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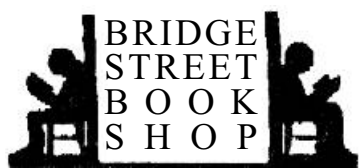
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The Greene Family Reunion

Early August saw the arrival of eighty-nine descendants of Anthony "Nig" Greene (son of White Dan, from Arranmore) and his wife, Mary Boyle, Red Hughie's daughter. The extended family spent much time at the farm in Greentown established by White Dan in 1872.

Anthony and Mary's living children (there were 13 born) are Russell

Green and Rose Connaghan on Beaver Island, Bernell Burke and Anthony Greene of Ludington, Lillian Left of Charlevoix, and Mary Margaret Breeden of Glenview Illinois.

Good food and activities for the children were organized by Joy and Russ Green and their family. Visiting and reminiscing were enjoyed by everyone, and boy did the stories flow.



The Caledonia anchored in Paradise Bay in late July

A Summer of Tall Ships

First it was the *Dennis Sullivan*; then the *Amistad*, followed by the *Niña*. But the tallest was the *Caledonia* from Halifax. This Barquentine-rigged 240' ship with a beam of 30' and masts of 145' sailed into Paradise Bay between shows in Bay City and Chicago. She started life in 1947 as the *Akurey*. Built in England, her first duty was in Iceland. In the 1960s she underwent a

makeover to become the *Petrel V* for oceanographic research out of Quebec. Now renamed *Caledonia*, and undergoing another transformation, she will be the largest Class A sailing ship built in Canada in over 100 years and the largest Tall Ship in North America to carry passengers and trainees. She seemed quite comfortable anchored safely in Beaver Island's tranquil harbor.

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BIPOA Annual Meeting

On July 28th Beaver Island Property Owners Association members met in the Peaine Township Hall to review the past year and plan for the one to come.

Connie Wojan addressed the 42 people present about BIRHC news. Construction of the new facility was proceeding on schedule, she said. Grant money was in hand, plus the Board was conducting fund-raisers such as the truck raffle. She assured everyone that despite the non-renewal of Susan Meis, coverage was in place. The Transition Manager was proving to be of great help in organizing the operation, and she was extremely proud of her fellow members on the BIRHC Board.

The Treasurer's Report showed expenses of \$3,176 versus income of \$2,112, an imbalance amplified by three bills being carried over from the previous fiscal year. The good news was that BIPOA still had a positive balance in its checkbook, plus a CD worth over \$6,000.

Jack Kelly then passed out copies of the first draft of a Recreation Resource Report. CMU had provided substantial assistance, he said, while refusing compensation. The next step would be to draft a 36-page report and put it out for the DEQ and other groups to comment on. (Distribution of this 36-page report is underway at the time of this writing.) After a public meeting, a refined version will hopefully be incorporated into the new Master Plan. Then the document could be used as part of an

attempt to procure off-Island funding for such projects as trail development. It could also become a cornerstone in a comprehensive 3-year land use study.

Jack asked BIPOA to formally support a land use plan, which it did. He thanked Pam Grassmick for her efforts towards obtaining 501(c)3 status, which is in hand. In her remarks, Pam quoted Paul Glendon as having said that the survey has been finished and would soon be approved for mailing by the Planning Commission.

Marty Maehr talked about the progress his committee has made: two manuals, one for property owners, the other for home owners. A suggestion was to also create a visitor's manual to help make people aware of how fragile our beautiful endowment is, and how to protect it while enjoying it. Jim Haveman seconded the importance of having a stewardship document to pass out.

Krys Lyle discussed the ad hoc trails group that had identified over a dozen unused public access sites and was working to expand and identify their access. She mentioned that the revised zoning ordinance is now in its 6th (and hopefully last) draft.

Before closing, Renaissance woman Doris Larson organized the group into two parts and assigned them each a refrain about picking up trash to keep Beaver clean. After brief practice the two chorale groups sang a few rounds to imprint the message, and then gave her a stirring round of applause.

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The Lumberyaard Party, part 2

August 10th presented Beaver Island with a beautiful evening: a calm sky, a full moon glancing off the harbor, and, from Jeff Powers' lumberyard, the riffs of familiar old-time pirate music manufactured by a dazzling one-man band, Beans, known in the daylight hours as Mike Gardner. Two hundred people were glad to let Jeff Powers give something back to the Island by providing free drinks and a variety of tasty dips and chips and other treats, and Beans' music, a blend of Irish ballads, Jimmy Buffet versions of Bob Dylan songs, and a pastiche of all the songs he's ever heard and liked. Planks were set down on concrete blocks to accommodate the festive crowd, who cheered Beans on and gladly sang out answers to Beans' musical riddles: "Who's the greatest pirate of them all?" The correct response was "Edward Teach, or Blackbeard to ye lubbers," but the sentiment behind the word was, "You are, oh mighty musician. Aar aar!"

As was the case last year and at many Island musical events, the kids were the first to get up and dance. They formed a line, these inspired five- and six- and seven-year-olds, in front of the stage, and hopped about in time with

the music, gracefully parting to accommodate the occasional adult whose bones began to vibrate to Beans' guitar and harmonica, amplified to fill the night. Every third song, it seemed, involved a quiz to the audience, with the winning answer earning whomever offered it a free swig of hundred-proof Caribbean rum. New arrivals felt the influence of the all-encompassing rhythms and danced down the aisle to where the kegs and wine cartons were sitting on a table, glad for a momentary respite from what has been an arduous summer.

People of all ages rubbed elbows and shared enthusiasm for the concert. Those sitting on 22'-long 2 x 12s began to bounce, as if there were an unofficial contest to see which group could break theirs first and tumble onto the ground. Thankfully they bent but did not break—the motif of the Island during the hectic June and July. In the end Beans sold 32 CDs; no one did anything they had reason to regret come Monday; and people were left feeling thankful to Jeff Powers and his family for having become such an important part of Island life—the prevailing sentiment was, next summer it's our turn to throw an equally fine party for *him*.

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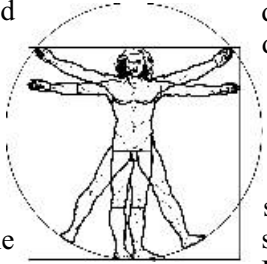
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Community Health Fair to be held September 13

The Beaver Island Community Health Fair will be held at the Community School on September 13th, from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. The event is free and sponsored by the Beaver Island Community School and the Beaver Island Health Center, with assistance from Beaver Island Hospice and a number of health professionals and organizations.

Screening (at cost or for a minimal fee) will be available and include cholesterol, blood pressure, adult tetanus (\$10), prostate, vision, and hearing testing. Bone density testing will be conducted at the Health Center for a \$5 fee. The Karmanos Mobile Mammogram Unit will also be on the Island and appointments must be scheduled in advance by calling the Health Center at 448-2275.

Highlights include Dr. Brad Grassmick's demonstration of a heart



dissection at 10 am. He will discuss how diet, exercise, and factors like smoking can impact the heart. Booths include dental health, mental health, senior services, nutritional snacks, pet health, and Hospice and Helping Hands. Hospice will also be raffling a painting of the south end lighthouse by artist Dodie Bedford.

Drawings for a variety of health-related door prizes will be held. Items include fire extinguishers, health books, first aid kits, smoke detectors, and digital thermometers. Beaver Island fire trucks and EMS vehicles will also be on display. Co-chairs of the event, Pam Grassmick and Audrey Beilman, are hoping for a good turnout. "A lot of effort has been put into this Fair, and there is something for everyone," said Beilman. "We hope the entire community will attend."

An Island Grandchild

Dean and Jodie Cady of Mason announce the birth of their daughter, Maclaren Aisling, on May 15 at Sparrow Hospital. She weighed seven pounds, thirteen ounces.

Grandparents are Dennis and Betty Cady of Beaver Island, formerly from Mason, Julia Beck Boyd of Lansing, and Robert & Jerry Boyd of Saginaw.

Maclaren joins a brother, Declan.

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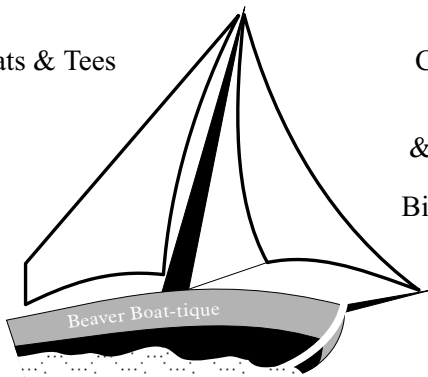
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CMU 2003 Art Show

Once again artists from all over America flocked to the CMU Beaver Island campus to take the art classes CMU offers every summer. After a period of setting up in front of favorite Island sites to commemorate them in water color, the class hosted an art show on August 15th to display its accomplishments. The artists were unobtrusively available to talk about their work. By and large they had similar views: the intensity and purity of their time on Beaver Island had changed their lives for the better, and, yes, they intended to come back again.

The art show began in the courtyard outside the main hall, which was devoted to exhibiting professionally done and yet excitingly innovative ceramics. Inside, the cafeteria area was given over to the production of the paper-makers (plus a few examples of conceptual art), amalgams incorporat-

ing a variety of unexpected materials (onion skin; stalks of sweetgrass) that provided a ladder into the heart of the question of what paper is. A certain playfulness was evident in the papers, which frequently were gathered into one or another kind of small book: some sheets and covers bore the imprint of a sculpted stamp, or contained sprigs of organic material collaged onto their surface.

But the biggest treat, at least for the dozens of Islanders to wander through, was to see the abundant explosion of familiar images on the painting-bedecked walls of the main hall. The *Bob S*, the *Cisco*, the Whiskey Point Light – here they were, in a variety of interpretations pinned to the walls and taped to the drawn blinds, a sanctifying of the sights we see every day. The collective ambience was felt as a kind of reward. The





artists knew this was something special, although it seemed they could not quite say exactly why; but the way they were all bursting with joy implied they were privy to a secret about Beaver Island life. The paintings exhibited a wide variety of styles: a Picasso-like cubistic nude; a comic spider woman with its cleftic focus absorbing attention; several children with their faces flattened into a receptive unformed openness. But there was a common element shared by display after display, as if the wisps of fog that had been present on some of the painting outings had allowed shimmerings from the past to sneak into the Island's present. As the visitors moved from one artist to another, the cumulative joy became almost overwhelming; no one had expected to be so honored. But here it was, undeniable: the accouter-

ments of our daily life had been elevated into Art. The response was belated but universal: artists, thanks!

Featured on the Cover: *Stunningly beautiful paintings of the Harbor Light and the American Girl by Pat Tinney (as well as a beautiful windsurfer), Kristin (Still Ripples against the Dock), Jodie Dewey (Five Fish and Two Girls' Sand Castle), Janice Hannon (Harbor Scene)*

On the Back Cover: *Jamie Smith (Emerald Isle and Little Sand Bay), Kelly Fannin (Row Boat at the Signal Station), Terry Wilberding (Sunrise), Jodie Dewey (Slide), Doug Chambers (Head Lighthouse)*

Above and Across: *A four-part series by Sara Mullen, Pat Tinney (the Cisco), Janice Hannon (Harbor Light), Doug Chambers (Auburn Angel), Jeanne Fisher (Island Birches)*



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On This Date

Ten Years Ago This issue of the *Beacon* combined two months – September and October. The reason cited was the desire to publish before the listed month instead of after—one of former editor Chuck Hooker's many innovations.

The issue began by recounting another of Paul Welke's frequent exploits. In this one he was flying back from Traverse City on a charter flight when he received a radio message saying that another plane was in trouble because its landing gear had jammed. He turned around and headed back on an intercept course, met the crippled aircraft, and, in conjunction with the ground crew, helped work out a procedure to manually deploy the wheels. His passengers were impressed, and the supervisor of the Traverse City Tower wrote Paul a letter thanking him for "lending his professionalism, assistance, and cooperation to prevent a potential disaster."

The "Weather by Welke" report stated that the level of Lake Michigan was 10" above normal for August.

The Chamber of Commerce report mentioned the annual "Free Fishing Weekend" it sponsored, and appealed for donations to its Fireworks Fund.

Passings noted included Joyce Runberg's 95-year-old mother Betty Carson and fearless fighter for rights Joe Frank, the all-time "Lost Ball Champion" of the Beaver Island Golf Club.

The townships' minutes included a

report of a letter being sent to limit hovercraft use. Sherm and Gretchen Kantzer's application for an on-premise licence for beer, wine, and spirits was approved with one nay vote. Larry Malloy announced that new organization BITA had opened a checking account. The old Wicklow Beach Road, the Buff-Malloy Road, and the Bonner's Landing Road were being scrutinized. Tom Erber sent Peaine Township a Quit-claim deed for a 30' pedestrian easement to provide access to Lake Michigan to the public between Slavins' and State land.

A letter from Claudia Schmidt began: "I participated in the explosive meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals and thirty-two concerned citizens...." This was called to discuss a request by Island Telephone to build a 100' microwave tower on Slopstown Road, with a flashing red light. She was pleased that so much attention had been focused on this issue so that it did not become another case of something being done without the public being aware until it was hit in the face by the negative consequences.. "Let's take our time here, get the facts, and make our needs clear by showing up at meetings and helping to make a decision everyone can live with," she concluded. "It's the only sane thing to do."

Twenty Years Ago The *Beaver Beacon* reported that the Beaver Island team finished 3rd in the Homecoming Tournament. Music for the Saturday

Dance was provided by Danny and Jewell Gillespie, Edward Palmer, Ed Sobey, and Rich Scripps. The "Roasted on a Spit" dinner was quite a success, thanks to the efforts of headchef Peter Green.

Kyle Wojan's birth was announced, the impending marriage of Laurie McLocklin and Tom McDonough, and the passing of Isabel Kenwabikise, who had been born on Garden Island in 1919.

After a visit by the DNR to discuss the doe season with the Game Club, it was decided to issue 150 permits. A hundred went to landowners (who own at least 40 acres), who would only be allowed to take a doe from their own land. Worried that this would negatively impact the herd, the Game Club organized a "Doe Permit Burning" and urged concerned property owners to apply for the limited permits – and burn them on November 14th.

The *Beachcomber* reported having sold over 9,000 ice cream cones during the summer.

The electric cable malfunctioned, and the generators were humming full time again.

The Fire Department reported that a bonfire had been put out at Carey's, and news of a blaze at the south end of Font Lake proved to be a false alarm. A First Aid class was offered by the Red Cross: 24 hours of instruction for a \$6 fee.

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September/October *Beacon* carried a story entitled "Medical Center in Jeopardy." The year before, the 20-year-old facility was told by the Michigan Department of Public Health to upgrade, but when no matching funds from the state or federal government could be found, the plan that was created proved too expensive to implement. As a result the State Auditor became reluctant to continue the physician's subsidy. Readers were urged to write letters of support to U.S. and State Senators and Representatives.

Fred Floyd won the drawing for a new hundred dollar bill, a fund raiser for the Holy Cross Cemetery Fund, on the day of his 57th wedding anniversary.

The junior class at the Beaver Island school began hauling garbage as a way to raise money for a class trip. The *Beacon* listed the teachers for the fall semester--the last time they would all be nuns.

Weddings noted were Linda Arden and Kevin McDonough, Ruth Gregg and David Himebaugh, and Mary Anne Palmer and Roger Ferguson.

In Game Club news, partridge and woodcock were said to be ample, and rabbit as well. The number of deer was disappointing, but at least their predators also seemed to be down. It was hoped that a few more seasons of "bucks only" would restore the herd. Flights of geese heading south were almost an everyday occurrence.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon's* classifieds contained an ad for Christmas wreaths made by the DNR officer's wife, priced, for the 10" size, at \$3.25 – including shipping.

Four hundred people attended the Homecoming Dinner after the parade, which included a team of skydivers performing over the harbor.

The Sand Bay Campground registered 461 campers from Michigan (plus 105 from out of State) through the summer, prompting calls for its expansion. Campers came from as far away as Kansas, although Indiana was the best represented after Michigan.

Two interesting fish stories made it into print. In the first, Rogers Carlisle and some friends were fishing for smallmouth at Garden Island. Rogers tried to cast into a particular distant area, but a tern happened to see the flying bait and became tangled in the line. Rogers reeled it in but had his hand snapped at when he tried to free the bird. In the second story Dr. Haynes, who was fishing for rainbow trout at Fox Lake, was quite surprised when he reeled in "a big one" only to discover an immense water snake. Walter Wojan's record Lake Geneserath pike was mounted for display at McDonough's store.

The new Episcopal Chapel, a log structure built to seat 100 people, was dedicated on September 1st.

Albert Stephens returned after being

gone for 45 years. His parents, George and Jennie, came from New York to homestead the Valley Farm (at Hidden Valley.) George was a cooper here; his sister, Mrs. Clarence Bissell, lived at Gull Harbor.

A letter from Anna and Ira Hill was printed in which they described how they entered a lottery in a Chicago-area grocery store and won property at Cable's Creek. They arrived on the steamer *Columbia* to meet George Carter of Citizen's Realty at Nomad. They wound up contracting to have two cabins built. They spent the summer of 1917 here, becoming good friends with the Coles. Their nearest neighbor in the other direction was Dominic Gallagher at Beaver Head Light. In those days the trip from St. James could be done in a boat as quickly as overland, in a wagon drawn by a team of oxen: over three hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull and Mr. and Mrs. Peter O. Gallagher celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

Eugene Mooney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mooney, injured himself seriously in Livonia when he fell 20' onto concrete and broke his back.

The John Bonner Farm achieved centennial status, becoming the first in Charlevoix County. He had purchased 80 acres from the Farells, who had been under Strang's thumb, for \$200.

Note was made of the passing of Engle (Bing) Jensen, who was survived by his widow, Julia Cole.



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Tom Dorais 1921 - 2003

After suddenly becoming weak while preparing to tee off at the Bever Island Golf Course, Tom Dorais, 82, died on Thursday, August 7, 2003 in Madison, Wisconsin after a brief illness with cancer. He was surrounded by his family.

Tom was born January 25, 1921 in Spokane, Washington. He attended the University of Notre Dame and the University of Detroit. He married the former Mary Kay DiLworth on September 2, 1944 in Detroit, Michigan. Tom was a lieutenant in the Marine Corps in World War II and served in the Battle of Okinawa. He was personnel director for the Pontiac Division of General Motors. Tom was a longtime and avid Detroit sports fan, particularly the Lions, whom he briefly coached, and Tigers. He was the one who presented MVP Alan Trammell with a new car after the Tigers' World Series victory in 1984. He was a member of St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Middleton.

Tom is survived by his wife, Mary Kay; children, Susan (Mike) Serafa of Schaumburg, Illinois, Diane Broome of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Tom (Terri) Dorais of Kingston, Arkansas, Nancy (Jim) McDonald of Thousand Oaks, California, Mary Dorais of Tucson, Arizona, Patty Adolphs of Madison, Wisconsin, Bob (Molly) Dorais of

Malvern, Pennsylvania, Kathleen (Steve) Klei of Pleasanton, California, and Karen Dorais of Madison, Wisconsin; 28 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sons, Jimmy and Chuckie. He is further survived by a brother, Bill (Helen) Dorais of Wabash, Indiana; and a sister, Joan Robinson of Bozeman, Montana.

A memorial service was held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church in Middleton, Wisconsin on Monday, August 11, with Monsignor Douglas Dushack presiding. There was a memorial service at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island Thursday, August 14. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Don and Marilyn Anderson Hospice Care Center.

Tom was a long time summer resident of the Island, living in a home at Donegal Bay designed by his wife, Mary Kay. He served on numerous boards, and was much loved. He directed the new BIBC in the search that led to the hiring of Lynn DeGrow. Always willing to lend a hand, he was a huge help as the volunteer carpenter at the Island post office during the recent remodeling. He had a ready smile for all. Although his voice is now silent, his spirit will echo for years to come. Our sincere sympathy goes to Mary Kay and his family.

From Mary Kay Dorais

To all the wonderful, loving people on Beaver Island who made our recent loss of Tom more bearable deep and abiding "Thank you!" from the entire Dorais family.

That we should be so blessed to be the recipients of such an outpouring of love is a testament to the generous and spectacular nature of the Islanders. Tom was, and I am, privileged to be part of this great community.

To each of you, Vaya con Dios! In your daily lives. As our beloved Father Pat would say, "God bless!"

—Mary Kay

An Islander in Iraq

Scott McGinnity will be in Iraq until next April, and would appreciate hearing from friends while he does his duty:

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Charlevoix County Commissioners

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 pm on **July 23, 2003** at Whiting Park. Commissioners Snyder and Reinhardt were absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the July 9, 2003 meeting.

Ron Harris, Gaudette & Company, presented the 2002 Annual County Audit. Motion accepted the audit as presented.

Motion approved quote from MDC Contracting for graveled parking lot.

Motion approved repair of the Marine boat.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 pm on **August 13, 2003**. Commissioners Snyder and Reinhardt were absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the July 23, 2003 meeting.

Motion approved Resolution #03-051, awarding the document imaging contract to Imagesoft upon successful review of their contract by legal counsel, and authorizing the Chairman to sign said contract.

Motion approved Resolution #03-052, Child Care Budget.

Motion approved Resolution #03-053, Child Care Budget Amendment.

Motion approved #03-054, Amend Building Department Budget, purchase of laptop and required software.

Motion approved Resolution #03-055, Create New Fund for the Boyne Falls Village Water System bond sale.

Motion approved Resolution #03-056, purchase of additional credited service for retirement purposes.

Motion approved asking the Northwest Michigan Community Health Agency to consider including a septic inspection at the time of sale in their newly revised Code.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

—Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

Blood Drive Goes Over the Top!

The Annual Rita Gillespie Memorial Blood Drive held on August 7 under the auspices of the American Red Cross was a real success. Ninety-two people presented during the six-hour period that resulted in 82 productive units of blood. A tied record number of 16 first-time donors presented including a number of senior high students and recent high school graduates. Because the current blood supply in the state of Michigan has been at a critical level, this supplement was most welcome. The whole blood donation is divided into parts to meet various medical needs and

each donation can help up to three different people.

The success of this year's drive is again due to the many individuals who could donate and took the time to make this special "gift of life." Jeanne Howell, Connie Wojan, and Jerry Charbeneau, the Blood Drive Coordinators, do thank all of the individual volunteers and many contributors who make "donor day" possible. Special thanks go to the Beaver Island Boat Co., Island Airways, the Beaver Island Transportation Authority, the Beaver Island Community School, and the Beaver Island Lodge. Robert and

Lisa Gillespie and Richie and Laura Gillespie donated the specially designed T-shirts to each person who presented for the drive. Thanks also to the Beaver Island Christian Church, Holy Cross Catholic Church, and the St. James Episcopal Church for their congregations' donation of cookies.

The dedicated group of nurses, who vie for a position on this Northern Team was again led by the very able Mary Juneau, R.N. August 5, 2004 is the scheduled date for next year. Please put that on your calendar!

—Jerry Charbeneau



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Island Boodle

As part of the "Bite of Beaver Island" this year there will be a 5K/Run/Walk on Saturday, October 4th, 2003. The 5K Race begins at 10:00 a.m. And there will be a one-mile fun run for kids. Proceeds benefit the Beaver Island Sports Booster Club. The entry fee is \$20.00 until September 26th (\$35.00 family) or \$25 the day of the race (or \$40 for a family). There'll be medals for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place in the 5K race, and participants will get T-shirts and refreshments. For entry details, contact Gail or Mike Weede at 448-3195 or 448-2708. For more info and the entry form, see www.beaverbeacon.com/boodle



"Bite of Beaver" plans move forward

The Chamber continues to develop plans for this fall's "Bite of Beaver Island" on October 4th and 5th. The food festival itself will be held from 1:00 - 4:00 pm—and this year we're promised an even greater variety and more servings than last year, when the number of attendees took everyone by surprise. The Island's greatest chefs vow to make this special! For more information, please contact Deborah Harwood at 448-2239 or the Chamber of Commerce at 448-2505.

New Traffic Rules

As a result of increasing traffic and increasing complaints about golf carts, ATVs, mopeds, and scooters, the Charlevoix County Sheriff's Office will be taking a new direction in enforcement practices with regard to these vehicles.

The Sheriff's Office previously handled complaints directed toward these vehicles by issuing verbal warnings. From this point on the Sheriff's Office will respond to this type of complaint by first writing a warning citation and following up with Uniform Traffic Violations for repeated infractions.

To be specific, the Beaver Island Deputy Sheriffs will be targeting the operation of golf carts and ATVs on the public roadways. We will respond to violations with one written warning and a Uniform Law Citation for unregistered motor vehicle on a second offence.

There is one exception for golf cart use. Any one who can demonstrate a need to use a golf cart for transportation will be issued a permit by their Township. Sheriff Lasater is presently working with your township officials to develop language for an ordinance to regulate this use of golf carts.

In addition, we will be enforcing the helmet law for operators of mopeds and scooters. Anyone under the age of 18 is required to wear a helmet while operating a moped or scooter. Please remember, a moped is a two- or three-wheeled vehicle with an engine displacement of 50cc or less. A dirt bike with an engine displacement of greater than 50cc must be registered and have the proper safety equipment, including headlight, brake light, turn signals and front and rear brakes.

These regulations are not new to Michigan, but the stricter enforcement of these laws is new to Beaver Island. The Sheriff's Office is obligated to protect the citizens of Charlevoix County and this includes Beaver Island. I hope this letter serves as fair warning of the increased enforcement measures that will be taken. Again, this is in response to increased complaints regarding these vehicles.

—Deputy Sheriff Jim Campbell

BIHS Annual Meeting

President Alvin LaFreniere opened the Historical Society's 23rd Annual Meeting. He felt it has been a good year but was disappointed in the lack of interest in some of the Museum Week presentations, and the length of time it was taking to get DEQ permits for a revetment at the Marine Museum and a roof over the *Bob S.* Chuck Schellenberg distributed a financial statement showing that this year's income was higher and expenses lower than the projections in the budget, and said that, overall, Museum Week had been quite a success.

The Director passed out copies of his report. He described the work done at Heritage Park: the installation of a parking lot; the grading and filling; the removal of 41 pick-up loads of debris; the stacking of artifacts; the mulching and trimming; and the bringing in of donated pieces of equipment.

Robert Cole showed some of the footage from Marywood Academy in Grand Rapids, where eight nuns who had once taught on Beaver Island were interviewed. One of the Sisters described how they wanted to climb the tower at the Rectory, which was forbidden by their superior; but when she went to the mainland, two of them climbed it, watching each other step by step and not looking down. The view at the top was worth it, she recalled, to see all the inland lakes and the outer islands bobbing in the blue sea.

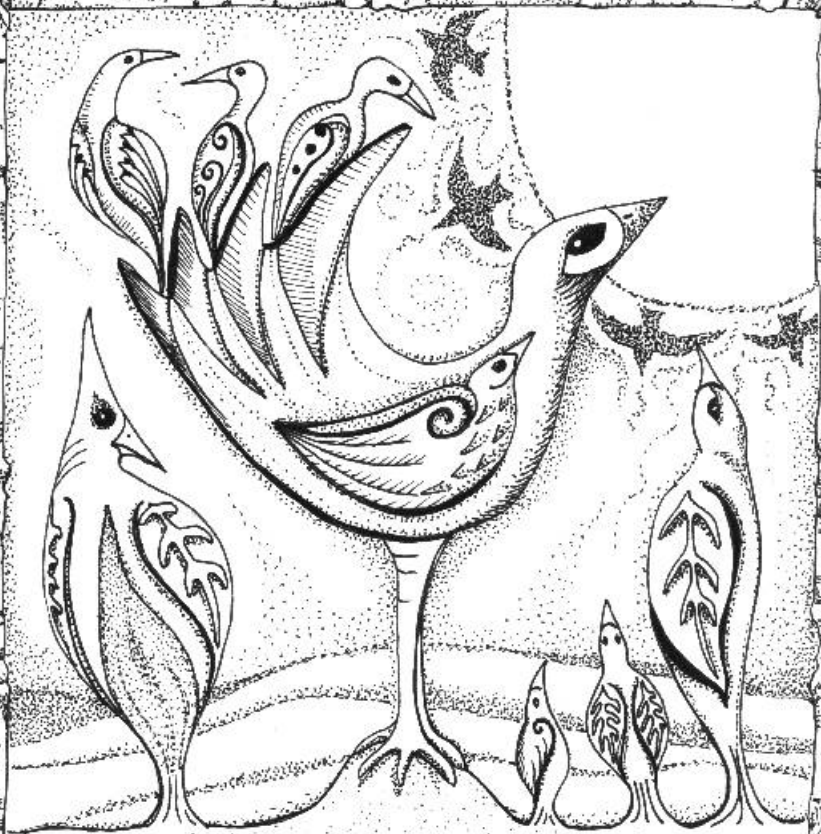
Volunteer Coordinator Joyce Bartels listed things accomplished by volunteers: keeping the museums open from Father's Day to Labor Day; making physical repairs; providing refreshments; supplying genealogical information to visitors; making signs for various events; and continuing to organize and protect the archives, to name a few.

Many in attendance had come to vote against changing the By-laws to allow the World Trade Center fragment to be placed at Heritage Park. Elaine West had announced earlier in the day that there was an agreement to install it at the St. James Fire Hall, but the vote still had to be taken. It was unanimous that the By-laws not be changed and the Townships congratulated for finding an acceptable location other than Heritage Park.

The Board also discussed the obstacles it faces to acquire the Cull house, and were worried that concentrating on this would result in other objectives failing to be met.

John Runberg was elected President, Rod Nackerman Vice, Kathy Ruis Secretary, and Chuck Schellenberg remained Treasurer.

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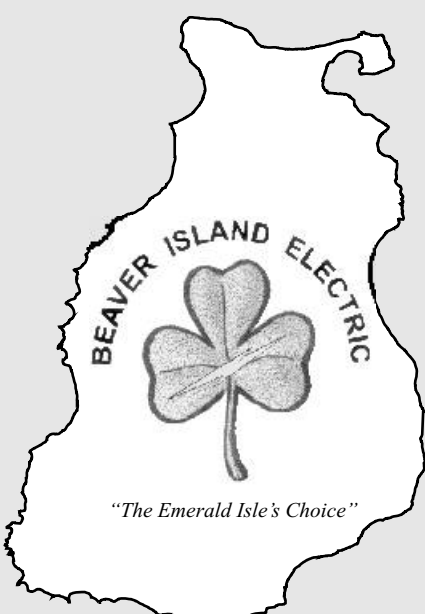
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News from the Townships

St. James Township, 8-6-03

Don Vyse opened the meeting by urging everyone to follow proper, polite procedures. He then filled in the Board on several matters. The bike trail writing contest had received a dozen or so entries which Gary Vogt's staff was judging. The tennis courts need work. The application to receive clear title to the Whiskey Point Light was sent on time by St. James' new partner, GLLKA. The Yacht Dock upgrade's funds are sufficient so improvements can also be made to the restrooms; the dock work itself should cost \$975,000 of the \$1.1 million. The new parking lot bids will be opened on 8-27.

The Charlevoix County Commissioners will meet on Beaver Island on September 22nd at Peaine Town Hall. Peaine has agreed to a partnership with St. James to see about repairs to the King's Highway. A low spot in the Donegal Bay Road is causing dust to splash onto the bike path. Arranmore Park needs weeding.

In response to a question, Don said that the Townships have a contract with the BIRHC, and that one of the stipulations is that it comply with the Open Meetings Act.

There was discussion of the Bike Path Ordinance, which will prohibit horses and all motorized vehicles except motorized wheelchairs. No art will be allowed on the asphalt. Dog owners will be encouraged to clean up after their pets. There will be no snowmobiles. Signs will be placed at all future driveway intersections.

Lois Williams made a presentation about creating an Environmentally Sensitive Areas Ordinance on the behalf of the "Egg Lake Seven." She began by distributing a paper titled *It Happened Then, And It Can Happen Again*. This described four tools that could help protect Beaver Island's sensitive areas: 1) a map of sensitive areas; 2) conservation easements or the outright purchase of sensitive land; 3) an adjunct to the zoning ordinance to protect sensitive areas; and 4) a policy of encouraging "Best Management Practices" through an appendix to the local ordinance.

Lois also distributed a letter of sup-

port from three CMU professors (Jim Gillingham, Gil Starks, and Dan Wujek), which described their attempts to quantify the degree of danger that existed for various sites by assigning each of them a number in the "Floristic Quality Index" (FQI.) This procedure was used at the Gull Harbor site, and at Donegal Bay, to ascertain what kind of protection it required, and the CMU professors offered to expand their efforts in order to help provide protection to other areas as well.

Lois distributed another paper that detailed the work done at those two sites. It included an inventory of plants, divided into families, and gave an FQI number to each one; the higher the number, the more conservation was needed. The average for Gull Harbor was 50.8; for Donegal Bay, 63.1. Unfortunately this material was so technical that the 40 or so people in attendance could not digest it quickly enough to draw the desired conclusion and Lois' plea to the Board to move forward by considering creating a strong Environmentally Sensitive Ordinance did not engender much support. And one property owner, seeing land that had been in his family since 1874 colored as sensitive on the large map Lois had brought, wanted to know how such a determination had been made since his property had been clearly posted and people asking for permission to study it had been told to keep out.

A letter was read in which PABI asked if St. James would share one of its wells with the Community House.

Helen Pike requested that she be allowed to continue using her burn barrel, with which she exercises the utmost caution.

Kirk McBride thanked the board for restoring the two lampposts that had been damaged.

Don Tritsch said it would be nice if the bike path were extended, at least to the boat launch on Font Lake.

Bud Cruikshank asked a series of pointed questions to get at the details of the St. James/Karnes property trade.

On behalf of the BIHS, Bill Cashman asked the Board to consider Arranmore Park as a site for the WTC

fragment. Grace Matela thought the Fire Hall would be a better location. The public seemed to agree.

Wendy White wanted the Board to know that she had registered a change in the BIRHC's attitude towards her. She discovered by chance that the details of her proposed contract were to be discussed at a meeting to which she had not been invited. She quoted a letter from last fall in which the BIRHC Board acknowledged the importance of subsidizing an Island dentist by providing quarters that would be, at least until her income rises, rent free as long as she paid the utilities, the maintenance and cleaning, and provided her own equipment. But once she spoke up to defend Sue Meis at a public meeting, she was told that an unnamed Board member had threatened to saddle her with such a high rent requirement that she would have to move off the Island. This was just an unsubstantiated rumor, she said, but then the Construction Committee asked her to consider paying \$5,000 for a separate electric meter – something that would stay with the building if she ever moved. She wanted to put the Town Board on notice that this was taking place, and asked it to support her so she could continue to provide the kind of dental care the Islanders have come to expect.

Peaine Township, 8-13-03

Twenty-two people attended the July meeting of the Peaine Board.

After the minutes were accepted, the bills approved for payment, and new furniture selected, some relatively routine business was conducted.

A letter was received in which Peaine was asked to urge St. James to upgrade the Yacht Dock facilities. Supervisor Works explained that Peaine owned a quarter of one of the yacht Dock's two lots, a situation that came about because at the moment of origin St. James needed some financial help. He stated that St. James carried liability insurance, and then remarked that perhaps it was time to sell Peaine's interest to St. James.

Peaine's Treasurer reported that she felt it was her duty to try to collect unpaid personal property taxes, which

went back, by her calculation, to 1992. There were seven outstanding amounts in '96, '98, '00, and '01, and nine in '99. Although there were 47 total unpaid bills, a few people who did not pay, year after year, accounted for most of the total. The Treasurer said that her interpretation of the rules indicated that if the arrears continued, the next step would be to institute proceedings that would result in seizing personal property.

Judy Lanier reported that the 7th draft of the Planning Commission's survey had been approved and would be sent out to Peaine's residents and property owners in early September. The MSU Extension had offered to help tabulate the responses. The biggest unanswered question, she said, was to what extent a professional planner should be used to interpret the results and translate them into the language of the Master Plan. One planner had estimated that his firm might charge around twenty thousand dollars to perform this service, but the Planning Commission, aware of how much else required funds for action, was leaning towards doing much of this itself.

Paul Nelson reported about a Charlevoix County Townships meeting he attended, at which sheriff George Lasater announced he would run for reelection (thus reversing his initial reaction to injuries he suffered on the job.) Lasater had reviewed his 25 years of service in making his decision, and had realized how much things had changed. He said in his early years the jail population averaged 3 to 5 whereas now it was 56. In 1977 1 female was arrested, but now it averages 5 a day. No juveniles were arrested back then, whereas now it's 1 or 2 a month. Most crimes were breaking and entering, but now they are alcohol related or assaults. In 1977 those arrested felt it was too bad they'd been caught, but put their heads down and waited for release. No days they are defiant and abusive, and frequently threaten lawsuits; last year, six actually went to court.

Connie Wojan appeared on the behalf of the BIRHC and passed out to the Board a sheet that summarized how the expectations raised in 2001 were

being met.

Terry Saxton commented on the poor state of Peaine's roads. He mentioned the deterioration of the King's Highway, but also stated that the gravel roads were worse than he can remember. The "chatter bumps" threaten to shake apart a car. He said he followed a County road grader and discovered that the chatter bumps seemed unaffected by its work. The Supervisor stated that rain is needed for proper compacting, and the basic material in the roadbed was not adequate – which he hoped would be rectified with the opening of the Pingel gravel pit.

Henry Hill reminded the Board that he had made a suggestion a few years back about how to regulate camper trailers, which are soon to be proliferating, but it was ignored: have the Boat Company issue a special permit when a ticket is bought, specifying intended location and duration. Then monitor it.

There was also a request to improve the launch at Fox Lake.



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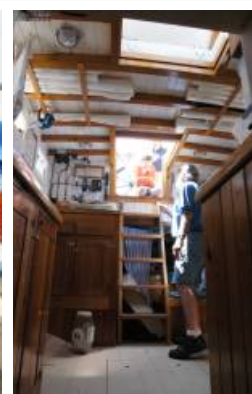
On Thursday August 7th we spotted an extraordinarily beautiful schooner at the Gillespie dock. As we walked up to ask when they might be sailing so we could take some photographs, we found several of our friends on board. It turned out to be my lucky day as the *Madeline* was just about to depart for an afternoon sail, and they had room for one more. And so with camera in hand, I jumped aboard.

Younger children donned life jackets, and some safety instructions were given. Then we slipped away from the dock and made our way to the middle of the harbor. The captain aligned his boat with the wind, and some of the passengers lent a hand on the lines with a series of smooth pulls. In one quick moment the sails billowed above our heads and puffed full of wind with the first strong gust.

After the stay-sail and jib were pulled taut, the engine was cut, and vibration gave way to smooth rhythmic creaks and the sound of the small waves against the wooden hull. Off the grid, we slid smoothly through the currents and out of Paradise Bay. We passed the ferry at the harbor's mouth, and the thoughts on everyone's minds about this meeting of ships from two different eras was somehow made more real by one of them being the *Beaver Islander*. Having stood on her deck so many times on the return to Beaver in the spring, and with memories of looking out her cabin windows on school trips, I couldn't help



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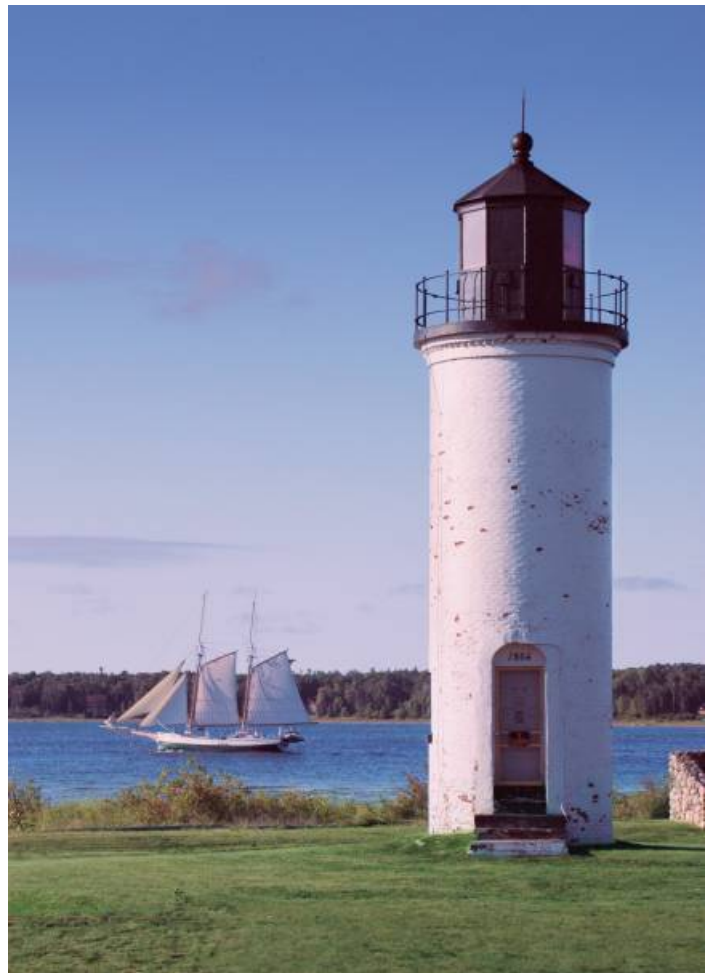


but envision the view her passengers had of us aboard the schooner as we looked out from under the masts gliding along with the wind.

As we made our way away from land, several children took a turn at the helm, and everyone was invited to tour the ship from bow to stern. We saw the berths where the crew slept, their kitchen with the original wood stove, and the water glimmering under openings in the passageway floor, constantly flowing slowly into the bilge only to be pumped out when it reached a certain level. Even being buzzed by a helicopter as we talked and read and watched an artist sketching the crew as they adjusted the rigging every so often while the Island glided by to the starboard, we couldn't help but feel we were in a time set apart.

Everyone should have a chance to sail out on the water and look back at Beaver Island from a fresh perspective now and again – certainly if you ever find yourself busy with work and forgetting the beauty the Island has to offer, a few hours on the Lake quickly reframes all the details of everyday life.

The wonderful Captain, Rod Jones, and the skilled crew (Pat Brennan, Norm Brokaw, Ron Adams, Sharon Daly, Glenn Hymer, Arvin Byle, Bob Veltman, and Woody Wright) deserve many thanks for an unforgettable sail. All who were on board hope this magnificent ship and her crew find their way back to the Island often and soon.



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Trudy Boyles 1910-2003

Gertrude Janet "Trudy" Boyles died Friday, August 15th at the age of 92. She was born in Clinton County, Michigan on October 29, 1910, the daughter of John and Katherine (Campbell) Findlay. She graduated from St. Johns High School, and from Michigan State University in 1932. On October 12, 1935 she married Dale K. Boyles. She moved from the Detroit area to Ann Arbor when he was transferred with the opening of the Parke-Davis Research facility there. In 1996 she and her husband moved their residence to Beaver Island and divided their time seasonally between the Island and Fort Myers.

Trudy was a member of the Christian Church on Beaver Island. This past April they entered Clinton Commons in St. Johns. Her health soon required her transfer to the adjacent Hazel Findlay Country Manor, where she died of congestive heart failure.

She is survived by her husband Dale; two daughters, Jane Boyles-Vissel of Ann Arbor and Kay Flournoy of Waterford; one son, Frederick, and his wife Barbara of Grand Blanc; two brothers, Loree and his wife Myrtle Findlay and Donald and his wife Glenna Findlay of St. Johns; three grandchildren; and three great grandchildren.

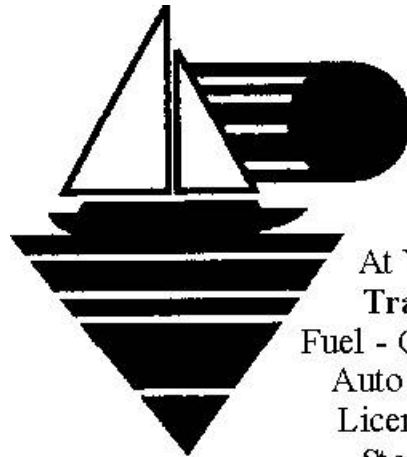
At her request, the only service was at the gravesite in Lowe Cemetery in Clinton County, close to the farm where she was born. Memorial tributes may be made to the EMS, or to the BIRHC.

From Dale Boyles

Trudy asked me to write, saying good-by, and that it was nice to have had so many good friends on Beaver Island. She died on August 15th.

—Dale Boyles

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One Hundred Years Ago

Charlevoix Sentinel, September 3, 1903 Local News: "Mr. Stebbins, formerly a Beaver Island lumberman, has been here several days with an alligator show, in a tent on the Masonic lot."

September 17, 1903 Local News: "Rev. Alexander Zugelder, of St. James, came over Monday, on his way to the retreat to be held at Big Rapids all this week."

September 24, 1903 Beaver Island News: "C. C. Gallagher is building a new barn."

"James Gordon is fishing with tug Badger."

"Peas are coming in more rapidly than ever."

"C. C. Gallagher is renting his dock to John Dahlmer for the fall fishing."

"Jas. C. Gallagher with schooner *Diamond* is in port with a nice line of fruit."

"John Dahlmer is fishing with sail boat at present, will rent tug later in season."

"Ed Pratt and Andrew F. Gallagher are in Charlevoix at the call of the court to serve on jury."

"Rev. Alexander Zugelder has been

away all week on retreat. He returns Wednesday of this week."

"Mr. Frank Lamphear of Charlevoix is on the Island to do the painting for the new schoolhouse."

"The St. James district school opened Monday morning. The new school building is rapidly nearing completion."

"Fall fishing has opened in full blast. Every available fishing craft is in the business. Returns are very good for the time of year."

"Mr. Hickey of Detroit representing McGraw & Co. Shoes spent Sunday on the Island doing business with our merchants the two previous days."

"The tug *Lillie Chambers* owned by Sam Rose and Lou Atlard of Charlevoix, is fishing from this port for the Wolverine Fish Co."

"Owen C. McCauley has his new house completed and has moved his wife and child over from the Squaw Island Lighthouse to go into his new home."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnston left on Monday for Chicago and Milwaukee points. Mr. Johnston will buy the winter stock for the B. I. Lumber Company."

"The steam barge *H. S. Pickards* of Big Rapids came into the harbor Sunday under pressure of the gale. She was loaded with fruit and coal enroute to Escanaba."

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BIRHC Disagreement Continues

On August 5th the BIRHC Board set out to conclude the meeting which had been interrupted by a heated confrontation the previous month, not knowing what to expect. As it turned out, the CCG (Concerned Citizens' Group) opposition had been given enough time to be able to channel its dissatisfaction into a concrete plan, which it calmly presented after the Board took care of its normal business. This consisted of approving the minutes of the previous meeting, reviewing the Health Center's finances, and discussing Board membership guidelines, contribution policies, compensation for Susan Meis, and the procedure for hiring a new practitioner.

The main question about hiring was: should the Board or the BIRHC staff make the call? For the first time there were more applicants than positions, so someone would have to decide who is selected and whether they would be contracted or hired as an employee. After much discussion it was agreed that the Board would confine itself to acting on the recommendations of the doctors (Newcomb and Mann) and staff, rather than conduct interviews itself.

Board president Connie Wojan then read a letter from the CCG in which the Board was urged to dismiss two of its members because of their comments at the 7-15 meeting. She declined to take this action, stating that in the heat of the moment certain comments had been made which were outweighed, by a considerable margin, by years of hard work and accomplishment. After asking the audience to conduct themselves appro-

priately, she opened the meeting to public comment.

The audience criticized the Board because not everyone on it considered the BIRHC to be their primary care provider. Barb Murphy pointed out that some people had unique medical conditions that required specializations not possessed by the BIRHC staff.

The CCG requests were repeated: that the Board dismiss and sanction two of its members, and that the board be expanded to 15 members to increase its diversity and more fully represent the Beaver Island community. The Board declined, citing the need for reason and continuity. But Connie agreed to put the possible increase on the agenda for the next meeting. At that point Paul Nelson said he thought 15 would be too many and that a decrease, not an increase, would make the Board more effective.

In response to a concern about finances, the Board said it was too early to accurately project any deficit but that the situation was now improving; more accounts receivable payments were coming in, and current billings were being kept up.

Kathy Speck offered a rejoinder to the CCG. "I'm a concerned citizen too," she said, but her concerns were that a kind of mob mentality was coloring the situation and that the Board's significant accomplishments were being overlooked by a focus narrowed to a single issue. Bill McDonough urged the audience to concentrate on the goal of providing good, long-term care. "This isn't a witch hunt," he said. "The Board has

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spent long hours trying to make decisions for the common good. We should support their extensive effort.”

As the meeting concluded, a marked decrease in antagonism was noted, although the CCG was still determined to press forward to achieve its goal of broadening representation on the BIRHC Board.

BIRHC Board Response to CCG

Unfortunately once remarks are made they cannot be taken back. All that can be done is to apologize. As I pointed out at the beginning of the meeting, Don Spencer has already publicly apologized for his inappropriate remark and Joe Reed has apologized for and acknowledged his inaccurate statement. In hindsight I can see that it would have been better if I had had the presence of mind at the time to state that the board did in fact disagree with the inappropriate remarks. But actions speak louder than spontaneous comments or the failure to make a specific comment in a very pressured situation. The board demonstrated its belief in the principles of the Open Meetings Act by listening to over an hour of public comment. Everyone who wanted to make a comment was allowed to do so. After public comment was closed and the board attempted to respond many members of the audience displayed very disrespectful and inappropriate behavior towards the board. I am aware of no apologies to the board by individuals who interrupted, heckled, shouted, or booed after we listened respectfully to them.

Nothing more can be done to change what was said or not said by the board at

our July 15th meeting. All we can do is move forward and continue to give our best volunteer efforts to ensuring the long-term welfare of the Health Center and the community, which needs it so badly.

No member of this board will be resigning because comments made under pressure do not outweigh hundreds of hours and years of dedicated service.

No member of this board will be resigning because I am absolutely confident that no member of this board has ever made a decision that was not based on what they believed was in the best interests of the Health Center and the community.

No member of the board will be resigning because each of us holds a piece of knowledge and experience, which is essential to the future success of the Health Center.

And finally, no member of this board will be resigning because we want to be there to support our extremely capable transition manager, Arlene Brennan. The only hope for permanent improvement of Health Center operations is to allow her to finish the job she has thus far done so well.

—Connie Wojan

Letters to the Editor:

Be it known to all who hear or see this letter that I, as of August 22, 2003 at 8:15 p.m., have never said the statement “I am going to sue Connie Wojan” nor have I ever planned to sue her or anyone else on the Board of Directors of the BIRHC.

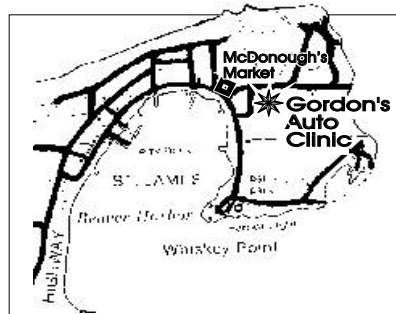
—Cathy Bauman

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An Open Letter to the Beaver Island Community

I sat in awe, silent, quietly taking notes, at the Beaver Island Rural Health Center's (BIRHC) board of directors meeting on July 15, 2003 as nearly 100 of my former patients requested the board reinstate me.

I listened to the reasons given to the public regarding the decision to not renew my contract as of September 30, 2003. On July 19, 2003 at the initial meeting of what has now become known as the Concerned Citizens Group (CCG), I requested that this supportive contingent of my patients focus on the most important issue, the delivery of health care on Beaver Island, versus on me. I attended the BIRHC's special meeting on August 5, 2003. I once again took notes and remained silent as the board discussed my compensation package in a public arena, in addition to other agenda items.

I returned to the Island yesterday, August 14. I was informed last evening that the board has now accused CCG of being responsible for the poor sale of the truck raffle tickets. I, now, feel it is time for me to express my position. I find this ironic. The decisions BIRHC's board have taken and wish the community to believe to be "right," in my opinion, only demonstrates their lack of commitment to the Island community and

health care in general.

The Concerned Citizens Group is aware that a change in the present BIRHC board's composition is needed. The board will be improved with the addition of new members who have varied backgrounds, especially those with strong medical backgrounds. A more diverse membership is required if this board is ever to truly represent this community. This change will take months even with the community's support. It will fail without it.

Those persons who signed the petition for my reinstatement and initially supported the CCG should be aware that I knew the present board would not reinstate me. I base this statement on previous and recent behaviors and events that the community is now aware of. Those of us who felt deflated upon leaving the carefully orchestrated special meeting on August 5, need to note that changes have occurred. The president was in control of the meeting. Specific goals were discussed and a mechanism established for the acceptance of new board members. An appropriate mechanism for the hiring of a new practitioner was established. There were community members present who disagree with the CCG's position. This is in the best interest of this Island's health care system because

full community participation is needed, now more than ever. I have expressed a strong interest in returning to this Island as a relief care provider following the reorganization of the board. I believe this can happen with the continued support of the CCG by the community.

I believe it is time for the board to realize that this situation could have been handled differently.

I believe that the two entities need to work together to resolve this situation, for they are one... **consumers of health care services provided by the Beaver Island Rural Health Center's professional and clerical staff.**

My family and I are relocating to the Mesick area. School begins August 20, 2003, which required us to accomplish our move in a timely manner. We plan to move the weekend of August 22-24, 2003. Once we move into our new home and have our new address and phone number I'll post it. I cannot thank this community enough for your support and love. I have formed many strong friendships in these two short years. Those of you who would like to keep in touch can reach me at my new e-mail address:

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The BIRHC Meeting of 8-19

After much anger and anguish on both sides, the regular BIRHC August meeting was quite well-mannered. An audience of 45 listened closely as the Board worked its way through a typical lengthy agenda. The minutes were accepted, the financial report approved, and several reports delivered. Pete LoDico explained the genesis and progress of the Housing Committee, including the fact that 3 of the 5 acres donated by the Traudt and Gill families were for senior housing. His organization has applied for a \$100,000 grant and intends to apply for \$140,000 in credits; it will then borrow the rest to build the first of three planned structures.

Joe Reed updated the truck raffle: with two weeks to go, 236 tickets had been sold, which included 36 to Board members. A Capital Campaign will seek to raise \$1.5 million over the next 3 years, which will be kept in a reserve fund from which the BIRHC will be able to borrow capital in an emergency. The Charlevoix County Community Foundation will manage this fund for a fee of 1.3%.

Thanks were given for in-kind contributions from Ed Wojan, Jim Wojan, Munson Hospital, Providence Hospital, Parker Motor Freight, and Universal Sign.

Information distributed included

some interesting facts about the Medical Center's patients. 12% have no insurance this year, up from 11% last year. Use of the Med Center is down 6%, although visits from residents have increased.

Construction of the new facility was expected to reach the 48% mark by the month's end, and was on schedule. The EMS had a particularly busy July, with 21 calls involving 28 patients. The dental office is averaging just under 70 appointments a month.

Development of the Board was discussed, for which there is a limit of 3 terms. Five candidates have submitted an application: Drs. Mark Folkening and Brad Grassmick, and Eula Thomas, Nancy Tritsch, and Angel Welke.

The question of how to bill Wendy White for the utilities was discussed. She was offered a flat rate of 11% of the building's utilities cost, based on her occupying 11% of the floor space. The other option was to install an electric meter, but no one wanted to pay the \$5,000 cost. Rick Speck said that a study could determine if this would be a good investment for the BIRHC Board.

The Transition Manager said 8 applications for the vacant position have been received, 4 from PAs and 4 from NPs. Some were eliminated, but 2 were interviewed by the staff and Dr. Newcomb.

Arlene also mentioned that collections have increased, and they're getting more of the old accounts settled. She passed out a comparison of the stated operational objectives with the results achieved so far; the Board will digest this and discuss it at the next meeting.

Jerry Sowa led off the public comments by suggesting that one billing clerk was all we need, but that person should be well-trained. Sharon Nix appeared on the behalf on the CCG to request written answers to six specific questions about the BIRHC Board's status, funding, and operation; some answers were at hand, but others were promised for timely delivery. Wendy protested the Board wanting her to pay \$5,000 for a meter, which would not be transferable to any other location and hence could not be considered equipment. Gwen Marston seconded an early comment about the importance of having an Island dentist.

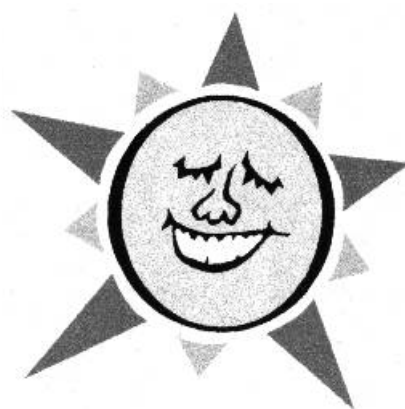
Cathy Bauman asked about the Open Meetings Act, citing where she had obtained a copy, and thought it was not proper to require Board members to donate money to the BIRHC as a condition of their appointment. The talk returned briefly to Dr. White's dental practice, but shortly after 9:00 everyone present had been able to make their points, and the meeting was adjourned.

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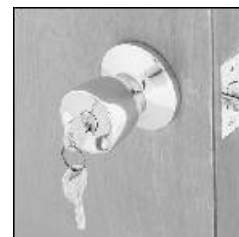
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The Charlevoix Airport

began the task of paving its parking lot on August 25th. All cars parked there were moved to the “overflow” area.

Letters: Safe Biking

The other day in town I almost hit a little girl on a bike. She came out of nowhere and suddenly was right in front of my car. This wasn't the first time I've experienced this on Beaver Island. And I've talked with several others who remarked how careless the children are on their bikes.

Several years ago I hit a boy on a bike downstate. I tried to miss him, but couldn't. When we collided he went flying and landed on my hood. I thought he was dead. Luckily, he only wound up with two broken legs and numerous scratches and scrapes—but he survived. I was devastated, and had nightmares for months. My near collision the other day brought those memories back to me with such force that my hands trembled too much for me to be able to continue driving.

Please, parents, talk to your children, and teach them the bike safety rules so we don't have a disaster on the Island.
—Pat Rowley

Letters: Dr. Wendy White and the BIRHC

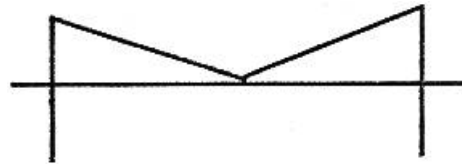
In my opinion there should be a separate electric meter installed for the dental portion of the new Health Center. Now is the time to split the electric service and install the meter. A retroactive installation will be much more costly. The dentist who would serve this community, regardless of whom that might be, should *not* have to pay for the installation of that separate meter. It should be a general construction cost.

In addition, one board member questioned why the board was making things so hard for Dr. White. The response was that the items brought up so far were not necessarily to be implemented but were only “some possibilities.” It brought to my mind an image of a child on the play-

ground surrounded by, and being jostled by, a group of fellow students. They are talking about hitting, kicking, knocking down, and other forms of mayhem. When a teacher intervenes, the response is that they weren't saying they were actually going to harm their classmate ... they were only discussing “some possibilities.”

Perhaps some of the “possibilities” should include thinking of ways to make it easier and more pleasant for a dentist to occupy space in the new clinic. That, rather than continue on a course which appears, on the surface, to be designed to eliminate from the Island's medical resources yet another valuable asset.

—John Boucher



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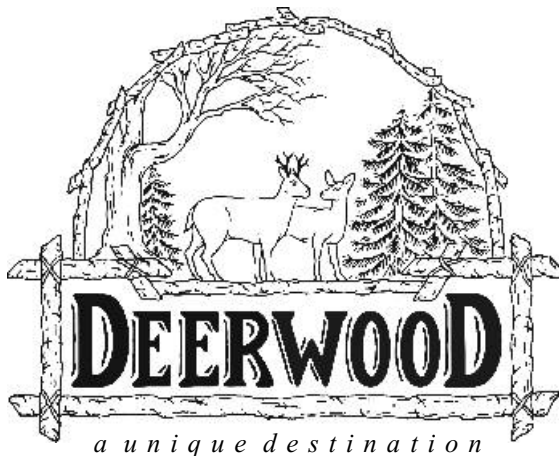
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Sign from Grand Rapids; and TDS Telecom (which scored 17 runs in one inning) from Spring Lake. Our hopes were vested in last year's winner, McDonough's Market.

TDS Telecom finished in first place; Gray Gables in second; and Bergman Marine in third. Even though we didn't win, we can take some consolation in the fact that TDS was the second Beaver Island team at one time. When asked what had gone wrong, slugger Tim McDonough only had one comment: "Wait 'til next year!"



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Letters: Lake Geneserath Fishing Contest Called Off

The AmVets have decided to cancel the Fishing Tournament we had planned for the weekend after Labor Day. Apparently we generated an enormous amount of controversy from some members of the Wildlife Club and some of the property owners on Lake Geneserath. This was obviously not our intent. It may be appropriate to tell you exactly what our intent was:

1.) To continue and enhance the Walleye Stocking Program by generating funds for the project. The primary problem is the overpopulation of Pike which eat the Walleye fry as fast as they are introduced. The bulk of the proceeds would have been spent for this purpose, with the remainder supporting Island projects such as our scholarship program, the flags, etc. As the first of probably several tournaments, this could have easily generated \$15,000 to \$20,000 which would have paid for a significant number of 9" to 10" Walleye, and eliminated an equally significant number of Pike.

2.) Whether we admit it, like it, or have no position one way or the other, the life blood and economic base of the Island is construction and tourism. We had anticipated 30 to 40 participants from Island fishermen, and perhaps 50 to 60, with their families, from the Mainland. It is difficult to estimate the economic benefit and value of the publicity; probably \$75,000 to \$100,000 per year.

To the property owners on the lake: as previously stated, our purpose was to enhance the Walleye population of the lake, not to make it "the walleye-fishing capital of the world!" We already have one of those in Lake Erie's Western Basin. The DNR has a stated

goal to make Lake Geneserath a viable public fishing site. I emphasize the word "**public.**" We were threatened with legal action to prevent the tournament. The U.S. Constitution clearly states in the 5th Amendment that the government cannot take private property for public use without just compensation. Conversely, one cannot take public property for private use! Certainly not by Eminent Domain. The only legal way is to buy the property.

To the Wildlife Club, please understand we were faced with serious time constraints. It's not that we wouldn't have valued your input, but by the time we could have arranged special meetings the window of opportunity would have been closed for a fall tournament. Everyone I talked to was extremely positive, both as to the goal and the timing. The AmVets had a special meeting and the consensus was to proceed ASAP, knowing we could cancel if the need arose. I have owned six different small, small lakes in Southern Indiana, three of which I built from scratch. Whether the lake is six acres or six hundred, the development and maintenance principles are the same. First and foremost is to maintain a proper balance among the species, then to maintain the quality of the water via controlling the run-off, the amount and type of aquatic weeds, and algae.

To the fishermen on the Island, sorry guys! We could have supported a good cause, had a lot of fun, and who knows, one of you may have gone home with a \$25,000 check in your pocket.

If someone wants to pursue the idea, feel free. My sentiments can best be expressed using the Caribbean slang "not me mon!"

—Don Bair



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"The Lucky 7" Walleye

Even though the pond had a disappointing start, seven additional healthy fish were discovered when Wildlife Club volunteers showed up on July 23rd for a second seining. Michigan's walleye ponds produced only a fraction of their usual yield this year. The Wildlife Club intends to plant rye, condition the water for a month prior to fish arriving next year, and oxygenate the pond.



Photos thanks to Lisa Gillespie

PABI's Goofy Golf a Smashing Success

The thunderstorms predicted for the morning of July 31st passed by, and the participants in Beaver Island's first annual Goofy Golf Tournament enjoyed sunny skies. Six teams of four players each, plus a following of astute kibitzers, battled through the One-armed and Lawn Chair Drives, only to be faced with the dreaded Pool Stick Putt.

The winning team, carried by Beth Anne Lucas, was Dick Derosia, Nick Spanhak, and Jeff Mestelle, with a score of 39. Their genuine plastic-plated

trophies now surely occupy a prominent place on their mantels.

The last-place team of Hilary Hunting, Jeremy Morgan, Mary Kay McPherson, Jen Moore, and observer Jenny Bousquet received medals as well, which proved they had a lot of ... let's say fun. Jeremy even showed up in a dress, which resulted in him being awarded a special Beaver Island T-shirt.

Nel Worsford won a similar T-shirt for coming closest to the #9 hole with a great drive.

PABI will add the \$325 earned from

this event to its Community Center building fund. Many thanks to those who donated money even though they couldn't play, to Bob and Sue Welke for all their help, to Marge Charbeneau for finding golfers, to Denise McDonough for coming up with so many Goofy ideas, to Cindy Cushman for the Blindfolds, to Beaver Gems for donating the trophies, to John, Trudy, John Jr. and Carolyn Works for letting us have the Tournament, and, last but certainly not least, to God for holding off the rain!

—Lisa Gillespie

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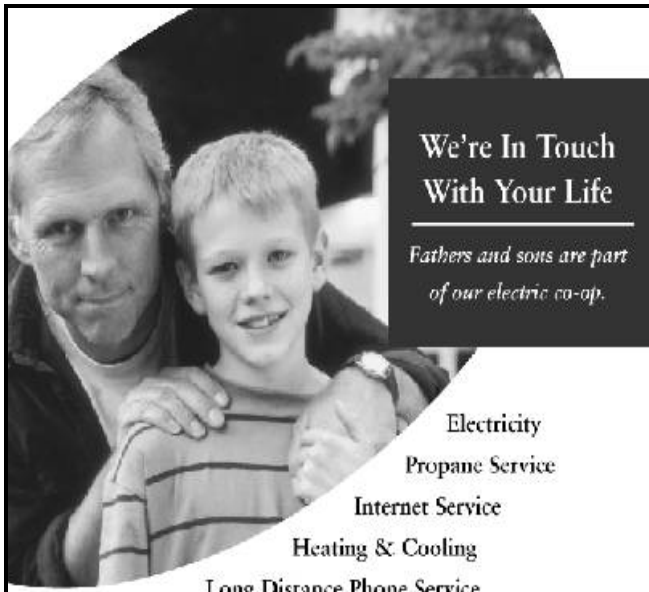
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Letters to the Editor:

The Egg Lake Seven

I am certain you are aware of recent efforts by the "Egg Lake Seven" to extend their rudeness and ignorance of the rights of property owners afforded them by the 5th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America. These "well intentioned people" must think that all rights of ownership of land should be subject to their purview. I have long chosen to ignore their rudeness and ignorance even though they dropped their little "bombshell" after I left with my wife and others for the twinning ceremony in Ireland. Not once, ever, was I asked what was occurring at Egg Lake.

Without the benefit of even a question I (as well as the property owner) was subjected to a review by the Corps of Engineers and the D.E.Q. The review passed with flying colors. The point being, if the property owner and this writer survived that sneak attack it seems very unreasonable that any ordinance changes or increases should be overlaid on State and Federal guidelines already in place. Why don't we have these peoples' properties thoroughly reviewed and restored to their "natural state" should there be any evidence that there could have been precious biological plant life there?

Beaver Island has gotten very sick with people who think they should have the right to control other people's property. The right of Island people to make a living is challenged by people living next door or driving by! What is going on? Witness a simple application by a property owner to mine gravel on 120 acres! The adjoining property owner is some 1000' feet away but feels that this infringes on "their" property rights. What about the rights of Island people to make a living?

While I am at it, why do the State Police come to this Island for one of the most important weekends of the summer season only to cause panic and stop people for ridiculous reasons? Sure, people are having a good time; that is what Homecoming is about! Just as they could write a ticket they could be helpful and considerate of the fact that a very long winter is coming for the people of this Island, whether they clear land, mine gravel, or run a restaurant or tavern to entertain the visitors and even the whiners and complainers who came here to enjoy their own little bit of "paradise" (but don't mind stepping over the property line). The township boards and planning commissions had best follow the rule book they have in front of them. Interpretation and emotion cannot rule the day; you have to follow the guidelines you have in front of you! Simple, CONSTITUTIONAL!!!

—Rich Gillespie

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Letters to the Editor:

Restrictions Impact Land Values

I attended the St. James Township Board meeting on August 6, 2003. At this meeting a proposal by a local environmental group was discussed. Mr. Don Vyse indicated that the proper place for the proposal to be introduced would be at the next meeting of the St. James Township Planning Commission.


After hearing which areas would be designated for protection by this environmental group, I was surprised to learn that the entire stretch of Donegal Bay would be included. Most of Donegal Bay is a platted subdivision with numerous owners.

My concern is that this group will add one more hurdle for property owners on Donegal Bay by imposing new restrictions on the use of property. At the present time several governmental agencies enforce very restrictive rules on how owners can use and develop their properties on Donegal Bay. My feeling is that the regulations which this group might propose, if enacted, could easily render our property either valueless, or so greatly depreciated, that Donegal Bay property owners would stand to lose a great deal of money. I believe that the courts have ruled that any regulations that would depreciate the value of property held, or render it valueless, is unconstitutional without reimbursement to the property holder. This proposal, which severely restricts property development on Donegal Bay, would make St. James Township liable for several millions of dollars, which the Township cannot afford.

—Kenneth Jay Taylor


Beaver Island on the WMTA Cover

Through the diligence of the Chamber of Commerce, Beaver Island's fall mystery was pictured on the cover of the Western Michigan Tourist Association's magazine, *West Michigan Carefree Travel*. The magazine has a distribution of 100,000 copies. Inside a handful of merchants bought a page opposite a proposed "circle tour" on the East Side-South End-West Side Roads, which also plugs the upcoming "Bite of Beaver."



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- Sept. 3 St. James Twp. 8:00 pm
- Sept. 10 Charlevoix County Commissioners, 2:00 pm, Peaine Hall
- Sept. 10 Peaine Township 8:00 pm
- Sept. 13 Community Health Fair, 8:00 am, Beaver Island School
- Sept. 14 House Party at Dusty & Cindy Cushman-Gillespie's, 4 - 8 pm
- Sept. 16 BIRHC meeting, St. James Township Hall, 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 17 Papermaking with Cindy Ricksgers, 448-2744 to register
- Free. 6 - 9, Peaine Twp. Hall.
- Sept. 22 County Road Commission, 10:00 am, Peaine Twp. Hall
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