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News from the Townships

St. James Township

In a letter read at the May 3rd Town Board meeting, John Lorenzen warned against the folly of not controlling the spread of 'McMansions' by imposing maximum size limits as well as minimums. The writer, a frequent visitor, was worried that the Island would lose its traditional relaxed style. The letter was passed on to the Planning Commission, which controls zoning.

A letter from Road Commission manager Pat Harmon asking for support for a county-wide road millage did not get much support because it did not contain a means whereby most of the money raised would be spent on Beaver Island.

Island Airways pilot Jim Slough informed the Board that he would buy junk cars for \$50 at the BIBCO Island

dock. He will pay the freight to ship them to his facility on the mainland.

The Senior Center required a new resolution for its tax abatement (money will be paid based on a percentage of rents, instead of taxes) because the Dec 3 2003 Tax Abatement Ordinance requires construction to be commenced within two years of an application, which did not happen.

The new phone system at the Government Building was operational.

The brush pile behind the Transfer Station has filled the available space. The WMC was considering renting or buying a tub grinder, which would turn the brush, branches, and stumps into a kind of mulch that might even be sold. An addition was sought for the building, to hold gaylord boxes in cold storage when the boat isn't running.

Our Infrastructure

The EMS Report

Sarah McCafferty delivered an EMS report to both Town Boards at their monthly meeting. She said that Gerald LaFreniere and Cindy Cushman were sent to the EMS Expo in Grand Rapids at the end of March, where they received the continuing education credits they need to maintain their license. Gerald also took a class to become a CPR Instructor.

The EMS and Fire Department held a joint exercise on extrication in which the FD took the top and sides off a vehicle and the EMS immobilized the

passengers with a backboard and removed them from the car.

The EMS had six runs in April, including 4 advanced life support. There were three evacuations on April 17, two via Northflight and one by the Coast Guard.

Sarah has been working hard to improve the organization, developing time sheets, a travel and collection policy, job descriptions for the Readiness Director and the Education Director, and a membership agreement—while keeping up on all the paperwork and billing.

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Peaine Township

A group of Eagle Scouts will improve the Blue Trail from the Wagner Campground to the Oil Well Site just south of the intersection of Hannigan's Road with the King's Highway. Twenty scouts will be here for a long weekend, camping for free at the Campground and receiving some donated food. The Trails' Fund will cover the cost of materials—plans are for the Scouts to build five bridges.

Some improvements are needed at the Campground and at Lake Geneserath. At the Campground the old 2" well is pumping sand and needs to be replaced. To that end Bud Martin bid to install a new and bigger well; at 50' the price would be \$3,200, plus \$12/foot if it has to go deeper. The current depth to the sand is 37', with

15' of standing water. At Lake G the outhouse was run into by a vehicle. Dave Schwartzfisher agreed to put in a 1200 gallon septic tank for \$850, and Darrell Butler Jr. will build a new outhouse for under \$1,000.

Pete LoDico explained that he's after a \$600,000 Rural Development loan to build the Senior Center, for which a \$60,000 match is required.

The Township now has six tons of bagged chloride for public use.

The Supervisor asked the Board to consider holding a public meeting to discuss and explain the millage requests, before the August election. He also proposed that Peaine and St. James alternate sending representatives to the monthly Township Association meetings, possibly with the delegates also rotating.

The summer visiting paramedic schedule will have Lisa and Steve Rose here from May until August, and Warren Billet here from late June to early July.

The BIRHC moves Ever Closer

At its May meeting the Beaver Island Rural Health Center presented its financial report for the fiscal year, through April. It operates on an annual budget of \$394,000, and until its Endowment Fund is able to make up the "\$75,000 hole" it has been in since losing state funding it has to pull income from other sources, such as its

Special Projects Fund and its Endowment Fund's earnings, which it would like to reinvest to make the EF grow. The good news here is that expenses are under control and running, in total, as expected (despite a few unpleasant surprises, such as the volume of propane being used.)

The Endowment Fund has reached \$719,000, with pledges of another \$190,000, so soon it will be 2/3rds of the way to its first stage goal.

The Board reminded the small audience that these financial strains were

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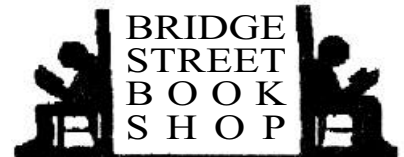
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Our Infrastructure, continued from page 5. only being experienced because it had elected to push hard for 24/7 coverage of the safety of everyone on Beaver Island. With limited use, the average patient encounter brings in \$60 but costs the facility \$132.

Thanks to Barb Murphy, Pete LoDico, and Dave Schwartzfisher, the big champion Norway Maple honoring Grace Matela has now been planted on the BIRHC grounds. Normally this tree costs \$2,500, but the nursery discounted it by 80%.

This year's truck has arrived, and will be in McDonough's parking lot on July 4th, where raffle tickets will be available.

The recently-obtained approval for treating AmVets should be a win/win: good for the Veterans, and good for the BIRHC. The next step in improving the BIRHC's chances for extra funding will be to get it classified as a FQHC (federally qualified.) It's a long way from meeting the requirements, but Bart Stupak may help it get an exception.

The August 8th Open House will also celebrate 20 years of service by the EMS.

A BITA planning session

The Board of the Beaver Island Transportation Authority met Tuesday evening, May 9, for an open planning session. Bill McDonough, CEO of the Boat Company, was a guest. First some business updating telephone and web equipment and connections was completed. Bids were evaluated and new suppliers accepted.

Chair Rich Gillespie and Administrator Barb Swartzfisher then led a discussion of short-range and long-range goals and related policies. A number of operating issues were discussed. Procedures for disposing of surplus or inadequate equipment were discussed. State requirements can be met by offering items first to BIBCO, second to public agencies, and third to the public.

The agreement between BITA and BIBCO comes up for a third-year review on June 10, 2006. Board members Kitty McNamara and Ken Taylor will review the document for changes needed due to the three years of experience. There was considerable discussion of two issues. The first was the schedule, and possibilities of earlier sailing and off-season trips that would

serve Island needs without running at a loss. The second was the need for clear lines of communication so all interested parties, including BIBCO professionals with special expertise, as well as the public, can have input into decisions on operation, equipment, and services.

A request for \$288,000 has been submitted by BITA for 2007 operations. State budgets are still under consideration in Lansing. Also, the need for monthly meetings was agreed on. A related question is the amended contract between BITA and BIBCO. The subsidy for fuel ends September 30, 2007. The state at present requires that the contract between BITA and the contractor (BIBCO) be opened for bids if a continued subsidy is required for operation. It was agreed that BIBCO will need to prepare their proposal in ample time for discussion and negotiation with BITA in order to meet the state requirements. It is not known whether the state might agree to a one-year extension without open bidding.

Finally, there was general agreement that an assessment of operating costs be prepared before BITA would agree to taking on the expense of a second or replacement ferry.

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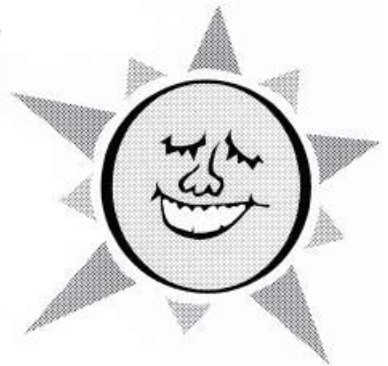
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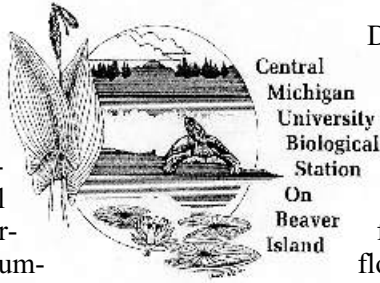
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CMU Summer Field Trip Schedule

Once again the staff at Central Michigan University's Biological Station, in conjunction with the Beaver Island Historical Society, will offer a number of interesting field trips this summer. The fee is \$20.00, and will include lunch at the Bio Station, where one's observations can be discussed with staff and participants. Advance registration is preferred; sign up with Pinky (448-2461) or the Print Shop Museum (448-2254.) Each trip will be limited to 28 people. Unless otherwise indicated all trips will begin at 9:00 a.m.

On Saturday, **June 10th**, Dr. Nancy Seefelt will host "**Beaver Island Birds.**" This field trip will begin at **7:00 a.m.** and will take participants to several interesting Island habitats to seek out birds which breed in early June, including warblers. Breakfast will follow at 9:00 a.m. Please bring binoculars if you have them.



On Thursday, **June 22nd**, Dr. Ed Leuck will lead "**Early Summer Flora of Beaver Island,**" a trip to a variety of habitats to locate and identify many of Beaver Island's beautiful spring and summer wildflowers, and other plant species. Dr. Leuck is extremely knowledgeable about horticulture and landscaping with plants, and is more than willing to answer your questions in this area.

Thursday, **July 6th**, brings Dr. Beth Leuck's "**Beaver Island Sand Dune Biology.**" This trip will take participants to the west side of Beaver Island for an exploration of extensive sand dunes. The origin, current status, and future of the dunes will be discussed, and the flora and fauna indigenous to these beautiful ecosystems will be sought after and explained in ecological terms. Some climbing of steep sandy inclines will be required.

On Thursday, **July 27th**, Dan Benjamin will lead "**Beaver Island's**

Inland Lakes," a popular favorite: a trip to most of Beaver Island's inland lakes, with information about their formation, current status, water chemistry, and natural history.

Dan will follow this with the popular "**Mammals of Beaver Island**" on Saturday, **August 5th**. You can gain information about the diversity of indigenous and introduced mammals that today inhabit Beaver Island, discover the details of their natural history, and learn where and how to observe these fascinating animals.

On Wednesday, **August 9th**, Dr. Dan Wujek will present a "**French Bay Field Trip.**" Participants will hike to historic (and getting harder to reach) French Bay to search out the diversity of indigenous semi-aquatic flowering and woody plants. Learn about the importance of this lakeside ecosystem and how to identify the plant residents found there. Plan to get your feet wet! This trip begins at **8:30 a.m.**

For further information, contact Dr. Jim Gillingham (231-448-2325 or email gillijc@cmu.edu).



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– Chief Black Hawk.

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be on hand to help welcome Islanders to the festivities. "Bring a stone and a story," say hosts Jim Norgaard and his wife Terri Brownell, who will open up their home and "Tree-top hexagon" classroom again for the curious during the festivities. "The stone is for our cairn building, an old Irish tradition honoring community and land. The story is optional, but knowing Islanders their will be a few with tales to tell of the Old Mill site, or of their favorite other natural site on Beaver Island," added Norgaard.

Festivities begin at 1 pm Saturday June 24th with the cairn building ceremony. Music and tours of the Meadow, visits to the Tree-top hexagon classroom and the Norgaard home will follow, and a meal will be served around 4 pm. All Islanders who can fit into the field are



welcome; bring your own lawn chairs and service ware for the meal. Pot luck items and pass-the-hat donations for the festivities are welcome. Parking will be along the South Mill Trail, and restroom facilities will be available.

On Sunday June 25th beginning at 11 am, there will be 3 separate, hour-long mini-workshop sessions offered as a part of "A Taste of Tara," showcasing classes and services offered at Tara's Meadow throughout the summer. This year's mini-sessions include "Celtic Movement on the Meadow," gentle exercise by Jim Norgaard, "Building your Celtic Hearth," by Jeanne Marie Nicholson, and "Transformational Theater," by Lee Edwards.

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Each spring, Glen LaFreniere would mow our lawn and he would say to us—"I don't want to cut this little bush down because it has such a nice form." So we decided to let it grow and see what would happen. As the years passed the little bush grew into a lovely young tree. Then it began to produce small

plums, red / yellow with a wonderful flavor – great for eating or making jelly. It had been planted by a squirrel, evidently. And to add insult to injury, Johnny and I had planted a small orchard of cherry, peach, pear, and apple trees which we nourished with all the proper ingredients and love, but all of them died, either from the weather extremes or the deer!



This one little tree, planted by a squirrel and never given any TLC, survived to become the gorgeous tree which graces our back yard with fragrance and lacy beauty each spring.
– Joyce Runberg

If you put all your eggs in one Basket...

Over the past few years now, people have noticed and commented on a proliferation of handsome cedar baskets. They've been popping up on stoops and decks, and as markers for the entryways to gardens, and they're being made in Steve Connaghan's shop out behind Rose's house on the final gravel leg of the King's Highway.

Steve has been going into the woods for cedar for years, sawing it on his own portable mill (which he bought in 1985.) Now, except for a few custom jobs he's been talked into doing for friends (like the custom cedar shakes for Dan



McCafferty's most recent house), he has been concentrating on these large octagonal baskets, which he makes by

screwing together six tiers of precisely cut cedar 2 x 2s on a drainable corrugated plywood base, and then soaking with Thompson's WaterSeal (which protects against uv degrading.) The only design change he's made is to raise the handle from 8" to 19", to allow for plants to grow unimpeded.

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On This Date

Ten Years Ago This was billed as the *Good News Beacon* because it contained stories about the paving of the Highway, the choosing of a builder for the new ferry, the Michigan Senate working to fund the Med Center, and the opening of Daddy Frank's, the Shamrock, and the Laurain Lodge.

Concrete plans to repave the King's Highway were broadcast at a meeting of both Town Boards, Gary Voogt, and two M-DOT administrators, who were inclined to award a \$300,000 grant to repave four miles of the road. The Townships and the Charlevoix County Road Commission each chipped in \$25,000. It was hoped that work would start soon and be done during the summer. The townships planned to hire one or two people to run the rock crusher.

Blount Shipyards in Rhode Island had the lower of two bids for building the new *Emerald Isle*, but the *Beacon* warned that much checking and rechecking would have to be done before the contract was signed.

State Senator Walter North worked with Community Health Service director Jim Haveman to obtain a \$150,000 grant for the Med Center's operating costs—in the first post-McGinnity year. The facility was renamed as the *Beaver Island Rural Health Center*.

Roger and Nancy Sommer purchased Daddy Frank's and announced they would reopen in mid-June, with Dan Peck as the manager.

Eric and Dana Hodgson purchased the Shamrock from the Clarksons.

Larry and Theresa Laurain finished building the Laurain Lodge and planned to have it open in mid-June.

The Beaver Island District Library planned a Peace Pole dedication to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

Someone found a bag of assorted bunny parts and asked for repayment of the disposal cost.

Suzy Bonadeo and Jayne Bailey announced the publication of their first *Beaver Island Guide*.

Erin McDonough received a scholarship to cover her tuition at CMU.

Helen Gallagher O'Brien's passing at age 90 was noted.

The *Beacon* reported on an attempt made by the *Violet* to deliver mail from Charlevoix in January of 1909. The Beaver Island crew (Ed Martin, Barney Martin, and Charles Cross) got trapped in the ice four miles out from Cross Village stuck it out for awhile, subsisting on the few fish they were able to catch, but eventually were forced to scramble across the loose pack ice to shore to avoid starvation.

Twenty Years Ago Erma Bombeck visited Beaver Island to film a section for *Good Morning America*, stopping first at the Shamrock and then visiting the school. The *GMA* film crew recorded interviews with the graduating seniors Debbie Higdon, Brian Cole, Craig Petrak, and Chris Welke.

The annual Fashion Show raised \$73, and Joe Moore and Mary Ann Omer each won a \$100 certificate from Mettlers.

Robert Cole and Jacque LaFreniere were trying to start a Beaver Island Community Theater.

Thanks to a grant from the McCune Arts Center, the musical *Teen* was staged at the Parish Hall, with Jennifer Wojan, Rene Gillespie, Erin Martin, Michael Moore, Scott McGinnity, and Rob McPherson in the principal roles.

The Western Michigan Jazz Band performed on the Island.

Doug Hartle agreed to teach Driver's Ed. Sylvia Eionhardt was to teach aerobics.

At the Civic Association's annual meeting, it elected its board and pledged to manage the July 4th Parade and Carnival, a tourist office (for which Alice Belfy was hired), the annual Harbor Beautification, and the continuing publication of the *Beacon* (Carolyn Works was in charge.) There was talk of staging a triathalon.

Three local artists had a show at the Beachcomber: Shirley Gladish, Jane Mushong, and Mary Scholl.

CCRC Manager Irv Sturn was riding with Ron Wojan when Ron's beeper went off, and rode along to a fire at Joe Kilmartin's home. He issued this report: "8:56, beeper went off; 9:01, first fire truck arrived; 9:07, tanker arrived; 9:12, fire under control."

Lake Michigan was 6" higher than the previous year.

Thirty Years Ago North Central Michigan College was willing to offer art courses on Beaver Island.

A new fire truck with a 500-gallon capacity was purchased at Dorr, MI.

Father Scheid celebrated his 40th year in the priesthood. He was born on Beaver Island, a grandson of Willie John Gallagher; his father was the book-



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Flu vaccine was to be made available in July.

Dick DeRosia's family opened a hot dog and hamburger stand at the ferry dock called *Ding-a-Lings*.

Passings noted included Dorothy Wojan, John Pike, George Ricksgers, and Patricia Siudara. Dorothy Wojan was married to Ted, the brother of Walter Wojan. John Pike was married to Helen (LaFreniere.) George Ricksgers was the father of Katherine Ricksgers. Pat Siudara was married to Dr. Jerry Siudara, son of our future doctor.

Forty Years Ago Father Wren acted as toastmaster at a dinner at the Parish Hall, which kicked off a drive to fix up or replace the Convent for the Dominican Sisters, who had taught in the Island schools for over sixty years. Ninety-one people attended.

Fox Lake's rainbow trout were losing interest in cast bait, but the smallmouths at Garden Island were turning very hungry. Charlie Martin and Erwin Martin each chartered groups of successful fishermen, but the record catch was taken by Dr. Bates, who came over in his cruiser from Harbor Springs. Charlie was also lifting his nets and taking as much as 1,800 pounds of whitefish in a day.

At the 84th birthday party for Lin Rountree, he was declared the Island's oldest year-around resident.

Two students graduated from BICS: William Gillespie and Ernest Martin.

Marshall Sheets from Boyne City was building himself a cabin, and sleeping in a tent on his lot. One night while lighting his gas cook stove the flames leaped out and set his tent on fire. He barely got out.

Marge Wagner took over operating the Rustic Villa Grill.

The passing at age 38 of Ted Wojan's first wife, Mary Margaret LaFreniere, was reported, as was the death of Slopstown Road's Carl Petersen, 'Pete the Swede,' at 76.

The Med Center provided vaccinations for the Island kids.

Kathryn McCann married Bob Tidmore, with her uncle, Father Victor

Gallagher, performing the service.

Erwin Martin wrote a *Beaver Tale* recounting a trip around the Island with his wife Alice. They saw 27 adult deer and 12 young fawns, and encountered 3 turkeys on Tom McCauley's Road—and 8 more later on the old Boyle farm. At Round Lake they came upon 8 Canadian geese, which had been planted by the Game Club. Matt Melville saw 10 geese in a pond at the golf course, and student biologist Dennis King saw 3 in Garden Island Harbor. All the planted geese had their wings clipped so they could not fly, which meant the geese at Garden had swum six miles. Rabbits were abundant, and Erwin also came across two mud turtles burying their eggs near Miller's Marsh.

The next day Erwin went to Garden Island and caught several smallmouths, some over four pounds, and a pike weighing over ten pounds.

Fifty Years Ago Archie LaFreniere directed the landscaping work at the new Medical Center.

Twenty men with eight trucks took part in *Harbor Clean-up Day*, which was interrupted by a heavy rain.

Chuck Kleinhenz killed a mother coyote and took three cubs from the den.

Pilot Don Hansen flew in several parties of fishermen. Doc Collins and

three friends caught 17 pike, the largest weighing 14 pounds.

Margaret O'Donnell was an elegant toastmistress for the annual Junior/Senior banquet.

Larry McDonough announced his riding stable would be open, with six horses for hire.

The two caretakers, Ray Bills, 20, and John Drum, 65, of the Townsend Cattle Ranch on High Island got into trouble on a return trip from picking up supplies on Beaver. Thirty feet from shore they threw out their anchor line but got it caught in their prop. Then a strong NW wind set them adrift for 20 hours—until they were spotted the next day by Harbor Springs pilot Al Phillips on his return trip from Beaver. He called the Coast Guard, and their plane dropped flares to help the *Sundew's* search. Finally the missing boat was spotted on the rocks near Cross's Point on Beaver, half full of water. The men, exhausted, hungry, and cold, were treated at the Med Center by Dr. Vail.

Pete Rennie and twenty friends came to Beaver for a weekend on five power boats from Traverse City. Two boats from Florida stopped on their way to Chicago. Dr. John Hetherington was the first to get his Island boat in the beckoning water.



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A Public Hearing on the Master Plan

On May 30th, the Planning Commissions of both townships held their second (the first was last August 5th) and final public meeting, at which any interested observer was able to offer any final suggestions or comments.

Suzanne Kelly, who works for consultant Gosling Czubak and has been involved with this effort for two years, was on hand to present an overview and field any questions. Her experience with other communities and the laws regulating planning and zoning had allowed her to provide much guidance.

Suzanne said the Master Plan was designed to be a reader-friendly docu-

ment that would support the zoning ordinance and summarize its underlying philosophy, and that it had a five-year outlook after which it would have to be revised—but not as intensely as this current revision of the previous Plan.

The audience asked several questions, and members of the PCs answered every one to the asker's satisfaction. Ed Wojan noted that some actual conditions on certain lands differed from what was shown on the Plan's map (such as around the Fox Lake bog), and required conscientious, informed interpretation.

Suzanne pointed out that the PCs

would continue to work on refining the basis for the Plan. They will locate and define sensitive areas in more detail and consider how they can best be protected, develop a commercial site plan for the Downtown, look at the need for architectural controls, consider flexible solutions to the parking problem, and advance the Island's recreation plan.

The audience realized that what had been projected as a 9-month project had involved 3 long, hard years. In a show of appreciation it gave the members of the PCs a round of applause. Now the PCs will recommend that their Town Boards accept the new Master Plan.

Baroque on Beaver – A Festival of Classical Music

Bach's *Brandenburg Concerto No. 5* and Vivaldi's *Gloria*—together with music by Schubert, Copland, Purcell, Weber and Mozart—will all be featured in the 5th anniversary performance of *Baroque on Beaver*, Sunday evening, July 30th, at Holy Cross Parish Hall.

A Saturday evening chamber music performance at Beaver Island Christian Church will include a collection of small instrumental and solo groups performing music by many major composers.

Added to that, small instrumental groups will enliven the St. James area

throughout the weekend with informal musical gatherings along the harbor and in other casual locations. And, if that were not enough, students from the Beaver Island Community Schools, receiving string music instruction, are encouraged to participate in 'kid-friendly' music activities, led by visiting musicians, throughout the weekend!

This festival of classical music is again sponsored by St. James Episcopal Mission. Around 65 musicians guest professional performers and soloists, musicians from mainland Michigan and

six other states, and full-time and seasonal Beaver Island residents, will participate in the orchestra and chorus.

For the third consecutive year, *Baroque on Beaver* has been awarded partial grant funding from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Cheboygan Area Arts Council, and from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation.

There is no admission charge for any of the performances; however free-will donations to support the festival are, of course, welcomed!



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Wanted: Appraiser

The Beaver Island Historical Society is considering hosting an *Antiques Roadshow* Island-style event during Museum Week. A credentialed, antique appraiser is needed for one or more days between July 19th and 21st.

If you know of one, please contact the BIHS at 231-448-2476 or email history@beaverisland.net

Wanted: Island Art

The Ray Denny Memorial (gallery-style) Art Show, sponsored by the BIHS, needs creations from all Island-inspired artists, past, present and future, all levels. For July 19th through July 22nd—the exhibit would like new works to replace all the art that sold last year!

If you would like to be in the show, please contact Laura Pratt at (734) 904-1279 or laurapratt32@earthlink.net

Passing of a Peaine

William 'Southern Bird' John Gasco was brought home to rest after passing last July. He was born on Beaver Island on September 16, 1936, the son of the late Albert and Marion Peaine Gasco of High Island. Bill was the grandson of James Peaine and the great grandson of Antoine Peaine.

After graduating from Charlevoix High School he served four years in the U. S. Air Force, and was a veteran of the Korean War. He retired from Newmont Mines in Carbon, Nevada.

Surviving are his wife Martha Wilson Gasco of Columbia SC, daughter Carmen Gay of Omaha, sons Billy Gasco of Omaha, Marcus Gasco of Rapid City, SD, and Leslie Gasco of Elko NV, and four grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held for Bill at the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians' Tribal Council Center on May 8. J. D. Gibson performed a pipe ceremony and the Spirit Lodge was the drum. Aaron Simon performed on the Indian flutes, and Warren Petoskey officiated.

The Last Pew

Thanks to Ruth Gregg, the Historical Society has the last of the pews to have once been in the church on High Island. It was well-used, as can be seen by the wear pattern from two sitters.

They Can Drive 55

Elwood and Phyllis Baker have been summer residents of Beaver Island since Bing McCafferty built their home here in 1982. On June 8th of this year, they will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary. They were married in Holland, Michigan.

Elwood and Phyllis have been very active at the Beaver Island Christian Church and with the Ferry Boat Board, and you have probably run into Elwood on the Beaver Island Golf Course! Elwood use to run Beaver Island Charters in the summer months.

They winter in Naples, Florida, summer on Beaver Island on Cable Bay, and also have a home in Deerfield Illinois. They have 3 children, 2 son-in-laws and 3 wonderful grandchildren!

Talking Threads Quilt Raffle to benefit the Island

Beaver Island's *Talking Threads Quilt Guild* has just completed a wonderful 30-panel quilt.

The Guild will display the quilt at McDonough's Store. A raffle for this unique piece of art will take place on September 3rd at the annual Fireman's Picnic.

The previous quilt made \$3,000 with this fine example of their craft.



for Island groups. The proceeds of the raffle for this one will be split by four worthwhile groups: EMS, Fire Department, 21st Century Scholarship fund for Beaver Island students, and senior housing. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. The Guild hopes to raise \$4,000

Bob Welke on the Honor Roll

Beaver Island's Robert Welke, Michigan Transportation director 1996-97, has been inducted into the MI Department of Transportation (MDOT) Hall of Honor in Lansing, established in 1971 to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to transportation in Michigan.

"Throughout his 40-year career, Bob made numerous contributions to the Michigan transportation system. Under his leadership, the department decentralized its program and operational delivery activities through the creation of Transportation Service Centers. This effort resulted in activities being more focused on effectively

meeting customer needs."

He was nationally recognized for his contributions in the use of recycled materials in highway construction. He also introduced the Adopt-A-Highway program, which enlisted volunteer groups to clean Michigan roadsides.

After retirement, Governor Engler had him chair the Transportation Funding Study Committee. His recommendation for extending the practice of asset management to transportation was the catalyst for the creation of a statewide Asset Management Council."

Bob and his wife Sue have long resided on Beaver Island in their Cottage by the Sea.



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BIRHC Endowment Plan Update

In the summer of 2003 the Rural Health Center Board came up with a long-term plan to replace lost annual operating funding from the State. That funding had averaged \$75,000 per year and was eliminated due to a budget crisis in Lansing.

The plan to replace state revenue was based on the concept of an Endowment Fund, which had been developed years ago by Dr. Philip Lange, long-time president of the BIRHC Board and tireless advocate for the Health Center. Through consultation with the Charlevoix County Community Foundation, the Board determined that if the Fund's balance could be increased to at

least 1.5 million, it would generate enough income to fill the gap in revenue needed for operations.

After totally overhauling business operations and completing the new building, the BIRHC Board formally launched its drive to vastly increase its endowment in June of 2004. Under the superb leadership of co-chairs, Joe Reed and Bill McDonough, the Fund balance has increased from \$111,000 to \$719,000 as of March 31, 2006. Additional pledges receivable bring the total current BIRHC Endowment Fund assets to about \$900,000.

Despite this very impressive start, the need to reach our target endowment

of 1.5 million has become extremely urgent: Surplus building grant funds, which have been used to supplement operating expenses over the past few years are exhausted. Repeated BIRHC Board lobbying efforts to get state funding restored have been turned down.

At this writing twenty donors are members of the BIRHC Legacy Tree Society. Through their generosity and that of numerous other donors, BIRHC has \$17,700 in income from its endowment fund to supplement its 2005-2006 budget. While very encouraging, this figure is far short of the \$75,000 yearly operating deficit we face each year.

Donations of all sizes to the BIRHC Endowment fund are deeply appreciated. Donations of \$10,000 and above will be prominently recognized in the handsome BIRHC Legacy Tree wall sculpture, which is located in the lobby of the new building. Custom inscriptions on BIRHC Legacy Tree leaves, acorns and boulders can permanently honor living and deceased friends and family members. Pledges can be paid over five years and fulfilled through the donation of certain securities as well as cash. Smaller donations of \$1000 or more will be recognized on a wall plaque to be installed at the Health Center.

BIRHC endowment donors have the satisfaction of knowing that their gifts will "do good forever" by generating stable funding for high quality health care.

The BIRHC board and staff are extremely grateful to all those who have donated to our endowment already. We urge all those who have not yet done so to stop by and view the Legacy Tree, and to contact: Joe Reed 231- 448-2247; Bill McDonough, 231-448-2733; Connie Wojan, 231-448-2379 or the BIRHC office at 231- 448-2275 for further information on how to make a donation to the BIRHC Endowment Fund.

Part D – Accomplished

Thanks to the BIRHC staff, all those on Beaver Island who scrambled to register for Medicare Part D were able to meet the May 15th deadline.

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The Chamber in Action

Work is well underway for a new updated Beaver Island Map. Jeff Cashman is drawing the Second Wojan-Cashman Map of Beaver Island. Ed Wojan Realty will publish it and the Chamber will serve as the wholesale distributor. The current classic Wojan-Cashman map was first printed in 1977. Retail business owners interested in purchasing the map should contact the Chamber.

The Chamber will team up with the Beaver Island Boat Co to produce some spring TV advertising. The ads will run on channels 9 & 10 in late May and early June. The Chamber has committed \$2,000 to the venture.

The new Beaver Island 2006 Directory is now available. It's printed annually, and 6,500 copies are distributed via members, who can pick up copies at the Chamber office. Seventeen thousand colorful rack cards were also printed and distributed through Michigan's 13 Welcome Centers.

For the 3rd year the Chamber will assist with the Boyne Thunder poker run. This year's July 15th event, which features high-performance powerboats, raises money for Camp Quality. The Chamber will sponsor the 2nd Celtic Games this year on September 16. The annual Bite of Beaver Island Food Fest and the Island Boodle 5K Run are slated for October 7.

The Chamber has increased its membership every year for the last five, now with over 100 members with about 150 separate listings on the popular web site www.beaverisland.org and in the printed directory.

K & M has Low Bid

The Peaine Town Hall addition project architect arrived in mid-May to open the three bids, each accompanied by bid bonds and a proof of bondability. They were a bit higher than hoped: \$120,000, \$130,000, and \$140,000. The low bid was from Ernie Martin Jr.

Islander on Dean's List

To no one's surprise Melissa Bailey was named to Albion College's Dean's List after finishing the spring semester.

Fifth Annual BIRHC Truck Raffle

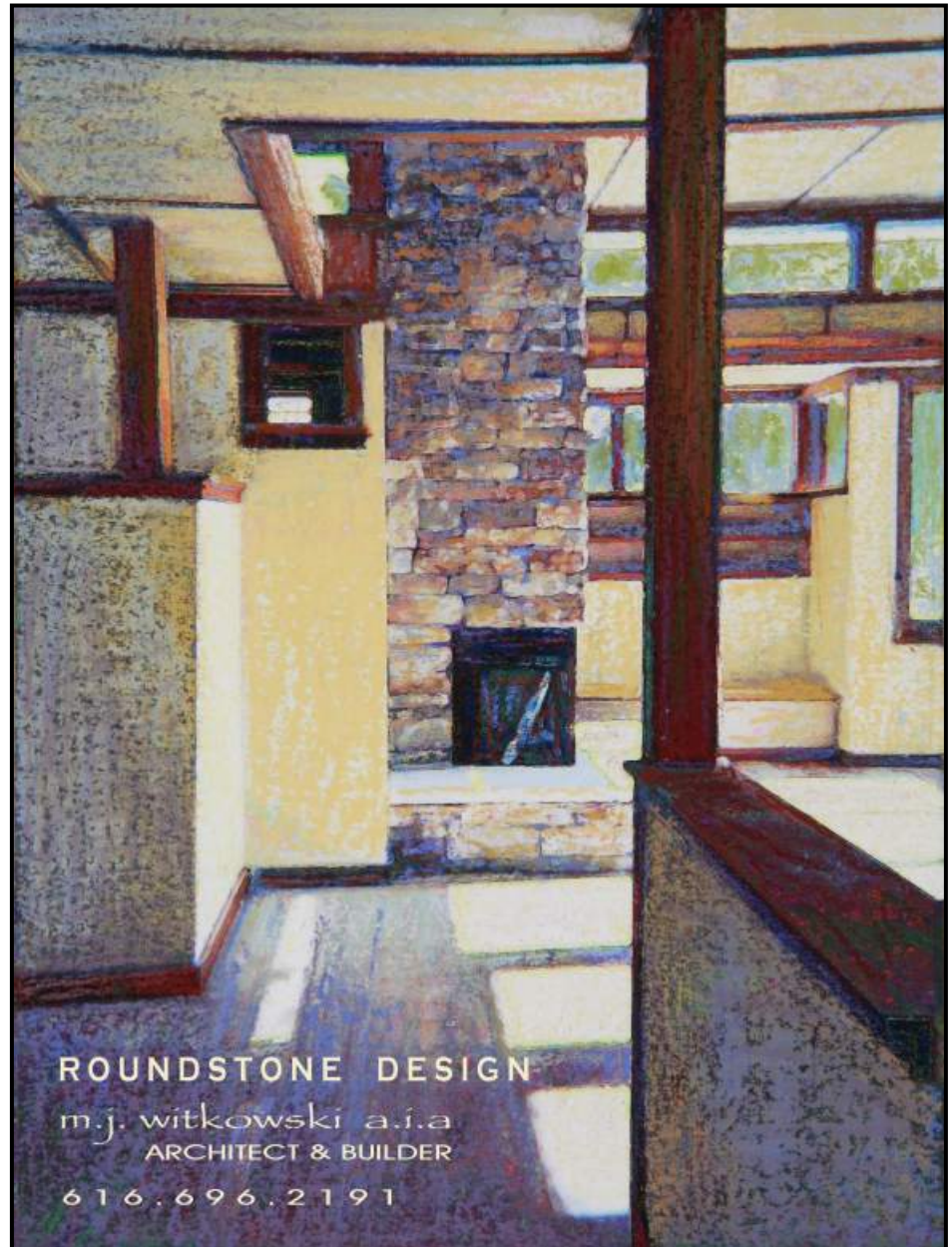
The BIRHC announces its 5th annual Truck Raffle, with a 2006 Chevy Colorado in silver birch metallic as the prize. It has an extended cab, dual rear doors and latch child restraints make it a practical choice for families as well as solo drivers. The truck also has a vortec 3500 I5 engine, 4 speed automatic transmission, 4 wheel drive, 4 wheel anti-lock brakes, dual stage front airbags, 60/40 split bench seat, air-conditioning, and cruise control, AM/FM stereo. Its gas mileage is rated at 18 in the city and 22 on the highway.

Tickets will once again be \$100 each and will be available beginning Memorial Weekend at McDonough's

Market, the Health Center, or from any BIRHC Board member. A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold.

Past winners include Karen Wojan and Mary Gillingham. The raffle will be held on Labor Day, at 7 p.m. at the Shamrock.. The Truck Raffle will be the only fund-raiser conducted by the Health Center this summer.

Many thanks to: Dave Kring of Dave Kring Chevrolet who donated his commission; Ken Slater who allowed us to use his discount; BIBCO, which donated truck transportation; and Board member Pete Lo Dico who selected the vehicle and secured the deal. Raffle proceeds are essential to the BIRHC.



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One Hundred Years Ago

by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Sentinel
Thursday, June 7, 1906 **Local News:** "Dr. A. M. Wilkinson, of St. James, came over Friday and took a train for Boston to attend the National Medical Association annual meeting."

"Mr. J. H. Robinson, chief of the Telegraph Division, U. S. Weather Bureau, arrives from Washington today. Mr. Robinson comes to superintend the building of a telegraph line from the St. James cable office to the display tower on Church Hill. He will remain until about the first of July." (Note: J. H. Robinson, Washington D. C., registered at the Beaver Hotel, June 11, 1906)

"Beaver Island has taken another forward step. An order from Washington establishes a daily mail to St. James from July 1st to September 15th. This will necessitate a change in the steamer *Beaver's* schedule. After July 1st she will leave Charlevoix at seven in the morning and St. James at twelve noon."

(11/12 30-29 degrees
Peas, corn rhubarb yellow, everything all gone, gone! F. Protar ; 13-18 Dry! dry! 50-

85 degrees F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel
Thursday, June 21, 1906 **Local News:** "Barney O'Donnell, a pioneer of Beaver Island, died at his farm home, near St. James, yesterday. Mr. O'Donnell was well known here. He was the father of Mrs. A. A. McKinnon, of this place."

Beaver Island News:
"Mr. Ole Anderson moved his family here from Manistee recently."

"The new store building being built by J. W. Green is nearly completed."

"The Beaver Island Lumber Co. have a new filer at their lumber plant."

"W. D. Gallagher of Peaine Township made a trip to Charlevoix last week."

"Mary D. Gallagher returned Friday from a visit with her sister at Escanaba."

"W. W. Boyle returned last week Wednesday after a month's absence from the Island."

"Dr. Armstrong of Charlevoix made a professional call on the Island one day last week."

"Gus Kitzinger of Manistee, spent a few days on

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

the Island last week in the interest of the B. I. L. Co." (Note: Gus Kitzinger's name appears in the Beaver Hotel register- June 13, 1906)

"Fred Nackerman had two plastering masons from Boyne City here last week to plaster his new house."

"Mr. And Mrs. R. F. Kleckner and children left on the Monday boat for a visit with relatives at Copemich."

"Tessie Conehan (sic) and Josie Belongie (sic), both of this place, are visiting friends in Charlevoix this week."

"U. S. Telegraph Chief Robinson of Washington D. C. is here superintending the construction of the branch land line of the cable to the Church Hill weather signal station."

"The steamer *Hart* brought a large excursion from Petosky Sunday. The party was personally conducted and engaged the B. I. L. Co. Railroad engine and cars to take a crowd to the woods."

"Credit is due Mr. W. W. Boyle of the Island for taking the necessary trips to secure a daily mail during the summer

months. This is certainly another stride in advance and every Islander reaps the benefit as of course it means a daily boat."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, June 28, 1906 **Local News:** "Rev. Fathers Daniel and Titis O. F. S. of Chicago are to hold a mission at Holy Cross Church, St. James, from July 15, to 22nd, inclusive. They will be assisted in work by the local pastors Rev. Father Foerster and his assistant, Rev. Father Ewald."

"Next Monday morning the steamer *Beaver* will begin her daily trips to the Island. The new arrangement necessitates a radical change in the running schedule. She will leave here at 7:00 a. m. instead of 8:00 as heretofore, and leave St. James at 12 noon instead of 2 p. m. as heretofore. This change is made necessary by the need of time for coaling, loading, and unloading here. To run on the old schedule daily would mean a double crew."

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(Dry! - dry! - dry! F. Protar)



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In mid-May two men and a truck arrived from *Full Spectrum*, a company in Colon, Michigan, to remove the ten windows. Getting them out of their frames without damage is a challenge, but the company's men have the right tools and know what to do.

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stained glass in site-built plywood cartons. Once the windows are in its studio, this company, which is one of only two in Michigan to specialize in this work, will take the individual panels apart by removing the lead separators, clean them, and replace any broken or unmatching glass. They have five other comparable jobs going, but will jump on this one and have the finished windows back in place by August. The cost will be around \$70,000.

In the meantime, a combination of new Plexiglas and the existing outer panes will keep the interior of the Church awash in natural light.

Next step? New window trim.

Here Comes Fifty



The children of Russell and Joy Green invite you all to share in the celebration of their parents' 50 years of marriage. The couple will be honored at their home on Beaver Island Friday, July 7, 2006 from 1-5 pm.

Russ and Joy were married September 15, 1956 on Beaver Island. For many years they provided milk, beef, and delicious bake goods to the Island.

Together they raised 8 children and helped raise 17 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A mass of celebration will be held Saturday, July 8 at 5:30pm at Holy Cross Church. Please join us!

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It was the night it was supposed to be. Given a history of poor weather on the evening of the annual Junior-Senior Banquet, this year's event beat the odds and provided the BICS students a night to remember. Just like planned.

From the start things looked good. Holy Cross Hall was decorated to the hilt, complete with working fountain. The tables were set with cloth covers and lovely floral centerpieces. The seventh grade servers (along with a few parents of juniors) were up to the task of providing timely service. Once again Dusty Cushman cooked up a dream dinner, leading off with tasty brushetta and a Caesar salad. The main entree followed,

with a choice of Monterey chicken or salmon with a side of pasta along with a vegetable medley. A creamy strawberry cheesecake topped with fresh mint leaves completed the meal.

Throughout dinner the audience was entertained by the self-produced senior videos, featuring photos of each student from their earliest years to the present.

Following dinner, BICS teacher Joe Moore took to the podium to give the evening's main address. Moore entertained the crowd with a reminiscence of two old Islanders, Stanley Floyd and 'Buzz' Anderson, and how each overcame their legal blindness to become the Island's top pool players—and how he once saw

them face off against each other. Moore went on to talk about the different tools each of the school's teachers had provided them with, and how important it will be in their future to make use of the "right tool for the right job."

After Moore's talk, students from the eighth, ninth, and tenth grades took turns bidding adieu to the senior class. Then, in a Banquet first, the seniors read their 'wills,' leaving reminders of their years in high school to the school faculty.

With dinner completed, the students headed to the *Emerald Isle* for a sunset cruise before returning to the gym for a 'locked-in' evening of music, games, and other activities until 1:30 a.m.

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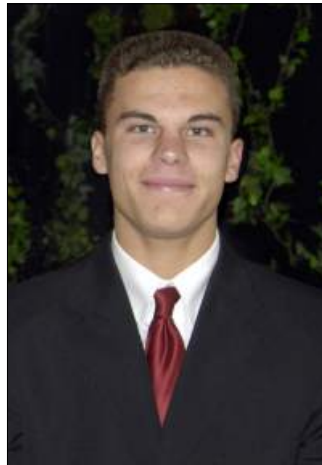
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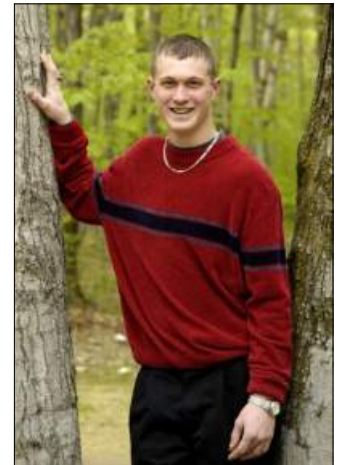
James Gillespie



John Albin



Keri Wirth



Justin Martin

Commencement exercises for Beaver Island Community School on Saturday, June 10 will feature the matriculation of eight seniors making up the Class of 2006. These students have worked diligently over the years and have distinguished themselves in a number of ways through their studies and their community activities, as well as their sporting endeavors in representing BICS.

It therefore is time to give each some brief recognition and touch on their current plans for the future.

John Keith Albin, the son of Keith and Christy Albin, is this year's Valedictorian. Quiet and unassuming, John has worked hard over the years to earn that honor. A sign of how serious he takes his education as well as his future is his plan of attending Michigan Technological University in Houghton to study engineering. Let's hope John enjoys winter as much as studying.

John's favorite memory of his years at BICS came as a junior when the Islander sports teams claimed all three

Northern Lights League titles. John has been a valuable member of both the soccer and basketball teams throughout his high school years, a fact recognized recently by his earning the annual Bill Burns Outstanding Sportsmanship Award.

In closing John said, "I would like to thank everyone who has helped me over the years and a special thanks to the community members who support our sports programs."

James Michael Gillespie is the son of Richard and Laura Gillespie. James says his future plans involve attending Northwest Michigan College in Traverse City for two years before transferring to Ferris State University in Big Rapids. He says he is looking at studying mechanics at both schools.

"Being part of some of the best sports seasons Beaver Island has ever had," is James' favorite memory of his high school years.

In looking back through his years at BICS, James says, "I would like to thank

all the teachers for helping me get to this point, especially Mr. Moore for always being there—either teaching, calming one from the hassles of school, or providing information on everyday life kinds of things."

Justin Gerard Martin is the son of Bud and Colleen Martin. Justin has expressed an interest in studying auto mechanics after high school, although he says he will take a year off to work before continuing his education in that field.

Justin says his favorite memories revolve around being on the basketball team during his high school years.

"I would like to thank Mrs. Meister for all the help and guidance she has provided me over the last four years," adds Justin.

Brett Maudrie is the son of Kathy and the late Edward Maudrie. With a family history steeped in working the waters of the Great Lakes, Brett says he is ready to follow in that tradition. "I plan to go to the Great Lakes Maritime Academy in

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the fall of 2007. My goal is to earn my Captain's license as well as a 100-ton license, and then join the Merchant Marines and sail for a few years."

Speaking of his favorite memory of his years at BICS, Brett says defeating rival Mackinac Island in an overtime basketball game tops the list.

Asked if there were anything else he would like to say about his education, Brett chose to speak of a personal relationship with his uncle, Dusty Cushman. "He has been my best friend," Brett said. "Whether it's praise or criticism, he tells me what I need to hear, when I need to hear it. He never lets me down nor steers me wrong, and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank him for that.

Christine Marie McDonough is the daughter of Joe and Tarry McDonough. Christine is looking forward to moving to Grand Rapids in the fall in order to attend Grand Rapids Community College, although she has yet to decide on a field of study. "I plan on keeping an open mind and thinking about dif-

ferent career options, and see what the future brings."

Looking back over her high school experience, Christine says, "My senior year has been the best. All the activities this year—volleyball, basketball, the Camp Hayowenta reunion—are all favorites."

Christine also expressed her thanks to everyone at BICS. "Thank you to all the teachers and staff for your support and patience over the years. I know you made our time here worth it," she said.

John Edward Runberg is the son of John and Carol Runberg. John has been an integral part of the Islanders soccer success over the past three years, culminating in his being named co-Most Valuable Defensive Player of this past fall's season. With that background John's future includes attending Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek with the intent of trying out for the school's soccer team. "It's one of the few community colleges with a soccer team," John reports.

Krystle Timsak, the 2006 class Salutatorian, is the daughter of Joe and Sheri Timsak. Krystle's ambitious plans for her future include a two-year stint at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey for a pre-Pharmacy primer. She then plans on transferring to Ferris State University in Big Rapids to continue her education with a possible Ph.D. in Pharmaceuticals the final goal.

Krystle, whose creativity has been reflected in the last three BICS yearbooks, reports "all the projects in art class" as being her favorite memories of high school.

Keri Ann Wirth is the daughter of Adam Wirth. Keri says following graduation she will be attending Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City this fall. She is looking at studying Veterinary Medicine or Anthropology with an eye on transferring to Michigan State University after a two-year stint at NMC.

Of her years at BICS Keri says it is "just the numerous class discussions in English" that comprise her favorite memories.

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Peaine Township Supervisor John Works and his Board of Trustees gathered on a sunny day at 1:00 p.m. to accept this gift.

The artifacts included spirit catchers, a beaded war belt, a beaded leather medicine pouch, sweetgrass and black ash woven baskets, a large picture of

Chief Antoine Peaine in an inscrutable, noble pose, and his war clubs—which will be kept by the family until a secure display case is built. The Peaine Board agreed to create a permanent protective gallery in the Town Hall for this material, to honor the man for whom the township was named.

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Robert Dudd of the Crooked Tree Arts Council, and older students who were interested were also involved in the program. The following Island students attended the concert: Willow Rasch, Hannah Robert, Meg Works, Olivia Cary, Jenna Battle, Brighid Brown, Desire Duhamil, Brogan Maudrie,

Michael Myers, Hannah Connor and Andrea Moore.

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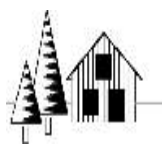


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Beaver Island Calendar of Events

July 10th – BICS Graduation Ceremony

June 15th, 22nd, 29th – Open Beach
Volleyball, 7th to 12th grades, at
Donegal Bay Courts

June 16th – Strang papers beginning at
1:00 at the EIH conference room

- Strang Reenactment: 7:00
p.m. At Pinky's beach.

- *Shades of Beaver Island*
reading at 8:30 at EIH

June 17th – Strang papers continue: 9:00
a.m. At EIH

- BIHS Museum Open Houses

- Simon Otto at the Parish Hall at
8:00 p.m.

June 21st & 22nd – Free training in fighting
invasive species, 10:00 to 2:00 at Top
O' Mitt in Petoskey

June 24th – AmVets USO Dance at the
Holy Cross Hall.

June 28th – Memorial Service for Mary
Margaret Hill

July 6th, 13th, 20th – Open Beach Volley-
ball, 7th to 12th grades, at Donegal
Bay Courts

July 7th - 9th – Exhibition at Mary's Gal-
lery showing the work of Jason Lome

July 15th – Boyne Thunder Poker Run

July 17th - 22nd – Museum Week 2006

July 21st - 22nd – Beaver Island Music
Festival - www.bimf.net

July 24th – BIPOA Annual Meeting,
7:30 p.m. Peaine Twp. Hall

July 29th - 30th – Baroque on Beaver 8:00
p.m. www.baroqueonbeaver.com

Aug. 11th - 13th – Homecoming

Sept. 3rd – Fireman's Picnic

Sept. 16th – Celtic Games

Oct. 7th – Bite of Beaver Island & The
Island Boodle

Softball 2006 – May through July 25th

Tee-Ball (1st - 4th grade) Mon 6:30 -
7:30 (Tee-Ball pitched, not off a tee!)

Little League (5th - 8th grade) Tues

6:00 - 7:00

Big League (9th grade - Adults)

Tues 7:30 - 8:30. Info: 448-2164

Sports Boosters Thanks Community

Wow! What a successful and fun
night! The Chinese Dinner was a big
hit—we served 165 people! With din-
ners and donations, the profit was
\$2,000. We want to thank Kathy Speck,
the guest chef (who put together five
wonderful entrees) for all her hard work
preparing for this fundraiser. Also many
thanks to Dusty Cushman and Josh
Runberg for running the line and keep-
ing things going even when things got a
little hectic. Thanks to Ray and Nina for

letting us have the event once again at
Nina's Restaurant.

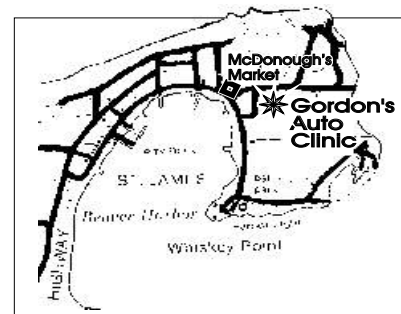
Upcoming events include a Hot
Dog stand at the Bud McDonough
Memorial Ballfield for *Homecoming*
and the Spaghetti Dinner in October.

All proceeds go toward the athletic
programs at BICS to help with travel
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—Diane McDonough, Sports Boosters President

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July 4th

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Cross Church. Parade emcee Lisa Gillespie requests that those wishing to participate line up between noon and 1:30. For additional information contact Lisa at 231 448-2235 or Steve West at the Chamber, (231) 448-2505 or chamber@biip.net.

Craft Tables Available

The Beaver Island Youth Consortium currently has craft tables available for this year's Fourth of July Carnival.

Table fee is \$20. To reserve a table, contact Sarah Owsinski at (231) 448-2067. Quantities are limited, so reserve early.

Food Vendor Needed

The Beaver Island Youth Consortium is requesting proposals for a food vendor at this year's Fourth of July Carnival. Applicants must be non-profit, Beaver Island-based organizations. Proposals should be one page or less and should include name of organization, aspect of organization where funds raised will be used, and type and price of food to be sold. Deadline for proposals is Monday, June 12, 2006.

Final selection will be made by the Beaver Island Youth Consortium Board and the chosen applicant will be notified on or before Thursday, June 15, 2006. All necessary permits are the responsibility of the vendor.

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Climate Change and the Great Lakes

BIPOA is proud to present University of Michigan Geological Sciences Professor David Rea in the first of this summer's Lecture Series, at 7 p.m. on Monday, July 17 at Peaine Township Hall. He will discuss climate change and the Great Lakes.

Professor Rea is a geological oceanographer whose primary research interests focus on the history and process of global climate change,

with particular emphasis on the Great Lakes. He will bring a historical perspective on the past 12,000 years of climate change and how the lakes have responded to it. Against this historical background, derived from a study of the lakes' stratigraphic and paleolimnologic records, he will address current and likely future effects of global warming on our beloved Great Lakes.

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direction they are ready and willing to serve those in need. They had heard about a storm that had devastated a portion of their nation at a section of land that was about as far removed from their haven in Michigan as one could be, geographically, and still be within the continental limits of our nation. Five of the inhabitants of that island made the journey, 3 by car with the tools and equipment that they would need and 2, whose time was more lim-



ited, came by private plane (after an unscheduled stop in Muscle Shoals due to inclement weather.) They had heard that there were people here who were in need of help and they were willing and able to do what they could.

Their problem was that they had no way of knowing what to expect in way of the accommodations that would be available if they came to this area to help, but they did not throw up their hands and wish the best for

those in need. They happened to be members of Beaver Island Christian Church, a non-denominational church on the island, and one of its members was Bob, who had a wartime military buddy named Burt who lived in Magnolia Springs, Alabama. Bob contacted Burt, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church in Foley, Alabama, and Burt knew about a little Presbyterian church in Grand Bay that was located near the area of devastation. Burt told Bob that the church in Grand Bay had put together a makeshift dormitory within the church building and was making it available to those from distant places who desired to make it their



home while they were in the area doing relief work. Burt gave Bob the phone number of one of the members of the Gand Bay Church. Bob phoned Karen, who is the do everything that Nick and a couple of others don't do in the church at Grand Bay, and she told him there would be 5 sleeping spaces available for the week of May 6 through May 13, and they were welcome to use them if their intention was to lend assistance to someone in the area who was still in need of help. They assured her that that was their intent and they arrived on Saturday evening May 6.

They had already coordinated with the Lutheran Relief Unit that has been established in Bayou LaBatre, and a task that could be accomplished with the talent and tools that they were bringing was assigned to them. They were asked to convert what had been serving as a large storage building into a habitable dwelling. It is no small task and will involve both plumbing and wiring as well as extensive carpentry work. Not every task that needs to be

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Good Samaritans, continued from page 27. accomplished in this area is exciting or romantic. Few are. No one will claim that Frank Lloyd Wright had anything to do with the design or the workmanship accomplished here. Whatever it takes to make buildings habitable, any kind of building, is the desperate need of the people of Bayou LaBatre. The group from Beaver Island is working to make it happen. If this sounds like an oversimplification of the way things actually go, perhaps it is, but the point is: people whose primary purpose is progress make things happen!

Slightly different versions of this story can be told by the hundreds of groups who have come from many different states to our area and used the meager accommodations provided by the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Bay, and other churches throughout the region. The results have all been the same: progress to communities whose only possible direction to go is up.

The result has been a wonderful experience for all of us whose lives have been touched by this, and other

groups who have come to the aid of our communities in the name of Christ Jesus. It did not require one ounce of input from the Federal Government, nor any from the State Government. It only involved people who care, from a caring nation, whose energy comes from the love for their neighbors, who they did not previously know personally, but for whom they have a deep concern. It is the kind of thing that makes this nation the great nation that it is. The government would do well to study the simple way Christians perform in order to get the job done. We do not tolerate layers of bureaucracy nor do we require forms and questionnaires and surveys and reviews and inspectors and auditors or committees in our operation. But we are pretty good at looking into the eyes of one who is in need and knowing that those details are not necessary. A Christian group will usually have the problem fixed before the Government paperwork can be processed. The work of Christians is a big reason that the Gulf Coast has come as far toward recovery as it has in the 8 months since

Katrina and Rita arrived. A major reason for the success of Christian groups is our relatively short Chain of Command and our practice of talking directly to and receiving instructions from the Boss.

We still have a long way to go before complete recovery, but as long as Christians have strength, we will get there, and through this experience we are only getting stronger! There is a reservation list at our church for those from different places planning to come to help. The list includes as many as 30 people at a time. Our church is not unique; this type thing is happening all over this part of our nation. Praise God and may He bless you all!

A special thanks to these Beaver Island Samaritans: Bob and Peg Hoogendoorn, Terry Saxton, Shelly Kline, and Mike Scripps. They did not simply interrupt their journey to help a person in need. They actually made the 2600 mile journey to help those in need.

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The Oxford American Dictionary defines challenge as a call to try one's skill or strength against another. I think that defines spring turkey hunting to a tee. Hunting spring tom turkeys requires patience, planning, time, and the willingness to be outsmarted and not be discouraged. Getting up at 4:14 a.m. is a challenge, too. Being in place wearing camouflage clothing before daybreak, sitting absolutely still until you hear or see turkeys, anticipating their approach and then executing a shot are further challenges.

It was late season tom for me this year. By the 24th of May I was beginning to wonder if I would ever get to use my license. On many occasions I was in the wrong place. If I anticipated a tom would roost in certain trees he would be roosted across the road. Two times I was too close to his roost and he detected my presence. With the high cost of gasoline I had not been out driving around in the evening at roost time to do what we turkey hunters call "putting him to bed." So I relied on friends to report where they had seen daytime turkey activity.

It was in such an area that I set up under a big pine tree yesterday. Sure enough, I heard hens clucking about 6:15 a.m. There were three of them and they started over toward me. I watched as they followed each other single file through the woods, headed my way. They changed directions and went back toward another open field. That was when I saw several toms run across the field to intercept them. The problem with all of this was they were out of my

shotgun range. I watched the strutting and posturing but was too far away. I left the area with the plan to be closer to that field the following morning.

Hidden in a cluster of junipers and other bushes, I was in place again. The decoy was out in front of me and I was hoping a tom would see it and come to investigate. At 6:25 a.m. I heard a hen clucking behind me. I could tell by the sound that she was advancing toward the decoy. Then I heard the toms. They were behind me too and hot on her trail. Their gobbles split the morning calm. The hen went over to the decoy and began chortling and clucking at it. She hung around it, pecking and enticing the toms closer. Their gobbling got louder. They were very close. Then I saw them, four of them, moving toward the decoy. I picked out a tom that was just beginning to fan out his feathers, raised my shotgun and got off a clean head shot, and he went down.

The challenge had been met.

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Clear-cutting & habitat for our herd

In early May the Wildlife Club welcomed Brian Mastenbrook and his assistant to meet the public and talk about clear-cutting, food plots, habitat, cormorant control, and our deer and turkey populations. About 30 people enjoyed a pleasant and informative dialogue with the two officials.

Everyone agreed that last year's deer hunt was poor (only 78 deer left on the ferry), but the main factor was weather—primarily a strong wind that spooked the herd. A driving survey indicated that the size of the herd had fallen off. Yet people felt the herd was too large for the habitat, resulting in a gradual decline in antler size over the past few decades.

Some ~30-acre clear-cuts near Camp #3 and Miller's Marsh are being planned; a total of 86 acres, northern and swamp hardwoods and 17 acres of tamarack. Property owners were told about government programs to cover part of the cost for clearing land, adding lime, and planting buckwheat, clover, and alfalfa. There will be some logging

on state land this year, which could also help. Does taken last year (there were 670 permits) indicate the 50/50 point has dropped from five years old to three.

The turkeys, though, were proliferating: the estimated flock size was up to 625 from the previous year's total of 450. A hundred were *terrorizing* St. James, thanks to two men who were feeding them. Two thousand permits have been approved for Charlevoix and Antrim Counties for a fall turkey hunt.

The coyotes were really up (and fawns really down), but this was said to be cyclic: "in a year or two the mange will thin their ranks." The general feeling was that there is not likely a wolf on Beaver Island.

Most people present were most concerned about the cormorants, which can be harassed but not killed under current rules. Officials (including Howard Walker) were expected in two weeks, and the Wildlife Club made arrangements to take them to the large nesting grounds on Hat and Pismire Islands.

AmVets Fund-raisers

AmVets Post 46 began the summer season with a well-attended Pancake Breakfast on Memorial Day.

The Flag Retirement ceremony is scheduled for June 14th; if you have any old or worn flags, get them to Doug Hartle no later than June 13th.

On Saturday, June 24th, it will sponsor a USO Dance at the Hall. The Pig Roast is tentatively set for August 19th. Another Pancake Breakfast will be held on September 2nd.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Mary Margaret Hill will be held at 11:00 am on Wednesday, June 28, at the Beaver Island Christian Church. Pastor Stephen Skinner will officiate. Interment will be private at Holy Cross Cemetery.

BIHS seeks Board Member

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Strang Writers: Schedule

The Strang Writers Group (technically, the *Society for Strang Studies*) has set its schedule for the presentation of papers (in the Emerald Isle Hotel conference room) on June 16th and 17th.

On Friday the 16th, at 1:00 p.m., Ted Sirotko will read *Michigan's King: James Jesse Strang*, a general overview. At 2:40 John Quinn will present *The Classical Heritage in Strang's Writings and Work*, an analysis of how Strang self-consciously drew on this heritage as he formed his own theocratic society within the American Midwest. After each paper, the audience will be invited to partake in discussion.

Museum Week

This year's Museum Week is taking shape. The mornings will feature three Nature Walks: Wednesday for adults; Thursday and Friday for kids. Antje Price will open the Protar Home two afternoons. And Jim Gillingham will present his *Amazing Amphibians and Reptiles* show at 2:00 on Thursday.

There'll be the *Ray Denny Memo-*

Friday evening at 7:00 the Fremont Middle School, under the direction of Terry Grabill, will re-enact the shooting of James Jesse Strang, 150 years to the day after the event that changed the face of Beaver Island.

At 8:30 there will be a reading of Bill Olson's play, *Shades of Beaver Island*, a moving version of Sartre's *No Exit* featuring James Strang.

On Saturday, Bill Olson will discuss *Superhighway to Paradise*, *Strang's island Links* at 9:00 a.m., a look at the mid-19th Century Great Lakes and the effect this 'highway' had on Strang and his followers. At 10:00

rial Art Show, and a "if it moves it could be a pet" *Pet Show* on Saturday. The world's best carver, Skip Duhamel, will demonstrate the fine art of Totem Pole carving. The evening presentations will include Monday Night's *Music on the Porch* (there'll be time to come after the geology lecture), a program about the *Whiskey Point Light*, Antje Price pre-

Vickie Speek (who will be at both Museum's Open Houses to sign copies of her new book, *God has Made Us a Kingdom*, will present *An Eye for an Eye, and a Tooth for a Tooth*, a study of conflict between the Strangites and the Gentiles. At 11:00 Constance Cappel will discuss the Odawa Language and Legends, reading from the new book by Harbor Springs author Ray Kiogima.

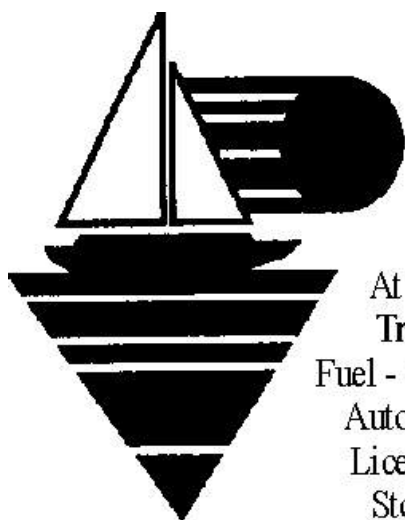
At 8:00 on Saturday evening Connie will introduce Native American author Simon Otto at the Parish Hall. He will share his philosophy of life.

There is no charge for attending any of these events.

sending new information about Protar, programs about Native American culture and exploring for Lake Michigan shipwrecks (including news of a miraculous find), and Pinky's dangerous Ultra-Xtreme Bingo.

Most shows will be at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. There will be no charge, but donations are appreciated.

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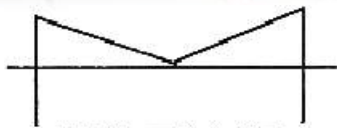
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Big Guns take aim at ... the cormorants

On May 18th, our State Representative, Kevin Elseneimer, brought several public officials to Beaver Island to listen to complaints and present information, about cormorant predation and behavior. He was accompanied by three other Representatives involved in funding cormorant activities, Howard Walker, Tom Casperson, and Darwin Booher, plus USDA Wildlife Services agent Pete Butchko and DNR Fisheries operative Tom Rozich. Fifty people were in the audience.

Pete Butchko made a Power Point presentation about cormorant expansion, which has escalated dramatically since the 1970s. He said there was little doubt they were hurting the fish population in the Great Lakes, and had recently expanded their territory to include Upper Peninsula rivers and

inland lakes. Their only natural predator is the bald eagle. Their great numbers have removed trees from small islands, and their droppings are a nuisance, but there is little that can be done—at present.

The only feasible programs are oiling the eggs, which requires a trained three-man team and is only moderately effective, and scaring, such as with guns or fireworks, which must be kept up extensively and only transfers the problem to other communities. Representative Elseneimer, a pragmatic realist, tried to maintain a focus on what he could do, by asking how much money would be needed to expand these two programs.

Pete Butchko said that five small island habitats near the Les Chenaux Islands east of St. Ignace had been

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attacked intensely in the few years, and cormorants were down and yellow perch up. Tom Rozick said that in his opinion cormorants were not the only factor in the depletion of smallmouth bass around Garden and Hog Islands, but overfishing was also responsible. This charge was hotly contested by local anglers and charter boat captains.

No one disputed that there might be 60,000 cormorants around Beaver



Island, and that they consume 30 tons of fish a day. Because of the falloff in fish, we are in danger of losing a generation of fishermen if something isn't done. The team who came here (their fourth stop, after visits to Alpena, Cedarville, and Escanaba) understands the problem, and would


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Our Life-savers

Thank-you so much for your May 2006 article "Let's Give Them a Hand," recognizing the hard work of the paramedic candidates. We would like to add a few notes from our perspective and give one correction.

There were five people that took the first paramedic course on Beaver Island in 1999 and finished with a paramedic license in 2000. This brought the dream of increasing the level of patient care from Basic Life Support to Advanced Life Support on Beaver Island to a reality. As sometimes happens in life, individual situations change. Four of the original five paramedics are off the Island facing new challenges. The one paramedic who remains is also the one who helped start the dream of increasing the level of care for the residents, visiting family members, and all who enjoy the Island. He is the one who has stayed 'on duty' for the most part 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for over two years.

That person is Paramedic Joseph Moore. Without Mr. Moore's help, that class in 1999 plus the one going on now would not be possible.

Mr. Moore co-instructs with us and has backed us up when we could not make it to the Island. You mentioned in the article that you first have to become an EMT Basic before going on as a Paramedic. It is Mr. Moore who taught the Basic EMT classes to get them where they are today.

On top of that he is never really 'off duty.' As with all of the members of the Beaver Island EMS who give of their time and talents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, Joe has done this at the sacrifice of family events, social gatherings, and his regular job.

That can lead to what we call in the ambulance business 'burn-out.' The class going on now will help to 'share the load.' As the paramedic class of 2006 eagerly awaits licensure from the State of Michigan, the summer nears

and the number of visitors to this beautiful place grows. This increases the number of ambulance responses and, as always, BIEMS will respond.

It is an honor and a privilege to work with the EMT- Paramedic, EMT-Specialists, EMT-Basics, and Medical First Responders that make up Beaver Island's EMS team. We are thankful that we can contribute to the support of their efforts during the summer months. Thank- you one and all for your dedication to excellence and commitment to patient care.

We would like to extend a special thank-you to the indispensable visionary who continues to serve as the on duty, 24/7 paramedic, Instructor Coordinator Joe Moore.

Oh, and the correction; Kellogg Community College is located in the cereal capital of the world, Battle Creek, not Kalamazoo.

See you at the BIRHC Open House.

— Steve and Lisa Rose

Honoring the memory of Grace Matela

At its March 2006 meeting, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board of Directors voted to purchase a 'champion' Norway Maple in memory of past board treasurer and part-time book-keeper Grace Matela. Grace died suddenly in March of 2005. For over six years she labored to overhaul the book-keeping system at the Health Center, accepting pay for only a small percentage of the many hours she spent in this endeavor. Grace looked out for the finances of the Health Center as carefully as if they were her own. She was

also a great source of wisdom for other governance decisions and faithfully supported the BIRHC Board of Directors through difficult times. Finally, she was a member of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Task Force.

The special tree was purchased at a huge discount courtesy of Milarch Nursery of Copemish, Michigan, a founder of the Champion Tree Project. Board member Barb Murphy researched the purchase and volunteered to pick up the tree along with board member Pete LoDico. The Bea-

ver Island Boat Company donated the cost of shipping the tree from Charlevoix. David Schwartz fisher kindly donated his time to transport the tree to the site and plant it in the high quality topsoil he furnished.

A plaque has been ordered, and a dedication of the memorial will take place when it arrives.

The staff and board of BIRHC are pleased to have found a way to appropriately honor Grace's long lasting contributions. Thanks to all who helped make this happen.

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Stambaugh Award

I am writing to salute Jim Stambaugh for his recent education award and his twenty years of outstanding teaching at Beaver Island Community School.

I was on the interviewing committee that voted to hire Jim twenty years ago. I remember the day well, even one of the questions I asked which was the suggestion of my then-14-year-old daughter: "Ask him if humor has a place in the classroom," she said. Jim replied that it did.

Little did I know at the time how well that sense of (mostly self deprecating) humor, along with high standards (always insisting that students support their opinions well), depth of knowledge and dedication would serve my three children. All three left Jim's classroom to succeed at major universities and agreed they never encountered a better teacher or one they liked more. Looking back I realize that in twelve years on the BICS School Board I never made a more important or smarter decision than the one to hire Jim Stambaugh. Thanks, Jim, for all you did to benefit my children and the scores of others who have passed through your classroom over the past twenty years.

— Connie Wojan

BICC to hold Kid's Camp

This summer the Beaver Island Christian Church will present its SonTreasure Island Kid's Camp on July 5, 6, 7, and 8th. The first three days the Camp will run from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30; the last day will be a cookout at 11:30 a.m. for all the kids and their parents.

Thanks for Voting

The BICS Board of Education wishes to thank the voters of Beaver Island for supporting our school in the 2006 annual school election.

Our operational millage passed 108 yes to 10 no, the Intermediate School District Vocational Technical millage passes 100 yes to 18 no and Barbara Schwartzfisher was re-elected to the Board.

The support shown to BICS over the years has been truly phenomenal. Your commitment to the education of our children is greatly appreciated and as partners in this process we on Beaver Island are blessed to have voters take such an active role in their learning development.

— The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education

Plants Year-around

In mid-May Jeff Connors arranged for a crew to come to complete his wife's greenhouse by draping two layers of clear visqueen over an array of curved aluminum frames he had previously set in place.

The most unusual feature of the new greenhouse is the small ceiling fan that continuously pumps air into

Honoring Paul Nelson

On May 9th members of the St. James Episcopal Mission acknowledged the service and leadership of longtime Island resident Paul Nelson. Forty-three years ago he supervised the design and construction of the church, and has served in numerous leadership roles, both in the church and in the community. Paul and his wife Valentina have now moved to Grand Rapids.

The Mission also announced the schedule for visiting clergy: Reverend J. Ralph Patson for June; Reverend Ted Sirotko for July's first two Sundays and Reverend John English for the next two, and Reverend Joe Howell for the last, July 30th. Reverend Ted Sirotko will preside on the next five Sundays, except for August 20th, when Reverend Duncan Johnston will be here.

the space between the two layers to insulate the structure, reduce condensation, and induce snow to slide gracefully off. Not since Annie Heyhoe's *The Flower Pot* have Beaver Island plant lovers had such choices year around.

Much variety is already on display: annuals are ready now and perennials will be coming soon.

"There's Treasure on this Island," Charlene Skinner said. "More precious than gold, more lasting than diamonds, it's the greatest treasure of all—God's love! Each day your kids will learn how Jesus' life illustrates God's love, as described in I Corinthians 13."

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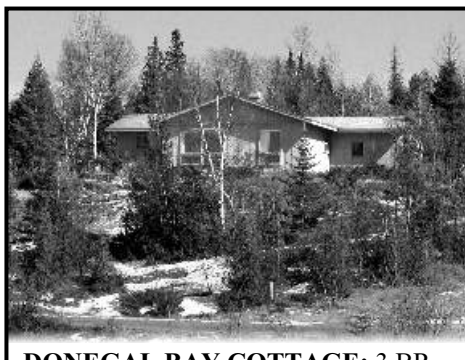
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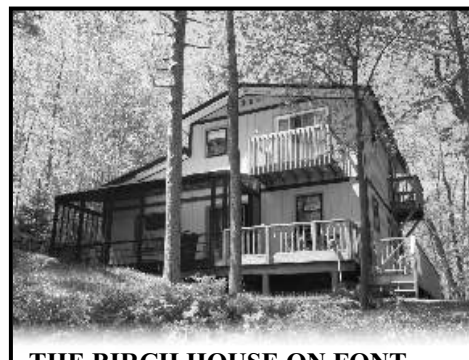
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