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News from the Townships

St. James Township

St. James’ Town Board met on June 1st. The imminent arrival of dust control was announced, leading to a round of cheers from the 13 people in the audience. A resolution was needed to approve the road name changes voted on last month, and the McDonough’s rezoning had to be finalized by also approving a corresponding change in the zoning map.

Supervisor Don Vyse had finally received the deed to the Whiskey Point Light, which would be signed and sent to the GSA for completion. The Coast Guard said it intended to keep the light going. In Charlevoix the light on the jetty was up for acquisition, and the city and the Charlevoix Historical Society were starting the process we’ve just completed. Vyse also said that the officials who had made the Municipal Marina upgrade possible would not be able to attend the Grand Opening because new budget constraints had eliminated their travel allowance.

Two organizations wanted approval of their requests for 2% grants from the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians. Connie Wojan appeared for the BIRHC, saying their grant request would be for under $15,000 for equipment for the Community Room and for help with their T-1 line fee ($14,000, with $10,000 already covered.) Jacque LaFreniere appeared for PABI, which wanted to request a $40,000 grant for help with the Community House’s performance area, a project supported by the school, which plans to make use of the new facility. Both requests for support were approved.

John McCafferty wanted to lease a lot at the Township Airport to build a hangar. The formula calls for $1/year in rent, with the lease expiring in 25 years; then the Airport would offer to lease the hangar to John, first, at a fair rate. He thought the 60’ x 90’ lot would support a 44’ x 56’ hangar—because residential setbacks don’t apply. The Airport Committee had approved; now St. James did too.

Four bids for the gravel crusher (in good repair, with a comparable machine priced at $35k): $5,200 from Gary Morgan (who wanted it for parts); $12,009 from Schwartzfifer Stoneeworks; $12,552 from Wojan Excavating; and $18,568.72 from Bud Martin, which was accepted. Martin had prepared a cashier’s check, which he turned over to close the deal.

Peaine Township

Connie Wojan and Jacque LaFreniere asked the Peaine Board to support their grant requests to the Grand Traverse Band for the BIRHC and PABI, which it did. John McCafferty asked to lease a lot at the Township Airport to build a hangar, and this too was approved.

Jacque LaFreniere also mentioned that a scout troop would be on the
Island for a week in August, and would be willing to perform one day of community service.

Supervisor John Works Jr. said that the East Side Fire Hall’s occupancy permit had been issued earlier in the day. He urged everyone to attend the Open House. He said that in digging a hole for the buried water tank, water had been encountered so it could not be placed as deeply as desired; the fill would be moulded to provide the needed insulation.

Dust control was discussed. All residents and land owners can pick up from the Transfer Station two 50# bags of calcium chloride every two weeks to treat adjacent roads before dust control is added or if it degrades. Mention was made of the three exploratory oil wells drilled by the McClure Oil Company in the late 1960s; they contained brine water, which makes a good dust control--except it was far less than the desired 36%. (Dust control material costs us $0.84/gal, whereas it only costs $0.43 on the mainland.) Still, some thought was given to seeing if a well could be opened and pumped. Paul Welke suggested a mid-summer public hearing to see if the dissatisfaction with current dust control levels is sufficient to warrant adding 1 mil for an expansion of the program.

Welke also mentioned that the Master Plan was taking shape and should be ready for public hearings in October or November.

4th of July Schedule

The Chamber has put together an exciting program for July 4th:

1:00 p.m. Community Choir, with other musicians, will perform downtown;

2:00 p.m. An Air National Guard Jet fly-over, the firing of the Cannon, the start of the Parade (starting from Holy Cross Church, with a theme of “Peace and Democracy on Beaver Island” -- floats should be lined up by 1:30; call Lisa Gillespie, who will emcee the parade, well before 2:00), and Island Airways’ Missing Man fly-over formation;

2:45 p.m. Skydive Demonstration over the Harbor, with Luther Kurtz and the team from Skydive Harbor Springs trailing red white and blue smoke and an American flag. They will land at Drop Zone Beaver Island (the public beach). Folks will be asked to clear the beach for a few minutes for safety. Weather permitting, they will jump from 10,000’. After the parade Skydive Harbor Springs will offer tandem jumps at the Municipal Airport. No experience is required because the tandem jumper is safely strapped to an experienced instructor;

3:00 p.m. Kids Carnival west of the new parking lot;

At dusk: The Clyde Fogg Memorial Boat Parade, (there’s a $10 entry fee) with boats well lit; a Trophy goes to the most outstanding display; and

At dark: stupendous Fireworks over the Harbor.
Jeffrey R. Powers reaches a milestone

Jeffrey R. Powers graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Michigan. Jeffrey is president of the Michigan Gamma Chapter of Tau Beta Pi an engineering honor society and a member of the electrical and computer engineering honor society Etta Kappa Nu. In his senior year Jeffrey and several teammates developed a robotic arm for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Jeffrey will perform his second internship with the National Security Agency in advanced analysis and return to the U of M to continue his current research in next generation wireless applications as a graduate student in Computer Science Engineering. Jeffrey is the son of Dr. Jeff Powers and Marie Powers.

Walleyes are getting larger

When Linda Gallagher arrived to do research for her article on Beaver Island fishing, she tried her luck at Lake G and came away with a 23” walleye!

Gallagher-Lanier Family holds Island reunion

Jack and Judy Gallagher will combine the Lanier and Gallagher clans for a reunion over the week of July 30 to August 5. Their combined families bring eleven children together, with twenty-four grandchildren, four cousins, and a number of in-laws and out-laws. Family pictures and a pig roast will be held after Sunday mass—with a celebration following in honor of Jack’s 70th birthday. The week of festivities has family members participating in all of the Island’s great leisure activities—horse back riding, deep sea diving, kayaking, swimming, hiking, picnicking, fishing and swapping tales of all sorts in the best of Irish tradition.

Wireless at the Library

In response to increasing demand during the summer for its three public computers, the Beaver Island District Library now offers wireless Internet access for guests who bring their own wireless-enabled laptops.

BIRHC Fashion Tea—Silent Auction

The 2nd annual Fashion Tea Silent Auction will be fun and exciting! It will begin at 2:15 pm on July 8th at a festively decorated Holy Cross Hall. (Ladies bring your teapots—we will be using them.) With Stoney Acre Grill catering delicious treats, it will be a pleasure to see familiar faces modeling beautiful fashions and accessories from the Beaver Boat-tique.

Prizes have greatly increased since last month, including packages from Paradise Bay Dive Shop, McCafferty’s Unfinished Farms, Beaver Island Golf Course, Island Hopper Charters and Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre, dinners at Stoney Acre Grill, Weathervane Restaurant, Grey Gables Restaurant and Nina’s, lodging at the Erin Motel, pavers from Cary Concrete, paintings from Doris Larsen and Mary Scholl and lead crystal candle sticks from Kristen Tritsch, gifts from Whimsy, Harbor Market and Dr. Mark Folkening. Prize packages are posted for review and bidding at the Health Center. Any additional donations will be recognized next month.
Letters to the Editor:

On Change

Thank you to the Chamber for your in-depth explanation of what the ‘Citizen of the Year’ award really is. We assumed as much.

Thank you, Ed Wojan, for your knowledge of what the Island “used to be like.” Awesome article.

Although I would expect as much, being a leading developer/Realtor on Beaver Island.

I would just like to correct the fact that Mark Valenti owns 42 acres on which sits a 2,000 ft² home (we prefer to call it a home, not a cabin), although today I’m sure it qualifies as such.

The many out-buildings you speak of are a Body Shop where Mark earns a living, and a barn which houses our peacocks, a resident weasel, and 3 tons of feed for the wildlife all winter.

Yes, it was a field, but nature took its course and we now live in the woods, which affords us an abundance of nature and natural beauty. Which is why most of us live here.

Although clearing the trees would provide us with a great view, we choose not to. The sunrise on the lake in the winter is just as spectacular.

I guess the real point is, one sentence starting with “I wish” was the focus on a two-page article on how one man spends his winter. Truly enjoying the life this Island has to offer.

I’m sorry that Mark is sorry he shared this part of his life with you. He never ever intended to offend anyone. If you know the man, you would know as much.

Yes, change is inevitable. That doesn’t mean it’s always good, and it doesn’t mean we have to like it. – Susan Valenti

On the Cover

A highly-regarded and familiar band made another appearance in late June at “Tara’s Meadow”: fiddle player Dan Johnson, accordionist Debbie Chapman, guitarist and singer Danny Gillespie, singer and drummer Cindy Gillespie, and one new member, hoodoo banjo guru David Ramsey.

Beaver Island Music Festival

Fundraising Event 2005

Proudly sponsored by the Beaver Island Music Festival, McDonough’s Market, and the Beaver Island Boat Company, a raffle will be held at the Music Festival July 22nd and 23rd, 2005.

All raffle ticket proceeds will go to a most-deserving cause: the Beaver Island EMS.

Prizes include:

#1 3’ x 12’ Banner signed by all performing artists (raffled at midnight on July 23rd)
#2 Beaver Island Music Festival T-shirts; and,
#3 Signed Festival posters (one poster for each performing group)

Blood Drive

The annual Rita Gillespie Memorial Blood Drive will be held at the Beaver Island School on August 11 from 12:00 noon through 5:45 p.m. Donors are giving blood to a patient who needs it through the Great Lakes Region Blood Services and the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Petoskey.
Looking for par on the course
by Frank Solle

Beaver Island golfers, new and experienced alike, took advantage of a recent opportunity to learn about or improve their game in a pair of free clinics presented by former PGA golf pro Larry Roy. Roy offered the hour-long group lessons at the Beaver Island Golf Course on June 16, with one for women, the morning and one for men in the evening.

Roy said he approached course manager John Works Jr. about helping promote golf on the Island. “I told him I’d like to help out here and get people involved with golf,” Roy said. Works suggested the lessons and Roy jumped at the opportunity.

Roy, who has over 20 years of teaching experience, worked with 20 women in his first session and nine men in the second. Each session focused on the basics of stance and swing. Energetic, knowledgeable, and approachable, Roy made the lessons interactive and interesting while entertaining the students with anecdotes of experiences with his teacher, Henry Picard. Picard won both the 1938 Masters and 1939 PGA Championship while claiming 26 professional tournament wins during his playing career and was the personal instructor for Ben Hogan for many years.

Roy said it took him seven years to earn his PGA card, which involves taking classes, participating in PGA events, and working at golf courses. Of all of that, Roy said he enjoyed playing in events the most. “I just love to play tournaments,” he said. He has participated in the Michigan Open and Michigan PGA tournaments over the years and placed third in the 1999 Michigan Match Play tournament.

A frequent Island visitor over the years, Roy now has family here as his recent bride Julie is the sister of Island resident Jayne Bailey.

Roy plans on returning to the Island in July and will offer another set of free lessons. Information will be posted at the golf course. Roy also will be available for individual lessons at that time. Those interested should contact Works at the golf course.

As far as playing the Island course Roy said, “I’ve always liked to play here. It’s pretty open and good for the golfer who wants to come out and play. And look at it now. It’s beautiful, and it has such character.”

Asked of the course difficulty for a player of his level, Roy said, “For me to shoot par or over wouldn’t be good.” A recent round with local golfers proved that point as Roy carded a two-under par 33. “His second shots were just something,” said Buck Ridgeway who was among those to play with Roy. “Each one was straight and high and just stuck on the green close to the pin.”

Perhaps with a few more lessons local golfers will soon be doing the same thing.
The Bob S Roof: Underway

In a cluster of intense meetings with its Board and its Building Committee, the Historical Society decided to modify its original specifications for a roof over the Bob S, which has been battered by the weather in its crib at the Marine Museum for over 16 years. With a good shot at a second grant, which would allow the roof to be transformed into a building that would first accommodate the old gill-net tug’s restoration and then serve as additional museum space, the BIHS contracted with K & M Diversified Contractors Inc. (Ernie Martin Jr.) to put up a pole-barn-style roof.

Work was underway when the Museum opened its doors to start the season in mid-June, and is now nearly done.

New Island Map

A new Beaver Island map is available in an 11x17 format for easy carrying on a journey around the Island, or as a wonderful framed piece. The new map by Island artist Mary Rose is both artistic and beautiful to look at, and also very useful for identifying public access points along the shoreline and roads marked as “drivable,” “4-wheel drive,” and “you’d best walk.”

Beaver Islandopoly

Beaver Islandopoly is now available for sale at Island stores, with proceeds to benefit PABI. Get your copy – this will be a classic! The only gripe so far: “Hey, you can’t buy my house.”

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Kay Masini is a 2005 featured artist at *Montaage* this summer. The show is titled “Island Speak,” and offers over thirty original paintings for public view and purchase. The “Island Speak” show begins with an opening reception for the artist and her work at Montaage from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on July 2nd. The art display will continue into August.

Kay’s paintings are in many collections today, as she has won numerous awards in open, group and juried exhibitions—including a significant one-person exhibition in Antwerp, Belgium. Kay works in water color, oil, acrylics and mixed media. She teaches art, continues her own art studies, and never stops painting.

Kay selected the show’s “Island Speak” theme, since she believes that “people who love islands develop a special affinity for a certain beach, an area of sky, a tree or a section of land. From this attachment comes music, poetry, painting, and other expressions of feelings, sights or sounds.” This “place specific” style of painting is reflected in many of Kay’s pieces, but others feature “conversation” and friendly Island interchange. Other styles include abstract or non-objective paintings which evoke old memories or lasting impressions—a little magical sense that calls for some creativity on the part of the viewer. The show is a “don't miss” for Island residents and visitors alike.

Kay Masini is a native Beaver Islander—born here on the Island to Sarah Gallagher and Bruce McDonough. She lived here during her childhood, but moved to Chicago during high school. Kay graduated from the Dominican University and further attended the Art Institute of Chicago. She and her husband Don have four children—all of whom return frequently to the Island to enjoy the old family home, each other’s families, and the unique beauty and culture of Beaver Island.

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*“We shape our dwellings, and they in turn shape us.”—Winston Churchill*
Presenting the Photography of Lindy Johnson

Mary Rose might never have become fascinated with fractals if not for her sister, Lindy Johnson, who was born and raised until the age of nine along the Potomac River outside Washington DC. Through her early 20s her summers were spent in Onekama (the setting for Mary's first book.) After turning nine she wintered in Chicago. Her sisters, Ann and Mary, and her brother Peter, were older; she particularly remembers being left alone to explore her father's darkroom in those early years.

After high school she entered Bucknell, graduating in Art History. She went to work for Gwen Frostic, a block print artist in Benzonia. In this setting she developed an appreciation for local birds, wildflowers, and trees, and began capturing them with a 35 mm SLR camera.

Her interest in photography continued through her marriage, leading to photography classes in Traverse City and at the Morton Arboretum.

She loves the texture of nature. Once she became fascinated by the Eliot Porter photographs she discovered in the 70s, she began trying to capture that texture on film. She and Mary share this love, and on her frequent Island sojourns they can usually be found with cameras slung around their necks as they forage through the underbrush, searching for a starting point for another stunning enhanced design.

Lindy Johnson’s photography will be on display with a special week-long show starting on August 5th at Mary’s Gallery.
Last week I was able to read through the December 2004 report of the Corradino Group on the possible need for an additional ferry for the Beaver Island service. While, on balance, I find it to be a useful study, I do have a few additions that may be of use to the BITA Board and the Boat Company manager and directors.

First, I would concur with the recommendation to explore and plan for a second new boat. With the current and future state and federal deficits and cutbacks coupled with doubtful economic improvement for Michigan, negotiations for funding are likely to be a protracted and complex process. The exploration should include analysis of the added costs of operating a second ferry against possible gains in freight revenues, the marginal costs of evening freight runs with the Emerald Isle, and the impacts of recent passenger declines. Second, I know nothing about boats, as the consulting team does, but as a sociologist I do know something about population and market projections. (Kelly & Warnick, Recreation Trends and Markets, 1999; Kelly, Recreation Business, 1985). The projections in the report are quite simplistic and flawed. I recommend that the Boards continue monitoring relevant indicators such as ferry use and building permits to make needed revisions in projections. The three levels of projections in Island population and consequent ferry use are all “straight line” that take into account no factors that affect population changes, especially on an island with an economy based largely on second and retirement homes and tourism. Simple linear projections are almost always wrong and certainly not a reliable basis for either public or private investment. Many factors interact in population changes. First, the overall population in the region that produces most new Beaver Island residents and visitors is not growing. The most promising market segment for growth is now the preretirement “baby boomers” who are beginning to enter the market for vacation homes that may become retirement primary or second homes. This growing market segment generally seeks an adequate level of recreation and support resources as well as summer homes. Second, with General Motors building in Ontario and Ford downsizing, the Michigan econ-

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**Cheryl’s Store**

in New Location

Stoney Acre Garden and Gifts has made two changes this season, moving from Carlisle Road to Forest Avenue, next to Daddy Frank’s, and changing its name to Feathers and Bones, Sticks and Stones. Specializing in handcrafted gifts Cheryl makes herself, and work from other artists, she also has bedding plants in the spring and potted plants throughout the season. So far her customers have been able to follow her migration.
economy seems unlikely to grow significantly in the immediate future. Third, the summer home market is a very competitive one, with major investments being made in developments that are tied to recreation opportunities. Fourth, the resources of any area, certainly an island, can be saturated. For example, with lakefront property mostly sold and resale prices rising, the Island real estate industry will move more and more to resales. This is accentuated by the aging of current owners. Population projections call for dynamic analysis of these and other factors that are changing year by year.

In any “Marketing 101” analysis, both saturation and segmentation are central. The report asserts that there is plenty of land on the Island. Not true. Decades of research on vacation/tourism attraction demonstrate that waterfront, waterview, and water access home sites are what almost all buyers want. Such building sites are limited everywhere, even on islands. This is why resale prices on the Island are escalating. Further, all markets have a “life cycle” with peaks, declines, and plateaus, not linear growth.

Marketing projections also segment the relevant markets, beginning with age and income. Those of the preretirement market may have peak incomes, but a scarcity of time. The time vs. cost tradeoff is often decided in favor of paying more to save time. That means that the “boomer” market may expand the need for air service as well as the ferry. Tourism markets would require a more lengthy analysis. However, the first question most Michigan residents ask when Beaver Island enters the conversation is “What is there to do?” Activities with demonstrated growth, such as hiking, bicycling, golf, and water sports, suggest that both public and private investment will be needed if Beaver Island is to attract residents and visitors. I hope this presentation will prompt further discussion and research in the process of evaluating and planning for transportation and other resources. Just drawing lines in graphs is not a basis for either planning or investment. When I asked at the public meeting what population and market models would be used, the consultants spoke vaguely about “trends” (Report B-1). That’s not good enough.

—Jack Kelly
The Hopi Prophecy comes to Beaver Isle
by Jim Norgaard

He goes by the name “Grandfather Limping Snow Wolf,” and is of both Na-
tive American and German descent. And he is also known as Bob Stoup, ordained
Deacon of the Presbyterian Church. On the weekend of June 11th he traveled to
Beaver Island’s shores to share with us the ancient prophecy of the Hopi peoples
of Arizona.

I was one of a small group gathered down at Dan and Carol Burton’s to hear
what he had to say.

“Grandfather” is a striking man, griz-
 zled and shaped by many winters and
 struggles past. He has been an
 activist for Native American rights and
 member of the American Indian Move-
 ment (AIM) of Wounded Knee and Alcatraz fame. His demeanor and dignity
 speak of a man who has journeyed far,
 both on behalf of native rights and on his
 own spiritual journey. Before sharing the
 Hopi prophecy, he lit the traditional sage
 smudge, a smoke incense used to purify
 those gathered and to set the stage. Then
 he told us the story of the peoples whose
 message he was authorized to share.

The Hopi people inhabit the oldest
 settlements in the United States, adobe
 pueblo villages on Arizona mesas that
 have been continuously occupied for the
 last 1,000 years. The tale of their cultural
 and spiritual survival is a remarkable one,
having withstood the onslaughts of Span-
 ish conquistadors and missionaries of
 old, and more recently of Peabody Coal
 and other resource exploiters. There is a
 revered stone in Hopi territory that was
carved by their ancestors some 3,000
 years ago, called “Prophecy Rock;” its
 symbols, or “petroglyphs,” tell of the
 Hopis’ journey of spiritual survival. But
 the Hopi elders also say it gives prophecy
 and spiritual guidance for the future–both
 for the Hopis and ourselves. The glyphs
 show 4 separate worlds that we humans
 have inhabited, which were gifted to us
 by the Creator. Each world in turn was
 destroyed when our hearts turned bad
 (when we strayed from the “one-hearted
 path to the “two-hearted”) in our walk
 through life. To be “one-hearted” means
to be guided by the heart and spirit alone,
 with the promise of the Hopi messiah
 “Maasaw” welcoming us at the end. We
 are told that this “path of heart” is the
 only one that can lead us to Maasaw
 and salvation in the fifth world to come.

If instead we stray and choose the other
 path by listening only to our minds,
 our lives will be filled with grudges, jeal-
 ousies, and the desire to accumulate
 more. We will then fail in our search for
 peace and completion.

We begin to feel the echoes of other
 religious traditions in this Hopi prophecy
 when we discover that one previous
 world was destroyed by fire, another by
 ice, and a third by a great flood. We begin
 also to appreciate its hopefulness when
 we see that “ladders” are inscribed be-
tween the path of the one-hearted and the
 path of the two-hearted – that the two
 paths are never entirely separate.

Some say the two-hearted people are
 an “evil people” who must perish, that
 only “the chosen” one-hearts will be
 saved. But then why are there ladders con-
 necting these 2 alternate paths? Could it
 be that the ladders signify hope and un-
derstanding between the 2 paths and the 2
 peoples? Could it be that the 2 peoples
 actually are one? That is the beauty of all
 prophecies, sacred texts, and parables
 worldwide. They invite us not into dog-
 matism but into fresh interpretation if we
 let them. As the Hopi prophecy was re-
 lated by our storyteller on Saturday
 morn, it is not so much a document of fate
 as a guiding creative tool of hope. What-
 ever “Armageddon” it envisions is inter-
 preted not as a forgone conclusion but
 only as a cautionary specter. We humans,
 our storyteller said, still do have a choice.
 So it was fitting that the two
 worlds inhabited by our storyteller, that
 of the Native American “Grandfather
 Limping Snow Wolf” and of Bob Stoup
 the Deacon, in the end really are one.
Deacon of the Presbyterian Church. On revered stone in Hopi territory that we see that “ladders” are inscribed—he is also known as Bob Stoup, ordained and other resource exploiters. There is also to appreciate its hopefulness when native American and German descent. And old, and more recently of Peabody Coal ice, and a third by a great flood. We begin Limping Snow Wolf,” and is of both Na- ish conquistadors and missionaries of world was destroyed by fire, another by...
On This Date

Ten Years Ago The Beacon revealed the plans of the three 1995 graduates from BICS. Mary Kay McPherson was admitted to Oakland University to study biology; Rick Damstra was bound for Lake Superior State; and Patrick McGinnity had a full scholarship at Northern Michigan University. Also, JoLynn Anderson was accepted into the nursing program at Northwestern College in Traverse City.

Josh Broder wrote about his grandmother, Helen Collar, who missed coming to Beaver Island for the first time since her initial visit in 1926.

The Townships were asked to consider creating a Transportation Authority to investigate grant possibilities for upgrading the airport.

The Beacon’s editor promoted the creation of a Beaver Island Energy Authority to plan, promote, and instigate on-Island energy production, saying this would make electricity more dependable and less expensive, while creating permanent local jobs.

The new ferry was a quarter-century history, according to a letter received by Larry Malloy from Tim Graul.

PABI (then known as BIPA) commissioned Sue Thompson to paint four large panels for the Dockside windows to illustrate its plans for the restoration and use of the building.

The Chamber of Commerce announced it would raffle an all-expense-paid trip.

Twenty Years Ago The revised Zoning Ordinance appeared.

The Memorial to the Dead at Sea was moving forward. Bob Davis got involved to secure legal permission for the monument, and Bud Cruikshank donated paintings of the Vernon and the Clifton for a drawing to raise money.

Only six people showed up for the annual Harbor Clean-up Day.

The Civic celebrated its 30th anniversary by hosting a dinner at the Circle M. Phil Gregg was the keynote speaker. Gay Cole gave a speech about some of the Greggs’ many contributions, saying “without them, the Beacon would not exist.”

The DNR sent Director of Forestry Jerry Lawrence to request Peaine Township to take over the East Side campground. He was asked by Don Langford about acid rain, and answered that it might be the highest here of anywhere in the state.

The BICS grads were honored: Rob Graves, Dan McCafferty, Roberta Mooney, and David Purtzinski.

Paul Cole graduated from Lake Superior State.

Passings noted included William Jack Left, born on Beaver Island but moved to Chicago, and Father Fabian Keenan, who had been the priest here.

Thirty Years Ago Garden and Hog Island’s harbors were providing excellent smallmouth bass fishing. Numerous sightings of deer with velvety antlers, in conjunction with a wonderful explosion of apple blossoms all around the Island, gave hope for a good fall hunting season.

The Civic Association announced it had made $4,500 during the Fourth of July festivities, which would allow it to pay off most of its debt.

There was a big Island wedding in Charlevoix when Dan Gillespie married Patricia Cross.

The Beaver Island Bicentennial Committee received a $5,000 grant from the Michigan Bicentennial Commission. The Committee initially proposed creating tourist-oriented brochures to help the local economy, but redirected itself towards the creation and publication of a book about local history, The Journal of Beaver Island History, Volume I—now about to go into its sixth printing. The Committee had raised $1,728, and had received pledges for another $2,946.

The Historical Society completed a transaction with St. James Township: the 99-year renewable leasing of a lot on the Donegal Bay Road, donated by Ed Wojan, as a site for its Heritage Park.

Homecoming plans included a Sunset Cruise, a dance, and a dinner, followed by bingo, at the Parish Hall.

Island resident Dave Gladish released a book of newspaper columns called All in Favor say Island.

Passings noted included Robert Bruce McDonough, William Skopp, and Raymond Skopp. Mr. McDonough, Bud’s brother, was born on Beaver Island in 1931, and attended BICS before joining the army. When he got out he became a meat cutter in...
Grand Rapids. William Skopp was born on Beaver in 1914 but moved to Escanaba and then Chicago, where he became a sign painter. His father Frank built Beaver Island’s first sidewalk. His son Raymond drowned near Michigan City on the Fourth of July.

**Forty Years Ago** The July Beacon included a hand-drawn map of Garden Island showing all the trails to illustrate its plans for the restoration of Harbors. In conjunction with a wonderful mission, Sue Thompson was commissioned to paint four large panels for the Dockside windows. The 新闻 columns were released by Larry Malloy from Tim Graul. 

Passings noted included Robert McPherson’s many contributions to the local economy, but some of the Greggs’ donations in memory of Alex Siudara were redirected towards the creation of a Transportation Authority to plan, promote, and insti-...

—Ron Wojan - General Contractor Inc.

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**Forty Years Ago** The July Beacon included a hand-drawn map of Garden Island showing all the trails to illustrate a “Beaver Tail” — A Trip to Garden Island. Phil Gregg and some friends went early in the morning in a 16’ boat, landing in Garden Island Harbor. They headed north towards where the Native American village once was located, fighting dense clouds of mosquitoes and marveling at the lush natural abundance—particularly lady slippers. They entered the cemetery, noting that the most recent date was 1938.

Leaving the burial ground, they took Sugarbush Trail through a stunning grove of maples, eventually reaching the north shore near the site of the Larsen Homestead. Not much was left of the buildings, but they found the graves of Christina and Egedeous Larsen. They took the Danes’ Trail east through a field of ripe strawberries, and then found the remnants of other old buildings—including the collapsed bellfry of the Garden Island School. After wandering through a grove of apple trees they took a fork that brought them to the remains of the Garden Island Church, its walls lying flat on the ground and grass growing through the foundation.

Back at their boat, they decided to go fishing before heading home, and the bass were biting. Within an hour they were eating a wonderful meal.

The Fourth of July Parade, with nine vehicles, started at the Whiskey Point Light, with Ed Connaghan and Mary Gillespie as King and Queen.

Roselyn Marble caught a five pound smallmouth off the ferry dock; Bob Campbell got one at 3 ½ pounds from the Beaver Haven dock. CMU students live-trapped, tagged, and released 300 chipmunks.

Beaver Island’s former doctor, Frank Luton, passed away at 86.

A western-style square dance was planned at the Parish Hall, with the $0.50 admission to be used for kitchen upgrades.

**Fifty Years Ago** The Beacon celebrated some donated improvements. Dan Clark gave the Med Center a hospital cart, and Don Cole painted its sign. Mike Cull donated 300’ of fish line with cork floats to mark the playground’s swimming area, and Elston Pischner provided two floating ‘flutter boards.’ Supervisor L. J. Malloy was working on getting a junior raft.

Dick LaFreniere found a carrier pigeon from Buffalo New York on top of his store, and told it what he told everyone else: “If we don’t have it, bub, you don’t need it.”

Orchestra practice was held every Wednesday at the Hall, with the goal of producing a Summer Symphony.

Forty Christian Brothers arrived at the Brother Domian Lodge, teachers in boy’s schools in America, Canada, Central America, and the Philippines.

A geological survey of the outer islands used a team of twelve, which arrived in Coast Guard helicopters.

The Reverend Warren Densmore of Tampa, began protestant services in the church on Freesoil, with Reverend Arthur Willis scheduled to take over for August.

Girl Scouts from Petoskey came to the Island (after studying about it all winter), and two troops of Boy Scouts (from Leslie and Mason) camped for a week at Lake Geneserath. The Island hosted a large group of Charlevoix businessmen; a dinner for 96 was held at the King Strang Hotel.

Dave and Katherine Wilson announced plans to open a laundromat in Freesoil.

The Fourth of July picnic was a great success, held at the Swede’s Place (Rustic Villa.) A Children’s parade was held. Art Johnston and Walt Wojan handled the fireworks that evening.

**Honoring Alex Siudara**

The Beaver Island Historical Society announced that it had received donations in memory of Alex Siudara from 27 people, totaling $1,375. These donations were added to its Endowment Fund at the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, which now tops $30,000.
A Farewell in Three Parts

Why come:
I had come to the Island last year on what seemed like a whim—just to check it out. I wasn't all that excited about looking for a new job or about living on an island. But in the weeks that followed it became quite clear that this was where I was supposed to be.

Why love:
As the months have passed I have come to know and love much about the Island: the silence, the slower pace, the warmth of passers-by, the support and friendship of co-workers. However, the most indelible impression on me has been left by the young men and women I have taught—the knights and queens of the Island. They are noble characters indeed. The way they have looked out for each other and have encouraged each other and have laughed with each other has made this more a family than a school. As I sit here I realize that their goodness has been grafted onto my heart and has made me many times over the person I was. Emily said in her graduation speech, “...Mr. Chittle has taught us that people can change.” She wasn't kidding, but what she didn't say was that they were the cause of that change. These kids, like none before, have touched my heart, have filled me with life’s joy. You Islanders have something very special here.

Why leave:
So how could I consider leaving? Well, there is more to the story—more going on behind the scenes, so to speak. Being away from all the distractions of the city has led me to sift through all the things I thought were worthy of my time and attention; to hold them to the light and look closely at them through a lens of honesty. In doing this I have been able to set aside those false loves and uncover my heart’s truest, greatest desire.

To my bittersweet realization, what I have discovered is that my truest and greatest desire is to be fulfilled elsewhere. I may never have reached this most welcomed time in my life if it weren’t for you. With all the gratitude my new heart can muster...thank you “Beaver Island.”

God Love Ya, Mr.
–Adam Chittle

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Baroque on Beaver and Beyond

For the fourth consecutive year, "Baroque on Beaver – and Beyond!" will return to enliven the weekend of July 30-31, 2005 on Beaver Island!

This "home grown" effort, sponsored by St. James Episcopal Mission, will again feature performances by local and seasonal residents and guest professional musicians. The project will receive partial funding through a grant award from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cheboygan Area Arts Council.

Two performances are planned featuring differing formats and musicians. On Saturday evening, 15 BICS students who have been in a string instruction program will participate. Several small chamber groups will perform works by Bach, Telemann, and Torelli.

The Sunday evening, 7:30 p.m. concert at Holy Cross Parish Hall will feature 50 adult musicians performing a variety of orchestral, choral, and solo works: the "Hebrides Overture" by Mendelssohn, the first movement of "The Unfinished Symphony" by Schubert, and selections from Handel's "Water Music." Kathy Speck will direct members of the Beaver Island Cantata Choir and additional vocalists in a performance of Handel's "Zadok the Priest" and "Regina Coeli" by Ferdinand Schubert. Brenda LeFevre, Island musician; Will Nichols, Professor and Director of Choirs at Alma College; and Chas Krutz, Professor Emeritus of Concordia University, NE will be featured soloists.

Jason Economides, Artist in Residence at Alma College and Concertmaster of both the Midland and Alma Symphonies, and his wife, Patty Baser, Orchestra Director of the Chippewa Hills School District in Remus, MI are returning as co-directors of this year's performances.

In preparing for this exciting series, Project Director Jeanne Howell commented, "We are delighted by all the support received over the past three years. It is a joy to be able to provide a venue where talented Island and mainland musicians of all ages can come together to perform this wonderful music in this very special place."

There is no admission charge, but there will be a free-will donation to cover additional expenses.

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Parcel #9 of Little Iron Ore Bay Subdivision

12.76-acre lakefront parcel with 211.16 feet of lake frontage between Little Iron Ore Bay and Iron Ore Bay at the south end of the Island. This lakefront parcel is immediately adjacent to the large 2-story home that is on the eastern point of Little Iron Ore Bay. Ordinarily there is a good sand strip pushed up right in front of the building site, but with the extremely low water of the past 5 or 6 years it is stony beach and exposed bottom showing right now. As the water level comes back up the beach will return. This parcel is a relatively open, wooded area with large red and white pines around the building site. The parcel runs 1/2 mile north up over the south end bluff between Keller's Hill and Miller's Hill. Nice lakefront homesite that is about as secluded as you can get with pretty inland acreage for outdoor lovers or hunters. This subdivision already has 4 or 5 nice new homes on large parcels both east and west of this Parcel #9. $259,900.
A Day of Open Houses

June 18th will forever be known as the day everyone on Beaver Island went off their diet. Old-timers and new arrivals alike quickly figured out how to follow their noses from the Municipal Marina, where Steve West doled out plump hot dogs and baked beans with typical aplomb, to the Print Shop Museum, where eleven varieties of cookies were on display along with the twelve new panels detailing the history and culture of the Odawa Indians, to the Marine Museum, where visitors could study the recently-evaluated Sepeshy mural or gauge the progress of the new roof, and finally to the beautiful new East Side Fire Hall, where some of the many politicians and celebrities jockeyed for a turn at the mike.

Over a hundred and thirty people filled up all the chairs and then clustered along the walls at the Fire Hall. Peaine Supervisor John Works Jr. acted as MC, saying that this had been achieved by the community as a whole: “We did it. We did this!” He added that Marina, where Steve West doled out plump hot dogs and baked beans with typical aplomb, to the Print Shop Museum, where eleven varieties of cookies were on display along with the

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As a fireman, Works had several reasons to be happy and proud at this accomplishment. Everything was in high polish, thanks to the efforts of Beaver Gems’ project manager Kevin Barry, who was equally proud of his crew and the many subs. Coordinating such a complex project must have given him a headache, but he brought it all together at the end, and earned the hearty round of applause he was given.

The architect, Rick Skendzel, also complimented everyone involved. Senator Jelinek, the head of the Senate Appropriations Committee was thanked; Jason Allen’s assistant said a few words; and Kevin Elzenheimer, our Representative, told a story about being at a typical Lansing function and for once not worrying about what he would say—until the speaker before him, a Representative from Rockford, stole his planned remarks by claiming he “was from God’s country.” Thinking quickly, which he’s well-known for, he announced to the audience that he was from northwest lower Michigan, “where the people from God’s country go to relax.”

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July Calendar of Events

July 4  Parade, Carnival, Skydive, Flyover, Firworks, page 5.
July 6  St. James Township Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
July 7  Kayak Eco-Tour, Font Lake, 9:00 a.m., 448-2221
July 8  BIRHC Fashion Tea, 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall
July 9  Celebrity Casino Night, Holy Cross Hall
July 9  BIRHC Meeting, 2 p.m., Peaine Township Hall.
July 11 Museum Week 2005, July 11 - 16
July 13 Peaine Township Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
July 21 CMU Field Trip - The Mammals of Beaver Island.
July 21 Kayak Eco-Tour, Fox Lake, 9:00 a.m., 448-2221
July 22 Beaver Island Music Festival, 7-22 and 7-23.  See
July 23 Gatliff Family Reunion...
July 27 BIPOA Nature Lecture, The Geological History of
July 30 Goofy Golf at the Golf Course to benefit PABI.

Engagement Announced

Mike Reed and Ashley Edi-
son will be married Octo-
ber 1, in Chi-
cago, IL, their
home. Mike,
grandson of
Joe and
Marilyn Reed,
long-time Is-
land residents,
has come to Beaver every
summer of his 25 years, be-
ginning with his first trip as a
2 month old. Summers on
the Island provided camping,
sailing, windsurfing, and
many other adventures for
Mike, his brother Sam, and
cousins Will and Riley
Markey. His first summer
jobs, sorting recycled cans at
McDonough's Market and
cooking under chef Mike
Bailey at the Beaver Island
Lodge, soon
followed. He
chose a morn-
ing walk a-
long a
Beaver Island
beach last
summer to
propose to
Ashley, his
high school
sweetheart.
Mike is the
son of Bill and Sue Reed of
Silverthorne, Colorado.
Ashley is the daughter of Bill
and Patti Edison of Wichita,
Kansas. Ashley is a law stu-
dent at Loyola University in
Chicago; Mike is employed
as an analyst with Peoples
Energy Services in Chicago,
and attends DePaul Univer-
sity Law School. We wish
them a long and happy life
together, with many sum-
mers on Beaver Island.
### July Calendar of Events

**Monday, July 11**
- **Morning**
  - Tours of the Beaver Head Light: 10:00 am till 3:00 pm all week.
  - Totem Pole Carving: 2:00 - 4:00
  - Print Shop: 8:00 p.m.
  - BYO Chair

**Tuesday, July 12**
- **Morning**
  - Protar Home: 1:00 - 3:00
  - Whiskey Point Light: 2:00, with GLLKA
  - Music on the Porch: 8:00
  - Print Shop: (refreshments)
- **Evening**
  - Wives of an American King: at the Parish Hall: 8:00 p.m.
  - (refreshments)

**Wednesday, July 13**
- **Morning**
  - Nature Walk for adults: 9:00 a.m. at CMU
  - Jim Gillingham’s Amazing amphibians and reptiles: 2:00 at the Parish Hall
  - Art Show: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- **Afternoon**
  - Whiskey Point Light: “what we must do” 2:00, with GLLKA
  - Wives of an American King: at the Parish Hall: 8:00 p.m.
  - (refreshments)

**Thursday, July 14**
- **Morning**
  - Nature Walk for kids: 9:00 a.m. at CMU
  - Art Show: 10:00 - 4:00

**Friday, July 15**
- **Morning**
  - Nature Walk for kids: 9:00 a.m. at CMU
  - Art Show: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- **Afternoon**
  - Protar Home: 1:00 – 3:00

**Saturday, July 16**
- **Morning**
  - The Pet Show: 12:00 Noon, no charge.
  - Wives of an American King: at the Parish Hall: 8:00 p.m.
  - Wives of an American King: at the Parish Hall: (refreshments)
  - Learning Gaelic with Arranmore’s Matthew Hall (448-2254)

**Monday, July 19**
- **Morning**
  - Wives of an American King: at the Parish Hall: 8:00 p.m.
  - (refreshments)

**Tuesday, July 20**
- **Morning**
  - Wives of an American King: at the Parish Hall: 8:00 p.m.
  - (refreshments)

**Wednesday, July 21**
- **Morning**
  - Wives of an American King: at the Parish Hall: 8:00 p.m.
  - (refreshments)

**Thursday, July 22**
- **Morning**
  - 1:00 – 3:00

**Friday, July 23**
- **Morning**
  - Celtic Games: at the Ball Diamond: 9:00 – 5:00
  - music and food
A Tribute to Clyde

Clyde W. Fogg has been a familiar name on Beaver Harbor for over 50 years. Born in Winona, MN in 1916, Clyde grew up rapidly; his mother died when he was only 11 years of age, sending Clyde to his uncle, along with his brother and sister.

They coped through the Depression years. With the stories he told growing up, you could understand his character. His train-hopping exploits were legendary.

By the 1930s Jessee Fogg, Clyde’s father, had remarried and started a new business related to the dairy industry: making bottling, washing, and filling equipment.

Clyde was fortunate that there was a position available at a Little Falls, NY plant at a time when the Depression was at its peak. Having good communication skills, Clyde became a salesman in the New York City area.

World War II was heating up, and Clyde, along with three or four friends, signed up for enlistment. They took everyone but Clyde, sending him home for some carrot soup. With poor vision and hearing, placement was limited. But his resume said “gunsmith” and before long he went to gunnery school at the GM plant in Lansing for training on the 50 cal machine guns and 20 mm cannons for aircraft. He excelled, and was sent to Provo Utah to run a rifle range to train officers how to handle the 1911 45 pistol and rifle issued to pilots.

His efforts quickly led him to the Army Air Corps as Control Gunner on the B29 bombing runs to Japan. With India, Burma, China, and the Pacific as his base, Clyde was credited with 15 missions over the hump. The Himalayas, from India to China, had a height of 29,000'; with the maximum flying altitude of 30,000 for the bombers, it was fascinating hearing stories of his close calls by the fireside growing up.

On one mission Clyde hoisted a motorcycle on top of the bombs he was carrying so he could visit a buddy at another base. Upon takeoff, the captain said “we’re overloaded, say your prayers and hope for the best.” After plowing through 500 yards of bamboo, the plane soared into the air. Needless to say, upon landing in New York City area, Clyde lost a stripe or two when the motorcycle was hoisted down. It didn’t take him long to regain them, and the missions carried on.

Clyde remained friends with whom-ever he met, most visiting his home on Beaver Island through the years.

Just listening to his stories provided...
insight about what a person could accomplish. Fear is your worst enemy, he would say.

He met a Holland girl on leave, using his father’s summer cottage as a retreat, and in 1946 married Verna; as many of you recall, she was a very kind, warm person who kept Clyde in check on their trips to the Island.

Verna and Clyde visited Beaver Island in the early 1950s, looking for a getaway spot for their young family; my brother Mike, cousin Tom, and I spent many summers in the 50s and 60s doing various tasks that Clyde had lined up in advance. Clyde purchased the home on the harbor in 1956; it became the Fogg summer home for many years.

He started his own business in Holland the same year, creating equipment related to the dairy industry. Later it became the Fogg Filler Co, making bottling machinery.

He had great vision as to what one could accomplish, and had an interest in many things. The business grew. Turning the reins over to myself and my brother in 1975, Clyde became more involved with Beaver Island. He loved the time he spent consulting the Boat Company, along with many other things. Verna, whom many on Beaver Island knew, passed away in 1983. Clyde kept moving on, marrying Lois, whom many have known for her fabulous cooking skills.

They traveled, and Clyde revisited the Pacific, coming back and saying there was nothing there to look forward to, just volcanic rock and scattered islands. Lois died in 1992, but Clyde continued his life. Can't give up.

He met Glenna, remarried, and purchased a condominium in Marco Island, Florida as a winter retreat. They did not slow down, and were always on the move.

Having a small machine shop at his Holland condominium, Clyde was always making lamps for friends or visitors, and made knives for all he met. Recently he spent time trying to improve upon the common domestic vacuum cleaner.

He was very active and always on the move, belonging to many clubs. He was a true American patriot, signing up myself, my brother, and Robert Gillespie as life members of the NRA in 1965.

It will take a long time to forget his enthusiasm for life. He liked to say that if you want to do something, go for it, and you'll find a way. Another saying he mentioned was that the biggest battle one can face is simply getting along with all whom you meet.

Glenna’s sons, Jack and Tom, have frequented the Island, and we hope this tradition continues.

Clyde wanted no heroics, and simply closed his eyes on June 10, 2005. His generosity was a tribute, and he set a path for us to follow.

Farewell my Father to a life well lived.

—Jon G. Fogg
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Games will include Black Jack, Texas Hold-em, Craps, and several others. Volunteers to help for the evening are still being sought—let Joan, Lisa, or Sue know if you can lend a hand.

If you'd like, come dressed as your favorite celebrity; the best celebrity look-alike will win $250 in gaming chips. Check the posters around town for more information. And don't forget PABI's 4th annual Sunset Cruise on August 7th beginning at 6:00 p.m., with an array of appetizers, salads, entrees, and desserts and Island musicians entertaining the passengers all night. Tickets for the cruise, at $25, can be had by calling (231) 448-2787; bring your own beverage, if you wish.

Just think of how nice the new Community House will be!

The Bite of Beaver Island Poster Contest

The Chamber of Commerce responded to the plethora of artistic talent on Beaver Island by announcing it will sponsor a poster contest for October’s Bite of Beaver Island celebration. This is the first year this artwork competition is being held. However, this year will mark the Bite’s 4th occurrence. We appreciate your participation, and wish you good luck! There is no entry fee.

The poster design must include the following:

- Bite of Beaver Island
- October 1, 2005
- Holy Cross Hall 1-5pm
- Beaver Island Chamber logo
- The winner of this contest will receive a $100 award.

Entries can be in any form—watercolor, pen and ink drawing, wood-block print, computer-generated art and so on—two-dimensional work only. The finish dimensions of the original artwork must be 11 x 17 inches and must be either created or mounted on poster/tag board for display purposes.

On the back of each entry you must include your name, address, and phone number. The original winning poster will become the property of the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce and will be used for promotional purposes. It will also be reproduced and sold. All entries must be received by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce no later than noon, September 9, 2005, either sent to or dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce, 26180 Main Street, P. O. Box 5, Beaver Island, MI 49782—and include return postage.

Entries will be judged by the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce Board members on September 12, 2005 on the basis of originality, appropriateness to the Bite of Beaver Island theme, overall design, visual impact, and reproducibility. The judges’ decision is final.

The winner of this contest will receive a $100 award. The winner will be notified with a telephone call on the afternoon of September 12, 2005 and will also be announced at the Bite of Beaver Island on Saturday, October 1, 2005.

Questions can be directed to Steve West at the Chamber Office: (231) 448-2505.
Sheldon Reynolds

Sheldon Reynolds, 51, a resident of Beaver Island for the past three years, drowned at Northcut Bay on Garden Island on June 4th. A number of boaters had gathered at Northcut on a warm evening to relax.

Reynolds was sitting on the back of his friend's pontoon boat sometime after 8:00 p.m., and fell off where the water was just over his head. His friend heard his cries, backed up to 10' from the thrashing non-swimmer, and threw him a line, but Reynolds was too panicking to try anything. After having worked in construction, the food business, and as a mechanic, he did on Beaver Island stricken to grasp it. The friend backed closer and tried again. Having no luck, he maneuvered so Reynolds came alongside, and tried to lift him out, even by the hair, but couldn't. So the friend tied a rope around him and set out to tow him to shore.

Unfortunately, Reynolds slipped free, and then could not be found. The Coast Guard helicopter arrived, and used its searchlight to direct the boaters to the body, but by then it was too late and Reynolds was gone.

Reynolds always had a smile on his face and an upbeat attitude. He was willing to try anything. After having worked in construction, the food business, and as a mechanic, he did on Beaver Island what many arrivals do: whatever came along. A man of many talents, he had become a recognizable part of the community, arriving in his little yellow car and bearing gifts of fish or fresh venison for visits with his many friends. He came from a line of brave, hardworking fishermen, Martins, with many comparable misadventures in their long history.

Helen Rose Allers Nicolen

Helen Nicolen passed away in Traverse City at age 84 at the end of May. The daughter of Charlie Allers, she was born on Beaver Island but moved to Traverse City in 1936.

She was one of the kindest and most considerate people her many friends ever knew, they all said, and will be greatly missed.

Charlevoix Firm Devastated by Embezzlement

Charlevoix residents were stunned to learn in late June that a long time rock-solid local business, Northern Preferred Title, was forced to close its doors after Karla Sue Lockman, an employee at its Boyne City branch, allegedly skimmed at least $675,000 from the company and used it to buy a new home and two new cars. Most of its sixteen employees had to be laid off while the firm and its attorneys fight to hopefully recover.

When questioned about where her windfall came from, Lockman said it was a “pre-inheritance settlement” from her parents, which they later denied. Preferred Title is claiming Lockman’s bank should have known something wasn’t right when large checks began to be deposited in her account—after she had declared bankruptcy. Charlevoix, East Jordan, and Boyne City residents are hoping this pillar of a company can somehow survive.
Letters: Thanks

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent Annual Fire Department Roast fund-raiser.

I never realized how many liars were here on Beaver Island—except for Helen Pike, who’s just a thief!

A Mardi Gras for Fireflies

On the night of June 20th, the shortest night of the year, the east-rising moon was full, but hidden by a canopy of choppy clouds. Directly overhead a distant bluish-black sky showed through in cloud-free places, an inverted bowl of dark jello with a spatter of stars. The loons were quiet, and the silence was pervasive: no insect buzz, or peepers, or other night birds.

There seemed to be a glow in the distance, and this drew us out of the house just before midnight. Out back the ground slowly rises. We followed one of the many deer trails that hold the junipers at bay, our pajamas bolstered by jackets and shoes. The ground reaches its apogee in 400’ and then abruptly descends to a lush flat three-acre field bordered, on its three sides, by a creek in the pines, a wetland, and a stunted woods held in check by a low stone wall. This lower field contains seven or eight apple trees, now past their bloom, and thousands of wildflowers: a smear of bright yellow (showing colorless), punctuated by Indian paintbrushes and the season’s first daisies.

To pick up a path into the lower field we moved carefully toward the creek, almost dry now, and ducked under a bilowing cedar branch on a path worn bare by the deer. Emerging into the field, we were met by hundreds and hundreds of fireflies, their lights glowing with a freshness that made us feel they had saved up their energy for this, their brief big night following the year’s longest day. Some of them seemed to shine in three triangles, as if their bulb were locked behind a Mercedes hood ornament. We tried to count them, but it was impossible. Well over a hundred were turned on at any given moment, for up to five fast blinks lasting only two seconds. Then they’d “go dark,” but we could not tell if it was the same crew blinking back on shortly later or the first in a long line of wannabe glowers waiting patiently in the wings.

One thing we could agree on: this was not just ripple after ripple of a frenzied mating dance. It was too joyous, too gentle. No doubt it was random, yet there was an aura of cavorting orchestration, as if each little lightning bug constantly gauged the total illumination to pick up a cue as to when it could go on. Awed into a hush, I whispered to JoAnne, asking her what she thought we had stumbled upon. As usual, she had the right answer: “a Mardi Gras for fireflies!”—Bill Cashman

As I sat on the stage that Saturday night, I thought it’s not about the Roastee so much as that it was about all the time and talent that goes into the event.

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—Muggs

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EIR Summer Season Underway

Beaver Island theater patrons had a chance to see what all the EIR buzz was about when the season opened with the successful Broadway musical, I Love You, You’re Perfect; now Change. They were not disappointed; the consensus was that each of the four principals excelled in their part, and that their individual strengths worked well together. The witty takes on the perils of dating and the war between the sexes kept the audiences’ attention riveted on the stage. They laughed at the many punch lines and then wound up hearing, and singing, snatches of the catchy songs in the days that followed.

As someone said, why go to New York when you can find a production of this quality right here on Beaver Island! Well, sure, we don’t have... da Mets.

For EIR summer show dates, visit www.eirtheatre.org, the ticket office in Cole’s Island Gallery on Main Street, or call (231) 448-3188 or 448-2184.

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Preserving the American Girl’s … likeness

If you’re opening a new store, such as Whimsy, and want an intricate mural painted on your glass window showing some of the goods available inside, it helps to have a talented artist in the family. But if you have a store across the street, such as Shipwreck Shirts, and are inspired by the glass painting into wanting to commemorate a tug that has been such a prominent part of life around the Harbor (and happens to have been owned by your husband), you have to hope the artist can somehow fit you in.

Luckily for Lisa Gillespie, Keith Grassmick is an accommodating fellow, and readily took this on—to escape the sun that bakes him in his summer landscaping job, and because he too has been touched by the tales of rides in rough seas aboard the Girl, but mostly because he simply loves to paint. On the Island for the summer after completing his first year at the Rhode Island School of Design, where he has a free ride, he was hoping for opportunities to ‘keep his hand in’ his chosen field. So when Lisa came across the street and made her offer, he said yes. This was something he could get into.

As word of his talent spread, he was asked to do a pencil drawing of Anthony O’Donnell for the Print Shop’s gallery of early Island settlers. “Yes,” he said again.

After four days of building up paint, letting it dry, and adding more layers, the Girl came alive. There she is, coming out of the mist to sit calmly in Lisa’s window.

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A warm farewell to the Class of 2005
by Frank Solle

Commencement exercises for the 2005 graduating class of Beaver Island Community School were held at Holy Cross Hall on June 11. A standing-room-only crowd packed into a hot and humid hall to celebrate the achievement of the four seniors: Melissa Bailey, Danielle Cary, Emily Gray, and Keith Szczepanski.

With BICS faculty member, and local stalwart at the piano, Judith Meister delivering the Commencement Address, Mr. Jon Bonadeo settled in front of the keyboard to offer a smooth rendition of Pomp and Circumstance as the seniors entered the hall, escorted by the members of the junior class. The seniors then presented flowers to their parents before ascending to their place of honor on the stage.

Principal/Superintendent Kathleen McNamara gave the official welcome and commended the soon-to-be graduates on their achievements.

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classmates and wished them well in the future in her short address.

Valedictorian Bailey, in a demonstration of her eclectic interests, quoted a number of popular musicians in her address, from Bob Dylan to Kid Rock. She implored her classmates to jump in and experience all that life has to offer rather than simply giving lip service to doing so.

In her heartfelt Commencement Address, Meister spoke of her experiences over the years working with each of the seniors and the growth and development she observed in each of them.

Of Szczepanski, who entered BICS just two years ago, she remarked on his success adapting to a new school setting and in working with younger students. “As far as they are concerned, there is no one quite like Mr. Keith,” she said.

Of Bailey Meister’s efforts outside the classroom such as acting and singing in community programs.

Of Gray, who came to BICS as an eighth-grader, Meister remarked of her determination to succeed. “The determination you showed then is something we still see as a definite part of who you are today,” Meister stated. Not to be overlooked, Meister added, “And who can think of Emily without mentioning her ready smile? Or her contagious giggle?”

Of Cary Meister’s focus on her focus. “Whether it’s an assignment for one of your classes or a new song you want to learn, you have a strong work ethic and you always give 110 percent.” Danielle’s positive outlook was also mentioned. “Your optimism and ability to bounce back is a pleasure to all who know you.”

With the close of each remembrance, Meister added, “The world is waiting for you. You have so much to offer.”

In closing, Meister encouraged the seniors to aim high, take time to explore options, and to not be afraid to rethink their goals and change directions. She then left them with three action verbs to use as guidelines: Dream. Create. Become.

Board of Education members John Fiegen and Nancy Tritsch then conferred diplomas to the graduates, who then not only turned the tassels on their mortar boards, but exuberantly flung their caps into the crowd before closing into a group hug.

As Bonadeo played the Recessional, the graduates, diplomas firmly in hand, happily marched out of the Parish Hall and into the rest of their lives.
One Hundred Years Ago
by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel July 6, 1905
Beaver Island News: “Miss Ethel Cook of Charlevoix is the guest of Dr. Wilkinson for a few weeks.”

“Mr. H. W. Carpenter who has been ill this spring is quite well again and made a visit to relatives below Traverse City recently.”

“Dave Francis of Bay City is on the Island this week. Dr. Merton and Mr. Henchey both of Thomsonville were on the Island last week.”

“Mr. Corp the U. S. Accident Association agent of Saginaw did a nice business here last week.”

“Mr. John Donlevy of Chicago, an old time Beaver Island pioneer, is visiting his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donley.”

“Henry Gagnon and wife of Manistique are visiting friends on the Island this week.”

“Michael McCann, Beaver Island’s general hustler and postmaster, is in Chicago this week.”

“The K.O.T.M. Beaver Island Tent may be said to be fairly started on its way. The supplies for running the lodge are here and meetings held regularly on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month.”

“Mrs. Con McAuley of this place is visiting her son in Cheboygan.”

“The Beaver Queen, Capt. Watts deceased, was launched from the ways in Garden Island harbor and towed to Beaver Harbor, where repairs will be made on her. She is to be sold soon by J. C. Gallagher executor of the estate.”

“The Schr. Rouse Simmons loaded with ties at the head of the Beavers Saturday last.”

“W. E. Stevens returned from a business trip to Manistee Wednesday.”

“The B.I. L. Co began shipping their large stock of lumber July 1”.

“Dr. S. C. Graves, the well known Grand Rapids surgeon, took a side trip to Beaver Island on his way to the State Medical Society meeting yesterday. Returning, he was accompanied by Dr. Wilkinson, both bound for the State meeting at Petoskey.”

“Charles Claus, an old time resident of Beaver Island, is back again fishing at Houghton Island.”

“St. James Township is doing itself proud on the way of sidewalk building. There is now a walk six feet wide from W. J. Gallagher’s residence on the hill through the business section of town past the Beaver Hotel, B. I. L. Co’s plant extending nearly round the harbor to the Point. Bravo for Bowery, our Mayor, and our worthy street commissioner Floyd.”

“Mr. Lynn of Birch Bark novelty fame, is on the Island for a stock of bark for his business in Charlevoix.”

“Sunday evening July 2, a reception was tendered to Rev. Fr. Zugelder at the close of his pastorate on Beaver Island, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Donlevy. A large number of friends were present and testified their appreciation of his six years of faithful service on the Island by a hundred dollar purse which was put in his hand on the occasion, in addition to his salary which has been paid in full. To say that Beaver Island regrets to say farewell to Fr. Zugelder is but a feeble expression of the real feeling of the people. He has made a host of friends on the Island among both Catholics and Protestants who all wish him well in his new field.”

“Chas. Tilley is engaged in finishing up the interior of Capt. John McCann’s house.”

“The tug Margaret McCann is rebuilding her Captain John McCann doing the work.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Herman Pischnar welcomed a new arrival June 21, a ten pound boy.”

“Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McCann an eight pound baby girl June 24.”

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“Fr. Ubald Otto O.F.M., the Superior from the Holy Childhood School at Harbor Springs, accompanied Fr. Paschal Foerster (sic) O.F.M. to his new parish on Beaver Island to succeed Fr. Zugelder. The Fathers were accompanied by Hubert Berghoff of Fort Wayne, who will spend a few days there.”

Charlevoix Sentinel July 12, 1905

**Beaver Island News:** “F. E. Turrell and wife, W. A. Smith and wife, of Charlevoix, and Mrs. S. McClannathan, of Denver, were visitors at St. James Monday.”

“Herman Frankel of Chicago was here Monday and rented a building in which he will open a tailor shop.”

“During the Monday trip, when in mid channel, Capt. Campbell rang the fire alarm for the regular weekly fire drill. In one minute two streams of water were brought into action, and in two minutes the boats were cleared from their davits ready for lowering.”

“Rev. Alex Dorenkemper, the Catholic missionary pastor of the Charlevoix parish, visited Rev. Father Foerster, of the St. James parish.”

Charlevoix Sentinel July 26, 1905

**Local News:** “The editor went to Beaver Island today on the U. S. Steamer *Dahlia*, as the guest of Capt. Tawes. He will return tomorrow on the *Beaver*.”

“Jas. Donlevy of St. James is in town.”

“Mr. Jesse H. Robinson, of Washington, chief of the telegraph division of the U.S. weather bureau, arrived Monday. Mr. Robinson will be here most of the summer in connection with the laying of the Beaver Island cable.”

**About the Beaver Island Cable:**

“Now that chief Robinson has arrived to start the Beaver Island cable work, our thoughts and anticipations are turned in that direction. Mr. Robinson will be joined by Prof. Cox in a week or ten days, and the two will proceed to Beaver Island. They will be accompanied by a representative of the State Weather Service, and will arrange all details, not only of construction but for the establishment of a Weather Bureau Station.”

“It may not be out of place here to prepare the public for a possible disappointment with reference to the use of the cable for commercial purposes. It goes without saying that the government does not construct telephone and telegraph lines for commercial purposes. Yet, that marine interests may be served, the public is permitted to use the line, under certain rigid rules.”

“It will in no way be a public telephone line in the sense that the Bell lines are. In other words the public will under no consideration be permitted to use the line for talking. All business must be transacted the same as it is with a telegraph line. Messages must be written and filed, and will be transmitted by the government official in charge, or his assistant, and such messages are to be treated as confidential, the same as ordinary telegrams are. We give this information this early to correct the impression that because it is to be a telephone line it will be a ‘talk’ line.”

“Chief Robinson was recently in New York and inspected the cable, which is nearly completed. It will be shipped by August 15th and Mr. Robinson hopes to have it laid by September 15th. The cable will be laid by the contractors, under the supervision of Mr. Robinson. There is considerable competition among marine men for the sub-contract of laying it Cheboygan, Soo, and Charlevoix parties being after it.”

“So precise is the government in every detail of the work that they know the depth of water and character of the bottom for every foot of the distance between the two shores.

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“Beaver Island people are already talking about a celebration the day the cable is landed on their shores.”

Beaver Island News: “A. J. Oliver of Selegan, Mich., nephew of John Oliver, deceased, is here for a few days.”

“James T. Hennesy of Wisconsin is on the Island submitting proofs of The History of Northern Michigan.”

“John Green and Morrow Bros. shipped a load of telephone poles by schooner Butcher Bay last week.”

The Shooting of Strang

The organization that used to be known as the ‘Strang Writers Group’ has now adopted the title ‘Society of Strang Studies.’ It completed its annual meeting on Beaver Island on June 19th, and planned some events for next summer. On June 16th, 2006, the 150th anniversary of the bushwhacking of America's only King, it will stage a re-enactment of the event that dramatically changed the complexion of the Island overnight—an ambush whose ethical appropriateness is still hotly debated in and around St. James.

The next night, which will be a Saturday, the SSS intends to stage a production of John Baldwin’s play detailing the events that led up to the fatal ambush by Dr. McCullough’s dock towards the Michigan, the United States ironclad on which the two assassins would make their getaway. During the three-day conference several new papers on Strang will be presented and published. Papers on Strang will be presented and published.

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Escanaba, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. J. Bonner.

“John Marrow left the Island Monday bound for his home in Central Lake for a visit.”

“W. E. Stevens and family visited in Charlevoix over Sunday. Mr. Stevens incidentally looking up some rails for an extension to their railroad.”

“The Manistique West Side base ball nine came here Saturday and played ball with the Beaver Island Invincibles and were vanquished to the
tune of 13 to 5.”

“The village schoolyard is being improved by a nice fence around it.”

“Dr. Pope and wife and Chas. Hensen and wife of Davenport, Iowa, are registered at the Beaver Hotel for the summer.”

“Dr. E. E. Ruth and Family arrived this week and will occupy their cottage for the summer.”

“The tug Margaret McCann goes to Charlevoix this week to have her new wheelput on.”

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follow from the payment of individual ten-dollar annual dues (and collected them), and actively debated such ques-
tions as where ‘Strang’s Cave of the Forty Thieves’ may have been located and whether or not there’s any evidence
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A young fawn who fell into a ditch while crossing Barney’s Lake Road—and couldn’t get out.

The Osprey who lives atop the microwave tower on Sloptown Road, with its catch of the day.