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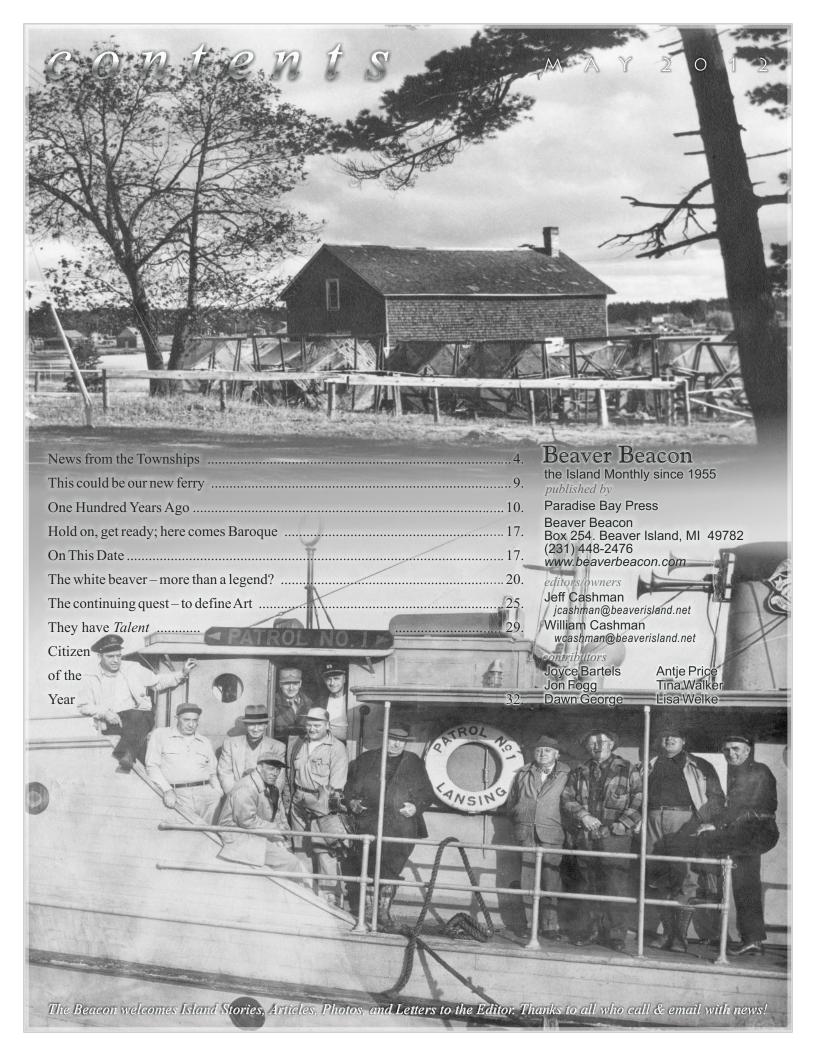
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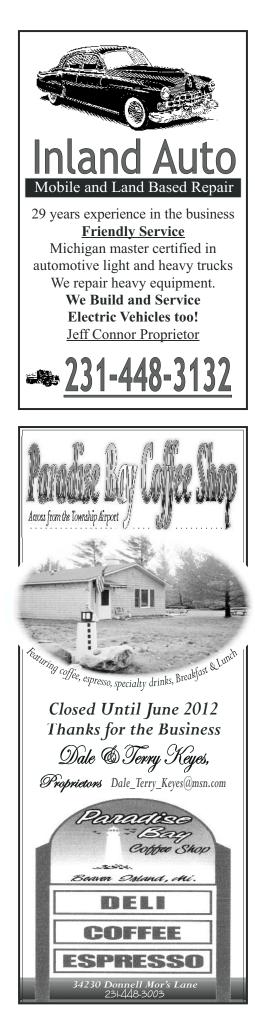
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4. NEWS FROM THE TOWNSHIPS

St. James Township

The budget presented at the annual meeting was formally adopted at the April meeting of the St. James Township Board. It included \$7,500 for unspecified recreation upgrades. The supervisor was on a rare vacation.

Jim Wojan reported that his talk with the Charlevoix County Road Commission's manager produced a promise to fix the cracks in the bike path running to the campground. The township, though, would have to seal it.

The Board was waiting to hear from Peaine whether or not a joint meeting would be held with the Drain Commissioner and another with prosecutor John Jarema (on OMA and FoIA nuances).

The Board declined to add "terrorism coverage" to their insurance policy. It was only \$100, but there were so many exclusions it was difficult to see how it would help.

St. James did not post for the *Phragmites* administrator post because Peaine was handling the matter.

The Board approved a \$10/hr. increase in charges from its attorney, to \$140/ for zoning and \$145/ for nonzoning. Connie Wojan said the Health Center was paying \$140/ but Peaine \$200/. Doug Tilley added that when he calls the St. James attorney the call is quickly returned, but Peaine's is difficult to reach. The Township's contract with Jean's Lawn Service was renewed.

Peaine Township

Lisa Welke, the only applicant for *Phragmites* administrator, submitted an impressive resume and was appointed to the position. A memo was circulated identifying J F New as the contractor selected to treat the evil reed on 6,000 acres of the archipelago this year. On May 21 the interested parties (the contractor, the DNR, the Tribes, the BIA, the Nature Conservancy, and others) will hold a meeting on the Island.

The owners of two homes on the Camp Three Trail requested help regarding getting the county road plowed. The CCRC had told them the Trail would have to be widened, for which they would have to pay \$44,000. They don't want the aesthetic appeal of the Trail ruined, and felt it was unnecessary. They were willing to provide a turn-around for the plow. The Board said they would encourage the CCRC to accept this compromise.

Locally-provided and applied dust control solution was accepted at 69¢/gal, the same price as last year. Gravel would cost \$35,000 for 2,000 yards. The CCRC grader was promised for Island work toward the end of the month.

There was no resolution in the Emergency Services Authority matter yet.



The Charlevoix County Prosecutor had agreed to visit and speak about the Open Meeting Act and the Freedom of Information Act on May 10 or 11. A member of the audience objected to having him come because it was said he recently had been sued twice himself over these matters and had lost, and other matters regarding his performance were being discussed. An alternative was suggested. After discussion a compromise was reached: an alternative will be sought, and possibly both asked to speak together.

NRESC: Community Input

The NRESC released the results of focus group interviews with 121 yearround Island residents conducted in March by MSU professors John Beck and Julie Brockman. These responses were made to questions formulated by the NRESC to gain input for its planning process for natural resources management. Beck and Brockman held two well-attended Community Forums in the evening, and met with members of the Beaver Island Wildlife Club and Chamber of Commerce, teachers, senior citizens, 7-12th graders at the Beaver Island Community School, and students at the Lighthouse School.

Additional focus groups are planned to capture the thoughts of residents unable to participate in the March sessions, as well as summer residents and visitors.

Besides Beck and Brockman's summaries of responses to specific questions, the MSU report included many quotations from the interview sessions, such as:

"The Island itself was described as 'NOT Mackinac.'

"Many respondents described Islanders as people who like the outdoors, are independent, able to entertain themselves, and friendly.

"Without exception, all respondents either stated or agreed that they would like to see the natural beauty of Beaver Island remain the same.

"A couple of respondents wanted the size of the population to remain the same, though they mentioned, in the same breath, that the current population may not be sustainable. In other words, what they wanted was 'not too many, but not too few.'

"Direct threats (to the future of Beaver Island's natural resources) come in the form of the overabundance or invasiveness of some species and/or activities, such as shoreline algae, coyotes, varieties of flora and fauna, human beings, visible blight, over-fishing and clear-cutting, and the increase in the number of young people who are leaving the Island to live elsewhere.

"Most, if not all, continued on page 6.





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6. News from the Townships, from page 5.

respondents agreed with the idea that, for Beaver Island to thrive, a balance must be reached between the natural environment and economic growth.

"Though many students expressed an interest in returning to the Island to live and work after completing their formal education, most felt that this would not be the case due to the inability to 'make a living' on the Island."

NRESC members agreed that the report provided helpful information for the planning process – and that additional input is desirable. Peter Plastrik, the NRESC chair, thanked Sandy Birdsall, Ed Wojan, Jeff Powers, and Paul Johnson for their work in organizing the focus groups.

A full copy of the MSU report is available at *www.binresc.org*

NRESC Meeting

On April 14th 11 members of NRESC spent another day with John Beck and Julie Brockman, the facilitators from MSU. They spent the morning reconnecting, both with each other and with the community – which was done

HOSPICE TRAINING

Munson Hospice will be holding a training session this summer for individuals interested in becoming a hospice volunteer on Beaver Island. Volunteer applicants must be at least 18 years by reviewing all the responses collected during the eight focus groups. These responses were not at all surprising; many present had heard similar remarks for several decades. It was apparent they had not been adequately addressed, and the group vowed to keep them at the forefront of its work.

One theme kept reappearing: any effort made for any reason must also be geared toward improving the Island economy. Protecting the Island's natural resources was seen as one key to this, in part through an increase in ecotourism. Another part might be that as the level of stress increases on the mainland, the tranquil natural environment preserved on Beaver Island could make it an increasingly appealing destination for tourism, second-home purchase, and residency.

A question was raised early in the day: to deal with our resources, shouldn't the group know what they are, and what their current status is? If so, how can this be determined? And how can the information be gathered and held, and be made useful? A vast, even overwhelming amount of material is available. Take

of age, available for an interview prior to training, and willing to make a time commitment of a four hours a week in the patient's home when on an assignment. Volunteer beauticians and mas-



just one example, birds: studies have recorded over 130 species living here and over 260 stopping over on their flights. Jim Gillingham and Brian Mastenbrook suggested concentrating on key species, those important for economic or biological reasons; other information can be sought as it's required.

Much of the afternoon discussion centered around two exercises designed to improve the group's focus on the objective. The first was to imagine that a natural resources management plan was created and adopted, and that it succeeded in its objectives. In that case, what would the Island look like in 2025? Everyone came up with their own suggestions, which were collected on a flip chart. The ~25 ideas had much in common: the woods and beaches would look pretty much as they do now; the water would be pure; no invasives would have gained a foothold; people would be more involved with our resources through better access and greater information: and the economy would be enough stronger to allow at least some of the Island's youth to stay.

sage therapists are also needed. All volunteers will be trained through an independent self-study course in addition to a training class with other new volunteers.

This led to a second round of 7. individual suggestions put on a flip chart: the positing of possible goals. Such ideas as 'increase opportunities for experiencing our natural resources,' 'create a mechanism to handle future problems,' and 'increase the interdependence of our resources and our economy.' It was decided to collect and organize the 25+ suggestions, add in any made by those who were not present or additional ideas from those who were, and discuss the list at the next meeting – with the objective of prioritizing them and considering strategies for their achievement.

This group has been putting in a lot of time, and feels it is not being wasted. They understand that they are not reinventing the wheel and are simply trying to give tangible expression to the shared feelings of the community. They hope that after more input at additional stages within the next twelve to fifteen months they can present a plan to the Townships' boards for protecting our natural resources without infringing on individual rights, in a way that will also strengthen our economy.

To learn more about becoming a Munson Hospice volunteer on Beaver Island, please contact Judy Goodrich, Volunteer Coordinator, at 1-800-252-2065 or jgoodrich@mhc.net.





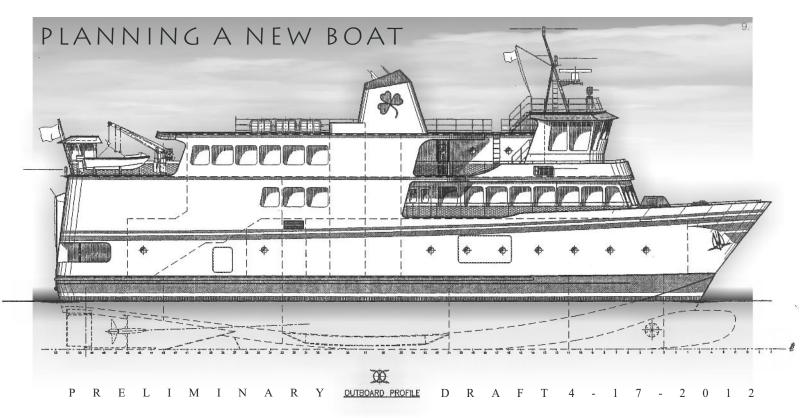
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S everal members of the community attended the mid-April BITA meeting to get a look at draft plans for a new ferry.

Russ McComb, a representative of the Elliott Bay Design Group had spent the day meeting with BITA to go over details, and made a quick overview presentation at the public meeting. A draft sketch was circulated (above) showing a possible design; it greatly resembled our current ferry building on what has worked the best here over the years. It would be 20' longer, 3-4' wider, and with a 2' deeper draft. Designed around the vehicle deck, it would accommodate 25 cars. There would be no change to loading and unloading procedures. One improvement would be to the main passenger deck, configured so passengers can see the lake forward over the rail better.

It was pointed out that this planning was for the future. A new ferry won't be

sailing on the horizon tomorrow or next summer. Once a construction contract is awarded (and no one can say when this will happen, or even if), it would take 12 to 18 months to build. But this design process will provide a solid plan to seek and utilize the difficult-to-obtain funding. The new boat's engines will also meet new EPA standards.

Maybe there would be enough business to run both ferries – or maybe not. No one can predict how popular the Island might become.

Over the past month, as in years and decades past, some asked if a new ferry might provide different opportunities for economic development. Could a fast ferry option offer day trips to and from the Island for tourists not wishing to spend the night, or allow the Island to stage events (such as the marathon) which would draw more people than our accommodations can handle? Or, it was asked, could something entirely different, a hovercraft, allow winter transport?

A comparison of ferries around the country was circulated to show that a fast ferry would be too expensive for us to run – unless the number of visitors skyrocketed. Typically fast ferries of the scale applicable to the Island don't carry freight or vehicles, it was said. Compared to other nearby ferries, ours was near the bottom in cost (to the passenger) per mile (75 - 84¢/mile for a 64-mile round trip, compared to, for example, Block Island at 96¢ - \$1.13/ for 13 miles, or Shepler's from Mackinaw City at \$1.65/ for 7.3 miles). The Isle Royal ferry makes a 96 mile trip for \$130 (round trip). The Block Island fast ferry costs \$1.38/mile to run at 30 knots, carrying up to 249 passengers.

BITA's budget shows that it operates on an annual budget of \$672,410, with half coming from BIBCo and half from MDoT. Fuel accounts for two-thirds of the expenses.

SINGERS' WORKSHOP - EVERYONE'S INVITED!

On May 11 and 12, Kevin Simons, Director of the Baroque on Beaver Festival Chorus, will be on the Island to present two days of vocal workshops. Anyone who has been in a chorus conducted by Kevin, watched him conduct, or heard him sing knows that this will be a great opportunity to become a better singer – and have a wonderful time! Everyone who would like to learn to sing – or to sing better – is invited to attend. All levels, even those with no experience, are welcome.

Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Saturday afternoon, but may choose one or two as their schedules permit. There is no charge for the workshops.

Marianne Weaver, who is organizing the weekend, applied for and won a grant from the Beaver Island Cultural Arts Association to fund this project. If you have questions – call Marianne (448-3277) for more details. If you are an aspiring singer – join the fun on May 11 and 12.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO 10. Notes from F. Protar's diary with the help of Antje Price

from Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May 1, 1912 No Beaver Island related news.

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 2, 1912 Local News: "The annual hatch is in progress down at the government fish hatchery. The steamer Chase Osborn has taken three loads of fry out to the grounds the past week, and the fish population of Lake Michigan has been increased by several millions. Young trout are coming out rapidly, but will be permitted to grow some in the tanks before planting."

"The tug McCann came over from St. James Tuesday morning after Dr. Armstrong in a critical cause of illness on Garden Island."

"The big steamer Stackhouse laden with 9000 tons of coal, stranded on Lansing Shoal, north of the Beaver Island grounds last Thursday. The wrecking tug Favorite and a lighter began taking off cargo Saturday, and she is probably released by this time.

"The tug McCann came over from St. James Tuesday morning after Dr. Armstrong, in a critical case of illness on Garden Island."

Beaver Island News: "Chas. Edgar of the Monitor Oil Co., spent Sunday here." (Note: C. F. Edgar, Mt. P., appears *in the Hotel Beaver register, 4-25, 1912*)

"John B. O'Donnell returned Sunday from a business trip to Charlevoix."

"The steamer Powel Stackhouse hit a rock on Lansing Shoal. The wrecking tug Favorite is wrecking her. She is loaded with coal."

"The steamer Beaver was here Sunday and Monday of this week."

"Emma Bacon of Charlevoix, is here visiting her sister Mrs. J. Cunningham. Garrat (sic) Cole went to Charlevoix on Sunday's boat on his way to Bellaire."

"The steamer Rob't. Wente loaded lumber at the B. I. L. Co.'s dock week."

"H. P. Boyle and W. J. Gallagher went to Charlevoix Sunday to attend the meeting of the Board of Supervisors."

"W. E. Stephens returned from Manistee last week on the Wente."

"Francis Green returned home from Petoskey Sunday. Mr. Green intends to start a butcher shop at St. James."

"F. Melbourne of the H. S. B. Co. of Chicago, spent a couple of days here." (Note: F. M. Malbone, Chgo., appears in the Hotel Beaver register April 25, 1912)

"Mr. and Mrs. Lou Briggs went to Petoskey on business Monday. Deforrest Pratt went to Charlevoix on business Monday. H. R. Boyle went to Charlevoix on business Monday. The tug Margaret McCann went to Charlevoix Tuesday after Dr. Armstrong for Mrs. Norcort (sic) of Garden Island who is very ill."

"H. C. Hoffman of Traverse City, is here calling on our merchants." (Note: H. C. Hoffman, Traverse City, appears in the Hotel Beaver register, 4-30, 1912)

"Mrs. John McCann entertained the Apron Club last week - cards and refreshments. Fine time reported." (Note: May 1 - 7 Stormy, drizzle, 36 - 52 degrees; May 6, BILCo. Fire. 6th meadow. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday, May 8, 1912 Local News Briefly Told: "Miss Nora Malloy of St. James was taken to the Traverse City State Hospital last Friday."

"John Early of St. James, has been here this week waiting to leave for Burton Port, Ireland via Boston."

From Beaver Island: "Barge Wente loaded here this week."

"Capt. Tim Toddy is spending a few days with his family."

"The steamer Eugene C. Hart came in Sunday on her first trip."

"Harry McCollough of Manitowoc is the new 2nd assistant at Beaver Head Light. D. C. Sweitzer has returned from Charlevoix where he had been visiting his family."

"W. S. Burns is setting out five thousand fruit trees on his place at the south end of the Island."

"Miss Zoa Adams was here last week with millinery goods for Mrs. E. M. Atchinson of Charlevoix. (Note: Z Maude Adams, Charlevoix, appears in the Hotel Beaver register, May 8, 1912)

"Township treasurers Chas. Roddy and Frank McCauley transacted business in Charlevoix last week."

"John Earley has sold his farm here and leaves this week for Ireland to spend the remainder of his days. Mrs. Jane Cosbus (sic) of Escanaba has opened up

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Sticks and Stones, Feathers and Bones, the shop previously located at Daddy Franks, has joined the Montaage emporium, moving 500' west for the new season. In addition to the previous craft items Cheryl has added miniature potted fantasy gardens and air plants for the coming season, from late May through Labor Day.







a millinery and ladies furnishings in C. C. Gallagher's building."

"Mrs. H. Briggs of Elk Rapids is visiting her sister Mrs. Fred Nackerman for a few days. This is the first time Mrs. Briggs has visited the Island in over twenty years."

"Gentlemen of the Jury - Will Gilden, Peaine; John King, St. James."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 9, 1912 **Beaver Island News:** "Mrs. Albon Smith of Charlevoix, is here visiting her parents."

"Tom P. Gallagher returned home Friday, after a visit to Traverse City."

"Wilbur Burns is putting out 4000 fruit trees on the east side of the Island known as the Martin farm."

"Mr. H. Ingrham (sic) of Traverse

City, an expert fruit tree man is here with him planting the trees."

"Mr. and Mrs. James Donlevy went to Chicago on business. Mr. Donlevy will return Wednesday, and Mrs. Donlevy will stay a month visiting her relatives. Charles Roddy, township treasurer returned from Charlevoix Friday. Dr. R. B. Armstrong of Charlevoix, returned to Charlevoix on the Arbutus Friday night, after staying four days on Garden Island attending a sick call. Peter H. Boyle went to Charlevoix Friday on a visit. Miss Zona (sic) Adams of Charlevoix, was here on business last week. Dr. Newman the Charlevoix Veterinary Surgeon was here on business last week."

"Ulysses J. McCann went to

Charlevoix on business Friday."

"Frank C. McCauley went to Charlevoix on business Friday. John Malloy returned home Sunday after a business trip to Charlevoix."

"Mrs. Val McDonough is on the sick list. Mrs. Harry Briggs of Elk Rapids, is here visiting her son Ralph, who is staying with his aunt, Mrs. F. Nackerman."

"Capt. Tim Roddy arrived home Sunday from Milwaukee, where he has been for the last two years sailing on steamboats.

"Robert C. Wente loaded lumber Monday at the B. I. L. Co. John Earley (sic) one of our old citizens left Monday for Ireland. Mr. Earley came to Beaver Island 15 years ago."

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday,



The wrecking tug Favorite

May, 15, 1912 Local News Briefly Told: "M. J. Bonner of St. James, was in the city yesterday."

"R. W. Kane and A. B. Clark of this city, and Capt. M. J. Bonner of St. James, attended a Local option meeting at Boyne city yesterday. A fine banquet was given to them and the good roads commission at the Hotel Wolverine."

From Beaver Island: "Ben Lagenhoff of Pellston spent last week on the Island. Potato buyers from St. Ignace and East Jordan were here last week."

"Miss Mary Smith of Manistique is visiting her parents for a few days."

"The L. A. S. gave a supper Wednesday, proceeds seven dollars."

"Miss Flora Garrette of Manistique is visiting her aunt Mrs. J. C. Gallagher."

"The funeral of Mrs. 'Val' McDonough occurred last week. Mrs. McDonough leaves a husband and six small children, the youngest only two weeks old.

"W. J. Gallagher, Capt. M. J. Bonner, Jas. H. Gallagher, W. J. Gallagher Jr., W. A. Sheid (sic), Mike McCann, Jas. Donlevy and John Green attended the K. C.

Convention at Petoskey this week." *Charlevoix Sentinel* Wednesday, May 16, 1912 Circuit Court Calendar: "James E. Dormer vs. Bernard Gallagher."

Local News: "The smaller steamers like the *Beaver* and the *City of Boyne* are in a peck of trouble over a recent order compelling them to provide life boats for every passenger they carry. The captains say this order will practically wipe out their excursion business."

"The St. James schools, so successfully conducted by the Dominican Sisters, is (sic) to have commencement exercises June 1st. The graduates are Rachel Donlevy and Julia M. Gibson. A very nice program is out for the event." **Beaver Island News:** "Mrs. Albon Smith returned home after a week's visit with her parents. Miss Mary Schmidt is here visiting her parents. Miss Flora Garrett, of Manistique, is here visiting relatives.

> "Peter and Willie Gallagher and Hubert McCauley left to go sailing for the summer."

"Mr. and Mrs. Nels Lafreniere went to Grand Rapids on business."

"About (10) ten Knights of Columbus went to Petoskey

Monday morning on the Hart

to attend the initiation. Mrs. Laura Gagnon went to Charlevoix on business. Joe Boyle and Pat Boyle went to Charlevoix to work."

"Mr. Wilbur Burns went to Grand Rapids on business." (Note: May 8 - 20 Alternating rain and fair, 30 - 54

degrees. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier

Wednesday, May 22, 1912 From Beaver Island: "The *R. C. Wente* loaded lumber here this week."

"D. C. Switzer (sic) sold out his mill and

timber holdings to G. Cole." "N. Lafreniere and wife returned home from Grand Rapids and Chicago."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Schied are spending this week in Manistee and Chicago. Dr. King of Charlevoix, was called here Monday by the illness of Mrs.

A. Roddy.

"C. C. Gallagher, John King, Will Gilden and Thos. Burke are jurors at this term of count." *Charlevoix Sentinel* Thursday, May 23, 1912 Advertisement: "I

hereby announce myself as a candidate for Register of

Deeds of Charlevoix County on the Republican Ticket at the Primary election August 27th, and ask for your support. W. W. Boyle, St. James, Mich."

Local News: "Dr. King was called to Beaver Island Monday."

"Capt. Morton, superintendent 13. of the Life Saving service, was in the city Thursday inspecting the local station, going to B. I. on Friday."

"Mayor Germaine, of Traverse City, was in the city a short time Friday on his way to Beaver Island where he has lumber interests."

Beaver Island News: "Beatrice Gallagher went to Milwaukee for the summer. Chas P. Gallagher went to Charlevoix Monday on business. Fred Nackerman went to Newberry to work for the summer. Peter McCauley went to Manistique on a visit."

"Maria Malloy went to Manistique to visit friends. Mrs. F. C. McCauley went to Escanaba on a visit.

"Dan Boyle went to Escanaba on the Str. *Hart* for the summer. John S. Gallagher and wife went to Charlevoix on business Monday. Bernard Stephens went to Hortons Bay on a visit Monday."

"Peter D. Gallagher went to Charlevoix on a visit Monday. Mrs. Albert Biggie went to Charlevoix to visit her parents."

"Miss Mary Schmidt went to Manistique for the summer."

"Francis Donlevy went to Chicago to visit her brother John, who is sick."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheid (sic) went to Chicago on a visit Saturday."

"Supt. Morton of the U. S. L. S. S. visited the station here Friday." (*Chas. Morton, Grand Haven appears in the Hotel Beaver register May 8, 1912*)

"Mr. William Bashaw, the Truant officer, paid the Island a visit last week." (Note: Wm. F. Bashaw, East Jordan, appears in the Hotel Beaver register May 8, 1912)

"Mrs. Frank Left and daughter, spent several days at Charlevoix last week.

"Mrs. W. E. Stephens and daughter, Lillian, went to Lowell, Mass. to visit for the summer."

"Dr. King of Charlevoix, was called here to visit Mrs. A. Roddy who is sick."

"Mr. and Mrs. Nels Lafreniere returned from a business trip to Grand Rapids and Chicago.

"Capt. Tim Roddy went to Chicago to sail on the steamer *Manistee* for the summer."

"Al. Sterling, foreman of the B. I. L. Co., arrived from Ludington Thursday, with a crew of men for the woods." The Robert C. Wente

14. **One Hundred Years Ago**, from page 13. "John King, Tom Burke, C. C. Gallagher and Wm. Gibson went to Charlevoix as jurors for the term of court. Mayor W. D. C. Germaine of Traverse City, and R. Wells spent several days at St. James looking over his timber interests." (Note: W. D. C. Germaine and Jesse Wells, Traverse City appear in the Hotel Beaver register May 15, 1912)

"Mr. H. Milford, the County School Commissioner was attend the eighth grade examination at the St. James school Thursday and Friday of last week." (Note: J. H. Milford, East Jordon, appears in the Hotel Beaver register, May 10, 1912)

"W. J. Gallagher, Frank Greene, J. Donlevy, Capt. M. J. Bonner, M. J. McCann, J. H. Gallagher, A. Malloy, W. A. Schied returned home after spending a few days in Petoskey and Charlevoix last week." (Note: May 21 - 24 Thunderstorms, rain to cloudburst. F. Protar)

Charlevoix Courier Wednesday,



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May 29, 1912 **From Beaver Island:** "Rev. Fr. Malone visited Petoskey last week."

"Capt. M. J. Bonner returned on Monday's boat.

"Miss Maria Malloy has gone to Manistique to visit friends."

"Archie Laferinere (sic) went to Charlevoix returning Wednesday."

"State building inspector J. E. Darrah was an Island visitor last week."

"E. B. Northcut transacted business in Charlevoix and Petoskey last week."

"Daniel O'Boyle (sic) left here last week for an extended tour of the western states."

"Mrs. John Martin and daughter of Milwaukee are visiting relatives here for a few weeks."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stephens and daughter Lillian are visiting friends in



he made it

Staff Sergeant Michael Cherette has successfully completed his one year tour in Afghanistan and is now back in Alaska until early June. He will then return home to Wausau, Wisconsin.

Donzell Anthony (mother) and Alvina Napont (grandmother) are extremely happy and relieved that he has returned safely and want to thank everyone for their support and prayers.

A SPECIAL FILM

The Movie Club has a special event for 5/13 from the Holy Cross College of Notre Dame's Psychology in Film: the Psychology of Evil film class. They will set up the presentation, show the film, and host a discussion with the audience, including on the existence of "evil." Manistee for a few weeks."

"Mrs. Walter Hart of Amherstburgh, Ont., arrived last week for a short visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Mooney."

"Emmet Gallagher, who has been on the North. Mich. Boats for the past two years is here for a few weeks visit with his parents."

Charlevoix Sentinel Thursday, May 30, 1912 **Local News:** "James McCann, of St. James, was in town Tuesday, on his way home from Mackinaw Island where he had been visiting relatives the past week."

"John O. Plank, of Chicago, was here several days last week making preparations to move over to his Fox Island estate, where he will again spend the summer."

"Rev. Father Malone of St. James,



GARDEN TOUR

Plans are in the works for another Beaver Island Garden Tour on 7-11. There will be a half-day and full day ticket available to accommodate those with limited time to spend in the gardens. The first half will be in town again, seeing 3-4 different creations; lunch can be included (or not) and then on to Peaine Twp. for 3-4 more unusual gardens, ending with dessert on East Side Drive.

More details will be coming in June. Save the date on your calendars! We need drivers, so please call Leonor Jacobson (448-2894) if you can help. Look for a few auction items to help pay for our efforts in The Wellness Garden at the Health Center again this summer. Donations of items are appreciated! was here last week attending the silver jubilee of Rev. Father Bruno, of Petoskey."

Beaver Island News: "James McCann went to Mackinaw Island Thursday on a visit."

"M. J. Bonner went to Cheboygan on business."

"Mrs. Walter Hunt of Canada are (sic) here visiting her parents."

"Rev. James Malone returned home Friday after a visit to Charlevoix."

"St. James High School gave an

entertainment at the new hall Friday 15. evening."

"H. R. Boyle went to Harbor Springs to work for Roe Bros."

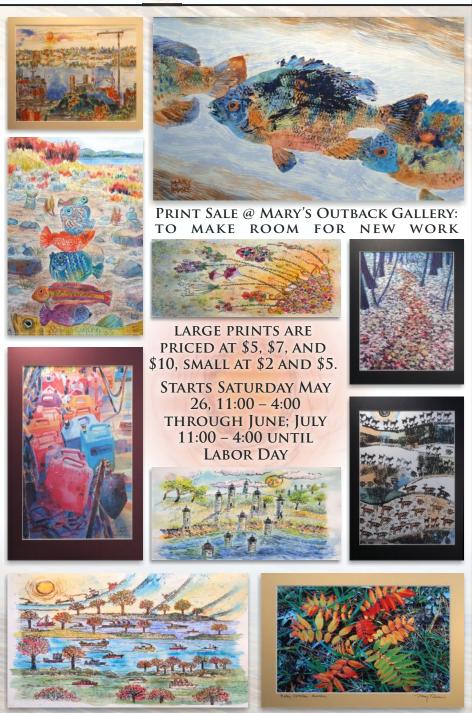
"E. B. Northcut of Garden Island, went to Petoskey on business Monday."

"Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shied returned home from Chicago Tuesday."

"Fred Raskey went to Boyne City Tuesday for men to work in B. I. L. Co. Shingle mill."

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BAROQUE ON BEAVER 2012

Principal Conductor Robert Nordling and Choral Director Kevin Simons have set this year's Baroque on Beaver Classical Music Festival, from July 24 to July 29. Concerts will feature music for orchestra, chorus, chamber groups and soloists, and the repertoire will include not only Baroque music but also selections from a variety of composers and styles.

The benefit concert on Tuesday will feature The Choral Scholars from Grand Rapids, a group of eight Calvin College grads who perform throughout Michigan. They specialize in music of the early Baroque and Renaissance. Joining them will be Fitah Rasendrahasina, the young tenor from Madagascar who brought the audience to its feet when he sang at last summer's Night at the Opera.

Several changes are the results of requests. As the Conductor noted, "Musicians and audiences are important in shaping our repertoire." Many people missed having a concert at the Bio Station; so on Wednesday Baroque will return to CMU for an evening of chamber music. This year the full Festival Chorus and Orchestra will perform on Saturday evening at the Parish Hall. The concert will include Copland's "Appalachian Spring" and choral selections from the Civil War era.

Robert Nordling is particularly

on this date

Ten Years Ago The Beacon featured several articles on the Island's future. Grace Matela felt tourism would continue to support the economy, but technologies and communication would grow. She hoped the new Health Center would attract a physician, and a new senior housing facility would soon follow. Bill Thomas echoed her ideas, saying attracting tourists in the off-season through better advertising would be the key. Melissa Bailey talked about change being neither good nor bad, and inevitable. She felt it would continue to affect the Island and everywhere else, but that we should not be afraid of it; it's like a force of nature. Rich Gillespie expected the population to continue to grow - it had been 165 in 1970. He bemoaned the effort made by Bill Palladino as head of Peaine's Planning Commission to unite the two townships. He thought a village

excited about "The Soldier's Tale" by Stravinsky, which will be performed Thursday evening at the Community Center. The mixed-media piece, based on an old Russian folk tale, features demanding parts for seven solo instruments and three narrators, one of whom will be Beaver Island poet Robert Cole. The combination of the elements of neoclassicism and jazz, and the story-telling about a soldier who trades his fiddle to the devil is, according to Robert, "sure to thrill the audience!"

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On Friday night soloists and chorus members will join the orchestra to present pieces by Beethoven, Vivaldi, Schubert, and Vaughan Williams. The afternoon concert on Sunday, July 29, will feature Mendelssohn's Scottish Symphony and the Baroque on Beaver traditional finale, "A Gaelic Blessing" by John Rutter. The audience will be invited to join the orchestra and chorus to sing this closing piece. Anyone here can also look forward to hearing the Beaver Brass Quintet and other ensembles performing at various times and locations around town. Continuing another tradition, all events will be free, except for the opening night benefit concert. Baroque on Beaver has recently added a Facebook page and has updated its website: www.baroqueonbeaver.org. Be sure to check for further information.

manager was needed to oversee the Island's operations. Kitty McNamara hoped the community would follow through on the booklet about 21st Century Learning. Robert Cole lauded the statements of various infrastructure organizations about innovative solutions to familiar problems, and hoped we would act on the good ideas about protecting our resources while promoting growth.

The Partnership Project, an outgrowth of the Vision Project (which interviewed 740 people to collect ideas), was touted for its promise of uniting residents and visitors; 23 entities had signed on. Its organizers hoped it would become a clearing house for information and prevent duplication of effort. At its recent meeting it touted the work on the Townships' recreation plans, the 150 new members of the Property Owners' Association, work toward a bicycle *continued on page 18.*





448-2266.

18. **On This Date**, from page 17. path, the Christian Church's classes at the Lighthouse School, the Youth Consortium's activities, the Community Center's progress, and the work at Heritage Park.

The Harborscapers finished planting the public garden next to the Ferry Dock, and were asking for volunteers to water it. The Planning Commission approved Cheryl Podgorski's request for a nonpermanent greenhouse and gift shop next to Stoney Acres. The Chamber named Don Vyse the Citizen of the Year.

The Townships developed an Intergovernmental Agreement to create an Emergency Services Authority. It was to be governed by a board of directors.

East Wind Spa did a presentation at the Lighthouse School involving color analysis and therapeutic massage.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Lilian Cole, Vera Timsak, and Major Robert Racine, the editor's father. Lil Cole had been born on the Island as the 11th of Catherine Malloy Connaghan's 14 children. Vera Timsak arrived in 1973 as co-owner of the Shamrock, and helped her husband Tim serve as Harbormaster for 18 years.

Twenty Years Ago The *Beacon* printed a poem by Island resident Betty Duckworth on its cover.

Island resident Fran Teeter's son Jeff was named Police Officer of the Year and given the Mayor's Award for Valor in Livonia. He had stopped an armed robbery of Ford workers at a bar; they were pistol-whipped and stripped by a gang of four; he shot one and arrested the others.

The juniors and seniors at the Island School took a four-day trip to the Bahamas after raising \$8,000.

The new home of Beaver Island Realty was dedicated as the Jewell F Gillespie Building, in part to honor his community work helping create the Med Center, the public beach, the power company, the telephone company, and the first Beaver Island Boat Company.

An ad appeared for day cruises on the 50' schooner Lucy R.

Mike McGinnity wrote in support of the School Bond proposal, saying American education was losing ground. He said the modern work environment was increasingly complex, and we had to ramp up our schools to prepare our youth for the job market.

The Med Center reported it took in

\$90,000 from millage and \$40,000 from patients, but spent \$140,000, producing \$10,000 of red ink.

The school wanted to hire a summer Arts Director. A part-time Library aid was also being sought.

Sympathy was expressed for the loss of Sarah McDonough Peternard, Gladys Schnaudigal, and Anna Jo Carlisle. Sarah was born on the Island in 1913; she married Bruce McDonough in 1934, three years before he was lost on the *Marold*. Gladys and her husband Frank were long-time Island residents (in the Sunnyside School and elsewhere); both were Supervisors of Peaine Township. Anna Jo and her husband Rogers lived here for twenty years.

Thirty Years Ago Six volunteer trucks hauled the 7th through 12th graders around for Island Cleanup Day. Later 11th and 12th graders went to Kentucky and Tennessee and the 9th and 10th graders went on an archaeological investigation to Bonner's Bluff. Younger students went to the Beaver Head Lighthouse.

The Fire Auxiliary planned a bake sale. The Altar Society finished remodeling the Sanctuary. The Medical Auxiliary discussed the new dentist at its monthly luncheon. The Historical Society needed more docents. The Sweet Adelines were planning a Summer Serenade. A School Assistance Guild was formed.

A complaint was lodged about all the loose dogs in town, a threat to young turkeys, hare, and fawns.

When the *Biscayne Bay* entered the harbor, the Coast Guard at the wheel was Patrick LaFreniere III, the grandson of Pat The Truth.

Forty Years Ago The smelt run was excellent, followed by suckers thick in the streams. Trout fishing at Fox Lake was good. People were catching two-pound perch at Garden Island, and tro-phy-size pike.

The *Beaver Islander* made its first trip here on the 26th but was held in the Harbor for a week by chunks of ice. Repairs began on the eroded beach at the Yacht Dock, placing many tons of rock where high water had taken a big bite.

There were two graduates from our school, Jim Wojan and Joe Kenwabikise. Jim planned to attend Ferris, Joe to enter the Air Force.

Mrs. John McDonough was named Mother of the Year at age 94; she was in the hospital after breaking five ribs.



Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Lloyd McDonough and George LaBlance. Born here in 1903, Lloyd married Eva LaFreniere in 1926; they were together for 38 years. Lloyd ran the store for 39 years and served as St. James supervisor for 20. George, the son of a Great Lakes fishing family, arrived in Charlevoix in 1914, where he grew up and lived. He fished out of St. James for awhile.

Fifty Years Ago There were still patches of snow in the woods, but the trees were leafing out. People were growing distraught over the failure of the ferry to appear, but then the *Emerald Isle* was sighted from Whiskey Point and a whoop went up throughout town. Shortly later the first yacht arrived—Thomas Loeb's—followed by the contingent of Coast Guards.

The Sturgeon Bay Shipyard was on schedule building the new ferry.

The new Beaver Island Yacht Club became affiliated with the Lake Michigan Yachting Association, with 56 charter members. It planned to work with St. James and the MI Waterways Commission to improve the docking facilities —including at Garden and High.

A fire broke out at LaFreniere's grocery store, spreading to the building from a grass fire set behind. The firemen had to cut three holes in the ceiling, but put it out with little additional damage. Two other grass fires kept them busy at First Clearance and near Barney's Lake.

The Island's Conservation Agent said our older deer were okay despite the general starvation in the state, but the younger contingent was not doing well. They had been ignoring good cedar

groves at the north end in favor of their traditional haunts near Fox Lake, which were becoming overbrowsed. One dead yearling which should have weighed 100 pounds was only 60 and had a bony back, loose tufts of hair, and bloated stomach. The recommendation was to harvest the herd down to 500, or put effort into improving the deer yards.

Trout season at Fox Lake began on a cold windy April 28, with the assembled fishermen only catching three brook trout. The *Beacon* claimed there were 1,497 more waiting for a hook. A group fishing for pike on Lake G caught several, the longest being 42". The smelt run was exceptionally good.

Sympathy was expressed for the passing of Margaret (O'Donnell) Grill, who with her husband owned the store that became McDonough's.





THE WHITE BEAVER

Day after day, the Indian stood at the corner of the King's storehouse inside the Michigan wilderness fort of Michilimackinac. There was a stillness about him as though he was waiting for something or someone.

In 1777 it was not unusual to see Indians wandering about the fort. They were on peaceful terms with the British, who occupied it; and like the white fur trappers, the Indians often traded furs and pelts for British goods. So, it was not the presence of the Indian that first caught the attention of Joseph Louis Ainse, a French trader and Indian translator. It was his absolute silent stillness.

When he had first seen the Indian there a few days before, he had thought nothing of it, but when day after day he saw the same Indian in the same place curiosity got the better of him and he decided to mosey on over and have a chat.

The Indian seemed almost relieved when Ainse approached and began asking questions. They spoke a few words of greeting and about a few unimportant matters, and then suddenly the Indian began to recount to the Frenchman a vision he had experienced.

An evil spirit in the form of a white beaver had come to him, the Indian explained. It had ordered him to stand here at the storehouse and wait for the Fort's Colonel Arnet S. DePeyster to walk past. The Indian was then to kill the Colonel.

The Indian had come out of his vision with a heavy heart. He knew Colonel DePeyster to be an honorable and fair man who had distributed many gifts, and did not want to kill him. Yet the vision demanded the Colonel's death, so the Indian took up his position



and waited for the Colonel to pass, ready to strike when the Colonel did so.

In the several days the Indian had been standing there, Colonel DePeyster had walked by not once or even twice but several times. Each time the Indian told himself he must carry out his mission and each time he allowed the Colonel to pass unharmed. He could not bring himself to kill the Colonel, but neither could he defy the vision and leave, so there he stood.

Ainse, alarmed by the story, insisted that the Indian accompany him to DePeyster's office and repeat the story to the Colonel himself. The Indian did so reluctantly.

With the help of the Frenchman's translation, DePeyster listened to the Indian's story in silence. As the Indian drew to the end of his tale, he suggested he should be sent out of the country as punishment for his murderous vision.

Punishment? DePeyster thought. He didn't want to punish this man for he knew how important such visions were

BEAVER ISLAND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 6 – **PABI Road Rally**. Meet at the Shamrock at 1:00. *See page 32*. May 8 – **School millage renewal** election May 10 – **Iron Ore Creek Restoration**

Dav – Please join volunteers on May 10 from 10-1 p.m. as we work to restore the native vegetation to stabilize the dune area at the site of the new culvert on Iron Ore Creek. The Trails Committee will be on hand, along with Kelly Martin from the Charlevoix Soil and Conservation District. It's our way of celebrating the region's, "Native Plant Week." Certified native beach grass plugs will be available, freshly picked by Ms. Martin. Bring a small trowel or gloves. Rain day will be May 11. Any further questions, please contact Doug Tilly or Pam Grassmick.

- May 11 **Suzuki Strings** Spring Serenade Ensembles, 7pm, Community Center
- May 21 Brian Mastenbrook on the mute swan

May 27 – **2nd Annual Gail's Walk** 3 pm

June 2 – **Island Merchant Open House** – To celebrate spring (and this quiet time before we are all working too hard again) join us on Saturday June 2nd from 10am - 4pm for light refreshments and drawings at each particito these people and how hard the man had fought not to give in to his murderous vision. He wanted to reward him, not punish him.

Yet a reward was out of the question. To reward the Indian for not following his vision would fill the man with guilt and shame. Neither could he bring himself to punish him.

After much thought the Colonel came upon an idea that might offer the Indian some hope of being able to return to the fort unencumbered by guilt. Perhaps he was hoping the Indian might have another vision that would cancel out the first. Whatever his reasons, instead of demanding the Indian leave the fort and never return, he ordered him to return to Beaver Island, where the vision had taken place. "Find a white beaver, kill it, and bring the pelt to me." he ordered, saying that killing the beaver would destroy the evil vision.

The Indian nodded and left the fort on a quest for this mysterious white beaver. Throughout the long winter, 23. no sign of the Indian was seen. In his tenure at the fort, DePeyster had seen thousands upon thousands of beaver pelts, but never a white one. If he gave any thought to the Indian at all during those cold winter months, it must have been how impossible the quest was. Therefore, it was quite a shock when in the spring the Indian returned to the fort, demanded to see the Colonel and placed in his arms a white beaver pelt.

As time passed, the Indian was forgotten; Colonel DePeyster was eventually reassigned to the fort at Detroit and after the revolutionary war returned to Britain, where he moved to his wife's home in Scotland. When DePeyster died in 1882, the beaver pelt was found among his things. "The tale of the white beaver" on the back of the pelt was written in his own hand.

That skin now resides at the Liverpool City Museum.

pating location. Come browse while the shelves are fully stocked and the Island is quiet. The more places you visit, the more chances to win! A map with locations will be available in late May, but some of the merchants involved include: The Toy Museum, Livingstone Studio, Beaver Island Gallery, The Boat Shop, The Blue Pearl, Shipwreck Shirts, The Shamrock Restaurant and Bar, Powers Do It Best Hardware, Sticks, Stones, Feathers and Bones, Island Artisans, Stoney Acre Grill and Beaver Island Gardens. Watch for posters late May, or phone (231) 448-2975 after May 6^{th} for more information, or if you are a business that would like to be included in our special day.

June 14 – **Invasive Species Summit** at the Community Center from 2 pm to 5 pm. Sponsored by the Beaver Island Association

June 16 – both Island Museums open

June 21-23 – Beaver Island Bike Fest beaverislandbikefestival.com

June 22-25 – Camp Quality arrives

July 6 – Antje Price will open the **Protar Home** from 1:00 to 3:00

July 16-21 – **Museum Week**, including Kathy Speck's *Music on the Porch*,

Antje Price (M & F), Pinky's *Lucky Bingo*, Lois Stipp's three-day **Art Show**, new archaeological info, the Fox Island lighthouse, Ross Richardson's shipwreck dives, and Lance Olsen's smithing!

- July 19, 20, 21 Beaver Island Music Festival#10 www.bimf.net
- July 23-29 **Baroque on Beaver** *A Festival of Classical Music*
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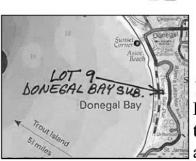
August 10 - 12 – **Homecoming**

- Aug 16 Annual Funky Fun **Potluck** Salad/Dessert **Fashion Show**, Beaver Island Christian Church Gregg Fellowship Hall 12:30 PM
- October 6 Bite of Beaver Island and the Island Boodle

Christian Church services:

- May 6: Baccalaureate for graduates of Beaver Island Lighthouse School; Steve Finch, worship leader
- 13: Pastor Harold Kruse, Eastport
- 20: Pastor Harold Kruse; Baccalaureate for graduates of Beaver Island Community School
- 27: Pastor Howard Davis, Grand Rapids





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line, yet there is a remarkable complementarity to her oeuvre. The path has curved so much that others following it have been thrown off or have found ground on which to make their stand, while she has never given up the scent. Looking at the body of her work over the past few decades, one gets the impression that she has burrowed down



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THEY STOLE THE SHOW



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There were tiny dancers, violinists, even joke tellers. Two Island school stu-

dents, Brighid Cushman-Gillespie and Marissa Crandall, gave the audience a wonderful version of an Adele song. True professional Randy Osborne sang and played a few songs on his electric guitar.

The biggest surprise was the acting talent shown by the Lighthouse School, first in a parody in which a vegetarian UPer goes hunting (for giant veggies) and then in their final skit. In it a famous actress is reminiscing about her rough early life with an interviewer. Each thing she cited was acted out, after a dimming of the lights: her parents screaming at each other, her fellow students mocking her, her teacher telling her she was a fool to think she could ever make it, even her mother telling her she just could not be bothered. At the close of the number a dozen students and staff formed a semicircle on stage and took turns stepping forward to announce brief and pithy words of wisdom about what they learned at Beaver Head.

Adam Richards was, as always, an excellent MC.



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But no matter how they come, Packing Mayflowers with care-The snowbirds will be merry, With the May trilliums so fair!

- Dawn George

PHRAGMITES UPDATE

Once again we welcome spring on Beaver Island with open arms. The beautiful flora of the Island is such an important part of its beauty. Unfortunately, the growth of invasive species like *Phragmites* threaten our beaches and native plants.

Over the past several years we have taken aggressive action against the *Phragmites* invasion, with the help of many concerned citizens and organizations. The progress has been outstanding and we are winning this battle. The studies have shown that the population of *Phragmites* has gone from 27.1 acres of shoreline in 2007 to ~1 acre in 2011.

We'll continue aggressive treatment as this 1 acre is scattered throughout the Island shoreline and can spread rapidly. The townships' *Phragmites* program will continue to collaborate closely with state agencies and national organizations. A multi-organizational meeting will take place on Beaver Island mid-May to discuss invasive species control for the entire archipelago. The new administrator for the program is Lisa Welke and you may contact her with any concerns you may have.

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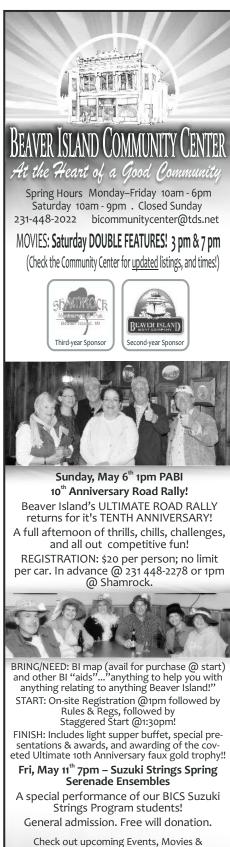
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32. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Rachel Teague, the new Chamber of Commerce president, welcomed a packed house at the Shamrock for the presentation of the 2011 Citizen of the Year award. She commended Kathy Speck, who had served as president for ten years, for all she had done. Under her guidance the Chamber became a highly effective marketing tool for Beaver Island as a whole. She received a round of applause.

Rachel talked about the purpose of the Citizen of the Year Award: to recognize an individual, couple, or organization that helped make Beaver

Island a better place to live, work, or visit. This was the 11th year of the award. There were many nominations, and Rachel thanked all who took the time to make them. "Each nominee represents what is so special about the heart of this community. They gave of their time to make a difference without expecting a return. Being nominated is an honor," she said.

She talked a little bit about each one.

The Great Lakes Energy Crew – Mike McDonough, John Gillespie, Jeanie Gillespie,

and Jim Wojan – keep us comfortable and safe in all types of weather conditions. One individual noted the March snowstorm that took this crew out in horrible weather, and wrote: "They risk their lives to



keep us on the grid. We thank them for their dedication and their hard work."

The Fire Department Auxiliary and the volunteers who keep the Island Treasurers Resale Shop up and running were nominated. The letter said: "Since 2009 this group has provided over \$39,000 in equipment for our Fire Department and EMS. These volunteers are always cheerful. Happy to assist, they have made the shop a fun place to go to for Islanders and visitors alike. We owe them a debt of gratitude and need to thank them for all their efforts and applaud their success."

The next nomination was for a couple: Eric and Dana Hodgson. They give continuous help (not to mention their donations of food and money) to numerous Island organizations and

individuals, and have offered their place of business for such groups as the Sports Boosters and the Community Center, h a ve h o s t e d visiting journalists for the Chamber many times, and have held

many benefits for Islanders in need of a helping hand. Along with running their own business, Dana is a director on the School Board and Eric serves on the Preservation Association Board.

One nomination said: "I personally appreciate their service to the community, their generosity. They deserve to be recognized for their good work."

The next couple nominated was Bob and Peg Hoogendoorn. They are tireless in working on community pro-

> jects. They work on the AmVets Memorial Park, both have volunteered during the Marathon events, they participate in events like the Baroque on Beaver and the Christmas Cantatas, and as a couple visiting from the North Pole

each December they have brought Christmas joy to countless Island youngsters. In addition, the couple's friendliness and empathy toward others has been seen in Peg's smiling face at the Market or while teaching Sunday School, and Bob's steady leadership as Pastor of the Lighthouse Fellowship and offering a prayer or Taps during AmVets ceremonies. *continued on page 34.*

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Dave Avery

34. Citizen of the Year, from page 32.

Joe Moore was another worthy nominee. Joe has served the Beaver Island community in many valuable ways, helping to care for and save lives as a paramedic and member of the EMS. The nomination letter noted that in the last few years Joe has found another valuable way to contribute: by his hard work to attend Beaver Island events and bring that information to everyone on his web site. Joe has also served as a teacher at BI Community School and as a wonderful musician.

This next gentleman was not present but would return soon: **Rod Nackerman**, who was born and raised on the Island and quietly goes about his many tasks, and packs as much community work in during his annual four months' stay as anyone can imagine. "You see him everywhere, painting the Print Shop building, working at the Marine Museum, and greeting folks at the Community Center. He is a tireless volunteer and contributor, a reflection of the best of Beaver Island," a letter said.

MAY SCHOOL ELECTION

When Beaver Island voters go to the polls in the school election on May 8th they will see two items on the ballot. They will be asked to renew the local school district's operational millage, and to renew a regional special education millage.

The Beaver Island Community School district will request a two-year

Two individuals who have worked together to benefit the community are Sarah McCafferty and Donna Kubic. The nomination letter said these two ladies have sought solutions to a major concern: the need for an emergency air transport system. As the Director of the EMS, Sarah encouraged other EMS crew who were seeking higher levels of certification. As manager of the Health Center, Donna laid the groundwork to bring new health care providers to the Island. They have both devoted themselves to improving the health and safety of all who live and visit Beaver Island. Rachel said their leadership, perseverance and optimistic "can do and will do" attitude should be honored.

Another couple nominated was **Ken and Betty Scoggin**. Their nomination said, "I don't think you could find two better ambassadors for the Island." It mentioned the many talents they share with others. "They are always willing to pitch in and help, with little fanfare or notoriety," noted the nomination.

renewal of 15.7908 mills on nonhomestead property: this millage request level has not changed in at least 19 years. Revenue from this source generates approximately 72% of the district's general fund, which is used for day to day operation of the school: books, supplies, utilities, arts, sports, salaries etc. This is what the district runs on.

The next nominee was Kathy Speck. Many letters mentioned the ways she contributes for the past 35 years. Her love of music has been shared in 11 years of directing the Christmas Cantata, assisting with Music on the Porch, and directing the Community Choir – who perform on the 4th of July and under her leadership have shared their voices at various ceremonies. One letter said, "She does all this simply because she loves the Island." Kathy supported of the Christian Church and its many activities. Her passion for sports and the School led her to prepare Chinese dinners to benefit the Sports Boosters. Her lively nature can be seen as she celebrates Island events. Kathy is a respected member of the business community, and often is one of the first smiling faces newcomers meet. Her work for the Chamber started years ago, with the Civic Association. She has so many roles in our community, but one stood out in every nomination: she is an incredible friend to all she comes in contact with

The other question on the ballot is whether or not to renew the amount of taxes levied on property owners in the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District to support special education. This millage supports such professionals as speech therapists, social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, and others who work with special educa-

SHARON LONG COMING AUGUST 18-24

Artist/teacher/publisher Sharon Long is offering classes in watercolor in either three-day or five-day sessions and welcomes students at all levels. She will provide all the supplies, and is willing to teach both

Islanders and visitors who book ahead. Oak Woods Lodge is holding five rooms for that week until June 15^{th} so book







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The last nominee was Jim Stambaugh. Jim has touched the lives of so many on the Island through his work with the Fire Department and the EMS, with the Boy Scouts, with all the youngsters he taught at the School, and helping at the Resale Shop Many say working for all those ladies takes courage, but then he's a Marine!

Rachel noted that selecting each year's winner is hard. "I hope you will all take a moment tonight to shake the hands of every nominee and

express our gratefulness for all they do."

"Here's a few more comments listed in the 13 letters we received about the

tion students. The request is for a renewal of 1.16 mills for 4 years. Voters in the two counties have approved this same millage amount since 1981.

Renewal of these two millages is essential as State funding for the Beaver Island Community School is minimal, amounting to less than 7% of the total. Local box holders received an informa-

them now to assure a place to stay. And let Leonor Jacobson know if you plan to attend her classes. The space will be



winner. She has helped with the Basket of Joy for 30 years. She loves buttons...and has made thousands to celebrate special times. She speaks her

tional flyer in late April. Anyone with questions about the election can contact the school office for more information. The Board of Education meets on the second Monday of the month at the school at 7:30 pm.

Something voters will not see on the May ballot is School Board member elections. In compliance with new state mind. She is a loyal 35. friend and neighbor. She is noted for her recognizable laughter. She loves dressing up for Halloween. Wherever she goes, she is an ambassador for Beaver Island. This year's Citizen of the Year is Kathy Speck!"

She had been told someone else was the winner, and was totally surprised. Fighting back tears, she came to the stand, but could not find the right words as the applause continued to shake the room. "It's so important to be involved here... you just have to help out."

Wiping her eyes, she thanked everyone. It was apparent that this was a wonderful choice.

laws, School Board members will now be elected at the November general elections in even-numbered years. In the past, School Board members have been elected at the May annual school election. Because of this new state law, Board members whose terms would have expired June 30th of this year have been extended to December 31st.

limited to insure favorable instruction time to all. The price for each session is still being determined. Please visit her website *slongwatercolors.com* and call Leonor for more details (231-448-2894) and to hold a spot. after May 15th.



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^{36.} WALK, DON'T RUN - MAY 27 Gail's Walk will be held on Sunday, this fund; some of the funds from the

May 27^{th} at 3:00 pm. We would like to thank everyone for their donations to

PHYLLIS JEAN FITZPAT

Phyllis Jean Fitzpatrick was born May 24, 1919 to Phillip and Jean Millward of Lansing. As a child, she learned to play cards and fish with her father and grandfather who lived with her family. Her mother taught her the art of cooking and a love of flowers.

After attending Lansing Community College, Phyllis worked as a secre-

REAL ESTAT

PORT ST. JAMES LOTS 607 AND 608 - A block from the Font Lake boat launch. (231) 675-2514.

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1st Gail's Walk helped a family in need with medical expenses.

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On October 7 1961, she married Doyle Fitzpatrick, author of a wellresearched book on James Strang. They built a home on Beaver Island and in 1968, it became their permanent residence after she and Doyle retired. Phyllis' greatest loss was the death of Doyle on October 15, 1989.

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LOG CABIN ON SAND BAY - pets allowed. 2 BR, 1 bath: \$500. Call (734) 449-0804 or email dlelzey@gmail.com SAND BAY - sleeps 8—amenities available May- September \$950.00 wk plus security deposit. (231) 582-5057 or email robin@robinleeberry.com This is an annual event and we hope to continue building this fund. We appreciate the continued support.

Phyllis enjoyed traveling, gardening, photography, fishing, reading and assisting at the Beaver Island Library, and working to protect Beaver Island's natural habitat. She was a cancer survivor and gave generously to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

Phyllis is survived by Doyle's children, Leland (Kay) Fitzpatrick, Colleen

20 ACRES WEST SIDE ROAD -\$55,000; 16x18 rustic cabin (no electricity or water); Apple orchard and deer blinds; great location for hunting; ¹/₂ mile north of Fox Lake Rd; contact: Mike Eicher (248) 766-4205. **WATERFRONT HOME FOR SALE** - 3 BR, 1³/₄ bath, at Sand Bay. Sandy beach, 2 lots: 1 w/ recently

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(Donald) Lackey, Marsha (Robert) Huston and Susan Fitzpatrick; grandchildren, Mark (Jennifer) Alverson, Matt Alverson, Sarah (Josh) Paulk, Andrew (Alison) Lackey, Shannon (Adam) Riegle; eight great-grandchildren.

There will be a graveside memorial service at 2:00 pm, Saturday, June 16, at the Holy Cross Cemetery here.

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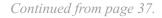


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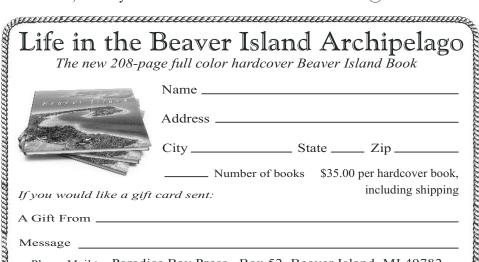
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