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## News from the Townships

### Election Results

In the election of August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 192 of the 281 registered voters in St. James and 184 of 251 in Peaine cast their votes. Paul Welke and Pete LoDico were elected to the Peaine Town Board, and Bill McDonough and Bill Thomas were chosen as delegates to the county convention. Rich Gillespie lost his bid for County Commissioner, although his margin of victory on the Island was 260 to 76. The operating millage in Peaine was defeated, 75 to 72.

Even though Prosecutor Mary Beth Kur beat challenger John Jarema 103 to 48 in Peaine and 91 to 68 in St. James, she lost the election.

### St. James Township Regular Meeting

At the St. James Board meeting of August 4<sup>th</sup>, Supervisor Don Vyse was glad to announce that the State had just approved the bid for repairing the Yacht Dock, so construction was expected to start as soon as *Great Lakes Dock* could complete arrangements to move men and material into place. During the wait for this approval the building permit expired, so another \$175 will have to be paid.

A poem commemorating the bike path will appear as a plaque along the trail.

The State Police inspected the block of Main Street that might become one-way, and the playground section of the Donegal Bay Road that might be widened for parking, so these approvals

might be forthcoming. The DNR inspected the Petritz property, after which it requested a biological survey. CMU's Dan Wujek offered to have his students prepare it.

After asking the architect to revise his 'condition assessment report,' the National Park Service has approved the latest modification of the application for the Whiskey Point Light, and is now ready to begin its consideration.

Plans for the proposed work on the King's Highway (the repaving to Four Corners, plus selected 100; stretches of gravel roads meeting it) were available for inspection. The Charlevoix County Road Commission not only refused to pay for any of this work, but also wanted its engineer to make regular inspections—at the Island's expense. Our Township Engineer refused to agree to this. The Board approved accepting a bid of no more than \$192,000 (for that portion of the work lying within St. James.)

Supervisor Vyse reminded the Board that it should select someone to serve on the two-person panel of the Emergency Services Authority, which will oversee the Fire Department, the EMS, and whatever evacuation flight system is devised.

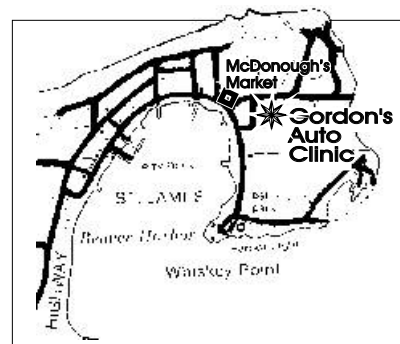
### St. James Planning Commission

On August 5<sup>th</sup> the Planning Commission tackled the contentious matter of zoning violations on Freesoil Avenue, for which one solution would be to

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rezone the historic residential neighborhood to H (a zone allowing mixed commercial and residential.)

After more-routine business was conducted, Chairman John Fiegen said that he had received many phone calls, emails, letters, and petitions about this matter, and none of them found favor with the rezoning. "I would not ever be in favor of rezoning a person's property against their objections," he said. "We've got to find a better solution."

The solution would be a compromise: the two lots being used commercially by McDonough's would be rezoned to H—not spot zoning, because they already were contiguous with other H property, so this would be just an adjustment of the line between the Residential and Harbor zones. To make this work, McDonough's agreed to 1) put a locked chain across the drive between the Cull and Belfy homes; 2) only allow the semi truck to use this driveway; 3) move the propane trucks and portable tanks farther away from the residences; 4) create a screen at the back of Cull and Belfy yards, separating them from the commercial activity; and 5) extend this screen around the corners and down both sides of the disputed driveway. A green barrier of shrubbery was suggested for the screen, but Emma Jean Belfy thought that would harbor mosquitoes, so a 6'-high fence was chosen instead.

Planning Commission member Marilyn Damstra was not able to

attend, but submitted a letter in which she too agreed that rezoning Freesoil Avenue would diminish the historic neighborhood's charm.

#### **Peaine Board, Special Meeting**

Stunned by the failure of its operating millage at the recent election, the Peaine Township Board held a special meeting on August 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. From conversations with voters, Board members learned that many people thought an increase was being requested, which was not the case: these funds are what is used for such support as the Historical Society and the EMS. Salaries for Board members, the Township's utilities, parks, trails, and recreation facilities are also paid from the General Fund. After this discussion the Board voted to put the matter on the ballot for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> General Election.

The Board also discussed the bids for the East Side Fire Hall construction, the lowest of which, at \$376,953, was higher than the hoped-for ceiling of \$340,000. That latter amount represents the total of loans and grants, but Peaine Township had also accrued funds in a Fire Hall Savings Account, and the Board voted to transfer \$54,210 into the Fire Hall Project fund to cover the overrun (which includes some expanded specifications, such as a metal roof.)

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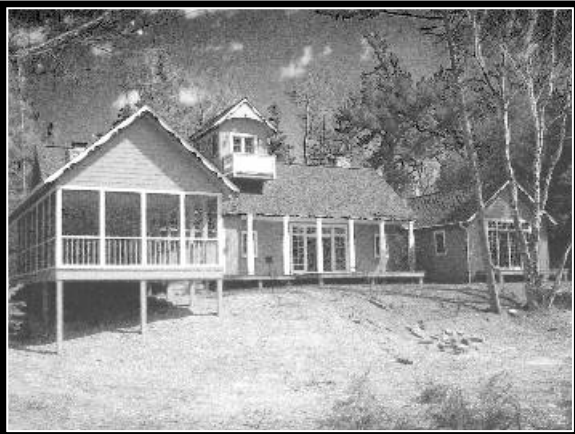
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### *News from the Townships, from page 5.* **Peaine Township Regular Meeting**

On August 11<sup>th</sup> the Peaine Board held its regular meeting. The two main topics on the agenda were the King's Highway repaving and the Noise Ordinance. The Supervisor reported that St. James had passed a resolution, and Peaine was now being asked to pass a complimentary one in which it agreed to pay its share of the joint-township project of repaving the Highway from Four Corners north, plus an amount for paving the gravel approaches to the Highway. Trustee Judy Lanier was not happy with the proposed resolution, though, because it did not limit Peaine's obligation to the anticipated \$110,000. Supervisor Works explained that the road was owned by the Charlevoix County Road Commission, so we had to follow their procedures, and the resolution had been drafted by them so modification would not be well received. But members of the audience, Pam Grassmick and Dave Roop, argued for adding a "not to exceed \$110,000" clause, and this was done.

A 4-page draft of a Noise Ordinance was circulated, making it unlawful to "make, continue, or cause to be made or continued any loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise, or any noise which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers" within Peaine Township.

The draft listed 13 specific categories of noise (such as "horns and signal devices") to be restricted, although one, "Construction Noise," had already been crossed out. The Board went through each category, eliminating two more: "Hawking" (of goods, merchandise, or

newspapers) and "Handling Merchandise" (loading or unloading, and breaking down crates and boxes.) The Board tweaked the language as it went (such as by adding "watercraft" to some sections pertaining to noise from vehicles.) The Board also questioned other noises not included, such as that of target practice or fireworks.

The penalty section detailed how complaints must be documented (when not witnessed by an authorized official.) It was hoped that the Sheriff's Department would accept the enforcement of this ordinance as part of its duties.

There was a sentiment, expressed by Dave Roop, that this was too restrictive and would inhibit the sense of freedom that has fueled Beaver Island's growth over the past few decades. He thought it was important enough to let the voters decide on its passage. An alternative was offered by the Board: an annual review to determine whether it should be changed.

The suggested changes will be incorporated into the draft, which will now be checked by the Township Attorney—who will add a section on the method to amend it.

A proposal was received for spending up to \$850 to landscape the Town Hall by planting (and fertilizing) flowers in two beds: between the windows, and by the sign. The cost would cover all materials, including a variety of plants, plus 30 hours of a Master Gardener's time. But the Board voted to defer this matter until after it sees whether or not the Operating Millage will be restored in the November election.

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## Historical Society's Annual Meeting

The Historical Society held its Annual Meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup>, presenting, through a sequence of reports, an analysis of its prospects and condition.

Board President Johnny Runberg described the efforts being made to acquire land for the Print Shop expansion. He said the cost of the Oral History program was being offset by the sale of videos and transcriptions of past interviews. He mentioned planning had begun to take better care of the Zoltan Sepeshy mural, *Hauling in the Nets*, displayed in the Marine Museum, possibly by placing it in a temperature- and humidity-controlled glass-front case.

Treasurer Chuck Schellenberg distributed a report than showed the Society's income and expense, comparing them to both last year's results and to the budget projections. He had circled several line items worthy of note, and warned that even though income was up and expenses down, the apparent surplus of funds could quickly disappear once the Society began to act on its plans for improvements at the Marine Museum and Heritage Park. He urged everyone to vote for the millage for Peaine's General Fund in November.

Director Bill Cashman described the difficulties in getting a permit from the DEQ to place three posts below the high-water line to support a roof over the *Bob S*. He distributed a report, which praised the efforts of the 95 people who helped with this year's Museum Week, reviewed the major events of the year, and summarized the members' choices for priorities. These choices, available

on the back of the forms sent in by the 326 members, about half of which had been completed, were weighted and ranked according to popularity: Immigrants to Beaver (496); Native America (492); the Irish (346); James Jesse Strang (322); the Mormon colony (319); archaeology (305); Cultural History (280); Natural History (267); the Irish migration (265); Oral History (249); Then and Now (223); Logging (199); Protar (188); Beaver Island's Women (149); Bishop Baraga (126); Religious History (119); Agriculture (116); Music (115); Contemporary History (114); and Beaver Islanders Abroad (89).

Joyce Bartels gave her Volunteer Coordinator's report, praising not only the docents who keep both museums open seven days a week but also those who contributed time and energy to accomplishing several tasks—from planting flowers at the Museums to fixing leaks, improving the archives, or helping to put up new displays.

The high point was Joyce's slide show, which she has put on downstate for several years but not on the Island. Using pictures taken by herself and several friends, it presented an overview of the Island, and showcased our flowers, birds, buildings, roads, lakes, beaches, infrastructure, and history. Enjoying the treats supplied by a handful of volunteers, the audience found the new perspective quite enjoyable.

In an informal brief regular meeting conducted among the milling following the Annual Meeting, the previous officers were returned to their positions.

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decided to build one—and got hooked.

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## The Golf Course Sign



Always interested in improving the Beaver Island Golf Course, John Works Jr. was delighted when two of his wife's friends taking the CMU summer art class were interested in painting him a new sign. Jon Bouck made some preliminary sketches, and, when they met with John and Caroline's

approval, set to work with fellow teacher and artist Jodie Dewey. As they worked, Jon mentioned his new enterprise: opening an art gallery on Division near Fulton in Grand Rapids, in an area the city is trying to develop as an expanded arts center, with galleries, shops, studios, and artists' lofts.



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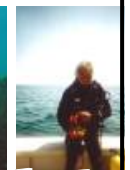


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## On This Date

**Ten Years Ago** The *Beacon's* front page heralded the Preservation Association's formation to rehab the Island's historic buildings, starting with the Dockside Market. The article described the purchase of the land by the Booth Packing Company in 1893, and then by Charles McCann in 1896. He built the store, which passed to the LaFrenieres, the Raffertys, and the Gillespies. "Judging by its condition today, it's obvious how well it was built."

The *Beacon* reported the continuing saga of the letter in the bottle, found on the beach at Greenes' Bay by Annette Dashiell and Sally Nielsen. Their letter to the bottle owner was answered by Amos Perry, who said he'd been throwing bottles with notes in the Great Lakes and oceans for years—with only 20% producing a response. This bottle traveled 100 miles in 6 weeks before being found. His ship, the *Togue*, belonged to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Perry said he frequently included checks in his bottles because when and where they were cashed gave him a record. His best float was a bottle dropped in mid Lake Huron that turned up on the inner side of Manitoulin Island—no match for one he read about in which a boy's bottle dropped from the Mackinac Island ferry was found a year later in Sweden.

Over 80 people attended the annual BIPOA meeting, at which it was decided to donate \$1,000 to the Little Sand Bay project. Speakers included Bill Fairhurst from the Walloon Lake Association, and Jerome Barry, who discussed his company's plan to spray herbicide on the power line right-of-

ways. Paul Nelson outlined a plan for paving 20 miles of Island roads.

Rich Gillespie thanked the voters for making him a new County Commissioner. The Chamber of Commerce thanked those who had attended its sold-out summer cruise. The Fly-in was set for mid-September.

St. James rejected a request from Peaine to form a joint committee to look into how the Yacht Dock partnership was formed and propose ways to improve it. A query from the Great Lakes Cruising Club, which proposed bringing 150 or so boats to the Island the following July, was met with a statement that we lacked facilities for such a crowd. Peaine Township voted to contribute \$5,000 to the Tennis Courts and \$5,000 to the Little Sand Bay project.

Ken Scoggins, now a full-time resident with his wife Betty, reported on a stop-over on a trip to Charlevoix with two sailing buddies. After tying up at the dock they gravitated to the Shamrock, where a local man sat down at their table, learned they were new, and decided to give them a tour. First they headed for the Lodge to celebrate Shannon Rafferty's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Next they crashed the Beachcomber, where Ken Taylor filled the grill with Polish dogs, switched the pin-ball machine to *free*, and set out a lengthy row of quarters on the pool table. By dawn the intrepid tour guide dropped off the luggy sailors and headed off for work. Who was that masked man? Rich Gillespie, of course.

**Twenty Years Ago** The *Beacon* trumpeted the successful return of the Boat Company to Beaver Island hands,

as John McGoff's *Beaver Island Navigation Company* was purchased through a stock offering. Seven local businessmen, spearheaded by Ed Wojan and Bill McDonough, formed the *Beaver Island Boat Company* and sold shares at \$100 each to 267 people who bought 4,016 of the 5,000 shares by late June. This enabled the new company to pay \$450,000 to McGoff. On September 1<sup>st</sup> the first annual meeting of the new company was held at the Parish Hall, with 175 stockholders in attendance.

Negotiations between the Native Americans and the DNR were concluded by an agreement that closed northern Lake Michigan to non-Native commercial fishermen, bringing to an end the business that had powered the growth and sustenance of Beaver Island for 140 years.

The softball tournament concluded with the Beaver Island team winning, Tom McDonough receiving a prize for most home runs (4), and Don Willis, the winning pitcher in all four games, being named tournament MVP.

Jim Hibbler was hired to teach 4<sup>th</sup> grade at the school.

The townships asked the County Commissioners how it would use the Coast Guard Boat House if it followed through on its purchase, but did not receive an answer. A survey of the Township Cemetery was ordered, to locate all the graves. Peaine Township asked the Road Commission to close the Mike Boyle's Beach Road. In the election, George Lasater beat Paul LaFreniere for Charlevoix County Sheriff.

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old John Bennett, an honor student from Grandview who drowned at the playground; Ruth Egbert; Jean Stout; and Ray Howell, an engineer who had contributed his services to the BIHS and the Christian Church during his eight-year residency. Father Herbert thanked those who had helped him celebrate the silver anniversary of his ordination at the Parish Hall.

**Thirty Years Ago** This *Beacon* covered September and October, and included news from the Game Club—which also sponsored 1974's Fly-In. Rabbits and squirrels abounded, but partridge were scarce. It was too early for woodcock, although plenty of ducks and geese were flying past. Barney's yield was bluegill; Fox's rainbow trout; and Geneserath's spike and bass.

The school had 55 students enrolled; Brian Cole was the only representative of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

The ball team took the *South Shore* to Harbor Springs, where it won two games (20 - 6 and 8 - 7 in 9 innings.) At 4:00 in the afternoon the ferry started back, with Kevin McDonough at the helm. After 15 minutes at sea they came upon an overturned sailboat with three people hanging on for dear life. Kevin fought the rough seas and maneuvered the ferry into position to get the people on board. Shortly thereafter another boat arrived to tow in the sailboat. Kevin turned the ferry around and took the people he'd saved back to Harbor Springs, leaving again at 6:15 for the 3-hour trip home.

**Forty Years Ago** School opened with 9 kids in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

At a meeting at the Med Center the

*United Protestant Church* was organized, with A. J. Roy, John Kempker, James Carpenter, Bill Wagner, and Phil Gregg appointed to the Board. Vacationing ministers were invited to conduct one of the services.

The Game Club felt deer hunting would be very good because of the previous year's "open winter." Partridge hunting on Beaver and Garden was also excellent. The Game Division of the Conservation Department was opening Garden's trails.

Passings noted included Eva McDonough and Mike Cull. Eva LaFreniere married Lloyd McDonough in 1926; they opened the original McDonough's Market. Mike was born on Beaver Island in 1885, and owned (and skippered) two fish tugs, the *Betsy C* and the *LaFond*.

Helen Collar supplied a 3-page article about her fifty years coming to Beaver. Her father had bought a lot on the north shore—at the *Portage*—from Bowery Gallagher in 1915, and hired Charles Tilley and Ket Gillespie to build them a cottage the following year. She recalled people talking about having found a \$20 gold piece in the ruins of King Strang's home. She mentioned the 'German Army,' friends of Dr. Protar from Davenport Iowa who frequently stayed at the Beaver Hotel.

Helen was here when the railroad began pulling up its rails, starting from the south end. The wooden sidewalks built by the Lumber Company were deteriorating when she was a girl, and walking on them chanced falling through. The three stores didn't sell milk; that was bought directly from

farmers with cows. Sometimes she and her sister would be sent for milk, only to be told they would have to go find the cow before it could be milked; they would follow the sound of its bell.

She knew Mrs. Floyd, who spoke of having seen King Strang. When Helen was a girl the Mormon dock on which Strang had been shot was still being used. The Israelites, which they called 'Holy Rollers,' came over from High to sell their produce. During WW I, most of the lake boats were pressed into service, but the *Kansas* was left to ply Lake Michigan's ports. When it was due, a dance would be held in the Parish Hall until it arrived—sometimes at 4:00 a.m. Once it was tied up, everyone would walk down for a free movie it showed on board. Two Islanders, Shield and Roddy, were on its crew.

The priest reported the weather, and hung lanterns on the signal tower (at the Rectory) to let the fishermen know what to expect. On a trip to the Smithsonian she saw a model of a familiar ship, the *Margaret McCann*, one of three steam tugs operating here (along with the *Link*, owned by the Lefts, and the Martins' *Shamrock*. Big Art soon had the first diesel boat, the *Estonia*. The ferry was the Mail Boat, which wouldn't leave until every returning fish boat in sight had offloaded its catch.

The official census of 1910, she said, recorded a total of 1,965 people living here—continuing a "tradition of independence and self-sufficiency built by their parents and grandparents who had come from Ireland to find a better way of life."

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## Artists on Display

*The incised gourd bowls of Terry Conner and Jewelry design by Joane McIntyre*



Livingstone Studio continued its 'Meet the Artist' series in August—even as many of them were featured in biweekly televised interviews with Channel 7 & 4's Diana Fairbanks. First was Terry Conner, long a favorite for his driftwood pieces and now venturing into a stunning new media: gourds. His approach is both serious and playful, using a variety of dremmel tools to cut in an often whimsical design (such as folk art, spiritual, or Native American or African patterns) and sometimes adding elements such as Venetian glass beads before coloring—usually leather stains. In listening to him talk about his work, it's easy to understand why it has produced such an evident tranquility.

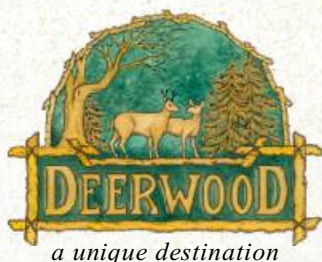
Joane McIntyre, known as McBead, appeared the next week with her surprising jewelry. An art director for Knorr Marketing in Traverse City (NW Michi-



gan's largest ad agency), she knew she wanted to be an artist even before she graduated from UM's art school. She has tried a number of media, including some she created for herself—such as old pieces of furniture painted with



found, left-over paint. But it has only been recently that she has learned to focus her energy into a sequence of jewelry pieces demonstrating an elegant balance and using unexpected, sometimes repurposed, materials. The sequence that most tickled her audience was called *Things Remembered by Things Left Behind*, and included, for example, a composition done as an homage to her ham radio enthusiast Uncle Hank—and used components from his set. Another crowd pleaser was a necklace made from cut-up pieces of her credit card—a rare example of high art with an indirect utilitarian purpose.



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## Bluebird Owner Launches New Political Book

by Robert Cole

This past spring marked the beginning of two new ventures for journalist and editor Jennifer Nix, daughter of Island resident Sharon Nix.

One was the purchase by Jennifer and husband Steve Leonard of the historic Bluebird home, the 19<sup>th</sup> century log farmhouse that was beautifully restored by former Old Rectory owners Claudia Schmidt and Bill Palladino. The other was taking a new job as developmental editor for Vermont-based Chelsea Green, a leading independent publisher of books promoting sustainable living.

Formed in 1984, Chelsea Green's original purpose was to function as an in-depth information resource on such subjects as organic farming, sustainable home design, and renewable energy. Recently though, the company has expanded its mission to include "a new politics of sustainability." Seeing sustainable living as being inevitably linked to political, social, ecological, and economic issues, the company has chosen to take a bold step toward using publishing as a tool for positive cultural change.

Perhaps one of the most important new titles to emerge from the publisher involves three of Nix's passions: language, progressive politics, and the ways in which the first shapes the success or

failure of the second. Slated for a mid-September release, George Lakoff's *Don't Think of an Elephant: Know Your Values and Frame the Debate* is subtitled *The Essential Guide for Progressives*.

Lakoff, a political analyst and linguistics professor at UC Berkeley, is the author of several books applying the field of linguistics to the study of politics, particularly the framing of public political debate. Described by Howard Dean as "one of the most influential political thinkers of the progressive movement," Lakoff explains how conservatives think, and how to effectively debate conservative arguments. He defines the traditional values progressives share, but which they too often fail to articulate to the voting public.

With the 2004 presidential election looming, Lakoff and his allies at Chelsea Green are working hard to expose these insightful and practical ideas to a wider audience, at what may be one of the most crucial moments in the history of the progressive movement. Conceived as a kind of layman's manual for progressive politicians, thinkers, and organizations, the book has the potential to revitalize the political left by arming it with powerful tools to convincingly express the validity of its vision to the culture at large. The

hearts and minds of undecided voters now and in the future are the primary target of this multi-media effort.

Thus Nix has found herself very busy promoting the book nationally, traveling cross-country, and networking with retail book chains and the print and broadcast media. A plan has been laid out to market the book through Amazon.com as well as numerous other outlets, including a host of progressive activist and media Web sites that are becoming increasingly popular and influential in the overlapping worlds of politics and sustainable living.

All this in the midst of a new home purchase locally—and relocation from Colorado to Chicago—has been a challenge, but this high-energy writer and media producer has taken to the task with typical fervor. Feeling that her choice of a home here reflects her personal and professional emphasis on sustainability—the Bluebird is one of the Island's few solar-powered homes—she hopes in both word and action to advance the ethics behind the political and ecological philosophy that guides her.

For more on George Lakoff's new book and the visionary publishing house releasing it, visit Chelsea Green online at [www.chelseagreen.com](http://www.chelseagreen.com).



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## Health Center Meeting

The BIRHC Board held a meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>. A review of finances showed that the expected \$30,000 lack in covering the operating expenses was roughly equal to the shortfall in anticipated donations. The proposed budget for the next fiscal year was accepted, with notice that it could be amended once the fiscal year has begun.

Yet there was much good news. Because of a surge in visits to the BIRHC in July, visits for the year were up by 4%. An analysis of operating costs to date indicated that the added charges for insurance and utilities at the new facility had amounted to only a 1% increase in the budget. Because of the

volatility of the transition, legal fees this year equaled the total of the previous ten, an expense not likely to be matched in the future.

Unfortunately a grant request to the Grand Traverse Bay Band received no funds; for the \$800,000 the Tribe had to disburse, they received requests totaling \$4,000,000.

Lenore Jacobsen's energetic management of the Fashion Tea netted the BIRHC around \$8,500. The Truck Raffle was proceeding well, with enough tickets sold to cover the purchase of the truck. And the first \$100,000 plateau had been reached (and passed), earning the first of three \$100,000 matches

from a Foundation. Joe Reed projected the Endowment Fund to reach \$250,000 by month's end.

Connie Harris has been hired as a new 2<sup>nd</sup> health care provider, and will be moving to the Island in the near future.

Fresh copies of the proposed modified By-laws were distributed, incorporating the changes made during the line-by-line reading at the previous meeting. The only new modification was to add language specifying exactly how the Board's size could be reduced to 11 (it's currently 12 and allowed to be 13) by attrition.

Eula Thomas suggested looking for ways to expand the services provided on the Island, one example being providing i.v. fluids and antibiotics here.

The OMA seminar was postponed.

Donna Kubic reported that the company handling the BIRHC's billing had declined to get involved with collecting about \$14,000 worth of old bills—owed to "the old company." Some of these have already been turned over to collection agencies, to no avail.

## Ralph Napont

Joseph 'Ralph' Napont, 70, of Charlevoix, passed away Sunday evening, Aug. 1, 2004.

Ralph was born Oct. 31, 1933, on Beaver Island, and was preceded in death by his parents, Agnes (Nanigaw) and Bernard Napont.

He is survived by siblings, Clifford Napont of Charlevoix, Richard (Sandy) Napont of Pellston, MaryAnn (Napont) Boulton of Charlevoix, Rita (Napont) Blacklock of Dearborn Heights, Marilyn Napont of Petoskey and Melvin Napont of Beaver Island, as well as his maternal aunts, Mary (Nanigaw) Keshick of Petoskey and Irene (Nanigaw) Bigeagle of Chicago; along with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his friend, Louise Kane.

Ralph was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians and lived his life as a commercial fisherman, a carpenter, and also served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.



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## A Disheartening Flood

On July 12<sup>th</sup> the BIRHC staff arrived at work to discover water flowing out the front door of the new facility. Upon entering the building they found a soaked carpet, warped doors, and an old fax machine gushing water. Luckily, no records were ever in danger.

The problem turned out to be the air conditioning system, whose FCUs (fan coil units) are sensitive to power outages. They can turn off, and, if they do, they must be reset manually. The Island had suffered such an outage, and the FCU electrical control box disconnected its fan. The cooling coils in the FCU kept receiving cold air, but with no air forced over the coils by a fan, frost built up, causing water in the nearby heating coil to freeze—until it broke, producing an interior rain during the night.

A claim for about \$40,000 has been submitted to the insurance company, and Beaver Gems is preparing a bid for modifications in the system: an indicator light and warning buzzer; handy remote reset controls; and a temperature sensor on the FCUs to turn off the air conditioning units when the cooling coil temperature drops.

## Dialysis on Beaver

My husband Charles and I looked forward to spending our retirement on Beaver Island, but two years ago kidney failure intervened and our plans have been altered.

I require kidney dialysis three times a week, and the prospect of three trips weekly to the nearest location—Petoskey or Traverse City—makes living on the Island almost impossible.

I have talked with Connie Wojan and Sue Solle about setting up a dialysis unit in the new Rural Health Center, and I've been told to find out who else finds themselves in the same situation. So that's what I'm doing.

I'd like to hear from anyone requiring dialysis who would like to live or spend time on Beaver if their medical needs were met. I'm thinking also of family members or friends. I would appreciate hearing from you; my address is 5925 Cedar Knoll Drive; Brighton MI 48116. Or call me at (810) 227-3943. —Sandy Morris

## Blood Drive a Success

The Blood Drive Team wishes to convey its thanks to all the people who contributed to the successful drive held on Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. The results were: 83 persons presented; 68 productive units were collected; 4 were first-time donors; and 9 persons were deferred.

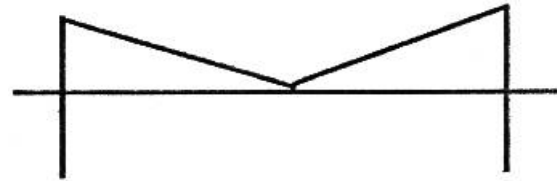
"Approximately 204 lives will be saved by the generosity of the donors and volunteers from your blood drive," said Lynn Tilson of the Red Cross, "and since the inventory of blood products for hospitals remains at only a 2-day supply, your team's efforts with donor recruitment are truly appreciated."

The many businesses that displayed announcements, the Beaver Island Boat Co., Island Airways, and the Transit Authority, which provided transportation, the Community School that provided the school site, the volunteers who worked to prepare that site, and those who assisted the nursing staff during the donation period, and especially those who were able and did present to give that "gift of life"...all of them made significant contributions to this success. We look forward to next year's opportunity to work with the American Red Cross and the Beaver Island community. Many thanks!

—Jeanne Howell, Connie Wojan,  
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Letters to the Editor:

## Those pesky golf carts

After reading the brief paragraph in the July Beaver Beacon regarding "golf cart restrictions" I simply could not help myself as I burst into laughter. The absurdity, the truly pathetic state of liability paranoia and big brother protecting ourselves from ourselves can only be seen as amusement or as a really sad state of government intrusion. Imagine our grandparents being told no buggy trips on public roads without an approved helmet, oh ya, and also you better be documented as disabled or you will be ticketed for the ride! Or wait, perhaps a horse-drawn buggy is farsafer than an electric cart with a top speed of 15mph; after all the horse has most of the control and rarely exceeds 25mph! Perhaps our officials or a few residents simply think the carts too disruptive. I can see why some would prefer the beat-up muffler-deprived pickup speeding down Donegal Bay Road at 50mph rather than the quiet and slow cart: the cart can sneak up on you.

So lets see, what else bothers or scares folks about these crazy people that might want to go to McDonough's Market for some bread in their golf cart.

Oh of course, the whole thing can just get out of control. Hundreds, no thousands of golf carts ferociously eating up all the Island's electricity, running (quietly) up and down the streets of Beaver Island without regard to posted speed limits (which they can never reach).

Like locusts swarming the geography, teenagers with boom boxes mounted on the club rack, young girls flaunting themselves in front of the young boys taking advantage of the open air ride. Oh, and then there is the parking. Okay, so four carts can park in the same spot as one SUV; still a potential problem as, again, there could be thousands! Then there is the issue of the alcohol-related accidents. Those uncontrollable few who insist on a beer in the cup holder, or, God forbid, those who leave the Shamrock and climb into one of these things rather than their 4000-pound broken-down 120-mph cars. Wow, now I want to know how can I help strengthen the laws to ban these terrible things?

So let's get serious about this whole safety thing. Because I am a trauma

surgeon I want to help take the lead in this endeavor to protect people from themselves. No way is Darwin going to have a point here. Statistically the incidence of closed head injury from falling in the winter on a slippery surface (yes, those public roads and trails) is several orders of magnitude greater than golf cart head injuries. The order is close to 10,000 to 1. The solution is obvious: all people on Beaver Island after November 1<sup>st</sup> and through April 15<sup>th</sup> shall wear approved helmets when stepping out from their homes. Also, you must be licensed as an approved walker and support the correct shoe wear or be subject to fine.

Bottom line, let's not encourage golf carts or any other safe, efficient, practical, or fun means of transportation. Let's get more cars and trucks so our citizens have far more steel around then in the event of a crash. At \$263,000 for each mile of paved road we want to use that asphalt with some mass and speed! And remember to write your government representatives and thank them for protecting you from you!!!

—John Martin

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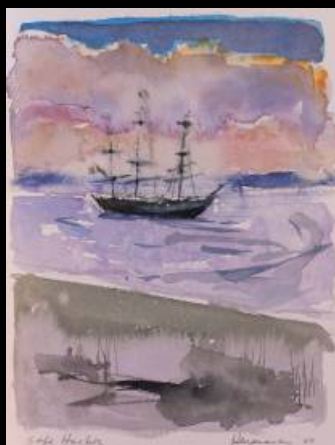
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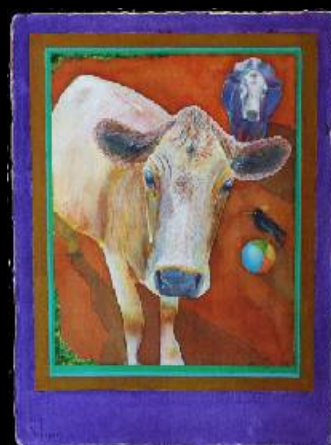
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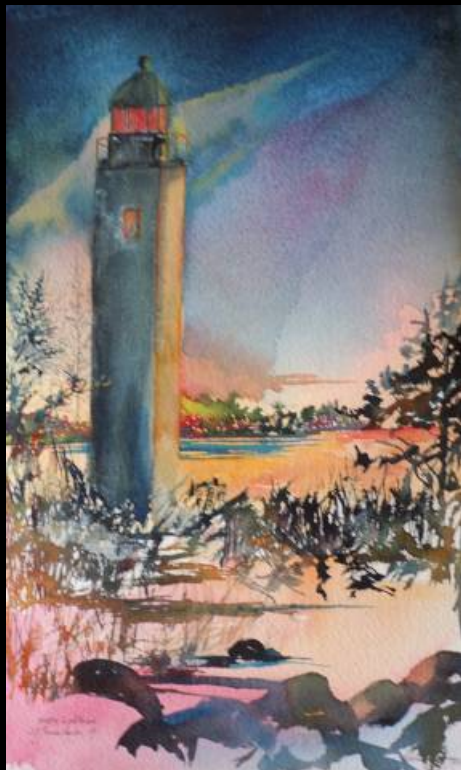
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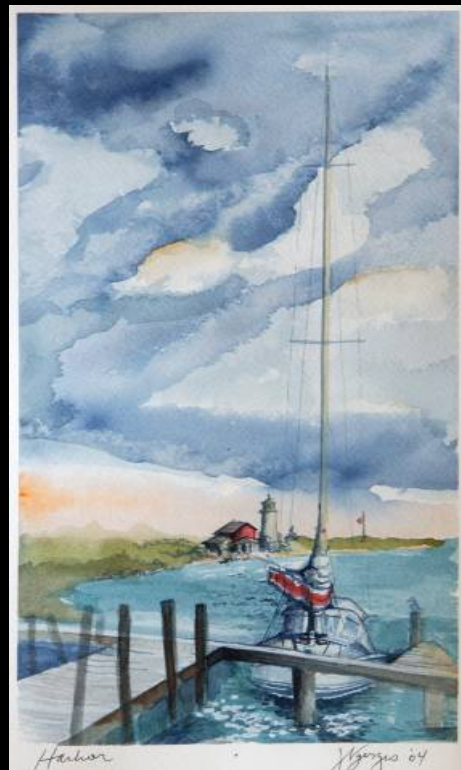
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## Goofy Golf Results

This year's Goofy Golf was once again a grand success, due to the Works family for letting us hold it at their Golf Course, Sue Welke and Debbie Bousquet for volunteering, and of course all those Goofy Golfers. We had a record 10 teams, with scores running from 45 to 33.

The winning team was Dan Dunigan Jr, P. J. Hoffman Jr, Hank Hudechek, Andy Huyssen, and Bailey McDonough. Jerry Charboneau was 'closest to the Beaver.' The last-place team wishes to remain nameless.

Thanks to everyone who participated, and especially to God for giving us good weather. —Lisa Vance-Gillespie

## Kleofa (Kay) O'Donnell

Kleofa (Kay) O'Donnell, 85, of Munster, IN, died August 25<sup>th</sup> at Community Hospital in Munster. She is survived by two loving sons, John and Robert, both of Dyer, IN, and many nieces and nephews. Kay was preceded in death by her husband Bernard in 2000 and by her brother Leo in 1998. A Mass was held on August 30<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Cross Catholic Church on Beaver Island, the Rev. Pat Cawley officiating. Burial took place at Holy Cross Cemetery.

## What were we Thinking?

A few guesses were put forward for the failure of the millage renewal for Peaine's Operating Fund: voters thought it called for an increase (it didn't), or they were exhausted by the time it appeared at

the back of the ballot. In any event, it will be back on the ballot in November, and we'll be able to conscientiously express our opinion on whether or not we favor this form of representative government.

## Thanks

Our mother, Phyllis Townsend, who passed away on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the age of 93, was an Island resident for 32 years, contributing time, energy, and talent to numerous organizations. After a memorial service she was buried here, according to her wishes.

The love, help, and generosity of the Islanders has been overwhelming. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all who came and honored mother with their presence at the service. Your cards, hugs, special words spoken to family members, and support during this difficult time are greatly appreciated.

Over the course of the years spent here, Mother formed many meaningful friendships. She lived a long and interesting life, greatly enriched by knowing and loving you. We thank you for giving her so many wonderful years.

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## A Sondheim Surprise

When word went out that *An Evening with Stephen Sondheim* was being enhanced with new dances, songs and cast for six late summer shows, no one knew what to expect. Now that four of the six shows have been performed, those who were in the half-capacity audience are nearly unanimous in their praise. Opening night did produce some jitters—because the addition of two professionals made the mainly amateur performers a little nervous. In the second show the wrong number was announced, but the cast corrected the announcer and followed the planned order. That broke the tension and put everyone at ease, and a week of hard work brought the production to a new level for the second week. As someone who has seen the first four shows said, "Who would have thought something this good would be staged here on Beaver Island?"

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## BIPOA Annual Meeting

The Beaver Island Property Owners Association held its Annual Meeting on E. B. Lange's birthday. Its financial report showed it to have total assets of over eight thousand dollars, six thousand dollars of which was in a CD. Annual dues provided \$1,857.

Jack Kelly opened the discussions by reporting that the final draft of his Recreation Plan was almost done, would be referenced in the new Master Plan, and was summarized in the August *Beacon*. The final document would be used in funding requests, and at the very least would make people more aware of their opportunities and responsibilities.

Krys Lyle gave a timeline for the Master Plan. Research would continue through September. A draft was expected by December. After January meetings of the Planning Commissions, a revised plan draft would be circulated from next March through May, followed by public hearings in June and, hopefully, adoption.

Ron Stith presented his Property Owners Manual, saying it could be revised each year to incorporate changes and improvements. Eight hundred copies of this edition will be

passed out through the airports, the ferry docks, the Chamber, the Library, and Island realtors.

Jim Haveman said the conservation easement seminar had been of interest to 20 people. He showed an \$8 brochure put together by the Partnership Project, which could be photocopied because it contained no copyrighted material.

Pam Grassmick attended the Michigan Public Service Committee hearings, where she asked that the differential between GLE's high initial estimate and actual costs be returned to the Island, possibly as a donation to the BIRHC; it could be \$100,000.

An interesting new agenda item was "area reports," statements of events and concerns affecting particular parts of the Island. Bob Welke talked about the Port of St. James and the controversy over public access to PoSJPOA beaches. The Stables Campground has tightened its policies—and raised its rate from \$3/night to \$10. The post of *Island Agent* was currently void.

Pam mentioned the exotic plant springing up on East Side beaches, which some have been pulling out. She cited a growing problem: proliferating

driveways on the inland side of the road. Jim Haveman said the public's ability to dune ride at McFadden's Point had been thankfully curtailed by private gates. Annette Dashiell reported that Ron Wojan acted on his promise to smooth out the South Greenes' Bay Road after building a house at its end.

Mary Cook announced that a newly-formed Lake Geneserath Property Owners' Association was willing to monitor water levels.

Jack Kelly and Doris Larsen agreed to accept another term on the Board.

## Dedication of the 9-11 Memorial

On Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30 a.m. there will be an introduction by John Works Jr., a Benediction by Reverend Howard Davis at the Fire Hall to commemorate the placing of the World Trade Center fragment, followed by a few words by Phil Hoffman, a singing of *God Bless America*, a presentation of the names of those serving in the Armed Forces by Alvin LaFreniere, the playing of *Taps* by Bob Hoogendorn, and a final prayer by Phil Gregg.

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## How's the Water?

At the end of July Dr. Donna King took a break from her *Boat-Tique* duties to inform 63 people at the Peaine Town Hall about some water quality issues in the harbor and the inland lakes. She used a power-point presentation to familiarize the audience with basic terms, and sketched in the research done over the past almost-50 years. She described the tests done to measure nutrients, oxygen, light (clarity), and chlorophyll, and talked about the three levels, which are defined by differing water temperatures, and touched on the inversion cycles through which they can pass.

The question on everyone's mind was: what can we do to keep our water beautiful, clean, and clear? Dr. King outlined some steps: better monitoring; conducting a cladophora survey (partic-

ularly at Lake Geneserath, which has recently shown some alarming changes); check up on septic fields and quickly repair any problems to lower the risk of *e coli*; and reduce fertilizer use (perhaps pumping lake water, already overly rich in nutrients, onto lawns.) She warned about negative side effects of expanding duck and geese populations, and suggested that a lengthening of the downtown septic line could help protect the harbor (which suffers from excessive nitrate content.)

In conclusion, she hoped funding would develop to enable graduate students to continue to investigate the potential dangers. Everyone present was sympathetic with her cause; if there had been a sign-up sheet for volunteers to patrol the beaches, almost everyone present would have signed.

## Lightning Strike victims receive Credit

TDS Telecom gave a local service credit on its August bills to customers who experienced an interruption in their telephone service due to lightning strikes in mid-July. The reimbursement was at least \$14.05. "We really appreciate our customers' patience as we made

repairs following the storm," Sales Manager Charlene Burnison stated, adding that people shouldn't assume someone else will report on service outages. "We hope our customers will keep us informed by calling 448-2211, the local office, whenever they have a problem."

## Thanks from BIPOA

As summer winds down, we wish to thank Dr. Jim Gillingham, Nancy Seefelt, and Dr. Donna King for their presentation of the 'Nature Lecture Series.' The C.M.U. Bio Station continues its mission to provide great service to our Beaver Island community. We all benefit from its presence as a resource to help us preserve, protect, and advance our understanding of our natural environment.

Our thanks extend to the Beaver Island Partnership Project, especially Jim Haveman of the Conservation Resource Alliance, for assisting in the development and distribution of a 'Landowners' Guide to Good Resource Stewardship' (available at the BIHS Museum.) And to the presentation by the Little Traverse Conservancy's Executive Director Tom Bailey, who provided a valuable discussion of conservation easements and conservancy practices to maintain land and resources for future generations.

On behalf of the BIPOA board, members, and visitors, we offer a very special thanks to each of you for programs well done.

—Pam Grassmick

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The Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary Resale Shop is closed. The Auxiliary is looking for a better building for a future site so that the long standing tradition of gently used treasures can continue. Our desire is a near town location with running water and room for used furniture sales.



All the profits from the Resale Shop have supplied the B.I. Fire Department with new safer equipment ranging from helmets and turnout gear to a life saving thermal imager. Many thousands of dollars have been earned at \$1 or \$2 an item or with the famous \$2 a bag sales.

The faithful volunteers are Ruth Hallahan, Jackie Howard, Sally Lounsberry, Pat Rowley, Joan Vyse, and Janet O Donnell. This crew is ready to serve up the good deals when a new location is found.

We also like to express our gratitude to Chuck, Doug, and John at the Transfer Station. They have been very helpful during the closing down and

cleaning up process.

Sheri Timsak is the president of the BIFDA. Call her if you know of a possible location for the Resale Shop.

Thank you for your many years of support.

—Donna Stambaugh.

## David Washegesic

David L. Washegesic, 77, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, July 8, 2004, at his home. Mass of the Resurrection was held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

David was born Oct. 29, 1926, on Beaver Island, the son of George and Sarah (Peters) Washegesic, and attended the Holy Childhood School in Harbor Springs. A member of the

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, he was a life-long commercial fisherman and an active member of the Grand Traverse Band Elders. He was the last of his brothers and sisters, having been preceded in death by Archie, Alex, Joseph, Mary, Catherine, and Esther.

He is survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends.

## BIRHC Benefit Dinner

The Beaver Island Lodge and Nina's Restaurant will host a benefit dinner in support of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center on **September 17<sup>th</sup>**, 2004. All proceeds will go to the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

Reservations are required, so please call (231) 448-2396.

Thank you for your continued support of this Island service.

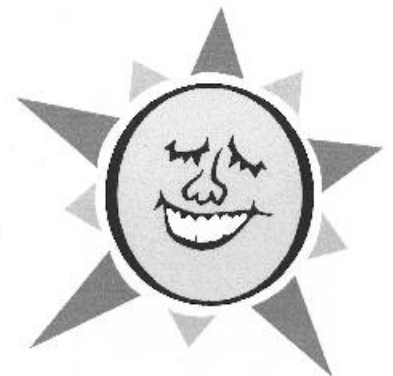
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## Signe Thomas takes New York

In late July, Beaver Island's Signe Thomas took part in the premier classic tap event of our time, *Slide*. This rhythm tap original was directed and choreographed by Mike Minery, with casting auditions held on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Signe was cast in two shows, and spent the next week in taxing classes and rehearsals. Then on the 24<sup>th</sup> she appeared in both the 5:00 p.m. and the 8:00 p.m. shows.

The week leading up to these shows was intense, with dance workshops taught by world-renowned tap instructors lasting to nearly midnight at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Times Square. Dress rehearsals and the show itself were held at Variety Theater, the 2<sup>nd</sup> larg-



est off-Broadway theater in New York. Throughout the production Signe had the once-in-a-lifetime chance to tap with the Duke Ellington Orchestra, led by Paul Mercer Ellington.

Three years ago Signe began sharing her love for tap by giving free lessons for Beaver Island children, and so far has had 21 kids in Signe's Irish Tappers. She has always done her own choreography for the troupe's dances. Thanks to her dedication the Island has enjoyed many fine performances, but this fall will see a hiatus because she'll be cruising along the coast of British Columbia with her parents, Bill and Eula, in their new boat.

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**Charlevoix Sentinel Sept. 1, 1904**

**Local News:** "Supervisor W. J. Gallagher and James Donlevy, of St. James, came over Sunday, returning Wednesday.

"Rev. Fr. Zugelder, of St. James, came over on the *Beaver* yesterday, and went to Traverse City on the *Illinois*."

**Beaver Island News:** "Dr. Armstrong of Charlevoix was here professionally Monday."

"Mrs. James Donlevy gave a dinner and card party Saturday evening. James H. Gallagher took a party of fifteen to Garden Island Sunday. W. W. Boyle returned home Monday from a week's visit to the Sou. Cornelius Gallagher fell from a load of peas Friday and fractured two ribs.

"Wm. Stevens, president of the B. I. Lumber Co. has been to Manistee on a business trip. Misses Ida and Eva Gibson of Mackinaw Island, are here on a visit to relatives.

"Daniel McCauley died Monday, aged 87 years. Deceased was born in Ireland and settled on the Island in 1857.

"Mr. and Mrs. Rix of Keokuk Iowa, who have spent two months on the Island, are among the departures for home. Misses Plant, Barrows, Carmondy, Lynch, and Homann, and Mrs. Lynch of Chicago, who spent the summer here, left Monday and Wednesday for home. Other departures

are Mrs. John Donlevy, for Chicago, and James Conner of Rock Island."

**Sept. 8, 1904 Local News:** "Local inspectors Honner and Blocker went to the Beavers on an official trip Wednesday." (Note: Thos. Honner and Henry Bloecker registered at the Hotel Beaver, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 1904.)

"The editor is on Beaver endeavoring to reduce the rabbit population.

"A letter from James McCann, Jr. of Beaver Island, who is in a Denver hospital, states that he is rapidly improving, and that his strength and weight is increasing. His attending physician expresses the belief that he has a good chance for recovery.

"Northern Michigan: C. H. Chink, a wealthy land looker from Grand Rapids, was here last week, and Joe Swails took him in his launch to Beaver Island. Mr. Chink there made a trip to all the neighboring islands and went over them all. He is thinking of investing in Island property." *Resorter*, September 13, 1904

**Charlevoix Sentinel Sept. 15, 1904 Local News:** "Mrs. James Donlevy came over Monday, and went to Chicago.

"Mr. Moore, statistician for the Michigan Fish Company, has been at the Beavers several days on official business." (Note: C. H. Moore, Detroit, also registered at the Hotel Beaver.)



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"The steam barge *John Schroeder* went ashore on the SE end of Beaver Tuesday night in a fog. The captain came here Wednesday and notified its owners. The barge is in a very precarious situation if the wind comes high from the south or southeast. The tug *Wheeler* went there this morning.

"Rev. Father Zugleder, of St. James, came over Monday, and went to Big Rapids for the semiannual retreat of the priests of the diocese. The reverend gentleman will return in ten days, and in October will obtain a leave of absence to visit Prof. Cox in Chicago, and take in the World's Fair."

**Charlevoix Sentinel Sept. 22, 1904 Local News:** "Lou A. Comfort, superintendent of construction, lighthouse service, was here over Sunday, leaving Monday morning for Beaver and Squaw Island to superintend certain repairs at those stations."

**Charlevoix Sentinel Sept. 29, 1904 Beaver Island News:** "Mr. Gus Kitzmger, of Manistee, is on the Island for a few days. Some mechanism on the locomotive was broken Saturday laying it up until next week.

"The saw mill is shut down for this

week. The shingle mill is doing business however as steadily as possible.

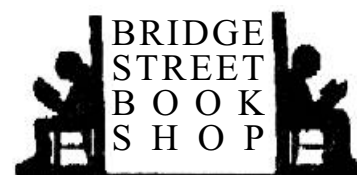
"Dr. Auld and family and Mrs. J. C. Blodgett, all of Charlevoix, are guests at the home of Dr. Wilkinson this week.

"The B. I. L. Co. is planning on an extension of their operations in the woods by building on to their present camps and getting a larger crew of men into the woods. The stave and heading plant is rapidly nearing completion and will be in operation in a short time.

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ner, and the weekend-long Bud McDonough Softball Tournament. In years past the Island team could be counted on to crush all comers, but no longer; now the top honor frequently goes to teams from 'across the pond,' many of whom are in leagues that play at least once a week and practice between games. This year offered little nostalgic

glory for the Island as the Grey Gables' Goliaths smashed pitch after pitch against or over the fences en route to the championship. Yesterday's Island heroes were in the audience, relaxing and eating Runberg's Red-hots as the next generation did its best to keep the title game close while wearing the shirts of the Shamrock. At least the local sports

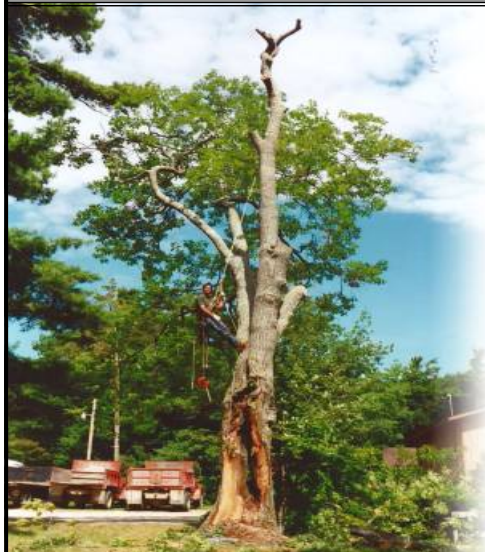


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enthusiasts could look forward to our Olympic b-ballers kicking foreign butt, as they had done for so many years in a row, to gain some vicarious satisfaction.

Homecoming was begun on the 100th anniversary of Bishop Baraga's arrival to convert the Native Americans living on the north shore. Early versions ran for a week, with each day hosting a

different event (horse races, boat races, sack races—any camaraderie-inducing competition would do) and each night witnessing parties and dances and concerts. In those days it was more important to touch base and compare notes with other Islanders abroad, to see how they were fending and finding the great big world. Now, in the age of instant elec-

tronic communication, many feel they can do what they have to do in a few short days.

Yet this year there was a spirit of cooperation and friendship, of joy at being back at Home Base, and the consensus was that no matter how quickly the weekend came and went, it was as glorious as ever, and maybe more so.



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## John "Sel" Selwin Pierson      Glen McDonough

John Selwyn "Sel" Pierson, 77, died peacefully at his home in Green Valley, Arizona, on July 13. He was preceded in death by his parents, J. Herbert Pierson and Cecelia (Jewell) Pierson; older brothers Jewell A. Pierson, a World War II Royal Air Force Pilot, and Loyd H. Pierson of Kelowna, British Columbia, a wireless air gunner in the Canadian Air Force; and brother-in-law J. Bernard Colton of Winnipeg, also a member of the Canadian Air Force.

He was born in Sioux Lookout, Ontario, Canada, but left Ontario after grade school for Winnipeg. He went to the University of Manitoba, and entered graduate school at the University of Minnesota in St. Paul in 1949, where he majored in Medieval English. Married 54 years, Sel is survived by his wife, Maura, and their adult children, Gordon, Kevin, Keith, and Shelagh.

In 1955, he and his wife both became proud United States citizens.

Sel pioneered the computerization of data from financial sources for use by economic institutions. Sel and his friends enjoyed the Pierson home on Beaver Island, hunting and fishing in Michigan's northern areas for 30 years.

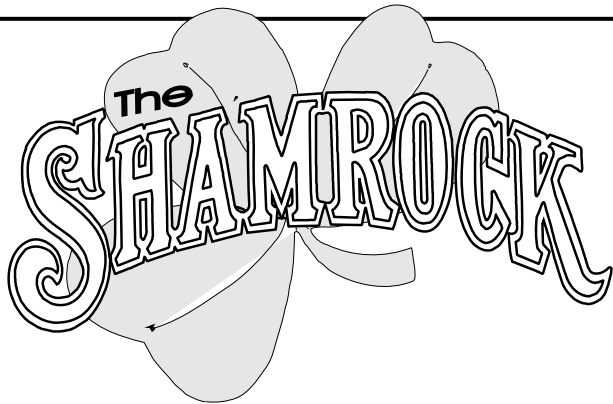
Glen McDonough, 70, of Charlevoix, died Thursday, Aug. 19 at Northern Michigan Hospital. Mass of the Resurrection was co-administered by the Rev. Pat Cawley and the Rev. Thomas Neis, with burial following in St. Mary's Cemetery, Charlevoix.

Glen was born on Beaver Island Harbor April 20, 1934, the son of William Patrick and Sophia (Haugen) McDonough. He married the love of his life, Eleanor M. Gallagher, also of Beaver Island. Throughout his life his family, friends and Beaver Island were all that mattered, all that he loved. He loved Beaver Island music, whether it was at a house party, in the Hall on the Island, or anywhere his beloved family and friends gathered. Those who knew and loved him can envision his perfect smile and his special saunter as he moved from table to table in the Hall, greeting both young and old with a handshake or hug, either gesture filled with the joy and the soul of an always-happy man. Thursday afternoon, with the lake as blue as the sky, he was fortunate enough to have his wife, son and cousin, Carol Bunting, with him in his room facing his beloved birthplace just

beyond the horizon. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Glen was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, the Old Fashioned Michigan Fiddlers Association, the Jordan Valley Fiddlers, and the Michigan Electrical Inspectors Association. Glen is survived by his wife, Eleanor; son, Patrick (Jennifer) McDonough, of Evanston, Ill.; brother, Anthony (Mardee) McDonough, of Sydney, Australia; sister, Mary Ellen (Pat) Monachino, of Elba, N.Y., Bertha (Ted) Danaj of Petoskey and Charlotte (Richard) Sanderson of Ocala, Fla. His brother, Kenneth L., preceded Glen in death in 2000. Contributions may be directed to the Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids, in care of Diane O'Donnell, 9034 Pierce Road, Zeeland, Michigan 49464.

## Fishing Tourney Cancelled

The AmVets Post 46 has had to call off the fishing tournament planned for the Harbor in September, due a lack of registration. Disappointed at not being able to bring the benefits it offered to Beaver Island, they have promised to continue researching this matter until the right formula is found.



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Cotton, a pilot from Kalkaska who was staying at the Emerald Isle Hotel, asked to be picked up at the Township Airport the evening of August 14<sup>th</sup>. Before the van arrived, he and his wife heard a loud crack to the east and saw the ground was on fire at the base of a power pole on Donnel Mor's Lane. Grabbing his jacket, Cotton raced for the flames while his wife ran inside the terminal building to use the pay phone—not knowing that all the Island's pay phones had been removed. Luckily she knew the "pilot's code," and could get into the inner room.



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If things had gone differently, this could be a tragic tale, but with the help of JoAnne Cashman, the hotel manager and van driver, she was able to make the needed call. In the meantime Cotton began beating out the flames, and at least reduced their rate of growth. A passing car stopped, saw the problem, and raced to Roger Lear's home to the north; returning with shovels, they too began to attack the stubborn blaze. While they were gone Cotton grabbed a mop and bucket from the Paradise Bay Coffee Shop across the street, which was more effective than his now-charred shoes. A few minutes later, as Dave Adams screamed to a halt with the other Firemen not far behind, the fire was "in remission." They made short shrift of the mop-up, and were soon back at their jobs.

## First Deerhead Returns

In late August Frank Howard came to Beaver Island to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, and brought back the head of the first deer shot legally on Beaver—by his father Sylvester, who was featured in a nationally publicized article by Ben East.

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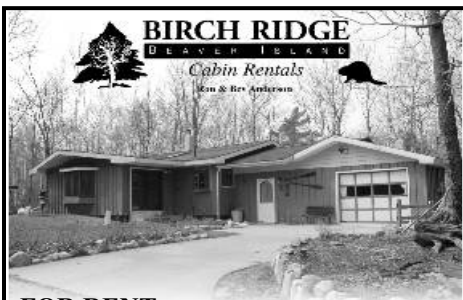


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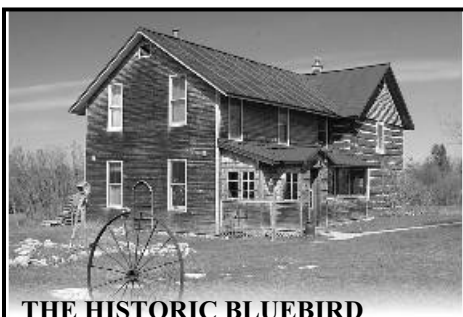
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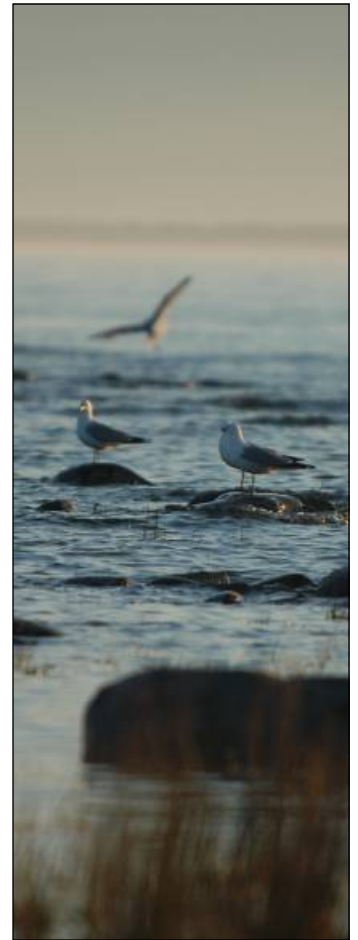
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