

# The Beaver Beacon



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Spring at last! Perhaps it is well that we do have long winters, for it makes this time of year appreciated all the more. The frozen wastes of Lake Michigan have given way to sparkling blue water and once again the ritual of "meeting the boat" has started, as the Beaver Islander, all decked out in a fresh coat of paint, starts her first full season.

**WEATHER ANALYSIS:** The following is an analysis of our April weather as reported by Vernon Fitzpatrick.

Highest Day	April 17th	65 degrees
Lowest Night	April 5th	12 degrees
Average Daytime Temperature		54 degrees
Average Nighttime Temperature		30 degrees

The Heaviest rainfall was on April 29th with .55 inches.  
Rain fell on 4 days for a total of .68 inches.

**LOW WATER EXPOSE:** While the chores of spring house cleaning were fresh in our minds, a real effort was made to clean the beach of the harbor. This idea, prompted by the Civic Association, seemed especially good because the water being as low as it is, exposed many an eye sore. With trucks, tractors and many willing hands volunteering, the job was started at 1:00 p.m., April 20th. By 5:00 p.m. twenty-two loads had been taken to the dump. This included sundry items such as old tires, tin cans, broken bottles, engines, logs and wreckage of all sorts. When the job was done, all returned to LaFreniere's Store for coffee, kool-aid and doughnuts, served by Eileen Martin and her daughters, Pat and Pam.

**ST. JAMES FACE LIFTING:** A marked improvement in the appearance of the town will be noticed this year, with the removal of the remains of Wojan's old sawmill and house from the top of the hill behind LaFreniere's Store

The Beaver Island School Board has requested bids for the removal of the old school, which stands directly behind the new one. This will be done this summer.

A new rectory for the Holy Cross Church is to be built on the Church property between the Church and the Medical Center.

Vernon Fitzpatrick, our Conservation Officer, staged a one man tree planting program in town, which certainly is a pleasing addition.

GAME CLUB NEWS: On April 15th, with the help of volunteers, a 76 acre controlled burn was made, west of the Hannigan Road. This was to improve deer, ruffed grouse and sharptail grouse range. The Game Club planted white clover in the furrows that were plowed around the area. Mineral blocks have been placed throughout a good share of the deer range.

With the opening of the Trout season on the 27th of April, the road to Fox Lake is taking a lot of traffic. The heavy planting of 3,500 legal size Brook Trout last fall has made Fox Lake a very popular spot for the angler. Small wet flies with little hackle on them seem to have little trouble bringing in limit catches. Fishermen are asked not to use minnows for bait as we would like to limit the possibility of stocking the lake with anything but trout. In order to keep track of the Trout population, fishermen are also asked to register their fishing time and catches on the sheet provided on the bulletin board at the launch site. Mort Neff flew in on the 5th of May to try his hand at Trout fishing and had no trouble getting his limit. With Perry Gatliff as his guide, the day ended with an impressive stringer full.

FIRE CALL: In the wee hours of the morning on the 16th of April, many were routed out of bed as the fire truck roared out of town. This was the Boyle farm, a half mile west of McCauley's corner. The barn had burned to the ground and house was a mass of flames by the time it had been spotted, so all that could be done was to stand by and keep the fire from spreading to the woods. The house was not being occupied and so far the actual cause has not been determined.

CIVIC HOSTS JOE: The Beaver Island Civic Association thought it only proper that a farewell party be given in honor of Joe Dillingham and his family. The date was set for Saturday, the fourth of May at the Beaver Lodge. After a very fine buffet dinner, President Bud McDonough made a short speech of appreciation of Joe's efforts for the Civic Association. Gifts were presented Joe from the Civic Association, the Beaver Island School Board and the Beaver Island Telephone Company. Other short speeches were made by Grace Nackerman, Rogers Carlisle, Dick LaFreniere, Joe Mafroe and Raymond Lewis. With the crowd in a happy frame of mind, the party continued with many more displays of hidden talents, some of which certainly merit a word or two. Did you know that our Deputy Sheriff, Karl Kuebler, can call square dances? Not only that, but his soft shoe act is hard to beat. Many voices were raised in attempted harmony to the fine accompaniment of Vera Wojan at the piano and Joe Mafroe on the harmonica. Sunday dawned quiet and peaceful in St. James, the only sound heard before noon was a rifle shot, which turned out to be Walt Wojan shooting a stray cat for stomping hi's feet on the pavement.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Ray Matella announce the birth of a son, James. Mrs. Matella is the former Grace Boyle and this is another great-grandson for Elsie and James O'Donnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Nate Zimmerman of South Haven, a daughter Cheryl Ann, on April 20th. Mrs. Zimmerman is the former Ilene Martin, daughter of Mrs. Sara Martin and the late Wilbur Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Armstrong of Battle Creek, a son on April 30th. Mrs. Armstrong is the former Marjorie Martin, daughter of the Charles Martins.

SHOWER: On April 28th the annual Pantry Shower was held for the Dominica Sisters. The Holy Cross Alter Society presented them with an aluminum ladder and a large hassock. The evening was spent playing games after which a lovely buffet lunch was served.

OBITUARIES: Wilbur J. Martin passed away April 18th at Traverse City, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; four daughters, Mrs. Robert McDonough and Mrs. Roland Kohn of Grand Rapids, Mrs. Nate Zimmerman of South Haven and Mrs. Norman Long of Des Plaines, Ill.; three sons, Jude and Bernard of Grand Rapids and James of Rolling Meadows, Ill., several grandchildren and a brother, Charles Martin of St. James.

Peter N. Nielsen, 91, passed away on April 19th in Charlevoix, Michigan. Mr. Nielsen was a retired commercial fisherman and had lived on Garden Island before going to Charlevoix to live in 1935. He is survived by his wife.

Mrs. Herman Pischner, who passed away in February, was returned to Beaver Island for burial in the St. James Township Cemetery. Father Louis Wren officiated at graveside services held Friday, May 3rd. Returning to the Island for the services was her daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Prokop; three sons, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pischner, Manitowoc, Wis., Mr. Charles Pischner of Green Bay, Wis., and Mr. Willard Pischner of Charlevoix. Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Emil Pischner of Charlevoix, a sister Mrs. Lenore Belfy of Charlevoix and a brother Captain Charles Allers of Traverse City.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Mr. L. J. Malloy is a patient at Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey where he underwent surgery last week.

Arleen Malloy returned this week after being a patient at Little Traverse Hospital.

Also returning this week from Little Traverse Hospital was Mrs. Lawrence McDonough.

LAUNDRY-MAT OPENS: Good news to many of our Island friends and summer residents is that the Beaver Lodge has leased the laundry-mat and will operate it this summer for the public with Mrs. Olive Dillingham as Manager.

PROUD PAPA: The first of the month was a red letter day for Russell Green as two new additions came into being. Russell's generous waist line has now risen to his chest since the blessed event. The twin calves have been named Pat and Mike, in true Irish fashion.

VACATION ANYONE? In order to raise money for the many activities of the Civic Association, a drawing will be held on the 4th of July, which will allow the holder of the winning ticket \$75.00 towards a weeks vacation on Beaver Island. One page of this months Beacon will be made up of tickets which are self explanatory. The winner will be sent a list of accommodations available, along with the various prices. One week's vacation for a dollar is the offer, plus the fact that each dollar is a great help to an organization devoted to the betterment of Beaver Island. If anyone wishes more tickets they may be obtained by writing the Beaver Island Civic Association, St. James, Michigan.

BEAVER ISLAND VACATION

\$75.00 toward 1 weeks lodgings on Beaver Island  
Your choice of time and accommodations prior to Nov. 1, 1963

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HONOR ROLL: The following students were on the Beaver Island School Honor Roll:

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| Grade 1 | Doris Kenwabikise<br>Julie Gillespie<br>Pamela McDonough | Grade 6  | Judy LaFreniere<br>Buddy Martin<br>Ronnie Wojan        |
| Grade 2 | Richie Gillespie<br>Joan LaFreniere<br>Audrey Wojan      | Grade 7  | Joe Mc Donough   |
| Grade 3 | Susan Nestle   | Grade 8  | Phyllis Gregg<br>Sandy LaFreniere<br>Jeanne Wojan      |
| Grade 4 | Daniel Gillespie<br>Gale Dillingham                      | Grade 9  | Arthur Gallagher<br>William Gillespie<br>Pamela Martin |
| Grade 5 | Mary Ann Palmer<br>Kevin McDonough<br>Angie Wojan        | Grade 10 | Edward Wojan   |
|         |  | Grade 12 | Carol Ann O'Donnell<br>Evelyn Palmer                   |

FIRST COMMUNION: Six Children received their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 28th at Holy Cross Church. They were Audrey Wojan, Joan LaFreniere, Mike Martin, Steve Connaghan, Hugh Cole and Richard Gillespie. Father Louis Wren officiated and Sister Mary Karen, O.P. instructed the class.

MISSION: During the week of May 5th thru 11th, Mission Services are being held at Holy Cross Church with Rev. Raymond Oosdyke, O.F.M., Conv. officiating.

MORE ROBINS RETURNING: With spring comes the return of the birds to the Island and some more birds returning home include the following: Stanley Floyd, Nonie Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter, Mary Green, Edna McCann, William Belfy, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cull, Mrs. Mary Gatliff and Perry, Sophia McDonough, Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher and Frank Near. Also returning to the Island was Mr. and Mrs. Donald 'Topper' McDonough and Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Martin and their families.

MAY CROWNING: On May 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. the annual May Crowning was held at Holy Cross Church. Miss Evelyn Palmer was assisted by Audrey Wojan and Joan LaFreniere at the service.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE, SISTER IDA: The students of Beaver Island High School held a farewell party for Sister Ida, who is leaving us this year. She was presented with 1 dozen long stemmed roses and a book entitled 'This is Your Life' which contained excerpts of her Convent life, pranks the boys and girls of Beaver Island had played, working on the school yard, etc. Following the presentation a cake, decorated with 'Our Thanks to Sister Ida!', and ice cream, donated by Matt Melville, was served.

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- REMEMBER:
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| May:      | Smelt Run                                  |
| June:     | Mushroom Hunt                              |
| July:     | 4th of July Civic Association Celebration  |
| August:   | Annual Home Coming - Second Sunday in Aug. |
| October:  | Colorama                                   |
| November: | Hunter's Ball                              |

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6 room house on Harbor. Lot 100' by 440'.  
Comptly. furn. inc. linens, G. E. Refrig.  
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Contact Mrs. Walter Lyons, 7523 S. Winchester Ave.  
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AB Apartment size electric stove. 3 burners and oven. \$10.00  
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FOR SALE:

Six room house on the harbor - opposite the power plant.  
Two large lots. If interested contact Norbert Gallagher,  
920 Jackson Blvd., Rochester, Indiana.

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