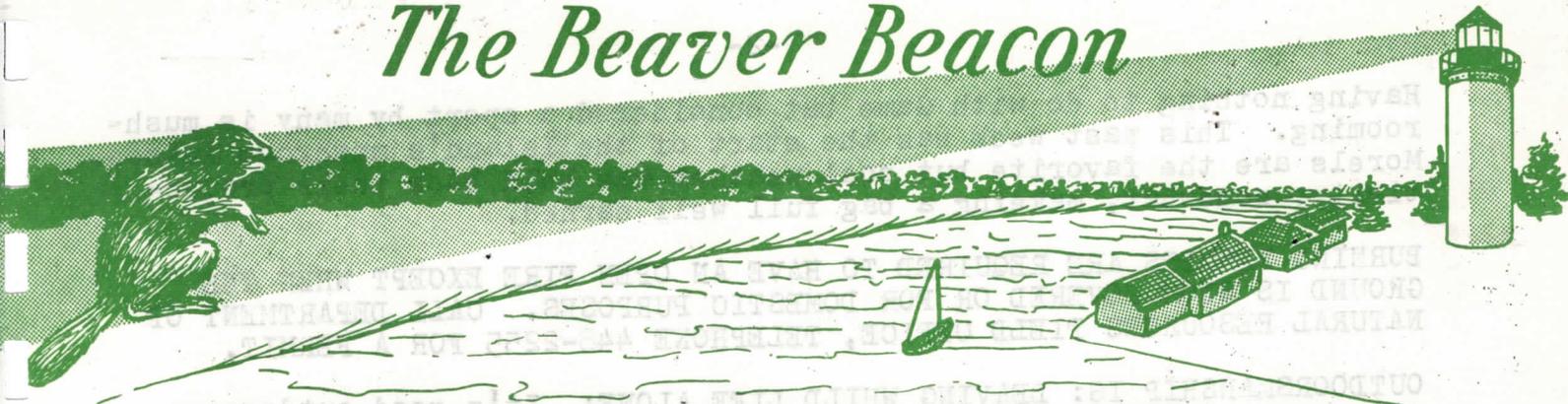


# The Beaver Beacon



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Spring is finally busting out all over the Island. Because of the cooling effect of the surrounding Lake Michigan waters, spring is generally two to three weeks behind the mainland, making mid-May the turning point. Forests filling out in many shades of green, while ferns and wild flowers spread out a multi-colored carpet to complete the picture.

**WEATHER:** The weather for the month of April as recorded by Fire Officer Bill Wagner.

High daytime temperature - 60 degrees on the 25th.

Low daytime temperature - 35 degrees on the 2nd.

High nighttime temperature - 38 degrees on the 15th and 25th.

Low nighttime temperature - 21 degrees on the 3rd.

High 5 p.m. temperature - 58 degrees on the 25th.

Low 5 p.m. temperature - 30 degrees on the 2nd.

Average daytime temperature - high 47.3 degrees.

Average 5 p.m. temperature 41.1 degrees.

Average nighttime temperature 32.2 degrees.

Total rainfall 2.99 inches.

Fog occurred on 6 days.

Rain occurred on 11 days.

Ground bare by the 10th.

Temperatures in the 60's for 1 day; in the 50's for 11 days; in the 40's for 12 days and in the 30's for 6 days.

**GAME NEWS:** This is the time when the angler steps into the lime-light as a new fishing season gets underway.

For the first time in several years, smelt came into the Jordon and Shoemaker's Creeks in great numbers. Several got all they could take care of in two dips. The run lasted nearly a week as crisp fried smelt headed the list on Island menu's.

Certainly not to be denied are the trout in Fox Lake. Between chilling spring rains and wind many came away with nice catches of Rainbows.

Barney's Lake, also, has blessed the angler with a substantial number of Bluegills.

The Harbor, as yet, has not produced but Bass season is coming up fast and indications point to the possibilities of Steelhead Trout increasing their numbers in the big Lake.

Having nothing to do with Game but considered a sport by many is mushrooming. This past week was the start of the Island's mushroom season. Morels are the favorite but cool weather has held back their productivity, somewhat, making a bag full well earned.

BURNING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE AN OPEN FIRE EXCEPT WHEN THE GROUND IS SNOW COVERED OR FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. CALL DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FIELD OFFICE, TELEPHONE 448-2255 FOR A PERMIT.

OUTDOORSMANSHIP IS: LEAVING WILDLIFE ALONE: It's good outdoorsmanship and good sense to leave wildlife on their own, and that's what the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is urging Michigan residents to do as Mother Nature starts her annual spring production of "Babes in the Woods."

Already, people are calling the DNR's Game Division in Lansing asking what they should do with some seemingly helpless little creatures they have found in the outdoors. Where possible, the Department is making a temporary home for such displaced animals, but this is no substitute for leaving wildlife alone in the first place.

Bluffy little cottontails, Bambi-like fawns, and other newborn animals are "cute" and tempting to take home as pets, but there are three good reasons for not picking them up:

- 1) Young animals need their real mothers to stand the best chance of surviving (don't mistake them for being "orphans" if you find them alone in the wild).

- 2) It's against the law to possess protected wild animals and birds out of season.

- 3) It could be a threat to your family's health. There is always the danger that an occasional wild animal can pass a disease on to people.

BEAVER ISLAND GRADUATES: Beaver Island Community School held its Baccalaureate Services, Sunday, May 18th at 9:00 A.M. at Holy Cross Church.

The six graduates are Ronald Wojan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan; Joseph "Buddy" Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin, Edward Connaghan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Connaghan; Marie Connaghan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Connaghan; Judy LaFreniere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie LaFreniere and Mary DeVogel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Martin.

A banquet was held on Wednesday, May 21st at the Holy Cross Parish Hall to honor these graduates and their parents.

Commencement exercises were held Friday evening, May 23rd, at 8:00 p.m. in Holy Cross Church with Father Louis Wren giving the Commencement Address and conferring the diplomas. A reception was held in the Holy Cross Parish Hall with refreshments and music for dancing.

The Junior Class did a magnificent job of decorating the Hall around the theme of "Three Coins in a Fountain".

Our heartiest Congratulations to the Graduates and we wish them all the luck in the world for the future.

LOCAL STUDENT GETS READER'S DIGEST AWARD: Ronald 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 Rita Wenzlick, principal.

Mr. Wojan will receive an honorary one-year subscription to The Reader's Digest in any one of its 13 language-editions which he 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.

The award to Mr. Wojan, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan of Beaver Island, was made possible through the cooperation of Sister Rita and her teaching staff. They selected Mr. Wojan to receive the award, designed to stimulate scholarship, citizenship, and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

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THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW HOLY CROSS CONVENT

of

St. James, Michigan

to be held on

May 31, 1969 - 3:30 P.M.

The tentative schedule for the Dedication of the Convent is as follows

Mass of Thanksgiving - Holy Cross Church - 3:30 p.m.

Precession to Convent

Blessing of the House

Tours of the Convent

Refreshments served at Beaver Island Community School

**TELEPHONE LINES:** The future is beginning to look a little brighter regarding Island telephone service. A new antenna is being constructed off of the Airport Road and many new lines have been strung. When all is completed there will be six circuits to the mainland instead of two with one that seldom works.

**SEASON BUSINESSES OPEN:** The Killarney Inn is once more in operation under the management of Grace Cole. The Erin Motel is functioning again and the adjoining Beaver Tail Restaurant will open its doors for the Memorial Day week-end under the new ownership of Clara and Rose Marie Clark. The new Laundermat, at Lawrence and Winnie McDonough's farm, "Green Acres" is ready to begin its first full season. Stanley Floyd is back on the Island and his fleet of rental cars are all set to go. Kay Hartsell's Beauty Shop is back in business again following a winter vacation in Florida. The Beaver Island Yacht Dock has opened for the season with Curley Hartsell again as the Harbormaster. The Beachcomers Bar, Beaver Gems Gift Shop, Harbor Hills Refreshment Stand, Beaver Haven Gift Shop and the King Strang Hotel will be open again in the near future.

**MUSIC FESTIVAL:** The Annual Music Festival for the Northern Michigan area was held in Boyne City on May 2nd. The Festival was attended by the children of grades 5 thru 8, who left the Island via the Beaver Islander at 7:00 a.m. They traveled by bus from Charlevoix to Boyne City and then returned to Charlevoix where they boarded the ferry for home at 1:30 p.m. Needless to say, children and chaperones alike had a marvelous time.

**BIRTHS:** Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie announce the birth of a 6 lb. 4 oz daughter, Dana Sue, on April 26th. The proud grandparents of their first grandchild in each family are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wojan and Mr. and Mrs. Jewell Gillespie.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Donnell, of Chicago, are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Sowa (Shirley White) are the proud parents of a 10 lb. baby girl. The baby was born in Muskegon while her father was in Vietnam.

**HOSPITAL NOTES:** Jeanne Gillespie was a patient at Laittle Traverse Hospital but has returned home and is feeling fine now.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Matella (Grace Boyle), of Chicago, have their baby in the hospital with Meningitis.

Father Robert Boyle, Cajetan Parish Rectory, 11207 So. Artisian Ave., Chicago, Ill., is at home after being hospitalized.

**FIRST COMMUNION:** First Holy Communion Services were held May 4th at Holy Cross Catholic Church, with Fater Louis Wren officiating at 9:00 a.m. Mass.

The Class consisted of four children: Ann Wojan, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Walter Wojan, Beth Ann Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Green; Billy McDonough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud McDonough and Tommy Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cole.

OBITUARIES: MRS. MARY GIBSON, aged 82, widow of Robert Gibson and formerly of Beaver Island, passed away May 16th in the Allendale Nursing Home. She is survived by two sons, James R. and Edwin J. Gibson; Three grandchildren, one great-grandchild; a brother, Patrick O'Donnell and a sister, Mrs. Anna Hampson, all of Grand Rapids. Funeral Mass was offered Monday, May 19th, at 11 o'clock in St. Alphon-sus Church. Interment Mt. Calvary Cemetery.

JOSEPH SCHMIDT: Funeral services were held for Joseph Schmidt on May 3rd with Father Louis Wren officiating. Mr. Schmidt passed away on January 3rd in Pontiac, Michigan. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elsie O'Donnell and one brother, William Schmidt. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery.

MRS. ANNA M. DRESCHER: Burial services were held for Mrs. Anna M. Drescher on May 19th at Holy Cross Cemetery, with Rev. Louis Wren of-ficiating.

Mrs. Drescher passed away on March 10th at the Charlevoix Hospital. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. Andrew Gallagher of St. James and a brother, Edwin Greene of Charlevoix.

DENNIS CRONYN: Mass of the Resurrection was offered for Dennis G. Cronyn May 10th by Fr. Edwin A. Schroeder at Our Lady of Refuge Church, Orchard Lake, Michigan. He died May 7th at the age of 25 after being thrown while horseback riding.

Cronyn attended Visitation School, Sacred Heart Seminary and Wayne State University. He was working towards his masters degree through the Mott Foundation and Eastern Michigan University.

He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Cronyn; brothers, Brian, Kevin and Timothy, and sisters, Maureen, Kitty and Eileen. Burial was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

FIRE: The first fire on Beaver Island in many months was on May 2nd. The farm house of Peter Johnson burned to the ground. Mr. Johnson is a patient at Grandvue and no one was living in the house at the time of the fire.

CANCER DRIVE: The Annual Cancer Drive was held the April 27th on Beaver Island with Mrs. Joy Green as chairman. The end result was \$166.00 from the people of Beaver Island.

SERVICEMEN'S NEWS: Ronald Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Gallagher is home of leave from the Coast Guard. He will be vising his parents and friends until the first week of June.

NEW BUSINESS: Gil Bailey is starting a Trash Pick-Up Service. He will regularly pick up trash and do light hauling. Just call 448-2309 to advantage of this new service.

CONVENT FINALE: Now that the Convent is a complete reality, one final drive is being made to complete the financial obligations. A big Auction is to be held on the 28th of June in Beaver Haven's big boat

house. Articles of all kinds will be on the block and most important will be donations of items to sell. Items for auction may be taken to the storage building prior to the Auction. Those furnishing cabins or looking for items hard to find will certainly want to attend this worthy event. Refreshments will be served and of course, it will be held rain or shine. The exact time of day for the Auction will be announced later.

WEDDINGS: BAUMAN - JOUZAPATIS: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Joseph Jouzapatis, of Chicago and Beaver Island, announce the marriage of their daughter, Catherine Ann (Kitchie) to Jack W. Bauman, C.S.2, presently serving in the United States Navy. Mr. Herbert J. Bauman and Mrs. Velva Young of Ohio, are the parents of the groom. The Great Lake's Naval Training Center, Great Lake's Illinois was the location of the wedding on March 29th, 1969.

OLEKSY-PALMER: Evelyn Palmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Palmer and Thomas Oleksy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Oleksy of Charlevoix, were married at a Nuptial Mass in St. Mary's Church, Charlevoix, on Saturday May 24th at 2:00 p.m. Miss Mary Ann Palmer was her sister's attendant. The Reception immediately followed the wedding in the Church Hall. Mr. and Mrs. Oleksy will make their home on North Point in Charlevoix.

COAST GUARD STATION OPENS: The Beaver Island Coast Guard Station has been opened for the season. Petty Officer First Class, Charles Ronquist is in charge of the Station and the rest of the crew will be rotated from the Charlevoix Station. It is very nice to see lights at the Harbor entrance again.

THANK YOU: "I want to thank everyone who came to my sister's funeral, Mrs. Anna Drescher, who was layed to rest May 19th in Holy Cross Cemetery. Thanks again." Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher.

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