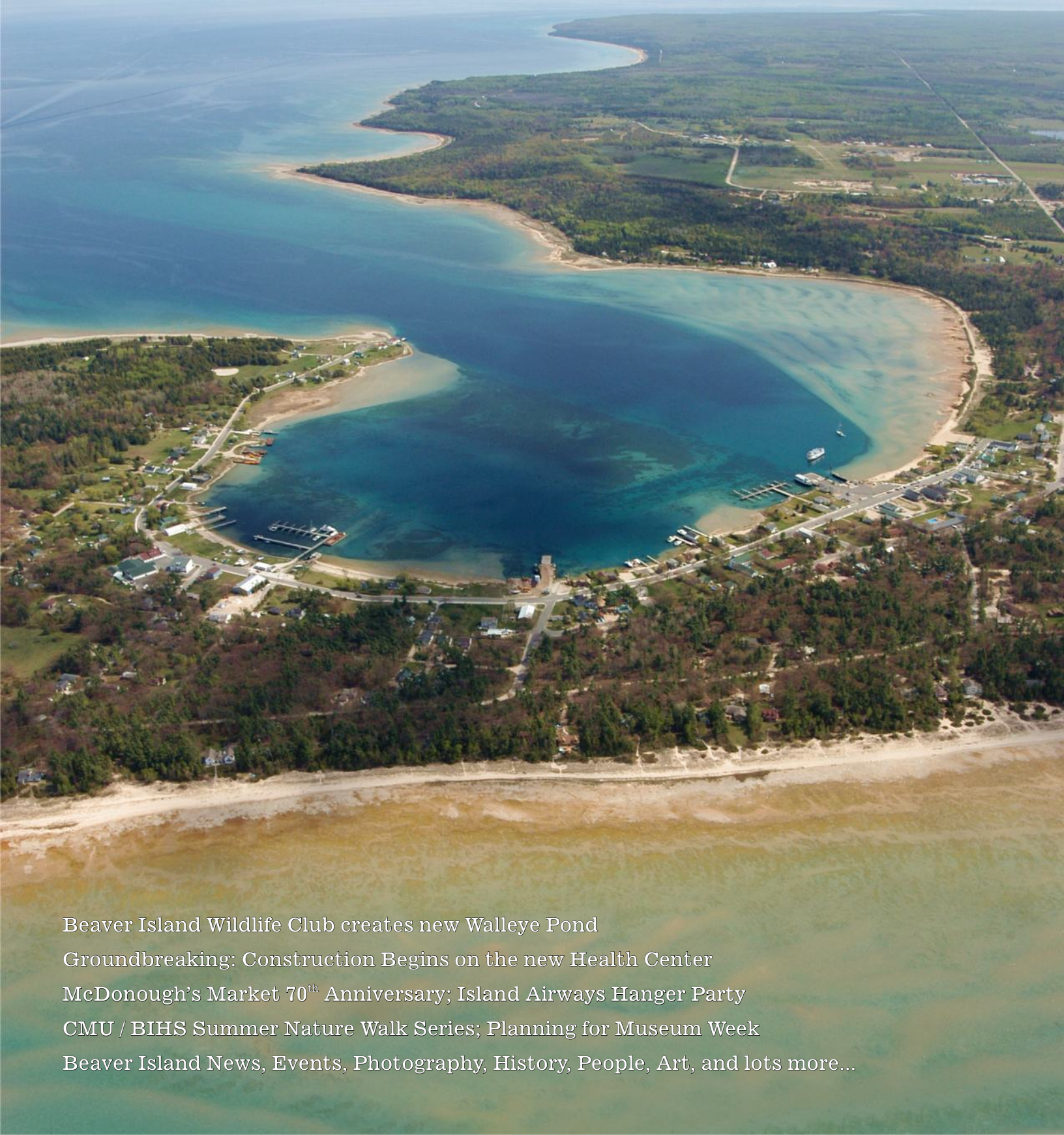


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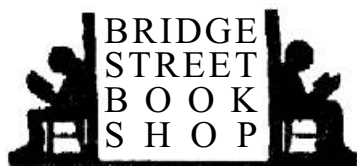
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## McDonough's: Seventy years Serving Beaver Island

On May 10<sup>th</sup> McDonough's Market celebrated 70 years in business by staging a picnic in their parking lot, working as hard to keep the ample crowd fed as they work in their other endeavors. Limited seating kept those sitting down to 64, so the enterprising

Islanders contrived a complicated system in which they showed up and ate in shifts. Several people were heard trying to convince Skip that seventy years and one month was an equally important anniversary that should be celebrated in a similar manner.

## Baroque on Beaver

In July of 2002 a totally "home grown" effort delivered a most unexpected event on Beaver Island: *Bach on Beaver*. The performance brought forth a wealth of talent, interest, enthusiasm – and an overflow crowd.

Largely due to this response, and to capitalize on the interest shown for classical music, another exciting event is being planned for Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>: a chamber orchestra and choral performance of *Baroque on Beaver*. Frequent summer visitor Charles Krutz, who portrayed Bach last year, will again

direct the musicians.

Tentative plans include a Handel organ concerto, some music for trumpet and strings by Torelli, a Brandenburg Concerto by Bach, and music by Telemann. The planned expanded choir will join in a performance of the cantata *The Lord Remembers Us* by Johann Fraunholz and *Alleluia, O Praise the Lord* from Bach's Cantata No. 206.

St. James Episcopal Mission will once again sponsor the concert, but to accommodate a larger audience the performance will be in Holy Cross Hall.

## A Spring Aerial

When Jim Anderson contacted us about an ad for Anderson Aerial Photography, I couldn't resist the opportunity to talk him into taking me up to get a better look at and some practice taking photos myself of all the new sand spits and new construction as well as some preliminary aerial photos for the [peaine.org](http://peaine.org) web site as it unfolds in the next month or so. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, as the sun finally peaked out from the long misty spell of May, and admittedly with a few more "extra shots" than Jim

requires, I had a great time shooting the photo for this month's cover. When we got back on the ground Jim also showed me some really sharp medium-format photographs he has done for a few people on the Island, as well as a beautiful picture of the *Acacia* from the air, one over High Island, and a high-altitude photograph of Beaver which will be on display and in postcard form at McDonough's Market this summer. Thanks again to Jim Anderson for the wonderful flight. –JeffCashman



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## Graduation Time

On June 7<sup>th</sup> one of the Beaver Island Community School's largest graduating classes in at least fifty years-11-will emerge from the trenches and charge out into the rest of their lives. As one might expect, they have a variety of plans.

Joanie Adams, daughter of Dave and Kathy Adams, is planning on attending Northwestern College in Traverse City. Joanie is planning to obtain her associates degree in nursing.

Megan Heller, daughter of Karl and Sue Heller, will be attending the University of Michigan. Megan is planning to study journalism and mass communications there.

Adam Martin, son of Bud and Colleen Martin, plans to attend Grand Rapids Community College after he does some traveling.

Colleen McDonough, daughter of Kevin and Linda McDonough, will be attending Michigan State University in East Lansing.

Joe McDonough, son of Bill and Tammy McDonough, will be studying

business at Ferris State University in the fall.

Hilary Palmer, daughter of Edward and Mary Palmer, plans on traveling after graduation.

Forrest Powers, son of Jeff and Marie Powers, will be attending Hillsdale College, in Hillsdale, Michigan where he will focus on Pre-medicine.

Joshua Runberg, son of John and Carol Runberg, plans on attending Michigan Career and Technical Institute in Plainwell, Michigan to study Culinary Arts.

Kristen Russell, daughter of Mike and Bev Russell, will be a student at Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Michigan in the nursing program there.

Joe Timsak, son of Joe and Sheri Timsak, plans on attending Northwestern Michigan University to study automotive mechanics.

Grant West, son of Steve and Elaine West, plans on traveling after graduation.

## Chamber of Commerce 4<sup>th</sup> of July Plans

In an effort to top last year's flyover by a pair of F-16s, Steve West is working to bring two Marine Harrier jets to Beaver Island on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If the pieces fall into place, these unique fighters will stage a demonstration of their hovering ability over the harbor, and then be available for an up-close look at the Township Airport.

The Chamber has chosen a theme

for this year's parade: "America's Freedom is Forever Precious." The parade is scheduled for 2:00 p.m., and will be led by two active-duty Marine officers. Island Airways will perform its *missing man flyover* as well. John Works' Civil War cannon will start the parade. And the Community Choir will sing patriotic songs downtown beforehand, starting at 1:30.



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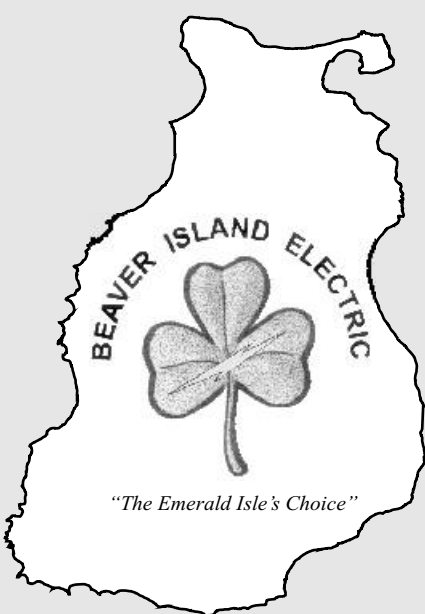
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## Historical Society News

The Beaver Island Historical Society just began its annual spring membership drive. For information on membership categories, duties, and benefits, contact the Print Shop Museum at Box 263 or by phone (448-2254) or e-mail: [history@beaverisland.net](mailto:history@beaverisland.net).

The Museums will have an Open House on June 15<sup>th</sup> to initiate the season. The diverse treats provided by members for this event are always delightful. Volunteer Coordinator Joyce Bartels announced that most of the 26 3-hour shifts have been taken, but she still has a few openings and needs to increase the names on her list of possible substitutes. If you'd like to share your knowledge of Beaver Island and interact with appreciative visitors, just give her a call at 448-2383.

Once again Museum Week looks very interesting. There'll be three special Nature Walks in the morning, and the Art Show from Wednesday through Friday and the Pet Show on Saturday in the afternoons. Other afternoon events include Jim Gillingham presenting his greatly-enjoyed *Amazing Reptiles and Amphibians* again, a Mary Blocksma book-signing for her newest book, Antje Price being at the Protar Home, and two special shows: noted bead-maker and authority on the history of beading Dan Chingwa and his assistants on Monday, and Madeleine Jones

and Mary Ann Moore from the Great Lakes Light Keepers' Association reading stories for children, in period costume, on Friday. The evenings will be kicked off by Monday's traditional *Music on the Porch*, followed by a talk from well-known Native American historian Simon Otto on Tuesday. Wednesday will feature Robert Cole discussing our Oral History – the BIHS has committed itself to continue this program, and try to make it self-sufficient through a series of publications. On Thursday Madeleine Jones and Mary Ann Moore will appear in period costume to impart a sense of what life was like in the Whiskey Point Light and discuss the steps we must take to acquire, restore, maintain, and use this historic structure. On Friday Pinky will once again challenge fate by MCing her energized high-stakes Bingo Game. Saturday night's concert will conclude the festivities, with a report on the Arranmore Twinning scheduled for intermission.

## BIPOA Nature Lecture

Dr. John Rowe from Alma College is speaking on Monday **June 30** at 7:00 p.m. at the Peaine Township Hall. The lecture is on "**Painted Turtles in the Beaver Archipelago.**" Sponsored by the Beaver Island Property Owners Association, the lecture is open to the general public, free of charge. Light refreshments will be provided.

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## CMU sets Summer Nature Walk schedule

Once again the Historical Society is sponsoring the CMU series of interesting and informative Nature Walks in June and July. The cost is \$15, which includes a meal. Except for the Bird excursion, which leaves the Bio Station at 6:00 a.m., all treks will begin at 9:00. Since only 25 will be accommodated on each one, please sign up in advance with Pinky or at the Print Shop. Here's the schedule:

**Bird Banding and Beaver Island Birds** with Nancy Seefelt on Thursday, **June 6:** This trip will begin at 6:00 a.m. and will take participants to a site where birds will be mist-netted and banded. Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m. after which participants will have the opportunity to once again go into the field for another 90 minutes of bird-watching. Please bring binoculars if you have them.

**Beaver Island Early Summer Flora** with Dr. Ed Leuck on Saturday **June 21:** A trip to a variety of habitats to locate and identify many of Beaver Island's beautiful spring and summer wildflowers and other plant species.

**Biology of Beaver Island's Sand Dunes** with Dr. Beth Leuck on Saturday **July 12:** This trip will take participants to the west side of Beaver Island for an exploration of the extensive sand dunes located there. The origin, current status and future of the dunes will be discussed and the

flora and fauna indigenous to these beautiful ecosystems will be sought after and explained in ecological terms. Some climbing of steep sandy inclines will be required.

**The Mammals of Beaver Island** with Dan Benjamin on Saturday **July 19:** Learn about the diversity of indigenous and introduced mammals that today inhabit Beaver Island. Discover the details of their natural history and learn where and how to observe these fascinating animals.

**The Wetland Flora of Beaver Island** with Dr. Dan Wujek on Wednesday **July 23:** Journey to several unique terrestrial sites on Beaver Island to search out the diversity of flowering and woody plants indigenous to these areas during mid to late summer. Learn about the importance of these ecosystems and how to identify them and their plant residents.

**Beaver Island's Inland Lakes** with Dan Benjamin on Thursday **July 31:** A trip to most of Beaver Island's inland lakes, with information about their formation, current status, water chemistry and natural history.

—James C. Gillingham

## Tall Ship Returns

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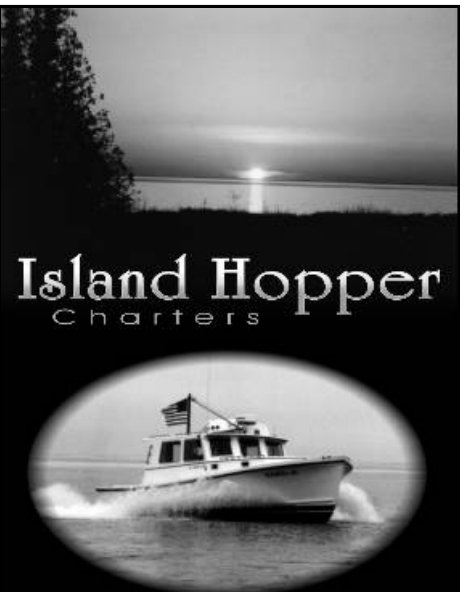
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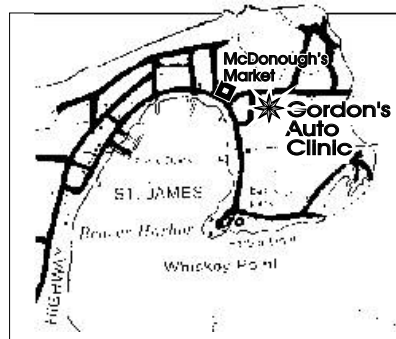
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## Gary M. Tepe

Gary M. Tepe, 39, of Elkhart Indiana died April 14, 2003.

The son of Dennis and Jan Tepe of Elkhart and Beaver Island, Gary was born on July 12, 1963 and graduated from Ball State University in 1985, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He also belonged to the Elkhart Optimist Club, the Elks Lodge, and the International Sanitary Supply Association. The president of Tepe Sanitary Supply for the last 15 years, Gary often went outside the boundaries of his job description to help customers with extended needs – including next-day airing supplies to his Beaver Island customers.

Gary married Betsy A. Rickel in Muncie on August 15, 1987. She survives along with their daughter, Erin M, son Ryan M, and his parents, all of Elkhart; two brothers, Steve (Jill) of Bristol and Larry of Elkhart; and a grandmother, Francis Tepe of Elkhart.

Gary was a friendly, warm man who enjoyed life with a close, loving family. The Tepe family has been coming to spend time on Beaver Island for many years, and have

owned a summer home here since the early 1980s, which benefited Gary's love of golf and sport fishing. Many Island residents remember Gary very fondly, and have expressed their deepest regrets to his family for their loss.

Memorials may be given to the Erin and Ryan Tepe Scholarship Fund, c/o Betsy Tepe, 22610 Weatherby Lane, Elkhart IN 46514, or to Riley Children's Hospital, 710 N. Bavnhill Drive, Indianapolis IN 46202.

### Afterglow

I'd like the memory of me

To be a happy one.

I'd like to leave an afterglow of  
smiles

When day is gone.

I'd like to leave an echo whispering  
softly

Down the ways,

Or happy times, and laughing  
times,

And bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who  
grieve

To dry before the sun,

Of happy memories that I leave  
When life is done.

## BIRHC to Raffle Truck

In response to popular demand, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center will raffle a Chevy S-10 pickup truck, currently on display next to the clinic. It has the following features: Classy pewter color, extended cab, 6 cylinder engine, 4X4 drive, aluminum wheels, cruise control, CD player and radio, and split seats. A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold beginning in June, with the drawing to be held on Labor Day. Tickets cost \$100. The winner can take delivery in the first week of November or opt for a check for \$15,000 cash in the first week of September.

The BIRHC Board is very grateful for the help of Board member Pete LoDico who negotiated the truck's purchase, traveled to the mainland to pick it up, and donated \$2,200 worth of credits on his GM card. Special thanks as well go to Ken and Loretta Slater who authorized the purchase through Ken's GM discount. In addition, a beautiful glass bead charm bracelet donated by Nancy Peterson will be awarded as a door prize. Raffle proceeds will be crucial to filling the gap in the BIRHC budget resulting from the loss of its operating grant from the State of Michigan.



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## Construction Begins



The cold air and nippy wind could not keep a hardy band of well-wishers from attending the ground-breaking ceremony for the new Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

In the days that followed, the crews got to work preparing the site, taking down trees, leveling the ground, staking out the building, and pouring the concrete footings and walls. Contractor Robert Gillespie subbed out some of the ground work to Jim Wojan Excavating, and then Greg Cary Concrete came in to form and pour the footings and sub-slab concrete walls. It's beginning to look like this miracle is really happening.

## The state of the Internet... on Beaver Island

Great Lakes Energy announced that its rate for dial-up Internet service has been lowered to \$16.95 per month.

All new and existing dialup Internet subscribers will begin to pay the lower rate effective June 1<sup>st</sup>. The new rate is due to Great Lakes Energy's partnership with TransWorld Network, a telecommunications company that partners with electric cooperatives to provide telecommunications products and services. GLE has worked with TransWorld since May of 2001 to offer customers long distance phone service. Customers taking both services and who are enrolled in online billing will receive a rate of \$15.95 per month for Internet service and 5.9 cents per minute for long distance for all long distance calls made anywhere in the continental United States, both in and out of state, including local long distance, 24 hours a day seven days a week.

More exciting, four customers in town within the line-of-sight availability area around the antenna on the roof of the school are now connected via 1.5 mbps down/1.5 mbps up always-on wireless broadband service from GLE. Considering the high cost of a tradi-

tional T1 line on the Island (upwards of \$1500 per month), the only other option here for a business-class connection, wireless at \$69.95/month plus setup should open new possibilities for local businesses and in-town customers.

For those out of town wanting greater download speeds, GLE offers DirecWay satellite service for \$69.95 per month plus equipment and install.

More information on any of these services can be obtained by calling GLE at 1-877-981-3000.

## Honoring Bev and Mike

On May 21<sup>st</sup> departing members of the Beaver Island community were honored for work "above and beyond" at an EMS picnic by their many friends.

Besides the plaques they were given for their years of unstinting service, a number of people spoke about the Russells' special qualities, and why they will be so greatly missed. It was rumored one man even included this backhanded tribute: "Mike, I know you knew I'd grabbed that current plate off some car at the airport, so thanks for not busting me, man. I mean, those who owned it hardly ever came up."

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## On This Date

### Ten Years Ago

With the assistance of the Beaver Island Volunteer Fire Department, the house-numbering project got underway, according to the June, 1993 *Beacon*.

The *Dockside Center* project listed three goals: 1) finish cleaning up the contamination, and find a bank loan to pay for the job; 2) purchase, rehab, and find a tenant for the building; and 3) solicit input to create a plan for the Community Center's purposes, activities, and programs. The goal, which was not met, was to open the new Center 100 years after initial construction, in 1996.

Chuck Hooker announced the beginning of a study of the possible impact of generating renewable energy on Beaver Island, sponsored by the U. S. Department of Energy and conducted by students with energy majors from MSU, U-Wisconsin, and the Jordan Energy Institute. It began with a workshop designed to help gauge energy needs, options, and costs. The Beaver Island Energy Project began in 1991, and this study promised to help make its goal of increasing energy efficiency and developing an energy self-reliance more feasible.

Antje Price pointed out that this was the centennial of the arrival on Beaver Island of Feodor Protar, and was to be celebrated during Museum Week.

Dave Gladish provided this warn-

ing in his *Beacon Lite*:

Watchout for watching TV news,  
It feeds on greed for stark disaster.  
It's addictiver than booze  
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The forty-second bite, the poll,  
The violence – we're talking heady!  
The government out to control  
The stuff. Ordo they already?

### Twenty Years Ago

The June, 1983 *Beacon*, which was printed in green, contained Part I of a history of the Civic Association, which was formed in 1954 to a) make Beaver Island a better place to live, and b) make Beaver Island an attractive vacation spot. Its first major project was to raise funds to buy land and build the Medical Center. Next it took up the project of creating the Island's first newspaper in almost a hundred years, the *Beaver Beacon*. The first issue went to 538 people. It played a role in getting the harbor dredged, a necessary project which, naturally, had its detractors; some claimed this was why the perch disappeared. It distributed brochures about the Island, and formed a committee that became the Game Club. It sponsored the annual Hunter's Dinner in the fall, as well as the Fourth of July events. It instigated a spring clean-up of the harbor area, which it expanded into the countryside. It installed direction signs around the Island, and started a winter sports pro-

gram for kids. One year it planted trees along the edge of the streets – which did okay until the streets were widened and paved.

A Charter party was held for the Sweet Adelines, which wowed the audience with its sensational barbershop harmonies. The second annual 'Summer Serenade Dinner Dance' was announced for the coming August 27th, with music at a sit-down dinner provided by Rich Scripps and Richie Gillespie.

The graduating class of eight included current residents KK Belfy, Darrell Butler, and Robert Cole.

The *Beacon* carried an obituary for Catherin Connaghan, 91, who passed away that May. Born Catherine Malloy, she married Hugh Connaghan and they lived in the little white house next to Tim McDonough. She left 57 grandchildren and 35 great-grandchildren.

It was noted that the first two TV sets had arrived here in 1955, brought by Stanley Burns (for Pat Bonner) and Edgar O'Donnell (for Father Giles.)

### Thirty Years Ago

The summer of 1973 was very promising; all the Island's accommodations were filled for Memorial Day.

The morel crop was unexpectedly bounteous, with a few apt hunters coming back with full bushel baskets. Bernie Whitcomb, who lived with her husband on High Island for three sum-



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mers to study its wildlife, reported on a hunt spearheaded by Bea and Sheldon Parker. They drove to the center of the Island, where Bea and Sheldon quickly spotted several clumps – but Bernie couldn't spot any. Sheldon wandered off from morel to morel, and was soon out of sight. Bea and Bernie went back to the Parkers' jeep to move it a little forward, but morels were growing in the road and they kept driving further to pick just one cluster more. Finally they stopped, and Sheldon stepped out of the woods with a full basket. They all got in and started driving. Wind-blown trees blocked the trail, so every so often Sheldon had to climb out and fire up his chain saw; each time, Bea would go hunting for more mushrooms to try catching up to her husband. They started home at 8:00, but had a flat tire – which Bea changed. A card party at Bill and Betty Welke's had been arranged, and when they didn't show up, Bill went looking for them – from the air.

The *Castaway Restaurant* opened in the Lakesports building, filling the niche vacated by the closing of the *Killarney Inn*. Archie LaFreniere opened a gift shop where Powers' Ace Hardware now stands.

Russel Green, a crew member for 14 years as purser and assistant skipper, was named Captain of the *Beaver Island*.

Phil Gregg's history of the *Beaver*, on the run during WW I, was illustrated by a drawing done by Dan Gillespie. Daniel Malloy's 1873 song *Lost on Lake Michigan*, was printed in full after being found by John Gannon in Escanaba and sent to Dick LaFreniere; it tells of seven Beaver Islanders who drowned while people helplessly watched the sinking ship from shore.

Several passings were noted: Dr. Russell Palmer, who had been our doctor until retiring in 1955; Bill Welke Sr, who had been coming to the Island since 1936; and 40-year Island resident Owen Chapman, who rode a little white motorbike with his dog in its basket. Also Mary (Gallagher) Sterling, born in 1885, who had married one of the train men for the Beaver Island Lumber Company and was preceded in death by 12 (of 17) children. And Ethel (Hamrock) Driggett, who lived at the Stone House Farm on Paid een Og's Road but moved to Charlevoix in 1915.

#### Forty Years Ago

With the temperature holding in the 80s for 1963's Decoration Day, 12 boats pulled into the harbor and tents popped up like mushrooms at the campground. Mushrooms were reported to be ample, and the smelt run was a very modest success. Two fish tugs from Naubinway set gill nets around Garden and Hog and pulled into St. James to offer their catch

for sale.

The Beaver Island Lodge hosted its first golf tournament.

The school had two graduates, Carol Ann O'Donnell and Evelyn Palmer.

Phil Gregg had an interesting story to tell: "On the evening of May 31st, three boats left Harbor Springs for Beaver Island. Twelve miles out, one began to fall behind unnoticed by the other two. When the two leaders reached the 2-mile buoy, they finally discovered they were alone. They waited there for 40 minutes and then sped in to notify the Coast Guard.

"The sea was quite choppy, and the third boat had opened a seam, letting in enough water to stall the engine. The lone occupant fired off all his flares, to no avail. Without the engine he had no means of pumping out the rising water. "After donning a life preserver, the operator decided to put himself in a frame of mind where he would not care what happened. This was accomplished by consuming all the bottled spirits he had aboard – a sufficient quantity to do a very thorough job.

"The Coast Guard crew came upon him some time later, sitting in his soggy boat and singing his troubles away. He was towed safely to the dock. Needless to say, this is not the recommended procedure to follow in such a case."



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## One Hundred Years Ago

**Charlevoix Sentinel June 18, 1903** Local News: "Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson of St. James, came over Monday on the Beaver."

"James McCann arrived here from Chicago last evening on his way home to Beaver Island."

"Manistee parties have been exploring and estimating the timber on High Island and will build a lumber and shingle mill there."

Beaver Island News: "Pound net fishing is producing very good results these days."

"The schooner *Nellie Johnson* arrived in Beaver Harbor today, Monday, with 2 miles of rails for the new railroad."

"Louis Isaman of East Jordan who is teaching the Sand Bay school took a trip on the Monday boat to be gone for a few days."

"Capt. John Dahlmer of the tug *Badger* returned from a trip to Chicago last week where he has been getting a new boiler for the tug."

"Sisters Hildegarde and Theresa left the Island at the call of the mother superior on Monday of this week to be absent for the summer."

"Mr. W. W. Boyle of Petosky has moved to the Island with his family and is occupying his house on south Main Street with a full stock of choice groceries."

"R. H. Gibbons, the bustling representative of the Grand Union Tea Co. is erecting a building for the conducting of his business near George Siscoe's present residence."

"The tug *Ryan* towed Roe's steam pile driver to Harbor Springs Saturday. The pile driver has been at work for the past 8 weeks driving piles for the B. I. L. Co's new dock."

"The sawmill of the B. I. L. Co. is running to its full capacity, the shingle mill will start to work as soon as men can be obtained. The company are short of men and are paying good wages for all kinds of labor."

**Charlevoix Sentinel June 25, 1903** Local News: "The steamer Beaver begins the summer portion of her season's run neatly painted and newly lettered."

"The steamer Beaver will run an excursion to Petosky Sunday, June 28th, leaving Wilbur's dock at ten o'clock a. m." —Joyce Bartels

## A Fine Spring Concert

At the end of April the well-rehearsed Community Choir performed with the Youth Choir, providing the kind of uplift needed to get over the lengthy delay in the arrival of spring.

The music consisted of the American folksong *Shenandoah*, arranged by Jeff Funk, and *Ave Verum Corpus*, by W. A. Mozart, both sung by the Youth Choir. Then the Community Choir took the stage for Gabriel Fauré's *Requiem*. Soloists were Christy Albin, soprano; Glenn Felixson, baritone (Sunday), and Phil Becker, baritone (Saturday.) Violin solos were by Joe Moore and Christy Albin. The organist was Laraine Dawson; the director was, of course, Martha Guth.

## Breaking Rocks ... the easy way

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## An Environmental Protection section

At the joint township Planning Commission meeting of April 24<sup>th</sup>, a draft of an Environmental Protection section for the revised Zoning Ordinance was presented by the so-called *Egg Lake Seven*. To get the ball rolling this group of concerned citizens did some research on which sites were the most obviously in need of protection, and asked themselves what kind of protection was needed for each of the twenty-four targeted areas. CMU was asked to help, which they did by providing color-coded maps of Beaver Island showing these areas, ranked as to the severity of danger.

The *Seven's* sample ordinance was distributed, with copies of the map, to the five members of each Planning Commission and to others, such as Realtor Ed Wojan, who has provided much practical input during the ongoing zoning ordinance and master plan revision. Township attorney Keven Elsonheimer and Tip of the Mitt planner Chris Grobbel, who were in attendance, also had a few hours to look over these documents.

From the comments, it quickly became obvious that Beaver Island

was at the cutting edge of the movement to create local protection for environmental concerns. One of the reasons not much has been done in this field, in Michigan and elsewhere, is the difficulty of 1) accurately defining the terms we use to describe our often emotional intentions; 2) the potential legal problems that await community entry into any new area; and 3) the questions about enforcement responsibilities of the various government agencies.

One of the first problems to be pointed out was that the sample ordinance was so generalized that it would limit development on essentially every square inch of the Island. This objection was met by suggesting an overlay map be provided, with the ordinance only referring to indicated areas. It was also pointed out that the Shoreline Protection Zone, Wetlands' rules, and the Sand Dunes Zone already served to protect some of the areas on the map. Another concern was that the townships might be sued for "taking" the land to fall under this ordinance. And people wondered if and how the Island's State Land would be affected.

After an hour, one audience member thought that only a few parts of the Island needed this kind of protection. Another pointed out that it might be simpler and less expensive to target these areas for purchase by conservation groups. Still another suggestion was to require every piece of property to submit a site plan for review before anything could be done; this would give the Planning Commissions the chance to see if environmental fragility would be strained.

In an interesting aside, one of the PC members said he had just been up in a plane for five hours, taking 80 digital pictures of over 25 zoning violations that were apparent from the air.

At the end of this two-hour meeting, everyone on the PCs and in the audience felt that, thanks to the *Seven*, they had a greater understanding of the problem and the difficulties of solving it. It was moved to develop a proposal to make to both Township Boards, asking them to sanction the continuing investigation of this situation—possibly by funding the hiring of an expert to look into our problem and suggest how it can best be addressed.

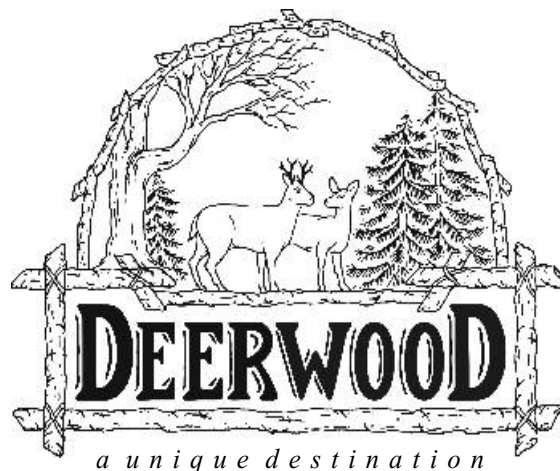


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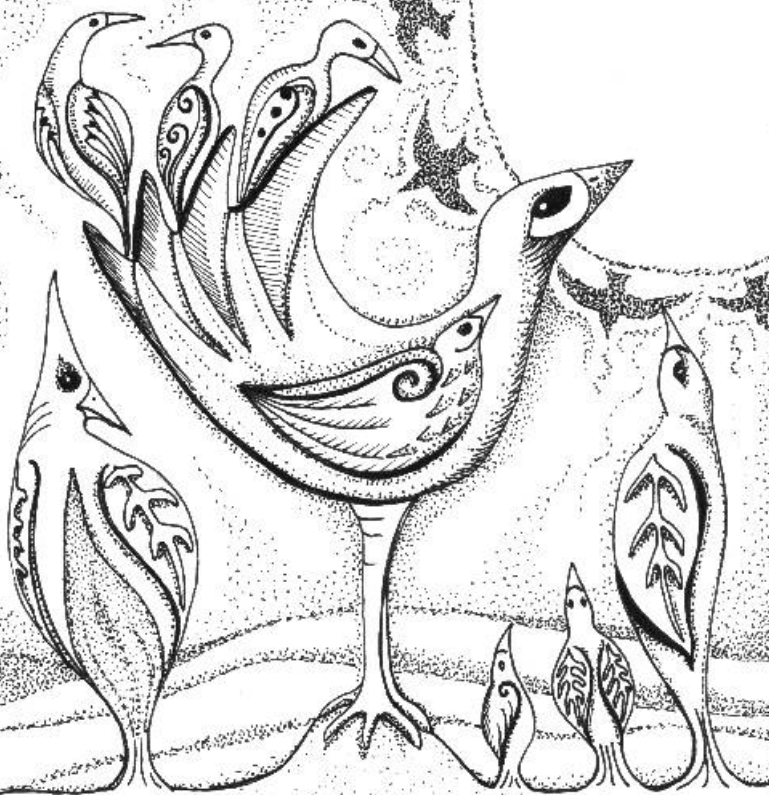
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## Update: Rural Arts and Culture Grant

Thanks to the generous support of the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

The school year is winding down, and so are the in-school art programs. Thanks to the school staff, who have made us all feel welcome and appreciated, and who rearranged their schedules to accommodate our programs. Thanks to Michelle LaFreniere, who helped in a thousand ways, and was always willing to take on whatever was needed. Thanks to all the artists who have contributed their time and talents this year; any successes we have enjoyed this year have been due to their generosity and enthusiasm. Many people participated, enriching the program with the diversity of their interests and experience. Mary Scholl, Cheryl Podgorski, Kelly Duhamel and Martha Guth were especially generous, often spending hours preparing examples and contributing their own materials. Mary often even brought treats for the class! Contributing artists had to rearrange their schedules, and even take time off from their jobs in order to come to the school. Thank you all!

We are continuing the Wednesday evening enrichment program through the summer. All classes are held at the Peaine Township Hall, Wednesday, 6 to 9 PM. A materials fee is charged when noted, but classes are otherwise free. Any necessary materials are provided. Prior registration is necessary; please call Cindy at 448-2960 or Beaver Island Community School at 448-2744 to register. Any classes with a materials fee require registration at least two weeks before the class date, so that we can order.

May 28: Music Appreciation with Martha Guth; Free.

June 4: Special Desserts with Sarah Myers and Tammy LaFreniere; \$10.00.

June 18: Music Appreciation with Martha Guth; Free.

June 25: Watercolor Techniques with Katherine Clark; \$12.00

July 2: Quilting Workshop with "Talking Threads Quilt Guild"; bring your own sewing machine with gray thread if possible; Free.



July 16: Oil Painting with Lois Stipp; \$30.00

July 23: Oil Painting with Lois Stipp; \$30.00\*

July 30: Oil Painting with Lois Stipp; \$30.00\*

\*If you choose to take the class more than once, to continue work on your painting, the materials fee will be only \$8.00 for returning students.

August 6: Special Desserts with Tammy LaFreniere and Sarah Myers; \$10.00.

August 20: Papermaking with Cindy Ricksgers; *Free*.

August 27: Quilting Workshop with "Talking Threads Quilt Guild"; bring your own sewing machine with gray thread if possible; *Free*.

September 3: Mosaic Project with Pam O'Brien; \$12.00

September 17: Papermaking with Cindy Ricksgers; *Free*.

September 24: Quilting Workshop with "Talking Threads Quilt Guild"; bring your own sewing machine with gray thread if possible; *Free*.

In addition to all she does for students through the Youth Consortium, Michelle LaFreniere has done a wonderful job of organizing and scheduling the House Parties. They will continue through September as well. The next one is June 15, at the home of Mike Sowa (the old Bonner Farm) on Sloptown Road. —Cindy Ricksgers

## Mary gets a New Gallery

On Memorial Day our resident Renaissance Mary Scholl unveiled the present she received for her highly productive off-season: a new gallery, built with her own hands. Located right behind the Toy Store (and a stone's throw from Skip Duhamel's new whitefish stand), this 16' x 16' structure was ideal for showing off the 75 new paintings Mary recently finished. She put out hors d'oeuvres for the 67 people who came by—most of whom were so enthralled with her new work that they would have eaten sandcakes. With the new *Seven Sisters* and the added space at *Livingstone Studio*, Mary's Gallery joins the ranks of welcome additions.



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## Roasting Jerry

On Saturday, May 17th, some of Jerry LaFreniere's many friends packed the Holy Cross Parish Hall to roast one of Beaver Island's most well-liked sons. The decorations reflected Jerry's years as the engineer for the Beaver Island Boat Company and his long relationship with the ferry *Beaver Islander*, which he nursed along for thousands of miles. The walls were decked with life rings and anchors, and paper sea gulls flew above the stage, looking for an appropriate place to leave their bread crumbs. Tables held "sick bags" filled with popcorn. Interspersed were photos, in all of which he was beaming his signal-light smile, and the wonderful caricatures drawn by Island artist Kelly



Duhamel depicting the events of Jerry's life.

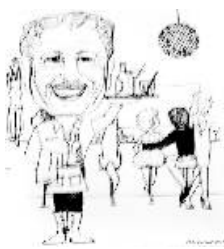
Each attendee received a scroll with the evening events, part of which read:

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The cruise directors for the evening were Jayne Bailey and Lisa Gillespie, who kept things moving - although Jerry's life provided plenty of material to work with, as did the many speakers. A wonderful job was done by all.

Thanks, Jerry, for being such a great sport!



Photos of Kelly Duhamel's sketches thanks to Phyllis Moore

## PABI celebrates the Summer Solstice

According to *The Old Farmers' 200<sup>th</sup> Almanac*, summer arrives on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:10 p.m. Sunrise is to occur at 5:07 a.m. that Saturday morning.

You are invited to observe the sunrise from Gull Harbor, Whiskey Point, or wherever you choose. Then, from 6:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. you are welcome to share a Sunrise Breakfast (the sun will appear over the ball field trees) at Bob and Sue Welke's home. The Preservation Association will provide many delightful dishes and beverages of your choice. A ten dollar donation is suggested. Reservations would be appreciated - call 448-2787.

Also, there will be a Summer Solstice Concert and High Tea on June 21<sup>st</sup> at Deerwood Lodge from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. English and American art songs will be performed by opera singer Martha Guth, accompanied by Robert Holst. Assorted fine pastries and hors d'oeuvres will be served by Deborah Harwood. The event will benefit the Beaver Island Music Fund. Call 448-2239 or 448-2272 for tickets at \$25.

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## The Class Play: a Class Act

On May 10<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Beaver Island School put on their 11<sup>th</sup> annual class play, and brought down the house. Under the able direction of Donna Stambaugh, and with the assistance of Mike Hurkmans' Island Karaoke equipment, these talented students stepped up to the mark and delivered their lines with professional aplomb. Sally Lounsberry sat in the wings to act as prompter, but when a line occasionally proved elusive another actor frequently whispered the first few words before she could mime her cue. These little hesitations gave the play the aura of an old tapestry fired at by a distant shotgun, and were uniform enough to not distract from the audience's appreciation.

The play itself, chosen for having the right number of parts, was like a spring-loaded box of puns that kept erupting with one-liners, accompanied by drum roles and mock dramatic gestures. As the plot unfolded, it transpired that the phony veterinarian of the title was attempting to swindle everyone he came across. Things looked dim through the intermission,

during which the twenty door prizes contributed by Island merchants were awarded. Late in the second act the evildoer finally received his comeuppance, which produced a thunderous roar of appreciation from the audience.

The performers did such a good job because of both their natural talent and dedication to the hard work of creating the sets, learning their lines, and rehearsing until they had it down. Since at least some of their names will someday be in lights, it's only fitting to preview that moment by listing them here: Kristy Bousquet, Caitlin Boyle, Jenna Butler, Hannah Conner, Devin Cook, Patrick Cull, Maeve Green, Linsey Kenwabikise, Alex Kuligoski, Cameron LaVasseur, Briana Maudrie, Dereck McDonough, Cassie Paisley, Signè Thomas, and Brian Timsak. Our hats come off to you all.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July Help Needed

The Youth Consortium announced that the June House Party will be cancelled (but July's will be Big), and more help is needed for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. If you could help, call 448-3056.

## The Lighthouse School

Six of our recent BILS students received \$600 scholarships to attend the Bear River Writing Conference at Camp Daggett from May 28 to June 2, where they'll mingle with professional writers from around the world and partner with the conference presenters to provide additional support throughout the weekend. And they'll attend a special evening at the Crooked Tree Arts Center. The events include: *Border Crossings 2003: Multimedia Theater of the Arts*; A reading slide presentation by James McCullough and Ed Wargin to launch their new book *A Robert Traver Legacy*; A Reading by Donald Hall to launch his new book *Willow Temple: Selected and New Stories*; and Poetry and Jazz in Performance: Barry Wallenstein, Jim Owen, and Guests.

This past semester 3 youths received their high school diplomas from the BILS. This summer plans are forming for some of the students to receive college level credits through a writing project that Beaver Island's Mike Barrett, writer/teacher (and gentleman)-in-residence is teaching through Northwestern Michigan College.



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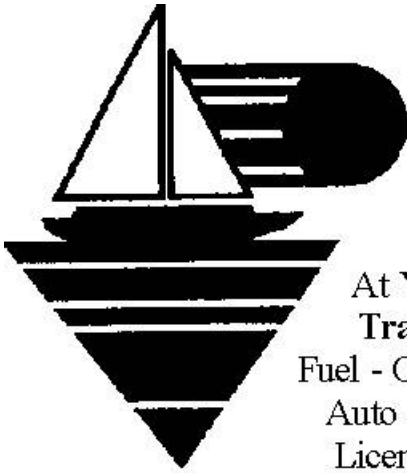
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## News from the Townships

**Regular meeting of the St. James Township Board held May 7 with all members present.**

A change in requirements for setting off fireworks was announced as required by the Township Insurance Plan. A Professional Pyrotechnician must set off fireworks rather than the Fireman. Chief McDonough has a lead on someone to handle the fireworks.

Dust control for Island scheduled to be applied June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Board approved EMS to use the small office in the Township Hall as a temporary office space for their computer and files.

Board approved resolution to accept terms of agreement with DNR for Yacht Dock Project.

Letter to be sent to Charlevoix County Road Commission requesting Main Street between Forest Ave. and Bonner Ave. be restricted to parking on one side of street only. Request will be for parking on west side only.

A letter will be sent to business owners asking that employees not park on Main St. during working hours. Also a letter will be sent to the Boat Co. asking for their assistance in making passengers aware that parking is available at Boat Co. parking lot, rather than on Main Street when they leave the Island.

Board approved proceeding with plans for a picnic area at the end of the bike trail at the Township Campground.

Township Engineer Gary Voogt has informed the Township that corrections will be made to the sewer pipe depth where it froze during the winter months. As construction of the bike path crosses the area of the sewer pipe, additional dirt and gravel will be placed over the pipe.

## Work at Beaver Head goes Forward

The Traverse Bay Area Intermediate School District/ Michigan Works! Division and Charlevoix Public Schools have accepted bids for the Lighthouse and Fog Signal restoration in the following areas:

General Trades: Pinnacle Integrated Construction & Design

Doors: Northern Michigan Glass

Masonry: Northern Restoration

Roofing & Sheetmetal: Haggard Plumbing & Heating

Plaster: Bouma Corporation

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Painting: *yet to be determined.*

The DEQ and the State Historic Preservation Office have approved specs from Diekema/Hamann Architecture, and we expect National Park Service approval soon. We hope to begin work in June, which means there will be limitations this summer on the accessibility of the public to certain areas. Hopefully, everyone can appreciate the necessity to maintain a perimeter around the construction zones. We are optimistically looking forward to getting the restoration completed during the short summer construction season and re-opening to the public and tourists as soon as possible.

—John Freeman

### Regular meeting of the Peaine Township Board, May 14

Members present: John Works, Paul Nelson, Colleen Martin, Christina Morgan, and Judith Lanier.

MOTION Nelson, second Morgan to approve the 4/9/03 minutes, motion approved. MOTION Lanier, second Nelson to approve payment of current bills, motion approved.

Resolution #010105, to accept the Michigan Bureau of Aeronautics grant to purchase Welter's hangar and authorize the supervisor to sign the grant, was offered by Nelson, and supported by Morgan. Ayes: Nelson, Morgan, Works, Lanier, Martin. Resolution passed.

MOTION Works, second Nelson to approve the \$2,400.00 payment to Architecture Technology for the initial retainer fee on the new fire barn; motion approved. St. James Township will share half of this bill.

Bill McDonough has requested our \$1,000.00 contribution to the Partnership Fund. Works will request a detailed accounting of these funds.

MOTION Works, second Morgan to hire Jean's Lawn Service to do the seasonal grass-cutting at the Peaine Township Hall; motion carried.

MOTION Lanier, second Works to approve the additional cost not to exceed \$1500.00 on the zoning ordinance by our planner; Gosling Czubak; motion approved. Cost to be split with St. James Township.

Dust control is scheduled to come over on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

Planning Commission has approved a 4-way split on the Old Rectory property. A public hearing will be held on the Pingel and Schwartzfisher gravel pits. Master planning survey will go out to all residents and property owners.

### School receives Handhelds

The BICS just learned it has been awarded a Grant from *LEADing the Future*. "There were seventeen applicants for this grant, and it was extremely difficult to select one school district to receive this award from among these outstanding applications," said Marion Ginopolis, MI Gates Project Director. "The grant went to the 92-student Beaver Island Community School District. In her application, Kathleen McNamara cites the following potential benefits to students:

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business: eating the gourmet food provided by the staff and several friends, all under the guidance of Chef Deborah Harwood.

There was no trace of work at the party, yet the mechanics were back at it early Monday morning.

## Overdue Books?

Our fine library is feeling a draft—the wind is blowing through spaces in the racks that should be filled with books. Particularly Danielle Steel, the entire section on making beer and wine

(a dangerous combination, these three), and books about the Irish. Barb Cruikshank, our Librarian, announced that no fines will be charged—so please, just bring them back.

## Homeland Security and the Emerald Isle

On May 9<sup>th</sup> our ferry, the *Emerald Isle*, was part of an extensive exercise. She agreed to delay her trip to the Island by a couple of hours in order to be part of a simulated highjacking and recapture at sea. The complicated plan involved the Coast Guard, the F.B.I., Michigan State Police, and the

Charlevoix County police. As the scenario worked its way to conclusion, the Coast Guard, F.B.I., and State police teams launched boats carrying snipers in an effort to re-take the ferry and rescue the hostages. This was the first drill of this magnitude to be held in northern Michigan.

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## Charlevoix County Commissioners

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on April 23, 2003. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the April 23 meeting as presented. The Board was presented the 2003 Analysis for Equalization. Motion approved Resolution #03-024, Adoption of the Equalized Valuations as listed in the 2003 Equalization Report.

Motion approved Resolution #03-025, Re-Location of Magee Road.

Motion approved the document imaging project be put out for bids.

Motion approved Resolution #03-026, granting application to the Michigan Coastal Management Program, and authorizes the Chairman to sign application.

Motion approved Resolution #03-027, Household Hazardous Waste Contract, disposal of household hazardous waste, and authorized the Chairman to sign said contract.

Motion approved Resolution #03-028, purchase of delinquent taxes for 2002. Motion approved Resolution #03-029, amendment to PZC Agreement, and authorizes Chairman to sign said amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #03-030, 2002 Annual Investment Report.

Motion authorized Chairman Kur to retain defense council for lawsuits filed against the County.

Motion adjourned the meeting

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at on May 14, 2003. All Commissioners were present. Motion approved the minutes of the April 23 meeting as presented. Bud Shipstead presented the Council of Governments annual report. Mary Beth Kur, Prosecuting Attorney, presented the annual report for Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (S.A.N.E.)

Motion authorized the Chairman to sign off on the Xerox Connect contract as completed. Motion approved the Request for Proposal for the imaging project with the addition of the RFP changes-attachments page and advertise the same. Motion authorized the Chairman to sign the amended contract between the County and the Lake Louise Christian Community. Motion approved Resolution #03-031, Real Time Video Recorder. Purchase of a recorder from Jail Equipment funds.

Motion approved Resolution #03-

032, Section 5311 Operating Authorization, and authorized the Chairman of the Board to execute. Motion approved Resolution #03-033, Lake-to-Lake Trail, development of a motorized/non-motorized trail from Lake Charlevoix to Lake Michigan.

Motion approved Resolution #03-034, Interim Equalization Director. Appointing Assistant Equalization Director W. Thomas Wolf, Interim Equalization Director.

The next meeting will be at the City Hall in Boyne City on May 28, 2003 at 7:00. Charlevoix Board of Commissioners will hold a special county board meeting with Emmet and Cheboygan Counties on Wednesday, May 21, 2003 at 2:00 at the Headlands.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

—Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

## Chamber Increases Off-Island Advertising

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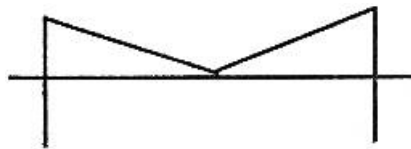
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## Making a Walleye Pond

Beaver Island fishermen have long lusted for walleye fishing here. At various times the talk fused into action, but each time the action fell short. Wildlife Club president Jeff Powers thought he'd worked out the details with the DNR's Tom Rozich, but there were last-minute complications. Five years ago the plan to build a walleye-rearing pond was hatched, but it seemed likely to go the way of other ambitious plans (one pond was built south of McCauley's Road, but it was ruined by beaver) when the contractor who had been hired to dig the pond on land at *Applewood* was called away. The funding would disappear if work wasn't done by June 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Wildlife Club rose to the challenge. Gary Morgan and Doug Tilly brought their loaders, and Doug and Bill Detwiler offered their tractors. Long-time walleye *afficionado* Ivan Young climbed onto one of the loaders. They spent 10 hours a day for 5 days shaping a half-acre hole in the ground to fit the requirements, and stacking the 5,000 yards of dirt into neat piles for the County to remove. By Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, everything was set to go.

A 10-mill rubberized tarp cut to fit the hole was purchased for \$2,000. It was so heavy that ten people had trouble unpacking it, so Bill Detwiler strapped it

to his tractor and pulled it, accordion style, from its box. Twenty-two volunteers showed up to help. After the tarp was pulled into a 200'-long snake along one edge of the hole, and had one of its edges weighed down with trucks and rocks, they spread out and marched down the steep near side of the hole, across the flat bottom (carefully provided with a circular depression), and up the far side, holding the edge.

Then the task became to work out the few wrinkles and pull the tarp perfectly flat. Each time the tarp was lifted to be pulled, a gust of wind got under it, sending a coruscating ripple across its length. When this billow emerged at the far side, the heat it had acquired from the sun on the dark rubber made it like a blast from a revved-up furnace.

Once it was in place, the volunteers began to cover it with 6" to 8" of dirt. Shovels went into action, and the loaders and tractors began delivering soil. Reinforcements arrived: Jim Gillingham, with 16 of his students. His natural interest was augmented by an arrangement whereby CMU grad students would monitor the water quality and growth of the fish. They jumped in with shovels and rakes, and suddenly an overwhelming task was being finished. By mid-afternoon a generator was fired

up and Joe Nuke's old well (100' deep, with 18' of water in the pipe, and a windmill attached to supply a trickle to counteract evaporation) began to deliver 40 gallons a minute, a rate that filled the 40,000-gallon pool before dawn.

After the fry (1/4") were delivered, the next steps were to fence the pool to prevent predation and cover it with a net to keep birds from feasting. Within 3 to 4 weeks the fingerlings (2 1/2") should be ready for Lake Geneserath—if left here longer, they would cannibalize each other down to a single engorged fish left swimming slowly in a circle. To move them they'll be caught in a sieve. Then the dry pond will be planted with rye, and later flooded to create a natural plankton for food in the next cycle—this time \$300 was spent for a special algae.

If everything goes right, 25,000 to 40,000 fingerlings will be delivered to Lake Geneserath. Past plantings have already led to some good results: a 27" walleye was caught last summer there, and a 30" fish was taken this winter through the ice. The Wildlife Club intends to repeat this process over the next few years, and then to apply it as needed. In the meantime it will analyze the other lakes to see what kind of fish they could support. After all, this pond can be used for more than one species.

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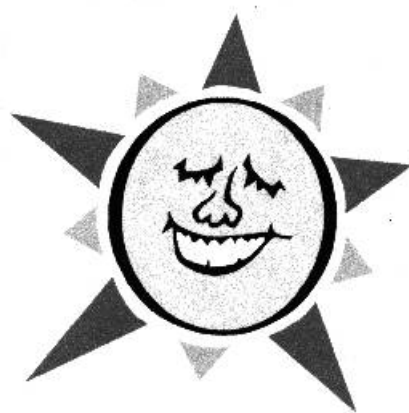
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## The Leadership Retreat

At the 5th annual Leadership Retreat, held on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 20 people had to deal with the frustration of a mainland contingent being unable to fly over because of fog. The purpose was to share accomplishments since the last retreat, agree on priority issues that affect most organizations for 2003, build skills to advocate at the state and local level, and plan effective strategies for the Lansing Reception. The original agenda for the morning was built around a presentation by Chris Kindsvatter, a Lansing lobbyist who represents several Northern Lower Peninsula property owners' associations. He had agreed to fly his own plane over, bringing materials on state government and contact numbers for new legislators, and coach the group on best strategies for the Reception. Facilitator Anne Glendon asked him to send his material to the Island for distribution prior to the Lansing trip.

Following the organizational reports, three subgroups were formed to discuss issues facing the Island in the coming year that should be priorities for advocacy and lobbying. Despite the many excellent points made by various organizations, there was a great deal of consistency. As each subgroup reported its findings, it became clear that some issues affect all Islanders. The issues that rose to the top as priorities in the coming year were:

- Loss of state funding to support BIRHC operations was unexpected and will cause great hardship and a substantial loss this fiscal year. We need to lobby for reinstatement of a minimum

annual state allocation of \$75,000.

- BICS is considered "out of formula" by the state, but the formula is based on assumptions about the availability of resources that are irrelevant (and inaccurate) for such a remote community. The result is that BI sends far more tax dollars to Lansing than it gets back, and the Community School is unduly penalized.
- The imposition of unfunded mandates for increased security should be waived. If the Boat Company is required to enclose the dock areas with fencing, screen passengers and freight, and comply with other security measures being discussed, it will drastically affect tourism and the transport of essential goods and materials.
- Coordinated communication of Beaver Island's unique character and needs must be shared with government, funders, the population at large, and permanent and seasonal residents; it must be timely and accurate.

Following closely behind the top four concerns were related issues that everyone saw as important:

- BI leaders should work with other islands and remote communities in the state (and maybe regionally) to obtain special status legislation so that punitive requirements are removed.
- There needs to be an overarching strategy for Beaver Island that all local organizations support and subscribe to. The Island is too small to work effectively with many competing agendas.
- Preservation of Beaver Island's culture and natural features is a priority for everyone.

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- It may be time to consider having a paid lobbyist for Beaver Island to monitor what is happening in Lansing and at the County level so we are apprised of impending decisions in time to advocate and educate legislators and department officials before a vote is taken.
- Affordable housing and assisted living accommodations need to be a part of the Island's development plans.
- There needs to be better information-sharing within and among Island organizations on an ongoing basis, not just at the annual Leadership Retreat.

After the reports and consolidation of issues, the facilitator gave a brief presentation on the legal rights to advocacy and lobbying. She also outlined the restrictions on tax-exempt organizations, and cited strategies for advocacy and building awareness that are most effective, including how to respond to current or impending crises. Many resources are available that offer excellent suggestions about how to be effective advocates; one of them is the Lobbying and Advocacy Handbook published by the Amherst Wilder Foundation, with sample worksheets included in the folders. Since the guest speaker was unable to appear, the retreat concluded with a planning session for the Lansing reception.

It was pointed out that this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> annual reception, and that the previous years have produced impressive local results, including: funding for dock improvements, a new ferry, paved roads and sewer system in town, \$1.5M for the new medical center, and improved relationships with legislators

and department officials. This year the challenge is to begin developing relationships with a whole new set of legislators, most of whom have never been to Beaver Island. Therefore the first strategy is to educate them about who Beaver Islanders are, what we stand for, and what we want from them. These action steps were agreed to:

1. Present a united front, know what we want and communicate it succinctly, and accurately tell why Beaver Island is important to the region and state, and why it merits their support;
2. Get information on legislators and their committee assignments from Chris Kindsvatter;
3. Create a Beaver Island Fact Sheet that provides a compelling case for our unique qualities and also compares our size and resources to other, more famous, islands; make sufficient copies so it can be distributed to everyone who attends the reception;
4. Create a Power Point presentation based on the Fact Sheet that can be given at the reception when we have the largest captive audience;
5. Put the four "talking points" agreed to as priorities on a 4"x6" card so every BI representative advocates for the four specific issues; distribute to attendees;
6. Organizations that need or want to deal with other issues (like housing, roads, township needs) should make separate appointments with appropriate officials.
7. Create nametags for Beaver Island representatives showing organizations they represent.

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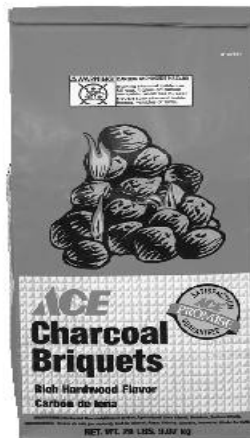


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## Summary of Reports from the Leadership Retreat:

*BITA:* Barb Schwartzfisher said that this has been a difficult year working through issues surrounding the relationship with the Boat Company. BITA is pleased that the two groups are coming together and that an agreement should be signed in the next week.

*PABI:* Judy Lanier reported that the group has met its \$500K challenge locally, and now will seek other funds in the hope of breaking ground for the Community Center by the end of the year. She also said the Preservation Association is returning to the values and mission on which it was founded, gaining greater clarity about the role of the Board and its vision for the future.

*BIPOA:* Krys Lyle cited the high turnout at last summer's Nature Lecture Series, held in conjunction with CMU Biological Station. This year they will host Dr. John Rowe from Alma on June 30 for a presentation on Painted Turtles; and Dr. Ed Leuck will speak on Alien Plant Species of the BI Archipelago on July 21. The group will do another roadside clean-up this year, and continue to help with the Recreation and Master Plans. Priorities include obtaining 503 (3)(c) status; placing a video on shore property management at the Library; and providing information to new and existing Island property owners.

*BI Wildlife Club:* Lois Williams said that their purpose continues to be preserving and protecting all Beaver Island wildlife, with a special focus on whitetail deer and wild turkeys. A representative from the Gaylord DNR office came to BI and met with club members. In all likelihood there will not be a turkey hunt this fall.

*BI Hospice:* This all-volunteer group provides home care and support at times of need. They work closely with the Med Center to assist patients.

*BI Boat Company:* Bill McDonough reported that the 40-year-old Beaver Islander and the Emerald Isle passed their inspections. They hope to resolve the remaining issues with BITA so an acceptable agreement can be signed. He commented on the potential impact of security regulations on Island transportation. He said most of the rules and procedures were created for large

urban areas and are simply not realistic for our resources. He warned that the costs and restrictions could be devastating for our economy and culture.

*BI Emergency Medical Service:* Gerry LaFreniere said that last year was their busiest ever, and this year is starting out to break that record; they have already had 13 emergency runs. Their hopes for 2003: to increase the number of people trained to give CPR; remote placement of defibrillators to improve the chance of surviving a heart attack; and having better emergency medical resources on the Island to compensate for time lost in the "golden hour" due to isolation and weather. BIEMS was celebrated as "Citizen of the Year" at the recent Chamber of Commerce banquet.

*BI Chamber of Commerce:* Steve West said the Chamber had its most successful year ever, with 97 full members and 15 associates. They have produced an expanded directory; launched the annual Citizen of the Year awards banquet; begun the Bite of Beaver Festival; and are working with the West Michigan Tourism Association to expand the shoulder season. They want to consolidate past gains and further develop the Bite of Beaver by including a 10K run and an old car festival.

*BI Housing Committee:* Pete LoDico reported on efforts to obtain funding to build 6 assisted living units on the site of the new Health Center. In response to 75 questionnaires, 15 responders applied for admission. They are obtaining 501(c)(3) designation.

*BI Historical Society:* Bill Cashman said the BIHS has become more focused and strategic in their planning and will concentrate on developing the Oral History project and taking a sequential approach to three building projects: 1) further development of the Heritage Park; 2) expansion and refurbishment of the Marine Museum and surrounding exhibits; and, 3) expansion of the Print Shop. BIHS will increase its collaboration with other organizations and the BI Partnership.

*BI Rural Health Center:* Barb Murphy said the Medical Center has been focused on issues related to building the new facility; overhauling and

improving the billing system; developing partnerships with mainland medical resources; establishing better communication and a more collaborative relationship with BIEMS; creating a sustainable funding base; and establishing a realistic budget and business plan. Priority issues include ensuring delivery of high-quality medical services; replacing or reinstating annual state funding; securing new funding for staffing and other resources; continual improvement of internal systems; and preparing for a smooth transition and move to the new facility.

*BI Community School:* Joddy Croswhite reported on a successful year despite deep concerns about funding and state cutbacks. The school celebrated passage of the Sinking Fund Millage, allowing for building improvements and maintenance over the next 5 years. They also are celebrating their strong academic program; receiving the Governor's Cup for the third year in a row; having a student place 16<sup>th</sup> in the State Geography Bee; receiving a grant from the Grand Traverse Band to implement the Strategic Plan; the creative arts program funded by MCACA; more stable Internet access; and first ever district wins in soccer and volleyball. Priority issues include implementing the Learner Support Program, which includes student mentoring; developing a strong community service learning program; and insuring better, more secure school funding.

*BI Community Partnership Project:* Jim Haveman said the Partnership Agreement now includes 30 signatories from key Island and mainland organizations, including most of those listed above, several from county government, and the BI Lighthouse school. The Partnership is actively supporting initiatives of local organizations, including providing letters of endorsement for grant proposals, supplying advocacy and leadership when requested, and providing access to state resources that have not been available in the past. They are planning a fall presentation by the MSU Extension Service on eco-friendly tourism and economic development.

## Beaver Island's Lansing Reception

Many people deserve a round of applause for making the Lansing Reception the best ever in terms of organization and effectiveness. Attendees from the Island were well prepared with strategies on how to present their case to the legislators and department officials, and their efforts were rewarded by good attendance and substantive discussions before, during, and after the reception. A number of follow-up meetings have already been scheduled.

Representatives from many Island organizations gave a warm welcome to the state leaders. Prior to this, individuals pressed their causes with specific legislators, but during the reception everyone focused on issues with Island-wide importance. The recent Leadership Retreat, which focused on tools and techniques for effective advocacy and lobbying, identified four areas that affect all community interests:

1. Beaver Island is very creative in making the most of its resources, but we send far more tax dollars to Charlevoix County and the state than we get back, and we can't meet our

needs doing this.

2. The Island requires special consideration when it comes to formulas for health care and the school because they are based on assumptions about our resources that aren't valid for such an isolated, small community.

3. We need the County and State to provide equal access to basic services like telephone connectivity, area-wide toll free dialing, health care, and educational resources that are readily available to mainland residents.

4. Homeland security mandates need special handling with remote communities. Ferry and air transport is a lifeline, and new requirements threaten the Island's fragile economy.

These events don't just happen. Once again, Bill and Tammy McDonough deserve an ovation for pulling everything together and handling the arrangements. That work isn't glamorous, but it's essential to making the reception worthwhile. Tammy sent invitations to all the key officials and legislators and their staffs. She also managed the catering arrange-

ments so food and liquid refreshments would arrive on time. Everything looked as good as it tasted, too. Pat Anderson, Connie Wojan, Barb Murphy, and others lent a hand with last-minute decorations and distribution of materials.

In the meantime, Bill McDonough made arrangements for the reception room, finalized a date that worked for the largest number of people, arranged for Boat Company transportation, and helped make connections with representatives of Island organizations and many key legislators and department officials. If you think it's tricky to schedule a dinner party for 8 people, try increasing the number to 50 or more, especially when everyone has extremely busy lives and a 400-mile round trip is part of the challenge! Expenses were covered by special funding from St. James and Peaine Townships as well as a small residual amount in the Partnership fund. It was money well spent.

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materials ever seen, another need identified at this year's Leadership Retreat. A lot was accomplished at the Retreat, including targeted planning of how to make the most of the reception. Jeff Cashman was asked to create a fact sheet on BI issues for which the Island needs state support; Connie Wojan provided the text in this team effort to produce a colorful, accurate, and succinct summary of both immediate and long-term priority issues.

Jeff also created a Power Point presentation with views of the Island that demonstrated both the beauty and the challenges of living in such a remote community. Kitty McNamara supplied her laptop, projector, and know-how so the CD ran continuously during the reception. This augmented the snazzy new Chamber brochure, recent editions of the *Beaver Beacon* and *Northern Islander*, and a booklet on the history of community health care that was privately funded. Congratulations to all who were involved. Their efforts benefitted the entire community.

—Anne Glendon

## About the Master Plan

Peaine Township's extensive effort to take the pulse of its residents is starting to pay off. Last year its Planning Commission conducted study groups in which it solicited input about the kind of future they desired for the Island, and now that information has been collated and analyzed. Some of the interesting ideas:

Most of Peaine's residents want it to remain rural and wooded;

Of the nine issues, protecting the environment ranked first;

Junk, trash, and debris should be removed, and green belts planted around businesses;

No lots should be created that are less than ten acres;

Most groups favored dirt roads over blacktop—but with dust control;

Access to state land should be improved, and labeled with signs;

Many wanted to hurry the Peaine Fire Station, with space for the EMS;

Groups were split on the value of developing the Township Airport;

And at each step, make sure the public continues to have a voice.

## Yellow Ribbons & Posters

Beaver Island AmVets Post 46 acknowledges the patriotism and support of our military men and women shown by displaying flags, yellow ribbons, and posters supporting our brave military, nationally and internationally. Much time and money have been donated in honor of our valiant troops.

We also want to recognize Sally Davis, Peg Hoogendoorn, Nancy White, and Carol Wierenga for making, distributing, and placing the yellow ribbons throughout our community. Two miles of ribbon and 120 hours of their time in producing the ribbons, not to mention the many hours placing them, deserve a huge thank you!

We thank Michelle LaFreniere, along with the many Island youth who spent so much time designing their beautiful posters supporting our men and women in the military. Michelle is doing a great job helping to instill the patriotism that all Americans feel.

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## Daniel J. Green

Daniel J. Green, 82, formerly of Detroit, died Monday, May 19, 2003, at Penfold Adult Foster Care Home in Charlevoix. Mass of the Resurrection was held at noon Thursday, May 22 at Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Rev. Patrick Cawley officiated. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Daniel was born on April 2, 1921 on Beaver Island, the son of Anthony and Mary (Boyle) Greene. He served with the U.S. Army in Europe during World War II from 1942 to 1945. Daniel was employed by the Ready

Power Company in Detroit as an electrician. After his retirement, he was self-employed in refrigeration service.

Daniel is survived by his sisters, Bernell Burke of Ludington, Rose Connaghan of Beaver Island, Lill Left of Charlevoix, Mary Margaret (Ed) Breden of Glenview, Ill., and brothers, Anthony (Betty) Green of Ludington, and Russell (Joy) Green of Beaver Island. He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita, in 1998.

Memorial contributions may be made to Holy Cross Church.

## Margaret Lucille Way

Margaret Kenwabikise died at home in Elk Rapids on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at the age of 57, surrounded by her family. She was born on Beaver Island on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1946, the daughter of Paul and Isabel (Wabanimkee) Kenwabikise. A member of the Grand Traverse Band, Margaret's ghost suppers were legendary among tribal members and friends. She was also a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

She enjoyed hunting and fishing.

She is survived by husband, Daniel Dwayne Way; daughter Brenda Lee (Brian) Romitti; sons Albert Eugene Bolton III and Jack Demsey Bolton;

stepson Jeremiah James Way; 8 grandchildren; brothers and sisters John Kenwabikise, Caroline (Orville) Ramey, Nancy (Denny) Harris, Pauline (George) Anthony, Sarah (Jack) Bray, Robert Kenwabikise, Mary Halpin, Leonard (Peggy) Kenwabikise, Joseph (Cheri) Kenwabikise, Aleta Doris Kenwabikise, Diane Kenwabikise, and James (Barb) Kenwabikise; her uncle Patrick (Virginia) Wabanimkee; and her nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was greatly loved and will be truly missed. Margaret's grandchildren were her joy, and she loved all of her many nieces and nephews.

## Robert B. Smith

Beloved father, grandfather and great-grandfather, passed away on Wednesday, April 9 at age 89. Dr. Smith was a long-time summer resident of Beaver Island, from 1952-1988. He was born on October 16, 1913 in Andong, Korea, the son of medical missionaries, Roy K. and Lura M. Smith. He goes to join his beloved wife Elaine M. Smith, whom he married in 1941 and who predeceased him in 1984. He was a member of Eastminster Presbyterian Church in Grand Rapids and Spring River Presbyterian Church in Arkansas.

Dr. Smith served as an Army physician in Europe during World War II and practiced internal medicine for 35 years in Grand Rapids. He was an expert in Japanese and Korean stamps, an enthusiastic rock hound and silversmith. After retirement he volunteered at a hospital in Arkansas, and began an indulgence of an artistic streak. Surviving are his son and daughter, Stephen M. and Sherrill L. Smith; his grandson and granddaughter, Kevin M. and Katherine L. Smith; his brother, Albert M. Smith and sister-in-law, Mary Smith. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife, and by his brothers, Kenneth and Rodger Smith.

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The weather for this brief Normandy-like invasion will be, in a word, GREAT! I mean it is going to rock. Lots of sunshine, evening showers, high temps. The water will be warm early and should stay that way through half of September. The reason for this is that there is so much less water to heat. Still, it promises to be a beautiful summer replete with all of the trappings: bugs, sunburn, cops, late night soirees, and loads, LOADS of people. Hey, it's all part of Paradise.

—Liam Racine

## Camp Quality Returns

Once again the Camp Quality kids – cancer patients and survivors, 14-18 – will spend an extended week-end on Beaver Island. This June 13<sup>th</sup> through the 16<sup>th</sup> will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> year for them to be here, and they've added some events, and chosen “Exploring the Native American Way of Life” as their theme. They'll tour *Deerwood* and then meet with Skip Duhamel to watch him carve a new Totem Pole and pick up some tips, and then gather at the Stone Circle for a talk about its possible significance by Don Meister. CMU will show them around the Bio Station and Miller's Marsh, and they'll have lunch on the Dawsons' porch and climb the Big Rock.

The Youth Consortium is going to make a presentation, and Dalwhinnie will pack them picnic lunches. If they have time, they'll ride bikes around town, Gull Harbor, and Donegal Bay. They love their time here, and we thoroughly enjoy seeing happy expressions on their faces.

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Letters to the Editor

## Thanks to the EMTs

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After throwing on a running suit I raced to town. Sue was already there. She took my vitals, but had no luck with an I.V. Suddenly the room was full of EMTs. Bev and Mike tried each arm for the I.V. Joe finally succeeded, although imperfectly. He wrapped up my arm to immobilize it.

Someone asked, "What's the verdict?" "He's going over immediately," Sue said. The team immediately jumped into action. Bill McDonough called Leone to tell her what was going on. Someone else called Paul at the airport. Someone called Tony at the Charlevoix Airport to get our car to the hospital, and someone arranged to have an ambulance waiting on the runway.

I was wheeled into the ambulance on this side and driven to the airport. Paul was already waiting in the plane. My wife was there too, and got in with me. After a flight that seemed much longer than it was, a second ambulance took me from the Charlevoix Airport to the hospital, where Dr. Stewart was ready to go to work on me. Luckily he quickly had me fixed, and soon I was joking with the nurses and inviting all the personnel to come to Beaver Island. On Sunday they made me leave their caring ministrations and go home.

How fortunate we are on Beaver Island to have the Health Center and our EMTs, and the always-ready service of Island Airways. To those who might criticize the system we have in place, just consider what I went through, and how professionally I was treated at every step along the way.

—Chuck Schellenberg

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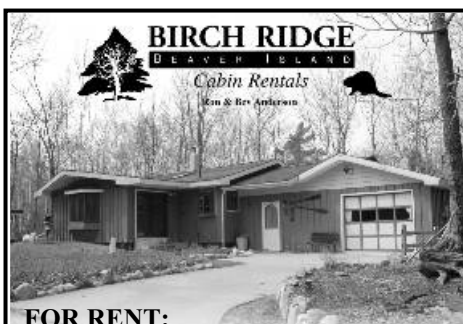


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