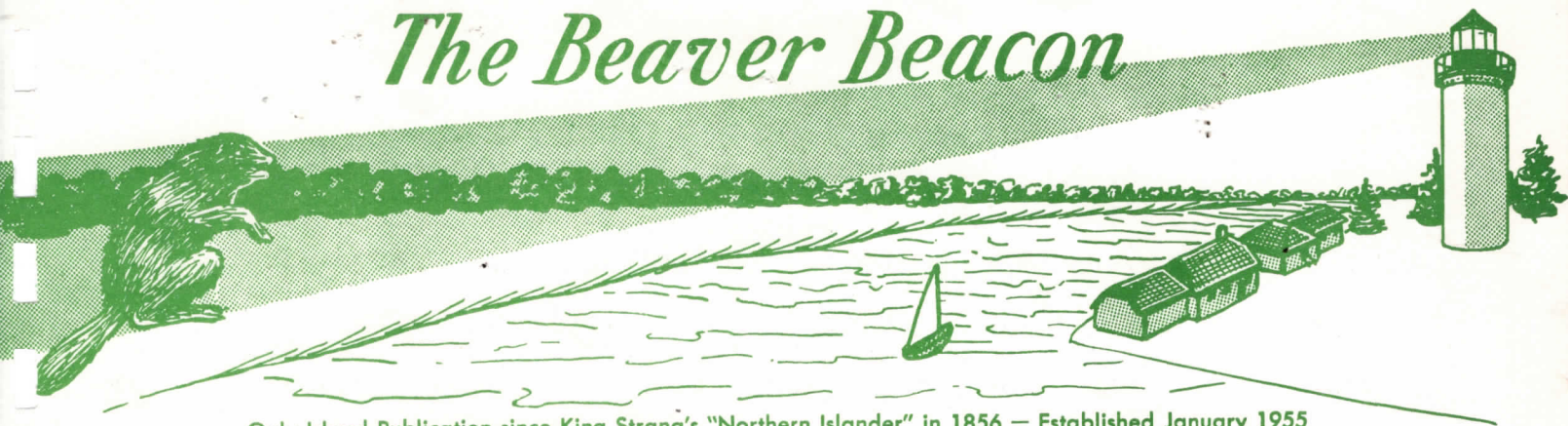


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Each warm spring day has been at the expense of a half dozen bone chilling ones, as winter is still trying to get in a few last jabs. Wild flowers are having a tough struggle fighting morning frosts and for the same reason, mushrooms are few and far between. This month should see the warm days getting closer and closer together, however.

WEATHER: Beaver Island weather as recorded by Fire Officer Bill Wagner for the month of March.

The average high temperature was 47 degrees.
The average low temperature was 30.1 degrees.
The lowest temperature of 15 degrees occurred on the night of the 4th.
The highest temperature, of 58 degrees, occurred on the 1st and 28th.
The total rainfall for the month was 2.52 inches.
 $\frac{1}{8}$ inch of snow fell on the 7th but melted by noon.
For 10 days the daytime temperature was in the 50's; for 17 days in the 40's and for 3 days in the 30's.

GAME NEWS: Game Club members have distributed over 30 mineral blocks throughout the island as a supplement for our deer herd.

The first of May opened the trout season on the island, namely Fox Lake. The trout are running good sized but limit catches are hard earned.

Smelt were slow and few running in the Jordan and Cable's Creeks. Suckers are now running heavy and strangely enough, several Steelhead trout have been taken from these streams. If they become plentiful it would make a big change in the Island's fishing story.

With the closing of the Beaver trapping season reports are now in on the results. Rogers Carlisle and Eddie Connaghan teamed up to gain a hard earned total of fifteen beaver, the largest of which tipped the scales at 50 pounds, a mighty good sized animal for a Canadian Black Beaver. The brown beaver often grow 15 to 20 pounds larger.

Duane Newstead, know as the "Swamp Fox", has been trying to cut down the Island's abundance of Coyotes, with spring traps. This past week resulted in one coyote caught with hopes of more in the near future.

U. S. COAST GUARD OPENS STATION: The Beaver Island Coast Guard Station is now open and the following men are stationed here.
Rick Ross BNI, Gary Fortner EN1, Steve Anonen SN, Charles Feyers BM3 and Frank Ferry FN.

FIRST COMMUNION: One boy and three girls of the Holy Cross Catholic Church received their first Holy Communion High Mass on Sunday May 7th. They were Karl Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Crawford, Laurel Ann Cole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cole and Diane and Mary Kenwabikissee, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabikissee.

DEAN'S LIST: Edward Wojan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan, has been named to the Dean's List of the University of Detroit. This list is compiled of students that have attained a 3.00 average or above during the previous marking period.

NEW RESIDENTS: Mr. and Mrs. John Wylie and their seven boys have moved to Beaver Island from East Jordan. Mr. Wylie will manage the Beaver Tail Restaurant.

Mr. and Mrs. Curly Hartsel of Kalamazoo are in the process of moving to the Island. They have sold their home in Kalamazoo and Mrs. Hartsel plans on opening a beauty shop on the island.

Mr. Charles Early has now become a permanent resident of Beaver Island. Mrs. Early and the boys moved to the Island last fall but Charlie just retired from Oldsmobile in Lansing and had to wait until May 2nd to join them.

WEDDINGS: On April 15th, Miss Nancy Kenwabakiessee became the bride of Mr. Dennis Harris of South Haven, Michigan. Attending the wedding in South Haven from Beaver Island was Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kenwabakissee and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Newstead, Melvin Napont and Ernie Martin.

FIRST DIP: Unexpected as it was, Ed Davis of Sandusky, Ohio, takes the honor of being first of the season to take a dip in the waters of Lake Genesareth.

While testing a pump at the end of a dock, Ed suddenly realized the other end of the dock wasn't nailed and like being on the heavy end of a teeter totter, Ed was slowly lowered into the water. Upon sensing the frigid temperature of the water, Ed's duration of the dunking was an extremely short one. Ed and Mary Davis are guests of Milt Bennett.

SIGNS OF SUMMER: Even though the seather hardly shows it, summer is surely on its way from the increased activity.

The Beachcomber Bar is now open for the summer.

By the end of the month the new Beaver Tail Restaurant will be open for business as a part of the facility of the Erin Motel.

An addition to the dining room is being planned for the Circle M Lodge, which will feature live music this summer

The Beaver Island Yacht Dock will be opening next week under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Loretta (Loy) Malloy announces the engagement and approaching marriage (June 3rd) of her daughter, Arlene Ann to Richard Napont.

SCHOOL NEWS: Beaver Island Community School will hold its Commencement Exercises, Friday evening, May 19 at 8:00 P.M. at Holy Cross Church. Father Louis Wren, pastor, will deliver the address to the Graduates. Reception will follow at the Holy Cross Parish Hall. The Graduates are: Patrick Crawford, Phyllis Gregg, Arlene Malloy, Sandy LaFreniere, and Jeanne Wojan. Future plans include college for two of our Graduates -- Patrick Crawford - Ferris at Big Rapids, and Phyllis Gregg - Grand Valley in Allendale. Baccalaureate Exercises were held at 9:00 A.M. on Sunday, May 14 at Holy Cross Church.

The Junior Class is sponsoring a Banquet in honor of the Seniors on Wednesday, May 17. Other guests will be the members of the School Board, parents of the Seniors and the underclassmen, Father Louis Wren, Doctor and Mrs. Haynes. It is hoped that Mr. Charles Robinson - Intermediate School Superintendent will also attend. The County Spelling match will be held on Wednesday, May 17 in Charlevoix. Representatives from Beaver Island School include:

- Joan LaFreniere - Grade 6
- Julie Gillespie - Grade 5
- Dawn Martin - Grade 4
- Mary Therese Green - Grade 3

We hope these students will return with much recognition for our school. Good Luck, students.

LOCAL STUDENT GETS READER'S DIGEST AWARD: Jeanne Wojan, Honor Student, of the graduating class at Beaver Island High School, has been given the Annual Award of The Reader's Digest Association for students who by their successful school work give promise of attaining leadership in the community, it was announced today by Sister Kenneth Marie, principal.

Miss Wojan will receive an honorary one-year subscription to The Reader's Digest in any one of its 14 language-editions which she chooses, and a personal certificate from the Editors "in recognition of past accomplishments and in anticipation of unusual achievement to come." The Reader's Digest Association is presenting these awards in senior high schools throughout the United States to the highest honor student of the graduating class.

LOYALTY DINNER: On May 28th a Loyalty Dinner will be held in the Holy Cross Parish Hall with proceeds going toward the Beaver Island Convent Building Fund.

A menu of ham, mashed potatoes, salad, whole kernel corn, relishes, rolls, coffee and home-made pie, is planned.

Admission to the Loyalty Dinner will be \$5.00, which is actually a donation to the Convent Building Fund. Serving will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you are going to be on Beaver Island on the 28th, why not make reservations now for the Loyalty Dinner. Please tear off and mail the coupon below, with your check, to Mrs. Archie Minor, St. James, Michigan 49782.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Enclosed please find my check for _____ for _____ reservations

ST. JAMES RESIDENT ENROLLED BY NORTHROP INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY: Inglewood, California - Gary Allen McDonough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McDonough, Beaver Island, St. James, Michigan is now attending Northrop Institute of Technology in Inglewood, California. Studying Airframe and Powerplant Maintenance at Northrop Tech, McDonough is preparing for a career as an aviation maintenance technician. According to school officials, increased air travel, air freight and air express in recent years have resulted in a shortage of qualified aviation technicians. Upon completion of this program he will be qualified to take the examinations for his Airframe and Powerplant Certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Agency. In addition, he may be accepted by the College of Engineering at Northrop Tech to study for the bachelor of science degree in Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Technology.

Northrop Tech, oftencalled, "the college of the space age" because it has graduated almost 10,000 young men for careers in the aerospace and electronics fields, is a privately-endowed institution. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

Before he began his studies in Inglewood at Northrop Institute, McDonough was graduated from St. James High School.

THANK YOU: The following letter was received from Mrs. J. C. Sutton of Morenci, Michigan.

"I wish to thank all the wonderful friends on Beaver Island, who have been so very kind to me with their many cards and prayers for my recovery during the many weeks that I was in the Morenci Area Hospital. They were truly appreciated in every way. We are so grateful that our Heavenly Father has seen fit to spare me and give me a chance to enjoy the Island and its many wonderful folks again.

I was able to come home on April 23rd, but have to maintain the same schedule as while I was in the hospital. So you see I really am grounded and will not know for sometime just when we can get up there. If I had my way, it would be tomorrow.

My sincere thanks to all of you grand folks and my very best wishes to each of you.

God willing, we hope and plan to get there just as soon as I am able to make the trip."

HOSPITAL NOTES: Marge (Mrs. Bill) Wagner is a patient in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey. She was operated on for a dislocated disc on Wednesday, May 10th.

Bill Wittenburg has been a patient in Little Traverse Hospital recently.

Jewell Gillespie was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital but has returned to the Island.

L. Z. Reigle is a patient in the Veterans Hospital in Saginaw. His address is as follows:

L. Z. Reigle
1500 Weiss St.
Saginaw, Michigan

RETURNED FOR THE SUMMER: The following people have returned to their homes on Beaver Island. Nonie Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Roy, Judy Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Neer, Sophia Mc Donough, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wittenburg, Mary and Perry Gatliff, Mr. and Mrs. George Egbert,

Calendar of Events

June 11.	Bake Sale-- Altar Society
June 25.	Bake Sale-- Woman's Circle
July 4	Civic Carnival
August 6	Bake Sale-- Altar Society
August 20.	Bake Sale-- Woman's Circle
August 14.	Homecoming
September 3.	Annual Family Dinner-- Beaver Is. Christian Church
September 29	Bake Sale-- Altar Society
October 8.	Bake Sale-- Woman's Circle
November 18.	Bake Sale-- Altar Society & Woman's Circle
December 10.	Christmas Bazaar

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