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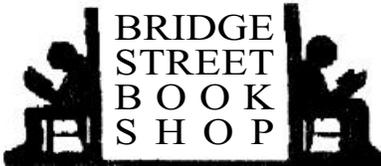
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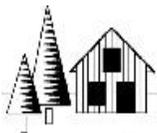
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News from the Townships

St. James Town Board

A number of announcements were made at the August meeting. The BIRHC had received a \$15,000 grant from the Grand Traverse Band of Chippewa and Odawa Indians. The Municipal Marina was up by 175 night check-ins from last year. The six businesses not yet hooked up to the Town Septic System, Phase I, would be contacted by the Township Attorney and told about the consequences of not following the state law. And Jason Allen would host a meeting at Dalwhinnie about services for seniors.

The supporters of Arranmore Park offered to pay for installing and maintaining landscaping to the former power plant lot, by holding fundraisers to pay for shrubs, trees, and benches—some privacy, but nothing obstructive. Wolverine Power was still negotiating with St. James, hoping for some kind of tax abatement to reduce their cost—possibly by a 99-year lease at a matching annual rate.

Ellen Hill said she had researched Michigan communities that allowed the use of such vehicles as golf carts on the streets, and offered to share her information. Supervisor Don Vyse guessed that passing an ordinance would be required.

In response to a question the supervisor said that both townships were working through the challenges of updating the Island's master plan,

which should be done every 5 years but hasn't for the previous eight to ten. The Board approved making the current draft available at the Library for the required 95 days of public comment—if Peaine agrees.

Peaine Board

At its quickest meeting ever, Peaine joined St. James in agreeing to publish the rough draft of the joint township Master Plan. The draft is now available at the Library and online at www.peaine.org or www.charlevoixcounty.org.

As a result of the public meeting to discuss the roads, a Road Options Committee was formed, consisting of Pete LoDico, Pam Grassmick, John Fogg, Paul Glendon, Lars Larson, Dennis Cady, Jack Kelly, and John Works.

The Town Hall was thoroughly sprayed for ants.

Aerial Photography

In late April of 2004, Charlevoix County acquired new, highly detailed, countywide aerial photography, including of Beaver Island. This photography will be used to improve public safety, provide land use planning resources, and support emergency response planning activities.

The project was directed by the County's GIS Department, which secured \$35,000 in grant funding. You can view the images online at www.charlevoixcounty.org; it's easy to zoom in on your special places.

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Island expects another fun Bite of Beaver & Boodle



Will this year's Island Boodle be even better than the second which was even better than the first? We hope so!

On Saturday October 1st, starting at 10:00 a.m., the 3rd Annual *Island Boodle* 5K Run/Walk will take place along the beautiful harbor of Paradise Bay. Medals for 1st - 3rd place for assorted age categories will be given out at the Shamrock at the conclusion of the Boodle, along with t-shirts for all participants. For more information, call Gail and Mike Weede at (231) 448-3195 or 448-2708.

From 1:00 to 5:00, the Parish Hall will be the site of the *Bite of Beaver* food festival, where professional and amateur chefs sell small portions of their favorite fare. Last year's sellouts included rack of lamb, grilled shrimp, escargot, and a wide variety of scrumptious desserts. Beer, wine, and pop are also available at the festival—along with music and a whole lot of fun!

The Youth Consortium will oversee autumn crafts for the younger set, along with showing them how to use an old-fashioned cider press.

An apple pie contest is open to all. Prizes from Montage and Whimsy will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd place winners. Afterwards John Fiegen will auction off the two winning pies, with the proceeds going to the baker's favorite Island charity! Bring an entire pie to the Hall kitchen between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on Oct. 1 with your name on the bottom. Judging will take place at 2:45. Winners will be announced and the auction held at 3:00. Questions - call Elaine West (448-2377.)

A "*Bite of Beaver Island*" Poster Contest is also in the works, and prints of the winning entry will be available for purchase. The deadline to enter is September 9th (entries must be 11" x

17", contain "Bite of Beaver Island, October 01, 2005, Holy Cross Hall 1-5pm" and a form of, or space for, the Chamber logo. See www.beaverisland.org or call (231) 448-2505 for details. First place gets \$100.

Several local stores have organized a collective *Merchant Open House* from 12:00 - 8:00 so people (including Islanders) can visit the Beaver Boat-tique, Cole's Island Gallery, Montage, Seven Sisters, Whimsy, Eastwind Spa, Shipwreck Shirts, Livingstone Studio, and the Toy Museum for special sales, and door prizes—a reward for all their loyal customers, and, of course, in case you were too busy to see everything new that was on display during the event-filled summer!

Later, head to the Island's favorite watering hole, the Shamrock, for an evening of live music.

Also an evening of Irish music and dancing is slated for Holy Cross Hall.

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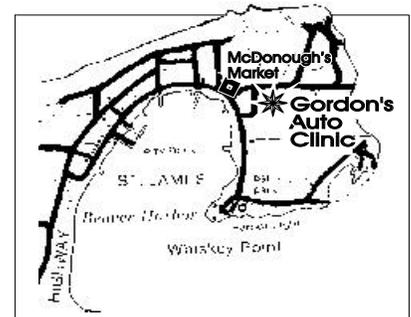
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Sean McNeil



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CMU Art Show a big hit with Islanders

On August 8th the Island was treated once again to the annual CMU Art Show at the Bio Station, the culmination of a class in which 28 students (many of whom are teachers themselves)

immerse themselves in an intense learning experience. The camaraderie and the narrow focus on art make these two weeks so enjoyable that most of the students come back, year after year—as do

many cottage-owning, art-collecting patrons.

Some things were reminiscent of past years, but some things were different. The appearance of Island landmarks (the *American*

Girl; Pinky's seals; the lighthouse; the ferry) struck a familiar note, as did a certain tranquil aura; many different styles were on display, but none that were based on exacerbating tension. And there



Leta Hollaway



Martin Stelinski



Martin Stelinski



Sean McNeil



Kathleen McDonald



Pat Tinney



Doug Chambers



Jan Gerson with her new painting and artist Pat Tinney – 2005 Best in Show



Connie Weasel

seemed to be more playfulness expressed in the art, as if the artists were sure enough about their talent and skill to experiment, to not be excessively worried about the technical requirements

of their craft. Last year's winner of "Best in Show," Martin Sielinski, was present but did not compete, and consequently relinquished his title to long-time Island favorite

Pat Tinney, known for the deft precision with which she identifies and captures our unique ambiance. She's pictured above with Jan Gerson, who has purchased several of her paintings.

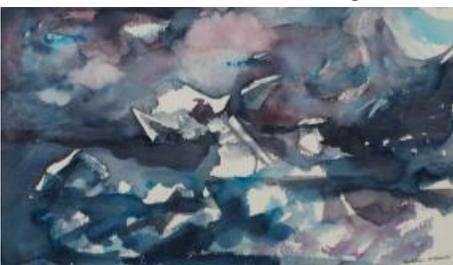
Most of the exhibiting artists sold at least one work during the brief show: hang at noon (using whatever's available); open the show at 1:00; close down at 3:00; and head *Continued on page 8.*



Joanne Symons



Doug Chambers



Kathleen McDonald



Judi Nyerges-Beaudoin



Jon Bouck



Doug Chambers



Ron Franzen



Lani Warner



Sara Mullen



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Judi Nyerges-Beaudoin



Pat Tinney

CMU Art Show, from page 7. for the ferry at 4:00—unless they opt to let their hair down

at the Shamrock in the evening, a well-deserved reward. After all, there's

always another boat.

It was good to chat with the regular artists again.

One of them, Judi Nyerges-Beaudoin, who also teaches art, has been posting images



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Judi Nyerges-Beaudoin



Sara Mullen



Catherine Rehbein



Jon Bouck



Leta Hollaway

from the Art Shows on her website (jnbarteacher.com). Jon Bouck (think *beaver*

plays golf) started the Bouck Brothers Gallery—and is planning a special opening for

next spring's Grand Rapids Party. Despite their differences, they had one thing in

common: they were all moved and changed by having come to Beaver Island.



Judi Nyerges-Beaudoin



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Dear Island Friends,

Just wanted to let you know that all the harassing I did in May has paid off to support a very worthy cause: the Beaver Island Rural Health Center.

The Fashion Tea, with over 90 in attendance, combined with the Silent Auction, raised over \$7500! This was such a nice event to attend: summery fashions by the Beaver Boat-tique, (thank you Donna and Louise and models Jayne Bailey, Sue Solle, Kathy Blalock, Mary Gillingham, Florence Neumann and escort Jim Gillingham); food from Stoney Acre Grill (kudos to Liam and Marilyn); desserts from Dalwhinnie and Whole Foods; flowers by Bob Hoogendoorn topped off by Barb Murphy, assorted teas donated by Whole Foods; tables donated by Jon and Sally Fogg and decorated by Anne

Glendon, Connie Wojan, Barb Spencer, Jenny Jacobson, Lindsey Stewart, and Erika Shankland; the Hall loaned to us by EIRT as well as some great entertainment by four of their singer/actors.

And who can ever say enough about Lisa Gillespie and her special talent of moderating (with humor), as well as the artistry of Doris Larson; she got things rolling with one of her famous poetry renditions and filled in with a funny story to keep the show flowing.

The event began with the smiles of greeters Skip McDonough and Mary Cook. Behind-the-scenes helpers Paul Glendon, Bruce Jacobson, John Harris, and Keith and Brian Grassmick hauled tables, made, painted and posted signs; thank you guys. Don Spencer, Davi Stein, Charlevoix State Bank, and sev-

eral others helped cover expenses. And Ed Wojan (never seen but always there for help!) as well as Bill McDonough. We can't forget those who helped with the sign-up sheets, copying, posting, answering phone calls and keeping me sane: the staff of BIRHC! Thank you Betty, Donna, Sue, Connie, Pam and Joe. The Silent Auction alone brought in \$5,800 so I need to thank all the business donors, who are listed in the President's article and also displayed on a donor board in the lobby of the Health Center, as well as the people who bid and won all the prizes. Enjoy your winnings and know that you gave to support a worthy cause.

Remember our slogan "Give for the health of it!" Thanks for the pleasure of serving this community. —Leonor

Emergency Responses Up! Emergency Transports Normal!

by Joe Moore

From January 1, 2005, to August 21, 2005, BIEMS had 57 emergency responses; 33% were taken to the Health Center (BIRHC) and care was transferred to the BIRHC staff. In another third, patients received the needed emergency care right here by the BIRHC providers. Thank you BIRHC staff, and thank you BIRHC Board of Directors.

Northflight has transported 26% of the emergency patients. The USCG helicopter has transported 15%; local air transport has handled 8%. In 18% a patient did not need to be transported.

A full 50% did not require transport to the mainland. This doesn't mean BIEMS hasn't been busy. The 41 emer-

gency responses this summer equals one every other day. Our staff work right alongside the BIRHC during the emergencies even if they are resolved here on Beaver Island at the BIRHC.

Our local EMS has also been involved in search and rescue operations this year. One time BIEMS helped rescue four teenagers suffering from hypothermia from extended exposure. BIEMS located two lost individuals on Garden. This rescue involved several EMS members and an all-night search.

If these adventures were not enough, BIEMS successfully educated several high school students and adults in the community. Three adults passed

the Exam for Emergency Medical Technicians: Christy Albin, Donna Kubic, and Sarah McCafferty. High School students who passed the First Responder Exam were Emily Gray, Christine McDonough, and John Albin. One adult also passed this, Adam Wirth.

BIEMS education programs for the coming year include a paramedic program to run from September 2005 to May 2006 and another Medical First Responder program from January through May 2006. If interested, please contact BIEMS Board Members Gerald LaFreniere, chairperson; Ken Bruland, vice-chairperson; Karen Whitecraft, secretary; or Cindy Cushman, treasurer.

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Death by Island

by Peter Plastrik

The Beacon is delighted to present a serial murder mystery set on Beaver Island, with succeeding chapters presented continuously in successive issues until the mystery is solved—hopefully by next summer. Any resemblance between these characters and those you see on Beaver is only because Islanders make such indelible impressions:

Episode One

Kayak Ken Bruland was lingering over a cup of coffee at a quiet table in the Stoney Acre Grill. It had been a long day on the water in the sun, schooling novice kayakers on paddling and rescue techniques. His ribs ached a bit from where he'd been gored by a kayak steered by a teenager. Suddenly he twitched in his chair; the walkie-talkie on his belt was squawking—a call for emergency medical help.

“Code one... Caller reports woman on... (garble, garble) boat dock... (garble) in a kayak.” Ken frowned. It didn't make sense—someone at the dock needing help so many hours after the last ferry run, and what was that about a kayak? He left immediately, without paying. Running a tab was part of being in a small community where everyone knew everyone, cash flow was often tight, and businessmen were unusually relaxed about collecting what was owed them.

He drove his not-so-trusty minivan the mile into St. James. Night had fallen a while ago on Paradise Bay, a half-moon was already high. Earlier, a late summer storm had spun up, pelting the Island with rain, wind, and waves, but all was calm now. The slow purple sunsets of summer would soon be a memory; in a few weeks the coolness of

fall would arrive on a northern wind and settle in. Tourists and snowbirds would leave, and the few hundred year-round residents would down-shift into a slower rhythm after a season of busily serving vacationers.

Turning at the corner of Forest Avenue and Main Street, where 150 years earlier Beaver Island's one and only “Mormon King,” James Jesse Strang, had been assassinated, Ken headed toward the dock. Staring through the dusty windshield, he spied the new, imposing iron fence skirting the dock, courtesy of government funds for post-9/11 security. It was hard to picture anyone wanting to blow up the *Emerald Isle*, the big passenger-and-car ferry whose twin 1,500-horsepower engines propelled it through the 30 miles of lake between island and mainland. It was even harder to see how the fence would stop someone determined to try; you could get onto the dock by approaching it from the beach, but maybe a terrorist from the mainland wouldn't notice.

The big sliding gate was open and ahead Ken could see the deputy sheriff's white SUV and the silhouette of the deputy himself, who was peering into the darkness at the end of the wide, paved dock. He jumped out of the van with his emergency gear and looked out

over the edge. A red sea kayak, a Canadian-made Looksha IV, all 16 feet of it, lay in the water, tied to the dock. A woman, motionless, was sprawled in the cockpit.

Ken recoiled, then glanced again at the scene. The kayak was one of his own, a fiberglass veteran of the swells and winds of Lake Michigan. It should have been a half mile away, hanging on struts at his harbor-side shack. What the heck was it doing here? And where was the paddle that he habitually attached to the kayak?

Focusing, he could see that the woman was young and athletic, probably in her mid 20s. She had short red hair, little more than a buzz cut. It seemed aflame even in moonlight. She looked lifeless, was probably dead, not just unconscious. There wasn't a mark anywhere on her, no blood either. It was easy to tell, since she was stark naked.

White eyes under cover of darkness watched the men at the end of the dock. Things had gone wrong. He loved her, always had, always would—but she had given him no choice. It wasn't the first time she'd pushed him into a corner, but it was the last. He was shivering uncontrollably. He had to get dry. His heart was pounding. Things had gone terribly wrong. ...



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Kiteboarding



On the mornings of August 8th and 9th the residents of Donegal Bay, drawn to their windows by gusting winds, looked out at a thrilling sight: Mark Kuban skimming magically back and forth over the tips of the whitecapped waves, half flying and half being pulled by a large leading-edge inflatable kite. The responses were various versions of

“What the heck is this?”

This was kiteboarding—Beaver Island’s introduction to what is being called the world’s fastest growing water sport (although the nearest school is no closer than Traverse City.) The Island was given a demonstration because Beaver Island Homeowner Anne Higgins gave Mark and his bride Caelan a week

at Deerwood as a wedding present, and the Detroit-area couple came prepared for fun. Mark, a certified PASA instructor, brought three kites, a 10-meter, a 14, and the 17 pictured here, to be ready for any kind of blow (the stronger the wind, the smaller the kite required.) None of the awestruck spectators would dispute his claim, that this is

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the kite swoops and darts as it gets a bite of the wind can sometimes spook on-lookers as much as a bat in a bedroom. Yet Mark is experienced enough after years of kiteboarding the Great Lakes safely to make it all look easy: getting up on the board, leaning against the force, and veritably flying back and forth for the camera.

Mark doesn't teach kiteboarding any longer, but he's constantly conducting research and trying the many new kites, taking notes on their performance characteristics. Hopefully he's formed an attachment to Beaver Island and will return next year to demonstrate this thrilling sport for our local and visiting open-mouthed spectators once again.

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On This Date

Ten Years Ago Beaver Island prepared to shake off its label of always being "twenty years behind the mainland" and move to the front of the line—by applying for two grants, each of which would allow the Library to begin providing Internet access. Both grants would be funded by fines charged Ameritech for having overbilled its customers \$1.59 each. Anticipated costs were \$13,000 for a "modem bay" and \$8,000 for the first year's operation.

Senator Phil Hoffman and three colleagues read into the record a commendation of our Transfer Station and its manager, Dennis Cieslak.

The *Beacon* covered a ceremony honoring the end of WW II—50 years afterwards, which included recognition from Representative Bev Bodem, who said the Island had America's highest percentage of its sons and daughters serving their country during the war.

In its second day of diving on the wreck of the *Bradley* the water was clear enough to take pictures.

The Beaver Island Community Players staged their fifth play of the season,

At The Rainbow Bar and Grill, and averaged 100 people in the audience for the first two shows. Next up they planned to present *Dracula*.

Final approval was granted to close Clifton Avenue, whose unbuilt right-of-way crossed the ball field.

A grant request was made that was intended to fund paved roads: the King's Highway; Paid een Og's Road to the Municipal Airport; and the East Side Drive to the Welke Airport.

Passings noted included Jack Martin, Archie Minor, and Lizzie Mooney. Martin, 83, retired to Beaver Island from Buick, bought the Rectory, and created the *Circle M* as a bed-and-breakfast; in 1964 it became the first Island restaurant to serve draft beer. Minor, 71, was a Coast Guardsman when he met and married Mary LaFreniere in 1961; he worked as a helmsman for iron ore carriers until retiring in 1982. Mooney, 93, married James McCafferty in Chicago; after two boys (Bing and Lano) they moved to Beaver Island, where they farmed and had two more sons; after her husband's death she married Francis

Mooney and had two more sons (LaDonnis and Eugene.)

Twenty Years Ago Kevin Green presented a plan (outlined by county prosecutor Kraag Liberman) to St. James Township for its merger with Peaine. The Town Board adopted it and set a date for the first public hearing; Peaine would have to hold separate public hearings.

Evan Karnes retroactively approved the emergency work done on his property to contain and control the rapidly rising Font Lake.

Greenpeace visited Beaver Island--as part of its campaign to educate people on and around the Great Lakes about pollution—in its 73' ketch *Fri*.

A hundred railroad ties were purchased for a retaining wall at the Playground—at \$6.35 each.

Peaine decided to drop its law suit against the Michigan State Tax Commission because it was too expensive.

In ongoing discussions about the lack of a doctor following Dr. Siudara's retirement, the Charlevoix Hospital said it could send over a doctor one day a week.

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Tagged fish were being caught, with their height, weight, and location transmitted to CMU's Bio Station.

The Civic was raffling off a Cabbage Patch doll to raise money for the planned Memorial to the Dead at Sea. The Civic also sponsored a Sunset Cruise on the *South Shore*. An anonymous donor added \$1,000 to the fund.

Marcella Vogt died while participating in a *Vision Quest* on Garden Island. The ritual included a 3-day fast. Her body was sent to Boston for burial.

The *Beacon* welcomed new residents: Mike McGinnity and his family, who became our chief care provider; Cory Einhardt and Jane Lilly, who became teachers, replacing Kitty McNamara (who took a year to enroll at the University of Dublin) and Karla Karbowski, and Father Lionel Harnish, who replaced Father Gabriel Fox.

Thirty Years Ago The Island set aside a day on which to honor Dr. Christie, its doctor.

With four new families supplying children, the school enrolment stood at 57. Sister Lynne (South Haven) joined

the teaching staff, with hold-overs Sister Nancy, Sister Agatha, and Grant Hart, plus part-timers Shirley Gladish (librarian), Orval Anderson (shop and yarn-making), and Sister Frederica.

Liz Gallagher was honored by President Gerald Ford on her 93rd birthday. Noni Gallagher celebrated her 95th and got a letter of congratulations from Governor Milliken—and then, a few days later, a card from President Ford. And then, a few days later still, this lifelong Democrat got a card from Senator Mike Mansfield (Dem, IL), her favorite politician, who learned of her milestone from David Broder.

Bob Welke surveyed the site of the Historical Society's future Heritage Park on the Donegal Bay Road.

Passings noted included Ralph Piper Gallagher (born on Beaver Island; died in California) and Fern Carpenter. The funeral service for Father Donahoe was also reported.

Forty Years Ago The *Beacon* reported on fishing on its first page. Rough weather kept the bass fishermen from scooting over to Garden, but an

upturn in whitefish saw Charlie Martin setting pound nets around Hog. Rainbow trout were biting at Fox Lake, but some anglers were surprised to also pull up bluegills and sunfish.

Johnny Green's barn on Darkeytown caught fire and burned to the ground; forty years later the fieldstone foundation can still be seen.

Hugh Harley in Donegal began writing a series of articles about Beaver Island for the Irish papers. *Argosy* magazine mentioned Beaver Island in an article about ferries in the U.S.A.

A record narrated by Raymond Gallagher talked about the wonders of Michigan, mentioning Beaver Island.

An article entitled "Rapid Robert Bites the Surf" described a series of unfortunate events that went from driving a truck into a tree to nearly cutting off a hand with an axe to his current woe: the "Hard Luck Kid" did a cartwheel waterskiing in the Harbor, fracturing his thigh bone and getting him flown to Munson in the Coast Guard helicopter.

The passing of James O'Donnell *Continued on page 16, see On This Date.*



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after a month-long illness was noted. Born here in 1885, he married Elsie Schmidt; he was survived by 31 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

A *Beaver Tales* spun a story from the evictions in Donegal over a hundred years before. It concerned Arranmore resident James Gallagher and his brother, who were boat builders. A conscienceless grabber named George Hill bought a large Arranmore estate at a sale in England, and immediately began evicting those who were in arrears over their rent, which numbered a thousand. The Gallagher brothers were caught up in this and had to leave. One found a niche on the Irish mainland, while the other came to America. And this is one of the ways Beaver Island became a settled and thriving community.

Fifty Years Ago The *Beacon* announced that A.J. Roy and R.P. Hoffman had formed the Beaver Island Historical Society and purchased the decrepit old Mormon Print Shop as its base. Help getting organized came from Vera Wojan, Jewell Gillespie, Lawrence Malloy, Art Johnston, Archie LaFreniere, Vernon LaFreniere, and Lloyd McDonough.

Michigan History magazine published an article by Henry Kraus, who spent four months with his wife Dorothy here, researching it.

St. James Township purchased the Boutel property between the V.F. LaFreniere dock and the J.H. Gallagher dock to create a "pleasure craft site"—the Municipal Marina.

St. James installed its first speed limit sign: 25.

The Wilsons opened a laundromat/gift shop, with hand-crafted jewelry, pins, perfume, and postcards.

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Carl Felix brought five members of Chicago's Aqua-Venturers' Club to dive at Gull Harbor (where they speared 7 large carp in 8 minutes), off the Coast Guard dock, and in the inland lakes.

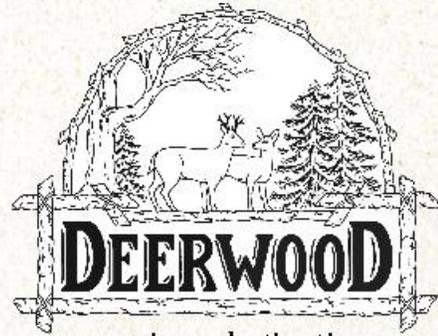
Marine Architecture professor L.A. Baier of UM, who had been a special adviser for the construction of the *Emerald Isle I*, took his first ride on her, pronouncing it delightful. Another professor, musicologist Ivan Walton, invited fiddler Pat Bonner to come to Ann Arbor for a show on folk music that was broadcast in Detroit.

A rumor was repeated: that a woman from Milan would open a bakery the following summer. The *Beacon* said the Island badly needed a barber and a beauty shop.

Homecoming saw the consumption of 425 turkey and ham dinners. Twenty floats took part in the parade, with "Allen's Cabins" taking 1st place. Boat Parade prizes were won by Willie John Gallagher, Nels Sorensen, and Father Joe. Footage of the events was shown on Traverse City TV.

The Game Club got Michigan's Conservation Department to send a team to the Island to evaluate some options, but decided it was not feasible to plant walleye in Lake Geneserath because they aren't prized by the average fisherman and they consume the food needed for bass and pike. Iron Ore Creek had sufficient temperature for brook trout—but not enough water. A report was expected on whether or not proposals for campgrounds on Fox Lake, Lake G, and the East Side, 1/8 mile south of Hannigan's, would be supported.

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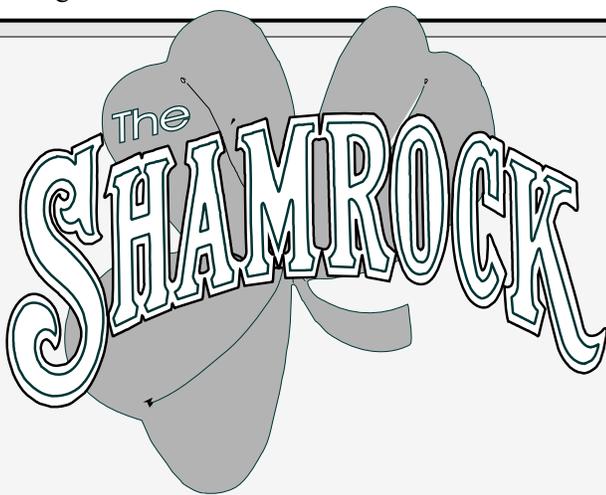
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Skip and Larry save the *Tesoro*

The afternoon of August 21st, a Sunday, was warm and sunny, with a little breeze. At the Fish Market, conversation swirled lazily around the previous day's funeral. Jim Campbell said something; Skip Duhamel said something else; and Larry Robinson said, "Hey, what the heck is *that*?"

The *that* happened to be an 80-ton, 65' timber-framed Irish trawler, the *Tesoro* ("gold nugget"), pulled off her mooring near the Marine Museum and blown towards the sand flats in front of Mary's Toy Store, where its owners, Todd and Sandra Surta and their sons Colton and Miles, were obliviously shopping. After spending a year and a half tuning up their boat in Mobile, Alabama, the Surtas were finally embarked on a year-long cruise they hoped would see them wintering in the Caribbean and arriving on the West Coast in the spring.

In response to Larry's question, Skip sprang into action, running towards his fish boat, with Larry chasing behind. In less than a minute they had her going and were heading towards the *Tesoro*, Skip at the wheel and Larry manning the grappling hook, hoping to keep the 32-year-old wooden boat from smashing into a small sailboat anchored in her path, or from getting stuck in the shallows. Seeing the difficulty, Jim Campbell got

in his Whaler just as Todd led the frantic exodus of his family from the Toy Store, running at full speed towards the Grand Traverse Band's dock.

Jim held up to let Todd jump on board and then raced out to help with the attempted salvage. After putting Todd on the *Tesoro*, Jim caught the sailboat and towed it out of harm's way just as Larry secured the trawler's anchor chain and Skip began throttling up his powerful engine. Cars had stopped to watch and take notes, and the on-shore speculation centered on whether or not he'd be able to pull the large yacht, with its eight foot draft, off the sticking, gripping sand flat.

Not to worry! Once Skip puts his mind to something.... But at one point the yacht's anchor became entangled in a buoy's tether; for a moment Skip was towing them both, until Larry's shouts got through and he eased off.

Tied up at the Municipal Marina, Todd revealed an irony to his family's adventure: "Last night I was awakened by a dream in which our boat slipped its mooring and went aground. It was so vivid I couldn't go back to sleep, so I went up to the bridge. I set the captain's bell to ring every thirty minutes, just in case I dozed off. When the sun came up I figured we were out of the woods."

They were, thanks to Skip and Jim

and Larry. Feeling royally welcomed to Beaver Island, they stuck around for the rest of the week, getting to know the people and the Island's offerings before resuming their year-long adventure.

An Evening of Gospel

Those who enjoyed the previous evening of gospel music will be delighted to learn that on September 4th at 7:00 p.m. the Beaver Island Gospel Choir will again perform at the Christian Church. This will be an informal evening, so come as you are for a variety of songs in a variety of styles.

Going Up, Please!

As Homecoming wound down, those reluctantly preparing to go back home were dismayed to learn that the Charlevoix drawbridge was stuck down, and the ferry was trapped in Round Lake. The second ferry would be able to take people from the Island to the Charlevoix jetty, but no cars could be off-loaded. Island Airways' Island terminal was quickly jammed full of people desperate to catch a flight.

Not to worry! A crew drove in from Lansing and had the bridge up in 5 hours. That night she stuck again—only for 20 minutes. Everyone at the Shamrock was asking: why can't the tap get stuck open?

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A Day-trip to Squaw

by Jeff Cashman

Friends have been kidding me all summer about how long it's been since I've been off the Island, so when Ken and Betty Scoggin invited me to join a group of friends on a on a trip to Squaw Island, I jumped at the opportunity. A loophole, so I could say "yes I just got back to the Island" with absolutely no traffic! So on the morning of August 25th, with a

slightly overcast sky and a following sea, we set out at seven knots aboard Ken and Betty's 30' steel-hulled ex-government boat for Squaw Island.

Taking "Charlie's route," we hugged the shoreline tightly to reduce spray on this slightly fall-like morning. We took a shortcut along Garden Island's coast, skillfully passing between two reefs.

Ken stood on the engine box and navigated with one foot on the wheel so he could read the water more clearly from the higher vantage point. Betty stayed on the bow to be doubly sure no boulders were in our path – and for the great view.

As we cleared Garden, the sky brightened and rays of sunlight
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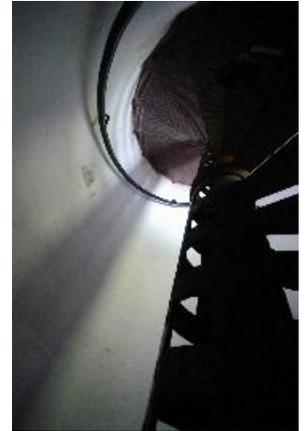
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Squaw Island, continued from page 19. illuminated the lake bottom. After watching deep water change to reef and seaweed and then back again, we took turns peering through binoculars to try spotting the Squaw Island Light. We got a close look at a freighter off the north tip of the Island and the Lansing Shoals Light, rising out of the lake on the now seemingly less-distant horizon.

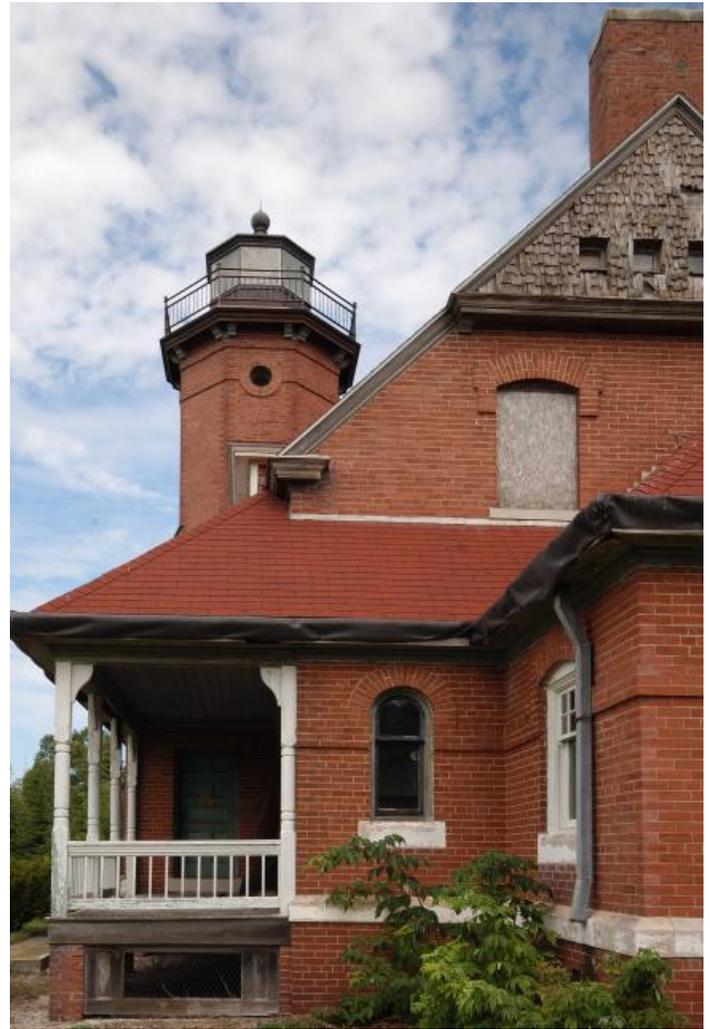
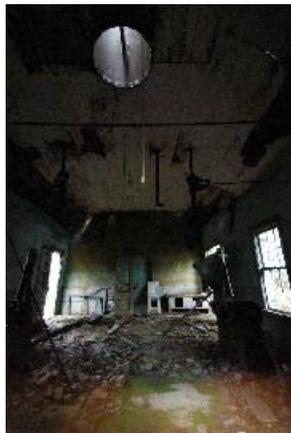
The last time I visited Squaw Island was in the mid-1980s aboard Howard

Konetchy's Mako. I was eager to see the condition of the Light now, and to refresh the image that had been formed when I was only half as tall. We were happy to find the mooring buoy easily and in deep water, and then departed in two shifts aboard Ken's 8' dingy for the private island's shore.

What we thought from the boat was a huge patch of Indian paintbrush actually turned out to be small pines, brown from the extreme drought of this sum-

mer but still marking the path that meandered through the thick foliage, bending trees, and the ivy on the ground. Then, all of a sudden, unexpected even though we were on the path, there was the Light. We could not help but be stopped in our tracks at the magnificent sight. Not only an impressive light, as all lighthouses are, but a wonderfully detailed building that would be a fine component to any city's downtown. It was right out of a storybook in a perfect little clearing sur-





rounded by new trees and thick underbrush in the center of this perfect little island neatly tucked behind Garden, both so near and yet so far from Beaver.

Through the teal door we entered the lighthouse, where we were greeted by a guestbook and a request to respect the owner and caretaker's work restoring this beautiful structure. Passing through a massively thick arch, we entered the tower and climbed cast iron steps and then a ladder. At the top a breathtaking

view greeted us through the old fogged and spider-webbed windows.

We passed through the low 30" six-inch-thick steel doors and out onto the open platform, and walked around and around, seeing first Whiskey to the south through a line of birches which had grown into the view but died, leaving only their white trunks now pointing at the sky. When we walked around the Light further, we saw the boat we had come on at its mooring.

Two small bays to the North, we saw what looked like a manmade slip, now full of sand and sediment but looking too regular to be a natural formation. And two more bays to the northwest, there was a seaplane on the shore. We speculated on where the pilot might be or what he could be doing on the island, but could not spot him below.

A small building was visible just off the path, and we wondered if this was *Continued on page 22, see Squaw Island.*





Squaw Island, continued from page 21. the power station—but decided it was not large enough; so the power station must have been hidden by the brush. After taking in the panorama for what seemed like a whole day, we finally convinced ourselves that it was time to descend.

We closed the doors tightly and returned to the ground level. Being able to climb and experience this Light, straight out of history, and seeing the renovation and care for this magnificent structure, reaffirmed our faith in the basic goodness of people.

Just as we were taking leave of the Light, a young man with a backpack ap-

peared from the underbrush—the pilot who had made his way from the shoreline and had come through a building with a large roof stack. He satisfied our curiosity by leading us back along a very low path that required us to walk bent over, and, lo and behold, there was the power station! A steel collar tie had snapped at some point, and some bricks and coal were scattered on the floor, but it was impressive to see, through the half open door, the stack towering overhead. From the ceiling hung two remaining pipes for the machinery one could imagine having occupied this space.

We could have studied this for

hours, but decided it was time to get back to the boat. So we made our way through the thick brush to the shoreline, and then through the weeds. As the dingy approached the boat, the sun came out in full. So we settled back for a quick picnic, and then cast off from the buoy and headed for Garden and Beaver. The sea had calmed for a perfect trip back, and rays of light passed under the thickening clouds—the perfect ending to a perfect day. All of us offered our thanks to the caretakers for keeping up their landmark, an amazing treasure, and to the Scoggins for a wonderful adventure aboard their boat.

Everything in its Place

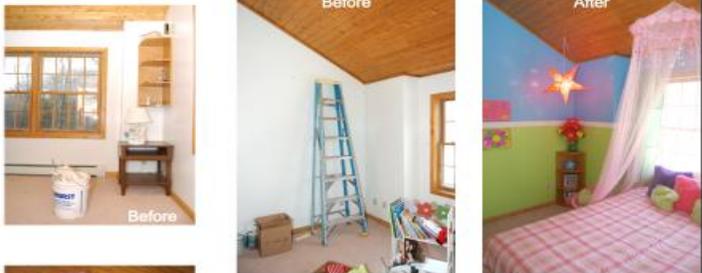
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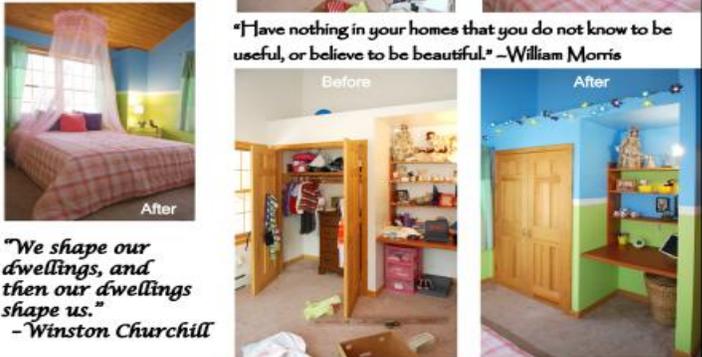


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“We shape our dwellings, and then our dwellings shape us.” –Winston Churchill



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BIRHC Silent Auction—Fashion Tea A Great Success

The Fashion Tea-Silent Auction held on July 8th, which netted over \$7,500 for the Beaver Island Rural Health Center, would not have been successful without the generosity of the entire community in many different ways. The Staff and Board of Directors of the BIRHC would like to add their sincerest thanks to those of Leonor Jacobson for the widespread support we experienced for this very important fundraising event.

First, we thank all who donated items or services to the silent and live auctions. The following have not been recognized in previous articles: Paradise Bay Coffee Shop; Anne Glendon; Don Spencer; Marvin's Gardens; Mark LaFreniere Painting; East Wind Spa; Anderson Aerial Survey; Mary Scholl; Whitney's of Charlevoix; Sue Welke; Leonor Jacobson; and Ron & Patti Wojan.

Second, BIRHC would like to extend special thanks to Louise and Donna King of the Beaver Boatique, who after 21 years, generously consented to hosting yet another fashion show. Without their participation this long-standing and ever popular event obviously could not take place.

The Silent Auction and Fashion Tea

was an amazing team effort on the part of permanent and seasonal residents, Beaver Island and Charlevoix businesses, and BIRHC Board and Staff members and their families. But every team effort requires a leader willing to take charge of the most difficult part of any fundraiser: organization and planning. Someone has to take ultimate responsibility for the success of the event. The Staff and Board of the Beaver Island Rural Health Center take their hats off to Leonor Jacobson who began working on this event in January and who spared no effort to make it the classiest and most profitable occasion possible. Thanks Leonor for a second record-breaking achievement!

— Connie Wojan

What was purchased with the 2004 Fashion Tea Monies?

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PABI says Thanks

The Preservation Association wants to thank all those who attended the 4th annual Sunset Picnic on August 7th at Donegal Bay. The large crowd enjoyed a spectacular evening with good food, good music, and good friends—the “community” in Community House..

Special thanks to Paul and Angel Welke for the chairs, Dale and Terry Keyes for Paradise Bay coffee, Barry, L.D., and Rick for the music, Jeff Cashman for the posters, and, most helpfully, Michele, Deb, Bridgit, and Christy for supporting us and the Community Center Youth Areas.

Next year's Sunset Picnic will be held on Sunday, August 6th. — Sue Welke



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One Hundred Years Ago

by Joyce Bartels

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 7, 1905 **Local News:** "W. W. Boyle, of St. James, was here Tuesday."

"Chief Robinson, of the U. S. telegraph service is at Beaver Island this week, establishing shore connections and installing the commercial office of St. James. The *Pine Lake* is expected to leave Buffalo with the cable tomorrow or Saturday."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 14, 1905 **Beaver Island News:** "The steamer *Covell* loaded with maple lumber for Chicago last week."

"Cornelius Gallagher son of C. C. Gallagher is sick at his home on Main Street."

"Joe Green, son of Daniel W. Green of the Island, died at his home Monday morning of Tuberculosis of the lungs and bowels."

"Mr. William Jenner, of southern Michigan, is on the Island for the purpose of organizing a lodge of the National Protective Legion, one of the best insurance propositions in the country."

"Mrs. O'Donnell of Escanaba, sister of A. Malloy of this place, came to the Island last week and has been very ill at the home of her brother with heart trouble. She is considerably improved at this writing."

"Mrs. J. N. Gallagher of Escanaba was quite sick last week but sufficiently recovered to be moved to the hospital in Manistee on Thursday, by way of the *Str. Covell*. Her father is 1st mate on the *Covell*. She was accompanied by her sister, who arrived a few days before."

"Miss Alice E. Ratigan, of Detroit, spent the past ten

days on the Island in the interest of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. She left on the Monday boat with a thoroughly organized and equipped lodge of 30 members. Miss Ratigan beats 'em all at getting 'em coming her way once she gets started."

"Ere these items appear in print Beaver Island is promised cable telephone service with the rest of the world. Communication with the mainland has heretofore been impossible except by boat or team over the ice and this requires from 10 to 14 hours for the round trip and often at great expense even at that. Three to five weeks often has elapsed during breaking up of ice in spring or ice forming period in the winter when no communication has been possible. Under the new dispensation word can be dispatched instantly night or day to any point in the world and a reply received just as quickly. To say that our population is grateful for the new conditions is putting it very mildly. We are simply overwhelmed with joy and gladness. In our joy over the new departure we would be mindful of those to whom we are indebted for the time, money, and influence, which has made our new blessing possible. Foremost of all in influence, hard work and cold cash, stands our veteran editor and publisher, Willard A. Smith, proprietor of the paper, who has ever been one of Beaver Island's most powerful friends. Rev. Fr. Zugelder our former parish priest easily holds the palm for the faithfulness

with which he has striven for the good of Beaver Island at this end of the line and in many ways has led the procession in the way of improvements and in the rebuilding of the Island in every good word and work. Prof. Cox of Chicago, telegraph chief Robinson, of Washington, D. C., and others have been loyal to Beaver Island. And their influence at any time could have made or marred the situation. Rah! Rah! Rah!"

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 21, 1905 **Local News:** "The Steamer *Beaver* made an extra trip to St. James Wednesday night, after her regular run, to bring over a number of Odd Fellows to a session of Round Lake Lodge."

(The following three articles appeared on the front page on September 21, 1905):

A Child of the Sea

"The above is the title of a book that lies before us, from the pen of Elizabeth Whitney Williams, Keeper of the Harbor Springs light-house.

"Touching the subject matter of the little book, we doubt there is a person living within the boundaries of the territory covered by its pages who is so fully equipped for telling the story as Mrs. Williams.

"*A Child of the Sea* is an autobiography, covering a period from early childhood through days and years of storm, peril, and sorrow to the present days of life's autumn. Within that period is embraced the eight years of the Mormon occupancy of Beaver Island, a portrayal of the stirring scenes of

those early days, and finally the death of the 'King' and the exodus of his followers.

"During these years, as a young girl, Mrs. Williams resided on Beaver Island and at Pine River (Charlevoix) and was intimately acquainted with all the characters who 'strutted their brief hours upon the stage' during the short but eventful life of the 'Kingdom.'

"The book is written with remarkable strength in pathos and vividness of description; carries through its pages a thread of Indian history and legend, which, by reason of the author's descent and early association, gives added interest to the life story of one 'to the manner born.' For, be it said to her honor, Mrs. William comes of races embracing the voyagers and the Ojibwa.

"While the book is worthy a place in any library, it is doubly interesting to any one familiar with Northern Michigan lore, gathered in later days. Its field covers an area from Mackinac Island to the Manitous, and the story covers two generations of time.

"It is truly a valuable book, and one that will command recognition as authentic history."

Man Drowned at the Beavers

"Frank Sherman, formerly of this place, was drowned at the Beavers last Thursday night. Sherman had been engaged in fishing at Hog Island. During the work, Oscar Martin, the St. James barber, had been at Hog Island hunting ducks,
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One Hundred Years Ago, from page 25. and had stopped with Sherman, who had a camp near the east end of the Island. Thursday afternoon he employed Sherman to take him back to St. James in his sailboat.

They arrived there all right, and about seven o'clock that evening, Sherman, against the protests of the fishermen, started back home in the

face of a high south east wind, which increased to a gale soon after.

Saturday the boat was found stranded and full of water at Green's Point, Garden Island. In the boat was the body of Sherman. The manner of his death is unknown, but it seems clear that he never left the boat.

"Sherman formerly lived here, and served in one of the Michigan regi-

ments during the Spanish war. He was a widower, his wife having been a sister of Sam Hamilton, of this place.

"The remains were brought here on the *Beaver* Monday."

Beaver Island Cable

"At the time of our going to press last week the Beaver Island cable was just laid. As a consequence, very much information concerning this improvement was necessarily omitted.

"As stated last week the cable was landed at Beaver Harbor about 6:30 p. m. Tuesday. Only temporary connections were made at the time of our going to press. On Wednesday land wires were put up at the Island, and permanent connections made here. As we write, the line is in perfect working order and very much business has been done between the two shores. Weather bulletins are telephoned to St. James every morning, and the Beaver Island people are well-connected by telephone with Charlevoix as any other point. Mr. Reed, the contractor, left for New York Sunday night, and Superintendent Robinson took his departure for Washington Tuesday morning.

"We have the authority of superintendent Robertson(sic) to state that the Beaver Island cable is the best of all the cables laid in the Great Lakes. It was laid without a single flaw. After being down four days, it was given the official test, showing that its installation qualities were 1226 megahars higher than the government specification called for.

"The cable was manufactured by the Bishop Guta Percha Co. of New York, the oldest submarine cable manufacturers in the United States. It is composed of a conductor of seven strands of No. 22 copper wire, insulated with

A Good Year for the BIHS

The Board of the Historical Society spent much of its annual meeting on August 11th thanking all those who had helped it have such a satisfying year; primarily Ernie Martin, for his orchestrating the largest-by-far grant in its almost-50 years, but also all those who had helped clean or prepared treats or changed exhibits or brought in pictures to be scanned or provided genealogical information or sat at the Museums or

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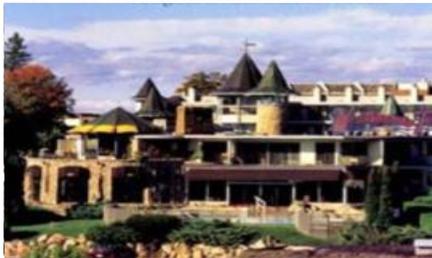
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"The shore connections are made inside iron cable boxes, attached to which are the latest approved lightning arresters. Laying this 200-ton cable (in one day) cost \$35,000.

"It is a great thing for Beaver Island, and must prove a great factor in the future development of the Island."

Charlevoix *Sentinel* September 28, 1905 **Local News:** "Michael McCann of St. James was here over Sunday."

"Jas. Donlevy, of St. James came over Friday and went to Chicago on business."

Beaver Island News: "M. J. McCann, our postmaster spent Sunday in Charlevoix."

"Hickey the Shoe man of Detroit is with us again for a few days."

"Martin Bros. caught \$205.00 worth of fish last week in spite of the stormy weather."

"John Smith of the Snow Islands had an injury of the hand at the stave mill Monday."

"Henry Cloutier suffered a severe scalp wound falling from a handcar last Monday."

"John W. Green is building on his lot in Beaver Harbor. Foundation is already laid for structure 24 x 40."

"The L. A. of the A. O. H. are holding regular meetings now and promises well to be a strong organization."

"Our Beaver Island tailor, Mr. Franklin, is doing a thriving business this fall. Good goods, good work and fair prices." (Note: In the September 14th issue an advertisement for 'B. Franklin, Custom Tailor, St. James, Beaver Island' appeared.)

"The first hay press ever seen on

fixed the things that always break, or helped with Museum Week and the highly-dramatic Celtic Games.

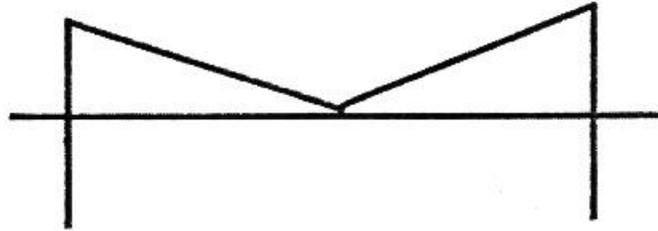
After a break for some of those delicious treats, Ruth Kelly was elected to the Board to take the place of Alvin LaFreniere, who resigned after 23 productive but sometimes frustrating years. Then it was a promise to continue the Oral History program, a hope for another Grant, and to all a good night.

Beaver Island arrived last week for W. W. Boyle, who sold it to McDonough Bros. They are bailing hay for the farmers on the Island."

"Sterling and Depeel the contractors in the camp have a Boyne City party here to drive a well for them. So far they have had very poor success in getting water. Dynamite is being used and water will probably be reached

in a few days."

"The K. O. T. M. Beaver Island Tent No. 834 is to hold a special review on Saturday evening of this week at 8 o'clock sharp. Initiatory work is to be given followed by a banquet and it is desired that all members should be in attendance. Members from other lodges who are on the Island are also cordially invited to be present."



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On July 28th, 50 people gathered at Deerwood for PABI's Endowed Chair Campaign which will help to furnish the Community Center, set to begin construction, with quality seating, great sound and lighting, and cinema equipment. \$2,000 purchases an endowed chair

with a brass nameplate with the donor's requested name. Attendees selected their endowed chairs - 30 were already purchased! Only 120 are left-so get yours soon! Contact Jon Fogg (448-3192) or any Board member for information (448-2022 or pabi@biip.net)



Big Rock Climbed by 90-year-old man

When John Donk of Grand Rapids visits his daughter and her husband, Thea and Larry McKienan, he is not content to sit around their suite at the King Strang Hotel. Instead this youthful and energetic man, who walks two miles a day

with his 85-year-old wife, Larry and brother-in-law Phil Hammaker (far right) to see who could get the highest-out on the old Fox Lake Road. Without admitting who had to boost who, the contest was declared a virtual tie.



Half Mast for Ernie

When word reached the Island that Ernie Martin had died, an aura of sadness brought many things to a halt. Many people lowered their flags to half mast, and others lowered other flags. Ernie's

flag in difficult situations. He was willing to climb the tower-although not the flag-pole at its peak. Still, using a long rod he pushed the flag half-way up the pole, and raised an Irish Flag below it.



brother Bud wanted to hoist a flag on the weather tower, but how? Luckily Viet Nam vet Mike Smith, on his sailboat, was dedicated to raising the

These flags were visible for miles around as they billowed in the wind. Before day's end everyone knew they were flying for Ernie.

The Micro Photography of Carl Ray



We asked Carl Ray, who has a house on the lower east side, what he likes to photograph. "Things we all see –but don't really see." When we asked him to explain, he showed us these.



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Blood Drive Results

The results from the August 11 Rita Gillespie Memorial Blood Drive:

Number goal: 75

Number presenting: 78

Number productive Donors: 60

Number first-time Donors: 15

Number Double Red Donors: 3

Deferrals: 16

I am pleased, even though we did not reach our goal. Our volunteers made a valiant effort in planning and staffing the event. The Red Cross team carried out its functions extremely well. It was a busy day!

Held at the School, this event was the result of the effort of a large number of people; they know who they are, and each has received many thanks, but I would like to share a few observations.

One member of the Red Cross nursing staff who was on vacation came back to work because she loves the people and the environment here. Mary Juneau, the head nurse, says the Island is just a grand place to work.

Tables belonging to the school were not available. The fire chief came to the rescue with twin helpers and delivered 14 from the station. One of the former volunteers who was not scheduled just walked in to lend a hand. Another who worked in the morning came back later.

A young man wanted to be a blood donor but couldn't quite bring himself to do it. He returned and donated a unit of blood. He arrived at the canteen with a big smile, one of 15 first-time donors!

Whether calling volunteers or previous donors, the response is vastly positive. Thanks to all of you for being such a wonderful bunch to work with!

– Submitted by Jerry Charbeneau

Ernie Martin 1947–2005

Francis E. "Ernie" Martin, 57, of Beaver Island, died Tuesday, August 16, 2005, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Mass of the Resurrection was at 11:00a.m, August 20, at Holy Cross Catholic Church, the Reverend Patrick Cawley officiating. Burial followed in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Ernie was born October 6, 1947 on Beaver Island, the son of Charles I. and Marian (McGinnis) Martin. He graduated from Beaver Island School and then served bravely in the US Army in Vietnam. Ernie was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Service Star for his service to his country.

On August 3, 1968, he married the former Jacquelyn L. Hallahan, a summer visitor with whom he fell deeply in love. Jackie and Ernie made their home on Beaver Island, where he worked as a commercial fisherman (until a treaty settlement put them all out of business), Realtor, and contractor. In the early 70s he and Jackie moved to Chicago for a few years, where he became a top salesman for Chevrolet. He sent his father two brand-new pick-ups with Charlie's name on the side, first a purple 1/2 T and then a blue 3/4; Charlie was quite proud driving them around Beaver Island.

Ernie was a member of Holy Cross Parish, Amvets Post #46, the Beaver Island Historical Society, and the Order of the Purple Heart. He is survived by his wife Jackie; son Ernie (Julie) Martin; daughter Mary Jane Martin; grandchildren, Katelynn and Madelynn Martin; brothers, Emmett (Nancy) Martin, Joseph "Bud" (Colleen) Martin, Mike (Roxanne) Martin; and sisters, Marjorie (Robert) Armstrong, Sally Delia, and



Mary Jane Martin. Brothers James and Erwin preceded Ernie in death.

When Ernie's body came back, the ferry was escorted by fish boats and tugs, blowing their sad whistles. His fellow AmVets were there to greet him, walking somberly behind the hearse all the way to his home: 28 in formation, followed by 152 cars and trucks. He was waked at his home on Friday. He was everyone's friend, in a sense the last link to the old Beaver Island.

Memorial contributions may be made to Michigan Huntington's Disease Society of America, 601 N. Waverly Road, Lansing, MI 48917.

August 11th was the day set for his funeral, but when the fog in Charlevoix kept Father Pat from flying over in the morning it had to be postponed until 1:00 in the afternoon. Even then some people weren't sure it would come off,

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but enough were to provide an overflow crowd of 75 outside Holy Cross.

Father Pat and eulogist Jack Spanhak spoke about what a good man Ernie was, how he strove to help his friends and family, how he fought injustice wherever it cropped up. How he was a man of faith who had helped found our AA and AmVets. How he had worked for the Historical Society, bringing it its greatest boon. How he had always been willing to say what had to be said when others shied away. From the balcony came his favorite songs, while outside the team of Jon Fogg's Clydesdales had to be led around the block twice to relieve their anxiety as they waited for the coffin.

With the AmVets standing at attention, and Jeremy McBain in full regalia piping Ernie out of the church, the team stood still as the casket was placed in

the long wagon, which led a cortege whose head reached Four Corners before the tail got underway. After Father Pat spoke about the guaranteed salvation of Ernie's soul, Alvin LaFreniere told the large crowd how he had been shot nine times by a sniper in Viet Nam, managed to crawl to safety, but had to lie there unattended for thirty minutes without help because two of his grenades had been damaged by fire—an act that earned him a Purple Heart.

AmVets' marksmen standing higher on the hill fired off a three-round salute for their departed friend—the most well-liked Beaver Islander. As if on cue the Island Airways' planes suddenly appeared for a low double flyover. The circle of heads were all tipped back when another element of this multi-part ceremony: Indian drumming, never before accorded a white man here. Three young skilled drummers had come over for this and quietly set up behind the circle surrounding the grave. Two of them set and kept a steady beat, while the third, with a bigger stick, sometimes joined them and sometimes provided counterpoint. This third drummer began a song in a falsetto-like high range, with certain repeated and emphasized words timed to the drum beat.

A second singer handled the third stanza, and then Jeremy McBain piped the casket into the ground. The crowd gradually drifted to the Parish Hall, where a sumptuous feast had been prepared. Stories were told and are still being told about Ernie's many exploits, providing evidence once again that we are not prone to give something its proper due until it's gone.

Edith Flynn 1933–2005

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of our dear "JUG," a beautiful spirit who truly personified the lilt of Irish laughter. Edith Eileen Flynn was born on Beaver Island, the loving daughter of Mary (Tom) Gatliff, and beloved wife for nearly 50 years to husband Tom Flynn (49 years, 7 months, and 15 days to be exact). Her dear daughters Mary Pat (Joseph) Pena and Barbara Flynn will miss her terribly, as will their children: Molly, Kyle, Matthew, Amanda and Brian.

Jug was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers Bob, Corneil, Perry and Danny Gatliff; and her sisters Margie (Tom) Zank, Dorothy Licavoli, MaryRuth (Ken) Robbins, and Ellen Gatliff. She is survived by sisters Audrey Smallwood Driscoll, Grace Doig, Kathleen (Glenn) Wood, and Ann (Bayard) Kurth; sister-in-laws Jeannie, Georgie, and Ruth Gatliff; brother-in-law Buster Licavoli; and many nieces and nephews. While she was unable to make the Gatliff family reunion last month due to her failing health, we take comfort knowing that she will enjoy a very special homecoming. May God bless and keep her family during this difficult time.

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Thanks to Jim Wojan, the Island's first grader, an Adams Leaning-wheel Grader #10, is now sitting under its own roof at the Mabel and A. J. Roy Heritage Park across from the Library. This art nouveau machine, last used by Bob McGlocklin to grade his runway, was made in Indianapolis before the Depression by the company that pioneered the Leaning Wheel. This approach involved a differential that allowed the front wheels to be tilted so the device could be dragged in a straight line with its blade down.

Jim donated the equipment to the Historical Society even though he'd been offered \$3,000 for it, and similar pieces have been auctioned off for more. But giving it was far easier than delivering it to its site, which involved pulling and shoving the 26'-long behemoth through an obstacle course of trees, sand holes, and other exhibits. Jim and his crew of Steve Crandall, Bruce Cull, and Kyle Wojan arrived with a loader/backhoe and the grader on a trailer in early August.

Just getting it off the trailer was not easy, but they had come prepared with rough-sawn planks, sections of plywood, and chains. Then chaining the tongue to the loader bucket allowed Jim to push it half way to its last resting place. That's when the fun began. To maneuver past the trees Jim positioned his backhoe almost perpendicular to the grader, put its legs down one at a time, and chained the grader to the smaller of his two

buckets. Then he could lift the bucket arm and rotate its bucket, moving the grader a few feet before setting it down, unchaining it, repositioning his backhoe, and repeating the initial process. He and his crew did this several times—just to cover about 25'.

Bets were taken on whether the grader would fit under the roof built by the Lighthouse School students as a combination learning and community service experience. The grader's wheels had been measured, but not its blade, and it looked like it was too wide to fit—but luckily the blade could be turned, and the machine skidded cattywompously to get the blade past the middle posts. And although a rise in the ground at the entrance made it look like the roof was not tall enough, the wheel on the top of the grader barely touched as it rolled into place.

Working like a crack drill team, the crew accomplished eight repositionings of its equipment and eight rechainings of the grader in a little over two hours. Watching the difficulties of getting the grader in, one observer remarked, "Well at least you don't have to worry about theft. It'd be impossible to ever get it out!"

A few days later another potential exhibit arrived at the Park: one of Pat Bonner's 54"-wide, 50"-tall oak olive barrels, which is currently sitting on blocks. No one remembers what The Fiddler used the barrel for—although several grinning geniuses have offered a guess—and a toast.



Baroque on Beaver Sensationally Good

“Baroque on Beaver – and Beyond!” returned for the fourth year to the place where it all began.

In 2002 regular visitor Chas. Krutz brought the music and the “persona” of J. S. Bach to Beaver Island. An overflow crowd applauded both “Bach” and the 30 Beaver Island musicians who performed.

Moving beyond just the music of Bach to works by other composers, more professional and guest musicians performed in “Baroque on Beaver” in July, 2003. Again, an overflow crowd at the Parish Hall welcomed the exquisite classical music.



Jason Economides and Patty Baser, guest professional husband-wife musicians, became co-directors of the 2004 “Baroque on Beaver” which expanded to two performances. Approximately 50 musicians plus 19 children again thrilled audiences of nearly 300 people.

This year, the program grew again– to include both an intimate evening of chamber music with students of BICS and a second evening with full orchestra, chorus, and soloists performing a varied program of renowned works. Simply put, “Baroque on Beaver – and Beyond!” was wonderful.

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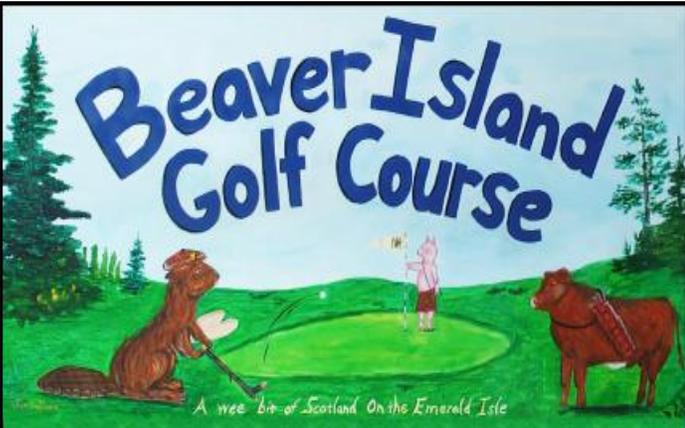
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Homecoming 2005



Homecoming has come and gone again, with Friends of the Island arriving from all over the country to comment on the changes, the security fence and baggage checks, the extra police cars, and all the large new buildings.

The crowds enjoyed generally good weather, good

food, and good music. Good softball? Well, McDonough's almost won. They walloped Carlson's /Grey Gables to earn a spot in the championship game—against the Flight Deck from Charlevoix, which had the Batting Champion, Jessie Simon with a



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.786 average, and the Home Run Champion, Bob Williams, who looked like he could hit one over the fence anytime he chose.

The Flight Deck had beaten McDonough's in a preliminary game, and they beat them again on a particularly tough field. There was

no crying in their beer for the Island favorite; instead it was on to the parties and good will that Homecoming brings out in everyone. One of the players summed it up for everyone when interviewed atop Mt. Pisgah early the next morning: "Wait 'til next year!"



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Thanks to the GTB

The Beaver Island Rural Health Center has received notification that its June grant request to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians was approved for \$15,000.

The staff and board of directors of the Health Center send their sincerest thanks for this generous award. The funding will make a huge difference in

helping the Health Center provide health education to its patients and professional development for its staff, Beaver Island EMS and our local hospice group. There are very few funders to whom BIRHC can appeal, and we are very grateful for this second grant from the Grand Traverse Band (\$25,000 was awarded to the BIRHC in 2004.)

Former Island Potter Reelected

In a mid-August election former BICS guest master pottery instructor and frequent Museum Week speaker Frank Ettawageshik won reelection as the Chairman of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. He won a

four-year term, running with Vice-Chairman William Denemy against Gerald Chingwa and George Anthony, the historian of Beaver Island's Indians and another past speaker at Museum Week. The count was 753 to 344.

Community Tennis Association Formed

The Beaver Island Community Tennis Association (BICTA) has been formed to gain the formal recognition of the United States Tennis Association. Any interested party is invited to join this volunteer group.

A brief organizational meeting was held to get the project started, and a provisional set of officers put in place: Julie Neff, president; Peter Igoe, vice-president; Christy Albin, secretary; and Joe Reed, treasurer. Jack Kelly offered to create a mission statement, and Bob Neff a set of by-laws. Dale Boyles was elected President Emeritus to honor his long-term dedication to tennis here.

From the initial construction over

10 years ago until today, court maintenance costs have been born by a small group of regular players making annual contributions. Major repairs will soon be necessary, and their costs will be beyond the small group's capability. The USTA has funds available through its Northern Michigan District; forming BICTA was done to qualify.

Annual dues will be \$25. An effort will be made to increase donations; collections from the red fare box at the courts will be deposited in the BICTA account, temporarily being held by St. James Township. As plans unfold they will be announced in the local papers.

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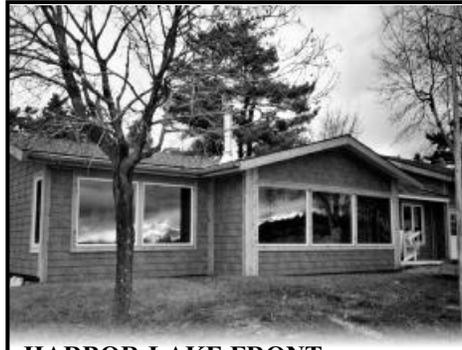
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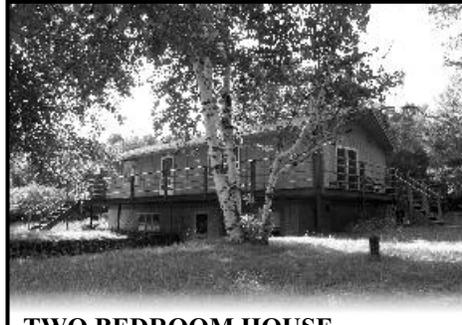


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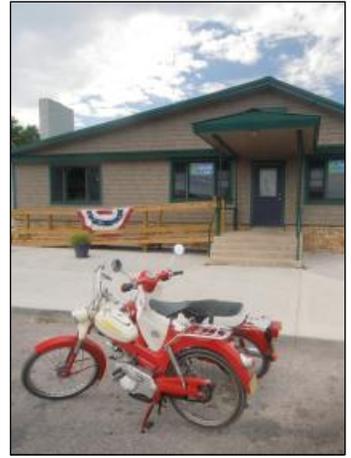
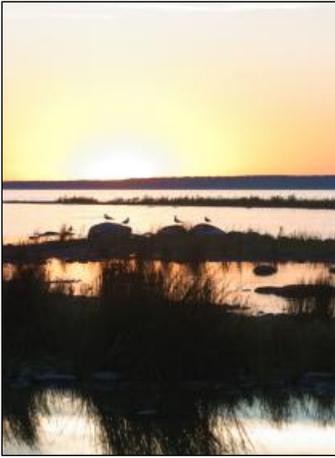
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