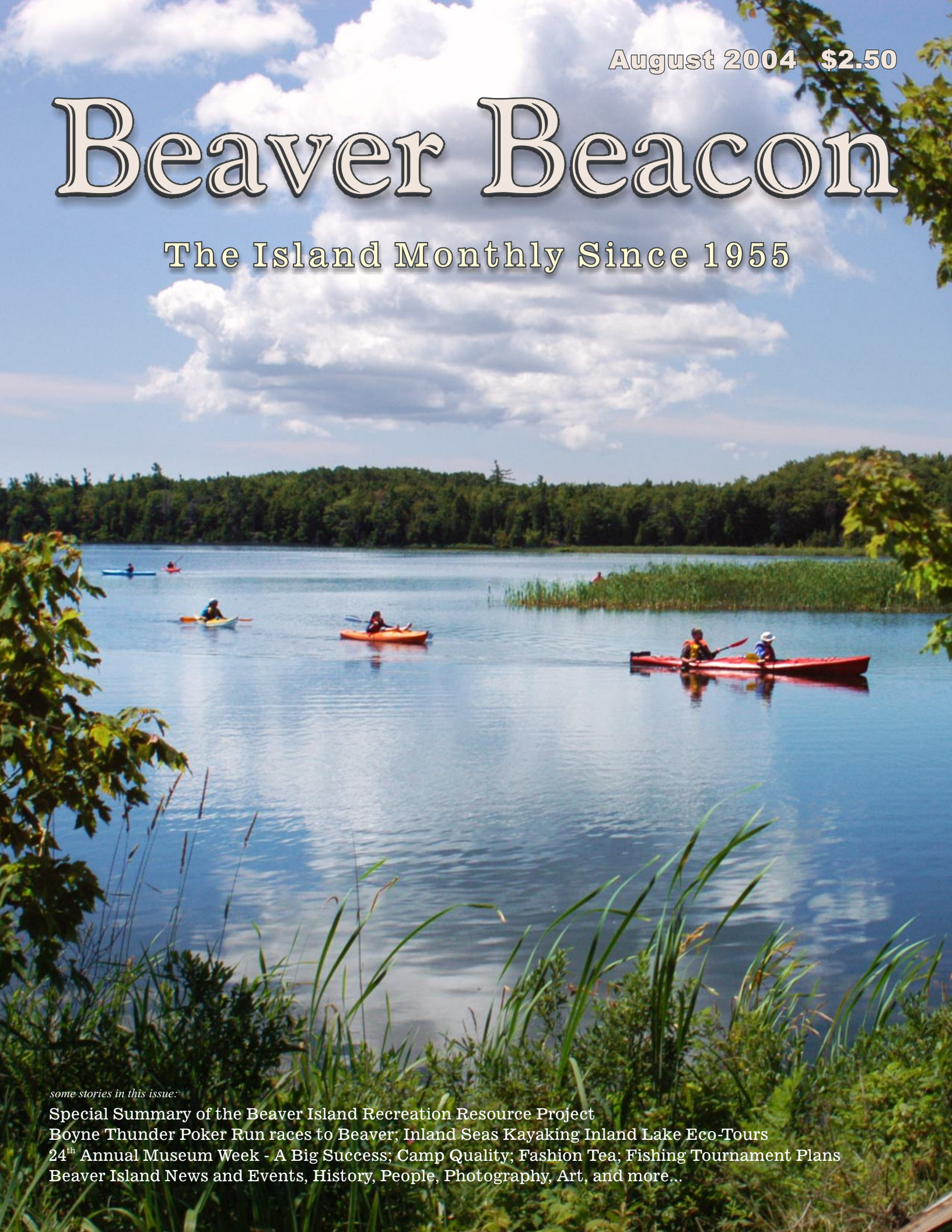


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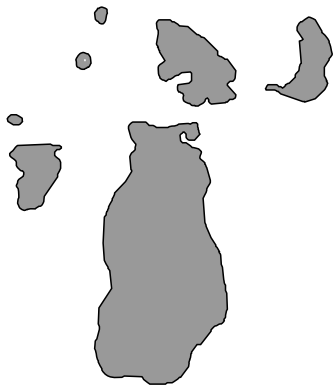


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News from the Townships

St. James Board

The July 7th meeting of the St. James Board included an update on the new Fire Truck, which will cost \$180,000 (\$150,000 of which was provided by Anna Steinbach.)

The Yacht Dock repairs are on hold because the bid had not been approved by the understaffed state office.

Supervisor Don Vyse reported on a Traverse City seminar on Lighthouse preservation. He mentioned that one of the reasons the Fresnel lenses are so valuable was that the "cement" holding their facets together was a secret recipe that has never been duplicated.

The full 10,000 gallons of dust control material has now been applied.

A resolution of the thorny parking matter at the Donegal Bay Park seems to have been reached: additional west-edge parking will be provided via a widening of the road.

The township is the owner of the new "downtown sound system" provided by Gary Voogt and his friends. (It still needed some fine-tuning when it was used on the 4th.)

The "Government Building" (the former Med Center) will be used by the Zoning Administrator/Assessor so that St. James Hall won't have to be heated every day during the winter. The 2nd deputy will live there for \$275/month. The Hospice group will be allowed to store materials in the basement for free.

Development of the Township Airport is progressing, with 5 interrelated projects: 1) the acquisition of a hangar

as a storage building; 2) the creation of a layout plan for the facility; 3) the acquisition of land to the west of the runway; 4) tree clearing 600' from the center of the runway; and 5) the relocation of Island Airways (which is not yet economically advantageous for IA.) Because Lansing has been dragging its feet, we may hire Ollie House as a consultant. Greater utilization of the Airport would help procure FAA funding.

The Board voted to upgrade trash containers and add picnic tables to the new playground.

The impasse with the maintenance employee has been solved by raising his pay from \$16.33 to \$18, and not having a regular assistant will cover this added expense.

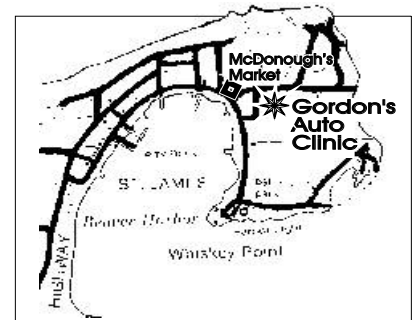
The Board approved the purchase of a new propane forklift for the Transfer Station; on a five year low-interest note, the total cost will be \$21,313.

Township Engineer Gary Voogt presented information on the King's Highway repaving. He said the CCRC was legally required to pay for it, but could not because it did not have the money; it has trouble meeting its payroll. Many townships are angry, and if the CCRC accommodates one of them, it's afraid the others will scream louder.

Gary presented a plan for repaving the 1 mile of King's Highway in St. James, widening the south section from 26' to 30' (a 30' gravel base was installed ten years ago.) He proposed going to Four Corners, which would cost St. James \$198,000 and Peaine

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\$62,000. The existing pavement would be covered by an additional 1½" of asphalt (1,800 tons), and there would be 5' bike paths on both sides. It would last for 15 years. He wanted the Township to pass a "resolution to bond" (which it did), saying that each year, when the payment came due, we could press the CCRC to make it. He mentioned again that if Beaver Island had its own Commissioner, these things could be accomplished more smoothly.

Peaine Board

Gary Voogt appeared at the Peaine Town Board meeting on July 14th, unfortunately stating that the CCRC had refused to pay even the requested 1/3rd of the cost for paving back from the King's Highway intersections. He outlined the project he had proposed to St. James (the repaving to Four Corners), and said H & D would come around Labor Day to pave the new parking lot, the BIRHC parking lot, Beaver Lodge Road to past the tennis court, and the King's Highway to Four Corners—if Peaine agreed.

Many angry barbs were directed at the Road Commission.

It was noted that at the BIRHC dedication, Jason Allen agreed to push the dropped bill Walter North had initially promised to push through, which would treat the ferry route and the King's Highway at this end as an extension of M 66. The Ludington car ferry route was made into an extension of U. S. 16, which is the precedent. And

there's a state highway encircling Mackinac Island—which no one can drive on.

Gary spent much time explaining the intricacies of the make-up of various kinds of gravel.

Afterwards Supervisor John Works proposed that a "motion of intent" to get a bond in conjunction with St. James be passed, noting that St. James would handle the paperwork; it was.

In other business, the Board approved buying a Caterpillar forklift for the Transfer Station, and agreed to rent two rooms of the Government Building to the 2nd Deputy.

Some progress towards a nuisance ordinance was made, although Paul Nelson cited examples of how tricky this was. For example, for a loud noise to be suppressed, we would have to acquire test equipment and demonstrate that the decibel level of the nuisance was prohibited. John Works wanted to look into an expanded "Disturbance of the Peace" ordinance as being simpler to enforce. Some residents who've been pushing for some relief were very frustrated.

The Maintenance Employee's raise was affirmed.

Jack Kelly appeared and discussed the Recreation Plan, suggesting it be referenced in the coming Master Plan.

Ed Wojan mentioned that he had received several calls from confused and angry clients who felt the survey recently submitted by

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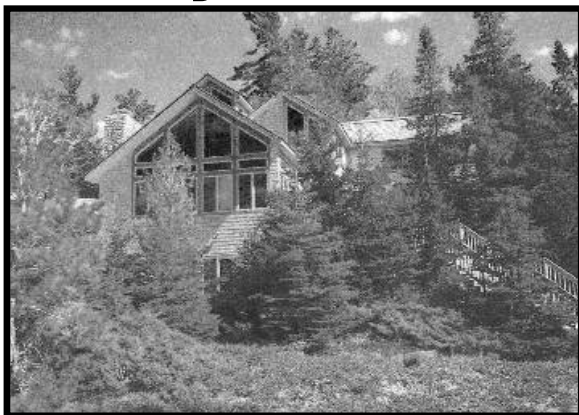
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News from the Townships, from page 5.

Fred Hoisington was very
biased—something Gary Voogt had
noted to St. James. Some multiple-
choice questions did not have the preferred
answer in their list of possible
choices. The audience was assured that
John Fiegen would not accept the survey
results verbatim.

St. James Planning Commission

On July 1st almost 20 people
attended a meeting of the Planning
Commission to protest the attempt to
rezone Freesoil Avenue in such a way
as to allow some existing commercial
uses by McDonough's Market, which
seem to violate the ordinance. Jerry
Sowa, their spokesperson, held the
floor for almost half an hour, citing procedural
irregularities. He said he had
been against this proposed rezoning
(from R to H) since first having it
broached by then-Zoning Administrator
Tom McDonough in 1985, and felt
it was important to preserve the historic
residential use of this area and to proceed
in a transparent manner to avoid
the appearance of special favor. Some
of the anger dissipated when the
appearance of a previously unfound
application was feasibly explained as
being due to a misfiling error. Yet
resentment lingered over matters being
undertaken without the people affected
by them being sufficiently consulted.

Bake Sale

There will be a bake sale and garage
sale on August 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the
Greggs' yard. If it rains it will be held at
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—Ruth Kelly, July 2004

Fishing Tournament

On September 11th and 12th AmVets
Post #46 will hold a Fishing Tournament
in Paradise Bay. A Grand Prize of
\$25,000 will be awarded to the Lucky
Angler who catches the winning tagged
Trout. Ten tagged trout will be released
in the Harbor two days before the tournament
begins. The winning tag number
will be selected at random by a computer.
Additional prizes will be awarded for the
biggest salmon, northern pike, and small
mouth bass, depending on the total number
participating in the tournament. For
more information phone Doug Hartle
(448-2368) or Don Bair (448-2185.) or
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AmVets' Pig Roast

The AmVets will roast a succulent
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Staff Changeover at Beaver Island Community School

The Beaver Island Community school staff will look different this fall as long-time teacher Jacque LaFreniere sheds one role and takes on another. For the past couple of years, Jacque has been considering making a change in her life to be able to devote more time to her family and other personal interests. Jacque has resigned her full-time teaching position and will be taking a part-time support staff position at the school as a school-to-work coordinator. In her new role, she will develop, monitor and ensure state compliance in work-based and service-learning opportunities for students, assist students with career assessment, and monitor progress of students enrolled in on-line or other independent study courses.

Principal/Superintendent Kathleen McNamara sees the staff changeover as a win-win situation. Three board goals will be met with the changeover at no additional cost to the district:

1. The district will hire a teacher who has specific training and experience in Middle School education to complement its strong elementary and secondary programs;
2. The district will build a strong and focused school-to-work program, which had been absorbed by the principal's office following major budget cuts four years ago; and
3. The change will free up administrative office personnel so that more attention can be paid to the overall operation of the K-12 school and district.

At the July School Board meeting, the Board of Education expressed its

appreciation to Jacque LaFreniere for her long-term dedication; she started as a half-time teacher in the fall of 1979. The Board recognized her contribution to the district, especially her work in developing the GLOBE weather monitoring station, the Service Learning and Life-Skills program, and the popular Little Traverse Nature Conservancy programs.

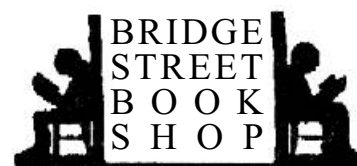
The BICS is looking for a 7-12-grade Science and 7-8-grade Social Studies Teacher. The deadline for applications is August 4th. Anyone interested should contact principal Kitty McNamara at (231) 448-2744.

The position requires someone who meets NCLB/MDE "highly qualified" standards. The applicant must have a science major; a social studies minor is preferred. The applicant must have training and experience in middle school education (bonus for National Board Certified Teacher) and must be willing to work in small K-12 building and live in an Island community. Anyone interested in applying for the position can phone the school or email a letter of interest and his or her resume to employment@beaverisland.k12.mi.us

For more information contact Kathleen McNamara (231) 448-2744.

Goofy Golf

PABI is sponsoring another round of Goofy Golf on Friday, August 13th! Tee-off time will be at 8:30 a.m., so be sure to be there at 8:00. The fee is \$25 each in teams of four. You must register by the 6th by calling Lisa at 448-2888.



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Fourth of July Golf Tournament a Big Hit

by Frank Solle



Tom Charbeneau, Jerry Charbeneau, Paul Davis, Larry Laurain, and Bill Detwiler. photograph by Frank Solle

A beautiful Beaver Island summer day greeted 90 golfers for this year's annual Fourth of July Tournament, held on July 3rd. Divided into 18 five-person teams, the duffers—old and young, good and, well, the rest of us—played a nine-hole round of best ball golf for the cherished bag-and-club trophies.

Tournament director Jerry Sowa welcomed the participants to the "best golf tournament in the state" prior to explaining the ground rules and doling out the scorecards. The only requirements were for each golfer to account for at least one drive, with no team member accounting for more than two drives on the day. With the teams dispersed around the course, two per hole, course manager John Works Jr. fired his Civil War cannon to signal the start of play.

While the sunny skies, warm air, and light breeze created excellent playing conditions, Works and his grounds crew have groomed the course into what many veteran players termed the "best shape" ever. Tee boxes were pushed back and pin placements on the greens were

moved to their trickiest locations in an effort to baffle the would-be champions.

This year the team of Tom and Jerry Charbeneau, Paul Davis, Larry Laurain, and Bill Detwiler topped the field with a very strong three-under-par 32 to claim a year's worth of bragging rights.

In addition, prizes were awarded for golfing exploits at every hole, including the longest drive on hole number one, closest drive to the pin on the two par 3s, closest to the pin on the second shot on the other par 4s, plus closest to the pin on the second shot of the long and challenging par 5 seventh hole.

Afterwards, tourney director Sowa thanked the prize providers. "The merchants on this Island are just tremendous," he said. "We had \$50 prizes for nearly every hole and a \$200 gravel prize for number nine."

Numerous door prizes—gift certificates, calendars, t-shirts and caps, golf balls, and an authentic wooden golf "club"—were drawn following the tournament as well, again all donated by local merchants or individuals.

Jared Keven Robert

John and Debby Robert were delighted to expand their family with 7 pound 2 ounce Jared Keven, brother to Hannah and John Brady. When he arrived in the morning of July 2nd he measured 20". The proud grandparents are Carol LaFreniere of Beaver Island; Gerald LaFreniere, Sr. of Beaver Island; and John and Sheila Robert of Milwaukee. This young man was greeted with much hope and love.

Kiera McBain

Kiera Jean was born to Jeremy and Valerie McBain of Charlevoix on July 4th, weighing almost 7 pounds. Grandparents are Susan and Steven Case of Gladwin, Dennis and Mary Russ of Freesoil, Barbara and David Framholz of Wilmington, and Ricky and Christine DePew of Bellaire. Rumors abound that she will be trained to hurl the pike while playing the pipes, just like her father, *Charlevoix Courier* editor Jeremy.

Marching in the Rain

Beaver Island has been smiled on by the sun for so many years now on the Fourth that when the sky opened and a downpour doused the would-be paraders, no one knew enough to get out of the rain.



The sidewalks were thick with the huddled crowds, whose attitude seemed to be, "If they've got the dedication to march, we can have the dedication to watch." As the puddles grew deeper and float after float slogged past with the riders chucking candy, the general feeling was that the parade would pass through town quickly and then everyone would hurry home to dry clothes and a fire, but as the crowd prepared to depart a shout went up: "By gosh,

So the Annual Parade took place after all, following an intrepid performance by Signe's Soaked Irish Tappers and the valiant Community Choir, squeezed tightly together under the Yacht Dock roof.

here they come again!" Sure enough, the parade had circled the last block and come back in stately formation, beaming with pride at its pluck and perseverance.

The music played on. The clouds seemed to drift away, but then returned; the sky was so thick and dark that the scheduled fly-overs were called off. Yet everyone stayed to the very end, not minding in the least if they were hit by one of the traditional water balloons.




Dedicating the Town Clock

On July 3rd three dozen people gathered in front of the BITA Building for the dedication of the Town Clock, presented by Larry Malloy. Supervisor Don Vyse accepted the gift on the behalf of the

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On This Date

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* reported that, like this year, mother nature rained on our Fourth of July parade, but it took place despite the downpour. A Craft Show scheduled for the 4th was held over for August 13th.

The Island Players prepared to offer a three-act comedy, *Terror in the Suburbs*. The cast included Ed Maudrie, Suzi Myers, Joan LaFreniere, Pat McGinnity, Helen Pike, Erin Martin, Tara Palmer, Phil Lange, and Fran Teeter.

The Curator of the Grand Rapids Planetarium put on an inside-and-outside star-and-planet show. Jeff Cashman won a \$100 essay contest.

The *Beacon* covered the failure of the *Beaver Island's* starboard marine gear 20 minutes from Paradise Bay, requiring Captain Kevin McDonough to dock her using only the port engine, and resulting in the *South Shore* being pressed into triple duty: she made 23 trips in the following nine days. A poem referring to this incident appeared in Dave Gladish's *Beacon Lite*:

The South Shore July Four

A Coast Guard Skipper saw eighty
Huddled on deck. He said, "Matey,
Have a sailor
Go out and hail her.
She must be coming from Haiti."

The Episcopal Mission celebrated its 40th anniversary with a gala reception.

Sally Neilsen and Annette Dashiell reported finding a "note in a bottle" on the beach at Greenes' Bay. It was not a call of distress, but a hello from the bored crew of the *Togue*, which tossed it in between Point Betsie and Sturgeon Bay. Sally and Annette wrote back, offering to give them a tour if they ever came to Beaver Island.

St. James Township decided not to post any "No Loitering" signs.

The passing of bass fishermen Gerald Leitheit and A. Wright Seymour was noted. These *Aurora Blacktop* men had a cottage in the Port of St. James for twenty years, until a quick-moving patch of thick fog doomed their airplane. It crashed off Donegal Bay after they attempted to circle back and land at the Township Airport, from which they had taken off. For a day all the boats were marshaled to help search for possible survivors, to no avail.

Twenty Years Ago Supervisor Dick Burris complained to the *Petoskey News Review* that the assessor's failure to consider certain costs of land improvements had led to the unfair and unnecessary implementation of an across-the-board factor of 1.07, improperly raising prop-

erty taxes. St. James decided not to rehire Charlevoix County's Equalization Department to do its assessing, and voted to tear down the deteriorating pavilion at the Township Park.

An investigation of the Coast Guard Boathouse determined that the GAO would sell it to the Township for \$75,000. The Township decided to see if the County might be interested in playing a role.

Bill Wagner urged the townships to get a replacement for him as DNR Officer when he retires in September.

The school announced that a replacement for five-year principal Barb Rakowski has been found: Shari Ann Hogue, a graduate of WMU, who had been teaching in Watervliet, where she also chaired the Planning Commission.

The Game Club added 1,700 tiger muskies to Font Lake, hoping they would clean up the stunted perch. They were expected to grow to 15" the first year, 25" by the following summer, and to eventually reach 30" (the legal size.) The Game Club also planted 3,000 brook trout in 20 ponds between Cornelius' Swamp and Lake Geneserath. CMU continued its 14-year program of tagging smallmouth bass at Garden and Hog Islands.

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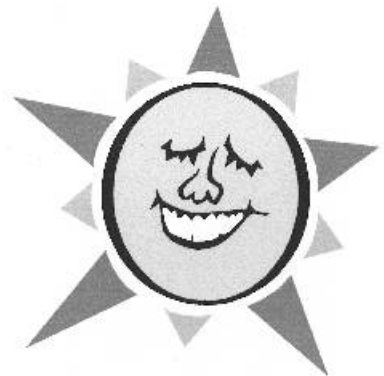
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The passing of Charlie Martin was noted. He was born in 1906 and lived all his life on Beaver Island, working as a commercial fisherman. The previous year he had been the subject of several CMU film students' project; their work was shown in the *Shamrock* with him as guest of honor. He was survived by his wife, six sons, three daughters, and 27 grandchildren.

The Civic Association asked residents for help compiling a "wish list" of things needed for the Island, and made a few suggestions: flowers, trees, and benches for the Harbor; picnic tables for the public beaches; volleyball equipment for Iron Ore Bay; more public beach; and a Community House. It was also moving forward on its planned *Monument to the Dead at Sea*.

Thirty Years Ago The *Beacon* noted that smallmouth bass fishing was very good at Garden and Hog Islands. Don Welke planted some pheasants on his farm south of the airport.

A crew of volunteers, including John Gallagher, Patricia Nelson, and the Andrew Crewckshank family, was thanked for having painted the Mormon Print Shop museum. Bruce Struik was thanked for having made the shutters for the Protar Home.

The emergency plane made two flights in the previous month: Marguerite Runberg's son in law Tom Bussell, after getting food caught in his throat (ill effects lingered for weeks), and Bea Townsend, who fell at the Lodge.

The first of a two-part article on freighter travel by Dr. N. P. Sorensen appeared. Having traveled extensively by freighter for fifteen years, he offered some interesting anecdotes. His personal preference was for ships carrying fewer than 12 passengers, which were less formal and less costly. He particularly enjoyed a 60-day port-to-port cruise from the Canaries through the Mediterranean. In Genoa his family rented a car during a five-day layover and drove along the Italian Riviera.

Passings included long-time summer resident Mickey Malloy, son of John Malloy and Beaver-born Kate Cull.

Forty Years Ago In the *Beacon's* Homecoming issue, the first story mentioned that Homecoming began as a celebration of the centennial of Bishop Baraga coming to Beaver, the first documented non-Native arrival. The first Homecoming included a beauty contest, won by Edith Gallagher (daughter of James H.) In 1964 the format was changed to include a cafeteria-style

lunch, a fish pond for the kids, and several booths. The attendees coming from the farthest away were Lt. Commander and Mrs. John McCann from Goose Bay, Labrador.

Dave Banghart won the Sorensen Trophy in a play-off against Neil Goodman at the Island golf course (after both were tied with 88s.)

The Historical Society held a party to celebrate paying off its mortgage on the Print Shop Museum. A drawing for a black-and-white Zenith TV washeld.

Summer visitor D. J. Angus of Indianapolis, a significant donor to the Med Center, sent in an article about his donation of a 50' diesel-powered motor sailer, the *Angus*, to Grand Valley State University. Vivian Visscher donated a complete oxygen set to the Medical Center.

Jerry LaFreniere and Brian Gallagher were home on leave. Summer visitor Dale Thomas was killed in Viet Nam. Frank Bush, a regular visitor from Roscommon, suffered a heart attack on the Island and was helicoptered to Munson, but did not survive.

Elmer Smith fished Geneserath for 12 days and caught 601 bullheads (423 kept, 235 smoked, and 188 skinned), 6 perch, 3 largemouth, 2 smallmouth, 1 northern, a turtle, and many bluegills.



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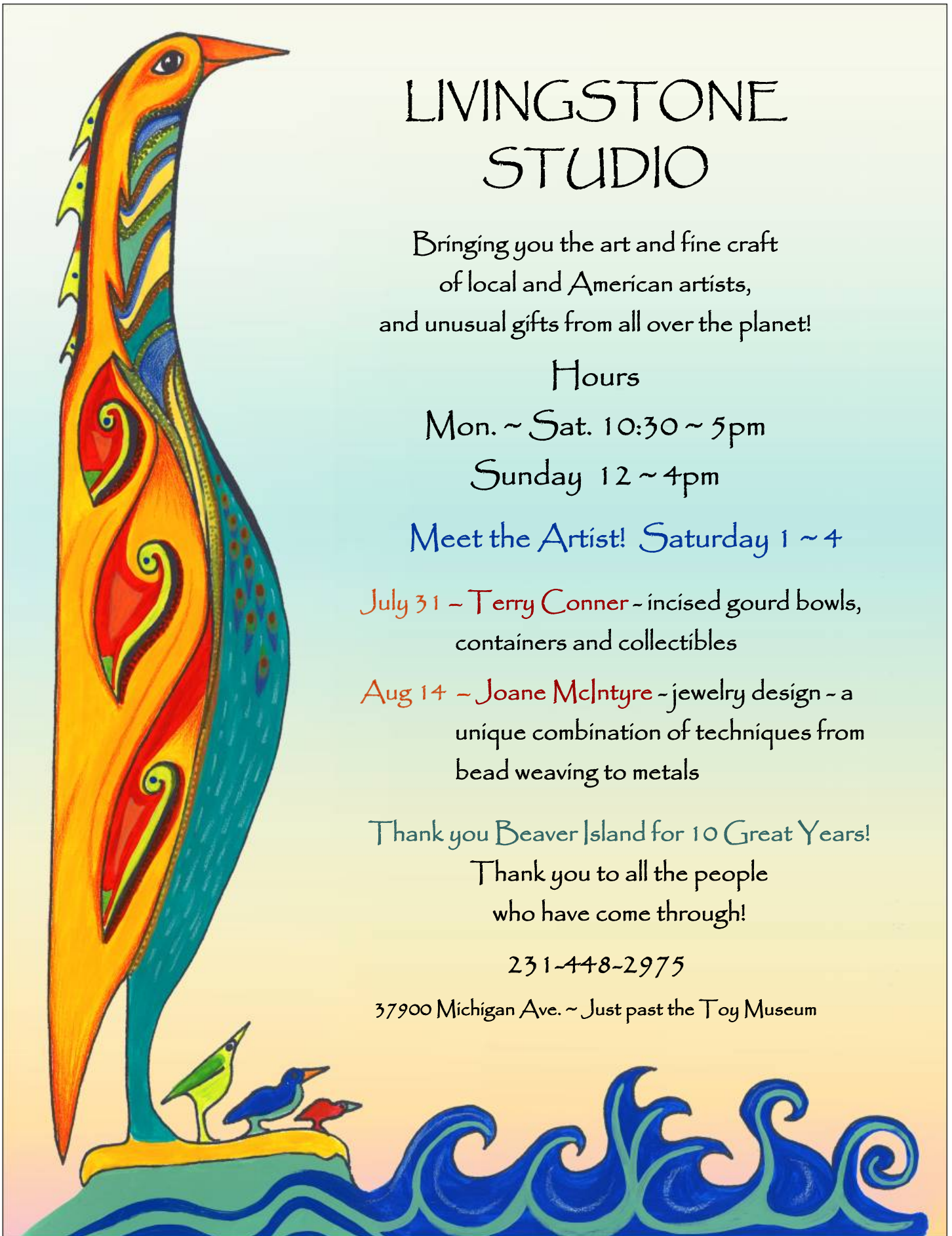
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For several days the logs being trucked to Bud Martin's dock from south of Paid een Og's Road on Pinny's Logging truck from East Jordan were simply piled higher and higher, prompting several onlookers to ask,

"How high can it go?" When the Ryba Marine Construction's 85' flagship, *Kathy Lynn*, arrived in the harbor with a huge barge in tow, people had their answer: "About this high."

After three days of loading, the

barge set off for Ironton, through Lake Charlevoix. In the meantime more logs keep coming into town (now following the back streets), and people are again wondering, "How high will *this* pile be?"



Concert on the Harbor

On a beautiful, warm evening the Northport Band, under the direction of Doug Scripps, joined the Beaver Island Community Choir, plus Rich and Mike Scripps, for a free, mosquitoless *Concert on the Green* in early July. Still in a martial mood from the 4th of July, one stirring march followed another. Lyrics to four patriotic songs were passed around the hundred and ten people basking on the lawn, many of whom then joined in. The high point was Cindy Cushman-Gillespie's rendition of *Just a Closer walk with Thee*, with the choir supplying a haunting moving background chant.



Sunset Picnic

The Third Annual PABI Sunset Picnic will take place on Sunday, August 15th at the Port of St. James Pavilion on Donegal Bay beginning at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are available for a \$25 donation per person. Reservations may be secured by calling 448-2787.

PABI 50/50 Raffle

Drawing Labor Day on the Beaver Island Boat Dock. \$10 tickets are on sale at McDonough's or from Board Members - call 448-2022. Remember, as construction of the Community House draws ever closer, supporting PABI becomes more important.



Inland Lake Eco-Tours

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Art Show Success highlights Museum Week

The Historical Society held its 24th annual Museum Week during the 3rd week of July, and was pleasantly surprised by the results. The extra Nature Walks CMU puts on for the Society were well-attended; dozens of people took advantage of Antje Price's presence to visit the Protar Home and listen to her talk about "our Heaven-sent friend"; and the Pet Show gave many kids the chance to showcase their bird, fish, or dog.

In the afternoon, people found Jay Peck's presentations on archaeology very informative. Jim Gillingham was unable to be here, but in his place Matt Cross did a fine job talking about and showing reptiles and amphibians to a large crowd. The Shing Martin's Net Shed's 100th birthday brought several family members here, where they could talk to the scores of people taking part in the celebration, enjoy a piece of birthday

cake, or learn about net-making from Paul and Garrett Cole.

Doris Larson was unable to host *Music on the Porch*, so Robert Cole took her place. After 200 people had taken their seats in the closed-off road, the Community Choir, the first of 20 performers, got things rolling—followed by a foretaste of Saturday's Stephen Sondheim songfest. Several young performers did fine jobs with contemporary songs, and the Island's favorite musicians mixed familiar tunes with a couple new songs. Near the conclusion of this three-hour event, the totally unique stylings of L. D. Ryan combined sung and spoken lines, poetry, and programmed and played music on a synthesizer/keyboard providing a taste of his Saturday Night Mike evenings at Beaver Island Marine.

GLLKA members Michele VanderVelde and MaryAnn Moore, both

teachers, set the about-to-unfold Whiskey Point Light restoration in context by describing and showing pictures of GLKKA saving the St. Helena Light. The Beaver Island project should be easier; everything, from cement blocks to scaffolding to furniture, even an old organ, had to be carried to St. Helena in a 10' Zodiac, and there was no power or water. GLLKA uses volunteer groups (scouts and others), and many of these workers form life-long bonds.

On Wednesday Robert Cole did double duty by presenting material from his most recent Oral History interviews with Bill Bennett, Bill Carnes, and the 'Rushins.' His project of documenting the ambiance that has made Beaver Island so rich today is gaining momentum. He has copied many of these tapes and is making them available for a reasonable fee to help cover this program's cost; a list is available at the Museum.

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Native American Joe Mitchell spoke about the traditional lifestyle he practices, an approach stressing balance and combining the urges of heart, body, and mind. Those who knew him as a rebellious activist with the AIM would be surprised at the tranquility of his message: we are all in this together, and we must work together to have any chance. An entertaining, gifted speaker, his talk ranged between matters of broad history and daily personal choice, with Trickster tales from his childhood thrown in. The consensus afterwards was that in this time of crisis his humor and wisdom is more important than ever.

Something was in the air on Friday night that elevated the voices of Ed Palmer, Cindy Gillespie, Rich Scripps, and Hillary Palmer to new heights. Everyone at the *Big Dance* could tell this was a special performance; the band knew it too, and could not bring itself to

stop until after two Saturday morning. The only regret anyone had was that this didn't take place in a recording studio so they could get a CD and keep the spirit moving when they went home.

The cast presenting Saturday's wonderful *Evening with Stephen Sondheim* was also in fine form, managing to overcome the frustrations of a hundred things going wrong. Gone was the nervousness of a first performance as they feasted off the excited anticipation of the audience. 110 people were delighted to witness this show of talent, expressing their pleasure with an extended heartfelt standing round of applause. Hats off to Brenda and Elaine and the whole troupe for a truly wonderful evening!

Yet the story of this Museum Week was really the success of the *Ray Denny Memorial Art Show*, which the BIHS Board moved into the gym itself, with the help of 18 new 8' x 8' panels. Thanks

to Laura Pratt, 22 artists had work on display, and the record receipts of last year were more than doubled. Laura took two weeks off from her job at Borders in Ann Arbor to organize and run this event, with the Historical Society, for which it made \$1,200. She received much help from Frank Solle, Lois and Kevin Stipp, Pat Boyle, Ted Nicholas, and others. She has promised to work hard to make next year's Art Show even better, with a target goal of having 30 or more local artists in next year's event.

All in all, the BIHS feels it is helping give the Island's ambiance a richer and more interesting flavor by offering this kind of schedule of events, which contributions from the leading merchants help it to produce. The favorable reaction always helps melt away the exhaustion that follows each year's presentation, and stimulates the Board and members to vow, "It'll be even better next year!"

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A Wedding on the Beach

On Saturday, July 17th, a couple who had gone to school on Beaver Island together but then drifted apart met again here to marry! Chucky Dudley, the son of Vicky Connaghan and Elmer Dudley, and Barbara, the daughter of Lovisa (O'Donnell) and Elston Pischner, had married other folks and had lost touch years before. But upon becoming a widow, Barbara decided she'd like to find old friends. Searching the net, she discovered Chucky's phone number and called him, which started a chain of events that led to a wedding on the sandy shore of the Jewell Gillespie Playground.

Clifford Napont, Jerry LaFreniere, and Chucky's son were the



best men. Lila Lee Maxwell and Rosalee Harrison attended the bride. Reverend Howard Davis of the Beaver Island Christian Church was in charge of the ceremony, which had to be halted when Chucky asked Barbara to join him by removing her shoes, and then led her, somewhat against her better judgement, out into the lake. After they turned, they kissed, and then waded out, refreshed and ready to begin a new life with the mistakes of their pasts washed away.

The bride wore her mother's Rosary around her wrist. They will make their home in Peculiar, Missouri. Everyone offered their congratulations, wishing them many wonderful years together.

Start thinking about the Annual Island Boodle

Organized by Mike and Gail Weede, the Chamber of Commerce will be holding the Second Annual 'Island Boodle 5k/Run/Walk' in conjunction with its 'Bite of Beaver Island' celebration, the annual fall food festival coordinated by Deborah Harwood. This year's events will be held on **October 9th** with

the Boodle kicking off the day's activities at 10:00 a.m. All Boodle proceeds go to a good cause: to benefit the Beaver Island Sports Booster Club. More information and an entry form are available from the Chamber of Commerce (231-448-2505) or on the Chamber web site at www.beaverisland.org/island-boodle



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So ... what are the chances of any of you fisherman ever catching him/her again? Probably not real good; sort of similar to your chances of surviving a heart attack in the hardware store! Good news is: 975 more walleyes have found a new home this week and are thankful for it.

— Jeff Powers



Volleyball Camp

From July 6th to the 9th, we had a volleyball camp here on the Island. Because there were a number of players interested in improving their skills, I contacted Dan Fletcher. He coached at Inland Lakes for many years and his team was very successful. His team never lost to Pellston—which many people here who follow volleyball can certainly appreciate! His team went to the State Tournament, he had 4 All-State Players, and many other accomplishments. Dan runs summer camps for several teams in the area, and has been asked to out-of-state schools as well. He came to Beaver quite a few years ago to run a camp.

We had a dozen players, grades 8 - 12, attend the camp. All the girls worked hard and learned a lot. They all improved their individual skills and had a lot of fun. As their coach, I appreciate that all these girls gave up some of their summer time, had to arrange work schedules, and suffered through a lot of sore muscles! It was another example of what a good group I have. Wherever we travel, the spectators usually comment on the fact that "Beaver Island really came here to play!"

With the improved individual skills and a few "secret strategies" we learned this summer, next volleyball season promises to be another fun and exciting year. Go, Lady Islanders!

— Connie Boyle

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but when the anticipated one- to two-foot waves turned out to be six-footers, most turned back. The first two to collect their tokens in the Harbor from Sheriff Jim

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A Study of the State Lake Michigan Shoreline Tracts

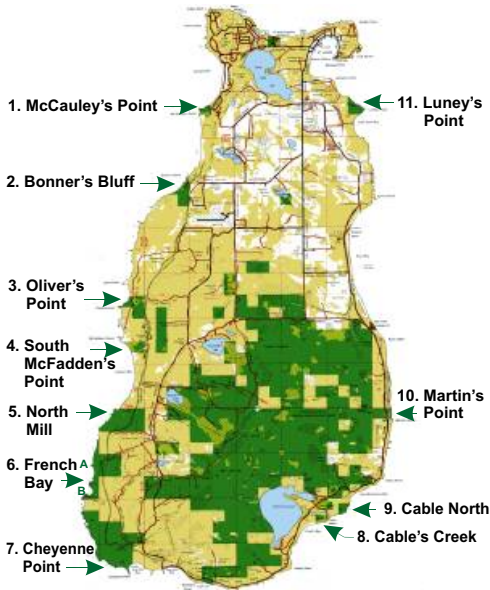


Figure 1: Wojan-Cashman Map

Tract 1: McCauley's Point



Size: 0.2 mile EW by 0.2 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.5 mile

Features: This relatively small point is a system dune with a well-defined foredune and a flat interdunal area with sand and flat stones. Blowouts on the backdune indicate instability. The sandy area is being eroded by horse and ORV traffic.

Plan: This low dune should be protected from development and needs protection from shoreline intrusions and vehicles that damage the fragile surface. Signs regulating such traffic should be posted.



McCauley's Point – south end

Purpose:

This study assesses the eleven tracts of state land on the Lake Michigan shoreline of Beaver Island, Michigan, and proposes short- and long-term plans for each. The entire 32-page report is available in the public library and township offices. It has been distributed to local government bodies and voluntary organizations, and can be made available to other individuals and organizations that need ongoing access for their own plans and programs.

These public lands on Beaver Island are a unique public resource of scenic beauty, outdoor recreation potential, and ecological preservation. Properly cared for, they are part of the potential for Beaver Island to be a natural wonder of the area, both preserved and enjoyed for generations to come.

Tract 2: Bonner's Bluff State Beach



Size: 0.2 mile EW by 0.5 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.4 mile

Features: Beach, low dune, and forest that attract hiking, picnicking, and camping. Access is via a steep private road over private land with parking at the bluff top. The frontal dune is covered with dune plants. The rocky beach has undeveloped camping sites on the edge of the forest.

Short-term: Plan safe access with limited picnic facilities. Assess camping and improve ecologically sturdy sites. This area merits a careful site plan.



Bonner's Bluff Beach from south to north

The full report contains a set of GIS maps and overlays provided by the Central Michigan University Biological Station and the Charlevoix County GIS office, as well as other maps and satellite photos adapted for this study. Some are available on the county web site. The full display for each tract includes topographical maps, satellite photos, aerial photos, and on-site photos. A limited selection is reproduced in this summary. The assessment and recommended plans for each site are based on the fuller data set.

Shoreline Tracts in the Study:

GIS overlays of wetlands, drainage, and topography, as well as satellite and high-altitude aerials of the Island, are in the full report. The summaries presented below and on the following pages condense the discussion of the features and plans for each

Tract 3: Oliver's Point



Size: 0.4 mile EW by 0.5 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.4 mile

Features: Access is by a poorly-maintained trail. The beach is lined by conifers and is quite rocky. A wide sedge meadow at the north end grades into a grassy meadow.

Plan: Lack of access, size, and location place Oliver's Point low on the priority list for development. A carefully-sited walking trail would give access. Use can be monitored before even remote camping would be feasible.



Looking north from Oliver's Point

tract. GPS coordinates are also omitted here.

The adapted Cashman-Wojan map (Figure 1) identifies the tracts beginning in the Northwest corner of the Island and moving counter-clockwise. Approximate dimensions are in east-west and north-south directions with straight-line shoreline estimates.

The topographical features identified on the Terraserver satellite photo (Figure 3) show the Island to be relatively flat. There are major dune areas on the northwest shoreline around Donegal Bay, on the west side at McFadden's Point, and at the south end around Iron Ore Bay, along with other smaller dune sites. Wetlands are found throughout the Island with concentrations tied to inland lakes. Upland forests are primarily on the west side and lowland on the eastern half. Critical soil drainage is also

found primarily in the eastern half with major marshland adjacent to Lake Genesereth and a string of inland sites mostly up the center of the Island.

For the purposes of this study, it is significant that the ecologically fragile areas are, for the most part, not on the public shoreline tracts. The two exceptions are the two major dunes. There are, however, site-specific localized areas subject to changing conditions, sometimes from beaver activity. Miller's Marsh is a fragile area under study by CMU.

Other Public Shoreline Tracts: Several other public sites include two campgrounds, two lighthouses, and three beaches. More recent development is at Gull Harbor and the Whisky Point Lighthouse.

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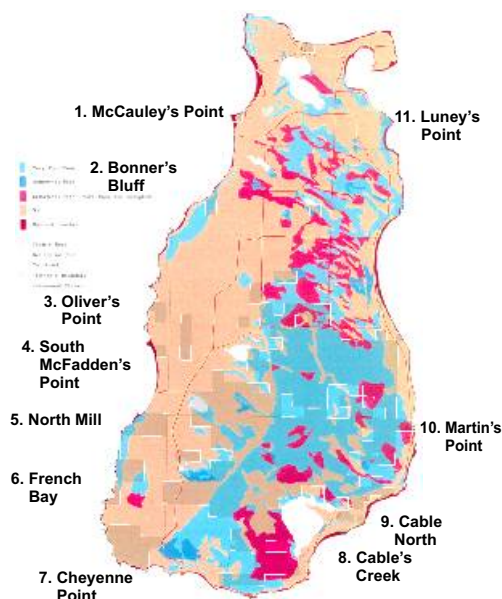


Figure 2: Beaver Island Drainage Map

Tract 4: McFadden's Point



Size: 0.3 mile EW by 0.25 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.35 mile

Features: A rare parabolic dune system with blowouts that produce fragility and instability. This is the largest dune system on the Island and is migrating eastward.

Short-term plan: Vehicle traffic is destroying the substrata. First, there needs to be a plan of enforcement against illegal use. Signs alone do not seem to be adequate.

Long-term plan: No use plans should be implemented until protection is in place long enough to measure stability and recovery.



Green's Bay - interdunal region and backdunes

Tract 5: North Mill



Size: 0.8 mile EW by 0.45 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.6 mile

Features: There is no public trail to the shoreline. The south end is a series of small rocky bays. The foredune is grassy backed by hardwood and conifer forest. There are ORV tracks at the north end.

Plan: The dune should be posted against vehicle use. In the long-term a walking trail and limited carry-out camping sites might be developed. The attractive foredune should not be sacrificed to damaging use.



North Mill shoreline from north to south

Tract 6: French Bay Tract A



Size: 0.6 mile EW by 0.45 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.45 mile

Features: Several small bays with narrow sand and gravel beaches, a small foredune of beach grass, and a mixed treeline. Forest at the east end has a nice mix of trees. The shallow water is rocky.

Plan: Isolation makes this tract suitable for protection and reservation for a long-term plan. Monitoring of the Tract B site might be followed by limited use of Tract A as a relief area from more intensive use to the south.



French Bay Tract A looking south to north

Tract 6: French Bay Tract B



Size: 0.2 mile EW by 0.45 mile NS - Shoreline 0.45 mile.

Features: This tract has a long history of hiking, picnicking, and camping. The beach is down a steep hill off an old unimproved road, blocked by beaver ponds. The small bay has an abundance of dwarf lake iris, a threatened species.

Short-term plan: No action should be taken without a careful assessment to provide access that preserves the iris and closes the trail to vehicles of any kind. A parking area and re-sited trail along with signage would be necessary, followed by study of usage.

Long-term plan: A period of monitoring to measure stability and degradation could be followed by a reassessment of this lovely and valuable site.



French Bay looking north to south

Tract 7: Cheyenne Point



Size: 1 mile EW by 0.8 mile NS - Shoreline 1.8 miles

Features: Large tract includes western end of Little Iron Ore Bay. An old trail is in poor condition. The shoreline is rocky and the west muddy during low water. The narrow beach has a large stand of invasive reed canary grass. Dwarf lake iris are present on the northern 3 1/2 small bays.

Short-term plan: The walking trail could be improved and marked as "no facilities - carry out." A circle trail would be an addition to the Island trail system.

Long-term plan: A logical candidate for preservation with little or no development. An alternative, also due to its size, would be well-planned development IF growth ever warrants such a major change.



Easternmost shoreline of Cheyenne Point tract

Tract 8: Cable's Creek Beach



Size: 0.2 mile EW by 0.15 mile NS - Shoreline 0.2 mile

Features: This tract consists of fairly high sand dunes. The foredune is covered with beach grass. The dune system demonstrates succession with herbaceous growth on the foredune, shrubs on the older dunes, and conifers and hardwoods on the backdunes. Pitcher's thistle and Lake Huron tansy are common on the beach. The tansy is listed as threatened because of limited distribution. Cable's Creek enters at the north end and a bridge affords trail access.

Plan: The present access seems to be working well. It should be monitored, but unless increased beach use begins to degrade the site, only maintaining the access should be necessary.



Foredunes at Cable's Bay Beach

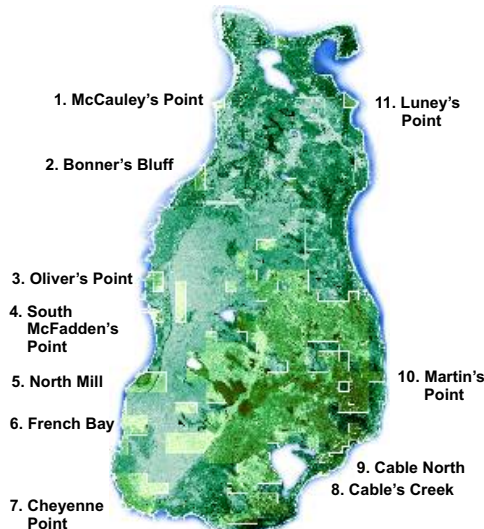


Figure 3: Satellite Photo of Beaver Island with State Land Tracts Identified

Recreation Resource Project, from page 21. Timetable:

The project was proposed and approved by the Beaver Island Property Owner's Association in the summer of 2002. It was further endorsed by the township boards and Chamber of Commerce. Dr. James Gillingham, Director of the CMU Beaver Island Biological Station, supported the grant application, provided available Island overlays, and agreed to further support by station faculty. A grant was awarded by the Great Lakes Aquatic Network and Fund of Petosky, Jill Ryan, Director. This has primarily supported publications costs for the Draft and final reports. In the spring and early summer of 2003, sources of data were further identi-

fied and various GIS themes combined. CMU summer faculty Drs. Beth and Ed Leuck provided on-site evaluations and photographs. Aerial photos were taken by Jeff Cashman from the Kelly Cessna. A draft report was produced and distributed in late summer 2003 for comment by Island organizations and government bodies, state agencies, and other organizations, especially those with expertise on freshwater land-water habitats. A public hearing was advertised and held in late summer.

Comments and suggestions have been incorporated into the final report coordinated by Dr. John R. (Jack) Kelly, Professor Emeritus of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Summer address: Box 382, Beaver Island, MI 49782. Phone: 231

Tract 9: Cable North



Size: 0.2 mile EW by 0.2 mile NS -
Shoreline: 0.3 mile.

Features: This small bay has flat rocks, muddy sand, and wetland when the lake level is low. At high levels, the water reaches the tree line. This tract contains one classic parabolic (blowout) dune which is quite unstable.

Short-term plan: This dune is quite attractive, but also somewhat fragile. Access is from the Cable's Creek along the shoreline. Current use calls only for monitoring the dune.

Long-term plan: If the population of the Island increases substantially, then access to this tract by footpath could be developed in a site plan that protects the moving dune.



Large sand dune at the north end of Cable's Bay

Tract 10: Martin's Point



Size: 0.1 mile to road by 0.2 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.2 mile.

Location Note: This tract is correctly placed on the County Conservation District map, but not on local maps.

Features: In the 1990s, a portion of the bluff fell into the lake leaving a steep sandy cliff now undergoing succession and plant fill-in. "Children" use the south end as a giant sand slide. The beach is unusable. Road access and marked parking has increased use. This highest east side Lake Michigan viewpoint is an unstable bluff.

Plan: The improved access to the bluff should be monitored each season. Damage by use or safety hazards could require protection in years to come.



View of Lake Michigan from the top of Martin's Bluff

Tract 11: Luney's Point



Size: 0.3 mile EW by 0.2 mile NS -
Shoreline 0.6 mile.

Features: This tract adjoins Little Sand Bay. There is a built-up trail into the bay and an old trail more directly to the point that needs repair. The beach is rocky and shallow with a view of the harbor entrance. In low-level years the beach has flat rocks, muddy sand, and wetland vegetation. L.S.B. Endangered plant species are absent on the point.

Short-term plan: The walking trail needs improvement and would offer an alternate access to L.S.B. The harbor-view area is a prime candidate for picnicking provisions.

Long-term plan: The use of the trail and facilities should be monitored. If population increases significantly, Luney's Point can be considered for fuller access and facilities.



North Side of Luney's Point looking toward St. James

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Particular thanks are due to Drs. Beth and Ed Leuck of Centenary College and CMU, Dr. Jim Gillingham, Erin McDonough who assisted in the inauguration of the project, Jeff Cashman for photography and formatting, Chris Blough of the Charlevoix County GIS office, the Beaver Island Property Owners' Association, Pam Grassmick, President, and especially Jill Ryan and the Great Lakes Aquatic Network and Fund. This public land is a resource of incalculable value to the Island and the state. Careful planning by the Island townships, the county, and the state can allow Beaver Island to be a model of preservation and recreational enjoyment. The tract-by-tract summary suggests how this

resource can be loved and shared in ways that will continue to attract visitors and residents to this wonderful place.

Possible Priorities:

- 1.) Continue to work with volunteers to locate, clear, and sign existing trails. A beginning has been made in locating current trails with GPS coordinates and trailhead signs. The combination of township and voluntary engagement is an excellent model
- 2.) Bonner's Bluff beach: Pursue plans to obtain public access to this lovely site near town.
- 3.) French Bay: Develop an access and site plan for this special south end site.

- 4.) Luney's Point: Restore the walking trail and explore possible harbor-view picnic sites.

- 5.) Martin's Bluff: Monitor use and impacts on the high dune.

These and other priorities should be part of an overall plan, for which this study can provide a base.

If Island residents are serious about both conservation and a measured development of the second-home and tourism economy, such a comprehensive plan should be supported through the channels of the voluntary organizations and public officials. MDNR cannot be expected to take the lead in this process due to staff and funding limitations.

One Hundred Years Ago Submitted by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 4, 1904, **Local News:** "James McCann, of St. James, left here Tuesday morning for Golden, Colo., with his son James, who is seriously ill with pulmonary trouble. They will remain there for an indefinite period for the benefit of the young man's health."

"Prof. H. J. Cox, the weatherman who has been with his family at St. James the past ten days, arrived here Wednesday, and will make an official inspection trip among stations of Lake Michigan. He will return to Beaver Island in about ten days and remain with his family there ten days or two weeks. Last week Prof. Cox and family and Rev. Father Zugelder had a two-day camping and fishing trip at Lake Geneserath, near the head of the Island. While on the Island, Prof. Cox settled the details of the proposed weather station there. The station will be placed on the high ground near the church and will be equipped with barograph and instruments recording wind velocity and weather. Rev. Father Zugelder will be the official in charge. The commercial telephone office will be in the postoffice at St. James. Prof. Cox is confident that the cable will be ready for business the fall of 1905."

Beaver Island News: "Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sendenberg, a boy on August 6th." "William Stevens made a business trip to Milwaukee last week,

returning on Friday."

"Large numbers of resorters are on the Island now and many more are on the way." "John Stevens and family arrived on Friday's boat after a visit at their old home in Free Soil."

"Mrs. Frank Stafford entertained two lady friends from the mainland from Wednesday to Friday."

"Mr. Oscar Martin, an excellent barber from Cross Village, has set up shop and is doing a thriving business in the shop vacated by Frank Sherman." "The tug *Margaret McCann* made a trip to Manistique Sunday after Capt. Daniel McAuley whose aged father is lying critically ill at his home in Peaine Township."

"Captain Bonner's delightful summer hotel is being well patronized. The captain and his excellent wife have the happy faculty of making their guests feel very much at their ease." "Dr. Ruth and family and Mr. Ricks, all of Keokuk, spent the week past in camping and fishing at Lake Gallilee near the head of the Island. The doctor is making good use of his new launch this summer."

"The schooner *Rouse Simmons* left the Harbor Saturday evening loaded with cordwood for the Beaver Island Lumber Company. The little schooner *Petrel* loaded with slabs left the B. I. L. Co's docks two days previously."

"The piston cross-head from the B. I. L. Co's locomotive arrived on Friday after being repaired at Manistee, and the same evening nine well-loaded cars of cord wood were hauled in from the woods for the *Rouse Simmons*."

"The Beulah farm boys, twenty five in number, spent the week camping on the shore of Beaver Island last week. In command of the boys was foster father Mr. Hermon Lee Swift and his helpers. The boys created a very good impression while on the Island by their well-bred manners and gentlemanly ways. Mr. Swift gave a very interesting talk and illustrated it with a stereopticon, and some of the boys themselves, one evening while here, to a large audience in Gallagher's Hall. A free-will offering amounting to \$25.00 for the benefit of the boys was taken."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 18, 1904 **Local News:** "Local Inspectors Honnor and Blocker went to the Beavers Wednesday" (Note: Thos. Honnor and Henry Bloecker, both of Gd. Haven, registered at the Beaver Hotel, August 15, 1904)

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 25, 1904 **Beaver Island News:** "Green and McDonough is the name of the firm starting a new meat market."

"Anthony Malloy spent several days last in the Northern Peninsula."

"Dr. Ruth and party circumnavigated

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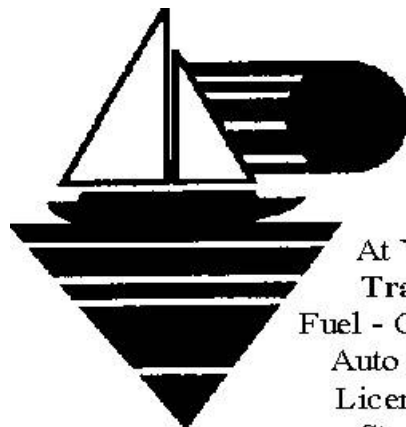
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the Island Saturday in his 16 ft. launch."

"Mrs James Donlevy gave a dinner party to several friends Monday evening."

"The schooners *Elida* and *Oneida* are at the B. I. Lumber Co. docks taking cargoes of slabs." "The schooner *Rouse Simmons* arrived Sunday evening and is loading with cordwood."

"The steam barge *Mark B. Covell* is on her way here for a load, and the *Black Fawn* will arrive today."

"Prof. Cox arrived Sunday night for a visit with his family and incidentally for a fishing trip to Lake Gallilee."

"James McCann returned Friday from Denver having left his son there for the benefit of his health."

"Mrs. Graves and children of Detroit accompanied by her sister Miss Beldman are spending the summer on the Island." (Note: Mrs. W. J. Graves and 2 children registered at the Beaver Hotel July 5, 1904) "Business is booming, summer people are swarming, fishing is fine and all Beaver Island is brimming over with good nature." "Mr. and Mrs. Case of Chicago registered at the Beaver Hotel Friday. They will spend a week or ten days on the Island resorting."

"Mr. Otto Rudert, the Rock Island Druggist who summered here last year, is again on hand for a month or six weeks outing on the Beavers." (Note: registered

at the Beaver Hotel August 15, 1904)

"Mr. Jas. Connors and B. C. Hartz of Rock Island are on the Island. Mr. Connors will remain several weeks while Mr. Hartz can remain but a few days." (Note: Ben Hartz registered August 10, 1904) "Mr. Frank McAuley had the misfortune to lose the end of the little finger of the left hand while working about the business-end of a moving machine last week Wednesday."

"The barge *Edward Buckley* left here Saturday evening with the largest cargo of hardwood lumber of the season. The barge *Emma Thompson* is in to finish off her deck load after partly loading elsewhere."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* August 25, 1904
Local News: "The steamer *Beaver*, Sunday, took the Cross Village and Charlevoix Indians to the Northport camp meeting." "Prof. H. S. Cox and family, who have been spending two months on Beaver Island, will come over tomorrow and return to their home in Chicago."

"W. J. Gallagher of St. James came over Monday returning Wednesday."

Beaver Island News: "E. J. Dowell, of St. Louis, paid a visit to the Island."

"Capt. Allers, with his schooner X-10-U-8 arrived here Monday."

"W. W. Boyle went to the Soo Monday as a delegate to the State Convention of the A.O. H."

"Miss Annie O'Malley and Ellen O'Malley, of Chicago are paying a visit to Mrs. Jas. Donlevy." "Ten men arrived on the Monday boat to go into the employ of the B.I. Lumber Co."

"Dr. and Mrs. Wilkenson arrived home on Monday after a weeks absence on the mainland." "James Connor, of Rock Island, and Prof. Cox took a party of twenty five to High Island on a picnic excursion Tuesday."

"W. B. Johnston of the B. I. L. Co., and W. J. Gallagher went to Charlevoix Monday on business."

"Miss Lizzie Donlevy of Chicago, daughter of John Donlevy, returned to Chicago Monday after a two months visit here." "Patrick Roddy, a B. I. boy born and bred, and an assistant chief of the Milwaukee fire department, is on the Island for a visit."

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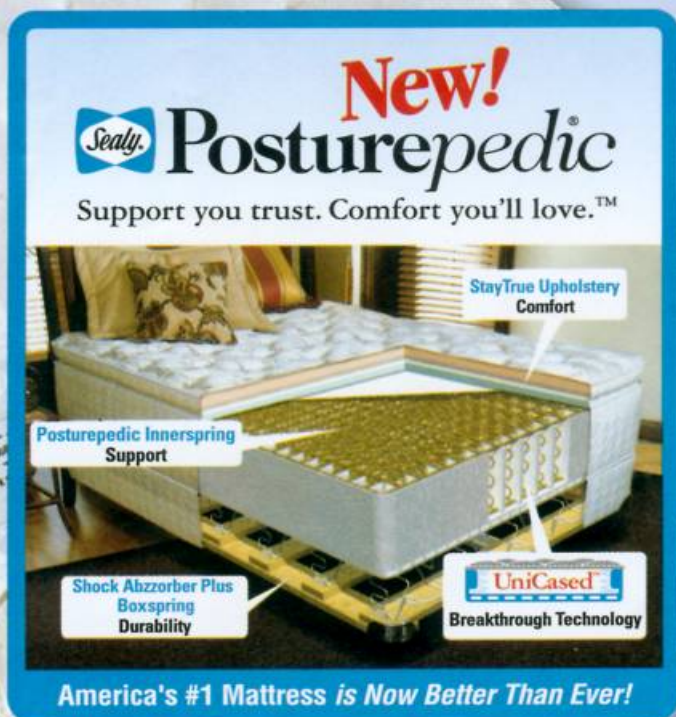
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Nancy Peterson of Beaver Island Jewelry (www.beaverislandjewelry.com) appeared on July 10th to show her flame-worked glass bead jewelry and to explain the process by which she creates a variety of whimsical glass artwork.



I participated in the "Meet the Artist" event, bringing my next-door neighbor from Ann Arbor, Loretta Skewes, to help. A tent was set up in the yard under a huge shade tree, with a table for my glass bead jewelry. It was hard to pick what I was going to bring to show folks since all my pieces are unique and have stories to go with them! Since I couldn't bring my torch, I brought a special poster that I had



Cindy Ricksgers set up the following weekend to talk about the laborious process by which she makes art. First she creates a plate from a variety of materials; then she rubs ink on (and off) before creating prints in her press.



made depicting the process of making a glass bead. This 3000-year-old process is called lamp-working. I start with a wire mandrel coated in bead release and melt glass rods using propane or natural gas, with an oxygen concentrator. Then I melt the glass onto the rod, creating the shape and decoration that inspires me. For example, when I do the little frogs on a lily pad, I melt and

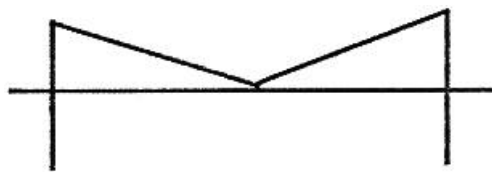


Tom Richards demonstrated his pottery in the Artist's Tent, talking about the various clays, kilns, additives, and glazes that fuel his passion. He was fresh from teaching potting at MadCamp, and was delighted by those who'd shown a flair.



shape a green or teal rod of glass into a lily pad and then, with a pea green glass rod, shape the hot glass into a frog. I put this hot glass and into a 950 degree kiln for 8 hours. When the kiln anneals or hardens the glass, I have a bead to use in a piece of jewelry. I talked with many folks about lamp-work glass, and told stories about my *Beaver Island Memories* beads.

– Nancy Peterson



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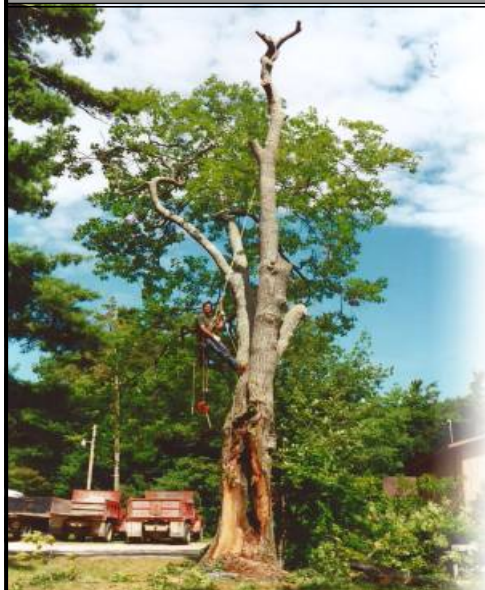
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B.I. Christian Church celebrates 41 years, honors Greggs

by Frank Solle

A large group of faithful gathered at the Beaver Island Christian Church July 7 to celebrate not only the congregation's 41st birthday, but to pay honor to two of its longest running members, Phil and Lil Gregg.

Following a generous potluck dinner featuring, in true Beaver Island tradition, more food than a group twice that size could eat, the evening progressed to a wonderful performance of Gospel songs. Mike and Rich Scripps provided musical accompaniment for a small choir made up of members of the Community Choir and friends of the congregation. Cindy Gillespie-Cushman joined the group for two solos, while Susie Fisher and Earl Seger also took single turns at the microphone.

Time was then spent reminiscing about the church's history with members of the congregation coming forward to read letters from those who could not attend. One such letter was from Steve Perdue, grandson of former Island physician Dr. Howard Haynes who was instru-



photograph by Frank Solle

mental in starting the church in 1963.

According to the program distributed that evening, the first service held by the church was on Easter Sunday, 1963, in one of the units of Wojan's Motel #1. The Greggs and family were among those gathered for the initial meeting.

Phil Greg then recounted some stories from the church's early years and how it moved from the basement of the former Medical Center, to the Holy Cross Hall, to what is now the Parsonage, and finally to its beautiful new building.

Speaking prior to the surprise honoring, Phil credited the success of the church

to what is a widely-known secret of life on Beaver Island. "This island community is really one big family," he said.

After Phil's talk choir leader Kathy Speck led the group in singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness."

The highlight of the recognition program came as current Pastor, Howard Davis, read out words of things the Greggs have given to the church as those in attendance brought forth small cutout 'helping hands,' each with one of the words—such as cookie baking, laundry, love, laughter, maintenance—printed on it. Placed in a vase at the front of the church, the helping hands made a lovely bouquet that the evening's co-organizer, Judi Meister, replaced with one of yellow roses as the Greggs stood in front of a standing and appreciative audience.

To close out the evening, the group sang "God Be with You Till We Meet Again," as they do at the close of each week's service, and the small church in the woods joyfully began another year of service to the community.

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Camp Quality on Beaver

by Nancy Ferguson

On June 11th thirteen excited teen campers and six staff happily boarded the *Emerald Isle* for a four-day adventure on Beaver Island. After waving good-bye to kin, the campers settled in. Games, decks of cards, and snacks appeared on the tables. Since there were several new campers, they went up to meet Captain Mike and help make sure the boat stayed on course. An hour out the waves swelled higher, giving a rolling motion to the boat. The kids did fine, some even enjoying the spray over the decks, but a few adults became a tad bilious. They were glad to enter the calm of Paradise Bay.

As the kids came out onto the sunny deck, I heard talk about Big Blue and the Brown Bomber. Those are the two "burbs" Gordie and Chris Heikka have been kind enough to let us to use. They are becoming a camp legend, and once we got our gear all collected, we laded it and ourselves into them and Eleanor's van, and took the short ride to Dalwhinnie.

There, Dawn and Gail greeted us with smiles, pizza hot from the oven, soft drinks, and chips, followed by cookies and ice cream. For those who could eat, it was all wonderful. For those still recovering from the crossing, there were plenty of leftovers for breakfast the next day.



Sooooo, we piled back into the vehicles and headed for the Lighthouse School.

Since it was a beautiful evening, after settling into our quarters we strolled up to the lighthouse. In three groups we ascended the winding stairs to the top. The view was magnificent: North and South Fox Islands, as well as the mainland. Cards, games, puzzles and conversa-

tion filled the evening. Since the 3-D puzzle of the Empire State Building would need to be completed in only three days, three master puzzle-workers set to work. Lights were out at 10:30 so we would be rested for a full day of fun.

Saturday morning, after pancakes and sausage, we headed for Island Airways. Pilot Neal Boyle got the first group loaded and strapped in and off they went into the blue to see beaver dams, deer, the Lighthouse School, schools of carp laying off shore, and a shipwreck. To the delight of the campers Neal maneuvered the plane sharply so they could see well. While half were up in the plane, John and Keith let the others roam through the Brothers' Place. The campers loved the long porch with its swings and ... the dogs. I explained that we would be hiking from there later in the day.

Having a half hour until lunch, we stopped by the Transfer Station for an impromptu tour given by John. They liked the noise of the new glass crusher. Most had never seen the colorful shredded plastic in bins. They were surprised to learn that some of their favorite fleece clothing comes from recycled plastic. Lunch at Stoney Acres came next. Pitchers of pop and iced tea graced the tables, along with



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tasty soups, salads, and sandwiches. Desserts were the order of the day. It was a close vote between the hot fudge brownie delight and strawberry shortcake, but the shortcake won.

Then, it was time to report in at the Beaver Island School to meet "Compass Ken" and his able assistant, Patty. He handed out rulers, maps, markers, and most importantly, compasses. Since most of us had never even held a compass, much patient explanation was required. Ken had us drawing lines and plotting courses in no time.

Soon it was time to put our new knowledge to the test. We tried it outside the school first. Eventually, we all turned like lemmings in the same direction. So we headed for the forest behind the Brothers' Place. Each group of two or three had a chance to lead, with those walking behind suspiciously checking their compasses. Stepping over fallen trees, through ferns, and nearly ON a fawn, we slapped at mosquitoes and stayed the course ... which brought us to Font Lake! We were delighted to have completed the journey thus far, and some even cooled their feet with a bit of wading in the lake.

We refreshed ourselves with bug spray and charted a course that would,



hopefully, take us between two hills. Even though some of us fell, we all made it to the appointed passage. Ken gathered us around and pointed up the hill. "Now, you don't have to go up there if you don't want to, but the rumor is there's a treasure up there. All you have to do is find the clue, set a course, and find the treasure."

Before he had even finished speaking

they were tearing up the steep hill. It wasn't long until we poky adults heard a teen voice crowing, "I've found it!" The bag was quickly opened and spread on the ground for all to share. This was a difficult trek for some of our campers and companions, and all were justifiably proud of their accomplishment. Thank you, Ken, for a wonderful afternoon adventure.

By now, we were all hungry and glad to return to camp for steaming hot lasagna and cheese bread, followed by birthday cake. Then it was time to get a dance ready to go for the August camp. The theme this year is "New York, New York," so we are dancing to Frank Sinatra. Listening over and over again, counting, trying this step and that, slowly it began to take form. Then, too soon, it was time for lights out!

Bacon and eggs by Chef Louie were the order for Sunday before we left to meet Jim Gillingham from the CMUBS at Miller's Marsh. Once again he educated and entertained us with information about the Island's reptiles. Two little painted turtles were the stars of the show. He showed how they had been marked to identify them at a later time. As we walked along the edge of the Marsh, he pointed out varieties of trees, where beaver had

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Then, we arrived at the habitat field. Under carefully "seeded" cover the campers found three varieties of snakes, both male and female, and a tiny delicate red spotted something or other, a little beauty. The girls often start by saying they aren't going to touch a snake, but Jim's enthusiastic presentation soon has them holding a reptile of some sort ... and smiling.

Jim left us to catch a plane, and we drove the short distance to Big Rock and Big Birch for some group photos. Then, on to Larry, Laraine, and Sweetie Dawson's place. After washing our hands, and with Sweetie carefully kept inside (and grumbling about it), we could safely sit on the porch and enjoy the sandwiches Dalwhinnie provided, chips, Kool-aid, and three varieties of Laraine's homemade cookies. Yum.

After we had eaten all the cookies we could manage, Sweetie was loosed for all to pet and adore. The kids were amazed at how big she has gotten. We sunned ourselves for a bit and then headed for town.

Once there we were efficiently fitted

for bikes and helmets, broke into groups, and headed our various ways. Everyone made a stop at the Toy Museum for some keepsake to take home. Thank you, Mary, for the cloisonné rings. They had a grand time selecting exactly the right one as they sat around the table later that night.

As we continued our ride around town, the sky grew dark and thunder began to rumble. We turned in our bikes and scrambled into Blue and Brown none too soon, for it began to pour. This made us worry about the cookout planned for the night. Michelle LaFreniere flagged us down as we were on our way back to camp. "I'm still coming!" she said.

We arrived back at camp, the skies cleared, and we were ready for a cookout. At 6:00 Michelle, Emily, Aubreanne, Mike, and Cory arrived with the supplies needed for a delicious repast. After commandeering firewood, burgers, hot dogs, pizza, and fruit pudgy pies were the order of the evening. But the *coup de grace* was the baked banana with marshmallow and chocolate. S'mores are in danger of losing their 'campfire favorite' status.

Cory played a few songs for us, and the girls reciprocated with the Blue Bottle Song. We chatted, there were a few ghost stories, and we bid our gracious cooks farewell for the evening.

Back inside, there was stuff to be com-

pleted. The Empire State Building was nearly done. But, the dance, no.

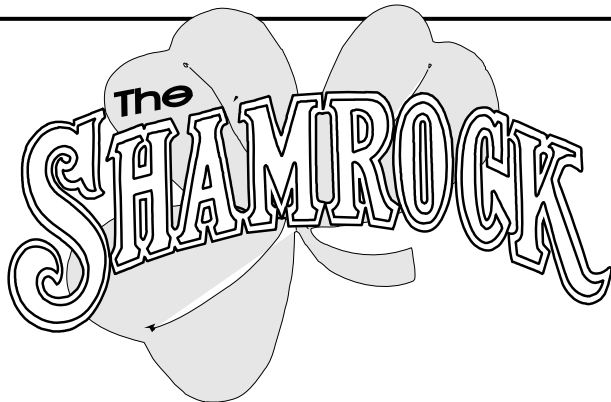
We had to decide what to wear and practice. Since we would be wearing top hats, we needed some to practice with. "Hats" were quickly constructed from paper plates with the center cut out. Step-brush, step-brush (16 counts) was imprinted into our brains. We practiced until it was time for lights out. "Ooooh! Aaaaah!" we all exclaimed when the Empire State Building glowed in the dark.

Monday morning found us busy trying to stuff our belongings back into our bags. Sleeping bags squirmed loose as we tried to roll them for travel. Then, it was time to go.

Upon arrival in St. James, there was time for ice cream and to quickly explore stores that were missed the day before. Thank you to all the merchants who were so generous to our kids and to all who helped make this camp such a success. Beaver Island is a wonderful place for us to visit. You make us feel at home.

The kids are already thinking of things to do next year. A visit to the museums (many of them who visited before have "graduated"), a round of golf, climbing Mt. Pisgah (we got rained out this year), and on and on.

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