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## News from the Townships

### St. James Regular Meeting

The preliminary budget, which included COL raises for the Harbormaster, Zoning Administrator, Assessor, and Maintenance Man, was approved. It sets aside money for improving the Gull Harbor trail (\$3,000), for undertaking a campground improvement study (\$5,000), and for hiring an Ordinance Enforcement Officer (\$1,200).

The total bill for rehab work at the DNR building was \$12,000, with \$6,000 for painting. The Townships and the Sheriff's Department will each pay a third. The Chamber Office building's repairs (from an unattended truck that rolled into it), now done, came to \$1,200.

With the resignation of Sarah Owsinski, the Youth Consortium will be reconfigured. It's hoped that other organizations will take on the sponsorship of some of its programs. Even though a few candidates for YC director came forward, a replacement will not be hired.

The fate of Arranmore Park is still up in the air. An agreement to transfer this property to the Township from Wolverine Electric was almost made, but then there was a shake-up at Wolverine and now it is considering other uses—which would keep the land on the tax roll (\$2,100 last year). Wolverine had promised to turn over the land, at least

verbally. When challenged, the Town Board found written confirmation of the promise in a Wolverine handbill. The Board voted to continue pursuing the former power plant site for a park to celebrate our Irish heritage.

For a second time the Board went into closed session to discuss a possible land acquisition.

### Peaine Regular Meeting

Emissaries from the Fireman's Auxiliary and from St. James Township were at this meeting to ask Peaine to join a partnership for the creation of a Resale Shop. The previous Shop had to be closed because it became unsafe to work or to shop there.

St. James had gone into closed session to discuss purchasing a lot at the NW corner of the Donegal Bay Road (its access) and the Beaver Lodge Road, adjacent to the Tennis Courts. The price was negotiated down to \$48,000. The AmVets have passed along their 24' x 60' building, which was donated to them by the Big Rock plant. A number of volunteers have offered some money and much time to help clear and grade the lot and install a foundation.

The Auxiliary pointed out that it had raised (through various activities) \$123,831 for the Fire Department in the last 21 years, and that \$31,997 had come from the Resale Shop during its 9 years operating at the Livery. There is a sec-

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ond benefit to having the Shop: Transfer Station fees for donated items will not have to be paid. The hope was to add a garage-like building later as a place for large items, such as furniture.

The current plan is to solicit additional support to get the new Resale Shop up and running by this summer. A well and septic, parking, and a ramp will have to be installed.

There was such strong support among the 20 people in the audience (as exemplified by Doug Tilly's donation of \$200 right then and there) that Peaine unanimously approved the request.

The supervisor announced that until 2010 Peaine would qualify for assistance from the U. S. Rural Development Agency, which would take the form of a 55% grant up to \$100,000 and a low-interest loan for additional funds. This could lead to us acquiring a stump grinder for the Transfer Station or a large generator for our Emergency Center (at the Township Hall).

The supervisor also lauded Kevin Elsenheimer's efforts on the behalf of Beaver Island, such as to equalize school aid throughout the state and to obtain help to reduce our cormorant population.

The provisional budget had three items no one had seen: *Phragmites* education and eradication (\$5,000), Emergency Training Facility (\$10,000), and an Emergency Disaster Fund (\$5,000).

No specific plans have been formulated for these amounts, and in some cases they will be allowed to accrue, year after year, in order to accomplish large goals.

*Phragmites* invasion was addressed by a fact sheet passed out at the meeting. The DEQ is trying to get an Island-wide spray permit so it can attack these plants next fall. The infestation has now reached the inland lakes as well as the perimeter of the Island.

Every century there are two pandemics, on average. Facts on the Island's losses from the 1918 flu were not available, but it was a tough time. Because of our isolation, we are at high risk. Now we owe it to ourselves (and new government agencies require this) to prepare for whatever comes next—such as a terrible storm, or something worse. So the two budget categories for emergency preparedness will make it possible for us to act on our sense of what we should do.

#### Annual Meetings

Both Townships held their Annual Meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>. In both cases, the proposed budgets were approved. St. James will operate with \$253,708, Peaine with \$293,000. They enjoy a partial partnership, splitting such expenses as Assessor's salary (\$14,623 each), and Zoning Administrator's salary (\$5,502 each). In some cases one township will

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*News from the Townships, from page 5.*  
pay an entire bill and receive remuneration from the other, such as the Maintenance Man's salary (\$37,392, paid by St. James). Peaine's Board receives \$53,675; St. James', \$51,341. Both townships budget money for hall maintenance, parks and trails, assistants to the Board's officers, utilities, the cemetery, and the hangar.

Both townships renewed their attorney, accountant, insurance carrier, bank, engineer, and land use policy.

Both supervisors reported that the past year was busy and productive. Both had high hopes for what the new year will bring, with a sober understanding of the increased difficulty resulting from a combination of ever-greater regulation and increasing difficulty in obtaining funds.

After the St. James meeting, its Board held a special meeting in which it

## A Time to Go Chinese

There will be another fantastic Chinese Dinner on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Nina's Restaurant from 5:30-8:00 (reservations recommended). Guest Chef: none other than Kathy Speck! Rumor has it that these recipes came from the back

unanimously passed a resolution to move forward to acquire a lot on the Donegal Bay Road for a Resale Shop.

## Our EMS

Our hard-working BIEMS was very active in February, with five calls during our shortest month. Two required Advanced Life Support, two Basic Life Support, and one was a Courtesy Response. Three patients were flown off by Island Airways, and one required no further transport from the BIRHC. Gerald LaFreniere worked with OTEC reps. Joe Moore spent four days at an Instructor/Coordinator conference, with Ken Bruland covering for him in early March.

The Township Boards gave director Sarah McCafferty letters of support and verbally expressed their appreciation for how well she's doing her job.

of the infamous revolutionary manual, Mao's *Little Red Book*. These meals are the main reason Mao's men were able to defeat Chiang Kai Chek.

The proceeds will benefit the Beaver Island Sports Boosters.

## Beaver Island Blood Drive August 2<sup>nd</sup>

The annual Rita Gillispie Memorial blood drive will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here are some things to think about between now and August. The American Red Cross provides 80 percent of the blood used by patients in Michigan hospitals. Volunteer blood donors are

the only source of blood products for hospital patients and nearly 70 percent of us will need a blood transfusion in our lifetime, yet only 5 percent of us give blood. The goal for this year is to have 70 or more donors. Please plan to donate on August 2<sup>nd</sup>.



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## Music to Come

Although warm summer weather is not quite here, the preparations for summer music experiences are definitely *warming up!*

"Baroque on Beaver," the classical music festival, returns for the sixth year, planning expanded performances and informal appearances around the harbor and Island.

On Thursday and Friday evenings, July 26 and 27, there will be performances featuring small ensembles and soloists. And, on Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, July 28 and 29, a full orchestra and chorus will perform music by Beethoven, Prokofiev, Albinoni, Bach, and more.

During the same week, the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association is also busily planning for an exciting, interactive Music Camp that will welcome Beaver Island Community School and visiting summer students. Everyone will have first-hand experiences with every instrument in the orchestra except the double-clavicle—either "meeting" them, learning more about playing them, or even having private lessons with the visiting musicians!

Stay "tuned" for great summer of grand music, guaranteed to soothe the savage beasts!

## Needlers Meet

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Techniques and patterns, commiseration, and lavish praise on accomplishments. Christian Church Rectory building. Bring a lunch.

## Calendar of Events

**Spring Dinner** - April 13<sup>th</sup> at Nina's.  
**Beaver Island Community School Junior Class Yard Sale** - April 14-15<sup>th</sup>  
**BI Community School Elementary Musical GOIN' BUGGY** - April 17<sup>th</sup>  
**Mexican Dinner** at Dalwhinnie (Benefit BICS Senior Bash) - April 19<sup>th</sup>  
**Sports Awards Ceremony** - April 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Citizen of the Year** - April 28<sup>th</sup> at Nina's. *Seating is limited* so reservations are a must - (231) 448-2396. Cocktails begin at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00 and the awards to follow.  
**PABI Road Rally** - May 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Kathy Speck's Chinese Dinner** - May 11<sup>th</sup> - Sports Boosters. 448-2396  
**PABI Garage Sale** - May 26<sup>th</sup>  
**Golden Beaver Bash** - June 1<sup>st</sup>  
**Museums Open** - June 16<sup>th</sup>  
**PABI Gourmet Dinner and Silent Auction** - June 30<sup>th</sup>  
**Casino Night** - July 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Fashion Show** July 12<sup>th</sup>  
**Museum Week** - July 16<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>: *Music on the Porch*, the *Island Music* radio show, a Convocation of Story-tellers, The Life of Kee, and more!  
**Beaver Island Music Festival** - July 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> [www.bimf.net](http://www.bimf.net)  
**Baroque on Beaver** - July 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>  
**Sunset Picnic** - August 5<sup>th</sup>  
**Celtic Games** - Sept 15<sup>th</sup>  
**Bite of Beaver Island** and the **Island Boodle 5k/Run/Walk** - October 6<sup>th</sup>  
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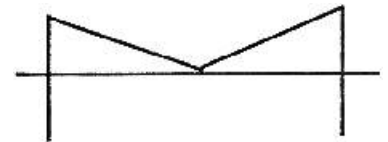
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## A Great Lakes Jewel

For years the Beaver Island Property Owners Association has identified the need for an educational tool for visitors. As many of you know, BIPOA members have been working hard for the past year and a half on an educational project which is being called: "Beaver Island: A Great Lakes Jewel." It is exciting to see the first part of this project coming to completion.

The goal of "A Great Lakes Jewel" is to promote both 1) enjoyment of the Island's natural resources, and 2) preservation of these resources. This is a delicate balance which is both achievable and necessary if Beaver Island is to remain the attractive destination that it is today.

The financial assistance received for this project has influenced the shape it has taken. For instance, funders have requested an approach that provides information which is valuable to *all* users of Great Lakes recreational resources, versus focusing on increasing tourism specific to Beaver Island.

The project consists of two educational videos, a website, and a brochure. This multi-media approach is designed to reach as many people as possible, both visitors and homeowners.

The first video, oriented towards visitors, is nearing completion. It will soon be offered to the Boat Company, the airlines, and the marinas, for them to make available to visitors. This film might be shown at such additional venues as the Historical Society's *Museum Week*, next July from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The film briefly introduces viewers to the many wonderful species and ecosystems found in the archipelago, and

suggests four ways to "tread lightly" while enjoying them:

- 1) Avoid bird nesting areas;
- 2) Stay on trails;
- 3) Prevent invasive species; and
- 4) Recycle.

The project's goals include creating a brochure and website to complement the video. The brochure will include the URL of project's website, and will be made available where the video is shown. In this manner, links to further information can be easily accessed by viewers.

The second video, to be produced this summer if funding is secured, will

### Further information on "the production team"

*Project Coordinator:*

**Pam Grassmick**

Pam is a BIPOA Board member and past president of BIPOA. She has been actively involved in the project every step of the way, from formulating grant proposals to reviewing the film script, music, and footage.

*Producer:*

**Barbara Lucas**

Barbara is a BIPOA member and environmental educator. She owns In-Site Video ([www.in-sitevideo.com](http://www.in-sitevideo.com)), which creates educational videos. She has helped to produce five documentary projects, one of which won a regional Emmy last June.

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be oriented towards homeowners. It will introduce best management practices to assist homeowners in maintaining the environmental health of the Island, such as proper septic system maintenance, landscaping with non-invasive plants, and alternatives to harmful household chemicals.

BIPOA is still fundraising, as the money received thus far is less than half of what is needed to complete the project. Without further funding, the brochure, website, and homeowner video cannot be initiated.

The energy level on this project has been very good, but we could use more

help in every category, from fundraising to production help to generating ideas for where this might lead. We feel we're only scratching the surface; there are many more aspects to broadening and accomplishing our mission. The best thing is that we've accomplished something important, and we've truly enjoyed ourselves in the process. This could be the start of something big.

During the past year and a half BIPOA has written and submitted ten different grant proposals, and has received a total of \$16,000 from five generous funders. The following

project partners have pledged either cash (\*) or in-kind donations:

1. MDEQ Aquatic Invasive Species Information and Education Small Grant\*
2. Frey Foundation\*
3. Ralph & Jeanne Graham\*
4. The Great Lakes Aquatic Habitat Network and Fund\*
5. Charlevoix Community Foundation\*
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case was obtained. The Township Board began to consider its options for obtaining such a lockbox. The choice of the primary material was obvious, one that was both of

Dan Gentle.

Once he was given the program, the list of artifacts to be housed and their measurements, he threw himself into the task of designing the right enclosure,



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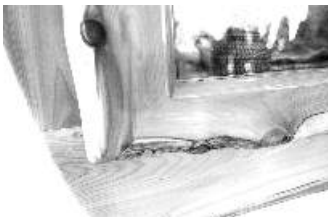
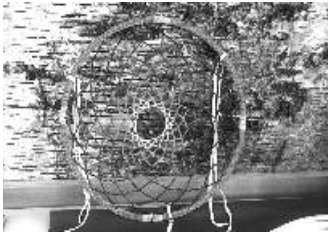




and then building it in the wood shop he's assembled in his home on Paid een Og's Road. It

would not be right to say that what he came up with exceeded everyone's expectations, because we've seen him craft some amazing things, but the result was definitely breathtaking. The arrangement of grain patterns is exquisite, the overall shape is reminiscent of *art nouveau*, it was reasonably priced, and the LED lighting will not degrade its contents.

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ished case, pictured above, conveys a sense of being appropriate: except for the wiring, it could have been passed down with the artifacts it currently contains, and those yet to be delivered. Best of all, it perfectly symbolizes the commitment Peaine Township has made to match the concerns of Chief Peaine and his people for being good stewards of this sacred land we now call home.

Now that the display case is done, the Chief's war clubs will soon arrive.

meeting) in front of the gym, where the current playground is now. Off-road parking and a new, safer playground are also part of the plan.

The School Board hopes to obtain Department of Treasury permission in April to make a bond request to the voters this August.



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## The Talent Show



The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Talent Show was held in late March. It was not well-attended, but the performers excelled. Once again, the music was provided by Mike and Sharon Hurkmans' equipment. Mike and Sharon were also on the bill, but Mike's hip acted up and abruptly ended his performance.

Sherri Timsak served as host, and threw out tidbits about each performer.



Did you know Julie Roy spent ten years as a substance abuse counselor (and has offered her help here), or that Charlene Skinner was a cheerleading coach? Or that Peg Hoogendorn was a drum majorette?

The many good performances ranged from Phil Becker's two Web Pierce songs to Desire Duhamel's perfect tap dance, from Bill Detwiler's



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## 21 Years and Going



passionate invocations to Melissa Peters' honey-sweet vocals. Suzy Fisher delivered a stirring version of *Send in the Clowns*, with accompaniment from Judi Meister; Larry Hall got everyone singing along; and there were instrumentals by the *Daring Recorderolarios*, a piano-violin-clarinet trio, and the same trio with three additional clarinets.



The high point was provided by half the Connor Family: Hannah, who did a wonderful job belting out two difficult vocals, and her father Jeff, who played his guitar and harmonica and sang two songs he has written. The first, *What Keeps Me Coming Back*, with its catchy tune and prescient words, will no doubt become this year's Beaver Island anthem.



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## Greens Getting Greener— 2007 Golf Course News

—John Works Jr.

Thank goodness the 2007 golf season is almost here! We hope everyone has been practicing all winter to get ready for another great summer of golf. Carolyn, Meg, and I, and our staff, Sandy Simpson, Patrick Cull, and Matthew Cull, are looking forward to helping you enjoy your Beaver Island Golf Course experience to the maximum.

The greens are starting to show themselves under the slowly melting snow. It appears the fall program to stop the snow mold on the greens has worked. Last fall the fairways were seeded, and time will tell how they have come through. But the biggest excitement is the new driving range, which includes a driving shed for keeping out of the elements while you hit a bucket of balls. We are updating our website, [www.beaverislandgolf.com](http://www.beaverislandgolf.com), and it will have photos of the new facility.

Having a golf course on Beaver Island would not be possible without you. We are thankful for all the past support. We want everyone to share in the unique experience of golf on Beaver Island. With this in mind, we have created a new annual student membership (ages 12-18) for \$225.00.

The popular punch cards “pay for 10 games, get one free” will return; punch cards must be paid for in advance. Family golf outings, pre-wedding outings, and family reunion tournaments are some of the ways to have fun, and I am here to help. We have also added Beaver Island Golf Course logo hats, t-shirts, and polo shirts to the Pro Shop so everyone can have a bit of the golf course year 'round.

The bathrooms are being updated this year for the ladies, with a flush toilet and a sink for washing. The gentlemen will have to wait until next year for their improvements; sorry!

We have had a good response to the ladies' evening golf league for this summer, which will be held on Tuesday evenings. The regular ladies' day league on Thursday mornings will continue as usual. We hope the ladies' night league will allow the “working women” to have some fun out here, too.

In the future, we are looking at adding two more ladies' tees on #2 and #7, and for the expert golfers: a “Pro” tee on #4. The traditional Ladies' Tournament will be back, but it will include some new ideas, and we are constantly striv-

ing to improve the Fourth of July Men's tournament.

In our efforts to make the play at the golf course as enjoyable as we can for everyone, we have made substantial investments.

We have not had an increase in membership fees for two years, and it is with reluctance that we have found it necessary to increase the membership fee to \$475.00 for the first player, and \$325.00 for an additional family member. We will also be offering driving range memberships for \$500.00 a year, per person, or \$5.00 for a bucket of 30 balls. Since this is our first year of operating the range, We are sure we will have some bugs to work out, and we appreciate your patience as we get the hang of it. We are asking that you pay your membership fees promptly. A reasonable payment plan can be worked out if necessary; please contact me personally to arrange the details so there are no misunderstandings.

The sun is getting higher in the sky, the daylight hours are getting longer, and soon the smell of fresh-cut grass and the cries of “Fore!” will fill the air. We will see you when you get here!

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## Arranmore ... Somewhere



As most of you already know, it looks as though the Arranmore Park Site is on indefinite hold. So the committee has decided to proceed in a different way to recognize our ancestors.

The proposed plan will be a Grotto at Holy Cross Cemetery. We have the backing of everyone we have talked to,

including Father Pat and the Cemetery Committee. A drawing of this proposed Grotto on [www.arranmorepark.com](http://www.arranmorepark.com) also shows a sample of the stone, so we would like your comments. We want everyone involved. We will rely on volunteer help, as we would have with the Park.

## School Election

The BICS's annual election will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The request is a renewal, and has not changed in almost twenty years. The 15.7908 mils pays for over 90% of the school's operation.

Two seats on the School Board will also be decided, with three candidates running, Tina Drost, Rick Speck, and Gail Weede.

The Historical Society's quarter-mill renewal will also be on the ballot. Don't forget to vote for these important measures to help maintain the Island we know and love!

## Thanks

AmVets Post 46 and the AmVets Auxiliary would like to express our thanks for the generous support, from both Island residents and visitors, of the benefit breakfast for the family of Jean Palmer's grandson, SP E-4 Nicholas Brown who was killed in Iraq. We received donations both in the mail and at the breakfast and we were able to presented a check in the amount of \$2,572.00 to Jean.

Thanks again,

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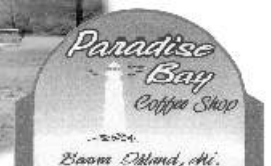
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## On This Date

**Ten Years Ago** The *Beacon* trumpeted the impending arrival of German tourists on board a new cruise ship running from Montreal to Chicago.

The *Islanders* volleyball team finished its season at 13 - 3, tying for first place in the Northern Lights League.

The *Island Players* were set to perform Thornton Wilder's *Our Town*, with Christine Heller and Ryan Wojan in the leads. John Fiegen, Lisa Gillespie, and Phil Gregg also had major roles.

A motor home took several BIBCo reps from Charlevoix to Booth Bay, Maine to inspect the progress of the new ferry. They found it framed up with most of the plating in place, and were considerably impressed.

Marilyn Clark updated the Town Boards on PABI's plans, which now would begin with the dismantling of the Dockside Market.

The *Beacon* recounted Larry Cull's write-up of a 50+-year-old race between two fish boats, Stanley Floyd's *Helen R* and Larry's *Betty C*. The race began with the two boats neck-and-neck at Whiskey Point, steaming for the harbor. Stanley had his uncle Jimmy Floyd aboard, and he tried several tricks to increase his speed, but Larry's *Kahlenburg* was "purring like a kitten," and Larry pulled ahead. Afterwards, in the *Shamrock*, Stanley was heard to grumble, "I sure hope nobody was looking out the window when we came

in." The following year marked the end of WWII.

A successful St. Pat's Day was noted. Ernie Martin won the fish toss, and Bea Boyle the Limerick contest.

DeepQuest secured the participation of Northrop Grumman and the U-M for its planned summer dive on the wreck of the *Bradley*. N-G was going to use a revolutionary device, a laser line scan system that had helped in the search for the downed TWA 800 plane. CBS planned to cover the event.

Passings noted included Robert Pischner, Helen Cooper, and Jack Cull.

Robert Pischner was born on Beaver in 1944 but moved to Arizona as a teenager; among his siblings was Eleanor Mooney. He served in Viet Nam as a helicopter pilot, worked as a warehouseman, and drove a cement truck. At the age of eight he survived a bout with polio. He was brought down by Huntington's Disease.

Helen Cooper spent 25 years on Beaver Island in homes on Sand Bay and, later, Font Lake. She had no family, and adopted the entire Island. Her husband had formed an ice cream business, but she never worked in her entire life until Archie drafted her to help out in his gift shop.

Jack Cull was 77. He was born and raised on Beaver Island, but worked in Chicago for 20 years before retiring. He and his movie camera were familiar fixtures at many Island events.

**Twenty Years Ago** One of three Island real estate companies, Ski and Shore, merged with Vacation Properties Network from Minnesota. Its staff continued to be Roy Elsworth and Karl Heller, with Laurie McDonough handling rentals.

The Island Telephone Company announced plans to update its switching equipment.

Jayne Lily contributed an article on loons, stressing the fragile hold this wonderful bird has on survival.

Connie Wojan thanked everyone for the \$540 raised by the March of Dimes. A Jump-a-thon at the School raised \$700 for the American Heart Association.

Marilyn Damstra and Connie

Wojan coached an Olympics of the Mind team of 6<sup>th</sup> - to 8<sup>th</sup> - grade students for an event that required them to appear with two suitcases containing the components they would assemble into a vehicle that could be driven, turned, and stopped. They finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place.

An Art Grant brought Gwen Marston to school for three weeks to teach folk music; her album was much played and appreciated. She and Joe Cunningham offered an evening quilting class running five weeks.

The deer herd was dwindling.

Despite little rain, Lake Michigan was still at record height.

To help support the Deputy, the Townships agreed to hire him part-time to do maintenance work at \$7/hour. He was also given \$100/month to enforce the liquor law.

St. James Township was trying to buy property from Walker Hill to complete its ownership of the Bud McDonough Memorial Ball Diamond, but seemed closer to a 30-year lease. Jim Willis was nominated as Ballfield Recreation Director as a volunteer.

The passing of Charles Pischner was noted. He had been born on Beaver in 1913, and married Alice Gallagher. He was a seaman all his life.

**Thirty Years Ago** The *Sundew* paid another visit, breaking the ice in the harbor a day earlier than the year before.

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winter. Thirteen trappers took 91 beaver as well.

St. Pat's was celebrated over three days, beginning with a hot-dog roast at the ferry dock, and games and hay-rides for kids. Events included a pancake supper at the Christian Church, an Irish brunch at the Lodge, and an Irish smorgasbord at the Circle M, followed by live music at the Shamrock.

Eighty-year-old John Cross celebrated his golden wedding anniversary with his wife, the former Huldah Thompson. Born on Beaver but moving to Charlevoix as a boy, he had been a commercial fisherman for 67 years.

A. J. Roy announced his retirement from the Beaver Island Historical Society, which he had founded over twenty years before. Almost single-handedly he established the Print Shop Museum.

The *Beacon* published a poem about the sad fate of the *Marold II* by Vaughn Ogden, who had once taught school here.

Ludington held its first Beaver Island party.

The *Green Acres Laundromat* opened under new management.

Helmuth Schultz put on a slide show of photographs he had taken over decades on the Island.

Passings noted included Henry Karsten, who had lived here for two years in the 1950s, and Hattie Nanigaw. Hattie was born in Middle Village, the site of the historic L'Abre Croce north

of Harbor Springs, in 1886. She married George Nanigaw on Beaver in 1907.

**Forty Years Ago** The beaver trappers (Rogers Carlisle, Karl Kuebler, Ron Wojan, and Dennis Wagner) reported that the coyotes were doing very well: "they have taken their toll of deer, rabbits, and turkey."

The Conservation Department planned to poison out the brook trout and rough fish in Fox Lake and replant it with rainbow trout (which succeeded). The brook trout had been planted in 1950, but fell victim to gill lice. The rainbows were to arrive at 4" - 6", and would grow to 18".

A beaver moved into town and began eating Henry Allen's boathouse across the street from the Post Office. Milt Bennet's picture of it appeared in the *Charlevoix Courier*.

The VP of American Central hosted a luncheon for 57 Islanders to talk about his plan for developing the Port St. James. Three chalets were to be built near the Yacht Dock to serve as real estate offices.

Matt Melville announced plans for an extensive improvement to the golf course. A fairway irrigation system was to be completed, and two greens rebuilt, using 'Toronto C15 creeping bent grass.'

The Chicago Party raised \$600 for the Island.

All five seniors in the Island school attended the annual Senior Government Day in East Jordan. Students from our 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> grades went to Boyne City for a song festival, experiencing several firsts: their first class trip, their first ride in a school bus, and their first lunch in a school cafeteria. Rita Gillespie, Rose Connaghan, and Winnie McDonough accompanied them.

The annual Kite-flying Contest was held in Frank O'Donnell's field. Rich Gillespie won for highest, Steve Connaghan for longest, Joe Kenwabikise for best homemade, and the team of Jeff Howland and Hugh Cole for most unique.

Dick LaFreniere kept some service going during a telephone blackout by means of a portable phone at his store.

An auction of donated gifts raised \$138 for the Cancer Fund.

**Fifty Years Ago** The Coast Guard Cutter *Woodbine* came in to break out the harbor.

Lawrence McDonough was the new captain of the *Emerald Isle* for the opening of the season.

Grace Cole became the manager of the Beaver Lodge.

Two men from the Conservation Department were brought to the Island by the Civic Association to speak about our coyotes.

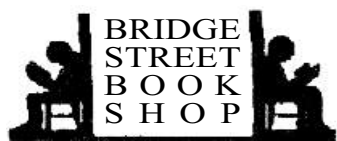
Twenty volunteers built seven sturdy picnic tables to be placed around the harbor.

The St. Pat's party was stunned by the professional performance of 3-year-old Elvis imitator Dan Gillespie, complete with miniature guitar.

Pat LaFreniere, Bill Pischner, and Charley, Erwin, and Jim Martin drove Pat's 1949 Mercury to Naubinway to deliver fish—and attend a dance. The trip took them four hours. But on the way back the car dropped through the ice near Garden, and the men had to walk the rest of the way home.

Two new Coastguardsmen arrived, John Striffer and Larry Puthuff, with his wife and son; the wife and son returned in 2004 and presented the BIHS with copies of several photographs from that first year, taken mainly around Beaver Head.

The Civic Association garnered \$1,195 from memberships.



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Then there are days when time stands apparently still ... minute by aching minute we are confronted by our thoughts, and another tear drops slowly from our hearts.

A friend once asked, "Does it ever get any better?"

The answer depends on when you ask. We feel the loss forever. At times we torture ourselves with thoughts of just how much he would have accomplished by now. Perhaps he would be

married, and we would have his children as our grandchildren. Oh, the good times we could have had.

We have learned, though, that time cauterizes some of the pain. We dwell on the good memories, and push the bad memories away. We find a certain peace. On some days we try not to think about it, but, as F. Scott Fitzgerald wrote,

*So we beat on, boats  
against the current,*

*Born ceaselessly back  
into the past.*

We believe in the Resurrection, but also acknowledge that no person is truly gone from this earth as long as his friends and family remember him. We remember Ronald. He is in our hearts and minds forever.

— the family and friends  
of Ronald Haggard.



## What a Difference a Day Makes

On the cover: on a fine afternoon on March 24<sup>th</sup>, James Kenwabikise and Skip Duhamel break through the harbor ice to create a channel they can use to begin the fishing season.

This is the 'brute force' technique that has been used for generations: ramming a fish boat up onto the ice, and then letting gravity pull it down. Larger boats sometimes employ this trick as well, adding to it the capability of shifting their ballast around to change the distribution of weight.

There was a time several years ago when the Coast Guard cutter *Acacia* was breaking open a channel all the







way to Charlevoix, through thick ice. She got herself up on a shelf that wouldn't give, and there she laid, a fish out of water, until a second cutter, the *Mackinac*, could steam down from Cheboygan and crunch her free.

There was a time on the 24<sup>th</sup> when it looked like James and Skip might be in trouble. They rammed their boat up onto the ice, but it only broke on one side, remaining hinged. The boat started to tip, and a gasp went up from those watching on shore. But, not to worry; they rode their bronco to safety, not once being thrown off. Now the Harbor is open.



And when the fog rolled in... photograph by Bob Tidmore



## The Rewards of being Citizen of the Year

It's a good question: who won the argument?

When Jim Wojan heard a whisper of people in Rockport, Texas catching black drums, he phoned his friend Bill Hirschey and challenged him about the veracity of the claims. Bill's response? *Come see for yourself.*

So Jim journeyed to the land of sunshine and stately palms. Every time Jim said,

"hey, let's go fishing," Bill handed him another beer. He began to think he was right, that those black drums were only a myth. Finally he made it to the boat, to get to the bottom of the matter. When he came in, Bill was there to greet him: "See, I told you!"

"You were right," Jim conceded. So Bill got the victory. But Jim got a nice tan, and two fine fish!

## Surprise surprise!

Nancy Butler and Sharon Hurkmans planned a surprise birthday party for Chris Butler on February 25<sup>th</sup>. Chris sure was surprised as several people showed up at the Hurkmans' home for her party. Heidi Conner made her a beautiful cake, and she had a wonderful meal as everybody

pitched in and brought a dish to pass. Chris' family was a big part of her surprise as well. Chris did not suspect a thing as family and friends showed up at the Hurkmans to wish her well. Everybody had a wonderful time and the weather held off until the party was over.

Happy 60<sup>th</sup>, Chris!



photograph by Sharon Hurkmans





On a chilly but sunny 30° day, 200 "Men and Women in Green" gathered in front of the Shamrock on Main Street to greet friends, drink green beer, and watch the latest version of the traditional obstacle race unfold. One team was chosen to demonstrate the course before the contest began. The 4-person skis, the motorless go-cart leg, and

the *Round the Rosebush* were still a part, with new elements added: an ice dip for a green quarter, and the crowd favorite, *Here, take my grapefruit. Please.* The prize was a fine bottle of whiskey, but the winning team was all underage so it was awarded to the second-place finishers.

The thick rope was tugged back and forth by the fish-chokers







## Fish in the Air—and other Signs of Spring

and the hayseeder, but it was difficult to tell which was which.

And the fish toss was also difficult to judge —

because the darn fish kept coming apart. One judge wanted to discount a mighty overhand toss by a percentage equal to that part of the body occupied by the poor fish's head, which had been carried away by a proud black dog, on the theory that half a fish can be thrown a

heck of a lot farther than a full one.

St. Pat's gave literally hundreds of Islanders and visitors a chance to unwind. There was good food and great live music at the night spots. Everyone had a good time, with most finding their senses restored by the following Tuesday, or Wednesday at the latest.







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## The Check Arrives

A group of forty-some Islanders was at the East Side Fire Hall on March 20<sup>th</sup> to witness the presentation of a check for \$125,000 from Fireman's Fund Insurance to the Beaver Island Fire Department. The money had already been spent on a beautiful, brand-new 3,000-gallon tender, which cost \$175,000. Most of the differential came from a single private donation.

With the remote location of the Island, and the lack of fire hydrants supplying water, the department relies on a tender for adequate water during a fire. "This new water tender is critical to ensure our ability to put out fires on this island, not only during the winter, but especially during the

summer, when our population balloons to several thousands of people," said Chief Tim McDonough to the packed building. "Without this donation, it would have been nearly impossible to raise the kind of money needed to buy a new truck."

The old tanker had sprung so many leaks on a rough ride to and from a summer emergency at Lake Geneserath that it did not seem fixable. But we needed a tender.

This presented a potential calamity. Luckily for Beaver Island, two Fireman's Fund employees, Tim Turner and Lindsay McDonough, knew about our problem and about FF's Heritage program, which has awarded over ten million dollars to various fire





departments around the entire country.

"I grew up visiting this island nearly every summer when I was a child and wanted to give back for all the fond memories I have of the wonderful people who live there," said Tim Turner, president of CRC Insurance Services, Fireman's Fund's parent. "Because of limited budgets, small fire departments like Beaver Island's are often unable to purchase the equipment and tools they need. We hope this vehicle will ensure the safety of everyone who lives on and visits the Island."

Several of the Fireman's Fund executives were able to attend the presentation, Brian Blessing, Joe Stones, and Community Relations director Ron

Mori. They fit right in, making the ceremony seem like a family celebration.

"When you think about how many gifts have come to Beaver Island in the last two decades," said John Works Jr. "It makes us feel truly blessed. There was the Library, the Municipal Airport expansion, the new ferry, the ferry dock expansion, the new Rural Health Center, two new fire trucks, the new Fire Station, the bike path, the new sidewalks, and the Community House. Factor in the Lighthouse School, the expansion of our school in town, the new Phil Gregg Fellowship Center, the new structures at CMU, and the possibility of high-speed internet. We are lucky to live in a place everyone values so highly."



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# One Hundred Years Ago

by Joycel Bartels

**Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 4, 1907 Local News:** "James Donlevy, of St. James, came over on the *Beaver* yesterday."

"Beaver Island could not vote on the State ticket, not being able to get the ballots there on time."

"W. E. Stevens, manager of the Beaver Island Lumber Co., was a passenger on the *Beaver* from St. James yesterday."

"The steamer *Beaver* left here on her first trip to the Island Tuesday afternoon, making it to St. James all right, leaving again Wednesday morning. The *Beaver* will now make her regular tri-weekly trips." (Note: Captain P. D. Campbell, *Beaver*, registered at the Hotel Beaver on April 2, 1907 *April 5 First mail boat F. Protar*)

"W. W. Boyle, of St. James, came over on the *Beaver* yesterday on his way to Harbor Springs."

"Supervisor Gallagher, of St. James, is here on official business."

"Results of Election: Peaine Twp. Supervisor, W. D. Gallagher; St. James Supervisor, W. J. Gallagher."

"The Beaver Island mail carriers returned safely from Garden Island to St. James last Thursday, after a very strenuous attempt to get across the channel."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 11, 1907 **Local News:** "The Editor went to Beaver Island Saturday, and was held there a prisoner, all navigation being cut off by a large field of ice." (Note: This appears in the Hotel Beaver register: 'Willard A. Smith, Charlevoix Storm, bound, Ice-bound, Hide-bound - bound for glory in the Sweet bye and bye and

perhaps sooner, if Pete Campbell does not get there first and block me out. April 13, 1907' — and in the next column in a different handwriting: 'and full all Saloons closed until he leavestown.')

"John W. Bonner, of Buffalo, is here, waiting for a boat to Beaver Island, called by the serious illness of his mother."

(Note: 'April 12 Second mail boat' *F. Protar*)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 18, 1907 **Local News:** "Fishing here and at the Beavers is in full swing, with very good catches. The tug *Knapp*, of this port, being unable to get into her home port, took her lift of fifty hundred to St. James one day last week. Charlevoix tugs are making fairly good lifts, and good prices rule."

Front page article: "**MAROONED Ice Holds Prisoners in its Grasp and Blocks Navigation**"

"But once in memory of the old settlers has the April weather of this year been paralleled; at least it may be said that no such sudden and severe change of weather has occurred during the last quarter of a century. The most serious effect has been on navigation interests."

"On Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, the steamer *Beaver* left here for St. James, returning the same day, encountering very little ice. Three steamers had already passed through the straits, and everything had the appearance of a complete opening of Navigation. On Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, the *Beaver* started again for Beaver Harbor. Ice was report (sic) on that shore, but Capt. Campbell was advised by cable that fish tugs were passing through it, from the north

and east. But on reaching that vicinity, it was discovered a change of wind had closed up the channel."

"Thereupon Capt. Campbell headed his boat southward and around the Head of the Island for a landing on some point on that shore. At two o'clock in the afternoon the *Beaver* was near Sucker Point, with the sawmill in near view. But even there the ice prevented a landing, and back three miles went the steamer to a point about three miles from St. James, where a boat was lowered and the mail and passengers, including four ladies, were landed."

"A man was dispatched by the shortest route for conveyances for the ladies and the mail, while the men, piloted by James Donlevy, started out for the three mile walk. One mile of it was through a cedar swamp, another mile was along a 'road' that was in use when King Strang was alive, but had never been used since. A mile along the railroad track brought us into St. James and the first sight of St. James was enough to wither soul and curdle the blood—ice, ice far to the eastward, and a cold northeast wind holding it fast. The *Beaver* reached her home port, late that night, and the writer of this was a prisoner on the Island for nine days—his first sojourn on the Island during a period of thirty-eight years, in which he never saw snow or ice. And every day of the nine was a winter day, with scarce a ray of sunshine, excepting that which was typified in the warmth of hospitality and kindness of good friends. It was an experience of a life time."

"A northerly gale kept the *Beaver* in Monday, the day we expected to return

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

and the same gale robbed St. James of its ice, driving it to the Charlevoix shore, blockading the port as effectively as the Jap admiral did Port Arthur. On Friday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, along came the steamship *Missouri* from Chicago. She forced her way in and out again, and in the broken pathway of the *Missouri* the *Beaver* broke her blockade again, and arrived in Beaver Harbor at six o'clock in the evening.

"Again a northeast gale pounded upon us, and again the *Beaver* was at the mercy of the fickle elements. Cable advises said ice was packed in as bad as ever, and beyond that a high sea running. Saturday and Sunday the *Beaver* was tied to the dock, but Monday morning Capt. Campbell determined to reach this shore, if it had to be Harbor Springs, which he was advised was open. Well out in the lake the skipper discovered coal smoke at a point which his compass said was Charlevoix and for Charlevoix the course was shaped.

"The three miles of ice field seemed impenetrable, but in it, heading for the place, was a steamer, which proved to be the *Three Brothers* and appropriately following at her heels, as if to snarl and snap at the bigger bulk, was a little tug, which proved to be the fishing tug *Pup*, arrived from Saugatuck. The *Three Brothers* was 'backing and filling,' charging the ice barrier with a gain of about her length at each charge. (Note: *James and Skip made half their length, on average.*)

"In her wake followed the *Beaver*, and at two o'clock in the afternoon she was at her dock, just as the *Fletcher* lumber laden went out. That was the end of the ice. The strong southeast wind completed

the work begun by the steamers, and the following (Tuesday) morning, the *Illinois* arrived from Chicago. Navigation is open." *Laudus Die* (Note: April 20 Third mail boat F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, April 25, 1907 **Local News:** "James McCann, of St. James, came over on the *Beaver* Monday, on his way to Chicago"

"The steamer *Beaver* planted trout fry for the fish commission Thursday, and made another plant Friday at Skillagalee, on her regular Island trip. This finishes up the output of the local hatchery."

"Messrs. Ott and Germaine, of Traverse City, went to Beaver Island Wednesday. Mr. Ott, who is a Traverse City lumberman, is negotiating for the purchase of the lumbering interests of the Beaver Island Lumber Co. At St. James. This firm already have quite extensive timber holdings on the Island, and, if the deal is perfected, which is quite likely, they purpose to improve and enlarge the plant. It is understood that a factory for the manufacture of spindles and other small wooden articles will be started, and an extensive industry established. The Island still abounds in timber of excellent quality, and there is a good opening for just this character of industrial enterprise." (Note: John F. Ott, Charlevoix appears in the Hotel Beaver Register on April 23, 1907)

Michigan Hibernian: "Bro. Patrick Powell, first officer of the United States lighthouse tender *Sumac*, and brother of Michael Powell, of Division No. 1, of Wayne, was in Detroit last month on his vacation and incidentally brought with him another big fish story from Beaver

Island. Listen to him: In a big haul of fish taken by Bros. McCann and Gallagher on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November which, by the way, amounted to about 60,000 pounds, there was one fish of a particularly striking green tint that had a mark like A. O. H. on it. This is vouched for by both the fisherman, who also claim to be able to trace the name Gallagher in the scales. The whole of Beaver Island is puzzled to know whether the fish came from salt water through the rivers, or was it bred in Old Kentucky—I mean Lake Michigan."

**Beaver Island News:** "Steamer barge *John Schroder* loaded here this week.

"H. B. Hooker, of Charlevoix, visited the Island last week." (Note: H. B. Hooker, Charlevoix appears in the Beaver Hotel Register on April 17, 1907)

"Carl Barnhart former engineer on the logging road here moved to Charlevoix."

"Mr. R. T. Edwards with the Keeney Seed Co. made a business call at this place last week."

"Capt. 'Tim' Roddy has accepted a position as mate on the steamer *Fannie C. Hart*."

"F. S. Peck with the Individual Gas Light Co. of Petosky, was here on business for a few days."

"Mrs. John A. Dahlmer of Charlevoix, is visiting with her mother, Mrs. Jas. Gordon for a few days."

"The Monarch Gasoline Engine Co., of Grand Rapids, have disposed of four engines at this place."

"Capt. Dan McCauley informs us that he will fish out of this port this season. Capt. McCauley recently purchased the tug *Sisco*."

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As we go to press, Central Solutions, Inc. is on the Island working on Phase II of their project: the process of providing their service to the harbor area and downtown, including getting access to several of the businesses. "We hope to have systems in place in approximately three weeks, with hot spots operational. We are looking forward to working with the people of Beaver Island," said Brian Tort of Central Solutions. Next up: the more challenging areas. Stay tuned...

## Why Do I Like Pancakes?

I picked up my fork and cut into the object on my plate. The fork found little resistance as it made its way into the tender disk. I slipped the bite sized piece into my mouth. "Ah, sheer delight—it's a pancake—a pancake!" As I savored it, my mind began to wander. Did I always love pancakes? Why do I like pancakes? They're really not all that wild a culinary delight, and they certainly aren't Nouvelle Cuisine. Pancakes are basic—is that the answer?

Pancakes are inexpensive—maybe that's the answer. Where is the answer?

Pancakes—a composition of flour, eggs, baking powder, salt, sugar, milk and butter. Imagine it hot just off the griddle, its outside lightly brown, its inside light and spongy. Imagine the aroma of that pancake, a hint of freshly fried bread (because that is what it is) sweet and savory inviting you to reach out, break off a piece to expose the marvelous network of air and batter that has risen to produce a product that screams at you to **eat it!** Like an alarm clock its aroma can compel you to leave your sleeping bag on a cold morning to be the first to sink your teeth into that tasty, marvelous griddle bread.

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2 eggs  
3 Tablespoons canola oil  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat the wet ingredients together with a fork and add to the dry ingredients. Add more milk as needed to make thick but not stiff batter.

Variations: sprinkle on 5 or 6 blueberries right after you pour on griddle or toasted pecans or diced apple slightly cooked

\*Look for whole-wheat pastry flour in health food stores. It gives baked goods a light texture while adding fiber.

might plaster a wall with it, and in due time it might become hard.

But in the right proportion it has the capability of becoming a delightful morsel of food that is even nourishing. So you measure the ingredients and in their proper proportion you mix up what is known as pancake batter. When the griddle (simply a flat, heavy, metal object) is hot, you pour a little batter on it, and you have the beginning of a pancake. At first the batter sits there, staring at you like a mass of gooey *gwap*. Suddenly little craters appear, sort of like looking at the moon's surface, and the mass begins to gradually firm up as its edges become defined. A small sizzling sound escapes. Tiny fat particles dance on the griddle around the pancake. When the entire surface is cratered you use a spatula (a flat device for turning such foods) to flip it over. The flipside is now brown (not too brown) and in a few seconds, not more than 60, your pancake is done.

Pancakes can be eaten in ever so many ways. They can be smeared with butter and drowned in maple syrup—real maple syrup from the north woods of Michigan or Vermont. They can be eaten plain (God forbid) or sprinkled with cinnamon and sugar, topped with jam or powdered sugar, stacked, rolled, or supporting an egg. Your imagination is the key to just how you might eat a pancake.

As I finish the last piece of pancake on my plate, I can hear my brother John announce that he is now on number eighteen. I believe him. He's known for his appetite.

Six people are seated around a large table in my recollection. It's Friday

night, the night the family eats a meatless meal even though it has no religious significance, except father is a Baptist minister and we are poor.

Four children, John, Grace, Paul, and I, are engaged in a contest to see who can eat the most pancakes! Mother, long-suffering mother, runs a path from the kitchen to the dining room, keeping the stacks of steaming pancakes forever high. Will no one give up? John is boastful, cocky and confident. Grace

will not be outdone by John, I am too mean to give in, and Paul is too intimidated. If only mother would say the source is exhausted. If only father would put his foot down. But the two of them sit there like Cheshire Cats waiting to declare the winner of this incredible consumptive race to indigestion, a regular part of our family life.

Why do I like pancakes? Because pancakes are memories.


—Lois Williams

## Pumpkin Pancakes?

1½ cups all-purpose flour; ½ cup whole wheat flour; 2 TB brown sugar; 2 tsp. baking powder; 1 tsp. ground cinnamon; ½ tsp. of salt, ground ginger, and ground nutmeg; 1-1/2 cups fat-free milk; 1/2 cup canned pumpkin; 1 egg white, lightly beaten; 2 TB canola oil. Combine the first eight ingredients. Combine the milk, pumpkin, egg white and oil; stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Pour on hot griddle.

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# Islanders stung at Districts by Hornets

Story and Photographs by Frank Solle



Brenna goes up



Melissa assists



Sam owns the net

That annoying buzz the Beaver Island *Islanders* volleyball team heard in the air at the District 123 volleyball tournament in Pellston on March 3 was not, unfortunately, from the host *Hornets'* fans, but from the speed of the

ball as the fourth-ranked *Hornets* zipped shot after shot across the net in the tournament semifinal battle.

"Our biggest problem was the speed of the ball," said *Islanders* coach Connie Boyle of the 25-8, 25-9, 25-8

loss to the *Hornets*. "Our girls have the skills, but absolutely no experience playing balls hit that fast and hard."

Pellston coach Tim McNitt agreed. "The *Islanders* have a lot of potential, but I think we had a little more zip on



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*Andrea anticipates the ball."*

The other thing Pellston brought to the net was a blocking presence rarely seen in Northern Lights League play. When the *Islanders* were able to handle the big hits sent at them, and



*Brittany returns*

could set up their offense, there always seemed to be a *Hornet* at the net to block the shot.

"We rarely have someone block us during the season," Boyle said again of the limited competition her team faces



*Emma's on it*

on a regular basis. "This was a tough match, but a lot of the girls enjoyed the challenge."

Pellston jumped to an 11-2 lead in the first game and never looked back.

*Continued on page 30.*

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### *Islanders stung at Districts, from page. 29.*

The *Islanders* were more aggressive in the second game with Emma Adams, Brenna Green, and Samantha Kuligoski each notching an early kill. Adams added her own block for point, while Kuligoski added two more kills late in the game. But Pellston had two big runs, one early and one late, to put the game away.

Two more runs lifted the *Hornets* to a 14-3 advantage in game three before the *Islanders* put together their best run of the day, a four-point spree aided by two terrific digs by Andrea Moore. Another late run carried the *Hornets* to the game and match win.

The *Islanders* also had difficulty at the service line, making more miss serves than they usually do.

"There are a lot of nerves out there," said McNitt. "When the *Islanders* would get some momentum going they would miss a serve and that just kills your momentum. And momentum is so important in this game."

The *Islanders* were hoping to sneak up on the highly-ranked *Hornets*, hoping they were focusing instead on Harbor Light Christian, the state's second-

## Islanders second in first NLL tourney

by Frank Solle

The Beaver Island *Islanders* came oh, so close to claiming the first Northern Lights League post-season tournament, held at Manistique March 9-10. But the *Islanders* were sunk on a late rally by the *Lakers* of Mackinac Island in a hard-fought 59-54 title tilt.

The championship game started on a 6-0 *Islanders* run, and things looked good. But the *Lakers* battled back to knot the score at 12-all by the end of the quarter.

The *Islanders* again took control through the second quarter, building a solid, 28-20 lead by the halftime break.

But the *Lakers* scored the first 11 points of the third quarter to take a 31-

28 lead. The third period ended with the *Lakers* holding a slim 38-36 edge.

Midway through the final frame, after a number of lead changes, the *Lakers* still clung to a 50-49 lead. Although the *Islanders* held a lead with a minute and a half to play, by the time the clock ran down to the final minute Mackinac had regained the lead, 55-54, then scored the final four points of the contest.

Senior Jared Wojan, playing the final game of his superb *Islanders* career, led the team with 28 points. Those points, combined with his efforts in the other two tournament games, extended his season point total to 364, and his career total to 978 points.

Freshman Bryan Timsak netted 10 points as the only other Islander in double figures. Brenden Martin finished with eight, Dan Runberg five, and Eric Albin three.

Woody Beardsly led four *Lakers* in double figures with 17 points.

The *Islanders* reached the title game by virtue of a pair of wins during the two-day tournament. They opened action on Friday with a 59-40 win over Munising Baptist.

A 15-4 first quarter paved the way to victory over the *Bobcats*. Runberg popped a trey and a deuce to lead the charge, while all five starters found the hoop. Wojan paced the team with 14 points, with Albin and Martin joining Runberg with eight. Cory



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ranked Class D team, which opened the tournament with a sweep of Mackinaw City.

"We didn't know anything about Beaver Island going in," McNitt said. "We knew they had a good record, but we were just unsure about them. I told our girls it was one step at a time, that's the way you have to do it"

Yet for Pellston the tournament was

simply that one step. Facing Harbor Light in the district final, the *Hornets* fell in three games 25-18, 25-22, 25-15, suffering their fourth loss of the season to the *Lady Swordsmen*.

Harbor Light next disposed of Crystal Falls in three games in quarterfinal play, advancing to the state finals in Kalamazoo where they fell in four games to Wyoming Tri-Unity

Christian in four games. Wyoming was defeated by Battle Creek St. Phillip in straight games in the state final.

"Our team should be proud of its effort," Boyle said of the *Islanders* after the match. "We've got a lot of dedicated, spirited players coming back next year. Hopefully we'll get into a tournament or two next season to help give us the experience of playing fast teams."

Sowa added seven, Timsak six, with Patrick Cull, David Schwartzfisher and Jake Drost each charting a pair.

Then, on Saturday, following Mackinac Island's 73-46 win over Hannahville, which earned a berth in the semifinals via a forfeit win over Ojibwe, the *Islanders* faced Grand Marais just prior to the final game.

The *Islanders* beat Grand Marais 72-56 behind a strong 46-point first half performance. Wojan led the team with 20 points, but it was Albin's 13 first half points that sparked the team.

Albin finished the game with 16. Martin and Timsak each scored 13, while Sowa added seven, Cull two, and Dereck McDonough one.

While both the *Islanders* and the

*Lakers* played two games on Saturday, the *Lakers* had the benefit of nearly four hours rest between games, much less than the *Islanders*, who also played Friday evening, did. "It made a little difference," coach Mike Myers said of the extended playing time. "But really our shooting just went sour. We were doing good in the first half, but after that we went sour."

Regardless of any fatigue factor, the *Islanders* played hard throughout the tournament, just as they had done throughout the season. The three games at Manistique brought the *Islanders* season record to 15-3, the most games ever played in one season.

"It was a very good season,"

Myers said. "All of our kids are winners in my book."

The tournament finale also marked the final game coached by Myers who is stepping down from all his coaching responsibilities, but not from his teaching ones. Myers has coached the basketball team for the past five seasons, compiling a respectable 48-25, that includes a 39-7 mark over the past three years.

Myers also has coached the soccer team since the kids were playing the game with rocks. He said he will continue to run the elementary basketball program, so even though he may not be on the bench, *Islanders* fans can be assured his influence will be seen on the court for years to come.

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## Doing Well by Doing Good

by Phil Becker

Hello to all.

I started to write a short letter describing our trip to New Orleans and all that happened there, but there is so much to tell. I guess I should start with the trip off the Island on Thursday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Alvin LaFreniere and I left on the 11 o'clock flight from Beaver, and after some mainland business in Charlevoix, headed down to Chicago and stayed the first night at his cousin's house in the city. We had a great meal and visit with Joe and Lois LaFreniere.

We got up early the next morning to drive the longest leg of our trip. The weather cooperated, and we made it as far as Grenada, Miss (90 miles south of Jackson) on Friday, staying overnight in a fleabag to save money. The next morning we went to the Ford garage for an oil change on the Focus (was due, and didn't want to try to do it later) and then drove another 6 hours to New Orleans, arriving mid-afternoon.

What we saw when we arrived both encouraged and disheartened us at the same time. There would stand a newly



repaired business or house, right next door to one in shambles, the latter untouched since Katrina, except for looters. Both occupied and vacated FEMA trailers dotted the landscape. Continuing our drive to the east side of the city, we met with our contact, a nun

named Sister Carmen, at The Sisters Of The Holy Family mother house.

Started by free-born blacks in 1842, this order was the first in the United States, and is still strong and operating Catholic schools and nursing homes all around New Orleans today. Over half of their many buildings were seriously damaged, including their home, which they just re-occupied a few months ago. Sister accompanied us to the temporary housing set up for our 12-strong group of volunteers, a long-vacated girl's boarding house from the 1920s. Except for the flooding, it had withstood the hurricane's wrath and was re-opened for groups like us to 'camp' in while doing relief work. It had no phone system, erratic plumbing, was a little dirty, and had no heat, but had a good working kitchen and was in a fairly safe neighborhood. We weren't expecting the Ritz, and everyone had separate bedrooms.

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up, happy to see familiar faces. Bob and Sue had gotten started sorting donated books in a girl's school library the previous Thursday and Friday and had lined up work through the nuns for the rest of the group, who were arriving Sunday. That next morning we got up and went to Mass at the church across from the Mother House. The congregation was all black, and ran their service with lots of music and rejoicing. We guests were honored with applause, and the Welkes took the 'gifts' up to the altar.

Mass lasted an hour and a half! It was a great experience. We took supper (lunch) at the invitation of the sisters,

and met all of them this time. They were so gracious, and, as with every southerner we spoke with, thanked us for coming to help. By the time we got back to our lodgings, other members of our group had begun to trickle in.

Alvin and I decided to go downtown and visit the French Quarter, which was only ten minutes from where we were staying. Their levees had held, and many doors re-opened soon after the storm. It was just a few days after Mardi Gras, and the party was still going on, from what I could tell, with lots of music everywhere and shops, bars, and restaurants busy. We hung out



on Bourbon St. and walked around, being tourists, all afternoon in the beautiful sunshine and warmth. Then we went back and rested up for the coming week.

Monday morning we donned our work clothes and headed to the girl's school where Bob and Sue Welke had been sorting books. There, the educators in our group, including Lynn Flannigan, a Chicago librarian, continued sorting books as the rest of us hauled more down from the second floor. Some of the material donated by well-meaning schools and others was

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*Doing Well by Doing Good*, from page 33. dated, not relevant, or damaged, and had to be discarded. Four men loaded and Don Tritsch and John Fiegan hauled a total of six pickup loads to the local dump. Every day at noon we stopped and made sandwiches and took our lunch outside, except one. After lunch on that first workday, the women stayed and catalogued books while the men were off to a new job back across from the Mother House.

The 'Lafon Home For Boys' was erected in 1935 as a residence and school for orphaned youths, and at the time of the hurricane was being used as a pre-school. Katrina blew off half the roof, and deposited water from the basement to 4' up the first-floor walls. The building sat damaged and flooded for 6 weeks until the water subsided and the basement could be pumped out. Everything inside was mildewed or moldy, and facemasks were mandatory for any-

one working inside. A crew of Hispanics wearing hazmat suits were removing the floors in the basement. They had been the first ones to be hired to begin the task of building restoration.

Our job was to remove and discard every remaining item from the 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> first and second floors, and to tear down all the suspended ceilings and lighting, some of which had been installed just prior to Katrina. Two large 20-cubic-yard disposal bins were delivered, and we began to fill them with ceiling tiles and gridwork, school supplies, desks, chairs, tables, and many things a Beaver Islander would have tried to recycle. We filled the bins in less than two days!

In the evenings the ladies prepared excellent meals, and some people went exploring; others rested. Weather was mostly cool for sleeping at night, and sunny and 70s daytimes. Mornings we

were up early and had breakfast with a *Times Picayune*, which supposedly had been cancelled by the nuns but was still being delivered. The girls continued to help at St. Mary's while the men worked at the Lafon School, requiring two more waste bins. Everyone pitched in and worked hard, whether at the sites or around the dormitory. My main job was dismantling and removing the commercial fluorescent lighting fixtures prior to the ceilings being wrecked-out.

By Thursday we had a handle on the tasks and were able to take a few hours to tour in the nun's bus. John Fiegan had been to New Orleans many times and acted as our (licensed) chauffeur and tour guide. We drove to the Lower 9<sup>th</sup> Ward to view the worst damage and see the progress of reconstruction.

Most of the leveled homes had been bull-dozed and removed, and large

## Start Saving!!!

The Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary is happy to announce that plans are underway for the reopening of a Resale Shop. We appreciate the efforts of the St. James Township board for their vigilance toward this much-needed service. Our thanks also goes to the Peaine Township board for their willingness to partner with St. James Township board in this project. And thanks again to the AmVets for their generous donation of the building that will be used on this new site.

Here is how you can help. If you would like to make a monetary donation to assist with the completion of this

project, please send checks payable to: Beaver Island Fire Department, with *Resale Shop Fund* written on the memo line. We will also need volunteers to help clear the site, and ready the building for operation (cement work, handicapped bathroom and ramp installed, brush hauled away, etc.).

To donate your time, equipment, and/or talents, please contact Tim McDonough at (231) 448-2733.

We look forward to once again providing this much-needed service to the community. Please start saving your gently used items to donate to this worthy cause.

The second stage of this ambitious project will be to build something about the size of a garage, either attached or free-standing, for larger items, such as furniture. But first we've got to get the first stage up and running. Our hope is to have this in place by the beginning of this coming summer.

Remember, there are several advantages to this. There's the savings on Transfer Station charges, the savings to shoppers, and the funds raised for the BIFD.

Thanking you in advance,  
The ladies of the Beaver Island  
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piles of debris sat outside of many that might be salvaged. A few in each block were occupied, and FEMA trailers were everywhere for the poor to live in as they attempted to make their original homes habitable. The worst still standing were simply abandoned, the owners or renters now living in other states, not intending on returning. A hopeful sign were the Habitat For Humanity houses, all brand new and built in the original southern style of those destroyed. A person who qualified could own one for \$75,000, with nothing down and a long term pay-off. We spoke with college-student volunteers from Illinois and Wisconsin erecting chain-link fences, who had given up their break to come down and work.

In contrast, we visited the Garden District, where it almost appeared that nothing more than a little wind had come through. Beautiful old mansions

lined the streets, some still having work done to them. This area was obviously where the doctors, lawyers, and professors from the upper-crust New Orleans colleges lived.

After dropping off the nun's bus and eating lunch, we returned to our chores at the schools until dinnertime. That evening Alvin, myself, and others went to Harrah's Casino near the Quarter, and had a fantastic meal, including great jumbolaya. I played blackjack and won \$200, meaning a Holiday Inn with a pool and no money worries on the way back.

Friday was our last workday. The women came over to work with us from St. Mary's Academy, where they had finished everything the two staff there had for them to do. With the ladies' help, we finished wrecking out the second floor at Lafon, and returned to the dorm.

Alvin and I decided to pack and begin the return trip to Michigan. Mike and Gail Weede had a daughter in Phoenix who was getting married in a week, and they headed there, the Welkes had left for Florida mid-week, and the LoDicos and Don and Nancy Tritsch were headed there to friends and family on Saturday. John and Lynn were returning to Chicago by train, the way they had come down. We left late afternoon and made Memphis (and that Holiday Inn) by 10 p.m. Staying again at Joe and Lois' the next night, we had another good visit and got up early to drive the last 300 miles to Charlevoix. We arrived early for our 4:30 flight, so I washed and stored the Focus for a long rest. I had driven it more than 2600 miles in less than a week and a half. We arrived back home to the Beavers, none the worse for wear, with a good feeling about what we had accomplished.

## Michigan Sued by Foreign Fish

Alien species have become our biggest bugaboo. At least 183 non-native species can be found in the Great Lakes, with a new potential disaster appearing every 28 weeks.

To fight this, several watchdog groups have been pressing for legislation. "Invasive species will continue to harm the Great Lakes until action is taken," said Jan O'Connell of the Sierra Club. "Congressional foot-dragging will only make the problem worse and cost citizens more money. It's time to pass legislation to protect the millions who depend on the lakes for their economic and cultural identity." Our Sena-

tor, Carl Levin, has introduced a law to restrict ballast-water dumping, called the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act (which also mandates an electric fence to inhibit Asian Carp from entering southern Lake Michigan).

But now Michigan is being sued by a coalition of shipping companies, who claim that the Michigan Ballast Water Act is unconstitutional. Ocean freighters account for 5% of the cargo moved on the Great Lakes, sharing it among 220 ships in a typical year. So for now our last line of defense against aquatic invasion must await a decision by the U. S. District Court in Detroit.

## Island Artist on the Web

Beaver Island (King Strang Hotel and Lake Geneserath) artist Dodie Bedford has a nice, brand-new website: [www.dodybedfordartist.com](http://www.dodybedfordartist.com).

Those who want to commission her to create a painting for their Island home can see the kind of work here that she's already done.

## Animation, Anyone?

Rumor has it that some of the students at the BICS have formed a kind of club to make animated cartoons. At present they have very little equipment, but may be able to have something for the BIHS Art Show!

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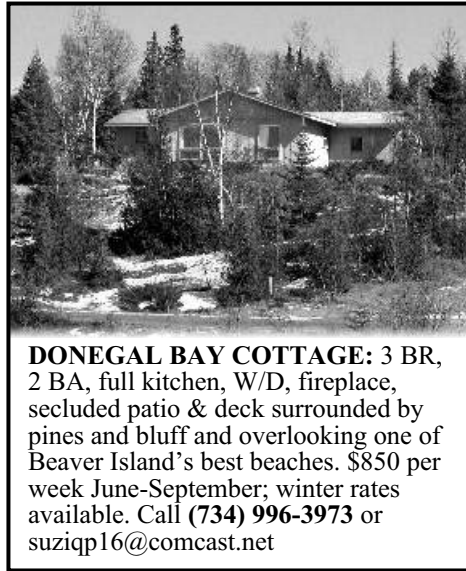
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