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The Beacon welcomes Island Stories, Articles, and Letters to the Editor, and would like to thank all who call and e-mail with news and events.
4. **News from the Townships**

**Peaine Township**

The Peaine Town Board held its monthly meeting on April 11th, agreeing to adopt the budget as presented in the Annual Meeting. It also approved paying half the cost for the Donegal Bay lot for the Resale Shop.

The name of the account used to accrue funds for the East Side Fire Hall was changed to the Peaine Township Training Facility and Emergency Disaster Saving Fund, and will be used to accrue funds for those needs.

Rachel Teague’s salary as Airport Manager was announced: $425/month.

A question was raised about whether the publication of chapters of the manuscript, *Rural EMS is Different*, on the internet, violated any privacy concerns. Wanting to avoid any potential liability, the Board agreed to query the Township Attorney.

**St. James Township**

The St. James Town Board held its monthly meeting on April 4th, agreeing to adopt the budget as presented in the Annual Meeting and to levy the millage needed to support it. It also resolved to purchase the lot on Donegal Bay Road for the Resale Shop for $24,600, its half share of the total cost. Clearing of the lot was already underway by a volunteer group.

The Board also approved automatically paying routine bills, which sometimes aren’t received quickly enough to make the list of bills presented at the monthly meeting.

The Wolverine CEO, Erik Baker, noncommittally answered a letter from Don Vyse about its plans for the former Power Plant site lot, thanking Don for his input and saying it will “continue to consider the matter.”

A letter arrived disagreeing with the designation Downer Road given to the road at the ‘Free Car Wash,’ which used to be underwater in many years; Downer was chosen for a former property owner when the first choice, *Pops’s Road*, was found to have been used elsewhere in the County. The letter writer suggested *Lakeview Road*, but that was deemed too close to *Lake Drive*, which is nearby, and two other suggestions were in use elsewhere, so *Downers Road* it will be.

**The World’s Finest Dinner**

A recent poll in China surprised the experts by naming America’s Kathy Speck as the greatest living international chef. In response, the *Sports Boosters* have convinced her to prepare one of her fantastic Chinese Dinners on May 11th at Nina’s Restaurant from 5:30-8:00. Reservations are recommended (231-448-2396).

The proceeds will benefit the Beaver Island Sports Boosters, who do so much for Beaver Island teams.
For three months internet surfers have been able to read chapters of Joe Moore’s manuscript detailing the work of the EMS on the Beaver Island News website, and recently on its own website. The story focuses on dozens of real cases, in which no patient names were used. But speculation as to who these patients were began to grow, and in mid-April the author decided to back away from the project.

Most readers found the manuscript eye-opening, because few ‘civilians’ realize how complex and exhausting serving with the EMS can be. These volunteers are always on call, day or night; they are frequently called off their jobs or roused from their sleep to respond to a dire situation. They receive a minimal stipend, but have to undergo extensive, rigorous training.

No matter how much they train, some aspects of most cases are beyond their experience. Each case is different, too, so they can never relax and assume they have the knowledge they need. Sometimes they might go for a month without much activity, but then several emergencies might happen in rapid succession, and they wind up asleep on their feet when they can finally get back to their regular routine.

They have to be creative, as well as diligent. Things frequently go wrong, and they have to improvise. Sometimes there are personality conflicts, including with patients angered by their own helplessness. Sometimes they wind up promising themselves Never again—until their beeper goes off and calls them back for the next emergency. They do this time and again, month after month and year after year, manifesting heroic energy—in part because they know, someone has to. Thank God, because our community could not survive without them.

The manuscript has been removed from continuing circulation for now, but that may not be the end of the story. Admittedly, the manuscript was in an early draft, but it contains an important report about a service vital to Beaver Island. With any luck it will be polished, any clues to the specific patients’ identities removed, and will again be available to interested readers—either on the web, or in printed form.

**GIVE BACK—GIVE BLOOD**

Did you know just under 5% of Michiganders donate blood, while 60% of us are eligible? Eligible donors must be at least 17, in good health, and weigh over 110. That includes most residents on Beaver Island during August.

Please plan to give blood on August 2nd and help to meet the goal of 70 or more donors. Besides, if you are like many of us who weigh more than we should, you will weigh less after donating...one pint less!
6. **MUSIC IN JULY**

Students from the Beaver Island Community School, grades 3-12, and other students who are visiting on Beaver Island, will be welcomed at an exciting “Music Camp” scheduled each morning, July 25 – 29, 2007 at BICS. The camp staff will organize and direct interactive group experiences, featuring games, films, and CDs, to focus on vocal and instrumental music education and music history. Students who have already begun string instruction will be able to continue their work, and students interested in learning about band instruments will be able to have exploratory experiences with recorders, etc. Students will also be able to meet, chat with, listen to, and work with the guest “Baroque on Beaver” musicians who will be on Beaver Island at that time.

When the musicians are not talking with students in the Music Camp, they will also be “making music,” playing in informal groups around the harbor and preparing for two small ensemble and solo evening performances on Thursday and Friday, July 26 and 27.

On Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon, July 28 and 29, the full orchestra and chorus, featuring guest and Beaver Island musicians, will perform music by Beethoven, Prokofiev, Bach and more in concerts at Holy Cross Parish Hall.

Generous support from Beaver Island residents and businesses, other private donations, and foundations have made it possible for the nonprofit Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association to present this exciting week. For more information about Music Camp registration and schedules, contact BICS or BICAA, P.O. Box 326, Beaver Island, MI 49782.

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**WILDLIFE**

The Beaver Island Wildlife Club invites all Beaver Island land owners to join the Club and the Michigan Dept of Natural Resources in a continued effort to improve our wildlife habitat.

The 2007 DNR Cooperative Food Plot Program provides $135 per acre (max 5 acres) for up to 1/3 the cost of seed, lime, fertilizer, and for the planting and tending of food plots.

To further encourage participation with the project, the Wildlife Club will direct an additional $200 per acre (max 5 acres) to those who successfully complete the DNR program. The Club has a maximum of $3,000 budgeted to this program for 2007. Planting must be complete by June 15th, 2007, and invoices must be submitted to DNR by July 31st.

If interested, contact any Implementation Committee member for complete details: Doug Tilley, Alvin LaFreniere (2465), Don Tritsch (2178), or Phil Wyckoff (2874) The wildlife food plots do not provide landowners with any particular wildlife harvesting advantage, as the deer and turkey are known to disperse as the food plot is used and exhausted.
ISLAND EVENTS

PABI Road Rally - May 6th 2:00 p.m.
Chinese Dinner - May 11th  (page 4)
Bees arrive for CMU apiary May 11th
PABI Garage Sale - May 26th
Golden Beaver Bash - June 1st
Museums Open - June 16th
Camp Quality free Island Music concert, June 17th 1:00 – 4:00, Parish Hall
PABI Gourmet Dinner and Silent Auction - June 30th
Casino Night - July 6th
Fashion Show July 12th
Museum Week - July 16th-21st
Beaver Island Music Festival - July 20th-21st www.bimf.net
BIPOA Annual Meeting July 23rd, 7:30
Baroque on Beaver - July 26th-29th
Sunset Picnic - August 5th
Celtic Games - September 15th
Ransom Street Big Band Concert - 7:30 September 22nd
Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle 5k/Run/Walk - October 6th
AA Meetings - M & F Noon, Wed 6 p.m. Health Center Conference Room

SPRINGTIME IN PABI-LAND

It’s Spring! Makes you think of flowers budding, morels popping up, and PABI’s annual Road Rally! This fun-filled event will be held on Sunday, May 6th. Fill your car with gas, participate, reference materials—all 20-volumes of the Encyclopedia Britannica is recommended—and most important, a sense of humor.

Sign up at the Shamrock at 1:30. Reading of the Rules and the Start of the Rally will be at 2:00. The $15 entry fee includes pizza afterwards.

IN THE DRINK

PABI’s tower went into the water at 2:52 p.m. on March 28th. The tickets are kept at the public library and Barbra Cruickshank and I went through them. There were guesses of 3:00, 3:01, 3:02 and 3:14. The winner was Eddie Wojan. Pictures can be seen at beaverisland.spaces.live.com.

– Bob Tidmore

A COMMUNITY GARDEN?

People come to Beaver Island for many reasons, including “to get back to nature.” One of the ways this can be done is to work in the garden—but not everyone who comes here has land, and those who do aren’t always here for the entire gardening season. One way this could be rectified, according to Kevin Bousquet, is by establishing a ‘Community Garden.’

What might this involve? Finding a piece of fertile land. Building a gated fence. Tilling. Fertilizing. Driving a shallow well. Organizing to determine what should be grown, what the members' duties would be, and how to share the expenses.

If there's enough interest, it's possible this idea could be implemented this year. Anyone who's interested should phone Kevin (231-448-2152). Green thumbs up!

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The Chamber of Commerce threw a great party for its 6th annual Citizen of the Year award on April 28th. The food was good, guest MC Vic McCarty was provocative, and Chamber president Kathy Speck was as eloquent as always in reading the nominations. The packed house had a very good time.

Before Kathy read the comments made in the nomination letters, she recognized a person who has been nominated every year by at least two or three people. In the words of one nomination from this year, “He follows the school sporting events and travels to…encourage them to win.” “We all know that he visits with hospitalized Beaver Islanders and their relatives, offering support in their time of need…” She has seen past letters about this person and they all pretty much say the same. “You will hear more about this person in a couple of minutes when I talk about all of our nominees,” she said, “but we especially want to recognize tonight a person who is always there to help the citizens of Beaver Island: Father Pat Cavley.”

Then Kathy presented all of the nominees, and read some excerpts about what people said about them.

Baroque on Beaver: A few things written about them were, “Started as a grass roots effort, the number of amazingly talented individuals who perform each year has grown, as well as the number of performances. Last summer over 80 musicians were involved. Late last summer, their newly formed non-profit organization Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association held its first meeting. It contributed $2,500 to support expanding the music program and other cultural events at our school. With organizer Jane Maehr at the helm, they have worked to receive grants. The St. James Episcopal Mission had first sponsored Baroque on Beaver. While attending last year’s concert I heard so many appreciative comments from community members and visitors, and audience members were overwhelmed with the level of professionalism. The Baroque on Beaver organizers, directors and musicians deserve thunderous applause… Baroque on Beaver enriches us all!” Kathy inserted a personal note here: “Baroque on Beaver recently learned their grant request was approved, but a short time later received a notice that Michigan has put a moratorium on funding. They have resolved to go forward!”

“I know Jane Maehr is thrilled about the support for Baroque on Beaver,” Kathy said. “I am part of this organization, and I invite any other members of our Board who are here tonight to stand in recognition of this Citizen of the Year nomination.”

Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary: “This is a group who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes, doing countless fund-raisers for our Fire Department. The total of their purchases for firemen since 1984 is over $121,000! Besides different fund-raisers, including their annual ‘Celebrity Roast,’ a subject I am familiar with since they very insultingly and lovingly roasted yours truly last year, they earned a lot of money through their Resale shop. Recently our two Townships purchased property for a new Resale shop! Thanks to the Amvets, who donated the building, the BIFDA will again provide a much-needed ser-
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vice. With this new project they will be working harder than ever. Our Fire Chief has said these ladies have provided a tremendous amount of support and are ‘chomping at the bit’ to get going. This is a very ambitious project, but they are up to the task. Their energy never quits, and they are a prime example of a group who has made a significant contribution.”

Father Pat Cawley: One person wrote, “This past year he raised funds for the restoration of the Holy Cross stained glass windows, which were sorely in need or repair. He managed to complete this project in just a few short months. He encourages teens to become involved in their churches and community activities … he provides funds for their events and activities.” Another wrote, “He has helped people in the hour of their need and has helped them celebrate in the good times. Besides, I get my best jokes for him.” And yet another wrote, “I was so surprised to hear that Father Pat had driven to Bay City to spend time with Betty … there are very few things that bring her comfort at this point, but she remembered her visit with Father and was very emotional about their time together. On the day of my father’s surgery I was absolutely amazed to see Father Pat walk into the waiting room at Bay Medical Center in Bay City … he had traveled there to sit with me while we waited for results … my dad still refers to the kind, gentle, caring man who was with our family during that very trying time. I have spoken to many people who mention Father Pat’s appearance at the hospital, nursing home, or home when a loved one is ill or if there is a death in the family.”

John Fiegen: “Few Beaver Island residents can match the example set by John when it comes to community service. Having worked with him on the school board, I am amazed at his ability to recognize all the varied aspects of an continued on page 10.
10. **Citizen of the year, from page 9.**

Idea, concern, or problem. He asks questions that push but don't flatten a topic. He listens to all without criticism.” “He has been an active citizen for many years.” “In his 'retirement' he has done more volunteer work than most of the people who have lived here their whole lives. It's time he be recognized for his unselfish giving.” “He has served admirably, sometimes under very difficult circumstances, as a strong and fair Chairman of the St. James Township Planning Commission.” “John never lets anyone down when he takes on a responsibility. He is a real doer and not just a joiner, and carries out all of his responsibilities with great professionalism, fairness, and impartiality.” “I am nominating John primarily for his commitment to the school, but also acknowledging his commitment to church, civic responsibilities, and future planning as part of the community visioning project.” “John will always do things well and take on more ... these things have been done quietly, with no recognition or gain.” **“He has participated in Beaver Island hospice, planning commission, is a marvelous actor and director, he valiantly tried to keep the ‘Brothers Place’ viable because of his deep love of this historic Island treasure.” “He is a big man with a big heart, lots of big talent that he has shared with the Island.”**

Jim Gillingham

One person wrote

“I have only met Jim a couple of times, but what he has done for the Island is very special. My list of reasons: 1. Well respected. 2. Upgrade of physical plant at CMU on the Island. 3. Positive role model for students. 4. He has been able to share his love of the Island with a great many students.”

Tim McDonough: “Being a Fire Chief is an enormous responsibility few people can comprehend, a load that he has shouldered for years. He has the boundless respect and loyalty of his men. How often have we seen Tim behind the meat counter not only to take care of business but to listen to someone’s litany of woes? Always ready with a joke or story, too. Whether it is the Township Board, EMS, Fire Department, BIBCo Board, Holy Cross Church, or the Youth Consortium, he is truly Beaver Island’s quiet man. His calm demeanor and standing in the background has kept him out of the spotlight which is long overdue to shine on him.” A couple wrote: “Tim’s contributions are numerous and long-standing: St. James Township Trustee for over 20 years; Chief, Beaver Island Fire Department over 18 years; Youth Consortium Board Member; Waste Management Committee; Beaver Island EMS; 4th of July Fireworks coordinator. Tim McDonough deserves special recognition for serving as our Fire Chief. This position takes time, management skills, and great responsibility. In addition to the various civic duties, Tim operates a Beaver Island business. When an individual can devote time to the community, business, and family in a balanced and responsible way, we feel he deserves to be recognized.”

Ed Wojan: “Ed has long been one of Beaver Island’s unsung heroes, and few have done as much for the Island. Admittedly he is controversial, but often that is because he pushes and works hard to accomplish things that are unpopular but later turn out to be appreciated. The parking lot and picnic area next to the public beach is a good example … or his work to secure land to make our rural health center and senior center possible. He donates his time,
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It was a bittersweet gathering in the Beaver Island Community School gymnasium the evening of April 26. While students, athletes, parents, family, and friends were present to honor the achievements of the school’s young performers—athletes who, in soccer, claimed the school’s first ever district championship, who won yet another Northern Lights League volleyball title, who once again were applauded by a league member for their continued sportsmanship—it also was a night to pay tribute to coach Mike Myers who is, for the most part, turning in his whistle after 15 years of leading various Islanders team.

“I’m not done,” Myers said to the large crowd during his talk which focused on finding the coach within you. “I’ll be coaching my third and fourth graders everyday in the classroom. And the students I see in the detention room. And my six wonderful grandchildren. The coach in me will always be within me.”

Myers described how his coaching career began while he was still a high school athlete who won a state title in gymnastics for the trampoline. “Helping fellow athletes learn the trampoline, that’s how I started coaching,” he said.

“We all need to find the coach within us,” he explained. “Parents have it. We all have it. When our first-string basketball...
During intramurals all the older athletes offer help and advise to the younger ones. That’s the coach within you.”

Myers closed by posing a question to the audience: “Do you have what it takes to let the coach within you shine? It’s a great feeling to be helpful to others. Let it shine. Let it shine.”

Following Myers’ speech, the annual sports awards were handed out, with all participating student-athletes earning at least a certificate for their efforts.

Earning recognition in basketball were senior Jared Wojan as Most Valuable Offensive Player. Junior Eric Albin was named Most Valuable Defensive Player. The Most Improved Players were senior Cory Sowa on offense and senior David Schwartzfisher for defense. Both Wojan and Albin were named to the NLL All-League team, with junior Dan Runberg claiming an Honorable Mention.

The volleyball awards went to seniors Emma Adams as Most Valuable Offensive Player and Brenna Green as Most Valuable Defensive Player. Junior Andrea Moore was named Most Improved Player on defense, while senior continued on page 14.

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14. **Sports Awards, from page 13.** Bailey McDonough and junior Samantha Kuligoski were named co-Most Improved Offensive Players. Adams, Green, and McDonough were named to the NLL All-League team, while junior Brittany Crandal was named to the NLL All-League team, The Most Improved Player awards went to Bousquet named Honorable Mention.

Most Improved Offensive Players. Ad- Player with senior Saygan Croswhite and Brendan Martin were selected to the Best Defense. Wojan, Croswhite, and junior Bailey McDonough and Brittany Beaver Island were

T here's an important date coming up, May 8th, because there are a few important matters facing the St. James Township voters—including the renewal of the Beaver Island Historical Society's 1/4 mill operating fund.

On July 15th, our Historical Society will have been in existence for fifty years, and yet not everyone is aware of just what it does.

Its mission is to collect, restore, preserve, interpret, and display material and information about Beaver Island's past. The methods and scope of this mandate result from a combination of three factors: the amount of funds available; the determination of priorities by the Board of Trustees; and the energy of the staff, the volunteers, and the Director.

Each year, differing circumstances and changing personnel affect how these factors are synthesized into a work plan. But generally what happens is a compromise between unpredictable daily events and requests and the individual goals developed over many years by the current and past Board.

The Historical Society strives to be a full service organization, catering to its members, visitors to Beaver Island, and the general public. It tries to honor each request. It supplies information to those who ask, primarily genealogical but also about the many things that have happened here.

It prints and gives out copies of family trees or old magazine or newspaper articles, provides copies of information in books, and scans and prints copies of the photographs in its archives. Few things give it as much of a thrill as when it can supply information being requested—such as when it informs people about relatives they did not realize they had.

The Society serves as an educational facility, welcoming a dozen school groups each year. Many schools come back year after year, and offer help with various projects. Last year the Fremont Middle School staged an enactment of the death of King Strang, arriving on the Island well-rehearsed and in full costume. The Lighthouse School has sent teams to the Heritage Park to build a roof, create a site plan, and nail the barn’s battens. The Beaver Island Community School has supplied a kind of intern to work on the Bob S and add to genealogical displays.

The Historical Society maintains four properties for the benefit of the public. Two of them are museums, which are kept open from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. seven days a week from Father's
players, Croswhite and Wojan, were named to the All-Region team, an area that stretches from Traverse City throughout the Upper Peninsula.

The final award of the evening was the Bill Burns Memorial Outstanding Sportsmanship Award, presented by the

first recipient, Kerri Smith. The award, for sportsmanship both on and off the field, went to Jared Wojan.

The evening wound down with a digital slide show of recent photos of Myers-led teams, produced by students Bailey McDonough and Brittany Crandall. This was followed by the presentation of a certificate to Myers from all the Athletics Directors from around the NLL and a plaque of appreciation from the school for his many years of dedication to the students and athletes of Beaver Island.
Ten Years Ago

Stanley Floyd rebutted the story of his Helen R losing a race into the Harbor to the Betty C. He claimed she was already sitting in the Shamrock when the other boat reached the dock.

Another poem, Perry Shafter’s Sea of Trees, described the thrill of being open to the various trees’ emanations when walking through the woods.

The Beaver Island Internet Project (BIIP) began offering to set up individual access accounts.

A letter and two rejoinders appeared. One rejoinder was from Harbormaster Glen Felix, taking to task Dave Wallace, the editor of Lakeland Boating, for comments in his recent article that seemed to imply there was a “garbage crisis” at the Island docks. The other was from Jean Palmer, who thoroughly defended the sanitation procedures in effect at the Municipal Marina.

The Beacon lauded all the work done to get the Community House project off to a good start.

The two townships reached an agreement on working together to make gravel for Island roads.

An article about the Island Players, who were preparing to put on Our Town, listed some interesting facts. John Fiegan was a drama minor in college, and had recently become the baker at Dalwhinnie. Beth Croswhite studied ballet and worked in summer stock. Phil Lange took part in radio plays while in high school and competed in interpretive reading contests. Special Ed teacher Shawn Pellon previously worked for the Boy Scouts.

Passing noted included Lil Gallagher and Erwin Martin. Lil was born on Beaver Island as the daughter of musician Johnny Green in 1909, and married John Andy Gallagher in 1934. She had 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Erwin was born on Beaver in 1943, and also lived in Ludington and Grand Rapids, where he was known for finding work for other Islanders as millwrights. He was the son of Charles and Marian Martin.

Twenty Years Ago

Vince Pickard and Bud Cruikshank judged the second Science Fair at the School. Eric Graves and Jamie Martin took first place in the high school non-experimental division, with Heather Gillespie winning in the experimental. Winners in other age groupings were Lindsay McDonough, Ryan Oliver, Rene Gillespie, and Katrina and Mary Jane Martin.

The South Shore broke through the ice on March 22nd to open the season.

Seven local teams competed against the Islanders’ team in a special tournament, including one comprised of teachers, and another that included Greg Cary, Kevin Green, and four McDonough boys. The Islanders were the overall winners, raising money for new uniforms.

The Shamrock held a Beach Party.

The Airport Committee completed an environmental impact study preparatory to lengthening the runway at a cost of almost $130,000.

Improvements at the Jewell Gillespie Playground and the Ball Diamond were being pursued.

A fire department substation at the south end of the Island was suggested.

Deputy Allen Muma wondered how to handle the many complaints he received about dogs running free. He also recommended that the Townships purchase a rescue boat. He had located a suitable craft at Indian River that would cost over $19,000. The Townships weren’t sure how to raise that much money.

A hope was expressed that a comprehensive study of the Harbor’s water quality could be undertaken. CMU offered to help.

The passing of Lorene Ladd was noted. She and her husband Ed had moved from Pontiac to Beaver Island in 1973.

Thirty Years Ago

The Holy Cross Carillon was to be dedicated this month.

The Beaver Island Ball Club was reorganized, and acquired new uniforms.

Bernell Burke reported that everyone had a good time at Ludington’s Beaver Island Party, but not much money was raised.

An Army recruiter visited the Island school.

Helmut Schulz presented a slide show of his historic photographs. Fifty people attended the program.

A Beaver Tale reprinted a newspaper article from 1945 that bemoaned the loss of Island stalwarts Nels LaFreniere, Salty Gallagher, and Mary Maloney O’Donnell, who had taught at Beaver Island High School.
the school on Garden Island as well as on Beaver. There were 5 graduates in 1945, with Vera McDonough receiving the highest award.

Bill Welke offered his services as a licensed well-driller.

Joy Green announced that the local cancer drive had raised over $500.

Passings noted included L.Z. Reigle and Robert Maxwell. Mr. Maxwell was the Chicago-area husband of former Islander Anna Mae Connaghan; they lived in Wheaton Illinois for 27 years. Mr. Reigle was the former commander of Army National Guard units in Flint, but had retired to his home on the Harbor twelve years before. He was the father of Carol LaFreniere.

Forty Years Ago The Game Club distributed over 30 mineral blocks to help the deer herd. The Swamp Fox (Duane Newstead) was trying to cut down on the coyote population by setting out spring traps, but so far had only taken one small animal.

Smelt were running in the Jordan and at Cable’s Creek. Several steelhead trout were mixed in with a heavy supply of suckers.

The beaver-trapping season ended, with Rogers Carlisle and Ed Connaghan combining to take 15, the largest of which topped 50 pounds—good size for a Canadian black. The brown beaver frequently grow to 20 pounds larger.

The Coast Guard Station reopened with a staff of five.

Ed Wojan made the Dean’s List at the University of Detroit.

John Wylie and his wife moved to Beaver Island with their seven children to manage the new Beaver Tail Restaurant, part of the Erin Motel facility. Curly Hartsel and his wife moved here; she opened a beauty shop on the Back Road. Charles Early and his wife and boys also moved here.

Ed Davis was the first one to take a dip this spring. Mr. Ed’s Fixit was testing a pump at the edge of a dock and discovered the other end wasn’t attached, so that it operated like a teeter totter.

The five Island graduates were Patrick Crawford, Phyllis Gregg, Arlene Malloy, Sandy LaFreniere, and Jeanne Wojan. Patrick and Phyllis were bound for college. Jeanne, an honor student, won the annual Readers Digest award for her many accomplishments.

Gary McDonough enrolled at Northrop Institute of Technology in Los Angeles.

Builder Leo Kujawa advertised for construction work on the Island.

Fifty Years Ago Historical Society president Russ Hoffman asked for help getting the old Print Shop leveled. He and his partner A. J. Roy announced plans to build a miniature golf course nearby. The Society had 47 members.

Dr. John Ludwick purchased the Beaver Lodge.

Two Conservation Patrol boats arrived with five men to start work on two public camp sites, one at Lake Geneserath’s North Arm and the other at lower Sand Bay.

The Coast Guard obtained a 40’ utility boat, trucked to Grand Haven from Maryland and sailed here on the lake.

Twenty-two students from Lake Leelanau visited the Island. Deputy Elston Pischner obtained a dual-control car to teach Drivers’ Ed.

The Civic Association sponsored a Harbor clean-up.

Dick LaFreniere and Walt Wojan trapped a 59-pound beaver. In all, 11 licenses were issued, and 31 beaver taken.

Little Gale Dillingham tumbled into the Jordan while dipping smelt after dark, and was netted to safety—without dropping her flashlight. She also trained her German shepherd to bring eggs in from the henhouse.

Perch fishing in the Harbor was excellent.

Negotiations between Bell Telephone, the Coast Guard, and the Civic Association were moving forward. The phone lines would be limited to 42. Installation would cost $15, with monthly service between $3 and $4. Stock in the Phone Company was being sold @ $10/share.

The Emerald Isle headed for its inspection in Sturgeon Bay. The first fish tug in the Harbor was Allen Jensen’s from Manitou.

The Killarney Inn, run by Florence Rolland, opened in Ray Cull’s building across from the Post Office.

The passing of Emma Burke was noted. She had come to Beaver from New York in 1927 and met and married Bud Burke. They lived on a farm here until moving to Ludington.
Our Renaissance Woman

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The other factor was that many paintings were based on digital photographs Mary took with her new camera during her morning dog-walking, and that led to contrasts and comparisons with her sister Lindy and son Jason, with whom she’s planning a Memorial Day showing in her gallery.

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Featuring Nina's Restaurant
Chinese Dinner - May 11th

Memorial Day Weekend show
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In Memoriam

JOANNE SCRIPPS HOOKER

This June the family of JoAnne Scripps Hooker, who passed away peacefully on January 29th, hopes to have a memorial service on Beaver Island. “JoAnne minded her husband Chuck for 53 years, raised two headstrong and loving children, Scott and Kim, and shared her energy and wisdom with three adoring grandchildren, Charlie, Perry, and Alex. She was a true native of this land of Michigan who nurtured the wildlife, preserved the environment, promoted peace, integration, and socialization. She was a beauty of black and silver who surrounded herself with desert colors of coral, turquoise, and sand, an artist in the most organic sense who traded clay and lead for turned vessels that she doled out to all.

“She was a tall woman who would fill her lungs and raise her voice in song or dispute, who could passionately adore or despise, who gave, gossiped, and gathered. She was a true spirit who selflessly spent time with those who were wronged, tired, or distressed; she had absolutely no tolerance for the wrong-doers. She is survived by a multitude of friends, her sister Lois Jensen, nieces and nephews, her life-partner Chuck, who resides at The Pavilion in Traverse City, her son Scott and his wife Vickie and their two sons, and her daughter Kim and her daughter Perry.”

JAMES MARTIN

William James (Jim) Martin, 72, of Palatine, Illinois and, lately, Hallandale Beach, Florida, passed away on March 23rd. He was the brother of (late) Mary Margaret Long, Charlotte McDonough, Catherine Kohn, Eileen Zimmerman, Jude Martin, and Bernard Martin. He was a good friend to many, known as a straight shooter, an excellent builder, and someone who could always be counted on for a favor. He will be fondly remembered by numerous nieces, nephews and friends in Illinois, Michigan, and Florida. A memorial mass in celebration of his life was held on Saturday, April 21st at St. Theresa’s Parish in Palatine, IL.

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Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 23, 1907

Local News: “W. J. Gallagher, supervisor of St. James, Beaver Island, was here over Sunday, returning home Wednesday.” (Note: May 26/27 Furious blizzard 4” F. Protar)

Charlevoix Sentinel May 30, 1907

Local News: “Phil C. Gallagher, WM. W. Green and C. E. Tilley, of St. James, are here as jurors this term of court.”

“Our McCann, of St. James, came over Tuesday on business connected with the perfection of the title to the Life Saving Station site at St. James.”

“J. McCann, of St. James, came over Wednesday returning home Friday.”

Beaver Island News: “Frank Stafford and wife are visiting with friends at Traverse City this week.”

“John Donlevy of Chicago is here for a short time shaking hands with his old time friends and acquaintances.”

“The old Green store building erected in 1854 by James J. Strang which has stood the ravages of the elements for the past fifty years has been torn away, and will be replaced by a more pretentious and up-to-date building. This ends another one of the relics of Mormonism.”

“Dr. And Mrs. Wilkinson have gone on a two week visit to Keokuk, Iowa.”

“Miss Mary Cull is here for a few weeks visit with her mother. Miss Cull recently returned from Florida where she spent the past winter.”

“Julius Lidtke, of Manistee, spent a few days here visiting his brother Emil.”

“W. A. Scheid, book keeper for the Lumber Company visited his parents at Manistee last week.”

“C. C. Gallagher’s child who has been so ill for the past ten days is reported to be out of danger.”

“Traveling men galore this week.”

“Chas. Roe and Co. of Harbor Springs, is building an addition to the Wolverine Fish Co.’s dock.”

“C. Johnson lost a valuable horse last week.”

“Oscar Martin has moved into the building recently vacated by Pat Gallagher.”

“Mr. F. Laryson has purchased a house and lot from Mrs. Joseph Smith.”

THOMAS KLEPPE

Word has been received of the passing of Thomas Kleppe, husband of Glen Loew Kleppe, owner of Loew’s Lodge on Lake Geneserath.

Mr. Kleppe, who was 87, had quite a life. Growing up on a North Dakota farm, he became the mayor of Bismarck at the age of 30. An outstanding athlete, he was a cowboy on the rodeo circuit and was offered a contract to play professional baseball. He is in Dakota’s Sports’ Hall of Fame. He worked as a banker, served in the Army, and joined Gold Seal as a bookkeeper but became its president.

He ran for the U. S. Senate unsuccessfully, but was elected to the House and served two terms.

He became Secretary of the Interior under Gerald Ford, and was known for banning lead pellets for hunting waterfowl, saving about 2,000,000 ducks each year. He made many rulings to support environmental stewardship.

Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Glendora Loew Kleppe.
With the weather improving and the anticipation of summer, my thoughts are consumed with my favorite pastime: Golf. Throughout my adolescent and young adult life my summers have included many rounds of golf, which have usually ended in success. Unfortunately, my greatest weakness is my biological makeup… I am female.

I am a fairly new resident to the Island and was excited to be invited to play in the Wednesday night golf league this summer. I know fairly well that playing in the men’s league would include proving myself. However, I never imagined I would be denied the right to play by the golf league administrator. I understand the concern of wanting to keep the level of play high; however, my experience and qualifications give me the same right as any other skilled golfer to play on Wednesday evening. Not only was I a four-year letter winner at Hope College of Holland, Michigan, captain of both my collegiate and high school golf team my senior years, two-time State Finalist at my class A High School in Midland, Michigan, two-time City of Midland Golf Champion, and current reigning City of Midland title holder. With my love for golf and experiences, a spring intramural golf league has been added at BICS.

The 21st Century is upon us and this sort of discrimination should not be tolerated. The Nineteenth Amendment was passed in 1920 giving Women the right to vote; the Civil Rights Act was passed in 1964 which outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin; the LPGA was founded in 1959 and numerous women have qualified and successfully competed in PGA events. I do not believe I should be denied the right to play because of my biological makeup.

– Respectively, Marianne Brown

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Attention: Beaver Archipelago Anglers:

Central Michigan University is currently conducting a smallmouth bass movement study in which 17 smallmouth bass from the Garden Island area have been surgically implanted with acoustic transmitters.

These 17 smallmouth bass can be identified by a blue jaw-tag attached to their upper jaw. If any of these smallmouth bass are caught, we are asking that the angler either immediately release the fish back into the water (preferred) or if the fish is harvested that the angler returns the transmitter to the Central Michigan University Biological Station located on Beaver Island. Please contact Mark Kaemingk @ (231) 448-2325 if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation.

– Central Michigan University
On April 13th everyone on Beaver Island awoke to find 7" of fresh white snow blanketing the ground. The temperature was right at freezing, but the sun was bright, and the snow turned slightly slushy as the day wore on. But that night the temperature dropped enough for thin sheets of ice to form on the harbor and the inland lakes.

Yet that was the night our loons arrived. Each one proudly trumpeted its success with three-noted exuberant calls, roughly translatable as I am here! The ‘Night Airwaves rules’ state that every species receives its own time slot, but there were open spaces available because not all our summer aviators had yet arrived (the Sand Hill cranes, though, had been here almost two weeks). Knowing how important it is to humans, who can get grouchy when not receiving a full concert, the loons appropriated a few of the unfilled slots.

Listening to a pair on Font Lake who were doing their civic duty by filling the 11:45 p.m. slot with their haunting, ebullient cries, it seemed our scientific analysis of these sounds is not yet refined enough to decode all the nuances of their message. Odds are good that further research will reveal each call to be unique to that caller, with subtle variations of tone constituting a signature, an announcement of identity. I am here, and this is who I am.

We were glad to hear their proclamation of arrival, and wished there were a CD we could buy and play to tell them, in their own language, how happy we are to welcome them back. Failing that, we sat back to listen, quietly beaming them our good thoughts and knowing that, we sat back to listen, quietly beaming them our good thoughts and knowing that in the days to come their intonations will shift and gradually take on the familiar, if tricky to decipher, melodic variations we have come to think of as really really cool bird jazz.

SIMON OTTO

Author Simon Otto, who spoke at last summer’s Society for Strange Studies’ conference, has just released a new book, We Walk Again. It features stories from his memory of his grandfather, who relayed Indian legends to him and instructed him to “pass them on.” Elders who visited his home also supplied him with much information.
It was another rousing night of entertainment at Holy Cross Hall on April 17 when the Beaver Island Community School elementary students, under the artful direction of Ms. Miranda Rooy, delighted a packed house with songs and stories in the production of “Going’ Buggy!”

It seems the bugs of the world are uniting against what they perceive as injustice against them. This situation was most elegantly stated in a wonderful solo performance of “That’s No Way to Treat a Ladybug” by seventh-grader Lydia Gagnon.

Other bugs, with the help of the entire cast, stated their case in “Firefly, Firefly” and “The Honeybee Song.”

Talented and stage-wise seventh-grader Michael McCafferty then gave a pitch for his species in “Fuzzy Little Caterpillar.” But when he asked Honeybee Hillary Rasch about how she made her honey, she quickly and sharply retorted, “None of your beeswax!”

The bugs, led by the feisty caterpillar, staged a march on Washington, where the Caterpillar delivered their Bugs’ Bill of Rights to members of Congress. No more using the phrases ‘bug off,’ was one of their demands. All school children must learn the game of cricket was another, as well as having the Jitterbug declared an official dance. Not to forget making “The Bugel Hymn of the Republic” the national anthem.

While two congress members...
heartily agreed, bespectacled congressman Austyn Oliver required a bit of ‘encouragement’ before changing his vote from nay to aye.

Throughout, the performance took turns informing the audience of the bugs’ intentions, including: Meg Works, Emily Burton, Susi Myers-Dixon, Katie LaFreniere, and Erin Myers-Dixon.

At one point, the story of Little Miss Muffet, played by Hannah Robert, was told from the bug perspective — as narrator Hillary Rasch reacted to the awful thought of eating curds and whey — Miss Muffet was visited by, and rudely dispensed of, Spider Truman Left.

The entire cast included:

**Butterflies:** Katie LaFreniere, Susi Myers-Dixon, Elsie Burton.

**Fireflies:** Meg Works, Emily Burton, Jeffrey Rasch, Sharon Schwartzfischer.

**Bumblebees:** John Brady Robert, Hillary Rasch, Erin Myers-Dixon.

**Spiders:** Truman Left, Kai Drost.

**Fly:** Austyn Oliver.

**Ladybug:** Lydia Gagnon.

**Caterpillar:** Michael McCafferty.

**Miss Muffet:** Hannah Robert.

**Members of Congress:** Lydia Gagnon, Austyn Oliver, Truman Left.

It was another great performance, greatly enhanced by the costumes created by Tina Drost, the incorporation of the sound system by Mike Hurkmans, and the lighting by Jacque LaFreniere. The Parish Hall was packed.
On April 24th Nancy Ferguson was invited to address the Peaine Township Planning Commission about her experience fighting wind farms in Charlevoix County’s Evangeline Township. A former English teacher for 25 years, she has been involved with Camp Quality since surviving cancer ten years ago, is the VP of WATCH, and staffs the Island bank in the winter.

She was a font of information, much of which was new to the small crowd. She had nothing against wind farms, and lauded their non-polluting nature. She favored residential wind generators—typically under 130’, where the large towers used in commercial applications ranged up to 600’, some with a blade diameter in which a 747 would fit. But she thought wind farms belonged in the Dakotas, where the winds generate 330 times as much energy as they do in Michigan—14th in wind.

Yet developers sometimes push for wind farms here—in part because constructing them can offset, through ‘green credits,’ a polluting operation elsewhere, such as one using dirty coal in Florida. She warned that in their enthusiasm proponents can seem oblivious to some of the negative aspects of these giant windmills, and listed six: noise; shadow flicker; blade throw and ice fling; environment; aesthetics; and property value.

The noise can be deceptive, she said, because up close the whshsh whshsh would seem to lull one to sleep. But there is a base component to the sound that can be as aggravating as the base track on hip-hop music coming through the open window of a passing low-riding car.

She played footage of shadow flicker on one of the PC’s new laptops, filmed at a home in Mackinac City just before sunset. The effect was muted by a thin hedge of trees, but the regular flicker of the blade's shadow insidiously plunged the home into a brief shade every few seconds. This effect has been shown to produce headaches and disorientation in sensitive individuals, just as strobe lights can do.

Besides lightning strikes and metal fatigue that can bring a tower down, blades have occasionally come off, thought a quarter mile was the bare minimum in which a 747 would fit. But she thought wind farms belonged in the Dakotas, where the winds generate 330 times as much energy as they do in Michigan—14th in wind.

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YOU CAN'T BE TOO CAREFUL

by Cynthia Johnson

Four suburban housewives are gathered for their weekly bridge game and gab. Part of their routine is viewing their favorite soap opera. Alas, the television set is broken and they anxiously await the local TV repairman, portrayed by Hannah Connor.

Who shows up instead? A pair of bumbling, inept robbers, pretending to be a photographer and a writer for Charm- ing Homes magazine. The classic Smith and Jonesie, played by Bob Bass and Bob Hoogendorn, stumble their way into Harriet’s bridge game, intent upon robbing the genteel ladies and holing up to avoid the police for a while.

Harriet, (Cynthia Johnson) plays the charming hostess and falls for their ruse. Alice (Deb Plastrik) is always cautious and not fooled. Edna (Abby Fogarty) is rather too welcoming and willing to reform the errant thieves. Madge (Lisa Gillespie) calmly and hilariously goes along with the group, only wanting to find out what happens to Laura on World of Shadows.

Enter Francine, the local cosmetics saleswoman, played by Jayne Bailey, and you have a winning hand of bridge, bumbling, and Scrabble to fill your evening with laughter and entertainment.

The afternoon party stretches on as Jonesie begins to enjoy his experience with the “dumb broads and dames” by teaching them poker and experiencing Francine’s cosmetics and perfumes. But the robber’s plans change as the “babes” try to convince the visiting meter reader and TV repairwoman that they are indeed in dire straits and in need of H-E-L-P.

Will the TV ever be fixed? Will Laura die in the closet on World of Shadows? Will Harriet actually cook for the robbers as Edna rescues their misguided lives? Will the Desperate Housewives be saved or perish at the hands of equally desperate criminals?

You can find all the answers to these pressing questions, plus entertainment on Wednesday, June 6th only when you attend this year’s Bellevue Community Players’ production of YOU CAN’T BE TOO CAREFUL.

Directed by Jacque LaFreniere and performed at the Parish Hall, the island players promise to only rob you of a little time in exchange for laughter. Please call 448-2220 for reservations and information.
Blue Stones

They’re back! Readers of the sci-fi series, Out of the Blue, will recall how Islanders found mysterious blue objects linked to illness and supernatural powers. The blue rocks existed of course; the Plastriks found 7 of them in early 2006. Now—on April 3, a year later—Deb Plastrik found an 8th in the shallow, freezing waters of Donegal Bay. It seems harmless enough....
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weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces. His sib-
ling is Victoria Mogford. Grandpar-
ents are Robert and Ruth Mogford of Oden, Ruth Gregg of Charlevoix, and
David Himebaugh of Petoskey. Great-
grandparents are Phil and Lil Gregg, and Sue Tacey of Essexville.

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With the go-ahead to go ahead on clearing the about-to-be-acquired site for the Beaver Island Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary’s long-successful, but too-long-closed, Resale Shop, it didn’t take members of the department, along with community volunteers, long to rev up their chainsaws along with department member Jim Wojan’s chipper to begin the process of making progress.

Eighteen hardy souls turned out on Sunday, April 1st to start the job of taking the wooded lot west of the tennis courts on Donegal Bay Road nearly to a building-ready site. With the saws loudly humming their working song, accompanied by an eager Tom Whitman manning the hungry, growling chipper, the large crew made short work of taking down most of the smaller trees, leaving only a handful of piles of aromatic chips in its wake.

The next step was to pull out the left-over stumps and bring down the larger trees. And in a near blink of an eye (and 24 dump truck loads hauled away), the 110 x 285 foot site was clear and ready to go.

“We knew the Resale Shop was missed,” said Auxiliary president Sheri Timsak. “But we didn’t know how much until we had an outpouring of donations of time and money. It won’t be long until we are set up for business. Many thanks to all the hardworking people who gave time to this worthy cause, and to Jim Wojan Excavating and his crew for the equipment and expertise.”

With Wojan’s big machines it was another example of the right tool for the right job. The chipper, the front-end loader, the backhoe, the excavator, and the dump trucks made a big job seems so much smaller. But it also was a case of many hands making light work as the able-bodied volunteers freely gave their sweat and time, and maybe a blister or two. It helped that they knew what to do. In getting the Resale Shop going again,” said Auxiliary member Donna Stambaugh, who has played a large role in running the Resale Shop in the past. She said, “Whenever it’s ready, I’ll be ready, for an opening date ‘before the tourist season gets going,’” hopefully by the middle of June.

A special thank you to Katie Carmody, Gena Andrews, Ron Mori, Joe Shoes, and Brian Blessing from the Fireman’s Fund of America, and to Tim Turner and Lindsay McDonough of CRC Insurance Services of Chicago, for their presence at the award. They took time from their busy schedules to make the journey to present our community with this generous grant. We

THANKS

To all of you who participated in the presentation of the Fireman’s Fund Heritage Grant on March 20th, thank you for your continued support of the Beaver Island Fire Department.

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“Everyone has been very interested in getting the Resale Shop going again,” said Chief Tim McDonough of the Fire Department. “All sorts of people are donating their time, abilities, and equipment to get this job done. And a lot of people have been saving items to bring in, once it’s open.”

Throughout the years the Resale Shop has been an integral source of funding for both the Fire Department and the Island’s Emergency Medical Service.

The next step will involve site preparations, including providing water, sewer, and electricity, plus laying out the spot for the building donated by the AmVets organization, before the building is moved to its new location, stocked up, and made ready for the first sale. By the time the project is complete, nearly every construction-related business on the Island will have contributed in one way or another, pointed out an appreciative McDonough.

“Whenever it’s ready, I’ll be ready,” said Auxiliary member Donna Stambaugh, who has played a large role in running the Resale Shop in the past. “I’ve already had volunteers coming forward because we’re going to have such a nice building. It will be awesome.”

McDonough said he was shooting for an opening date “before the tourist season gets going,” hopefully by the middle of June.

While it may still take awhile before the doors are open to the public, there’s no reason not to start collecting those items that were either going to the transfer station or across to some other resale operation. Beaver Island is a leader in the region as far as recycling goes. This return step to the Resale Shop will keep us even further ahead. Which is, no doubt, a convenient truth.

cannot thank them enough for their time and effort. What a great bunch of people!

Thanks also to Bob Turner of the Detroit Metro Fire & Rescue, who always takes time to help us with any task.

Finally, I would like to thank the Firemen and EMS members who spend many hours of their time to volunteer and train for any emergency that may occur here on Beaver Island. We are blessed to have these dedicated individuals on our team.

— Tim McDonough

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COTTAGE BETWEEN THE SHORES—Conveniently located 1 block from harbor district, yet tucked away on McDonough Rd. 2 king, 1 double, 1 twin, 2 sleeper sofas. Fully equipped kitchen & laundry facilities. Linens and towels provided. Arbor deck with hammock swings and gas grill. $750/weekly. Call Beth Anne @ (989) 561-5079 or (989) 330-9528.

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REAL ESTATE, FOR RENT

Real Estate, For Rent, continued from page 37.

BEAVER SANDS BEACH HOME - Located on Sand Bay, beautiful Lake Michigan waterfront home; 3 bedrooms, sleeps 8; 2 full baths; w/dry; full kitchen, including dishwasher and micro; wonderful sunrise views with sandy beach & safe swimming, screened porch & large deck, everything included. Prime weeks open. Call Nancy: (810) 227-2366 or nrosso@hotmail.com.

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