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News from the Townships

St. James Regular Meeting

In a brief March 1st meeting Rich Gillespie was reappointed to the BITA board, Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals members were given modest raises, the Harbormaster received a Cost Of Living increase, and the N. W. Community Health's offer to test the Municipal Marina's and Transfer Station's well-water for \$160 each was accepted.

After some delays, the Conservation Easement for the C. G. Boathouse sale was completed.

It was noted that snowmobilers have been ignoring the signs and fences and driving over the Community Septic Field near the Campground, driving down frost that could impact its operation.

Gerald LaFreniere spoke about the continuing EMS quandary, essentially saying that people were growing increasingly frustrated with the volunteer life-saver's lack of support.

Peaine Regular Meeting

In a half-hour meeting on March 8th a rift in the Peaine Planning Commission was revealed when two letters were distributed. The first, from four members to Supervisor Works, dated 1-23, complained that the 5th member, Tim Dwyer, was not a team player. It accused him of walking out of a meeting, thus preventing a vote, refusing to notify the Chairman about absences, filing a FOIA request for various PC documents, sending letters to the newspapers without the PC's knowledge or approval, and opposing the Master Plan draft.

In his rebuttal of 2-24, he countered each charge. For example, he claimed that he had left the meeting in question because the PC had wanted to act without sufficient time and data. He said that some of his actions that have riled the other members were taken in innocence because he had never been told all of the PC's rules; he suggested that the PC should create official By-laws so members would clearly understand their duties. He added that he was the "new guy on the block," the only member of the PC to

live on R-2 land, and the only one to live on a beach, so it was only to be expected that there should be some friction, but that divergent views could only be healthy.

Supervisor Works stated that the complaints were not sufficient for removing Mr. Dwyer. Nevertheless Mr. Dwyer offered his resignation as of 2-24, citing an inability, under the existing animosity, to "effectively advocate for the interest of those I was chosen to represent." His resignation was accepted; now the Town Board will appoint a replacement.

In other news, Tootsie Keshick, a descendant of Chief Peaine, will present a picture of him and some of his artifacts, inherited from her brother, at a special ceremony this summer. An Eagle Scout has offered to brush open the section of the Blue Trail from the Fire Hall to the Oil Well Site, and build whatever bridges are necessary—so long as the Township provides the materials. Kris Lyle was given a new term on the Planning Commission, running to 2009. And the Fire Hall architect will only charge his standard hourly rate for making site inspections for the Town Hall Expansion project.

Township Annual Meetings

On March 25th each Township held two meetings, one to approve its budget and the other to be its Annual Meeting. Peaine's was in the morning; St. James' in the afternoon.

Peaine will operate with a projected income of \$296,000; St. James with \$236,414. In comparing the incomes of the two, Peaine collects the most property tax (\$206,000 to \$158,104) and State Revenue Sharing (\$16,000 to \$9,000), plus it receives \$8,000 in swamp tax and \$4,000 in tower leases, which St. James does not. Administration costs are comparable (although the deputies in Peaine receive more than those in St. James), and both townships pay the same amount for Parks and Trails (\$20,000), the Assessor (\$14,000), and the Zoning Administrator (\$5,300.) Peaine pays its share of some of the projects it shares with St. James from its General

Fund, such as the EMS (\$26,542) and the BIHS (\$8,768); these amounts are set to match what St. James collects through millage. St. James pays for some things that are joint projects, and then bills Peaine for its share. Peaine also sets aside money for the expansion of its Town Hall. Each Township contributes \$59,000 to the Transfer Station, and \$37,200 to the Municipal Airport. The Fire Department requires a total property tax input of \$68,700. The Yacht Dock's operation is paid for with \$55,000 in tie-up fees. St. James' 'street and road' operation is more expensive than Peaine's (\$105,000 to \$87,000.)

Both budgets were approved unanimously, with little questioning.

In the Annual Meetings per se, each Township reaffirmed its choice of attorney, accountant, insurer, bank, and engineer, and adopted standard language for its buying and selling of land.

Each supervisor spoke about the successes their township had experienced in the past year, as exemplified by the new East Side Fire Hall, the rebuilt Municipal Marina, the almost completion of the joint Master Plan, and the creation of a Governmental Office where the Med Center was.

In addition, Don Vyse pointed to the acquisition of the Whiskey Point light, and CMU's purchase of the nearby boathouse, as positive accomplishments. He said that in the coming year St. James would work to get the

Resale Shop reopened, the tennis courts re-repaired (last year's repairs were not satisfactory), the Gull Harbor pathway improved, the North Shore Campground cleaned and its bluff stabilized, and the Emergency Services Authority staffed.

John Works touted Peaine's 'Friends of the Trails' work, particularly on the Martin Point site, which he said was spectacularly beautiful—a sentiment echoed by the audience. He thanked his fellow Board members for their perseverance, and announced that he now had the drawings for the Town Hall addition. The Peaine website was also a source of pride, and had proved very helpful to its many users. He felt Peaine had a good relationship with the cash-strapped Road Commission, and looked forward to receiving continuing adequate service.

Scholarship Created

At the well-attended 40th annual Beaver Island Party held in Grand Rapids on 2-24, the Glen McDonough Music Scholarships were announced. They are available to those with ancestral or formal ties with Beaver Island.

For more information, contact the Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids at 9034 Pierce Street, GR MI 49464.

And don't forget to attend next year's party, for good music, great camaraderie, and the knowledge that your presence is helping educate the Island youth.

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Islanders were excited, hoping to see the new icebreaker *Mackinaw* free our harbor this year, but with no ice remaining by March 23rd, the *Emerald*

Isle made her first round trip to Charlevoix, while the school kids were let out to greet her return by cheering the advent of spring

BICS Grad gets Island Show

BICS graduate and crack Traverse City artist, poet, and videographer Jason Lome will have a show featuring his unique photos at the Toy Museum on July 8th.

Strang book due Soon

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Phil Gregg receives an Award



On March 16th Veterans' Affairs officer Bob Drebenstedt addressed the Island's AmVets, pledging to work hard to make sure they received all the benefits they have earned.

Midway through, he presented an award to a "representative serviceman" who had "been one of the

heroes of WW II, a boy who entered the service out of high school to defend his country." The person he had in mind had been a torpedo man on a destroyer—and suddenly Phil Gregg's eyes widened. Phil was called to the front of the room and presented with a handsome, encased medal.

Welcome Baby Xavier!



If you haven't already heard, we are happy to announce the February 19, 2006 arrival of our latest Island-related sweet pea, Xavier Choussat. Xavier made his grand entrance at 8:36 a.m., weighing in at 8 pounds 6 ounces and measuring 20.5 inches long.

He has big blue eyes,

dark peach fuzz, and a terribly sweet demeanor. Felix adores him, yet is either lamenting having to share the limelight (*lower left*) or wondering how long before he'll be able to take him along on his numerous adventures.

Who's happiest; him or us?
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Easter Egg Hunt is on

The AMVETS Post #46 Ladies Auxiliary will again have an Easter Egg Hunt at the Beaver Island Community School on Saturday, April 15 at 1:00 PM. Have the little ones bring their baskets or bags to collect the eggs with all the goodies.

Please, please, please find them before they hatch!

Jim gets a Leave

At the end of March it was announced that well-respected Deputy Sheriff Jim Campbell has been given some time off, and a replacement deputy will fill his position for the next 90 days.

Township Engineer takes New Post

At the Cattle Industry Convention in Denver in late February Gary Voogt, who was the Michigan Beef Industry Commission's director, was elected vice-chairman of the Federation of State Beef Councils Division of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. He had previously been the president of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association (1997) and chairman of the Michigan Beef Industry Commission (1992-95.)

Besides serving as township engineer for Beaver Island, he is co-owner of Moore & Bruggink, consulting engineers in Grand Rapids, and raises Polled Hereford and Angus cattle on his Marne farm.

Citizen of the Year

Who will it be? Will it be you? Will it be me? *Not bloody likely*—but who knows? The only way to find out is to go. Reserve your seat for April 22nd

A Chance to Roast

She has given so much—and now it's time to give her some back. Yes, Kathy Speck has agreed to be roasted—on May 20th at the Parish Hall!

New Polling Place

To avoid having to move the fire trucks onto the street, the St. James Township Hall has been designated as the polling place for the May 2nd school election.

USO's 65th Birthday

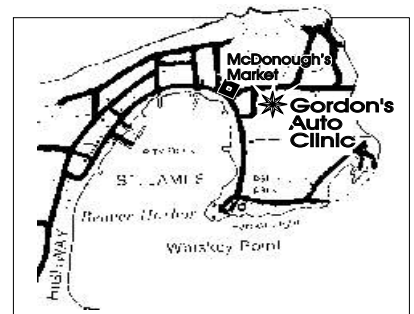
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Remember to sharpen your pencils and load up the reference books. So put on your thinking caps, find like-minded individuals to fill your car and show up at the start—The Shamrock— at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. The cost is \$10 per person, the fun is priceless!

Looking for a few...

...great houses. The *Beacon* has already lined up a few extraordinary Beaver Island houses that we will be featuring soon (many thanks to all who have suggested their unique homes so far!), but we are still looking for a half dozen more great examples of unique Beaver Island architecture—houses unlike any other or that bring something new to the Island—to feature in our upcoming series: unusual in design, structure, materials, site placement... you name it, and then please call or email us!

Time for a New B.S.

Beaver Island has long been considered a source of witty, fitting, and unique Bumper Stickers, be it "Slow Down, this ain't the mainland," "I wasn't born here but I got here as fast as I could," or the elegantly simple homage, "Elect Budger." But it's been seventeen months since the latest clever concept appeared, so it's time for the *Beacon* to launch a Beaver Island Bumper Sticker contest.

Here are the rules: nothing personal, and nothing profane. We'll run it for the next four months and print whatever suggestions come in. Then we'll host a party to pick the winners, with the top three entrants receiving free Bumper Stickers containing their submission. We'll print up each winner, and have them for sale in town. So, on your mark, open your minds, and pick up your pen.

Will you Audition?

The Beaver Island Community Players will present the warm-hearted comedy, "Steel Magnolias" the last weekend in June and the first weekend in July.

Director for the show is the ultra-talented Kirby Volz from Ft. Wayne, with Elaine West as assistant director.

Auditions for the show will be held on May 6, 3:00 p.m. in the Holy Cross Rectory basement. Scripts are available at the Library.

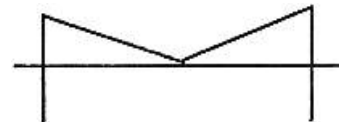
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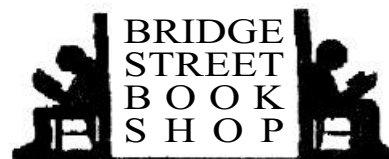
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Islander girls repeat as NLL champs by Frank Solle

Behind the steady play of an experienced lineup, the Beaver Island Islanders volleyball team claimed its second straight Northern Lights League championship with a solid 9-1 performance in league play.

The lone league loss came at rival Mackinac Island on a stormy February weekend that saw the Islanders drop a pair of matches to the host Lakers, accounting for the only mars on an 11-2 regular campaign.

"Overall it was a very good season," said coach Connie Boyle. "I think we improved upon a number of things from last year."

The only thing the Islanders didn't improve on was their district tournament performance, as they dropped a hard-fought, five-game semifinal match to Mackinaw City in tournament play at Pellston, depriving them of a fourth consecutive appearance in the district final.

"We played pretty well against Mackinaw," Boyle said. "Unfortunately, we needed to play great."

The back-and-forth district battle wasn't decided until a three-point Mackinaw City run late in the fifth game put the Vikings up 14-8 in the 15-point

finale that they went on to win 15-9. Mackinaw City had won the first and third games (25-23, 25-11), while the Islanders claimed victory in games two and four (25-16, 25-20).

While the season closed on a less-than-expected note, it began on a positive one with a home win over Mackinac Island. "It was an exciting match and a great way to start the season," Boyle said of the win over the rival Lakers.

The Islanders then reeled off eight straight victories, defeating both Ojibwe Charter School and Munising Baptist in a pair of home series before besting Hannahville twice on the road.

The Islanders wrapped up the home portion of their schedule with two more wins over Paradise before their visit to Mackinac Island.

Due to a scheduling problem the annual Engadine Tournament was not held this season. Then a snowstorm caused the cancellation of the home series against Hannahville. Those two events resulted in a nearly three week gap in the Islanders' schedule before a regular season-ending trip to Grand Marais, where the Islanders capped the campaign with another pair of wins.

"It was disappointing not going to Engadine this year," Boyle said of the canceled tournament. "It would have been an excellent experience for the group to prepare them for the district tournament. We definitely had a big hole in our schedule at the end of the season."

The end of the season also brings a close to the career of two stellar players in seniors Krystle Timsak and Christine McDonough who both have been integral to the Islanders success the past three seasons.

"I always hope by the time the girls are seniors they are playing the best they possibly can, and we saw that from both Krystle and Christine," Boyle said.

"Krystle was very consistent this year," Boyle said of the energetic Timsak. "She wanted to improve on her hitting this year and I think she did that."

Of the tall and talented McDonough Boyle said, "Christine really came on offensively this year."

Senior Keri Wirth joined the team this year for the first time and while a lack of experience limited her playing time, it didn't diminish her enthusiasm.

Looking ahead to next year's team, Boyle is encouraged by the ever-im-

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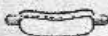
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proving play of the team's top hitter, Emma Adams, as well as the steady contributions by fellow juniors Bailey McDonough and Brenna Green.

Two sophomores, Andrea Moore and Melissa Peters, saw plenty of game time this season, while two others, Samantha Kuligowski and Brittany Crandall, should see their roles increase

next year.

Freshmen Caitlin Boyle and Maeve Green became regular contributors this year while classmates Deven Cook and Hannah Connor stepped in with confidence when needed.

A big part of the reason Boyle is already looking forward to the next season is the parity and increased level of

competition she saw in league play this year. "Overall we had good competition," she said. "We had to play hard in each and every series. It makes for a better season when every team has the potential to win."

With back-to-back titles secure, Boyle and her Islanders are looking towards the potential to win it all again.

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Death by Island: Final Episode

by Peter Plastrik

The conclusion of a serial murder mystery starring people and places of Beaver Island

The word first reached the early lunch crowd at the Shamrock. Deputy Sheriff Jim Campbell called in to warn that an armed and dangerous man was on the loose—and to let everyone in town know right away. The man was in his 20s, probably well-dressed, and desperate. He was wanted for killing the woman who had been placed naked in one of Kayak Ken's kayaks, and of assaulting two other people. "Do not approach this man," Campbell warned. "Phone me if you see him." Some people started to call their families on their cell phones, others hurried to stores in town to spread the news.

There's a first time for everything, thought Michelle Dreffs as she looked intently into the lobby of Beaver Island's US Post Office. From her usual station behind the customer counter, she could see some of the building's 511 mail boxes and the bulletin board plastered with fliers announcing the

stuff of community life: a garage sale, the Wildlife Club meeting, a vintage tractor for sale, a Sports Boosters fundraiser, the annual "Basket of Joy" raffle (a shot at a thousand bucks of booze, courtesy of the Catholic Church), a heartfelt thank-you note from an ill resident who'd been cared for by friends and neighbors. But now Michelle's eyes were riveted on something she'd never seen before in the small lobby or anywhere else. She was staring down the barrel of a gun.

The weapon was in the right hand of a scruffy but well-dressed man in his 20s. Was he an irate customer? Not likely, since she'd never seen him before. Besides, what was there to get mad about—the mail departed for the mainland when the ferry left and it arrived when the ferry returned, so there really wasn't much cause for anger. Was this a terrorist strike? Not likely either; this was Beaver Island,

after all, not exactly a symbol of American financial control over the world; hell, most Islanders thought America was somewhere else. And we had our impenetrable fence! Besides, the weapon this guy had was a derringer, not an AK47. What terrorist would use a girly-man gun like that? Michelle was scared enough, though, not to belittle the tiny gun out loud.

What did this guy want?

"You're coming with me," he barked, waving the gun at her. A ring on his hand flashed under the lights and suddenly Michelle realized who he was. *His ring had the shape of a serpent. He was the killer!* She had added up snippets of information she'd heard from people passing through the Post Office, the listening post from which she gathered gossip for the "tattler" column she had anonymously written for years for the *Northern Islander*. Adam Wirth had mentioned that the

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person who'd attacked the Mormon woman in the woods had left a bloody serpent imprint on her face. And Jim Campbell had said the other day that whoever attacked that woman was also suspected of killing the woman from Chicago, the naked lady in the kayak.

"We're getting in your car," the killer said. "Right now."

"No can do," Michelle replied calmly. "I don't have a car here. I rode the mo-ped to work this morning." The killer's face stiffened. His eyes narrowed. His finger started to squeeze the trigger—but stopped when he heard the front door of the post office opening. In walked Bob Hoogendoorn. He had a big smile and a little package to mail. It contained a wicked present for his son-in-law, the Ohio State fan: a gorgeous blue sweatshirt with maize lettering that spelled MICHIGAN.

The killer's finger finished squeezing the trigger—and shot a hole in the

flier for the Basket of Joy.

Bob drove his car, while the killer held the gun on him and kept an eye on Michelle in the back seat.

"You're the guy who murdered that woman, aren't you?" said Bob, who also had been adding up the gossip he'd heard. "Why'd you do it?" This was an aggressive line of questioning for a kidnap victim, Michelle thought. And the gunman was getting agitated.

"You're damned right, baldy, I killed her."

"Why'd you do that?"

"She got in my way—again. She was always in my way. She knew I needed the money. She knew dad had screwed me. But..."

"Did you say 'dad'? She was your sister? You killed your sister?!!" Bob's tenor voice was getting higher; he swerved slightly off the road, but quickly recovered. Michelle gripped the back seat; Bob's questions were not

going in a good direction. She hoped the killer would stay calm.

"Tell me something," Bob said, looking over at his front-seat passenger and staring at him. "How did your sister end up naked and in a kayak?" Michelle edged toward the back door; maybe she should jump out of the car.

"That was a fluke," Nolan Ryan said. "When she drowned"—he made it sound like an accident—"she was naked. I got her into the van and drove back to town. I thought I could get her into the dinghy and out to my boat. But there were too many people around. When it got dark I took one of those kayaks and stashed her in it. But when I was trying to swim it out to my boat, a storm blew us back to the dock. I tied her up there. I was going to move her later, but someone found her."

At the Beaver Island Airport, Paul Welke was stepping out of the cockpit *Continued on page 14.*

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Death by Island, continued from p. 13 of the just arrived Britten-Norman Islander, a twin-engine, 10-seat plane that connected Islanders to Charlevoix or almost anywhere else they wanted to go. The owner of Island Airways, Paul had been flying for 40 years, about as long as the Britten-Norman, much of it at about 120 miles an hour, 1,000 feet above Lake Michigan on the 15 minute Beaver-Charlevoix route.

Standing in front of the small Island Airways terminal, which had no metal detector, no security, no drug-sniffing dogs, no electronic tickets, and no Starbucks, Paul watched a car drive up, and was puzzled to see Michelle Dreffe, Bob Hoogendoorn, and a stranger emerge from the vehicle. The trio walked quickly in his direction, the stranger in the rear as though he was shepherding Michelle and Bob. Suddenly a gun was waving in Paul's face and the stranger was yelling at him: "Get back in the plane! Get back in the

plane! We're flying out of here!"

As one might expect, Paul didn't blink. "Forget it," he said.

The gunman stepped back in surprise. "Listen to me, jerk." Sweating, he pointed the gun at Michelle's head. "Get in the plane or she dies. Right now!"

In a half-minute Paul was sitting in the pilot's black leather seat, with the gunman in the co-pilot's seat, his body twisted toward Paul and his derringer pointed at Paul's head. Michelle and Bob were left behind. "Take off," ordered Nolan Ryan. Paul flipped switches overhead and on the dashboard, then put on his headset.

"Get that off. No talking to anyone." Paul took off the headset, opened the throttle, set the RPMs, and trimmed the tail, and the plane started to taxi down the runway. Within seconds they were airborne.

The killer jumped in his seat. "What the hell!" His nicotine-stained

finger tightened on the trigger. When Paul had pulled the "yoke" toward him to take off, the co-pilot yoke had automatically made the same movement and dug into the man's ribs.

"Calm down," Paul said quickly. "I'm not trying anything." But he had noticed something. Unlike Paul, who had habitually snapped on his seat belt, the killer was unbelted. Paul banked slowly to the south, over the heart of the green Island, and eased back slightly on the engine speed. "I'll take you where you want to go, but you'll fly better if you lean back in the seat. You can't shoot me while we're flying, you know. You'd die in the crash."

"Take me to Chicago," was the response; but after a few uneventful minutes the man leaned back into his seat and relaxed a little.

Without warning, Paul pulled back hard on the stick, sending the plane into a sharp climb that pressed both of their bodies back into their seats. The killer

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was immobilized. The engines roared, but Paul held the steep ascent. Then, just as suddenly, he pushed the yoke forward and the plane dove. The killer's body, freed from gravity's hold, fell forward. His head struck the hard plastic of the instrument panel; he let out a groan, and passed out.

Far below at Welke Airport, Michelle and Bob, joined by the ground crew and waiting passengers, were aghast—until they saw the plane level out and head back in their direction.

A month after the excitement had faded away, Bill Cashman rose to make a toast. "To you and the other extraordinary people of Beaver Island," he began, hoisting a mug of amber liquid to the clear blue sky of September. He looked around the table on the porch of the Shamrock. Nearly a dozen Islanders had gathered at his invitation (and offer of free beer). Each had played a role in the capture of a murderer from Chicago who had killed his sister on the Island.

Bill called the roll of honor, eyeing each person as he named them:

"Ken Bruland... Gordon Heikka... Ed Wojan... Pinky Harmon... Howard Davis, in absentia." Howard would be retiring as pastor of Beaver Island Christian Church and was off-Island. "Diane McDonough... our own Deputy Jim Campbell." The deputy was on duty, so his mug was filled with more innocent stuff. "Adam Wirth... Sheri Timsak... Mike Weede... Michelle Dreffs... Bob Hoogendorn... Paul Welke. Together, you made history.

"A month ago, a twisted man from Chicago killed and assaulted people on our Island. I'm happy to report that Mary Perce has recovered consciousness, and Deb Platrik's brother, Dave, suffered no lasting damage when he was hit on the noggin. Within a week, with the help of each of you, the killer was caught and put behind bars. It is no offense to the deputy to say that it took an Island to do that." Bill paused,

knowing that even this short soliloquy had run on past anyone's interest. "Anyone else want to speak?"

Ed Wojan offered a few words: "I'm just glad that no Islander was killed by that guy. There aren't enough of us as it is—the way so few have to do so much."

"I don't know, Ed." Pinky Harmon jumped in. "There are a few Islanders I wouldn't mind killing now and then."

"I'll pretend I didn't hear that," chuckled Jim Campbell. "And I'm glad the murderer wasn't an Islander. It's hard enough just to enforce the seat belt law in this place." Everyone laughed.

"I'll tell you what," piped up Kayak Ken, his eyes flashing. "Next time I find another naked woman in my kayak—I'd like her to be alive."

(What serial is next? A brokeback parody? Not bloody likely. A romance? Could be. A sci-fi with strange blue orbs found on the beach that confer unusual mental powers—at quite a cost? Now that sounds interesting, don't you think?)



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The 20th annual Talent Show, which nearly filled the Parish Hall, was just as entertaining as the first (organized by Pat McGinnity), thanks to the help of

Mike and Sharon Hurkmans, who provided their karioki machine, and to Lisa Gillespie, our *Miss Hand Jive*, who filled the space between acts by per-

forming little 'Punch and Judy' skits using just her talented hands (in the picture on p17 she's doing a scene from *Romeo and Juliet*.)

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Some of the performers were new, but others had appeared in previous years, and the audience enjoyed the chance to gauge their growth. For those

who are about to go out and conquer the world, such as the seniors from the BICS, this show gave them a chance to say "Goodbye, for awhile."

Leaving the Hall, the audience hardly knew what to say, except "Those friends who were under the weather? I should've dragged them out for this!"



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When the Governor came to Town

by Cloyd Ramsey

(based on a real event)

The time was about 1950
 Give or take a year if you will
 Autumn had come to the Island
 The summer commotion was still

When a rumor came out of the Shamrock
 That happened quite often, you see
 With no television for fiction
 Folks made up their own *Dynasty*

"Archie had said it; it must be the truth,"
 Though some folks doubted his source
 But Archie had Downstate Connections
 So it came from the mouth of the horse

The text of the story was perfectly clear
 Though it made the Republicans frown
 In the first week of deer-hunting season
 The Governor's coming to town

Now everyone called him "Soapy"
 A name he completely enjoyed,
 His family made soaps and cosmetics
 And kept many people employed

But what was the special occasion?
 And why should the Governor care?
 The Holy Cross Ladies couldn't care less
 They just planned a gala affair

The reason the Gov came to visit
 Was politics, no doubt of that
 The Island's success with its great herd of deer
 Was a feather in "Old Soapy's" cap.

The party would be a splendid event
 With a dinner, a speech, and a dance
 Everyone worked especially hard
 Not a detail was left up to chance.

The Governor came in a state-owned plane
 He brought his young son for the ride
 Earl Boyle's politics he must have known
 For two bodyguards stood by his side.

The dinner was served in elegant style
 The food was plenty for each
 And after the dishes were all put away
 The Governor started his speech.

He praised the Islanders' deer-keeping skills
 Which many'd predicted would fail.
 If he'd known how the residents lived off that herd
 Half the Island would've landed in jail.

When the speech was over, the bodyguards left
 The young son went along too
 The day had been long, they were all tired out
 What else could they possibly do?

But the Governor stayed, while Pat Bonner played
 The fiddle; he really was good
 The other musicians just tried to keep up
 They were doing the best that they could

The Governor's suitcoat and bowtie came off
 The dancing had caused him to sweat
 Someone suggested he might like to rest
 The Governor grinned "Not just yet!"

He danced with all the Island colleens
 By the young and the old he was shared
 The very small children all gathered around
 They came as close as they dared

We left a bit early so I can't say for sure
 What time the party was o'er
 But from all of the stories we heard the next day
 Our Gov was the last out the door.

Now the Island has grown and the seeds have been sown
 For a fancy resort, world renown
 But us old-timers will never forget
 When the Governor came to our town.

For those who don't know Cloyd, he was a 'horsecart logger' here as a boy, and a 'buggy man' in recent years.

Letters to the Editor:

I believe Jack did a good job of reviewing Jerry Sowa's funeral [printed in the March *Beacon*], but feel a few corrections are in order.

I have attended almost all of the funerals here on the Island for about four years, and I believe Father Pat's service was just as inclusive, neither any longer or shorter than any others I have attended.

I not only played the *Marine Corps Hymn*, but also blew the *Taps*, although the Marine Corps Detachment was prepared to do so.

The American Flag on Jerry's casket was presented by the Major who commanded the detachment sent by the Corps. It is a long-standing tradition in the USMC that the flag be presented by one of equal or higher rank than that of the deceased.

Finally, the USMC does not send a burial detachment to "do their thing." It is our duty and a sacred honor to be on such a detail, and part of the Marine Corps *Esprit de corps*.

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St. Patrick's Day – 2006



Once again everyone who likes to party came to Beaver for St. Patrick's Day. There was much music, with local bands facing off against Irish imports. Sev-

eral contests were held. The winners of the Paddy Wagon Race were Darren, Dennis, and Theresa Chase, Jim Boynton, and Jim Slaughter. The *Fish Throw* was called



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after a few tosses when the trout came apart! The fish chokers won the *Big Tug*—despite the hayseiders tying the rope to Hoogie's truck. The entrants who had

the most fun were the BICS teachers, who mastered the *Chitty-chitty-bang-banger* so well (see the cover) they were accused of having read the instruction book.



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On This Date

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* recounted the tale of the double ice-breaker rescue. This had been a cold winter, and the Island ran out of gas and fuel oil. So the mighty *Acacia* was asked to make an emergency run, which it did, bringing 12,000 gallons in a 7-hour trip through the ice from Charlevoix to the mouth of the harbor. That's where the going got tough; she took another 3 hours to crunch through the final 3/4 miles to the dock. Going back (and giving the captain's friend Bob Marsh a lift), the *Acacia* had an easy time sliding through the cut it had made—until it ran into an ice dome more than half way back. She executed her typical maneuver, backing and charging, backing and charging. This seemed like it would work—until a final great push carried the huge ship so far up onto the ice that her screw was out of the water. There she sat, as helpless as a beached whale. An SOS went out—the crew didn't want to wait for the spring melt. Luckily the *Biscayne Bay* was in St. Ignace, and could reach her sister ship in only 12 hours. Once there, she cut a channel alongside the *Acacia*, which slid sideways into her preferred medium: the lake. From there it took her only two hours to return home.

Peaine Township stated it was in favor of a Fire Barn at the South End, a 28' x 34' heated building on a slab, which it estimated would cost about \$30,000.

St. James Township became the owner of the Gull Harbor Park.

An MDOT grant was promised of \$300,000 to repave about 4 miles of the King's Highway. Dr. Lange also secured a promise of \$70,000 for the Medical Center.

Gavin West, who lettered in football

and track and was the mainstay of Indiana's National Debating Team while in high school, received an appointment to the Naval Academy.

MSU professor Tom Stanton delivered a commentary on the Barlow Group's energy study of Beaver Island, in which he listed the next steps to be taken to reach the energy independence that could result from building a biomass generator here. A "soft start," beginning with a small generator to see how it went, was recommended, but neither Township was interested in granting the idea its support.

The passing of Thelma Pryce at age 86 was noted. She had been born on Beaver Island as the daughter of Archie J and Josephine LaFreniere. At one time she had been the youngest supervisor of piano instruction in Michigan, and was very active in Ann Arbor when she was not in her summer Island home.

Twenty Years Ago Because everyone was worried about the rising water (it had risen to 11" higher than the previous year), particularly along the bluff portion of the East Side, the *Beacon* published an article, with diagrams, on how to build groins (fingerlike structures perpendicular to the shore), install meshing, and construct revetments to prevent or minimize erosion.

Joe Cunningham praised the work of the Civic Association, which published the *Beacon*, put on the Winter Games, printed and distributed 10,000 *Pure and Simple* brochures the previous year and planned on 20,000 for 1986, sponsored a Road Rally and the spring Harbor Cleanup (which included plantings and benches), organized the July 4th Parade and Carnival, created a "New Home"

Tour for August, established and cared for the Memorial to the Island Dead at Sea, ran a summer-long Tourist Office, and held a Halloween Dance at the Fire Hall. No wonder these volunteers suffered a high rate of burn-out!

The Dockside Market introduced a video movie rental program.

The McCann House opened as a classy B & B.

The Science Fair was exciting. In the high school division, Doug Butler and Jason Lome won first prize for a simulated California Earthquake; Brian Cole and Chris Welke took second for a study of the effects of heavy metals on an aquatic ecosystem; and Chris Speck took third for a rocket launch.

New York sculptor Catherine Shinnick arrived to teach a one-week workshop to students and adults, thanks to a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts. She began with plaster casting of sculpted clay, followed by filling the mold with a different plaster, and then breaking it if necessary (if the mold release spray didn't work) to retrieve the molded object.

Two other instructors also arrived, thanks to a \$10,000 Arts Grant: Sylvia Einhardt (who married BICS teacher Robert Einhardt), in charge of Performing Arts (she directed the school choir and taught aerobic dance) and Pat Wojan, who offered a program at all levels in the Visual Arts.

The Beaver Lodge was being expanded upwards, with all the rooms being tastefully remodeled by Ron Wojan for the Baileys.

No applications were received for the position of Island Project Manager.

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ing how to expand the Playground.

Passings noted included Pauline Culter, Betty Welke's mother, who had lived at the airport since 1970, and William Gallagher, an 89-year-old Beaver Island sailor (and brother of Forrest Pratt) who lived in Washington.

Thirty Years Ago An early spring brought an end to beaver trapping after a season catch of twenty-something. An inspection of tooth marks around the perimeter of their habitats showed the winter's snow to have averaged three feet. The Game Club was awaiting the arrival of apple trees to replace some of those nearing the end of their lives.

The president of North Central Michigan College was expected on Beaver to talk about the possibility of his institution offering courses on the Island in the fall. He mentioned that Pam McDonough (Grassmick) was elected President of his college's chapter of the Michigan Student Nursing Association, and that Patti Wojan had been admitted to the Nursing Program for the fall—one of 40 selected from several hundred applications.

Annie Hayhoe opened a garden shop, *The Flower Pot*, next to the DNR officer's home.

Violet Custer (McCafferty) hosted a Beaver Island party in St. Pete, Florida, with visitors from Michigan, Ohio, Wisconsin, and other Florida cities.

Forty Years Ago With the annual Island clean-up underway, the DNR officer was kept busy issuing burn permits.

A late beaver-trapping season got underway, with Karl Kuebler and Dennis Wagner getting three on their first set and Rogers Carlisle and Ron Wojan taking four.

The Game Club's resident goose siter, Jack Martin, owner of the Circle M, reported that the ganders were preparing nests, and the new flock of Canadian Geese were doing well. Ten pair were purchased from Rudy Mienska's goose farm in Manistique—Rudy had been raising geese for eighteen years. Roy Chambers, a frequent Island visitor, engineered a gift of ten mated pair of Mallard ducks from Indian River.

The school let its students off for an afternoon to take part in a kite-flying contest in Frank O'Donnell's field. First Prize went to Leonard Kenwabikise (a trophy and a free pizza); second to Jim Wojan; and third to Gale Dillingham.

The Chicago Party set an all-time attendance record.

The well-attended St. Patrick's Day dinner raised \$135.

Forty-six well-wishers hid in Dr. Haynes' basement rec room to give him a surprise 76th birthday party.

Island businesses were getting ready for the upcoming season. Grace Cole repainted her Killarney Inn; Archie LaFreniere repainted the inside of the Shamrock; Dick LaFreniere painted his store; and Lloyd and Bud McDonough remodeled their market. The Circle M was planning an addition, and Phil Gregg was getting ready to build a large boat storage building at Beaver Haven. The Conservation Department intended to build a new dock in front of the DNR building as well.

The Beaver Island Christian Church purchased the former Amos home as a permanent sanctuary, and conducted an Easter service at which five children were baptized.

The school held an Open House at

which parents and others could examine and comment on the spring work accomplished by the students.

Montgomery Ward representatives held a "Catalogue Day" in the Circle M, with coffee and donuts, and gifts to all purchasers: orchids for the ladies, pen-and-pencil sets for the men.

The power plant intended to bring in a well-driller to drill a new well, and announced he would be able to drill other wells while his equipment was here.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* adopted a new logo, which it would use for many years.

Beaver-trapping opened with Chuck Dudley and Bill Pischner taking 3, Archie LaFreniere and Jack Connaghan getting 2 plus a muskrat, and Rogers Carlisle and Karl Kuebler catching 9.

At a Civic Association meeting Don Cole proposed creating a sinking fund to buy something long needed: a new mimeo machine for the *Beacon*.

A large group from Jackson MI arrived in late March to fish for perch through the ice.

Aloysius McDonough presented the Historical Society with a portrait of James Strang he painted in his Chicago studio—100 years after Strang's assassination. An old Mormon net shed "just up from the boat dock" was razed by Stan Floyd and Don Hansen.

The Island was awaiting the arrival of the *Sundew*. The (original) *Emerald Isle*, with newly-added Russ Green, just back from Grand Rapids with wife Joy and preparing to live in Hanley's cabin, was ready to come from Charlevoix to open the season.

The passing of Leo Loew, owner of Loew's Lodge on Lake G, was noted.

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Every winter, Mary Scholl watchers try to guess which new medium she'll use to express her uncontrollable creativity. This year, those who guessed "matted painted molded hand-made paper" can give themselves a pat on the back. And as these pictures show, whatever Mary touches, it's bound to be quite unique and beautiful.

The process Mary came up with

starts with making a ceramic mold, about 5" x 6". To do this she uses a variety of techniques, from sculpting



with knives and other tools to pressing in objects whose form she wants to impart: sticks, rubber balls, buttons, toys, leaves, rose petals, hydrangea vines, a sprig of lilac, shells—anything that lends itself to her mission, even an antique embossed leather 'wallet.'



After the ceramic is fired, she can think of the end product, which she begins creating by making a unique paper for each piece, pressing it into the mold, and then repeatedly sopping the water that emerges from increased pressure. She lets her conception of the finished work dictate each paper recipe, usually starting with shredded short-grain water-color paper to which she adds scraps of other mate-





rial ranging from colored paper or paper with colored threads to petals and seed pods for various batches. She has developed a procedure of mixing at different speeds in her blender for different lengths of time, after which she pours her pulp onto a screen to begin removing the water. Then she presses the pulp into a mold and presses down with all her strength, using a series of absorbent materials to sop



up the excess liquid.

During her manic obsession with this art form, she made 20 molds she didn't use, and still produced over 80 *objet d'arts* in her month-long run.

Once the paper dries, she's ready to apply paint—of any and every kind. When the paint finally dries, she turns to the triple-matting process required by objects with this



depth—typically a half inch or so. Creating the appropriate background, in color and texture, allows her to continue her artistic exploration. Then the backing board is wrapped with transparent film to protect her creation, and is ready to be placed in her gallery for the summer season. Like so many other of her creations, each piece is totally unique, truly not found anywhere else in the world.





Doing Their Part

Two children of Donzelle Anthony are serving our country. Her son, Sergeant Michael L. Cherette, is just back from serving a year in N. Korea. He is an engineer, and has been in Ft. Irwin (CA) and Ft. Lewis (WA), and is now a recruiter in Wassau, Wisconsin.

Also, her oldest daughter, Pfc Rachel S. Cherette, is with the 101st Airborne in Fort Gregg, North Carolina. She has done 6 months in Baghdad. They are the grandchildren of Alvina Cornstalk Napont, and are a source of pride for all Beaver Islanders.

Health Center Moves Ahead

The BIRHC Board must be doing its job well, because crowds no longer attend their meetings; at the one on March 18th, there was only the press. Those who did not come missed hearing more good news. For example, medical service income is on track to exceed the budget projections by a greater margin than expenses. Billings are up by over 20%, as well as patients. Word of the increased abilities of the BIRHC is spreading, and more people are using it for matters they previously took care of on the mainland (such as getting a physical.) The telemedicine system is working well, also saving some patients from the time and expense of a trip.

The new hypothermia unit has been used twice this winter. Thanks to help from Mary Cook, the BIRHC files have been transferred from Peachtree to Quickbooks, which does more (of what we need done) and costs less. The school-to-work student has been very productive in inputting data.

The BIRHC is starting a project to collect data on high cholesterol.

The Board accepted this Values statement: "The BIRHC Board of Directors values above all else the respect and support of its patients and loyal donors. We recognize that maintaining this respect means we must constantly strive to (1) Make governance

decisions that enhance the staff's ability to provide the highest possible quality of care, and (2) Ensure that all donated money is gratefully acknowledged, properly accounted for, and spent or invested wisely."

Results from a patient satisfaction survey were promising. Of 50 sent out, 22 were returned, with 20 rating the BIRHC as "great" and 2 as "good." Only one person said they wished a doctor were here—as opposed to 7 expressing this a year ago. A second survey will be sent out in June.

The Board agreed to move forward with the purchase and delivery of a 10'-tall Champion Tree from Copemish to honor Grace Matela. The cost might reach \$1,000; contributions earmarked for this should be sent to the BIRHC.

Two Board members whose terms expired, Anne Glendon and Barbara Murphy, consented to run again and were unanimously reelected. Angel Welke, though, announced that because she has now become the full-time manager of Island Airways she would have to offer her resignation, which was reluctantly accepted. Board members will suggest a replacement on May 13th.

The Board noted the upcoming 20th anniversary of the EMS, and will invite these "important partners" to be feted at the August Open House celebration.

Beach Grooming

A report just released by the Michigan DEQ found negative impacts to coastal areas where "beach grooming" had occurred. The Michigan legislature amended state law in 2003 to exempt property owners from permit requirements for so-called "beach maintenance" activities, such as mowing and pulling wetland vegetation exposed by low lake levels, and in certain areas allowed for expedited permits for mechanically removing vegetation.

Conservation and environmental groups are calling on the legislature to protect our state's precious coastal areas by immediately repealing these provisions from the state's wetland law.

"This report confirms what we have long suspected: beach grooming hurts our Great Lakes," said Jennifer McKay, Policy Specialist with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council. "Beach grooming, especially vegetation removal, causes fundamental changes that harm fish and their food source."

According to the Michigan DNR, 90% of the 200 fish species in the Great Lakes rely on coastal wetlands. The report found negative impacts to several important game fish, including yellow perch, and smallmouth and largemouth bass. "Coastal wetlands serve as critical habitat and drive nearly a billion dollars in economic activity in the state from sport fishing," said Sam Washington, Executive Director of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs.

The study also found that beach grooming destroyed stands of important plants and helped invasive species colonize the groomed areas. John Nelson, the Watershed Center's Grand Traverse Baykeeper said, "Not only does beach grooming harm fish; it also promotes the spread of harmful invasive plant species along the shore."

The most harmful provisions established by the legislature the expedited permit for vegetation removal and beach maintenance exemptions are scheduled to sunset in June, 2006 and November, 2007 respectively. Chris Grubb, Water Resources Coordinator for the National Wildlife Federation, said, "The science is in. Damage to the Great Lakes is happening now, and we expect the legislature to act."



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Announcements

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Starting Spring 2006 Island Airways is going to all one-way tickets for Beaver Island – Charlevoix and Charlevoix – Beaver Island flights.

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The Wildlife Club Takes Aim

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club wishes to make a statement regarding the double-crested cormorant and the need for population management. We are in favor and support efforts to bring this bird under control.

Our decision was reached after reading, studying, interviewing, and personally observing the destruction the DCCO has created. What is the Animal-Plant Health Inspection Service going to do to reduce the effects of the DCCO in Michigan and specifically in the Beaver Archipelago?

We have personally seen the decline of smallmouth bass (SMB) and perch commensurate with the increase in DCCO population. We had world-class fishing here until the late 1980s. In 1987 we began to see occasional cormorants in the archipelago. By 1995 we were seeing hundreds. By 1999 when Doug Peterson (CMU) started his study we had an 80% reduction of SMB and total loss of rock bass and bullheads. The perch fishery was also gone.

Our best local source of scientific study was done by Michael John Seider under the direction of Douglas L. Peterson, 1999-2002, Beaver Archipelago. I quote P61: While direct quantified evidence of cormorant predation is now virtually impossible to obtain, all SMB

data collected in this study suggested that cormorants not or caused the SMB decline in the Beaver Archipelago but are now limiting SMB recovery as well. P63: Furthermore, the similarity between the decline of SMB in the Beaver Islands and that observed in eastern Lake Ontario indicates that cormorant predation can have dramatic effects on local fisheries. Thus, biologists must now recognize that the current abundance of cormorants in the Great Lakes may be adversely affecting many important local fisheries. End quote.

Add to the Seider thesis those of John Casselman and Mark Ridgeway, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources; Farquhar et al, Evaluation of a 5-year program, Lake Ontario, N.Y.; Coleman, Richmond et al Oneida Lake, N.Y. The list is too numerous to go on. The message is clear, however, that DCCO impact is great on fisheries, colonial nesting bird sites, and vegetation.

There is an ongoing management project in the Les Cheneaux Islands, headed by Pete Butchko of the United States Dept. of Agricultural Wildlife Services. He is quoted as saying the cormorant numbers are going down, and perch populations are going up.



Efforts to control DCCO populations in Green Bay Wisconsin, Ohio's Lake Erie, and Minnesota are currently underway.

We have been told that the population in the Beavers is 11,000 nesting (Nancy Seefelt, CMU). A DNR DCCO action report census shows that there is an increase in large nesting colonies near Beaver. Wouldn't managing cormorants on the breeding grounds in the Great Lakes also support cormorant control efforts already underway for southern aquaculture producers? Alewives and crayfish make up the bulk of the 1400+-tons of fish they eat every year. Well guess what—*salmon eat alewives* and smallmouths eat crayfish—if there are any left. So what's next—the walleye on Lake Geneserath?

The time has come for us to stop studying and do something after 20 years. Resource management officials on all levels—county, state and federal—use depredation as a form of population control. We control deer, elk, ducks, and geese, and all kinds of 2- and 4-legged species—why not cormorants?

We admire the cormorant for its ability to adapt to a variety of forage opportunities. However, we feel we have too many of these birds in the archipelago. We will continue to work towards developing a rational, humane strategy for bringing the natural components of our ecosystem into proper balance.

—Lois Williams

(Note: On March 29th the DNR announced that this year it will conduct a risky experiment: stocking Lake Michigan with 25% fewer chinook in an effort to prevent the favorite of anglers from eating itself into oblivion. To make up for the loss, the supply of alewives will be "propped up"—alewives are the main staple of a salmon's diet. The alewives, though, depend on diporeia, a tiny, shrimp-like creature that has been reduced by zebra mussels.)

On March 28th, the Michigan Senate unanimously passed Resolution Number 103 which calls for the Michigan DNR to incorporate aggressive control measures to reduce the population of DCCOs in Michigan.



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Arthur Lewis 1923–2006

Arthur Harry Lewis, 83, recently of Charlevoix, died Sunday, March 5, 2006, at Northern Michigan Hospital.

Mass of the Resurrection was given on March 7 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Charlevoix, with the Rev. James K. Gardiner officiating. Interment took place in St. Mary's Cemetery.

He was born Feb. 16, 1923 on High Island, the son of Harry and Josephine (Wabanimkee) Lewis. He served in the U.S. Army infantry during World War II, in the African Middle Eastern Theater, and was awarded 3 Bronze Stars.

Art grew up in Bates and on Beaver Island. As an adult, he traveled the country before settling in Tacoma, Wash. He returned to Northern Michigan in the early 1980s, and was a member of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians.

Art was married to the former Martina Tookolo, and is survived by their daughter, Kathleen Lewis, of Charlevoix, by a grandson, Michael McCann of Charlevoix; by sisters, Alice J. Deering of Northport, Lucille McSawby of Peshawbestown, Dorothy (John) Gee of Benzonia; and by many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brothers, Bennett, Fred, Raymond, Albert and Gilbert; sisters, Florence, Lydia and Josephine.

Ronald Haggard August 18, 1977 – April 27, 2000



It seemed so very much like paradise when our children were small and we all lived snugly under one roof. Week-day mornings were filled with hurried shouts, groans, and an unbridled frenzy as the kids ran through the house getting ready for school. Our home was filled with the scent of warm bath water, coffee brewing on the stove, and if it were a special day the cold cereal was replaced by the smell of bacon and eggs frying and popping in the skillet.

Dinners were a bit slower and between bites of food we listened to the day's events. There was always a special story and some incident that spanned the generations and caused us all to laugh in unison. What a paradise it was!

Sometimes memories are all that is left. We know that now and so we tenaciously cling to our past with the inexorable power of love.

We daily remember Ronald and fondly recall all the moments of his too short life. His life was like that of many other boys and young men. There were joyous highs and tragic lows. We concentrate on the good times. We remember his love of poetry, his varsity wrestling record, and his many days of tramping through the woods of Beaver Island following the far away barking of a pack of beagles chasing the scent of rabbit.

We believe in the Resurrection and the resurrection that has been promised us all, but we also acknowledge that no person is truly gone from this earth as long as his friends and family remember him. We remember Ronald, and he is in our hearts and minds forever.

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Strong district showing caps Islander season

by Frank Solle



John takes flight



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Eric's noloook pass



James grabs rebound



Jared soars to score

In a first-time experience for the current Beaver Island *Islander* basketball players, the team traveled to Ellsworth on March 7 for a rare appearance at the district tournament level.

And while the opponents, the Central Lake Trojans, were the 18th-ranked Class D team in the state, the Islanders were anything but intimidated as they showed their ability in an eventual 86-60 loss.

While the Islanders couldn't match the Trojans in height under the hoop or depth along the bench, they held their own in intensity and desire. And they did so enough to impress the Trojans'

coach, Quinn Barry. "Those Beaver Island kids have a good basketball team," Barry said shortly after the game. "They may lack in competition during the season, but athletically they aren't lacking at all."

Central Lake's inside game was simply too much for the Islanders to counter. Nothing was more indicative of that than the fact that 38 of the Trojans' 44 first-half points came inside the paint. The other points came from one three-pointer and three free throws.

"That's our focus," Barry said. "When you have good team size you try to pound it in there."

Using that size and inside focus, the Trojans jumped out to a 21-6 lead after one quarter of play. But the Islanders found their game in the second period and stayed closer to the Trojans, getting outscored just 23-20 as the first half ended with Central Lake ahead 44-26.

The Trojans extended their lead to 30 by the end of the third quarter, 71-41, but the Islanders out-pointed them over the game's final eight minutes, 19-15.

"For us to get 60 points in a district game against a quality team like Central Lake, well that's pretty darn good," said Islander coach Mike Myers. "I'm very pleased with this effort and I can see

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some potential coming up for another good basketball team next year."

Junior Jared Wojan, who led the Islanders in scoring on the season with 224 points, paced the team against the Trojans with 22 points as well as grabbing 10 rebounds.

Senior John Albin also recorded a double-double with 15 points and 18 rebounds while trying to defend against a huge Central Lake front line. "We're really going to miss John next year," said a wistful Myers. "He's been Mr. Steady inside for us since he was a sophomore."

Barry was impressed with both players. "I told my assistant coach I would take the Wojan kid on my team any day," he said. As for Albin, Barry said, "I was impressed with his defense, his inside game, and his shooting touch."

Rounding out the scoring for the Islanders were sophomores Eric Albin with nine, and Dan Runberg with eight. Senior point guard James Gillespie finished with four, while sophomore Brenden Martin added two.

The decision to attend the district tournament this year was prompted by

another strong showing by the Islanders in Northern Lights League play where they finished second with a league mark of 8-2. Both losses came at the hands of league champion Mackinac Island.

The first loss, a 63-61 decision, came in the season opener following a furious Islander comeback after trailing by 11 in the first half. The second loss came at Mackinac Island in a Friday night battle the Lakers won 49-41. The Islanders earned a small measure of revenge the following morning, 67-58, in a game that didn't count in the league standings. "It's too bad we didn't do that on Friday," Myers said of the Saturday victory. "But our shooting went cold Friday. That's something we'll work on next year."

The Islanders reeled off eight straight wins following their opening loss to the Lakers, defeating Ojibwe Charter School and Munising Baptist in two home series. They then downed the Soaring Eagles in two games at Hannahville before grounding the Rockets of Paradise in their final home series of the season. The Islanders wrapped up the regular season with two final wins at

Grand Marais as they closed out the campaign with an 11-2 overall record.

The team will lose seniors Albin, Gillespie, and Justin Martin next year, but will have a strong core of players returning.

Myers hopes to have juniors Saygan Croswhite and Cory Sowa return, along with Wojan. "Cory came a long way this year," Myers said. Noting that first-year cager Croswhite is more of a soccer player, Myers said numbers are important in many ways. "We need kids for practice as well as giving us strong minutes during games. It would be nice to be able to use the bench like Central Lake did against us at districts."

Sophomores Eric Albin and Runberg were starters this year, with Martin a solid sixth man off the bench. Freshman Patrick Cull showed improvement in his play while eighth-graders Bryan Timsak and Dereck McDonough both showed promise when on the court.

"Overall our season was a good one," Myers said. "Our showing against Central Lake was great. I look forward to another good season next year."

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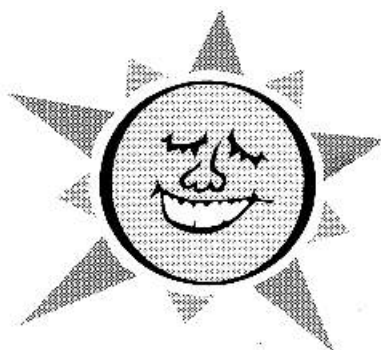
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One Hundred Years Ago

by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 5, 1906 **Local News:** "As we go to press the ice field to the north and west has closed in and the *Beaver* is unable to make her Island trip. Tuesday there was a break in the field, and the fishing fleet of four tugs got out, but have not returned."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 12, 1906 **Local News:** "James McCann, of St. James, came over Tuesday, returning home this morning."

"Anthony Malloy, the St. James meat market magnate, was over yesterday on business."

"Passengers here on the *Beaver* Sunday, supervisor W. J. Gallagher, M. J. Bonner and W. E. Stephens. Capt. Bonner is on his way to Milwaukee to fit out his schooner the *Rouse Simmons*."

"The steamer *Beaver* made her first 1906 run to the Island Saturday, leaving here at one o'clock p.m., and had very little trouble with ice. She returned Sunday. She went again yesterday, and will make her regular Monday, Wednesday, and Friday runs hereafter. There is no ice in sight in Lake Michigan."

(April 7 First boat mail, after 20 days impassable. F. Protar)

Beaver Island News: "Elections in the two Island townships passed off quietly this year."

"John Green is rapidly finishing his new building on Main Street."

"The supervisors are the same as last year, there being but one ticket in the field in both cases."

"On Friday evening April 6 occurred the death of Owen J. McAuley after a long illness. Deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. James McAuley of Peaine township. He is also survived by two sisters Katherine and Annie. The former arrived on the Saturday boat to attend the funeral which occurred Monday forenoon April 9th."

"Recent births reports from the register of this township are as follows: Mr. and Mrs. Owen D. Gallagher, a son, March 17; Mr. and Mrs. Val McDonough, a son, March 21; Mr. and Mrs. Peter D. Gallagher, a son, March 21; Capt. and Mrs. John McCann, a daughter, April 7; Mr. and Mrs. John Lighton, a daughter, April 9."

"Mrs. Susan Gallagher died at her home in Peaine township Monday evening, Feb. 26 aged 80 years. Deceased was born in County Donegal Ireland

where she lived with the exception of two or three years in Scotland until 1852 when she emigrated with her husband to this country. They lived in Canada till 1865 when the family removed to Beaver Island which has since been the family home. Mrs. Gallagher was one of the heaviest losers in the wreck of the ill-fated *Vernon* when three of her children were drowned. The mother never fully recovered from the shock of this terrible loss and gladly welcomed the day when she might join her departed. Three sisters surviving Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Ellen O'Donnell, Miss Kate Mooney and Mrs. Malloy. Five of her ten children are living, Mrs. Susan French, and Mrs. Nora Underwood both of Chicago, Mr. Daniel Gallagher of Petosky, Mr. Michael Gallagher of Tacoma, Washington and William D. Gallagher who has made his home with his mother and been her main stay in her declining years. The funeral occurred at Holy Cross church Thursday which was largely attended, with Fr. Paschal officiating."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 19, 1906 **Local News:** "Rev. Paschal Foerster, of St. James, came over



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Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

Monday, returning yesterday."

"The Steamer *Beaver* made her first trip to Cross Village Tuesday with a load of seed peas for the Ferry. Co."

"Mr. Frankel, the Beaver Island tailor, opened his shop at St. James this week. See his ad. elsewhere."

(April 21/22 2" of snow 26 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 26, 1906 **Local News:** "Rev. Paschal Foerster, of St. James, officiated at the Catholic church Sunday. Rev. Father Ewald taking his place at St. James."

"The steamer *Beaver* went to North Manitou Island Tuesday and did a job of dredging at the harbor dock."

"D. C. Nettleton went to St. James Monday, to survey a village plat addition."

Beaver Island News: "The Legion given a Box Social this week Thursday night."

"The K. O. T. M. holds its monthly review Saturday night of this week."

"Miss May Gallagher returned Monday after a ten days visit in Charlevoix."

"Rev. Fr. Paschal Foerster arrived Monday after a week's visit to the main-

land."

"Capt. Olaf Nordrum representing the A. Booth Packing Co. is here this week looking at the company's interests." (Note: Olaf Nordrum of Petosky registered at the Beaver Hotel, April 6, 1906).

"Capt. Charley Roe, of Harbor Springs, is here to make an estimate on the rebuilding of the Joe Gallagher dock."

"James Dowd of Mackinaw Island, nephew of James McCann, is spending a few days with relatives on the Island."

"Mrs. Donlevy will go from Harbor Springs to Chicago where she will visit friends and buy spring goods for the firm."

"Born at the home of Mr. And Mrs. John Stafford an 8 pound boy April 23rd. The little chap looks just like his pa too."

"Hugh McLachlan's genial smile can be seen about McCann's dock and packing establishment in his old capacity as manager."

"Mrs. Minnie Gibson and Mrs. Jas. Donlevy went to Harbor Springs Saturday to visit Mrs. John Gibson formerly of Beaver Island."

"Fred Smith and Mr. Armstrong

representing the Petosky Grocery Co. and Johnson Bros. of Milwaukee respectively spent Monday in town."

"Mrs. Fred Nackerman went to Big Rapids Monday after her sister, Mrs. Phil D. Malloy who has been under treatment there during the past winter."

"A number of Charlevoix parties purchased horses from Beaver Island farmers last week. They took 8 or 9 last week and back for more this week."

"A. L. Coulter is visiting the farmers here, in the interest of the sugar beet enterprise. He is getting some contracts and will get more. Let the good work go on." (Note: A. L. Coulter of Charlevoix registered at the Beaver Hotel)

"W. E. Stephens and Will Shield are on business in Manistee the past week. They occupied berths in the schooner *Nellie Johnson*, in tow of tug *Chas. Ryan*."

"Married at Holy Cross Church by Fr. Ewald on Monday forenoon Mr. Al P. Sterling and Miss Mary F. Gallagher of the Island. Good wishes of numerous friends follow them to their new home." (Sterling worked on the train.)

(Note: April 28/29 Thunderstorm 42 degrees. F. Protar)



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At Sally Fogg's birthday on February 18th, her husband Jon had a special present for her: after 31 years of working together, and working hard, she could finally retire.

"I told her, now she can go where she wants, when she wants," Jon said. "Because Terry and Bev Scully were purchasing—Deerwood." Not that they plan to leave. "I've summered here every year since my dad bought the house on the harbor in 1954," he said. "We love Beaver Island. But now we'll really be able to enjoy it. Maybe even go fishing."

They retained some land around the lake, and have been designing an exquisite new home (the Falling Star Lodge) overlooking the westernmost cove on Barney's Lake. It will include the same degree of being in harmony with nature that was the hallmark of Deerwood. It will be made with local materials, including logs. Although they won't start building for a year,



they've already begun shopping for furnishings, and have bought some large pieces that they'll build around. They're keeping Applewood, as well.

The transfer of ownership to an executive who wanted to get away from the stress came about when his sister happened to stay at Deerwood. She told Jon that this would be perfect for her brother. Of course, a lot of people say that, but when the Scullys came up, they agreed, and it took only a few more trips to the Island for them to make the deal. Once they'd shaken hands, Jon and Sally had to set about decommissioning their business, notifying the staff and sending back advance deposits.

Falling Star won't be the only structure on their retained land. They also plan to build a Memorial Pavilion

on the north shore of the main part of Barney's Lake to honor the memory of Jennifer Anne, their daughter. This will be a quiet, contemplative place in which people can come to enjoy the peace and solitude—qualities becoming increasingly rare in our world. Finding tranquility, blending in with nature; that's why Jon and Sally have made such a commitment to Beaver, and they want to give this option to others.

And to have time to enjoy it themselves. "Don't get me wrong," Jon said, "we thor-

oughly enjoyed running the Lodge. But there is a time for change." The Scullys intend for Deerwood to be a family retreat—they have five college-age children, who will enjoy it as much as Terry and Bev.

So thanks for the touch of class, Sally and Jon, and, to the Scullys, welcome aboard!

A Winner

Rich Gillespie won PABI's first Beaver Island Ice Classic with a guess of 4:45 PM on March 29th as the tower beside Beaver Island Marina sank through the ice with the clock at 8:56.

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caught, and positioned himself in such a way as to make it push directly backwards, finally freeing itself.

Once it had shaken off the lingering effects of the trauma and gotten over its embarrassment, it ran gracefully out onto the ice and loped over to the south side of the harbor, from where it disappeared into the woods.

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May 6th - Auditions, 3 p.m. at the Hall p. 9

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