

# The Beaver Beacon

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Beautiful summer weather has stimulated the whole spectrum of activities that require such ideal conditions; such as sailing, swimming, fishing, etc., etc. With all this going on it seems as though time picks up speed, for here we are, already past the half-way mark of the summer season.

Weather: The Beaver Island weather for the month of June as reported by Fire Officer, Bill Wagner.

High temperature of 79 degrees on the 28th.

Low temperature of 39 degrees on the 3rd.

High 5 p.m. temperature of 76 degrees on the 28th.

Low 5 p.m. temperature of 51 degrees on the 17th.

Average high temperature was 68.8 degrees.

Average low temperature was 47.3 degrees.

Average 5 p.m. temperature was 63 degrees.

Total rainfall was 5.03 inches.

New Book Features Beaver Island Sketches: "Beaver Island Sketchbook" is the title of a new book published in July and currently on sale on the Island. As its name implies, the book reproduces original charcoal drawings of familiar Island scenes. The artist, Patricia Vene Nelson, has had a summer home on Sand Bay for fifteen years. She studied with Gerald Mast at the University of Michigan, took her degree in Fine Arts from Grand Valley Colleges, and is an Adult Education Art Instructor in Grand Rapids.

Writer and editor of the new book is Elaine M. Smith, who has been a summer resident at Isle-a-while, on the south end of the Island, since 1953. She is a trained journalist and free lance writer whose by line has been featured many times over articles about Beaver Island.

The "Sketchbook", consists of thirty, 7" x 10" horizontal pages, a colorful seascape cover, and blue plastic comb binding. Among the scenes featured are St. James

Main Street, Holy Cross Church, the Historical Museum, Protar's Home, Bonner Farm, Beaver Head Light, fishing boats, harbor scenes and others.

Copies of "Beaver Island Sketchbook", \$3.00 each, are available at stores and gift shops on the Island. Mail orders (\$3.50, inc. postage) may be sent to Elaine M. Smith, 2531 Boston, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49506.

Reward: The Beaver Island Historical Society is offering a reward for the return of the bronze placque that marked the spot where David Chase, an engineer, was killed in a train wreck. This placque had David Chase's name, date of birth, and date of death with an engraving of the engine which was wrecked. Anyone knowing its whereabouts is asked to contact the Beaver Island Historical Society. Reward for its return. Phone number 448-2243.

Beaver Island Historical Society: The Beaver Island Historical Society has had a much busier season, so far, than usual. Due to the calls for special visits we opened a week early this year. Since June fifteenth the Museum has been open from noon to four o'clock until five o'clock or later. For the past couple of weeks it has opened at eleven a.m. It won't be long until we will need a larger staff. We asked for volunteers this year and were pleased at the response but we do need at least two more volunteers as there are so many visitors we need at least two on duty to assist visitors. Won't you help?

The porch is being put on the Print Shop Building a picket fence is being installed to bring the building and surroundings back to the original look. The old jail is being put on a cement slab to keep it from further deteriorating. It will have a roof over it and be painted, we hope.

We have two new life members, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Pingel. Thanks so much for your support of the Beaver Island Historical Society, also to the many members who have sent in their dues for this year.

It has taken a long time to raise the money to restore what has been done but we hope to be able to take on new projects now and restore other buildings.

There is a membership application on another page of the Beacon. Won't you fill it out and return it to us.

Obituaries: Elmer L. Smith - Funeral services were held for Elmer L. Smith, 63, on Saturday, June 8th, at the Joiner Funeral Home, Neuman, Ill, with the Rev. George Emmons officiating. Burial was in Neuman Cemetery.

Mr. Smith died in Mountain Home, Ark., while visiting there, on June 4th. He was born April 23, 1911 at Villa Grove, Ill. the son of George and Gertrude Hayman Smith. He married Mary Parker on April 23, 1958 in Neuman. She survives.

Other survivors include one son, Elmer Louis Jr. of Dolton; three daughters, Nancy Rowe of Steger, Mary Gasic of Romeoville, Lynda Lusch of Hayworth; five step-sons; seven step-daughters; three sisters; four brothers; 52 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith have been coming to the Island for many years and intended to return in August this year. Mr. Smith died of an acute heart attack while fishing. Mrs. Smith resides at 407 Smith St., Neuman, Ill. 61942

Rev. Chester Meengs: The Rev. Chester Meengs, age 64, of Brewton, Ala., passed away Saturday, July 6th, in Little Traverse Hospital where he had been a patient for about a week. The family had been vacationing at their cottage on the Island when he suffered a stroke and was taken the Petoskey via the Emergency Plane. He was born in Vriesland and was a graduate of Hope College and Western Theological Seminary. He served churches in Atwood, Muskegon, Kalamazoo, Waupun, Wis. and Chicago, Ill. and for the past seven years had been a missionary serving as a chaplain at Southern Normal School in Brewton, Ala., and as minister for the Bergen Memorial Reformed Church in Brewton. He was also active in denominational youth work. Surviving are his wife, Gertrude; a son, Dr. John Meengs of Cave Junction, Ore., two daughters, Mrs. Marcia Bakker of Aquabogue, Long Island, N.Y. and Mrs. Alice Kendall of Cave Junction; five granddaughters; two brother, Nelson of Grand Rapids, and Lorenzo of Zeeland, and two sisters, the Misses Gladys and Grace Meengs, both of Grand Rapids.

Funeral services were held from Bethany Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, with the Rev. John W. Tien officiating. Graveside services were held in Winchester Cemetery, Byron Center.

Mrs. Meengs plans to continue in the ministry at Southern Normal School in Brewton, Alabama.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Southern Normal School at Brewton, Ala.

Norman M. Gallagher - Norman M. Gallagher, 56, died Sunday, July 21st in Port Huron General Hospital following a long illness.

Services were held on Thursday, July 25th, at Holy Cross Church with Father Herbert Graf officiating. Burial was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The Rosary was recited on Wednesday, July 24th, at the W. J. Gallagher residence.

Mr. Gallagher was born on Beaver Island, March 14, 1917. He attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Grand Rapids. He obtained a Master's Degree and taught school in Charlevoix, Chicago, Ill., South Lyons, Linden and had taught in Port Huron district since 1963. He was the son of W. J. and Mary Gallagher.

He was a member of St. Stephen's Church, in Port Huron.

Survivors include his wife, the former Eleanor Herington, whom he married November 27, 1947 at St. James; two daughters, Mrs. Danny (Celeste) Mills and Mrs. Mark (Colleen) Johnson, both of Port Huron; two grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. John Peternard, of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. H. Maria Gallagher: Mrs. H. Maria Gallagher, 84, died Monday, July 29th at Berwin, Ill. Services were held in the Holy Cross Church Saturday morning, August 3rd. Rev. Father Herbert Graf, OFM officiated and interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery. The Rosary was recited on Friday evening at the Archie LaFreniere home.

The former Hannah Maria Malloy was born on Beaver Island November 16, 1889. She married Hugh R. Gallagher November 24, 1913 and except for a short time following their marriage when they lived in Chicago, they always lived on the island. He preceded her in death about 30 years ago.

For the past five years, Mrs. Gallagher has lived in the Chicago area with her family. He was a member of Holy Cross Church.

Survivors include one son, Durward, two daughters, Mrs. Juanita Sauber and Mrs. Camillia Bergeron, all of the Chicago area; two grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. Katherine Connaghan, of St. James.

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Application For Membership In The Beaver Island Historical Society

Enclosed find \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ membership.

Life.....	\$100.00	Contributing.....	\$25.00
Sustaining.....	50.00	Good Will.....	10.00
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Remit to: Beaver Island Historical Society  
Beaver Island  
St. James, Michigan 49782

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

The Beaver Island Club of Grand Rapids

Announces

The Ninth Annual Beaver Island Caper

Saturday, October 5, 1974

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Hours are 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.

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For more information contact:

Mrs. Brian Gallagher

941 Ariebill, S.W.

Grand Rapids, Mich.

(616) 538-9364

Engaged: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Annand, Williamston, Michigan, announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Sue to William George Bisard II.

Sara graduated from Williamston High School in 1970 and is currently a senior at Central Michigan University where she is majoring in Child Development. Sara has been coming to Beaver Island with her family since 1959 and has worked for the Beaver Island Boat Company in Charlevoix for the past four summers.

Bill is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William George Bisard of East Lansing, Michigan. He graduated from East Lansing High School in 1970 and is a senior at Michigan State University where he is majoring in forestry. This summer Bill is a member of the crew on the Beaver Islander.

Sara and Bill plan to be married May 17, 1975 in the Michigan State University Alumni Chapel in East Lansing.

Homecoming: Now is the time to make your reservations for the 3rd Annual Homecoming Dance. There will be live music, refreshments and lots of fun for only \$10.00 per couple. Please contact Rita Gillespie now for your reservations for August 10th.

Also, on Sunday, August 11th, the Annual Homecoming Dinner will be held. This is the 3rd Annual B-B-Q Chicken Dinner and they will begin serving at 4:00 p.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Hall.

Following the Dinner a Bingo will be held at 9:00 p.m. in Holy Cross Hall. Why not come and join in the fun.

Sunset Cruises: To date three Sunset Cruises have been held aboard the South Shore. The South Shore departs at 8:00 pm for a 3 hour cruise to view the sunset in the Donegal Bay area. The Cruises are sponsored by Holy Cross Church and the next one will be on Friday, August 9th. Why not join in the fun. Refreshments, live music and a fun filled trip to only \$5.00 per person.....All aboard?

Dear Island Friends,

Once again, Beaver Island has shared a very special time in our lives. It was there that our father and husband spent his last conscious days. They were three very beautiful days with family and friends whom he had grown to love very much. We are sure that if he could have made a conscious choice of how to spend those days, that might well have been his choice.

And so the Island will be even more special to us, and I'm sure that we will feel even closer to him there as a result of what has happened.

We want to express a heartfelt thanks to those of you who aided us in so many ways in this time of crisis; to the Kempers and our other friends on the south end of the Island whose telephone was waiting and who rushed to help in those first few minutes; to Dr. Christie and the Welke's for their fast and efficient emergency services, including the use of the new plane; to the Beaver Island Christian Church for its gift of money which helped to defray the many unexpected expenses.

Most of all we say thank you for the gift of friendship. Your cards and calls while Mr. Meengs was hospitalized were greatly appreciated. Your prayers were felt and continue to be a source of strength for us all.

We look forward to returning to the Island in the near future; grieved, of course, that he will not be with us in body, but knowing that he will be with us in spirit, and realizing that he is far happier now than any of us can imagine.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Chester Meengs Family  
Gertude, Rich, Marcia, John, Della,  
Doug, Alyce and granddaughters.

Obituaries: Arthur Ryan - Word was received just as we finished this Beacon of the death of Arthur Ryan, in Chicago, on Sunday Evening, August 4th, following a long illness.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday August 11th in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a daughter, Mrs. Karen Borrn and a son, Richard. The Ryans reside at 8228 South Wolcott, Chicago, Ill. 60620 and Mrs. Ryan is the former Dorothy Malloy, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Malloy.

Auxiliary Luncheon: Remember the last luncheon for the summer will be held on August 20th at the Circle M Lodge. They begin at 1:00 p.m. and everyone is welcome so bring your husband along too.

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Classified Advertising

For Sale on Cables Bay: 5 acres, frontage on 2 lakes, modern cottage on Lake Michigan. Write or call Mrs. Avera C. Homer, 2927 Jewett St., Highland, Ind. 46322.

For Sale: Fred and Gay Cox's place on Island Woods Road near Font Lake. Furnished. Large screened porch, 12' x 20'. Insulated walls and ceilings, double glass, wall heaters in every room. Terms available. See Bev Martin on Leonard Lane after June 10th.

become a member of the Beaver Island Civic Association and you receive the Beacon too. Dues only \$4.00 per year.

Wanted: Bids for the construction and lettering of road signs for the Port St. James Subdivision. Write Henry Kennedy, 1705 Ridgewood Drive, East Lansing, Mich. 48823 for construction details and specifications.

For Sale: 40 acres on Fox Lake Road, NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 28 Peaine Township. Philip L. Burke, St. James, Mi 49782. Phone 616-448-2350.

For sale: 10 acres on two main highways. Income from 2 furnished Mobile Homes, modern 2 story barn for boat and car storage and Laundromat, plus modern 4 bedroom home with large acreage for expansion. Will sell separately. Inquire at City Dock, Charlevoix, Michigan.

Patches: Beaver Island Patches are for sale at LaFreniere's Store. The price is only \$1.00, postpaid. Please write V. H. LaFreniere, General Store, Beaver Island, St. James, Michigan 49782.

Horses Boarded: On Beaver Island. Grooming, exercising, general care, clean box stalls, reasonable rates. Call Laurie McGlocklin for further information 616-448-2318 or write St. James, Michigan 49782.

Wanted: Garden work done by power tiller. Contact Dennis Wagner, St. James, Mich. 49782 or call 448-2227.

For Sale: Table and four chairs. Contact Gladys Schnaudigel, St. James, Michigan or call 448-2306.

For Sale: Beautiful wooded town lot. Fronting on two streets. Contact Philip Gregg St. James, Michigan.

Would You Like to Receive the Beaver Beacon? Just fill in the form below and return with your check for \$4.00 to Beaver Beacon, St. James, Michigan 49782.

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2 825 x 14 Tires Goodyear - used. \$7.50 each.

1 E 78 x 14 Tire, Firestone - used \$7.50

Call A. J. Roy, 448-2243