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Spring has finally come to the Island in various shades of new green. This is the time of awakening of a new season. A time of fixing, painting and cleaning and hope for an abundance of sunny weather.

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

High temperature 67 degrees on the 30th.
Low temperature 29 degrees on the 9th and 10th.
High 5 p.m. temperature 59 degrees on the 28th.
Average high temperature 47.6 degrees.
Average low temperature 31.4 degrees.
Average 5 p.m. temperature 41.9 degrees.
Total precipitation for April 2.08 inches.
Total precipitation since January 1st (including snow) 6.47 inches.
No snowfall in April - 10 inches of snow on the ground on the 1st.
Ground bare by the 10th.
There were 4 days in the 60's; 5 days in the 50's; 16 days in the 40's and 5 days in the 30's.

NEW DEPUTY APPOINTED: Thanks to the letters and general public interest in increasing the Island's law enforcement capabilities, a full time uniformed Deputy Sheriff will be on the Island for the coming season.

It was decided without one dissenting vote at a recent Supervisor's meeting, to appropriate funds to hire a full time Deputy for the Island. Hired for the job is William Welke, a man of experience in police work. Bill and his family moved to the Island last fall. He is in no way a newcomer to the Island, for Bill has been coming to the Island since 1936. Bill and his son, Paul, are both pilots, with planes based in their own back yard. Interested in the youth of the Island, Bill has been working with several Island boys, through a 4-H program, teaching them to fly.

For his success and for the security of the Island, all interested citizens must give their full cooperation in order to help make the Island a much better place to live.

Working with Deputy Welke will be Special Deputies Phil Gregg and John "Bing" McCafferty.

GAME NEWS: The usual heavy sucker run is still in progress after nearly a full month, providing fun for young and old alike, spearing or even catching them by hand.

Fox Lake is producing some catches of trout, although they haven't been of notable size, they are fun to catch. No smelt run this spring. Many dead ones have washed up on the beaches along with the alwife die off, but apparently they didn't make it to the Island's streams.

Commercial fishermen are proving the point that there is a fair supply of white fish and lake trout in the waters around the Island. Perhaps this year sport fishermen will have luck trolling the big lake.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: First Holy Communion was held May 10th at the 9:00 Mass.

Seven youngsters made their Holy Communion with Father Herbert Graf officiating. There were Ann Welke, Cindy Gillespie, Rosemarie Green, Chris and Jimmy Martin, Jimmy Kenwabakise and Jimmy McDonough.

NOTICE: Father Herbert Graf would like to remind the ladies that when they are packing clothes for their stay on Beaver Island, to include a dress for coming to Church. Slacks, shorts, strapless dress and see-through blouses have no place in the house of God.

BIRTHS: Mr. and Mrs. Dale Welke are the parents of a son born May 9th. The great-grandparents are Willie and Clara Schmidt, and needless to say they are delighted about their first great-grandchild.

GRADUATION: Five graduates of Beaver Island Community School received their diplomas at Commencement exercises held Friday, May 22 at Holy Cross Church.

They were Ruth Gregg, Mary Ann Palmer, Kevin McDonough, Mary Gillespie and Angela Wojan.

The Rev. Fr. Herbert Graf, delivered the Commencement address and presented diplomas to the graduates in the presence of parents, relatives, teachers and friends.

Commencement exercises Friday Climaxed a week of activities that began with an Interdenominational Baccalaureate Service at Holy Cross Church on Sunday, May 17th and included a banquet honoring the graduates at the parish hall May 20th hosted by the three members of the Junior Class. "The Impossible Dream" was the theme of the decorations that featured a stairway to the stars. Among those who spoke briefly were Charles A. Robinson, Superintendent of the Charlevoix-Emmet Intermediate School District, Dr. Joseph Christie, Island Physician, Rev. Fr. Graf, Rev. Fr. Donahue and Russell Green, representing the School Board. Others attending the banquet for the graduates were their parents, the entire high school student body, members of the Board of Education and their respective husbands or wives, members of the 8th grade, and guests including Dr. and Mrs. Christie and Mrs. Louis R. Hooper, R.N. of District Health Dept. No. 3.

Our very heartiest Congratulations go to the new graduates.

OBITUARIES: TIMOTHY SMITH - Word has been received by Mrs. Joseph "Bid" Sendenbergh of the death of her nephew Timmy Smith who died at a hospital in South Bend, Ind. on May 10th. He was born in South Bend, November 30th, 1946. The son of the late Raymond and Bonnie Smith. He is survived by his wife; one daughter; two brothers, James and Mike; his paternal grandmother, Marie Smith; and two aunts, Mrs. Betty Murray and Mrs. Bridget Sendenbergh.

MATT SEZ: Matt Melville would like to report that there will be some improvements made at the Golf Course this year. He is re-designing two of the greens to add a little more challenge to the course. With all of the rain we have had this spring, the grass on both fairways and greens should be excellent. Matt will be planning several events for the summer that are to be announced later.

NEW DOCK: Returning visitors to the Island will be surprised to see what has happened to the Ferry Dock. The Beaver Island Boat Company has contracted Jewell Gillespie and Clyde Fogg to re-build the old dock. If the weather will cooperate long enough, in about two weeks the job will be completed. Sheet piling is being driven around the old structure, then is being filled in. The dock will be much wider and should relieve much of the congestion that develops during the busy months.

HOSPITAL NOTES: Marge Wagner was a patient in Little Traverse Hospital in Petoskey.

SHERIFF SWEARS: Not really, but last Thursday Charlevoix County Sheriff, Philo Sumner, his wife and John Kujawski, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, came to the Island to meet with the residents and to swear in Bill Welke as the new Deputy of Beaver Island. The meeting and ceremony took place in the all-purpose room at the Beaver Island Community School. There was a good attendance which indicated that people are really interested in this new development. The job is most generally considered a thankless one but hopes are that this will be an exception.

ISLAND INVADED: A startling sight to many on the Island was the sudden appearance in the middle of May, of a detachment of Green Berets. It was soon learned however, that the group of fifteen reservists were on a mission of Area Study. The object was to learn as much as possible about the area in a short period of time. A letter of appreciation from the group was received by Postmaster Frank Nackerman.

CIRCLE M CHANGES HANDS: After 6 years of building and operating the Circle "M" Lodge, Jack and Eileen Martin have sold and turned over the reigns to Bob and Lillian McGlocklin, who moved to the Island in May with their family of 5 children from Garden City, Michigan. We here on the Island wish to extend a most hearty welcome and wish them the best of luck in their new venture. Jack and Eileen, by the way, have built a beautiful new home on the east side and have assumed a more relaxed form of life.

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