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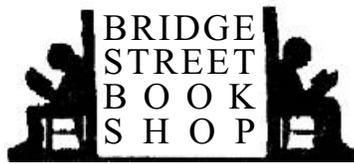
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An Agreement at Last

At BITA's June meeting, it voted unanimously to approve the Revised Management Services Agreement between BITA and BIBCO. The Boat Company's Board of Directors took similar action on May 29. This provides a positive culmination to a negotiation process that began over five years ago at the prompting of BITA to bring the Management Service Agreement into compliance with State and Federal regulations.

This agreement encompasses the contractual obligation for the operation of the *Emerald Isle*, as well as a formal agreement for the Transportation Authority Building (located opposite the ferry dock), an amendment to the dock license agreement and a structure for past and future capital equipment acquisitions that BITA receives for BIBCO's use in regard to the smooth and efficient public transportation service operated on behalf of the Island community. During the past seven years, BITA has received in excess of \$5,000,000, which has been used in conjunction with the *Emerald Isle* to enhance our Island's public transportation infrastructure. BIBCO's Bill McDonough stated, "These funds have already made a very significant impact on our Island's economy and they will continue to enable the Boat Company to provide a standard of service equal to the needs of the foreseeable future."

BITA Chairman Rich Gillespie said, "the availability of public funding

for this public transportation system allows the community, businesses and Island residents to realize the benefit this improved level of service offers, through the *Emerald Isle* and the infrastructure the funding provides. However, opportunities such as these often bring regulations and requirements that must be followed to meet the funding source provisions. These issues have now been addressed. We have documents in place that will allow for the continued growth of both organizations and protection of public and private interests."

Members of both organizations complimented each other's negotiating teams and staff members for their dedication and work. A copy of the agreement will be at the Beaver Island District Library for public review.

ESA on the Agenda

The *Egg Lake Seven* has requested to be on the St. James Township Board's August agenda. We are currently trying to make a similar arrangement with the Peaine Township Board. Our group hopes to participate in a balanced discussion about hiring an experienced professional to work with the planning commissions and community to determine whether an ESA ordinance for the Island is an effective way to protect and conserve our special areas. A map of ESA areas is being developed by CMU and will be available at the meeting.

– Suzy Bonadeo

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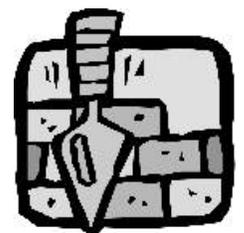


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Vanishing Sturgeon

In 1975 Island fisherman Charlie Martin snagged a 6' fish. He was supposed to set it free, but it was such an unusual catch that instead he made two trips to Ed Wojan's bait shop (now the *Emerald Isle Gallery*.) The first time he bought the largest hook they had. He reappeared an hour later, saying "Look what I caught off the dock!" It was in the back of his pick-up, its chest heaving as it fruitlessly gasped for air.

People passing by stopped for a look at the primitive beast, which seemed oblivious to all the attention. Because it was so rare, Ed wound up paying \$50 for it and then racing to Lake Geneserath, where he not only set it free but spent an hour coaxing it back to life. Local lore had it that one of these behemoths had been put there before, and another in Barney's. But they had not been hooked, or seen, since. None of the dozen or so people who saw this one as it was transferred to Ed's truck had ever seen one.

This was not always the case. When white men first began trading with the Native Americans, they were offered these 200,000,000-year-old evolutionary throwbacks, which our first inhabitants had long speared, frequently through holes in the ice. In the heyday of commercial fishing, when they were estimated to be eleven million strong in Lake Michigan alone, sturgeon were always turning up in the pound nets. Considered a net-tearing threat, they were hauled onto shore,

stacked up like cordwood, left to dry, and then set on fire—their oil ensured a blaze. Despite their abundance, there was essentially no market—although they were used in places for the manufacture of eisenglass.

Today they are close to extinction, thanks to abuse, pollution, and the deprivation of their former spawning areas. But now the DNR plans to start a campaign designed to lead to their return. "With human intervention we could have terrific sturgeon runs in 10 to 12 years," said University of Georgia biologist Paul Vescal recently. DNR resource manager Gary Whelan is pushing a plan to collect eggs and sperm, fertilize them in a lab, and raise the hatchlings in pens. But first he wants genetic testing, to make sure there's enough diversity left. "We don't want to make a really bad mistake," Whelan added. "Inbreeding could have a catastrophic effect on the population."

With any luck, our children might once again look over the side of their boat and see fish that swam here when dinosaurs patrolled the shores.

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448-2235. Trophies and booby prizes will be awarded. The fee is \$20 per player, which includes greens fees.

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Blood Drive

The annual "Rita Gillespie Memorial Blood Drive" will be held at the Beaver Island Community School on Thursday, August 7 from 12 noon until 6 pm by the American Red Cross Blood Services. Since last year at this time, hospitals are using 8% more blood than a year ago. With the summer months, the need to collect our goal on each drive is critical. Our goal this year is 80 units. The demand for blood increases in the summer as more people travel and are involved in life-threatening accidents. And the supply decreases as many donors are away from home on vacation. Later in July you will be called by one of the volunteers if you have been a previous donor to the Beaver Island drive. If you have donated elsewhere or wish to donate

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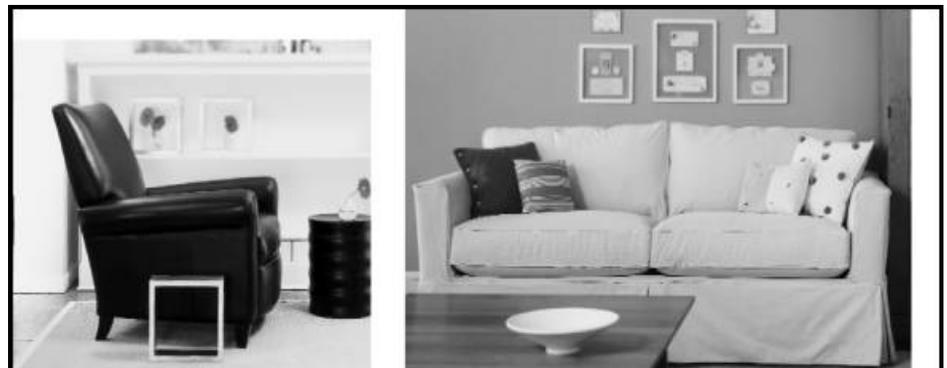
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Tara runs like the Wind

Tara Palmer was on Beaver Island in early June for a House Party to raise support for her up-coming Aids Marathon, which she will run in Chicago on October 1st.

The musical evening was held outside, and lasted until nearly dawn. Besides her talented family, Barry Pischner, Kevin White, Cindy Gillespie-Cushman, Jody and Stryder Crosswhite, Bill Markey, Danielle Cary, John McCafferty, and Cory Sowa helped keep the music flowing.

Tara has been training for this event since the snow left the Windy City. So far she's raised \$1,200, which puts her at a third of her target amount; if she reaches it, she'll be eligible to run in the Dublin Marathon.

Contributions to this worthy cause should be in checks to the Aids Marathon and sent to the National Aids Marathon Program, 135 S. LaSalle Street, Dept 1506, Chicago 60674-1506. Include Tara's participant number, 0174, on the check.

News from Beaver Island Hospice & Helping Hands

We have entered our 8th year of service to the Island community, and are pleased that we helped 13 patients in 2002. Our purpose is to provide respite care for a patient's care giver; do personal care when necessary; run errands; and occasionally provide meals. You will find educational materials at the Library and Medical Center lobby. Feel free to use these.

We like to emphasize the "Helping Hands" part of our title, as our services are not limited to the terminally ill but are available to any member of the community with a legitimate need. To request help please call Joyce Runberg (2387) or Lois Williams (2475).

Many of you know we maintain a loan closet at the Med Center. Somehow a virus got loose here and invaded the web as: www.don't-return-borrowed-items.com. We hear it's affecting movie and book returns as well. If your family has this virus, we can help you. Try returning borrowed items you no longer need.

We will be working on the Sept. 13th Health Fair with co-chairmen Pam Grassmick and Audrey Beilman, the B.I. school, and the Med Center.

Many thanks go to those who have donated money to our organization. This is greatly appreciated; it's our only source of income. —Joyce Runberg



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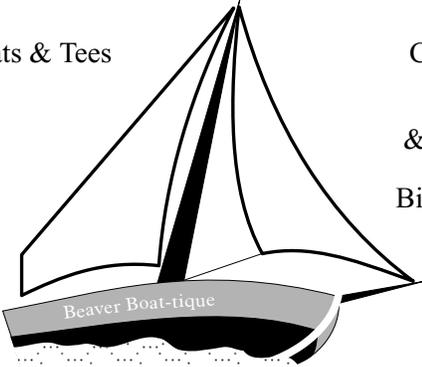
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On This Date

Ten Years Ago

Four pairs of loons were nesting safely on the inland lakes. Two other stories seemed related, but weren't. The *Young Eagles* in one of them referred to a program started by Paul and Ellen Welke for students, in which each were allowed to take the controls of a Piper Cub for ten minutes; the 13 students were thrilled. The other story, *The Eagle Has Landed*, concerned the plight of new editor Chuck Hooker's Jeep Eagle, which somehow decided it was time for a bath and wound up in the harbor.

The Wildlife Club announced its four priorities: mow, fertilize, and plant fields with rye, clover, and buckwheat; place mineral blocks; eliminate poaching; and reduce predation by live-trapping coyotes.

The court case against the Road Commission was postponed because their witness list was too long. A \$10,000 Frey Foundation recreation grant helped complete the Master Plan and to create the Gull Harbor Nature Preserve. Peaine Township tabled a bid from Processing Concepts Limited to computerize its records for \$7,950 plus \$120 a month.

Jewell Gillespie won the Michigan Heritage Award for serving as a bridge between the lilting jigs he grew up with

and more modern tastes. He taught himself to play the ocarina, mouth organ, piano, and fiddle, and began entertaining his family and friends as a teenager. He wrote many songs as well, including his signature tune, *On the Beach at Beaver Island*. The award was generated by the popularity of Beaver Island music that resulted from field recordings made by Ivan Walton and Alan Lomax, in which he was featured as back-up guitarist for Pat Bonner's fiddle.

Ray and Claire Cull celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in a party hosted by Rich Gillespie, with Tammy McDonough and Barry Pischner acting as soloists in the preceding mass. Their ten children, twenty grandchildren, and three great grandchildren led Ray and Claire into the Parish Hall.

Twenty Years Ago

The July, 1983 *Beacon* was unusually thin. The primary story concerned the candlelight installation ceremony for the Sweet Adelines, organized through the efforts of long-time near-professional barbershopper Harriet Rafferty and her equally talented daughters.

The Civic Association raised money by raffling a lot in the Port of St. James, donated by Morty Brous at the insistence of Ed Wojan. The winner decided to build

a house on it and stay on the Island: our own cross between Bob Dylan and Burl Ives, Joddy Crosswhite.

The Game Club was worried about inbreeding in the deer herd, descended from 12 deer brought to the Island sixty years before. They hoped to introduce new blood, but inducing deer to swim over from the mainland was proving difficult.

Passings noted were Elsie O'Donnell, 93, who left 7 children, 33 grandchildren, and 36 great-grandchildren, and Gilbert High, a brother to Fred, Albert, Arthur, and Lydia Lewis.

The *Beacon* contained a poetic paean by Godwin Heights valedictorian Daniella Williams that concluded with these lines:

Here on Beaver Island in full array
All the boats lined up in the bay;
Wildflowers, ferns, and sandy shores,
This is Nature, opening her doors.

Thirty Years Ago

The July *Beacon* contained the story of Jewell Gillespie in the *American Girl* towing the *Oil Queen* from Charlevoix when rough seas caused its deck load to shift. Jewell stood helplessly watching as it began to roll and then turned over. He managed to get the capsized barge into Sand Bay, and then obtained Coast Guard



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Two separate cases of the Coast Guard helicopter flying ill Islanders to the Little Traverse Hospital were reported.

The Island Players began rehearsing Neil Simon's *Plaza Suite* for an August performance.

The Island ferry, the *Beaver Island*, was laid up for a week with a broken clutch. During repairs the former ferry, the first *Emerald Isle*, was leased from the Arnold Line. Captain Russ Green flew to Mackinac Island to bring her back.

Frank Nackerman retired as Postmaster after serving for 34 years; Mary Minor, who had been his assistant, took his place.

An episode in the ongoing *Beaver Tales* series recalled the history of the Silver Top Saloon—so-called because they served that brand of beer. Johnny Green, a musician, businessman, and politician, had a lot on Main Street where he decided to build a two-story structure. Started on a

Saturday, it was finished the following Saturday. The lower level served as a tavern run by Willie Boyle; the living quarters upstairs held so many card games that a hole was cut in the floor to allow drinks to be sent up in a box on a rope. With prohibition, the building became a tailor shop, where Frank Nackerman was fitted for his first pair of long pants. After the tailor moved out the doors disappeared, and dogs, cats, and even cattle could be seen milling around inside. In 1923 the building became the Post Office, with Willie Boyle serving as Postmaster, the 14th on Beaver Island.

Joe Moore, a student at Grand Valley State, took part in an overseas program in which he studied in Vienna for six weeks.

Forty Years Ago

The *Beacon* opened with a fish story: tired of all the broken lines and loosened hooks “amateur” fishermen reported from Lake Geneserath, Walter Wojan and two of his sons decided to show the world how it was done. Rigged up to go after the big ones people whispered about, they pushed off early in the day. Walt hooked onto a real lunker, but managed to stay with it. Within fifteen minutes he had guided it into his net. Its size was such that they immediately headed for town to have it weighed. Three separate scales averaged

23 ½ pounds for the 42"-long pike. Two weeks later Ron Wojan went back on his own and caught another 42" northern, this one weighing a respectable 18 pounds.

LaDonnis and Eleanor Mooney were blessed with twin daughters, Terri and Sherri.

The Historical Society received a windfall from the daughter of James Dormer, who ran a store here in the 1800s—including King Strang's personal Bible—which of course he rewrote.

Plans were announced for a log chapel to serve as the St. James Mission, with a vicarage nearby scheduled for the following summer. Right Reverend Charles Bennison, Bishop of Western Michigan, planned to dedicate it on September 1st.

Walter Chase visited the Island to see the site where his brother, David Chase, was killed in a train wreck, now marked with a cross, near Protar's Tomb.

The 1st annual Golf Tournament was held at the Beaver Island course, owned by the Beaver Lodge. The winning score was 73, with Doug Wilson of Ypsilanti and Ted Kondratko of Dearborn tied.

Dr. Sorensen announced he would take appointments for dental work in August at his Beaver Island office.

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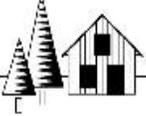


Experimentals Fly In

On June 20th eight similar Burt Rutan-style experimental aircraft arrived at the Township Airport for what has become an annual event, a gathering of friendly owners of this responsive, highly efficient, and very maneuverable design. Rutan achieved fame for his *Voyageur*, the first plane to fly nonstop around the world. These Cozys and LongEZs are similar in their radical approach. Flying at 160 knots, they cover a thousand miles at a hop. Each one is built from scratch from plans, a process usually taking 5 to 10 years. Occasionally one comes on the

market, typically at a price in excess of \$50,000; there might be a thousand in existence, most in Canada and the USA with a few in Europe and elsewhere.

This group of pilots arrived here from Minnesota and Wisconsin and Ohio and Pennsylvania, and set up their tents on a mowed section of lawn on which Bob Banville, who once owned one, had built a stone fire circle. Every so often a few would meander into town to see what was going on, but generally they were content to sit back and see who else might arrive, literally from out of the blue.

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Annual Firemen's Picnic

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Over eighteen hundred dollars was taken in to raise money for a worthwhile cause. This, together with the New Year's Eve party, the Celebrity

Roasts, the funds from the Resale Shop, and the sporadically held Fireman's Ball, have contributed to a savings account now holding over twenty thousand dollars—and that's after they just wrote a thirteen thousand dollar check for a Thermal Imager to locate hot spots in a building, and the presence of people. But that's not enough to purchase the next item on their wish list—a new fire truck to replace the 35-year-old rig that overheated and began to send up smoke signals from pumping so much water into the air on such a wonderful, if hot, day.



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Barry's New CD



Island troubadour Barry Pischner outdid himself on his new CD, a wonderful set of ballads by Barry, his daughter Tammy, and Rich Scripps, with Bob and Martina Bollinger lending a hand.

Turning down offers from Nashville and New York, Barry held a release party on the porch of Dalwhinnie on a blustery afternoon on June 28th, to the delight of his many fans. "He makes every line come alive," a young woman said as he signed a copy of *Sailing On*. Her wizened grandfather, who was next in line, had to chime in: "I remember him singing with Jewell Gillespie as a kid. He's better now, I think. Better'n ever." A woman standing nearby added: "He really means it. For him, it's not just words."

Letters to the Editor

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our relatives and friends for their many cards, flowers, food, generous donations, and expressions of sympathy on the loss of our beloved Mary. Your acts of kindness, love, and support will never be forgotten. God's blessing to you.

— The family of Mary Minor

Work on Beaver Head

As many of you know, the south end Lighthouse and fog signal buildings will be renovated this summer. At times access will have to be restricted, and there will be no admittance after sunset. We apologize for the temporary inconvenience, and appreciate your patience and understanding.

— John Freeman

Under the Knife

Everybody: hold your breath, because on July 7th Perry Palmer, Beaver Island's meandering funnyman who almost died last month, will undergo triple bypass surgery at the hands of a team of talented surgeons at Northern Michigan Hospital. Good luck, Budger; please get well!



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The Island Welcomes Sheriff Jim Campbell

Finding the right Deputy Sheriff took longer than we expected, but the one we got was well worth waiting for. Jim Campbell started his law enforcement career in New York, but has 25 years of experience in the small and friendly community of Rockwood south of Detroit. He understands and believes in the human side of his business, and should be a good fit. A second, part-time Deputy has also been found, Justin Goff, who also seems well suited.



The Bike Path: an Unqualified Success

When the subgrade was being prepared for the mile-long bike path leading from town to the North Shore campground, the buzz contained several notes of skepticism: *Does it have to be so wide? Can't it be longer? Couldn't we save the grand old tree in the middle of the Beaver Lodge Road?* But once it was built and opened to the public in early June, it was apparent that Township Engineer Gary Vogt and the H & D crew knew their business. From dawn until dark it's being used by walkers and runners, by people on bikes or skates, singly or in groups or with their dog. It contains level sections and slopes, straightaways and curves, sunny stretches and shade, providing a variety of surroundings along its length. At its terminus the Township has created a little park by installing 3 picnic tables and 3 grills outside the entry to the campground. Coupled with the picnic area planned for Heritage Park, this gives walkers and riders a place to cool down at either end. Now all we need is a similar bike path to Donegal Bay.



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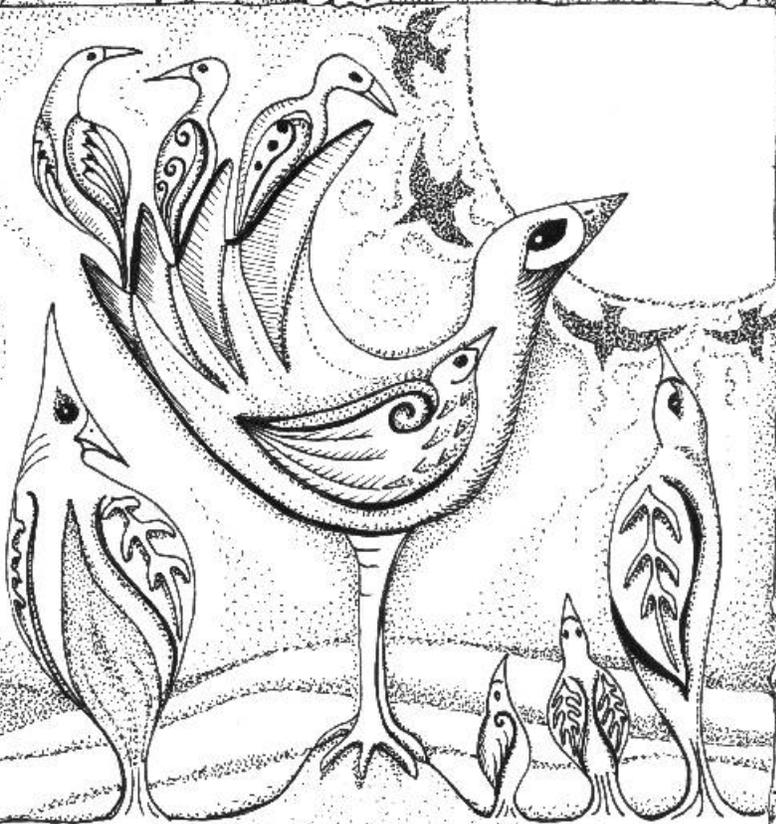
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Museum Week 2003

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Monday July 14

Dan Chingwa, master Beader, on the history and techniques of Native American Beadmaking at 2:00 p.m.
Music on the Porch at 8:00 p.m.
Year-arounders or visitors; Hat Passing

Tuesday July 15

Antje Price will Open the Protar Home from 1:00 until 3:00 p.m.
Well-known Native American author/historian Simon Otto talks about Indian history, culture, and lore at 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday July 16

Nature Walk for Adults *in the morning*. \$10. Leaves from CMU at 9:00 a.m.
Mary Blocksma signs her new book, *What's on the Beach* on the Print Shop Porch starting at 2:00
The **Ray Denny Memorial Art Show** at the BICS Gym begins at noon
Robert Cole presents recordings and conversation about the past at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday July 17

Nature Walk for Kids leaves from CMU at 9:00 a.m. (Limit 25) \$5.
Jim Gillingham's **Wonderful World of Amphibians and Reptiles** at 2:00 p.m.
The Art Show continues, noon to 4:00
MaryAnn Moore and Madeline Jones: Life in a Straights-area Lighthouse; a costumed re-enactment with local support at 8:00 p.m.

Friday July 18

Another Nature Walk for Kids leaves from CMU at 9:00 a.m. \$5.
MaryAnn Moore and Madeline Jones in period costume tell **Lighthouse Tales for Children** at 2:00 p.m.
The **Art Show's final afternoon**
Pinky's Bold-stakes no-ringers-allowed Bingo Game at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday July 19

The Pet Show on the Print Shop porch at noon. All children and pets welcome
Antje Price will open the Protar Home between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.
The Conkin Celi Band: concert at 8:00; drinks start at 9:00 p.m.
Arranmore Twinning Celebration: slides and stories during intermission.
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Museums hold Open House

One day after Volunteer Coordinator *par excellence* Joyce Bartels held her annual Docent Orientation, both Island museums opened their doors for regular business holding an Open House at which a near-record 77 guests sampled numerous delightful treats. Spring cleaning was finished in plenty of time (with five minutes to go); new exhibits were completed, new books put on display, and the grounds spruced up to welcome the public to confront its past.

Interest in history abounds, to judge by the broad interest in the museums. One day Tim Carroll and his sisters arrived to inquire about Benjamin Rice, their great great great grandfather who had lived here with his five daughters, supporting them by hauling cargo around Lake Michigan in his sailing ship; when Strang arrived in 1847, he was one of those who quickly saw the writing on the wall and relocated to the Mission Peninsula. A few days later nine heirs of Galon Cole arrived with their story, passed down through generations, of how their ancestor escaped the clutches of the Mormon King: "Strang was tightening his fist, and they weren't sure he'd let them go. So the kids were told to put on layer after layer of clothes. They got into a longboat and pushed off, saying *See you in a couple of days*. But they never came back; nor their children or grandchildren. In fact, we're the first. That was in 1851."

Next came Roxanne Selby, hoping to locate the grave of her ancestors, John Oliver and his Native American wife. No trace could be found, but she encountered Terri Bussey, who offered to help. Terri was here to scout the next site for an archaeological dig for 32 students from Leelanau, and to offer some of the artifacts from last year's excavation (French pottery; a huge beaver tooth drilled for a necklace) to the museum. She thought John was buried near the remains of his cabin, and said she would try to find documentation. The next day the owners of the Stonehedge Fiber Mill arrived to look for a trace of George Williams, who had fallen through the ice delivering the mail 80 years ago. Ed McCauley came from Nome to see where his grandfather had stepped off the dock and drowned on 12-12-1912. And so it continues, now that the Museums are open for the summer.

BIHS moves forward with Park

After taking 27 loads of debris to the Transfer Station, the Historical Society began to work in earnest on its long-planned Heritage Park. It boxed up the hundred old bottles found on the lot, hired trimmers to limb the trees, and moved all the artifacts that had been dropped off over the years to the property's edge. It organized the Barn's interior and then, with a generous assist from Gary Vogt and H & D, flattened and blacktopped a four-car parking lot.

The next step was to fill in the depressions and cover them with black dirt, which was nearing completion by late June. Because of bequests of old farm equipment from the Bluebird and Al Hunting, new exhibits have arrived on the site and are waiting for placement. A split-rail fence is planned for the east edge, with the cost shared by neighbor Keith Albin. Signs and plantings will soon follow.

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Some interesting occurrences at Meetings

St. James Town Board – 6/4/03

Traffic questions were addressed at the start of the meeting. The clog of parked cars downtown was decried, particularly those left by ferry passengers. The status of the southernmost block of Main Street awaited approval by the State Police.

It's obvious we need more parking, and towards that end a swap of land has been suggested (with Ed Wojan working hard to bring this about.) Evan Karnes has agreed to trade his property south of the Playground for lots below the hill at the Medical Center; then Main Street could be extended south, with angle parking on both sides. This could add 30+ parking spots, and provide the public with additional beach. The extension would end at Karnes' new land, providing him access.

The Yacht Dock expansion was temporarily stalled by the Army Corps of Engineers because of a question of riparian rights raised by a neighbor. But the Township Engineer suggested asking for bids so the materials could be brought to the Island this fall and be ready for an early spring start. At least

the funds (\$1.1 m) are in hand.

A section of Carlyle Road—as far as the EMS entry to the new Medical Center—was approved for paving at a cost of almost \$10,000. The Township also agreed to pay one third of the ~\$13,000 to extend the Donegal Bay Road paving to just west of the new subdivision entry (over 4,000' of new roads have been built here), which will be paved.

The question of spending \$2,000 to draft a potential new section to the Zoning Ordinance to cover environmental sensitivity was raised, but members of the audience suggested the cost could reach ten times that amount because of the potential for lawsuits by the owners of affected land. Some thought that the idea of protecting our fauna by mandating migration pathways ("snake corridors" was mentioned as being included in the draft) was excessive. An alternative was suggested: the "Egg Lake Seven" should form a proactive arm to either acquire properties at risk or obtain agreements from their owners to protect them.

The Whiskey Point Light was dis-

cussed. The Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers' Association has offered to help, either by taking title or acting as a consultant. Another unnamed party has also entered the picture, who would help restore the entire Point. He would purchase the Boathouse, which CMU would then use in conjunction with its planned Great Lakes Research Center, and the Township Hall, the use of which would be leased back to St. James. GLLKA would rebuild the Keeper's House, turning the Point into a major national tourist attraction. Meetings (not yet negotiations) are ongoing. In the meantime, St. James had one applicant for its request for bids to study the Light, and accepted it. Consequently architect John Dziurman will develop a game plan, cost analysis, and timetable for its restoration.

The new nuisance ordinance was approved.

Joe Moore appeared on the behalf of the EMS to ask St. James to approve its plan to conform to state rules for operating its e-car by hiring, with its own funds, an EMT during the summer work days, perhaps three days a week, at the

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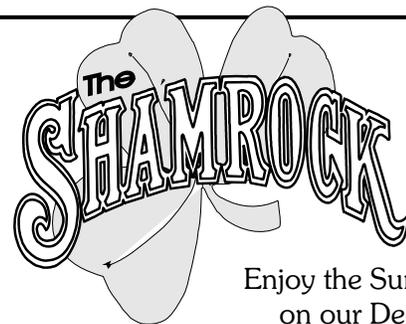
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rate of \$6/hour for sitting and \$12/ for action. He also asked the Township to become the agent for handling this payroll; it agreed on both counts, possibly running the paperwork through the new Emergency Services Authority.

Just before the meeting concluded a letter was read from the Beaver Island Marina criticizing the Township's plan to use taxpayer's money to build a fence around its contiguous beach property (opposite Freesoil Avenue.)

Peaine Town Board – 6/11/03

Joe Moore appeared to make a similar request as he'd made to St. James: to approve the EMS hiring needed help (with its own funds.) Judy Lanier asked where these funds had come from; the answer was, an accumulation of ambulance run fees. Joe admitted that eventually this expense would catch up to the accumulation, so down the road another solution would be required—such as an increase in billing.

The Albin family attended to ask the Board to pass a resolution stating that it had no objection to them applying for a license to sell beer and wine, and liquor, at The Corner Store. Judy Lanier

asked what the typical objections might be; Tina Morgan answered that in her former position there had been objections when the request involved topless dancing or on-site consumption. The resolution was unanimously passed.

A proposal was made to pave 100' back from the intersection at Four Corners. Doing so would improve stopping ability, save on wear and tear (as it is, gravel is spun onto the King's Highway), and reduce dust. The Charlevoix County Road Commission would pay two thirds of the \$13,000 bill. An effort was made to couple approval with a request that nearby businesses (such as GLE's generator plant) bring themselves into compliance with our codes (such as the green-belt requirement), but this was thought to be too complicated. The proposal was passed, with the money to come from the ~\$30,000 Road Fund.

Judy Lanier reported that the Planning Commission had approved a request for a south end gravel pit (on the Pingel property.) Another pit will be up for vote soon. She said the survey of property owners and residents would

soon be mailed, to further refine the PC's focus pursuant to drafting a Master Plan. (Leelanau has just mailed out a similar survey to its residents.)

Connie Wojan reported news from the BIRHC Board. She said a truck would be raffled, and a band brought over for a dance, to raise funds. The Community Foundation would pay to service the defibrillator. She said the Tribal Council will be asked to help furnish the Community Education Room. She said that at the Lansing Reception legislators had suggested a "tourist tax" of \$2/ticket on the boat and plane, but everyone here felt this would do more harm than good.

John Works reported that the Lake Geneserath Cable's Creek mouth deepening project had finally been approved by the DEQ. He said that after some frustrating near-misses, it looked like Jim Campbell would accept the vacant Deputy's position.

Before adjourning, the Board discussed the need for better tables and chairs. The sag in the existing table was evident to the dozen or so members of the audience.



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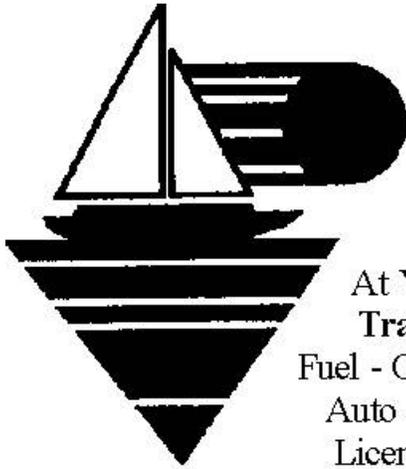
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A Solstice Celebration: The Second Annual High Tea

The apex of this year witnessed a shining fusion of some of the Island's finest talent, skill, and beauty in the form of the second annual High Tea and Song Recital. Held at John and Sally Fogg's newly opened Deerwood Lodge on Lake Michigan near Barney's Lake, the High Tea showcased three jewels in the crown of the community's evolving cultural landscape: the glowing log Lodge itself; Deerwood Chef Deborah Harwood's culinary artistry; and soprano Martha Guth's masterful and moving interpretation of song.

The Tea emerged as an inspiration of Deborah and Martha's early last year, Martha explains. "We decided that we wanted to do something that involved both of our work and talents. We thought of this idea to do a High Tea, and this is the result. Now it's the second year, and hopefully we can continue this on." This year the event has taken on an added purpose as a benefit for the Beaver Island Music Fund, a fledgling organization intended to foster and promote musical education and events within the Island community. The Music Fund has collected seed money in a recently established bank account, and has just been granted sponsorship by the BIHS so it can have non-profit status. The public will hear further updates on this worthwhile effort in the months to come.

The more than seventy who attended the afternoon event were

chauffeured down the meandering paved drive through the forest above Barney's Lake, ending in the impressive sight of Deerwood's great expanse nestled unobtrusively among rolling lakeside hills. Within, the Lodge's Great Room welcomed them in warm tones of burnished Island timbers and hardwood floors. A wall of towering windows there illuminated the tasteful furnishings and fieldstone fireplace, and framed a vista of High Island to the west. Admirers wandered through the balconies, suites, and hallways of the grand new resort, marveling at the fine craftsmanship and loving attention to detail that was revealed at every turn.

Arrayed around the lower rooms were elegantly presented trays of hors d'oeuvres for every taste, featuring such creative delicacies as chocolate-dipped cherries rolled in crushed pistachios, smoked white fish canapés, bruschetta with pears and feta spread, and vegetarian sushi. Deborah and her catering staff outdid themselves in every way, offering the delighted attendees not only an exquisitely delicious array of flavors, but a gracious illustration of culinary art itself, expertly balanced in subtlety, harmony, and presentation.

The centerpiece of the benefit was the song recital. Accompanied on grand piano by her uncle Dr. Robert Holst, a man of diverse musical talents, Martha led the audience on a journey through



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the American musical landscape of the past century. Arranged in four sets of related themes, the first group covered compositions by such luminaries of the American stage as Leonard Bernstein, Steven Sondheim, and Aaron Copland.

From the very first piece, Bernstein's *A Quiet Place*, Martha commanded the audience's rapt attention, drawing them nearer and nearer into the embrace of her soaring voice, which became a vehicle that transported them deep into the innermost realms of landscape and heart. The silence grew around her, leaving only the expressions of her sound and face to fill the hushed room. By the time she delivered the traditional spiritual *Steal Away*, many seated before her were moved to tears, a phenomenon that was to accompany much of the presentation to follow that day.

The second set featured musical adaptations, by Ned Rorem and Aaron Copland, of poems by Emily Dickinson, e.e. cummings, and others. A standout selection in this set was contemporary composer John Musto's treatment of Langston Hughes' *Litany*, a poignant plea of compassion for the urban poor. This was followed by a song cycle by composer Ralph Vaughan Williams and a trio of traditional Irish and English folk songs by famed vocal composer Benjamin Britten, culminating in the classic *The Last Rose of Summer*.

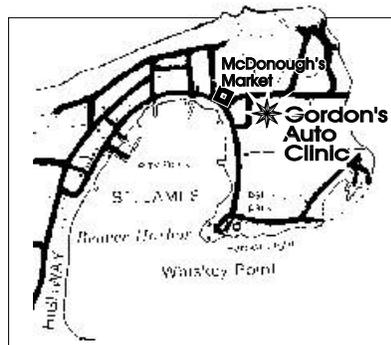
The duo bowed to great applause and returned for an encore, a delightfully melodramatic tale of a woman's descent into a sordid life in Paris. This piece truly displayed the astounding technical skill and impressive range mastered by this young soprano whose gifts have been shared with the community for years.

Moments like the one offered to the people of Beaver Island on Summer Solstice are far more than mere entertainment. They are, above all else, a gift of great graciousness generously given us by the hard work of many contributors; motivated by both a deep love for the arts and an enduring affection for the place we call our home. This writer felt a special significance in the Great Room of Deerwood Lodge on the longest day of the year, as he listened to the strains of a great voice uplift and move all who were present. He remembered a summer night years ago when three friends paddled a canoe out upon the waters of Barney's Lake, and sat for a time under the moonlight. Eventually one of them began to sing an aria, and the sound of her voice echoing off the natural amphitheater of trees that ringed the still waters is a recurring delight. Hearing the same voice many years afterward, in another locale not far from that same lake, seemed to resonate as a kind of cycle fulfilled, and as a spring of song that continues to give.

— Robert Cole

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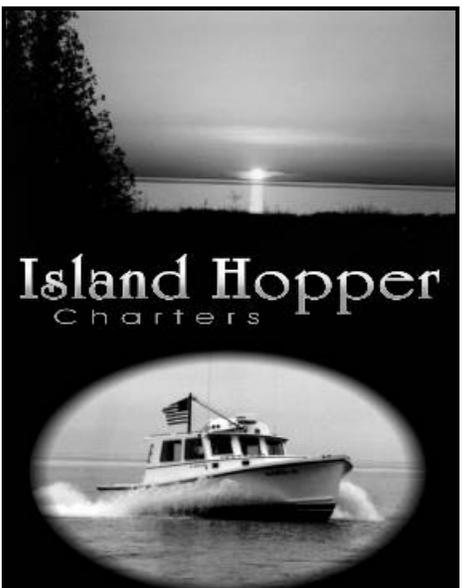
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The Whiskey Point Restoration

Dick Moehl, President of the Great Lakes' Lighthouse Keepers Association, met with the St. James Township Supervisor, members of the Historical Society's Board and staff, and the public on June 25th, to talk about forming a partnership to create and maintain a public historic maritime site at Whiskey Point. He talked about what GLLKA has accomplished with the St. Helena Light Station and the Round Island Lighthouse near Mackinac Island. Although GLLKA would like to own the Whiskey Point Light, he would be satisfied to contract with its likely owner, St. James Township, to restore the Keeper's House (identical to the one built at Point Betsey, for which he has the original plans) and maintain it as an authentic tourist attraction.

Dick Moehl is an energetic volunteer facilitator who has dedicated much of his life to projects like this. He was introduced to the manager of a family foundation who wanted to do something significant to preserve Michigan's nautical heritage, and immediately thought of the Whiskey Point Boathouse, currently up for sale, and how it would be a perfect base for the Great Lakes Research Station CMU would like to establish. That is now in

the works; his informal master plan is for GLLKA to guide and control the restoration of the entire Point, including the current Town Hall—he sees no reason, though, why it could not continue to function in its present manner.

Because of his experience, he feels he could play an important role in obtaining the funding this vast project would require. Another tool he brings to the table is his ability to acquire volunteers help from various organizations—he's been particularly successful getting the Boy Scouts involved. He's well-connected to important politicians as well, and has a good record of receiving grants.

After his presentation, Supervisor Don Vyse said his offer was attractive because everyone agreed that the Light had to be saved but no one had yet offered an idea how this might be funded and accomplished. Dick Moehl will appear at the next St. James Town Board meeting to pursue his idea.

June 9th Election Results

Linda McDonough and John Fiegen were re-elected to the School Board for four-year terms. And the school operating millage (Headlee rollback) passed with 118 votes for and 27 votes against.

Rectory Auction

On June 27th two dozen people gathered at the Old Rectory to see who would be the top bidder in an auction to take over the defunct restaurant. Despite the interest, there was only one registered bidder, so the auctioneer announced there would be no auction and that bidder could negotiate with the seller on a price. Everyone left.

Not quite everyone, as it turned out. Keith Albin and Bud Martin decided to register. A half hour later, the auction was held, this time without the audience. The original registered bidder was Bob and Sue Welke, whose grandson just graduated from Cordon Bleu cooking school. He opened the bidding, but the two new bidders quickly took over the action. Albin thought the Rectory could become the location for his long-planned bowling alley, whereas Martin wanted a business that might bring his oldest daughter back to Beaver Island to run. The bidding was intense, and when the smoke cleared Martin had made the highest bid.

What happens next remains unclear. As the news swept through town some thought that questions of title, of reacquiring the liquor license, of unpaid taxes and bills, of replacing obsolete equipment, and of fixing the roof would be insurmountable.

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Camp Quality does Beaver Island

Thanks to donations from Island merchants, the B. I. Boat Company, the Lions Club, and others, once again the Camp Quality kids spent an extended weekend on Beaver Island, which they enjoyed very much—and how appropriate, a special place for special people. Everyone they met felt honored to have them come.

After getting a tour of the *Acacia* in Charlevoix, the 12 campers, age 13 to 18, and a staff of 6 boarded the *Emerald Isle* on June 12th to start their 4-day Island adventure.

Upon arriving they hopped in “Big Blue” and the “Brown Bomber” provided by Gordy Heika, and drove to Dalwhinnie for a pizza party, donated by the Ironton Congregational Church. Then they headed for the Lighthouse School, their base camp. After a hike on the beach to Iron Ore Bay, they were ready to hit the sack.

The next day they met Jim Gillingham at Miller's Marsh, where he took them on the Nature Trail and pointed out newts, dragon flies, frogs, snakes, and turtles. When Jim found a pregnant garter snake, he showed them how to count the twelve babies inside. Another snake was molting, and he helped it slither out of its skin, which the kids loved.

After a climb on the Big Rock they went to the Dawsons' home for a picnic lunch on their porch and an introduction to Sweetie, a 55-pound Pyrenees puppy. Eventually they made their way back to Beaver Head, where Michelle Gray and her Youth Consortium cohorts put on a campfire-cooked dinner of hamburgers, pizza, and pudgie pies. They kept the campfire going to cook desert: hollowed-out oranges filled with gingerbread mix, with the top put back on for cooking and then served with whipped cream. Some of the YC kids organized a volleyball game, and Corey Sowa and his guitar led a joyful sing-along around the dwindling fire.

On Sunday Don Meister met them at the stone circle, dressed in Indian garb for a discussion of the meaning and ceremonial use of the site. He talked about Native American culture, and explained what was in his tobacco pouch, and why. He told them about Keewaydinoquay and how much she had taught him—only a fraction, he said, of her storehouse of knowledge.

After a trip to Protar's Home, they climbed down and back up the steps at Zembla and then went to town for lunch at the Shamrock, which was all set. Then they rented bikes and broke up into different groups. Some took the

Gull Harbor Nature Trail; some visited Skip Duhamel at his new fish store and watched him process the day's catch as he talked about the art of carving; others stopped in at one of the Museums to try their hand at the Treasure Hunts. Late in the warm afternoon they headed for Deerwood, where John and Sally gave them a special tour.

They had time for a little shopping the next day, before boarding the *Emerald Isle* for the trip back. The sea was calm both ways, and they had a wonderful trip across. They were in the Pilot House when the *Beaver Islander* passed, and were thrilled when the mighty ships honked back and forth. As they approached the Pine River channel in Charlevoix they discovered all their parents were out on the jetty, waving to welcome them home.

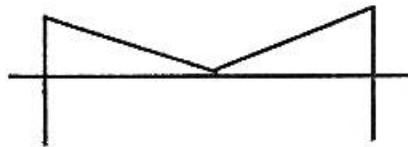
They had only one question: “when can we go back to Beaver again?”

Walleyes Thrive

The 2” fingerlings in the Wildlife Club's walleye pond are doing well, despite the anxiety created by knowing, as only fish know, that beyond the metal fence and above the black nylon mesh they are surrounded by hungry snakes, turtles, frogs, and seagulls, all dreaming of Beaver Island sushi.



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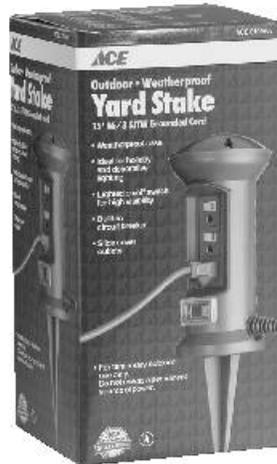
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Charlevoix County Commission Meeting

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. on **May 28, 2003**. All Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the minutes of the May 14, 2003 meeting.

Tim Matchett and Kelly Martin presented the Conservation District Annual Report.

Tom Johnson, NLEADirector, presented the Northern Lakes Economic Alliance Annual Report.

Keith Ogden, Road Commissioner, presented the Road Commission Annual Report. A request for trucks was referred to the Public Safety Committee. Motion approved the Commission on Aging Multi-year Plan.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 3:00 p.m. on **June 11, 2003**. Commissioners Patrick and Snyder were absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the May 28, 2003 meeting.

Motion approved Resolution #03-035, Court Appointed Attorney Contract renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #03-036, Sheriff's Department Computers. The purchase of 2 new PC's. One for Boyne City and one for Beaver Island.

Motion approved Resolution #03-037, Application for Funds. County

Island Writer to Teach

Highly-regarded Island writer and East Side Drive resident and long-time editor of *Passages North* literary magazine Mike Barrett has accepted a new challenge: to teach the art of writing poetry at the Lighthouse School—in a class structured to possibly earn college

Bellamy Memorial

The family of Melvin & Judy Bellamy are holding a memorial service on July 27th, 2003 at 2pm at the Christian Church. Following the service will be a potluck luncheon.

Melvin and Judy Bellamy, aged 55, of Beaver Island and formerly of Newaygo, died November 10th, 2002 of accidental injuries incurred from an airplane crash in Lake Michigan. They are survived by their children, Missy & Jim Crova of Romulus, Jenny Bellamy of

Probate/Family court application for funds available through the Tribal Council.

Motion approved Resolution #03-038, PILT.

Motion approved Resolution #03-039, AAA Grant Application. This is renewal of a grant already in place.

Motion approved Resolution #03-040, Equalization Director. Appointed W. Thomas Wolf, Director of Equalization.

Motion approved Resolution #03-041, replacement of software assessment program to state approved assessment software.

Motion approved Resolution #03-042, Data Sharing Agreement Amendment. This amends the Digital Geographic Data Sharing Agreement.

Motion approved Resolution #03-043, Non-Profit Geographic Digital Data Sharing Policy.

Motion approved Resolution #03-044, Assess 4% surcharge on telephones.

The City of East Jordan has invited the Commissioners to hold a meeting in East Jordan. It was decided to hold their July 23, 2003 meeting in East Jordan. The September 10, 2003 meeting will be held on Beaver Island.

Motion adjourned the meeting.

— Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk

credit. (Some of Mike's Michigan-set stories have appeared in such publications as *Traverse, the Magazine*.) We hope that he continues, and in the future his class is opened up to members of the general public. After all, who among us doesn't dream of writing better?

Macomb, Mike & Jenny Bellamy of Newaygo, and their granddaughters Anna and Renee Crova. Melvin is also survived by his mother, Leona Bellamy, his brothers and sister, Ron & Edie Bellamy, Dale & Glenda Bellamy, Bev & Bob Karmen, and several nieces and nephews.

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Celebrating Flag Day

The local AmVets post #41 met at Doug Hartle's stone house on the beach on Flag Day to raise a new flag in a ceremony coordinated with other posts all across the country. Accompanied by newly-short-bearded Bob Hoogendorn on the trumpet, the ten members in attendance followed protocol to dispose of old, faded, and worn flags after a new one was hoisted aloft. The first old flag was examined by the Commandant and pronounced unfit for

further service. Then it was burned over an open fire, with the first thirteen stripes burned individually as the names of America's thirteen original colonies were called out in a deep, booming voice by Ron Gallagher.

A fittingly solemn occasion, which electrified the hackles on the back of the necks of the fifteen spectators standing respectfully back, and filled them with pride: a moment of unity and peace shared across the nation.





Charlie's Model A: on the way to the Shop

Several of Charlie Martin's cars have achieved a certain degree of fame over the years, such as the one he abandoned at the surf end of Redding's Trail, but none are as well-known as his "ski car." This 1928 model A started life as a four-door, but after an accident was converted into a truck. The next change was to outfit the front end with a pair of skis so he could bring us the mail over the ice. When planes began delivering the mail the skis were removed, but Charlie

moved on to other vehicles, especially new trucks bearing his name supplied by his son Ernie when he was winning awards as Chicago's best car salesman. The A last ran in the Bicentennial Parade, and then was allowed to rust into oblivion. But youngest son Mike, a millwright in Grand Rapids, carefully strapped her to a trailer and hauled her away, vowing she'll come back running like she was new, and this time will never leave the Island again.



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Local News: "Supervisor W. J. Gallagher of St. James, was here this week on official business."

"Rev. Fr Zugelder, of St. James, was in town yesterday, on his way to Grand Rapids."

Beaver Island News: "Large quantities of wet corn from the wreck of the steamer *Craig*, stranded on Simonds Reef, is coming to this port."

"There was a big excursion from Harbor Springs Sunday on the *Silver Spray* and a large number of former Beaver Islanders came over to visit friends, including W. F. Gill and wife, Mrs. Robert Rowe and daughter and Wm. Gibson."

"Rev. Father Zugelder will go to Grand Rapids this week to attend the ceremonies of commemorating the Cathedral in that city, at which the papal delegate will officiate."

"Patrick D. Boyle, an old resident, died at his home Sunday morning. Deceased came to the Island in 1859. He had been blind for some years."

"Fishermen report the catches are

improving very materially, and a good season's business is looked for."

"Rev. A. F. Nagler of Charlevoix is visiting here this week, looking after the interests of the church society recently organized here."

"Geo. Burns was here last week selling agricultural implements for Ward & Ward of Charlevoix, with good success both here and at Garden Island."

"Wm. Coon, of Harbor Springs, has sold several reapers and mowers and is setting them up."

"The married ladies society will give an entertainment at Gallagher's Hall the 4th, all day and evening, for the benefit of the Catholic Church."

"What is the matter with that proposed new school house for the harbor?"

"Gus Kitzinger, of Manistee, head of the Beaver Island Lumber Co., was here several days last week. The mill and shingle mill are both running, and work will soon be resumed on the railroad."

"Crops are all looking finely through out the Island, and farming interests are looking up. Farm machin-

ery is being distributed in greater quantities than ever before."

"Theodore S. Stephens, Rupert Stevens and Dr. F. W. Heyselt, of Fremont, Mich., spent last week at St. James."

July 16, 1903

Beaver Island News: "Farmers about here have not yet begun haying."

"Business is booming on the Beavers this year."

"Miss Engelman of Chicago, is stopping at the Hotel Beaver."

"Capt. John Johnson is very low with tumor of the brain."

"Mr. and Mrs. John Stevens, of Manistee, are spending a few days at the Beaver Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. McDermott, of New York City are guests at the Beaver for the summer."

"The pea crop is doing finely - the best crop and largest acreage ever on Beaver Island."

"The Rev. Fr. Zugelder returned after a 10 day absence on the Friday boat, making Grand Rapids and points east."

"The company's new mill was compelled to shut down last week for one day



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in order to put the men to doing some necessary building.”

“There are ten building(s) in process of construction about the harbor now, and carpenters and masons can not be had in sufficient number.”

“Mr. and Mrs. Tilly are entertaining friends from Northport this week. Among their guests is one little lady who does not hail from Northport but gets the lion’s share of attention. She arrived Monday last and weighs eight pounds. The same day and same hour Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson received a caller. It is of the same size, color, sex and came by the same route as the new resorter at the Tilly home. They are stars among Beaver Island’s bunch of summer girls and have already made quite a sensation by their beauty and vivacity.”

July 30, 1903

Beaver Island News: “Rev. Fr. Hugh Logue of Pennsylvania is a guest of Fr. Zugelder.”

“Capt. John McCann is enjoying a visit from relatives in the Northern Peninsula.”

“Dr. F. N. Wilkinson is here doing

dental work, and has his office with his brother, DR. A. M. Wilkinson.”

“Mr. John Donlevy of Chicago surprised his brother and wife Mr. and Mrs. Jas Donlevy on the Friday boat. He will remain for a few days visit.”

“The Union Sunday School of St. James is building a hall for an assembly room and on Saturday evening, Aug. 1st the ladies of this organization will give an entertainment and ice cream social at the new house of Mr. John Stevens. All are invited to be present.”

“Dr. C. E. Ruth and Mesdames Pond and Ricks, all of Keokuk, Iowa, are summering on the Island. The Doctor is superintending the construction of a cottage on his lot near the site of the old Strang house. The Doctor is one of the leading surgeons of the country, having the largest clinic west of the Mississippi River, and the Island people are greatly pleased to have him spend his summers on the Island.”

“Capt. John Johnson of this place died at his home Tuesday evening, aged 52. His death was the result of a blow received two years ago while running a

cork lathe. The blow was received on the right side of the head and left him in a semi-conscious condition for ten days. He never entirely recovered from the injury. The last six weeks of his life was marked by a rapid mental and physical decline. A little over a fortnight before his death the left side became gradually paralyzed together with other vital functions till on the Saturday before his death it was evident that he was in a dying state. A consultation of physicians was held Saturday evening resulting in the decision that the case was hopeless in his present condition. Operation was favored however as the only possible shadow of a chance for the patient’s life. This the family decided to avail themselves of on Monday. Operation verified the previous hopeless diagnosis and death resulted on Tuesday evening. The Captain leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss. As a neighbor and friend he was universally known as the best, always holding himself ready to help any one in distress. The remains were interred Thursday morning in the Holy Cross cemetery.” —Joyce Bartels

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 - July 11 BIRHC Fashion Show, 12:30 pm, Brother's Place
 - July 12 Beaver Island Dunes, 9:00 CMU, call 448-2254
 - July 14 Museum Week (July 14th-19th) see page 14
 - July 19 Mammals of B.I., 9:00 am, CMU, call 448-2254
 - July 21 Alien Plant Species of B.I., 7:00 pm, Peaine Hall
 - July 21 MAD Camp (July 21st-25th)
 - July 23 Wetland Flora of B.I., 9:00 am, CMU, 448-2254
 - July 27 Baroque on Beaver, 7:00 pm, Holy Cross Hall
 - July 28 BIPOA Business Meeting, 7:00 pm, Peaine Hall
 - July 31 *Goofy Golf* tourney, 9:00 am, B.I. Golf Course
 - July 31 Beaver's Inland Lakes, 9:00 am, CMU 448-2254

The "Seven Sisters" Opens

A new business is opening on the King's Highway this summer. Sisters Sheila Evans and Cindy Ricksgers are opening a shop that reflects their interests and concerns, as well as filling a need for visitors and residents. "Seven Sisters," on the west side of King's Highway north of Four Corners, will offer earth-friendly products for kitchen, garden and bath.

It has been a long time in the planning. Sheila and her husband Bob bought the home from Ailene Maudrie several years ago. It was unused, which caused lots of speculation over what could be done. Both sisters are experienced in retail business. Cindy owned and ran an art gallery in Lapeer before moving to Beaver Island, and has worked in customer service for 25 years. Sheila managed a Hallmark Store in Waterford for many years. Her products and displays brought customers from far away. But when her store earned *Gold Crown Hallmark* status, the company began to dictate what products were carried, and the creative potential was lost. So Sheila moved into her present job as a title examiner for the city of Pontiac. The women tossed ideas around whenever they were on the Island together. Sheila wanted useful items for the home as well as gift items; Cindy wanted products for gardeners. After much discussion and input, they determined the format. When they found that Bob had taken several steps toward turning the building into a garage, they knew they had to act quickly. Deadlines were set and a flurry of research, construction, and ordering followed.

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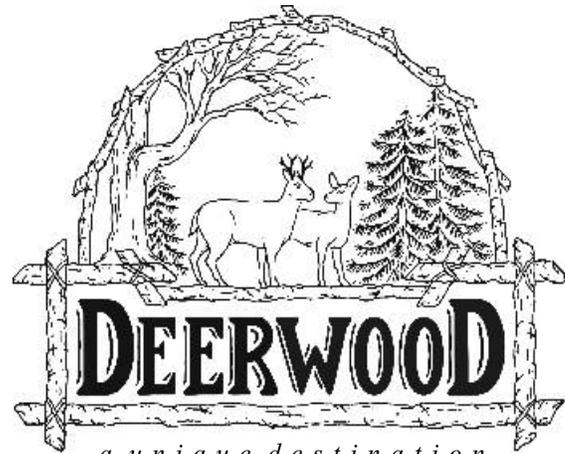
At the June 10th meeting the Beaver Island Rural Health Center Board adopted mission statements. The Center's is "To provide high-quality cost-effective patient treatment and wellness services to the whole Beaver Island Community." The Board's purpose is "To make policy and planning decisions which enable the Center to accomplish its mission, and to insure the Center's long-term financial stability."

The board considers these commitments the first step in completing a comprehensive strategic plan mapping the direction for the Center going forward. The "platform" for the strategic plan was built several years ago by a community-wide planning task force which issued its report in August of 2000.

Given the tasks which will be driven by the Board's plans, it's important that several current Board vacancies be filled with responsible, dedicated community members. With this in mind, Board President Connie Wojan is inviting interested parties to submit applications to join the Board in carrying out its mission. Requirements are simply that Board members:

- Champion the BIRHC in the community;
- Commit to the mission of the BIRHC and the goals and objectives approved by the Board
- Attend meetings regularly and be active on at least one committee
- Actively support all efforts to insure the long-term financial stability of the BIRHC;
- Honor/confidentiality pledge: accept the distinction between the Board's role (governance) and the Manager's role (insuring that operating objectives are met), and support the chief operating manager so she/he can be successful.

Letters of interest should be addressed to Connie Wojan. Please include a statement indicating where you could make the most effective contribution to the Board.

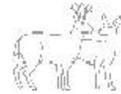


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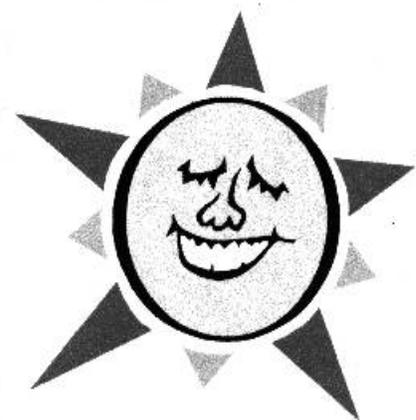
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One of their first excursions was a trip to Squaw and Garden Islands. Transported by their 30' Baja cruiser *Island Time*, they had a smooth and comfortable ride. They taxied to shore with a small inflatable raft, and walked to the Lighthouse and its historic outbuildings. At Garden they skirted the reefs to enter the mouth of Indian Harbor on the lower west side. After anchoring they rafted ashore, where one of the younger passengers found treasure: a discarded cell phone, no doubt flung away in the spirit of freedom. After a short walk they paddled back to the boat and headed home.

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Bob was brought to Beaver Island for a memorial mass on April 27th, officiated by Father Pat Cawley. He was preceded in death by his parents John and Rose Hannon, and is survived by brothers William (Janice), James (Nancy), and John, and sisters Janet (Patrick) O'Callahan and Mary Beth (Michael) Lyons.

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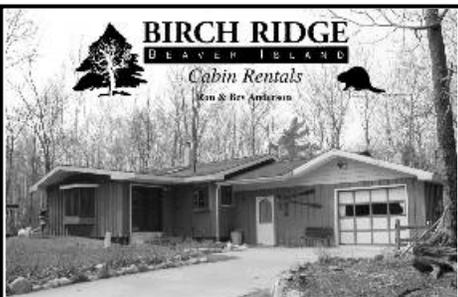
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