts.com).

In September Mary accepted an offer from the Glen Arbor Art Association to act as artist-in-residence for ten days; plenty of time to paint the beaches of Sleeping Bear Dunes. She will be at the East Jordan Holiday Fair on November 9th, the Saginaw Holiday Fair on December 11th, and hold an Open House at her Bay City studio on November 16th and 17th, where the first 30 visitors can choose a piece of free original art!



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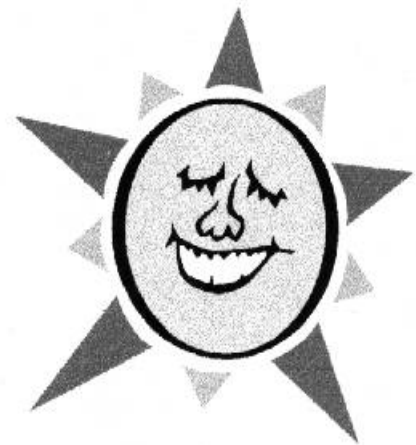
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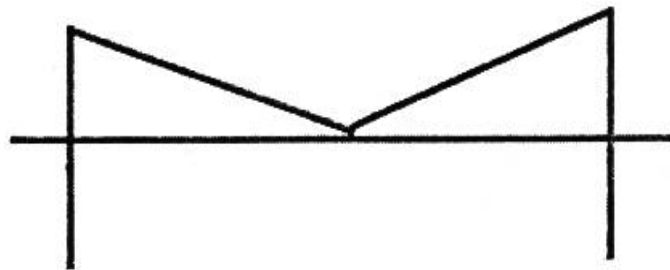
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CMU Closing Party

Once again, parting was such a sweet sorrow as the CMU Biological Station threw a bash to commemorate the end of another successful season. The 200 guests each brought a plate to pass as people took turns sitting down to an old-fashioned pork roast in the banquet hall. There were so many succulent delicacies that the wise feasters took only a dollop of each one, and then savored the cornucopia of tastes. No one was afraid they might eat too much, because if they did they could dance off the excess calories in the main hall as soon as the Island's best band finished its protracted, ritualized tune-up.

At 9:00 Mike Moore, Cindy Gillespie, Joe Moore, Joddy Croswhite, and drummer Mark Prosser broke into their first set with a fantastic bang, and just like that the crowd was off to the races. Over a dozen students appeared in costume--the cave man, a Martin Short character, Tinker Bell, the cat woman from *Andromeda*--and blended in with the happy crowd.

Once again, Beaver Island offers a collective thanks to Mary and Jim.



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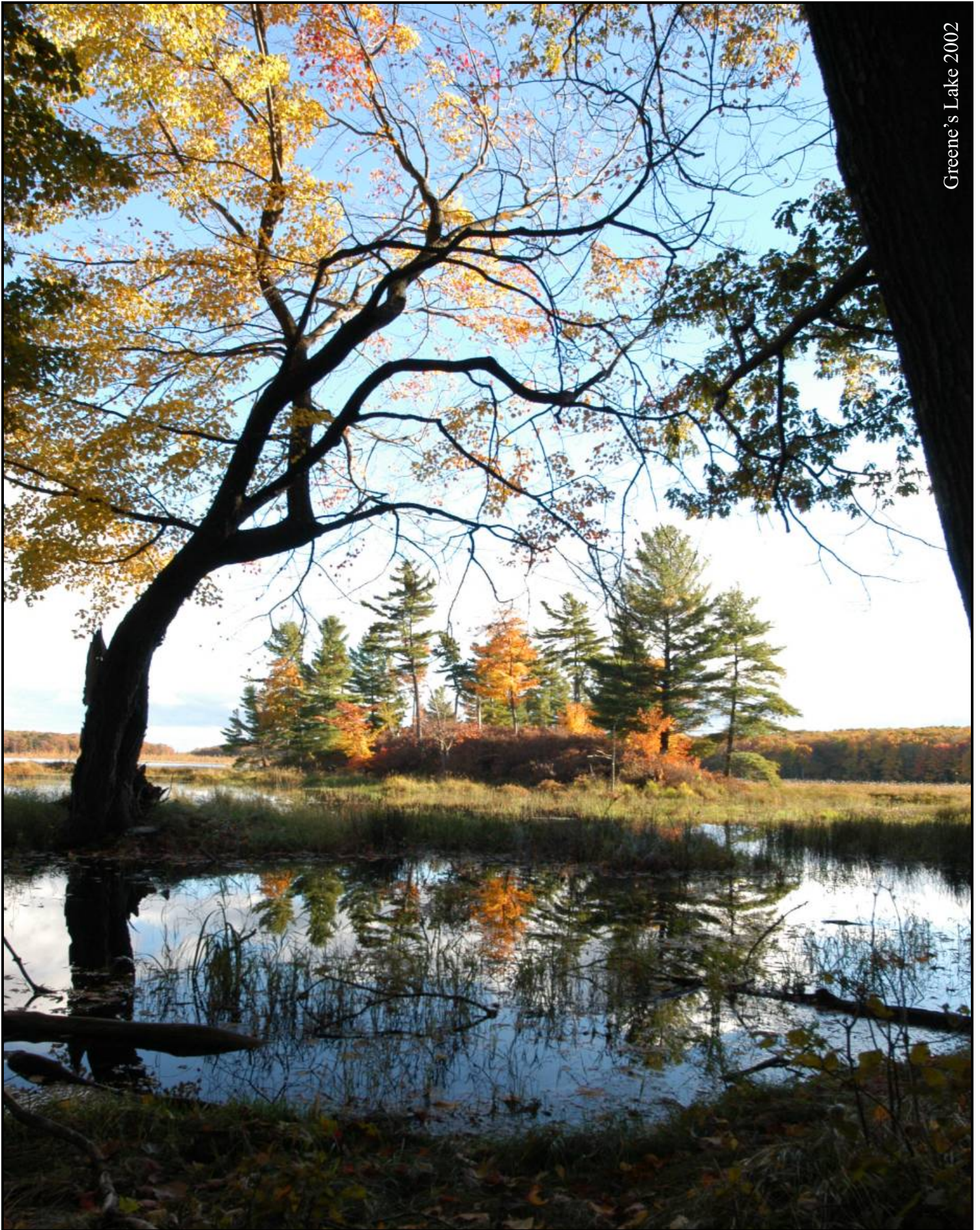


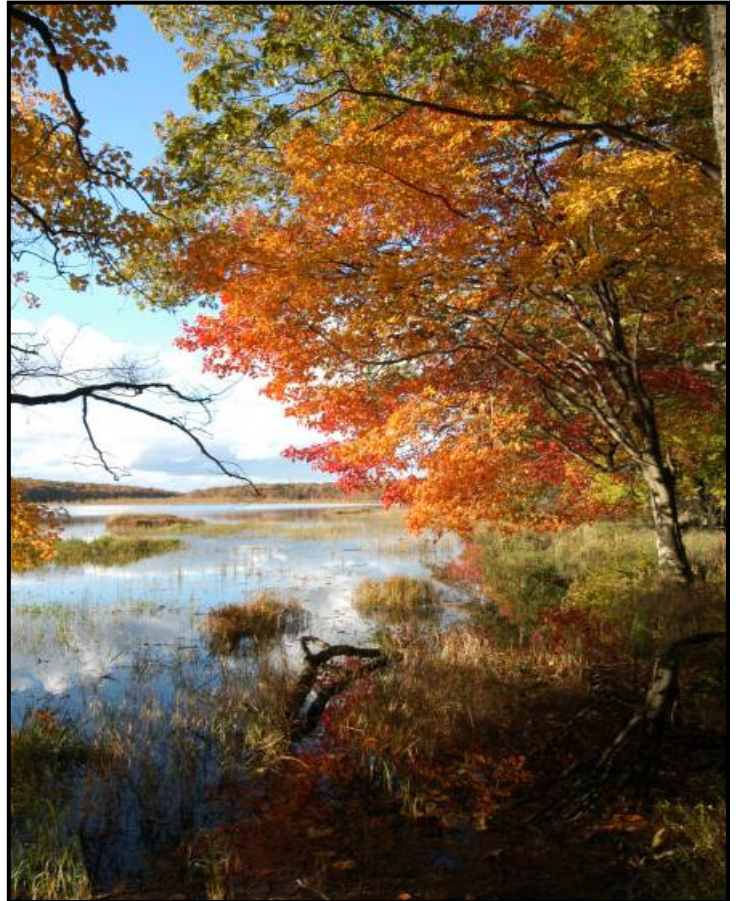
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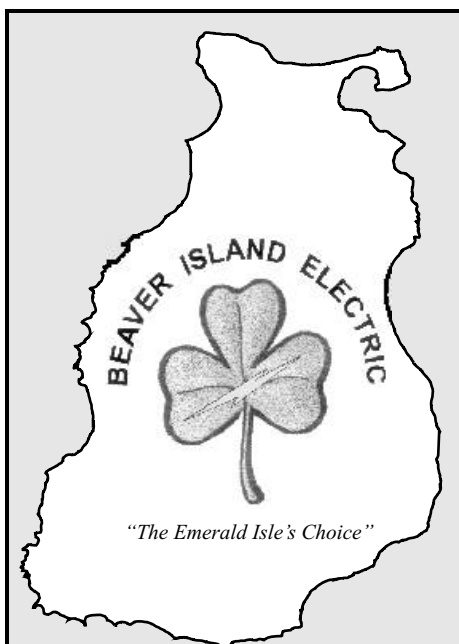
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Local Couple enjoys Dinner with Dick Cheney

In early October Bill and Eula Thomas, newly appointed members of Michigan's Business Advisory and proprietors of the *Emerald Isle Hotel*, journeyed to Washington for the Republican Entrepreneur's Convention. They met with Congressional leaders and other successful entrepreneurs from around the country to support the pro-business agenda of President Bush and the Republican House Majority.

The Thomases had been nominated by the House Majority Whip Tom DeLay because of their very successful pre-Island medical staffing business. This had been founded by Eula in 1989, after 14 years experience in staffing and Nursing Administration. By the fall of 1990 she recruited her husband Bill to come aboard as CEO. They gained national recognition in 1994 for their unique system of recruiting and screening the most experienced personnel to fill strategic positions in medical centers and hospitals across the South. By 1998 the company had expanded its services to include home health, plus had franchised offices throughout the northeast. The Thomases sold their corporate offices in 1998, staying aboard as business consultants, with the goal of going public with the new company. This was achieved in 4 years, with the initial public offering taking place in April of 2002. The company is currently the largest hospital staffer in the United States, with over 26,000 medical employees

working out of 150 offices and doing over three hundred and fifty million in business. "For both of us to receive a National Entrepreneur Award is an honor we won't soon forget," Eula said at the convention, which was attended by over a thousand successful small business owners and entrepreneurs.

The reception began with each of the invitees asked to state their ideas for what this country needs. Their suggestions were recorded on video tape. The organizers began the laborious process of editing the hundreds of responses to cook it down to a few hours, which would then be shown to the President and his staff. Eula focused on the difficulties facing small businesses, especially in providing health care to employees. At present the tax code favors large corporations while the self-employed and those working for small businesses simply can't afford medical insurance in far too many cases. Bill echoed her concern, adding that large corporations' ability to play off state against state allowed them to obtain tax abatements to which small businesses had no access. Worse, this often results in taxes increasing for small businesses to provide the lost tax revenue.

On Tuesday a number of round table discussions were offered throughout the day on various political issues. Bill and Eula participated in all the health care and business-related discussions, including a talk by the first female head of the SBA. Her story struck familiar ground when she shared

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that she had started her business in her garage, and learned quickly that you did whatever was required, no matter how difficult. "Everyone knows that to succeed in



business," she told them, "you 'fake it until you make it.' You work until you drop, day after day. After 25 years of gruel and grind, you just might wake up one day as an overnight success."

Tuesday's highlight was when Bill and Eula each received the Gold Medal Business Award from Newt Gingrich to honor their entrepreneurial spirit and business success. Mr. Gingrich told them that, like them, he'd had plenty of moments in his business life when things were so tough that he wondered if this was the day when he'd lose the fight and go broke; this sentiment struck a familiar chord with many of the now-successful attendees.

That evening the group divided into 20-person parties, which were driven to a variety of restaurants for dinner. Two Congressmen from Indiana (Ryan and Shimkus) were at Bill and Eula's table.

Wednesday was packed with informative speeches on various issues facing America. The event was capped off with "A Washington Salute" to the retiring members of Congress, including majority leader Dick Armey and Republican Conference Chair J. C. Watts. The Salute, whose keynote speaker was Dick Cheney, was by invitation only, and was a wonderful and deserving tribute. There was supposed to be a cocktail hour, but the security was intense (with an in-place metal detector, invitation double-checks, a second hand-held detector, and body and shoe searches) and few had time for a drink. In the ballroom Tom Delay sought out Eula and Bill, and a crowd quickly formed at their table. A man, possibly middle-Eastern,

appeared with neither his event badge nor his dinner invitation; even the waiters wore event badges. A security team immediately appeared and asked to see his credentials.

When he could not present them, he was picked up and rushed out, creating a hub-bub that rippled through the large room.

When Dick Cheney appeared on stage, his security had been beefed up and he was escorted by a secret service squad. Our Vice-president gave an excellent unhurried speech. He urged his audience to return home and work to get people out to vote. He mentioned that 70 unsigned bills were languishing on Tom Daschle's desk. He said it was important to give the Office of Homeland Security the power it needed to do its job, and said the war on terror was not confined to Afghanistan, a point underscored by events in Bali, North Korea, and the Philippines in the following few days. He lauded Colin Powell, and cited instances of Saddam's repeated lying. After hearing speeches by J.C. Watts, Dick Armey, and Tom Davis, the rest of the evening was spent socializing and listening to a live band until 1:00 am. The event had a warm and friendly atmosphere. All the Congressmen stayed for photo opportunities. Before the evening was over, Dick Armey climbed on stage and sang a few songs, including *God Bless Texas*.

The Thomases were not able to procure any pork for Beaver Island, no new dam or superhighway. But they returned with a heightened appreciation for the accessibility of our leaders, for their willingness to listen to different ideas and opinions, and to impart up-to-the-minute information about a variety of topics. Talk to them when you see them on the street; they'd be glad to share their insights about how our government works.



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Charlevoix Sentinel—Nov. 6, 1902:

LOCAL NEWS: "The largest consignment of fish that ever came over from Beaver Island came over Friday on the *Beaver*—21 cars, or about 18 tons."

MARINE NEWS: "The tugs *Margaret McCann*, *Elliott*, and *Badger* have been engaged by the U.S. Fish Commissioner to do spawn fishing at Beaver Island during the closed season."

NORTHERN MICHIGAN: "Anxiety is felt on South Manitou Island over indications that the island may suddenly be swallowed up by Lake Michigan. Capt. Loftberg, in charge of the lifesaving station at Sleeping Bear Point, has notified his superiors at Washington that in his opinion the island will soon disappear. A boat house recently built by the lifesavers on the island has dropped out of sight, and recent soundings have shown a depth of 30 feet, where formerly there was but 3 feet of water."

BEAVER ISLAND NEWS: "The Beaver Island Lumber Company, the

new corporation which has been formed with a capital of \$75,000, has bought the mill of W. F. Gill and will at once proceed to survey and grade a narrow gage railroad leading into their newly acquired timber lands formerly known as the McCrae lands—a tract of over 8,000 acres of cedar, hemlock and hardwood. The new business will be very welcome to Beaver Island industry and will no doubt be the largest business of any kind on the Island." (*W. F. Gill, born in Iceland, also built the store that became first the Lumber Company store and then McDonough's Market*)

"Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Schmidt, a bouncing baby girl, on Wednesday October 29." *Editor's note: this girl, Tillie (Ottilia) married George Ricksgers and became Katherine Ricksgers' mother.*

Charlevoix Sentinel—Nov. 13, 1902:

LOCAL NEWS: "The ordinance prohibiting promiscuous "spitting" on sidewalks has become a law and the marshal has posted notices that it will be strictly enforced. It is the duty of all

good citizens to see that violations of this ordinance are promptly reported."

"The first consignment of lake trout eggs came over from the Beavers Wednesday in charge of S. M. Rose, and were shipped to the Northville hatchery. There were 20 cases, containing 3,000,000 eggs. They will continue to come at about the same rate by nearly every trip of the *Beaver*, during the closed season."

Charlevoix Sentinel—Nov. 20, 1902:

LOCAL NEWS: "There were 21,000 deer hunter's licenses issued in Michigan this fall."

"L. S. See has received an oyster cabinet, for the keeping of the luscious bivalves an article new in town, and one that 'fills a long felt want.' Selects and Standards always on hand."

"James Gibson, of St. James, was here Friday, on his way to Ann Arbor."

BEAVER ISLAND NEWS: "Henry Hoffman, of the Charlevoix Junk Shop is on the Island buying old iron, etc."

"Work on the grade for the new railroad will begin this week."

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"Miss (*Julia*) Anna Gibson and Mr. W. F. Gill were married Wednesday, November 12 at the Parish House by the Rev. Alex. F. Zugelder. The wedding feast was served at the home of the bride to over forty relatives and friends, the festivities not closing until a late hour. On account of the inclement weather, the ball was postponed until the following night. The bride and groom left the Island on the Monday boat for their honeymoon.

Charlevoix Sentinel—Nov. 27, 1902:

MARINE NEWS: "The steamer *Beaver* is about the only boat, outside the fishing tugs that will not be laid up within a week or so. The *Beaver* will continue on the Island route for two months yet, unless the ice forces her to lay up."

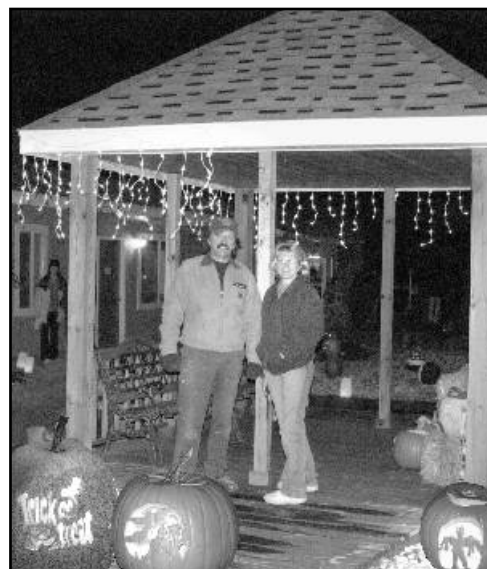
—Joyce Bartels

One More Islander

Born, to John and Debbie Robert, a beautiful baby boy, John Brady, on September 30th in the Charlevoix Hospital. Congratulations!

A Pumpkin Fest at the Laurain Lodge

For over five years Theresa and Larry Laurain have hosted a Pumpkin contest and awarded prizes. This year Saygan Croswhite took *1st*, Caitlin Boyle *2nd*, and Lindsey Kenwabakise *3rd*. Runners-up were Ronnie Marsh, Alex Kuligowski, and Meg Works. Once again the uncarved (grown in a box) "perfect cube" finished in last place.



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News from the Townships

St. James Regular Meeting of 10-2

Present: Tim McDonough, Jim Wojan, and Jean Palmer; absent: Don Vyse and Rick Speck.

Waste Management Committee Report: Approval from Committee to purchase two new orange containers to be placed behind the Transfer Station for large debris when the compaction unit is too full. This will eliminate the times customers are asked to come back later to dump. Another has been scheduled for November 11th to review pricing policy.

The Nuisance Ordinance has not been completed. Further study being done assisted by Township Attorney whether burning can be allowed in some areas and not others. State statute is now in existence regarding a curfew. This will be reviewed with the Township Attorney to determine if the wording in the statute is adequate for Beaver Island or if a new ordinance should be adopted.

The BITA appointments were deferred until the full Board meets.

Oil bids to be posted for 2002-03 for the Township Hall, the Fire Hall, the DNR Building, and the Library.

The Board approved the State Education Summer Tax for 2003.

Peaine Regular Meeting of 10-9

Present: Works, Martin, Kubic, Lanier; absent: Paul Nelson

MOTIONS: to approve the 9-9 Special Meeting minutes; to approve the 9-11 minutes; to pay bills. **PASSED**

Donna Kubic reported on the state requirement for collecting summer taxes. The SET portion will be collected in the summer starting in 2003. The 1% administration fee will be lost to the Township if they don't collect the summer tax. **RESOLUTION #010902** to levy the 1% of the summer administration fee: **PASSED** unanimously.

Jean Kinsley and other Lake Geneserath residents explained their high water problem; they are concerned about health and the environment. One solution: dredge the mouth of Cable's Creek. John Paquin has given his permission. **MOTION: to apply for a DEQ permit to do work this fall. PASSED**

Don Vyse, Airport Committee plan for quarterly meetings was reviewed.

Connie Wojan, BIRHC representative, reported that Arlene Brennan was hired for 18 months (with no contract) at a high cost to revamp and reorganize the Medical Center. Lanier reported that the Planning Commission provisions and codes are being worked on. New maps are being done. Lanier has concerns about Island Airways operating from the Township Airport and wants a study on the environmental and economic impact

on the Island. Of concern is the planes flying over Barney's Lake and affecting the loons. Mike Scripps said planes don't bother the loons.

A Bite of Beaver

The newest culinary treat to hit Beaver Island featured delicious foodstuffs from some of the Islands' best cooks. It was quite a success, drawing almost 300 people.

Upon entering to the sounds of L.D. Ryan's sax, visitors were assailed by the scents of everything from cupcakes to chocolate to puff pastries. All 72 pieces of Keith Pintler's Chicago Pizza sold out quickly, as did the shrimp and escargot. The chicken satay was next to disappear. Deborah Harwood, the chairperson of this event, did a marvelous job. Besides the gourmet tidbits, local artist Eric Heline was on hand with his jewelry.

This was quite a victory for Beaver Island. It made money, and satisfied everyone who took part. It was one more step in broadening the season. And drew a surprising number of off-Islanders. And it pointed out that acting on suggestions that are based on what works elsewhere can lead to a desirable outcome.

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Karaoke Parties: all the rage

Thanks to Mike and Sharon Hurkmans, the Beaver Island tradition of getting together in the evening to play instruments and sing has been revived and given a new form: karaoke.

Their interest started in Wisconsin before they moved here, and led them to invest several thousand dollars in a karaoke machine. Usually set up in the Hurkmans' barn on Paid een Og Road, it is portable enough so that with a few hours of back-breaking effort it can be moved to another location.

Mike and Sharon each discovered they had a surprising vocal talent. Mike has a sweet voice with good range, and sings some of his favorite songs so expressively he might have written them; Sharon is less dramatic—until she gives in and begins to dance along with the music, carrying the microphone as far as its cord will allow. Quite a number of Islanders, from kids to grandparents, have taken a turn at the mike with mixed results: some have been encouraged to sing song after song, while others have been quietly dropped from the rotation.

Standing up to sing to a group of partly friends and partly strangers seems to produce mixed results. For some it is a rewarding accomplishment. Some treat it as just good fun, adopting an attitude to match the audience's. For others the experience is like confessing, or reciting the pledge; their solemn expression cues us that this isn't just another song but a recital of something they managed to live through and are in the act of putting behind them.

Mike and Sharon refuse to take credit for any upswell of good feeling their karaoke machine might produce. Yet we all thank them for their monthly "come one, come all" parties, for letting the kids practice for the talent show, for lending their services to the Fireman's Auxiliary on New Year's eve, for broadening our entertainment options, and for allowing an occasional budding star to discover his or her potential.



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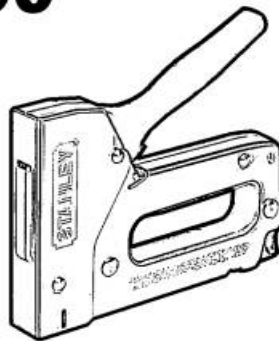
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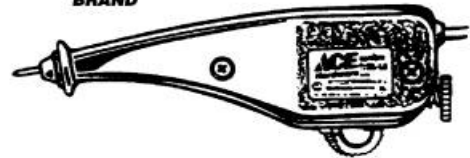
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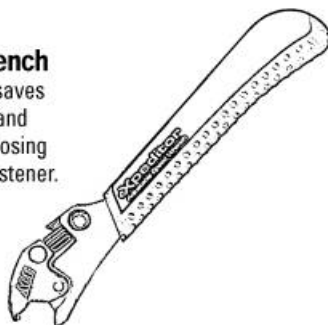


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Book Review

Bob Miles' Charlevoix II



After a 27-year wait, the second volume of photographs taken and collected by Bob Miles in and around Charlevoix has now been published, and this sensational book was worth the wait. All of the photos are captioned, and a well-written running narrative sets them in a context of the changes to come to Charlevoix in the past hundred and

fifty years. A few concern Beaver Island directly, and many involve sights or characters that have entered the Island vernacular. They are organized into thematic chapters, such as early settlers, vessels that entered the village—or didn't quite make it, the homes, businesses, schools, and other buildings, Bridge Street, and notable visitors.

And there is a comprehensive index.

Put together by a committee headed by Bob's son David, this hardbound book is a "can't put it down." It's available from the Charlevoix Historical Society for \$45 (plus tax and postage) a bargain for its 470 large pages at P. O. Box 525, Charlevoix MI 49720.



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A Fine Romance

Starring Jack Gallagher and Judy Lanier

These two good Island citizens have been longtime friends and business associates. They first met in 1968 when Jack's daughter Dorothy married Dick Prawat (Graduate Assistant to Judy, who was an educator/administrator at Michigan State.) When both Judy and the Prawats bought homes on Beaver Island, Jack and Judy's friendship grew, and, as an attorney/accountant, Jack became invaluable as Judy's right-hand man at *Montage*. Their close relationship has now been brought even closer by their becoming husband and wife.

On October 12th, with the joyful blessing of Father Pat Cawley and the delight of a large group of families and friends at Beaver Island's Holy Cross Catholic Church, Jack and Judy became Mr. and Mrs. Jack Gallagher. Judy's daughter Liz was her Maid of Honor, and Jack's best friend Leonard Barrow was his Best Man. Bill, Jim, and Tim McDonough served as ushers.

In the established Island tradition, Jack and Judy invited their guests to the Parish Hall for a celebration of their vows, with the accompaniment of a marvelous dinner, fine wine, and music for dancing.

Although marriages are familiarly the beginnings of families, this one was a joining of two wonderful grown and growing families. Members of Judy and Jack's families attending the wedding were Judy's daughters Liz, Melanie, and Cindy (plus two children) and son Mark, and Jack's seven children and sixteen of his eighteen grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jack insists he has forty-nine grandchildren, which must include his six brothers' and sisters' grandchildren. In any event, at dinner at Judy's the night before the wedding, she served sixty-five--now, there's a family!

All in all, it was an event thoroughly enjoyed and sure to be fondly remembered, and good will and good wishes abounded. We add our good wishes to the others for Judy and Jack--both fine contributors to Beaver Island.

—Chuck Hooker

A Fine Propeller

The *Emerald Isle* is back in service without vibration after the new prop was fine-tuned. In an area where science becomes art, the pitch calculation was adjusted 1/2" by a man with a hammer.

Health Center News

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board has formed a Construction Committee, and announced plans for a community meeting to present the final architectural plans. Donald Spencer, Construction Committee chairman, said that he has arranged for the architects to come to Beaver Island on November 20th to put the finishing touches on the detailed plans for the interior of the new building. "This would be a good time to invite the entire Beaver Island community to come together to see the progress we have made since our last meeting," Don said. He also expects to be able to announce the timeline for the next phase of the project at that time.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Peaine Township Hall.

The latest site plan, building depiction, and interior layout schematic are currently on display at the Beaver Island District Library.

—Joe Reed

Music at the School

In late September Karey Johnson, who has been working with BICS students for two years, brought the Great Lakes Chamber Orchestra to the Island for a concert for students and the public.



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Tucking in from the storm

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News from the Gospel Ship

When John and Gaydean Nolte left Beaver Island and headed back for Wisconsin, they intended to find winter jobs as they usually did, to earn the money it will cost them for their spring and summer Great Lakes cruising mission. But before they took their boat out of the water, they were seized by the inspiration to sail down the Mississippi River instead. So off they went, bringing their gospel message to whichever port draws them. We shall see if they turn around upon reaching the Gulf of Mexico and return to Paradise Bay next year, or if the directive they receive from God leads them into Central America, the Caribbean, or points beyond.





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Washington Islanders Visit Beaver

At 8 AM on October 3rd nine Washington Island Wisconsin residents took off in an Island Airways Brittany Norman bound for a day on Beaver Island. The trip, which took just over half an hour, passed over many of the beautiful islands gracing northern Lake Michigan.

Although the day was cloudy the threatening rain never materialized and the lucky Washington Islanders had a most wonderful adventure. After renting two cars and filling up with coffee and sticky buns, we toured the Print Shop Museum. After all, the connection between our two islands was first established during Mormon times, when Washington Island fishermen joined the raiders that "swept the Beavers clean." Eight of our group then took off to explore the rest of the Island. Some managed to climb to the top of the Beaver

Head Light, whose second keeper, Joseph Lobdell, came from Washington Island. The ninth member who had visited before remained to talk with the museum director. A late lunch, a visit to the Marine Museum, and visits to the local stores rounded off the day's activities. We flew home to our island with some great memories, and resolved to return again next year.

Similarities we noticed included Beaver's friendly people, the habit of waving as cars pass each other, and the feeling of release from tension that we all experienced. We felt we weren't that far from home. But there were differences as well: Washington Island has no paved streets with curbs and gutters; the lamps on our Main Road are just attached to utility poles; and, the really big one: our airport (singular) has only grass and no paving.

—Bill Olsen, Jackson Harbor Press



The Island Airport

Once again we have the opportunity to support the Township Airport at the polls. In the primary the $\frac{3}{4}$ -mill proposal was defeated by a handful of votes, in part because of a lack of understanding of how this matter came about.

One aspect of the FAA's mission is to support the development of small airports, such as ours. To do this they let it be known that we might receive a series of grants, for which we would have to put up between 5 and 10% to qualify. Our airport committee, taking the long view, went for it. Consequently we received over a million dollars for improvements—at a cost of only \$48,000. Our strip was widened to 100' and lengthened to 4,000 as part of a general upgrade that included tree clearing and installing state-of-the-art lighting.

Few people deny that this was a wise move, because year by year this public facility is bound to play an increasing role in enhancing the viability of our growing community. Because it's municipally owned, it qualifies for further grants. And if Island Airways ever relocates here, a possibility it has begun to explore, it will push its use through the 10,000-passenger plateau, which automatically will bring the State another million and a half in federal aeronautics money.

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—Mike Scripps

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El Nino is back, (can you say mudslide), and with it lots of precipitation. How much we will see, and how much of it will be snow depends on the jet stream. The winter could be wet and ugly, or, with a half dozen Alberta clippers, we could be clubbing seals instead of shooting bucks, kissing with our noses and saying things like, 'Maybe, ay, we should rename Main street for Wayne Gretzky, ay?' It could happen. Snow does weird things to people--just ask Jack Nicholson....

—Liam Racine

Recipes from our Readers

Eula Thomas's Venison:

Start with 2 to 8 pounds of deer meat, plus potatoes, carrots, celery, squash, and Brussel sprouts.

Cut the venison into serving-size chunks. Wash them, and put them into a large Reynolds *hot bag* with ample marinade sauce—your choice. Shake well to coat the meat, and put it into the refrigerator for 2 or more hours. Meanwhile prepare the vegetables (peel and chop potatoes, carrots, squash ... whatever vegetables you like.) Add the vegetables to the venison and marinade in the oven bag and put into a 350° oven for 2 hours ... and then **enjoy!**

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