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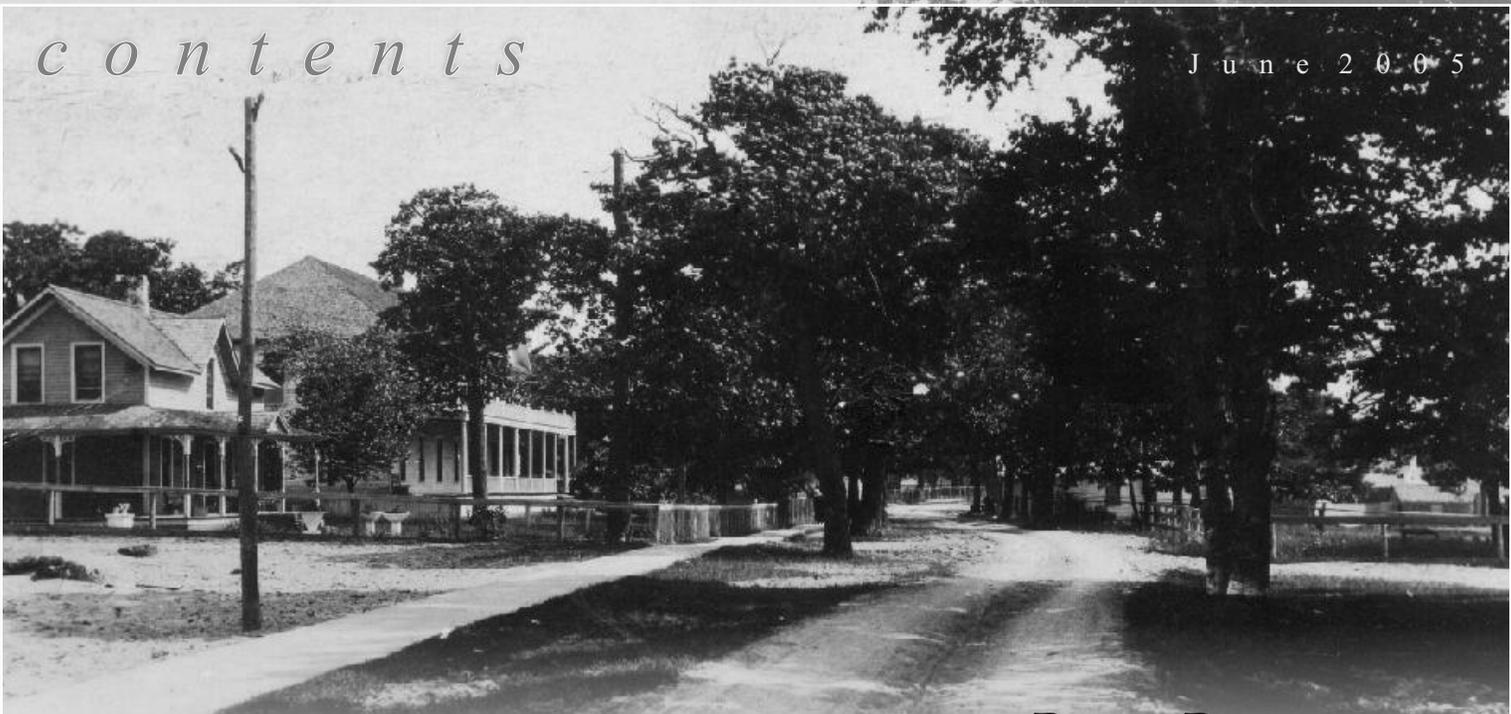
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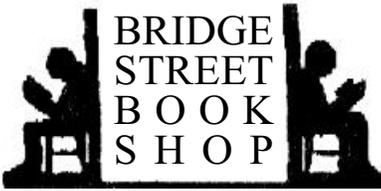
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News from the Townships

St. James Town Board

The St. James Town Board announced at its May 4th meeting that two candidates of roughly equal qualification were interviewed for the position of Township Maintenance Man, Darrell Butler Jr. and Donus Welke Jr. Butler was hired, in part because he could start right away.

Secretary Jean Palmer advocated moving the Polling Place back to the St. James Town Hall so the firemen would not have to spend time moving trucks and equipment out of the Fire Hall. It had been moved to meet handicap access requirements, but now the Town Hall has ramps. The Board approved this move.

In the recent School Board election, 110 ballots were cast; Sharon Nix (100) and Brian Cole (62 write-ins) were elected. The new voting machines worked very well.

Bids on providing dust control came in; they were a little higher, but within budget.

The Secretary of the Interior Gail Norton recommended to the General Services Administration that the deed to the Whiskey Point Light be transferred to St. James Township.

New street signs are on the way. They will meet federal guidelines and cost \$65 each, which the Charlevoix County Road Commission will pay. They'll be in two sizes (only 9 of them will be of the large size) and contain house numbers to let someone locate a

home easily. To conform to the state's requirements, four name changes were passed. Pine Street stays, but Pine Drive will become Pine Chip Drive. Brothers Road stays; Old Brothers' Road and Christian Brothers' Road go. Frankie Lane stays and Post Office Hill Road goes. And Beaver Harbor Road goes—it had previously identified the middle section of Carlisle Road, forcing East Carlisle and West Carlisle designations.

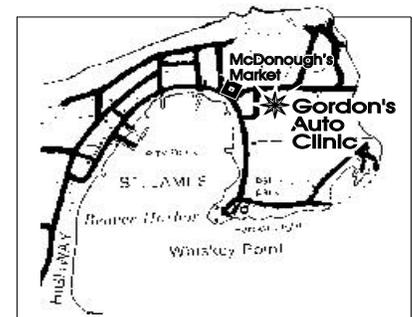
Supervisor Don Vyse suggested getting rid of the rock crusher, and the Board approved putting it out on bids.

The McDonough's Market zoning problem was resolved through conditional rezoning: the two lots that had remained R-2 were rezoned H in exchange for an agreement by McDonoughs to place and maintain a green belt between their driveway off Freesoil and the Cull property (Belfy did not want a green belt); to erect a 5'-high fence at the rear of both the Cull and the Belfy property; to only allow delivery trucks to use the driveway (one way, about 18-20 times a year); to not park the propane truck in the H zone (this is also mandated by the new zoning ordinance); and to have this work done within 60 days.

Don Bair wrote on the behalf of AmVets, asking the Townships for an acre of land east of the Transfer Station where they could locate their Post. The Board felt it could not grant this because it would set a precedent.

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Peaine Town Board

Peaine's May 11th meeting was brief, with three of the five Board members present. The Maintenance Man Committee's recommendation of hiring Darrell Butler Jr. was accepted; he'll receive medical coverage (but not for his family) and the same eighteen dollars per hour as his predecessor.

Peaine added its gracious refusal to St. James' in response to a request from AmVets for an acre of land next to the Transfer Station, for the same reasons.

The meeting had to be recessed when the lawn care bid from Jean Palmer could not be located. Clerk Colleen Martin drove home for a copy, and when she returned it was approved. (The next day Jean's crew began work on the Transfer Station.)

The Charlevoix County Road Commission will hold its annual meeting at Peaine Hall on June 13th at 9:30. They were applying a thick covering of gravel to some of the Island roads and using the grader, which is here for three weeks, to shape it. Hanigan's Road and the Fox Lake Road were resurfaced with pit-run gravel.

With the pouring of the sidewalk the day before, the East Side Fire Hall passed 95% completion.

Gary Morgan inquired about the status of an Airport Manager. Terry Saxton said the issue would be addressed at the May 16th meeting.

Members of the audience voiced a desire for improved dust control.

County Commission

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on April 13, 2005. Commissioner Jason was absent.

Motion approved the corrected minutes of the April 13, 2005 meeting.

Tom Wolf, Equalization Director, presented the 2005 Analysis for Equalization and stated taxable value for 2005 increased 7.46% over 2004.

Motion approved Resolution #05-030, 2005 Equalization Report.

Motion approved Resolution #05-031, Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement amendment.

Motion approved Resolution #05-032, Change MERS Benefit (Sergeants Division).

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met again at 3:00 p.m. in Charlevoix on May 11, 2005. Commissioner Patrick was absent.

Motion approved the minutes of the April 27 2005 meeting as presented.

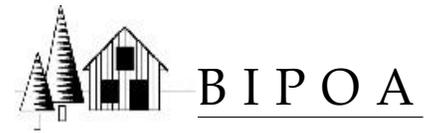
Motion approved Resolution #05-033, Purchase of Delinquent Taxes.

Motion approved Resolution #05-034, New Computer for Equalization.

Motion approved Resolution #05-035, Application for Funds, and authorized Chairman Patrick to sign any necessary documents.

Motion approved Resolution #05-036, Create New Fund - Forfeitures and Foreclosures.

— Jane E. Brannon, County Clerk



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The Verdict is in: Charlevoix's out (a million dollars)

A jury just awarded \$1.1 million in lost wages and punitive damages to two former county employees who said then-county prosecutor Mary Beth Kur created a hostile work environment for them. "It sends a huge message to Charlevoix County employees and to Charlevoix County, that elected officials should be held accountable for how they treat people," said former Victims' Assistance Coordinator Sandra Ward, who won the judgment along with former prosecutor's office manager Jacqueline Rozema.

Kur and Charlevoix County were defendants in the seven-day jury trial, which concluded in mid-May. Ward and Rozema alleged that Kur "retaliated" against them after they gave deposition testimony in a whistleblower's lawsuit filed against Kur and the county by former chief deputy prosecutor John Jarema. Both Ward and Rozema left their jobs in early 2003, citing stress-related medical reasons. "There was an intolerable work environment," Ward said. "There was harassment, intimidation and retaliation."

The lawsuit also alleged county commissioners admitted the working situation in the prosecutor's office was

intolerable, but took no action to remedy it. Kur said she was "very surprised and very disappointed" by the verdict. Kur and the county's attorney, Dennis Taylor of Traverse City, said he "definitely will be pursuing post-judgment remedies," declining further elaboration.

The attorney representing Ward and Rozema, Grant Parsons of Traverse City, said he could "almost guarantee" the jury's verdict will stand. Parsons said the jury saw witness after witness for Kur and the county "misstating facts and not trying to get to the truth. Kur warned the county to stay out of the way, saying 'These people serve at my pleasure, now butt out'," Parsons said. "This sends a message to counties that they are responsible for what goes on with their employees."

Kur fired Jarema as chief deputy prosecutor in February 2002 after he alleged other attorneys in Kur's office were being paid for hours they weren't working. Kur denied that, saying Jarema was fired for disloyalty and divisiveness. Jarema then filed a whistleblower's lawsuit against Kur and the county, and ultimately received a stipulated judgment for \$50,000. Jarema is

now the county's prosecutor; he defeated Kur in the August 2004 Republican primary and Green Party candidate Ellis Boal last November. "For two years I felt terrible, because I could see how it punished them just for giving truthful testimony in my case," Jarema said. "What is sad is that the residents of Charlevoix County are missing two highly qualified and dedicated workers."

Letters to the Editor: Rural Health

I would like to thank the Beaver Island Rural Health Care Facility as well as all members of the Beaver Island EMS team for helping my father on May 7th. He was flown from Beaver Island to Charlevoix, where his gall bladder was removed. The medical service he received was second to none, and it is a blessing that there were so many trained professionals on the Island who were able to help him in the middle of the night. He is recovering nicely and is looking forward to getting back to the Island in a few weeks.

Again, thank you to everyone who helped him out in his time of need.

— Mike Verleger

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After 27 years in real estate, Roy Ellsworth decided he needed a new challenge. So he formed his own firm, *Island Property LLC*, on May 12th.

Roy fell in love with the Island when he came to work for *Ski and Shore*, which was purchased by *Vacation Properties Network*. He's served on several Island boards, such as the Chamber, and knows the Island well.

Island contractor Mike Collins joined Roy as a salesman several years

ago, and has come with him into the new firm, which has also added 12-year resident Christy Albin, who is the office manager. With their variety of experience (Roy's degrees and forestry experience; Mike's construction savvy and Coast Guard background; and Christy's management of Island businesses) and familiarity with the ins and outs of Beaver Island, they make a talented team. The office is still in the Erin Motel; you can call the team at 448-3031.

Coast Guard Night Rescue 500 yards from Beaver Island

U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Traverse City Public Information Officer Lt. j.g. Gabe Somma announced Coast Guard officials in Sault Ste. Marie received a distress call from the 26-foot vessel *Little Blue* late in the evening of Tuesday, May 4th. Somma, who was one of the pilots who participated in the rescue, said he and the rest of the crew were alerted shortly after midnight.

About 50 minutes later, the helicopter crew located the stranded boat about 500 yards off Beaver's southeastern shore in about 2-3 feet of water. Somma said a rescue by a boat from the Coast Guard's station in Charlevoix was not possible because of the shallow water.

The men aboard, Robert Starbuck, 51, and Troy People, 33, were complaining of being cold and tired. With the help of a rescue swimmer lowered from the helicopter, the men and a 9-month-old yellow lab puppy were hoisted to the chopper and transported to Charlevoix, where they were treated at Charlevoix Area Hospital for possible hypothermia.

Somma noted that his helicopter crew had been on a training mission late Tuesday and had radio contact with the same vessel at about 10 p.m. He said at that time the men aboard assured them that all was well and that they were just performing a radio check. Somma fur-

DNR Land Disposal

As reported by BIPOA, the current DNR Land Consolidation Strategy recommends the disposal of 14 individual Donegal Bay subdivision lots, including one with some Lake Michigan frontage because they are "limited in size," not contiguous, and "have very little, if any, natural resource or recreational value." Recommendations go before the DNR director at the June 2nd Natural Resources Commission meeting in Petoskey. See www.beaverisland.net/bipoa for more.

ther noted that although the men were stranded only 500 yards out, it would have been very dangerous for them to have attempted to wade ashore. He pointed to unknown water depths, darkness, and, most importantly, the cold air and water temperatures as the primary concerns. The air temperature at the time was in the mid-20s and the water temperature is around 40°; boaters should use extra caution during the early spring because very cold water temperatures dramatically reduce survival times if a boater winds up in the drink. In the past six weeks, six people have died on Lake Michigan after falling in and succumbing to hypothermia.



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BIRHC Raffles Best Vehicle Ever

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center announces its fourth annual Truck Raffle. This year's prize is a 2005 Chevy Colorado LS with crew cab in an eye-catching victory red. Features like dual rear doors with child security locks, a large folding rear bench seat and latch child restraints make this sporty vehicle a practical choice for families as well as solo drivers. The truck also has a vortec 3500 15 engine, 4 speed automatic transmission, four wheel drive, 4 wheel anti-lock brakes, dual stage front airbags, 60/40 cloth split bench front seat, air-conditioning, cruise control, HD trailering, stereo with CD/MP3 player and many other features.



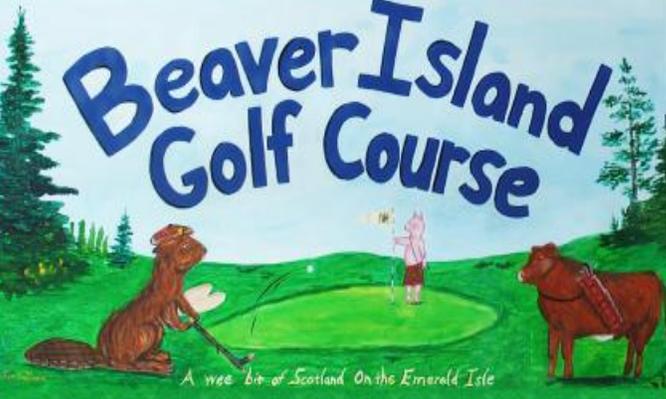
Tickets will once again be \$100 each and available at McDonough's Market, the Health Center or from any BIRHC Board member. A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold. The raffle will be held on Labor Day, September 5th, at 7 p.m. at the Shamrock.

Many thanks to: Dave Kring of Tallberg Chevrolet who personally donated his commission on the truck back to

BIRHC; Ken Slater who allowed us to use his discount; and board member Pete Lo Dico who selected the vehicle and secured the deal. Proceeds from the raffle will be essential to supporting BIRHC operations.




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Sixth Annual Celebrity Roast photographs by Krystle Timsak

The Beaver Island Fire Department Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who attended the 6th Annual Celebrity Roast. It was a success. Also big thanks to Margaret Bass for consenting to be our victim this year. We apologize for the many sleepless nights that she endured.



We do appreciate her participation. It was again a night filled with laughter and fun.



Jayne Bailey and Lisa Gillespie kept the night rolling with plenty of humorous material. Kelly Duhamel again did a fabulous job on caricatures that we are sure will be treasured for years to come. Thanks to all who worked and spoke, we couldn't have done it with-

out you. Thanks to Kevin White who did a great job singing at Muggs' Pub; it was so good to hear him again. Thanks John Fiegen for being "our Father Fred"—you were great! We appreciate all who donated costumes and props—we're sure Muggs will be thanking Ray and Nina personally.

Thanks go to Mary Palmer; we know you will be paying the price for a long time to come.



Muggs' Pub mugs are still available for \$8.50ea or 2/\$14.00 – these are a great keepsake. Thank you Royce Ferguson for designing them for us. We hope to see you next year—you never know who our next roastee will be!



– Dawn Marsh





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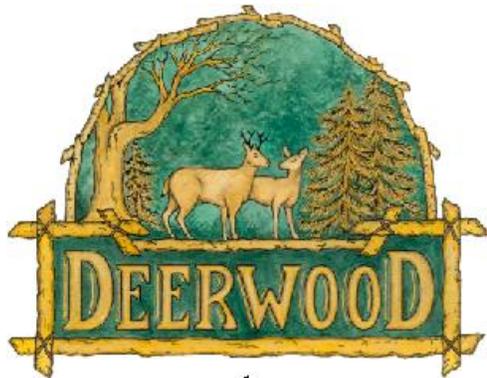


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Young ducklings alongside Fox Lake



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CMU Summer Field Trip Schedule

CMU just released the schedule of summer Field Trips, offered in partnership with the Historical Society. The Field Trip fee is \$20.00. Those interested should sign up at the Mormon Print Shop (448-2254) in advance. Unless otherwise indicated, all trips will begin at 9:00 a.m. at CMUBS, and will include lunch at the conclusion of the trip.

Bird Banding and Beaver Island Birds

Dr. Nancy Seefelt
Saturday June 11th

This trip will begin at 6:00 a.m. and will take participants to a site where birds will be mist-netted and banded. Breakfast will follow at 8:00 a.m., after which participants can once again go into the field for another 90 minutes of bird-watching. Please bring binoculars if you can.

Biology of Beaver Island's Sand Dunes

Dr. Beth Leuck
Thursday June 23rd

This trip will take participants to the west side of Beaver Island for an exploration of the extensive dunes located there. Their origin, current status, and future will be discussed, and the flora and fauna indigenous to these beautiful ecosystems will be sought after and explained in ecological terms. Some climbing of steep sandy inclines will be required.

Reptiles and Amphibians of Beaver Island

Dr. Jim Gillingham
Saturday, July 2nd

Explore the various habitats on Beaver Island that are home to our salamanders, frogs, turtles, and snakes. Observe these creatures up close, and learn the often fascinating details of their natural history.

The Mammals of Beaver Island

Mr. Dan Benjamin
Thursday July 21st
Learn about the diversity of indige-

nous and introduced mammals that inhabit Beaver Island. Discover the details of their natural history and learn where and how to observe these fascinating animals.

Beaver Island's Inland Lakes

Mr. Dan Benjamin
Saturday, July 30th

A trip to most of Beaver Island's inland lakes, with information about their formation, current status, water chemistry and natural history.

Beaver Island's Wetland Flora

Dr. Dan Wujek
Thursday August 4th

Journey to several unique terrestrial Beaver Island sites to search out the diversity of flowering and woody plants indigenous to these areas during mid- to late-summer. Learn about the importance of these ecosystems and how to identify them and their plant residents. Plan to get your feet wet!



BIPOA Nature Lectures

BIPOA is pleased to announce the topics for the upcoming Nature Lecture Series in partnership with C.M.U. Biological Station. Both presentations will be held at the Peaine Township Hall from 7:30-9:00 p.m. They are free and open to the public, light refreshments and snacks are provided.

Wednesday, June 29, 2005: **Corrormants and Smallmouth Bass in the Beaver Island Archipelago** presented by Dr. Nancy Seefelt from Central Michigan University

Wednesday, July 27, 2005: **The Geological History of Beaver Island** presented by Dr. Staci Goetz from Central Michigan University.

The Hopi Prophecy

On Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 a.m. Carol and Danny Burton invite those who are interested to join with them to share the hope and trust in The Hopi Prophecy. This was taught to Grandfather (Limping Snow Wolf) by Scott Walking Buffalo and John Kimmey, from the elderly of the Traditional Hopi Nation. Grandfather, who is of Seneca and German descent, was gifted with this in 1999 and sent east to share the oral tradition of the Bow Clan. The prophecy covers the creation of man, the very near future, and what you can do to make it better.

No alcohol, drugs, firearms, or attitudes will be allowed on the property.

Lodge will be held on June 10th.

Dock Dedication – June 18

St. James Township has scheduled an open house at the newly updated Municipal Marina from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Museum Open Houses

The Print Shop and Marine Museums will also have their Open House on June 18th from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The Print Shop Museum was honored to be named in the May 27 *Free Press* as one of the three most important cultural and historic tourist destinations in northern Michigan.

Fire Hall Grand Opening

Finally on the 18th, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. the public is invited to tour the new East Side Fire Hall.

Emerald Isle Rep. Kicks off 2005 Summer Season

On June 17 Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre will celebrate a milestone when the Island's not-for-profit professional theatre kicks off its first full summer season of live theatre with the premiere of the hilarious musical revue *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change* at the newly renovated Parish Hall Theatre on Beaver Island.

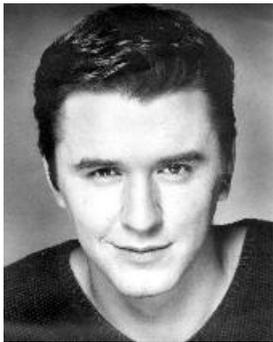
For the past year, Executive Producer Brian Porter and Artistic Director Kyle Barnette have been planning, fundraising, building, negotiating, and collaborating in order to bring their dream of opening their own professional theatre to life. In their first year on Beaver Island they have produced and directed three full-length productions: *The Song and Dance Sondheim*, *A Tuna Christ-*

mas, and the original musical *Where Are You Christmas?* written by Porter and directed by Barnette. They have performed in local community events, taught theatre education classes, such as tap dancing, music theory and introductory acting, and assisted in providing technical assistance for other local organizations' productions. All of this has led up to the day they can open their doors and welcome Beaver Island's many summer visitors to sit back and enjoy a full season of professional entertainment.

When theatre patrons enter the Parish Hall Theatre on June 17, they will be treated to a new sight. With the generous and steadfast support of the Holy Cross Catholic Church and the steady hands of Bill and Shirley Detwiler, EIR was able

to construct a six-foot stage extension. Additionally, the Hall received a mini-makeover, with newly painted wainscoting and beautiful burgundy curtains creating a feeling of intimacy and warmth. EIR is proud to call the Parish Hall Theatre its home this summer, and thanks the Holy Cross Catholic Church for welcoming them into their home.

EIR has hired in three professional actors to fill many of the roles in their three summer productions, becoming part of EIR's Resident Acting Company. Alison Show joins the theatre from her home on Staten Island, New York where she works as a professional singer and actress. John Keller of New Brunswick, New Jersey just finished a yearlong stint as a professional actor at Charleston



Kyle Barnette



Katie Deal



John Keller



Alison Show



Brian Porter

Stage Company in South Carolina. Finally, Katie Deal, who previously worked with Kyle and Brian in Memphis, will be rounding out the Resident Acting Company.

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change is an outrageous musical revue taking theatergoers on a tour through the many foibles of love and dating through hilarious, touching, and sometimes downright naughty situations and musical numbers. Currently off-Broadway's longest running musical, it will strike a chord with anyone who has ever fallen in or out of love.

Beaver Island history enthusiasts should be on the lookout as the ghost of James Jesse Strang introduces the many *Wives of an American King*. EIR, in collaboration with the Beaver Island Historical Society and Museum Week, is proud to host the world professional premiere of this exciting new work by Interlochen professor Anne-Marie Oomen. Five of Strang's wives come to

life to tell how they were seduced and eventually betrayed by the self-proclaimed King in this haunting historical fiction. Featuring Beaver Island's Melissa Bailey, Karen Whitecraft, and Hannah Conner as well as Barnette, Show, and Deal, this show promises an enthralling journey into the darker side of Beaver Island's history.

Last, join six southern belles as they dish the dirt while sipping mint juleps as the smell of wisteria fills the air in the modern comedy classic *Steel Magnolias*. Currently in a successful revival on Broadway, this charming and witty dramedy is sure to bring a tear to the eye...so bring a hankie! *Steel Magnolias* will also feature some newly-minted actresses from the Island: Abby Fogerty, Pinky Harmon, and Jayne Bailey.

Also on June 17, join Nina's Restaurant in celebrating the opening night of EIR's summer season. EIR and Nina's is offering a dinner and theatre package, the First Night Dinner, which includes a

specially selected menu and one ticket to the opening night performance of *I Love You, You're Perfect Now Change*. Patrons can enjoy an exquisitely prepared dinner while overlooking breathtaking Lake Michigan, and then take in a night of quality live professional theatre all in one evening. Tickets are \$44 per person and can be purchased by calling EIR at 448-2184 or visiting the Ticket Office next to Ace Hardware on Main Street.

Opening night tickets are also available without the dinner package.

Ticket prices for all shows are \$20 for adults and \$12 for students with proper Ids. Tickets are available by either calling 448-2184 or visiting the EIR Ticket Office. For more information check out www.eirtheatre.org. "EIR is still gladly accepting donations toward the support of its first summer season," says Barnette. To make a *tax-deductible donation* contact Kyle Barnette at (231) 448-2184.

PABI Third Annual Road Rally

Liz, Cindy, and I would like to thank all who made our Road Rally such a success. It would not have been so successful without the gracious hospitality of the Shamrock Bar and the Beaver Island Lodge. Special thanks go out to Debbie Bousquet for her help, and to the PABI Board members who brought hors d'oeuvres to the Reception.

This year's winning team, with a time of 4 hours 12 minutes, were Debbie Roberts, Chris Heikka, Teresa McDonough, Michelle LaFreniere, and ringer Kitty McNamara. They solved all the puzzles with the least number of telephoned advice, and found three hidden crowns that took 15 minutes off their time.

Thanks again to all participants and organizers. — Lisa Vance-Gillespie

EIR Show Dates

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

June dates: 17 & 18, 20-22, 27-30;
July dates: 5-7, 16, 18, & 20; August dates: 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 22, 24, 26, 29, & 31; and Sept. dates: 2, 6, 7, 11, 14, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, & 28

Wives of an American King

July dates: 12, 14, 16, 19, 21 (half the proceeds to benefit the Beaver Island Historical Society); August dates: 5, 7, 12, & 26; Sept dates: 1 & 2

Steel Magnolias

August dates: 19, 20, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28, & 30; Sept dates: 1, 6, 7, 11, 13, 15, 17, & 18

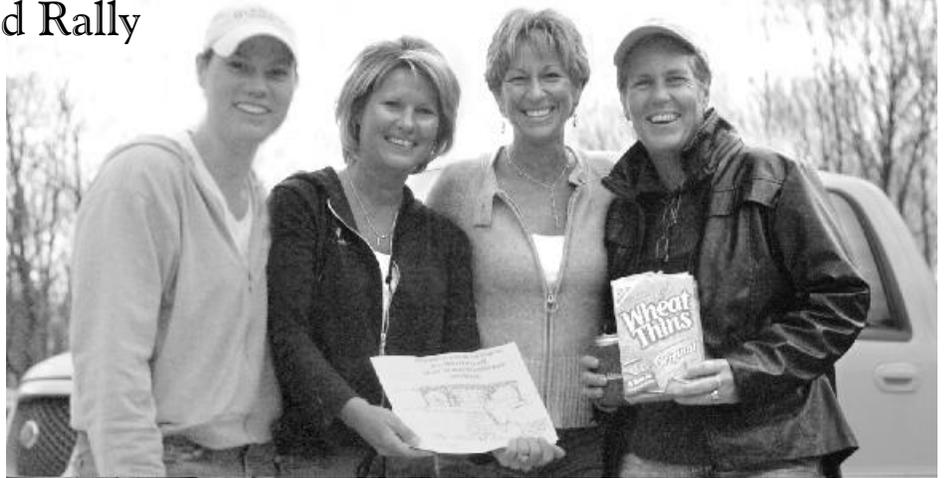
All shows at 8:00 pm except matinees (underlined) at 2:00 pm.

For tickets, call (231) 448-2184.

An EIR Party

The Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre will hold a Summer Season Sneak Preview party at the Stoney Acre Grill June 10th at 8:00 p.m., with a cash bar, and complimentary hors d'oeuvres provided by the Stoney Acre Grill.

They'll present a sneak preview of EIR's upcoming season and selections from the upcoming romantic comedy musical *I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*. Meet the actors and company of Beaver Island's only not-for-profit professional theatre. Do n a t i o n s will benefit EIR's inaugural season.



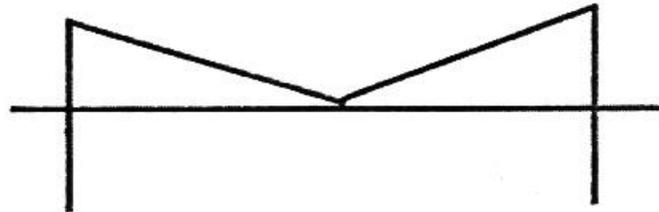
The Second Place Road Rally Team: Mary Jane, Laura, Denise, and Beth Ann—first in Spirit.

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On This Date

Ten Years Ago The *Beacon* reported that the latest offering from the Community Players was quite a success: "the acting was outstanding; the characters made themselves believable; and the set looked exactly like an authentic small-town bar."

The GLOBE (Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) program was launched at three sites. The atmospheric testing station was located at the school; the biometric station was placed at the Christian Brothers' Retreat (to study tree height and diameter, and canopy cover); and the hydrology station was set up at the Beaver Lodge. Grants and donations covered the equipment cost.

The "Dockside Renewal" project moved forward, thanks to donations.

The Chamber of Commerce located in a new office at Allsports and began its tree sale (self-pollinating pear tree.) It promised a big Fourth of July.

Pat McGinnity won the Island Telephone Company's essay contest.

The Library established a Community Calendar.

The Nature field trips were set, cov-

ering Bogs and Wetlands, Trees and Shrubs, Reptiles and Amphibians, and Inland Lakes.

Local artist Jimmy Gillespie supplied a drawing for the Med Center's Gift Program.

Eric Heline designed a sign for the Bill Wagner Campground.

Peaine supported the proposed feasibility study for an Island-based biomass generator.

MDOT's Aeronautics Division kicked in \$40,000 for runway turn-arounds, matching \$10,000 from each township, from the Airport Fund, and from Ed Welter.

Mary Blocksma announced the opening of a new book store.

Twenty Years Ago The elusiveness of morels was covered by Betty Duckworth, who spent a day in the woods, coming eye to eye with a snake and jumping on several pitch-stained pine cones before capturing a fine three-quarter-incher.

The St. James Board was very concerned about the high level of Font Lake, which had caused some basement flooding; so it approved the

already-dug trench across the campground property. It held a special meeting to discuss matching a DNR grant of \$800 for an engineering study of the Yacht Dock, providing the needed match, and authorizing \$4,000, along with another DNR grant of up to \$26,600, to make the necessary repairs.

Teacher Jim Hibbler was hired as the summer handyman for St. James, at \$3.75/hour.

Bingo games were moved from the Circle M to the Fire Hall, and held every Tuesday.

McDonough's Market started building a new store. Kurt Petrak opened his Putt-putt golf course. Gordie and Chris arrived, Gordie to work as a mechanic.

The Summer School program was cancelled due to lack of funds.

The Island students who visited Washington Island stayed two nights in a number of homes. Their presence was filmed by a WI tv crew, which followed them everywhere. Our kids had a tour, watched the WI marching band, and played one basketball and two softball games.

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The Civic Association was expecting its new brochures, which would be sent to AAA offices. It advertised in the *Chicago Tribune*. The Road Rally had problems, but another was planned for the following spring.

Island clean-up was on May 11th.

Some of the older students took a trip to Lansing and Dearborn, to visit the State House, the Greenfield Museum, a two-story mall (Fairlane), and the Henry Ford Museum.

The Fire Department had a run of activity, putting out brush fires on Sloptown and Donnel Mor's Lane before answering the call when Helen Pike's chimney collapsed.

The *Beacon* contained a flyer advertising Museum Week, which was to include a House Tour, a presentation on quilts by Joe and Gwen, and something unspecified prepared by the Maritime Heritage Alliance.

Thirty Years Ago On the first day of June the Beaver Island ball team set off at 7:00 a.m. on the *Beaver Islander* for Mackinac Island, with over a hundred fans aboard. But when they arrived at 10:00, nobody was there to

point the way to the ball diamond. Two and a half hours later they found it on top of a hill. The Mackinac Island team greeted them with, "What kept you?", angering our guys enough for them to hammer a 13 - 7 win. The Mackinac Islanders put in fresh players for a second game and pulled out a victory.

Six students graduated from the Island school: James Cole, Mike Green, James McCafferty, Tim McDonough, Carl Welke, and Patricia Wojan. Three kids took their first communion: Ken Kenwabakise, Gerald LaFreniere, and Dan McCafferty.

A testimonial dinner was given for A. J. Roy, founder of the Historical Society. Phil Gregg announced that the soon-to-be Heritage Park would be named in his honor.

A *Beaver Tale* recounted the history of the steamer screw *Bruce*, put on the ferry run after the disastrous loss of the *Columbia* in 1917. The *Bruce*, owned by Captain Harry Oldham (builder of Charlevoix's *Tower Hotel and Casino* on the channel), was 78.7' long, with a beam of 19.7' and a draft of 8.5'. She had some competition for

awhile from the *Irene*, which was older and slower, but by 1920 the *Bruce* had the run to herself.

Passings noted included John McCauley and Captain Edwin McCann. John McCauley was born on Beaver Island in 1910, but moved to Chicago as a young man, where he became a master plumber. He came back frequently, and it was on his return from one such visit that he became ill, while visiting his nephew Buddy White in Grand Rapids.

Edwin McCann also was born on Beaver Island (in 1909.) He married the former Margaret Gallagher, and they lived on the Island before moving to Charlevoix, where he sailed on the ship *John L. A. Galster*, for which he became the captain. He was the skipper of the *Medusa Challenger* until his retirement in 1971.

Forty Years Ago The bass season opened and witnessed fishermen having good luck with smallmouth in the rocky bays of Garden and Hog Islands. State Representative Clevenger came over for a few days and caught his *Continued on page 16, see On This Date.*



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On This Date, continued from page 15. limit of bass at Garden. Hopes for a return of perch to the harbor were fueled by good catches by Ron Wojan and Al Doeblar.

A golf tourney was set for mid-June at the Island's 9-hole, par-35 course.

The Altar Society sponsored a Memorial Day lunch at the ball diamond, at which Vivian Visscher won an applied Shamrock Quilt.

The father and son dentist team, Drs. N. P. Sorenson Sr. and Jr., announced they would each be at their cottage for two weeks in July and August, at different times, to offer their services. Dr. Charles Pusilier from Ann Arbor did dental work on kids at John Gallagher's house at the beginning of summer.

Superior Sand and Gravel brought two large barges filled with equipment and began rebuilding the Yacht Dock, pulling up pilings from the old Gallagher Dock and replacing them. Dredging was set for later in the month.

One of Phil Gregg's *Beaver Tales* related the story of a trip to Pismire Island, midway between Garden and

Hog. As he and some friends approached, hundreds of gulls lifted up; they had to watch where they walked because of all the egg-filled nests. They checked the perimeter for interesting deposits, but found little beyond some floats before returning to Beaver.

News was passed on about the death of Neil Gallagher of Alaska; he was the brother of Rose Malloy and the father of Captain Don Gallagher.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* was up in arms about what it claimed was a cruel misjudgement: a series of letters was written by a downstate person, without checking with the Civic or the Town Boards and using Lloyd McDonough's name without permission, asking Washington to build a Jet Air Base here.

At the end of May *Patrol #1* brought the head of Michigan's Conservation Department, Gerald Eddy, for a visit. The day before, 28 teachers from Charlevoix and Emmet Counties came for a buffet luncheon at the Beaver Lodge. Our principal, Sister Marie Genieve, asked Audrey and Kathleen Gatliff to deliver a talk about the status

of our school. The *Emerald Isle* delayed its departure by 3 ½ hours so the teachers could go around the Island.

Dick LaFreniere was widening his dock.

The Game Club sank a number of old cars in Garden Island's Pete Manitou's Bay.

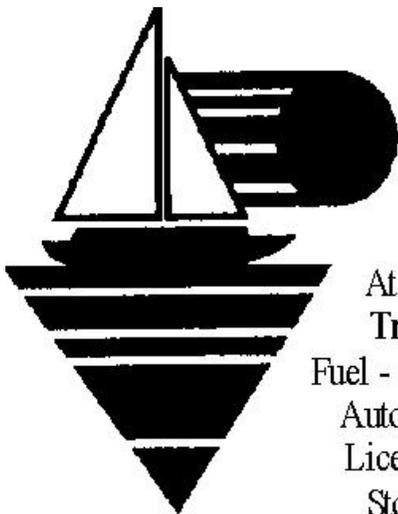
Gene Connaghan's wife Ellen became the first mother to give birth twice in the new Med Center. Rich Gillespie and Doris Kenwabikise were also born there in May and June.

The grade school produced *HMS Pinafore*, with sets made by Jerry LaFreniere and Chuck Dudley.

Grade-schoolers had their picnic at Font and Barney's, whereas the upper classes had theirs at Fox. Two seniors from Lake Lelanau came to our Prom; then our seven seniors (Marjorie Martin, Margaret Ann LaFreniere, Alice Dubiel, Audrey Gatliff, Eleanor Gallagher, John LaFreniere, and Bill Vail) went to theirs.

Carl Felix was building a drive-in hot dog and ice cream stand at the Rustic Villa, his architectural masterpiece near the ball diamond.

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Beaver Head loses a Good Man

On May 17th 75 Islanders gathered at the Christian Church to spring a surprise on Doug Marvin, who had reluctantly accepted a position with the Straight Ahead Ministries on the East Coast after working at Beaver Island's Lighthouse School the past six and a half years.

Lighthouse School administrators John Freeman and Mary Rose Farrington were on hand, showing a PowerPoint presentation on the history of their project, which started in 1978. At that time there was much skepticism about their chance for success, because the facility was in shambles and the students they were undertaking to help had been deemed uncontrollable. But they put their noses to the grindstone—including the students, who have done much of the work over the years—



worked through their frustrations, and defied the odds. It's no exaggeration that the existence of this facility has saved the lives of a thousand kids.

Everyone has noticed the fine synchronicity of two very-different groups—the Lighthouse School students and the residents of Beaver Island—beginning to appreciate each other's existence. Mention was made of the delightful interactions achieved at the

spaghetti dinners and BICS talent shows, and were pleased when the Lighthouse School's culinary arts teacher, Chris Klukowski, did so well in the recent chili cook-off. The BILS's participation in the development of Beaver Island's Heritage Park was also noted.

From the comments made by the staff and his Island friends, it was obvious that a good part of the program's remarkable success was due to Doug Marvin's vision, sensitivity, and integrity, qualities that radiated from everything he undertook. Jane Dwyer, who has had her commitment to teaching revived by her participation in the Lighthouse School, spoke about what a difference Doug had made to her. Several speakers became teary when they tried to define just why Doug had been so important.

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The 25th Museum Week

This summer the Beaver Island Historical Society will present its 25th straight mid-summer celebration.

The proud directors of the Light-house School have obtained additional funding to continue their restoration of the **Beaver Head Light**, and will have staff on hand to give tours from 10:00 until 3:00. The BIHS hopes to provide transportation to Beaver Head at 11:30 from the Print Shop.

Museum Week traditionally begins with **Music on the Porch** on Monday evening, and the good news is that after a year's sabbatical, Doris Larsen will again be at its helm. So to make arrangements to perform, contact her on the Island this summer.

Antje Price will open the **Protar Home** at one o'clock on both Tuesday and Saturday. This year her discussion will have a different flavor—because she has found new information about him through her ongoing research.

Later Tuesday afternoon GLLKA volunteers will talk about the restoration program for the **Whiskey Point Light**, from the fine points to the big picture. They'll ask for help to form a work party

the following afternoon to meet at the Light and get a first-hand look at the concrete side of their ideas; don't worry, they'll provide tyvek suits.

The founders of the Emerald Isle Repertory Theatre saw one of the showings of Anne-Marie Oomen's play, *Wives of an American King*, and were so impressed that they offered to stage it. They've hired professional actors to join the local group, and are working with Anne-Marie to fine-tune this version.

Seeing this play gives some clarity to the image of a man we usually have difficulty understanding because the various aspects of his personality seem so incompatible. The **Strang** seen here is revealing: a complex modern man with a full arsenal of the very human tricks used to bridge the gaps he has created in fabricating his personality. The play paints Strang by focusing on his five, all-too-human wives, what he told them to make them accept the situation, and what they told themselves. As we approach the 150th anniversary of his death at the hands of two disgruntled followers, we are delighted that the *EIR* will stage this play 5 times during the ex-

tended festivities.

The CMU Biological Station's **Nature Walks** start on Wednesday with *Nature Walk for Adults*, followed on Thursday and Friday with two *Nature Walk for Kids*. These highly-regarded expeditions start at the Bio Station at 9:00 a.m. and run until noon, taking participants to a variety of environments. Each *Walk* is limited to 25, so get your ticket at the Print Shop beforehand (or register by calling 448-2254.)

Laura Pratt is organizing the **Art Show** again, which will start on Wednesday afternoon. She expects more artists than before, and is gearing up for the best Art Show yet: expanded display areas, longer hours, and open more days. To show your work or to help put on the show, contact her at laurapratt32@earthlink.net

On Thursday afternoon Jim Gillingham and his staff will once again present the most popular Museum Week event: **Amazing Reptiles and Amphibians**. This is the show in which Jim's staff come down the aisles with large snakes, toads, turtles, and lizards, a murmur of excitement from the appreciative

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kids begins to pick up momentum, and the parents head for the door.

Friday evening brings the **Beaver Buddies Harmony Club**, which began twenty five (25) years ago with a popular Holland, Michigan barbershop quartet known as *The Dutch Masters*. Singing all the way, they drove up to Charlevoix, took the old boat over, and stayed at Loew's Lodge on Lake Genesareth, not realizing they had picked Homecoming weekend. There were people everywhere and the atmosphere was perfect for a bunch of outgoing entertainers. They began the tradition of singing the national anthem before the start of the softball tournament.

The rest is history. They are now twelve strong (3 quartets.) This year they truly look forward to participating in Museum Week. Other Quartets have been invited to join in, but it's too early to tell if they'll be able to make their arrangements. If your group wants to get involved, contact Fred at FSchutzmaat@JasperSeating.com

The Ric Roane-sponsored **Pet Show** will be held at noon on Saturday on the Print Shop Museum's porch. Ev-

ery entrant usually receives an award.

On the following weekend, on July 23rd, kilted strongmen from across Michigan will converge for the first **Beaver Island Celtic Games**. These powerful athletes will compete in seven traditional Irish and Scottish strength events designed to test their skills. In addition to trying to throw large, heavy objects farther than each other, they will entertain the crowd with their on-the-field antics, and provide valuable history lessons about the growth of this sport.

"It's a lot of fun to watch the athletes of the Celtic Games compete, not just to see their skill at throwing weights and large trees that look like telephone poles, but because of the history you can learn in the process," said athlete and Scottish bagpiper Jeremy McBain of Charlevoix, co-organizer of this event.

For distance they throw 28-pound and 56-pound weights with one arm, 22-pound hammers and large rocks. For height, they hurl another 56-pound weight straight up in the air with one arm, as well as use a three-pronged pitchfork to toss a 20-25-pound burlap bag filled with twine in the air. These

strongmen will also be tossing the caber—one of the best known Celtic heavy events: an 18', 150-pound tree, which is hoisted straight up in the air and balanced on the shoulder. After a brief run, it's thrown straight up in an attempt to get it to flip end-over-end, to get the end that was in their hands to land directly away from them. The closer they get to this goal, the more points they receive.

The athletes and judge will provide commentary about the events and their history. Each athlete will be wearing the traditional Scottish kilt of their individual clans. The results of the games will be used in the athletes' national rankings with NASGAA.

In addition to watching the action on the field, the audience will have a chance to show off their strength along with the athletes in the **Beaver Island Stone of Strength**. The Stone of Strength is a 90-pound boulder that must be thrown for distance. The winner's name will be written on the stone, which will be on perpetual display. The Games begin at 9 a.m., Saturday, July 23 at the Bud McDonough Ball Diamond and will run until around 5 p.m.



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Diversity, Talent, Promise mark Class of 2005

by Frank Solle

While the Beaver Island Community School Class of 2005 may be small in number, the four graduating seniors more than make up for a lack of quantity with a surplus of quality. Talking with each of these bright and motivated students, one cannot help but be impressed with their combination of intelligence, motivation, confidence, and overall enthusiasm and optimism for the future.

Here is a brief look at each graduate as they embrace their moment of achievement and change:

Melissa Bailey

Although some teachers may remember this lifelong BICS student as the girl who used to have a tail, those who know her today will remember Melissa as class valedictorian.

"I'm pretty driven and pretty stubborn," Melissa says of her push for academic excellence. "No one made me do it. I did it for myself."

That type of motivation comes through loud and clear as Melissa talks about her years at BICS. "Looking back I realize how much I've enjoyed going to school here," she says. "I don't know how smart I am compared to other high school students, but I know I'm pre-



The Class of 2005

Photograph by Krystle Timsak

pared to go to college. The way some of the teachers here teach, like Mr. Stambaugh, it's a lecture style like college, and we've had some challenging course work. We've also done some good correspondence study work on the computers."

Melissa plans on putting that preparation to the challenge this fall at Albion College, where she has earned a Trustee Scholarship covering half of her tuition.

"I have no clue what I want to study," she admits freely. "I'm starting to think about music because that's what I'm really passionate about. I don't really play, but it's something I want to be involved in, as well as writing."

Given her response when asked about her best memory of her school

years, there is little doubt writing and expressing herself will play a role in deciding her major field of study. "I really liked Humanities class," she said. "It was the most interesting class ever and had so many possibilities."

Speaking more of what she liked about going to school on the Island, Melissa said, "I've had a great time in school. It's the closeness of everybody. There are so many unique opportu-

nities here and it's so beautiful. I had so much fun on Island cleanup the other day—who else gets to do that?"

But along with the good comes some bad. "Just the winter sometimes," Melissa bemoaned. "The days are short, it's bleak, everything is inconvenient. You're really in the groove of school, and the teachers are comfortable giving you homework and piling it on. Sometimes it feels like there's no end to it."

Volleyball helped to pass the long winters for Melissa, as she participated every year from eighth grade on.

As for the long-ago tail? "I wanted to be a lion," Melissa admitted. "I was always so jealous of things that had tails when I didn't. I thought it would be so cool to swing it around, to express



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emotion if you were happy.

“I actually did wear it to school. Sometimes it was yarn, sometimes a jump rope. My parents just let me do it.”

Melissa's tail-allowing parents are Mike and Jayne Bailey.

Danielle Cary

When it comes to making plans and setting goals among this year's graduates, Danielle sets the pace. “I am moving to East Lansing and going to cosmetology school at Douglas J. Arveda Institute of Cosmetology,” she states matter-of-factly. “Then I'm planning on staying in East Lansing and working there for a few years. I have friends there and I want to stay in the city for awhile.”

The one-year program at the Arveda Institute begins in November and runs full time until the following October.

“After that I can take my state boards in order to get my cosmetology license,” Danielle said, acknowledging that with such a license in her possession she will be able to go anywhere she chooses and find dependable employment.

Being prepared for her upcoming course work and employment goes hand-in-hand with her educational experience at BICS. “I've learned a lot of chemistry and science here that will be important,” she said. “I think the people skills I learned here going to a small school will help me a lot as well.”

The thing that helped her along the

way, and that Danielle considers the best part of going to school here is, “the one-on-one attention that you get.”

Of course, as Danielle admits with a smile, “that may be the worst thing too.”

Another of the good things for Danielle has been her participation in sports, as she has been an integral part of the volleyball team the past two years and a player since eighth grade. She also played on the soccer team for four years. “Sports is the biggest thing I will miss,” Danielle said. “Not just the games, but I'll miss practice and the bus rides, and all the things we did.”

While Danielle will miss sports, Beaver Island sports fans will miss Danielle for her always-stirring *Continued on page 22, see Graduates.*

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Graduates, continued from page 21. renditions of the National Anthem prior to home games. She began singing the anthem as a sophomore and admitted to welling up each time she stood in front of the home crowd. "I was very proud to sing the anthem at the games," she said.

Along with classmate Bailey, Danielle also has spent her entire educational experience at BICS. "We went to preschool in the basement of the Rectory," Danielle recalled. "Then we were Mrs. Robert's first first-grade class. That's pretty cool."

Danielle has received two scholarships from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation to help her pursue her goals.

Danielle's parents are Greg and Lynn Cary.

Emily Gray

Although Emily didn't arrive at BICS until the eighth grade, she has made her presence known in a very active and positive manner.

Emily has been involved with the Student Council throughout her high

school years, a student member of the Youth Consortium the past three years, a three-year participant in Yearbook, a two-year player of basketball and volleyball, and a three-year player on the Islander soccer team.

"There's more, but I can't remember it all," Emily says with an ever-present laugh.

Twelve years of involvement with Girl Scouts can be added to that list, with Emily being active as a leader for the youngest scouts for a number of years as well.

Comparing the Island school with her previous experiences at North Dickinson at Felch in the Upper Peninsula, Emily says, "It's a lot smaller here. The classes are small and you have to get along with everybody."

While the smaller school may not have had all the offerings, "I missed out on some sports and field trips," Emily said, the school here has other things not available at other locations. "I've been able to do a lot of stuff I wouldn't anywhere else, like the EMT program."

The EMT program at BICS has had a large impact on Emily. So large, in

fact, she is planning on continuing in that field beginning in the fall at North Central Michigan College in Petoskey. "I'm going to take their paramedic program first, then enter the nursing program," she explained.

Helping Emily achieve those goals will be a state MEAP scholarship, a Presidential Freedom Scholarship, and a Presidential Scholarship from NCMC.

Emily says her friends have been the best thing about going to school on Beaver Island. Her record of involvement in so many different activities would certainly bare that out.

Emily is the daughter of Michelle LaFreniere of Beaver Island and Blake Gray of Fairbanks.

Keith Szczepanski

It might not be fair to tab Keith with the "odd man out" label, but he is the lone male among the graduates. He also is the newest member of the class, joining the group two years ago as a junior.

"It was a big change coming here from Chicago," Keith said. "The amount of people, plus I had a lot more

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friends there.” But Keith was no stranger to the Island: “I’ve been up here every summer since I was born pretty much.”

Keith was very introspective in his assessment of the differences between big city schooling and what he found at BICS. “There were more opportunities for classes, more electives there,” he explained. “I felt I learned better in a larger group—I fed off other student’s ideas rather than the teacher’s ideas—so the biggest change was the style of learning. I had to figure that out. Here it is more focused and concentrated on every individual student.”

While Keith worked on making those adjustments, he also picked up new ideas about friendship. “Here my friends are closer. I’ve got better friends here because you know everything about everybody.”

Most important in the changes Keith has come across is the role of music in his life. “I wasn’t headed towards the music direction before coming here,” he said. “I’ve become more involved in music because of the diversity of music here and how many

people here are involved in music. There is such a strong foundation of music on the Island.”

That change also has left Keith with a dilemma following graduation. “I’ve been accepted at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, but I also want to go to a recording school in Ohio,” he explained. Keith sees NMC as an opportunity to study music and English and the Ohio school as a chance to learn the ins and outs of running a recording studio. “I’d like to do both,” he says. “I’ve got a decision to make.”

Picking up on his self-assurance as Keith speaks of these things, one can only believe he will come to the correct decision. As he explained when asked about the best thing in moving here, “It was a chance to start over. When you start new you find out things about yourself you might not have seen before because of the environment you were in or the people you were with. Moving here has shaped my life the most. I like where I’m at, that’s a good thing.”

Keith is the son of Marie LaFreniere of Beaver Island and Steve Szczepanski of Chicago.

Aerial Flautist (piping plover)

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You expose your eggs on sand and gravel,
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But how many times must I tell you
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Letters to the Editor

To the Chamber:

Just a quick note to let you know how much Lil and I appreciated your splendid presentation to us.

As we get older, we find that we now have to back away from many of the community projects we really enjoyed. It certainly lit up our hearts to be recognized, but all who were nominated deserve the same—though we realize that would be rather complicated.

Thanks again,
Phil and Lil

From the Chamber

In the wonderful story about Mark Valente published in your April issue he was quoted commenting about the Citizen of The Year banquet, "I wish they'd give an award to someone who shows by example how a life can be lived without changing anything." In May a letter from Gwen Marston echoed his comment. A second letter from Krys Lyle did the same and went on, "Most people who have come here did so because of the quiet rustic nature, which is quickly being destroyed by all these new fangled improvements."

The Citizen of The Year award goes to, "an individual, couple, or community organization that has made a significant contribution to making Beaver Island a better place to live, work or visit." Nominations are solicited and welcome from the whole community as was well reported by the *Beacon*. One need not be a Chamber of Commerce member to win the award. More than a

hundred nominations have been received during the four years that the annual award has been given. The Chamber of Commerce did not receive a nomination from Mr. Valente or from Ms. Marston or Ms. Lyle. We welcome everyone to participate in the selection process.

Thanks *Beaver Beacon* for the in depth story highlighting all the great nominees as well as the 2004 winners Phil and Lil Gregg. The Chamber of Commerce board of directors believes that the selections over four years reflect an excellent cross section of dedicated people who have made important contributions to the Island. We would like to thank the community for your support of the program.

— Kathy Speck and Steve West for the Chamber of Commerce directors.

Another Way to Look at It

In the April and May *Beaver Beacons* there were some comments made by some local residents about how nice it would be if an award could be given "to someone who shows by example how a life can be lived without changing anything." In order for somebody to be named Citizen of the Year who hasn't changed anything, the award would have to be given to somebody who does not live here and has done absolutely nothing on Beaver Island. The comments were well intentioned and from three people who are concerned about the changes taking place on Beaver Island. It's true that the Island is chang-

ing, primarily because of people who are coming to live here for work or retirement and to have second homes. It should be pointed out, however, that it's naïve of anyone who lives here to think that they are not part of the change that is taking place. Anyone living here whether they buy, build or rent, is adding to the traffic on the roads, adding to the need for more fire trucks and fire barns, adding to the need for a larger, better EMS program and medical center, larger grocery stores, new gas stations, new hardware stores, bigger churches, parking lots in town, larger ferries, etc., etc. Unless you illegally bury your garbage, by living here you are adding to the need for things such as a transfer station for refuse. Without more people we would have no need for a new community center for performing arts. The more people who live on Beaver Island part-time or full-time, the more the infrastructure and services will have to change. The only way to stop the change is stop the population increase at its current number, tell all property owners they can't build anything on their property, and prevent any new people from coming to the Island. You have to tell anyone who bought a lot in anticipation of having a lakefront cottage or a cabin in the woods that they cannot build or move here to be part-time or full-time residents. It's amazing to me how many people who come here start anti-development rhetoric soon after they buy or build. My definition of a Northern Michigan environmentalist

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is someone who already has their cottage built.

In the 1960s there was one spot on the east side where you were always assured of seeing a small herd of deer grazing when you went by. It was a beautiful field on a slightly elevated area back from the road called Shoemaker's Field. It was one of the prettiest openings on the Island. In fact, in the 70s when Bob McGlocklin had trouble with his plane engine on the way back to the Island, he made an emergency landing in this field. He couldn't land there today because there are several structures on this old opening on the west side of East Side Drive. The structures are Mark Valente's home, fox farm buildings, and storage buildings. What was a really beautiful spot is not so natural anymore. Did Mark Valente do anything wrong by building structures on the 20 acres he bought? Absolutely not! He did what everybody who comes here wants to do: select for themselves a nice spot and build a house. Mark and Susan's log cabin is a beautiful building on a beautiful spot, but by building it Mark forever changed that little part of the Island. The point is, if you live here, especially if you build something here, in many, many ways you are causing changes to Beaver Island.

Another beautiful spot that I always liked in my teenage years was McCafferty's field on Barney's Lake



Road (Darkeytown Road). Eagle Hill Road that goes through the field wasn't there then and Gwen Marston and Krys Lyle's houses were not at the back of the field then. It was an open grass field where you could see back to the woods line where Bill Markey's house now stands. Bill Cashman bought the acreage that contained this field, and split it into five- and 10-acre parcels in the 1980s to provide a new access road to the McCauley's Point lakefront subdivision where he intended to build a lakefront home. The people who have built homes on these five- and 10-acre parcels (along with the people who have the lakefront homes west of the field) are all enjoying their little piece of what was once an absolutely beautiful open space. I used to deer hunt near the abandoned farmhouse at the old Wolf River apple tree orchard at the northeast corner of this field. I could go out after school and sit until dark and not one car would

come down Darkeytown Road. What remains of that old orchard is now the front yard of the Bud Martin Excavating equipment barn—a commercial property. The point is, everybody living here, including Krys Lyle and Gwen Marston, is causing change. Quite a few people have purchased property to build homes on who were brought to Beaver Island by promotions such as the quilting seminars. These people are adding to the change of the Island. Change is inevitable; if you want to be on Beaver Island you are causing change. The only way someone has the right to speak out against change would be if they tear down their house, return the land to its natural state, and then move off the Island. Otherwise, they should be careful what they say.

I am against the over-development of Beaver Island and I'd like to see zoning rules put in place that would strive for at least quality versus quantity. For example, a master plan with zoning regulations that precludes any further rezoning of inland parcels in Peaine Township that results in lots less than 10 acres in size. We might be able to control and reduce the changes being made on Beaver Island, but unless those of us who are here right now can somehow stop another person from moving here or building here, then the Island is going to change whether we like it or not.

—Ed Wojan

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Calling All Turkeys

by Lois Williams

It's May again and time to try calling a tom turkey into range.

If you have only observed the flock of turkeys that inhabit the town, you can't understand the challenge of hunting a truly wild turkey. Turkeys can see and hear better than us. Although they appear stupid their instincts are to survive; a tom is a wily, suspicious bird.

The way I hunt a tom has proven successful (sometimes.) Dressed in full camouflage, I tuck my little folding chair behind brush and other cover, set out a decoy, and prepare to call. There are various types of calling devices but I use a simple box call to imitate the sounds of a hen. A decoy is used to lure an animal into a trap. Decoys come in all types and styles; several years ago we selected some from Cabelas that were labeled "call girls." We promptly gave all three a name: Hannah, Susie, and Trudy. They are actually blow-up dolls with a silk-screened turkey hen. After you blow it up you place it on a dowel pushed into the ground to hold the decoy erect. Little did I know just what I would lure into my trap.

The first several days were unsuccessful. Joe, my husband and hunting companion, and I heard gobbles to our left and right but no responses to my calls. After getting up at 4:30 a.m. several times in a row to be in place by 5:30, we moved our location. The decoy Hannah was placed and we were hidden well. At 5:45 we heard the first gobble. I started calling softly since he was less than 100 yards away. In fifteen minutes he was visible. It took him another fifteen to come into range. He fanned and puffed, he turned, and he stomped and put on a show for that decoy that was almost shameful. At last he stepped out from behind an evergreen tree, his head a bright white in full-feathered fan. I raised my shotgun. The rest is history.

Now all of that should be exciting and it is, but events following that day proved that not all excitement involves shooting. Once again Hannah was set out on her stake and we hid behind bushes. About 6:15 we heard the sound of turkeys coming down out of their roost. A hen and jake (an immature tom) started toward the decoy. The hen

slammed into Hannah. The jake kept walking but was very wary. The hen continued to attack Hannah. She pecked at her, finally grabbing her by the head and going round and round with the decoy still on the stick. She rammed against her again, breaking the stick and dumping the decoy on the ground. For 15 minutes she continued her assault vigorously with tail feathers fanned, all the while making a chortling sound. She finally pierced the decoy, and Hannah lay lifeless on the ground. Then the hen walked away.

Joe motioned for me to look to my right. Across the meadow we saw the approach of several toms. They were about 200 yards away. I started calling but since Hannah was no longer visible they showed no interest.

It might be hard to top that story but I may just be able to. Another day found us in the same meadow but positioned on a peninsula that juts into the field. On this morning we staked out Susie. Day was breaking but still quite dark when I caught the movement of something off to my right, quite small to be a deer. It

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Annual Fourth of July Golf Tournament

by Frank Solle

was a coyote moving toward the decoy. When he was between us and the decoy and not more than 25 feet from us, he stopped, reversed his direction, and trotted off toward the woods.

About 15 minutes later four deer approached from our left. They put the brakes on when they saw Susie. One by one they approached her. One got as close as 18 inches. When one would spook, they would all jump. They approached her from all angles and then wandered off but still kept looking at her. More deer came by to check her out. At one time there were 13 deer milling around checking her out while they grazed. The morning progressed and all we saw were hens. So we put the camo clothes away, cleaned the shotguns, and called it quits for this season of turkey hunting.

Some stories have happy endings. This is one. It seems that Hannah's injuries were not fatal as we had feared. I sent her to the finest plastic surgeon available and she was restored to almost good as new—only the practiced eye can see the wound.

Beaver Island's Annual Fourth of July Golf Tournament has been set for Sunday, July 3. The best-ball scramble will get underway at 1:30 pm at the Beaver Island Golf Course.

The tournament has openings for 18 five-person teams. There is a \$2.00 charge per player to cover administrative costs. Each player is also responsible for regular green fees for nine holes of play. There is no green fee for registered members of the course.

Once again local merchants have donated numerous prizes that players will compete for on each hole. By demonstrating their outstanding talents, golfers will have the opportunity to win

John Albin wins TDS Essay Contest

BICS Junior John Albin recently was awarded a \$200 scholarship for winning the local level of competition in an essay contest. "He submitted a well-written, creative essay, demonstrating both initiative and talent," said Charlene Burnison, manager of TDS.

prizes by hitting the longest drive, chipping closest to the pin, and hitting closest to the green on the second shot of a hole for example.

Door prizes will be awarded following the competition. A trophy for the first place team is donated each year by Ed Welter. As tournament director Jerry Sowa said, "Each year the trophy is unique and different."

Last year's tournament was won by the team of Jerry and Tom Charbeneau, Paul Davis, Larry Laurain, and Bill Detwiler.

Sign-up sheets will soon be posted at various locations. For more information contact Sowa at 448-2464.

Congratulations Jennifer Jacobson

Jennifer Jacobson, daughter of Bruce and Leonor Jacobson, graduated on April 29th from the University of Michigan with High Honors in Comparative Literature. She is planning to stay in Ann Arbor and pursue a Master's degree next year.



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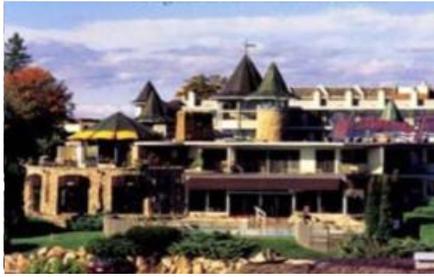


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In a Peacock's Eye

by Peter Plastrik

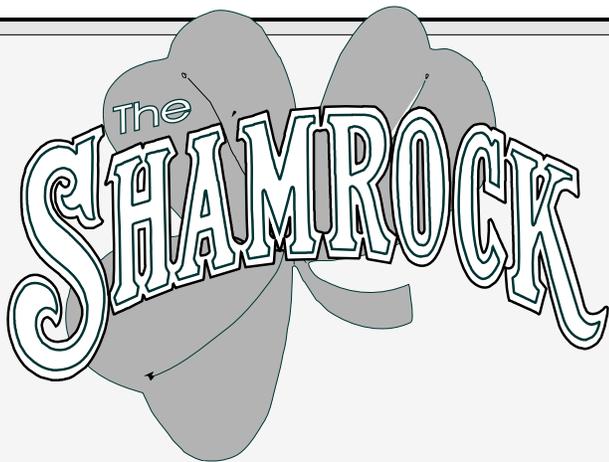
We were dining under dark skies in the middle of nowhere. Coyotes howled, the river babbled, rattlesnakes lay in the grass, and the air carried faint, acrid whiffs of distant burning forests. The high range of Montana was coming to rest and awakening as we ate—at a candle-lit table on a patio extending from a small cabin on a hillside above the West Boulder River down the road from Tom Brokaw's spacious cattle ranch. All the creature comforts were available: wine, the Internet, sparkling conversation.

Doug Peacock, barrel-chested, his shaved head and dark eyes gleaming, sat across from me. After a season in Vietnam in 1967 with the 101st Airborne, he had retreated to the northern Rockies and, for some 20 years, tracked grizzly bears. After Vietnam, he later wrote, "I caught myself saluting birds and tipping my watch cap to sunsets. I talked a lot when no one was around, especially to bears." He went to the wild because it was the only place left for him. "I had no talent for reentering society. Others of my generation marched and expanded their

consciousness; I retreated to the woods and pushed my mind toward sleep with cheap wine."

Talk circled around and through Peacock. Mike Clark, a six-foot-four, full-bearded veteran battler for civil rights and environmental movements, a gentle man better to have on your side than against you, had brought me to this place. He set Peacock aback when he revealed that he had been married to a woman whose sister Peacock had dated back in high school, in Saginaw, Michigan. Tom McNamee, our host and author of *The Return of the Wolf to Yellowstone*, started a discussion about the need to tag grizzlies in the wild so man could research their living patterns. "Can't there be something that we don't have to tag?" Peacock argued.

Clark described a cocktail party he had attended several weeks earlier, as dozens of wildfires began to sweep through Montana. It was held at a "trophy house" five miles up a heavily forested ravine, reached by a single-lane road. "It's the suburbanization of the West," Clark complained. "Until



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10 years ago, everyone lived in towns." The owner, a Chicagoan, had asked Clark, "Will this place burn?" The conservationist took in the view across the Big Sky basin, and looked over a nearby meadow of grass three-foot high. "Yes," he replied, "It's just a matter of when." The long cycles of fire, replenishing and necessary, were a subtlety of the land, a peril unknown to many newcomers to the region. "These people have no tie to the community," Clark said, "no understanding of the social and economic structures, no understanding of the land." They build for the glorious view—and then learn what they had not seen. Call it the environmentalist's sad revenge.

More talk—the Brokaws' dog was missing, maybe taken by coyotes—was punctuated by learned critiques of each new bottle of wine, led by McNamee and, improbably, Peacock. Cheap wine, indeed.

Finally, Doug Peacock, who had lived alone and unarmed with *Ursus horribilis*, looked across the table at me. What wilderness do you do, he wanted to know.

I toyed quickly with a deflecting reply: "Urban wilderness, I do the asphalt jungle." But that hadn't been true for some 25 years, when I had moved out of Manhattan for good and into a succession of small, tame cities in Michigan. And besides, Peacock was asking about the wild.

"I don't do wilderness," I replied. "Never have. But I go to Beaver Island. I just bought a house there."

"Beaver Island!" A fellow Michiganiian, Peacock knew the place—had hunted there in his youth. It was not "the wild" by any stretch of the imagination, having been settled and stripped for nearly two centuries. But, rising in Lake Michigan some 25 miles from shore, it was remote, one of the most remote settlements in the continental United States. Only a few hundred people lived there, and not that many took the two-hour ferry ride from the mainland.

What I saw in Peacock's eyes then was certainly not the respect he might have accorded a fellow mountain man. Perhaps, though, it was a measure of regard.



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Alexandrine M. Siudara 1917-2005

Long time Island resident Alex Siudara, born on November 29, 1917, passed away on May 9th, 2005 at age 87.

Alex Siudara came to Berkley in 1948, with her husband, Dr. Leonard, who was one of the original family practice physicians to serve in the area. There she raised her six children and was a member of the National Shrine of the Little Flower Parish. She was active in the Oakland County Osteopathic Auxiliary.

Alex was at her best when someone needed help. She had many talents, including playing the organ, crafting, and playing the stock market. She beat the Dow Jones Index more often than not. But woe to any broker who put her into a "loser!" She loved "market timing" and was good at it.

Alex and Doc were among the early yachting explorers of the waters of Georgian Bay and the North Channel of Lake Huron in the 50s and 60s. Wherever they went, they always had a boat load of kids with them. She was "all family." They flew the burgee of the Great Lakes Cruising Club when it was in its infant years. Alex was also a very early member of the Clinton River Boat Club and, along with "Doc," did much

to develop "Club Island," located at the entry to the Middle Channel of the St. Clair River. The "*Alexandra*" was regularly moored at Club Island for many a summer. Alex and "Doc" on their retirement from the yachting circle were awarded a lifetime membership in the Clinton River Boat Club in recognition of their many contributions over the years.

Alex and Len retired in 1979, moving north to Beaver Island. The move was associated with "Doc" becoming the resident Island physician. One needed to be a trooper to live on Beaver Island year-round, braving the winter gales and heating their north shore home with a wood burner. But Alex loved it. Her seven-year term as a full-time Island resident ended when "Doc" retired a second and final time in 1986. Thereafter she enjoyed Island living each year from May through October.

Alex was a member of the Holy Cross Catholic Church and a contributor to the Beaver Island Historical Society. She also sang for several years with the local chapter of the Sweet Adelines. Len, her devoted mate of 67 years, and her six children and eleven grandchildren, will miss her. She was a unique

and caring person who loved the simplicity and fresh air of the North Country and has chosen to be interred on the Island.

Alex was preceded in death by her brother Bartholomew Gasiorowski and sister of Melvina Rogers. She is survived by her husband of 67 years Dr. Leonard J. Siudara and children Dr. Jerome (Elizabeth), Leonard "Bud" (Susan), Timothy (Elizabeth) Thomas (Patricia), James (Cynthia) and Maribeth. She is also survived by grandchildren Missy, Patrick, Michael, Andy, Chris, Peter, Jamie Beth, Andrea, Mark, Tyler and Tiffany.

Donations in memory of Alex Siudara may be sent to the Beaver Island Historical Society, St. James, MI 49782 .

BIRHC Meeting

The next meeting has been changed from June 18th to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday July 9th at Peaine Township Hall.

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Matthew Taylor



Promising young artist Matthew Taylor, a graduate of Beaver Island's Lighthouse School and an art student at a college in Santa Fe, passed away on May 8th as a result of a car crash in which he was a passenger.

The BILS staff who had come to know him were devastated upon hearing the news, and attended his funeral. A member of the Little Traverse Bay Band, he lived in Pelston, and was expected to go far because of his artistic

Hospice News

On Thursday, June 16th, three professionals from Charlevoix Hospice will come to Beaver Island to provide a Bereavement Evening to those grieving for a lost loved one. It will be held at Peaine Town Hall at 7:00 p.m., and everyone is welcome.

talent—the first painting he ever sold brought in a thousand dollars.

His mother, step father, sister and two close friends sprinkled tobacco and dirt unto his casket. His journey in this world came to a closure as he was then put completely to rest with the earth's covering. Pallbearers included his past art teacher from the Lighthouse School Neil Ahrens, Dale Hull, director of Crooked Tree Arts, a friend of the family, Matt's longtime friend from junior high school, and Doug Marvin.

Survivors include his parents, Daniel and Traci Clark of Pellston; sister Patricia Baker of Alanson; grandfather William Nowsisloski of Harbor Springs; grandmother Deora Higgins of Petoskey; and many cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to Crooked Tree Arts Center in Petoskey.

It's been three years since Hospice Training started for us. On June 17th these women will present a mandatory training for new Hospice volunteers from 9:00 until 3:30— a reinforcement for those already active. It will be an all-day session, with lunch provided,

“Red Hats” in Jail



Pauline Stafford's "Cherry Red-Hat Ladies" came to Beaver from Traverse City in early May, but felt so guilty after being entertained by Ed Palmer in the *Shamrock* that they turned themselves in.

On the Cover

Thanks to Susie Fisher for telling us to look at the Iron Ore Bay landmark, which appears on this month's cover—the creek has eroded the sand, so more gears, cables, and pipes are exposed than ever.

beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Peaine Hall. For more information or to join, call Joyce Runberg (2387) or Lois Williams (2475.) We have reading material and tapes available at the Health Center and the Library. Please ask us about any special needs you may have

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Is There a Shipwreck Out There?

by Mike Weede

There is nothing more exciting than scuba diving the waters of Lake Michigan and finding relics and items of the past: car motors, beads, keys, and sometimes, if you are lucky... a shipwreck. Although these items may not be legally removed, the advantage a diver has is that he can see and explore these treasures under the water at his own discretion.

Boating and diving around Beaver Island for the past few years has further increased my curiosity of what lies beneath the waters of Lake Michigan. Diving St. Joseph, Michigan, (my prior home) was quite dull. The water surrounding the Beaver archipelago is clear but unpredictable. The presence of shoals and navigational hazards are common, treacher-

ous, and well-known to local boaters and fisherman. It is an extraordinary feeling to stand waist deep in water when the nearest land is three miles away. This same quirky bottom associated with Beaver Island, the change of depth and presence of large rocks, is responsible for a source of recreation for scuba divers—shipwrecks.

In the 1800s most goods were transported by boat. Aids to navigation were few. One can guess what accidents or adventures might befall a ship at night during a storm, or sailing on a foggy day. Many ships ran into trouble because of the shoals and hazardous island passages. Over 100 ships were lost around here. Some have been found and exploited by the local salvors. Some have been raised

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and refurbished to sail again. Some, though, have never been found. (These are of interest to divers.)

How do we get information about these lost ships and what do we do with it?

We use some of the following approaches to find lost ships:

1. Locals—fishermen, pilots, and people who have worked on the water have an unbelievable amount of knowledge and history.

2. Review research already completed by others—books and data bases.

3. Search in local museums and libraries.

4. Research at areas that specialize in marine history of the Great Lakes.

5. Explore on your own(our favorite.) Think of scenarios where things might

have happened. For example: where the water gets very shallow quickly, or on a shoal. Cruise your boat (carefully), and check out the bottom. There may be remnants of shipwrecks. You might even jump in and look!

6. The Internet—a wealth of information!

Having completed some research using the above steps, we compiled a list of about ten shipwrecks unique to Beaver Island. We decided to investigate them in detail. Trying to find info on a wreck from many sources is like working a jigsaw puzzle with parts missing.

One problem is that microfiche is hard to read. Some newspaper articles are old and their age and typeset are difficult to decipher. Another problem is getting side-

tracked by too many interesting articles. (I always like to find out who got a new boiler for their sawmill in 1877.) Once you accumulate all your information, you have to evaluate it and draw your own conclusions. Some boats have two names. Some boats have the same name. Some information for one boat is the same as for another, but they have a different name. You have to somehow figure it out.

One final approach for research is to just get in the water. We use three methods: put down buoys in a square and search in a grid, using an on-board depth finder; employ a drop camera on a wire that shows a picture of what's there (it can be used to a depth of 150 feet. We also have a VCR that you can watch and visualize the bottom.) The

third is to get in the water and dive the object or blip. We survey the area to see if it has potential interest. One time we found a forest of tree stumps left over from a time when the lake was much shallower. Talk about eerie.

More fun is to get info on wrecks that aren't listed in any historical research. An example is the *Baltimore* wreck off of Hog Island. The approximate length is known (we measured it.) She was a small steamer. The shaft log, the fire bricks, and the plumbing are still there, but the machinery has been stripped. Her location in a cove might suggest that she ran aground and was stripped for her hardware, historically a common practice. Or perhaps it was another victim of the "Pirates of Beaver Island!"

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June 25th Open House at the Old Carpenter's Mill Site *an interview with Jim Norgaard*

Beacon: "You've been hosting Labor Day events at the old Carpenter's Mill site for 9 years now. On June 25th and 26th you're inviting Islanders to an Open House and gathering there. What are your objectives?"

Norgaard: "Our goals are small. We want to preserve the Meadow in its natural state, keeping it available to the CMU Biological station for education and research, as well as hosting occasional events for Islanders and visitors. Over the years we have held workshops on various themes from native herbal medicines to community building. These events are all intended to support the mission of what we are calling

Tara's Meadow, encouraging individuals towards deeper fulfillment and the sharing of their unique gifts for life."

Beacon: "Why Tara's Meadow?"

Norgaard: "It's a way of honoring Islanders and their Irish connections. Tara is Ireland's ancient center, where people came to touch the Stone of Destiny. Many of the visitors have learned to love the Meadow, and each year bring a stone to add to our Cairn, a simple stone pile that symbolizes community, respect for the ancestors, and honoring of the land. We also honor one Islander by this name who has had special connections with this Meadow, and symbolizes Beaver Islanders'

respect for their history. Hence the naming.

"We're also inviting folks to see our new home, with its unique design and its classroom and healing space."

Beacon: "What's that about?"

Norgaard: "The house itself is the first one my wife Terri and I have ever owned, so it really is a dream for us. We designed it to have a central, 6-side core, with 2 wings that come off the facets at angles, like a bird in flight. The upper floor is all oak and cedar, with a windowed cupola at the peak, and this is where I'll offer classes and a retreat space. Some of the tools I offer include creative meditation with movement,

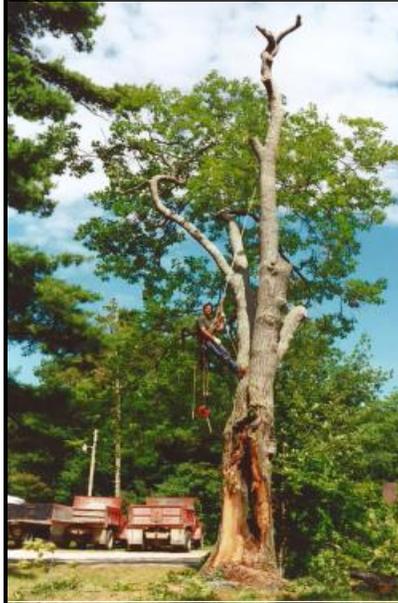
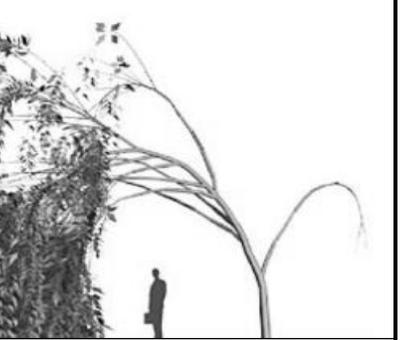
Fashion Tea-Silent Auction set for July 8th

Following the great success of last year's event, the Beaver Island Rural Health Center is planning another summer fundraiser with the theme of an old-fashioned tea party. Last year's organizer, Leonor Jacobson, has graciously agreed to chair the event again. The Fashion Tea will be held on July 8th at 2:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall. Delicious sweets and tea will be served as those in attendance enjoy a fashion show featur-

ing clothing, jewelry and accessories from the Beaver Boatique and East Wind Spa. Tickets for the Fashion Tea will be \$30 and can be purchased at the Health Center, the Beaver Boatique, or East Wind Spa. The proceeds from this year's event will provide supplemental income for Health Center operations.

The day of the Fashion Tea will once again mark the end of a Silent Auction featuring a wide variety of unique

donated prizes. Like last year we have numerous donated items, services, and some package deals put together for bidding, which begins on the 25th of June. The bidding sheets that describe the auction packages (and provide a place to write in your bid) will be at the Health Center. All sheets will be collected on the day of the Fashion Tea and high bidders will be announced at the conclusion of the event. Winners will be noti-

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inner personal work, and wisdom teachings from the Celts and other natives around the world. My background is both environmental studies and Celtic studies. and my wife is a certified holistic nurse. We also host other teachers with various skills, from herb-crafting to healing work.”

Beacon: “What’s the schedule?”

“Saturday afternoon is our Open House and an honoring of the Meadow’s past and present. We’ll have music and a traditional bagpiper for this event, and hope to have past employees from the old mill sharing their recollections. Curious Islanders should arrive a little before noon on

Saturday, bringing their own lawn chairs or blankets and claiming a place in the Meadow for our noon dedication. They should each bring a stone of some significance to our Cairn.

“On Sunday we’re hosting workshops on a variety of topics, from native medicinals to ‘peacemaking between the genders. We are also offering *A Taste of Tara in the Meadow*, with hour-long workshops, insightful activities, and exchanges between men and women. A minimal donation is asked (\$15) to cover costs.

“Kate Boyle Williams, a harpist with family roots to the Island, will be here, and her husband Dr Bill Williams

will play traditional bagpipes. After this short ceremony, folks can wander over and explore our home and various sites on the land. We invite all who can stay though to share music and a pot of home-cooked stew around the campfire with us Saturday evening (if we’re lucky, a Celtic band will be on hand.)

“Those who stay for dinner should bring their own serviceware, musical instruments, if they have them, and a donation for the pot (\$5 towards dinner, \$10 for the band if we have one.) As with all Tara’s Meadow events, we are encouraging drug and alcohol free fun here for all ages. You can call me (448-2477) for more information.”

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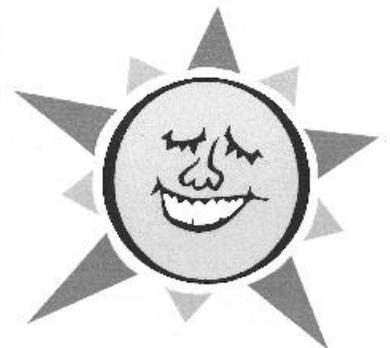
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Charlevoix Sentinel June 1, 1905

Local News: "Rev. J. W. Vickers visited Beaver Island Monday and Tuesday."

"James McCann, of St. James was here over Sunday, on his way home from Chicago."

"Information comes that the new Parish of Rev. Fr. Zugelder of Beaver Island is at Beal City, Isabella Co. In a community of well-to-do German farmers. The Rev. Fr. Will leave for there soon after July 1st."

Marine News: "The steamer *Beaver* arrived back from Sturgeon Bay, Wis., Thursday and resumed her Beaver Island run Friday. The *Beaver* had part of her decking renewed, was recaulked and other repairs made."

Charlevoix Sentinel June 8, 1905

Local News: "Captain Wm. Hulme's schooner, the *Oliver Mitchell*, is unloading coal at St. James and then takes lumber from Charlevoix to Cleveland."

"Mrs. James Donlevy returned from Chicago on the *Missouri* Sunday, on her way home to St. James. She was accompanied by a niece who will spend the summer there."

"A movement is on foot, with good prospect of success, to establish a paid Life-saving Station at Beaver Harbor. The plan has the endorsement of the superintendent and inspector. Gen. Kimball, the general superintendent, will visit the lakes this summer, and has promised to consider the matter. The Island at present has only a volunteer station."

Beaver Island News: "Born on May 24, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Radke, a 10 pound baby boy."

"Crops are all growing nicely making up for lost time on account of backward spring."

"The railroad engine of the B. I. L. Co. Force was laid off for repairs last week."

"Mr. and Mrs. Habel left the Island on Monday for an indefinite stay."

"H. P. Parmalee of New York Life fame did business on the Island the first part of the week." (Note: H. P. Parmelee, residence, Charlevoix, appears in the Hotel Beaver Register on May 29, 1905)

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“Mr and Mrs. W. B. Johnston held an informal reception at their house Saturday morning, June 3 in honor of their new 9 pound daughter. All parties concerned feeling fine after the event.”

“Rev. Vickers of Charlevoix spent Monday to Wednesday on the Island preaching in the Chapel on Monday evening and lecturing in Gallagher's Hall Tuesday evening to a delighted audience on the Cod and Seal fisheries of Newfoundland.”

“Saturday afternoon at the home of the Dominican Sisters the music pupils of Sister Eleanor gave a recital to their friends. Selections on the piano for one, four, and six hands as well as violin and

guitar solos were ably rendered by the pupils, reflecting great credit on the instruction given by the talented sister who teaches this branch. At the close, Fr. Zugelder offered congratulating remarks to both teacher and pupils in his usually happy manner.”

Charlevoix Sentinel June 15, 1905
Local News: “Rev. Fr. Zugelder, of St. James, came over Monday and went to Beal City for a two day stay.”

Charlevoix Sentinel June 22, 1905
Local News: “Daniel Cull died at Beaver Island last Monday. He was taken ill with lung trouble at Aberdeen, Wash. where he had been living the past year. He was brought home by a brother, who went after him, arriving at Beaver Island Wednesday of last week. Deceased was

a brother of Mary Cull, head waitress at the Belvedere Hotel.”

“John Donlevy, of Chicago, was here over Sunday on his way to St. James to visit relatives and friends. Mr. Donlevy is a pioneer of Beaver Island, having gone there about fifty years ago. In the days of Manitou county he filled about every county office, and was during his official career the 'village shoemaker'. None among the old Manitou county pioneers rank 'Uncle John'.”

Charlevoix Sentinel June 29, 1905
Local News: “Michael McCann, of St. James, came over Friday and went to Chicago on business.”

“Miss Florence and Ruth Smith spent Saturday at Beaver Island as guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Donlevy.”

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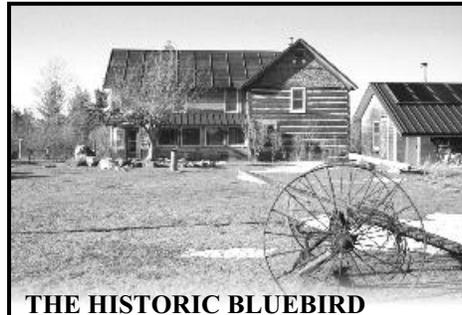
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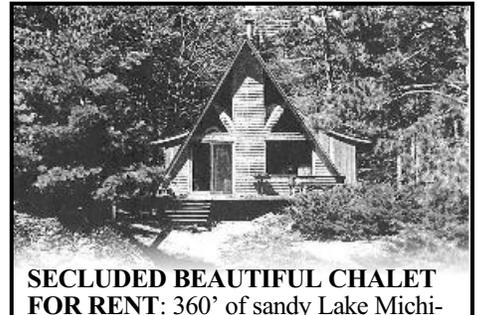
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