

The Beaver Beacon



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This is that time of year that the wages are paid for the coming warm weather with muddy roads and cold rains. Outdoor activities are held to a minimum while the huge accumulation of snow slowly melts away.

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

High temperature of 42 degrees on the 20th.
Low temperature of -20 degrees on the 3rd.
Low 5 p.m. temperature of 2 degrees on the 1st.
High 5 p.m. temperature of 35 degrees on the 27th.
Average high temperature - 30.9 degrees.
Average low temperature - 12.5 degrees.
Average 5 p.m. temperature - 26 degrees.
Total snowfall for the month - 21 inches
Total precipitation for the month - 1.27 inches.
Total snowfall since November 1st - 80 inches.
Total snowfall since January 1st - 55 inches.
Total precipitation since January 1st - 3.48 inches.

GAME NEWS: This month draws a blank in the way of hunting, fishing or Beaver trapping. For the first time in many years no one is Beaver trapping this season, leaving things pretty quiet in the woods this spring.

BURNING PERMITS: A burning permit is required for any fire, except for domestic purposes; a campfire; or when burnign is done in a container with a top and containing holes no larger than 3/4 of an inch in size, or when the ground is completely snow covered. Burning permits can be obtained free at the D.N.R. office or by calling 448-2255 or 448-2340.

Environmental control guide lines set up by the Department of Health apply to open burning:

1. The burning of refuse is allowed in incinerators which can perform in such a manner as to comply with the Air Pollution Control Rules and regulations.
2. The back yard burning of household refuse is not a recommended practice.

3. Open burning of refuse from a multiple dwelling is not allowed.
4. The open burning of refuse at commercial and industrial sites is not allowed.
5. The open burning of building demolition or excess construction material is not allowed.
6. The burning of automobiles or parts is not allowed.
7. The burning of trees, logs, brush and stumps at land clearing operations in rural areas can be allowed if it does not create a nuisance or hazard to health. Tires, plastics and similar materials are not to be used in such fires.
8. The burning of trees, logs, brush and stumps can be allowed at disposal sites, if approved by the local Health Department. No tires, plastics and etc. are to be used in such fires.
9. Special approval from the Health Department is needed for burning explosives, toxic or highly flammable material.
10. The plans and construction of all refuses and liquid incinerators except for household use, must be reviewed by Air Pollution Control Center of the Michigan Department of Health.
11. Special or unusual problems not covered by above listing, should be discussed with the local Health Department.

TABLES GALORE: At least here on the Island the age of the old fashioned "building bee" is still alive. The need for more picnic tables by St. James Township prompted the construction of 12 more tables by volunteer help. Wojan Construction Company pre-cut all the pieces, then delivered them to Beaver Haven Marina, where a small army of nailers and painters set to work. After a total of approximately 6 hours and a few banged thumbs, the project was completed. So, along with last year's eight, there will be 20 new tables to be distributed throughout the Township. A special thanks to all who helped make the project a total success.

OBITUARIES: REV. AIDEN J. WITTE, OFM Conv. aged 58, former Pastor of St. Anthony's Church, Grand Rapids, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, April 8th at Wapun, Wisc.

He is survived by a brother Lawrence Witte, two sisters, Mrs. William (Florence) Brechting, and Mrs. Emmet (Ruth) Kirkwood, all of Grand Rapids.

Father Witte arrived in Grand Rapids, on Monday afternoon, April 10th, and reposed at St. Anthony's Church where a Wake Service was held Monday evening at 7:30. Funeral Mass was offered Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock.

Father Witte was then taken to Mt St. Francis Seminary at New Albany, Ind. for a Funeral Mass Wednesday morning, April 12th, at 11 o'clock. Burial was in Mt. St. Francis Cemetery.

Father Aiden was well known to Islanders as he served as a substitute for Island Priests when they were away and he also, held Missions on the Island at various times.

CRACKED ICE ANYBODY? Early April most usually brings about the event of breaking out the harbor ice in preparation of the beginning of ferry service to the Island. This year, instead of the Cutter Sundew, the comparatively small 110 ft. Coast Guard tug Kaw did the honors. From the Coast Guard Station to the dock, the going was really tough as she backed and ramed ahead gaining only her own length with each try through ice over 2 ft. thick. Eventually, of course, the task was completed, but only moderate winds since, have left the harbor still full of ice.

BEAVER ISLANDER READY: The Beaver Islander crew has been busy painting and checking out the machinery, getting all in readiness for another busy season. Ice conditions in the lake however, have made it necessary to hold up on the starting date. Anyone planning on a spring trip to the Island by boat had best call ahead first to establish just what the situation is.

ANCHORS AWEIGH: Archie Minor boarded his ship, the Stmr. Cason J. Callaway in Milwaukee, Wis. on April 4th. Philip "Don" Burke went aboard the Star. B. F. Affleck in Duluth, Minn. on April 15th. Both the Callaway and the Affleck are part of the U. S. Steel Steamship Lines. See you next winter, Sailors!

TAX BEEFS: With the high increase in taxes this year, many have voiced their displeasure and no doubt have wondered if anything is being done about it. Of course, changes in assessed valuations to a lower level is a rare case but efforts are being made. Following is a letter composed by Bob McGlocklin and signed by the Businessmen of Beaver Island concerning this topic.

Robert A. McGlocklin
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St. James, Michigan 49782

April 10, 1972

The Honorable William G. Milliken
Governor of Michigan
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Governor Milliken,

We wish to discuss with you the problem of the recent tax increase imposed upon the property owners of Beaver Island. We are sure, since you are familiar with the Island, you will be able to understand our problem.

The residents of Beaver Island, as you know, are a proud and somewhat unique people. They work hard to survive and still are able to enjoy life in a moderate sense. We are sure, that you are aware that there are no plush homes, fancy automobiles, or large bank accounts held by the residents of Beaver Island. Over the years, the Island has changed from a fishing and lumbering center to a resort area, which has only become beneficial to the Island in the last eight or nine years.

This is our situation: Owing to the substantial increases in taxes, anywhere from 100% to 400% (noted in the attached statement from the County Equalization Department), we are faced with the possibility that our Resorters will either sell or close their summer cottages, thus causing a substantial decrease in the economy on the Island.

We are sure that somewhere in this great State of Michigan, there is someone who can understand and appreciate our problem and help us find a solution. We are not asking for charity, we only wish to have consideration given to us on economic basis, thus enabling us to carry on our efforts in making Beaver Island a popular resort Island and retain its natural beauty. This will enable us to remain independent and still be an asset to the State of Michigan.

At the Annual Township Public Meeting, the people expressed their opinions on this matter and feel that something must be done at the earliest opportunity.

You will note, Sir, that we have sent copies of this letter to the various Departments which will be effected by this anticipated decline in economy, and hope that by some means you will be able to help and/or advise us in this matter.

Again we emphasize the importance of this issue and request immediate action on this matter in order to prevent the economic destruction of an area in which the State of Michigan can now take great pride.

Thank you very much, Governor Milliken.

Respectfully yours,

The Businessmen of Beaver Island

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Treasury Department - Tax Commission
Treasury Department - Sales and Use Tax
Michigan Liquor Control Commission
Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners
Charlevoix County Equalization Board
Peaine Township Supervisor
St. James Township Supervisor
Representative Richard Friske
Senator Robert Davis

Perhaps a letter from YOU might help. Why not try it, it certainly won't do any harm.

ISLAND NOTES: Green Acres Laundrmat is planning on opening just as soon as the snow banks at the door disappear. This summer they will have a new, larger gas dryer which will hold a great many more clothes.

Grace Cole has been busy preparing the Killarney Inn for the new season.

Matt Melville celebrated his 82nd birthday on April 19th. Happy Birthday, Matt.

BEAVER TALES

We have received so many notes and comments about Miss Clementine McCauley's story of "How The Irish Came To Settle On Beaver Island", that appeared in the last issue of the Beacon, we knew you would be interested in the poem that she sent us.

"I thought you might be interested in the enclosed poem written in Gaelic by my great-grandmother and translated by my father. He and my mother spoke "Irish" fluently, but unfortunately did not pass it on to us - only in smatterings."

This poem, called "Granny's Song" by her descendants, was written in Gaelic by Catherine Gallagher on leaving Arranmore Co. Donegal, Eire, in 1867. She was born in 1801 and died in 1905. She was 104 years old at her death and there were 5 generations at her burial on Beaver Island.

Peter O. Gallagher of Charlevoix and his sister, Mrs. Ann Minogue of Chicago are the only living grand-children of this lady, so far as I know. Their children and all the Gallaghers and McCauleys related to them are great-grandchildren also, of course, and Perry Gatliff is one of the many great-great-grandchildren, most of whom are scattered all over the country.

GRANNY'S SONG

Translated from the Gaelic by her grandson, Owen C. McCauley

Oh beautiful earth, the land of my birth

'Tis with sadness I leave you behind

But I hope and I pray that on some future day

That I will return to my kind.

I have nothing to fear, I go to friends that are dear

Though long they have gone from my sight

They gladly will meet me and fondly will greet me

Where there always reigns joy and delight.

But if I should die, as the days will go by

I hope that my soul will take flight

O'er the beautiful earth, to the land of my birth

Where I spent the best days of my life.

Catherine Gallagher

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