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Guest Writer: Robert Parrish, Director of Dr. T. K. Lawless International Dark Sky Park at Cassopolis, Michigan and International Dark Sky Advocate. "Michigan, always fresh, but sometimes frozen."

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Isolation Ends

Plane Lands With Mail on Beaver Island

The mail fast was broken today at Beaver Island.

Carrying accumulated letters and newspapers, Wes Altaus, a Civil Air Partol pilot, landed on the ice-locked island, giving inhabitants their first printed word from the outside world since January 16.

Capt. Sam Buck, adjutant of CAP headquarters, said the CAP had been ordered to make daily deliveries until warmer weather permits Lake Michigan boat trips.

News of Beaver Island's plight first became known in an appeal to the Times earlier this week.



Detroit Evening Times, February 6, 1943 clipping. Below; Beaver Island Street scene, 1938 from Don Harrison, UpNorth Memories webpage



While running errands last week, a decal on an SUV's rear window caught my eye. It stated "Michigan, always fresh, but sometimes frozen." The play on words brought forth a chuckle but also reminded me of Michigan's uniqueness. There is no need to remind the residents of Beaver Island that water plays a role in the state's identity. What you might not know is that Michigan boasts 3,288 miles of coastline, second only to Alaska. This fact gives credence to another window sticker I noticed over a year ago that stated "four out of five Great Lakes prefer Michigan." Another fact that may surprise you is that Michigan was the first State to recognize the importance of protecting its dark skies by the creation of Michigan Dark Sky Preserves. Previously, the State reserved that title for lands owned and managed by the Department of Natural Resources(DNR). Two years ago,

via petitioning the state legislature and its Natural Resources Committee, two county owned parks earned recognition by the State as Michigan Dark Sky Preserves as well as International Dark Sky Parks. The Headlands IDSP in Emmet County and Cass County's Dr. Lawless IDSP.

All such preserves serve to promote one of the state's top industries, tourism. Nationwide, astro-tourism is on the rise. A fact recognized by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Since the International Dark Sky Association (IDA) estimates that 80 percent of the nation's population has never witnessed the Milky Way, the ...continued on Page 7



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McDonough Construction: Celebrating Thirty Years!

This year McDonough Construction, Inc. is proudly celebrating their 30th year in business! Kevin was born to Robert and Charlotte McDonough, the youngest of fifteen children. Though his parents were both born and raised on Beaver Island, Kevin grew up in the Grand Rapids area.

Kevin found his love for building while taking the Builders Trades class in his senior year of high school. It seemed like the path to take since his brothers had taken the class and his uncles were builders. (Kevin spent many summers working for his Uncle Jude!)

He enjoyed the builder's trade co-op program. Kevin learned a little bit of everything and by the end of the year, the class had built a house. One of the most valuable lessons that he learned from the builder's trade teacher (and a bit comical) is when his teacher asked him to grab an electrical outlet. (You know where this is going) So Kevin grabs the box and gets a little zap. He exclaims to the teacher, "Why didn't you warn me?" The teacher replies, "That will be the best lesson I will ever teach you."

After graduating, Kevin started framing apartments and gaining building experience. In 1992, Kevin decided to get his builders license, and soon after formed McDonough Construction, Inc. with his friend and colleague, Rob Gladstone.

McDonough Construction went on to do a multitude of remodel projects and built many houses during its tenure in Grand Rapids, MI. Kevin went on to build homes for his siblings within the area as well. In 1996, Kevin fulfilled his mother's lifelong dream of building her a house on Sand Bay. Charlotte was able to spend 14 summers at her home on Beaver Island until her passing in 2013.

In 1999, Kevin started teaming up with Robert Gillespie. One project led to another, and Kevin found himself working full-time on Beaver Island with Robert and the Eager Beaver Clean and Store. Kevin saw so much potential for the island and started to build himself his own home on Beaver Island in 2005. It was then that his wife Theresa relocated to the island full-time and his daughter Heather soon after followed. Theresa has since played one of the most integral roles



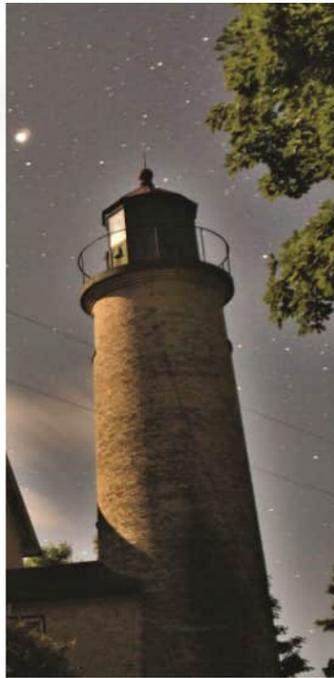
in helping Kevin run their successful business. Since then, Kevin's family has grown, and he is happy to be raising a fifth generation McDonough (Sophie) on the ancestral 150-year-old farm. He and his wife continue to tackle various projects and all the logistical elements involved in building on Beaver Island.

McDonough Construction, Inc. has proudly been involved in building up Beaver Island with a vast variety of commercial and residential projects. Some past projects include the Beaver Island Rural Health Center, the Beaver Island Community School, the Township Airport, the BIC Center, and the CMU Academic Center. McDonough Construction is currently finishing the third phase of the Print Shop Museum.

However, Kevin cannot forget the important people that encouraged and supported him along his path. Many thanks to his ENTIRE family including his mother who was always his biggest supporter, along with many friends and mentor Robert Gillespie who is always remembered. Many thanks to Ed Welter whose constant advice and unwavering support is appreciated. "Beaver Island is very blessed to have an excellent group of builders, subcontractors and craftsman," says Kevin McDonough. "Our company has been fortunate

to have a great crew of employees and subcontractors over the years and we hope to continue to grow our crew in the upcoming year.

We look forward to continuing to serve the Beaver Island community!"



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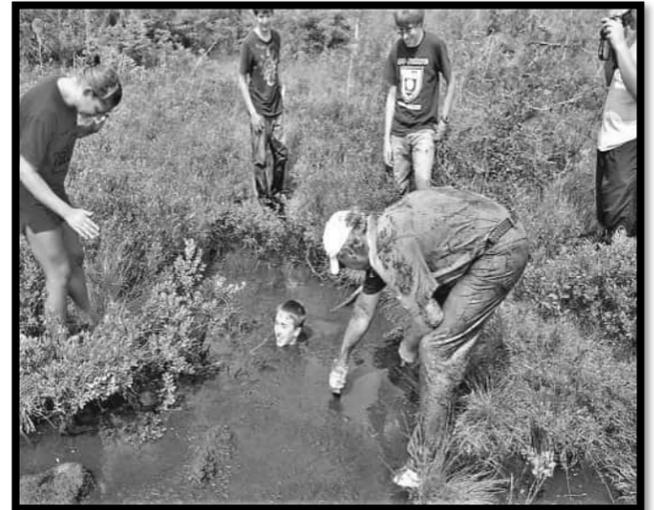
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Pictured below, CMU students and staff member, In the Bog!



April 2003, Beaver Beacon Beaver Island's Egg Lake Bog: an Island, State and National Treasure

Dragon's Mouth Orchids, Sundews, Tamaracks, Pitcher Plants, Ospreys, Black Spruce, Loons ... these are just a few of the rare jewels discovered by visitors to Egg Lake and its Bog on Beaver Island. Whether you've been there once or one hundred times, are an Islander, tourist, student or scientist, you know what a special place this is. You don't have to visit Egg Lake Bog to understand the extraordinary significance of a pristine inland lake and bog located on a remote island in the Great Lakes. At the global level, the islands of the Great Lakes are recognized as significant for their biodiversity.

At the state and national level, groups have prioritized the preservation of island ecosystems in the Great Lakes. At the local level, the Beaver Island Natural Areas Program, along with Little Traverse Nature Conservancy and Central Michigan University Biological Station, designate Egg Lake Bog as their highest priority for preservation on Beaver Island. A few days ago, several hikers made a discovery at the Lake. This winter, approximately two acres of the area surrounding the floating bog's access site, and 300 feet of shoreline, were logged, cleared, and graded. The extent of potential damage remains partially hidden under the snow, but it is clear that these activities on private land have impacted the important habitat along the shoreline of the lake and on the floating mat of the bog itself. Because the lake and bog are home to many fragile and rare species of plants and animals, even a private landowner must take special precautions to avoid damaging the habitat and potentially violating local and state laws designed to protect lake and wetland areas.

Spring Peepers, Wintergreen, Michigan Holly, White-Tail Deer, as well as twelve orchids including Pink Ladyslippers, Rose Pogonias, and Tall Whites... these are the subtle yet exceptional gems we are compelled to protect at the irreplaceable Egg Lake Bog.

-Suzy Bonadeo, Marilyn Damstra,
JoAnne Hooker and Lois Williams.

Hysterical Historical Notes from Days

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Some old ladies (in their fifties) went to bed & never got up. They were cared for by their families, dressed every day, etc... They "shrank up," got to be only about 4 feet long. They "thought they went back to the fairies." Roland remembers seeing one. She was very small, all dressed in black with a white apron on, lying on the bed. On of them had been in bed for 18 years when the pig fell into the well and she got out of bed and got him out. (-Roland)

Mr. Nackerman confirms this. He told particularly of Mrs. "Lably" O'Donnell (see her card). He also told the story about the woman who got the pig out of the well, & tells another one about a woman getting up & putting out the fire when the house caught afire when she was there alone.

Stanley Floyd confirms this, & says Mrs. Don Father was one of them. He said (with no prompting on my part), "they did it to get out of the way."

Bryher, *The Heart to Artemis: A Writer's Memoirs*. New York: Harcourt, Brace & World, 1962.

Mike Cull's grandmother - Mrs. Lably O'Donnell. (-Nackerman)

Mrs. Big Phil Gallagher

Johnny Mahane O'Donnell (Maria)

Mary Greene, wife of Big Dominic - she is the one that got up & rescued the pig (-Roland)



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**An islander double quick,
twists his tongue like a laser,
"we're right Irish Catholics
and the Lord's merry-makers!"**

Joseph Slaney

Note:

"We also knew of a handful of women who took to their beds in their fifties and in obedience to some strange custom whose origin we could not find, never left their houses again until they died. What a rich field it would have offered to a sociologist! It must have gone back to an incredibly early England."

Bryher, *The Heart to Artemis*, p. 1751

(She is talking of the Scilly Islands, 1911-17. She stayed on St. Mary's.)

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MASKS OFF! Beaver Island Community Schools Update Covid-19 Protocols and Guidelines

Mask Protocol for Beaver Island Community School
 As noted earlier in the week, Beaver Island Community School has adopted an adaptive plan for addressing the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The plan calls for three levels of response: 1) standard (green), 2) precautionary (yellow), and 3) protective (red). The plan went into effect at the green level. At this level, wearing of masks is recommended, but not required except for when students or staff are working in close proximity. If we need to move from one level to another, notice will be provided via e-mail to parents and posted on our website www.beaverisland.k12.mi.us). The full plan was e-mailed to parents last month and is posted on our website. For questions, feel free to give Mr. Cwikiel a call at (231) 448-2744.

Other Mitigation Measures: Although there is lots of focus on mask wearing as it relates to COVID mitigation, I want to remind everyone that there are many other mitigation measures that reduce the transmission of communicable disease such as the common cold, flu, strep throat, lice, MRSA, etc. As we enter the “endemic” phase of COVID-19, I want us to keep in mind all the other mitigation measures that help keep our kids in school. The most important measure is parents keeping their kids home when they have cold and flu symptoms or other signs of illness. The Beaver Island Rural Health Center has vaccines on hand—please call them at 448-2275 to schedule your appointment. At the school, we are following best practices for indoor air quality, sanitizing rooms, and utilizing our space to social distance as much as possible. By working together, these mitigatory measures will ensure that we are able to keep our school open! Mark your Calendars for the March School Board Meetings The Beaver Island Community School Board of Education (BOE) has two meetings scheduled in March—the Committee of the Whole meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 9th at 5:30 pm (this is a discussion meeting—no formal votes will be taken) and the regular monthly meeting is on Monday, March 14th at 6:30 pm. As with the past two years, we will be discussing COVID updates, policies, and protocols at board meetings. We always welcome parent attendance!

The Elks vow “So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them.” The Elks support both active military forces and retired veterans. Elks furnish food, comfort care items, therapeutic items, provide gifts, host holiday celebrations, and recreational activities at bases and hospitals and stand ready to fulfill any need when called upon. Last year alone, the value of Elks’ contributions to the nation’s heroes provided more than \$50 million to more than 300 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, clinics, and state care facilities. Annually, the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totaling more than \$4.5 million. The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$47 million towards enriching our communities.

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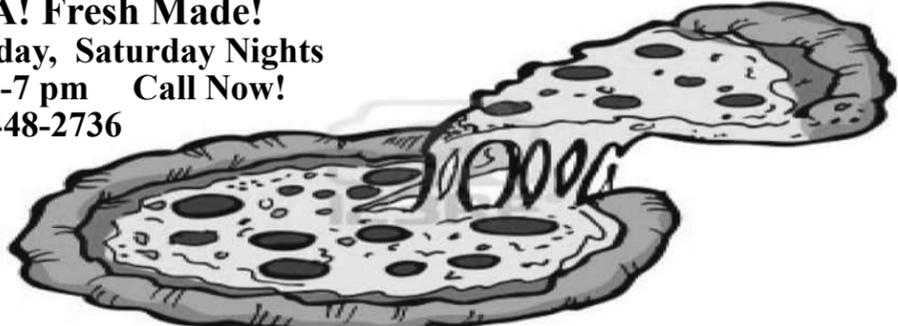
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Michigan's New Expungement Laws

Michigan's new expungement laws are coming into effect allowing an opportunity for some to expunge criminal offense information. Three local organizations are joining together to offer events to help folks navigate that process. Northwest Michigan Works!, Michigan Indian Legal Services and Safe & Just Michigan have together created the Clean Slate program. They plan three events the first of which will be at the Odawa Hotel in Petoskey on February 19th. They say they hope they will help those with rough patches in their lives become more employable. Information on the Clean Slate events is available at the Northwest Michigan Works! Website. You can sign up for the February event in Petoskey there, too. You'll find a link in today's script online. <https://www.nwmiworks.org/additional/clean-slate-expungement-fair.html>



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the stars themselves have become a tourist attraction. The MEDC, to stay ahead of the astro-tourism curve, published a statement urging recognition of this phenomena and to give initial traction in protecting Michigan's dark skies. As they also fund and produce the popular Pure Michigan advertising campaign, a Michigan dark sky promotional commercial was released that aired on six nationwide television networks and on over two thousand movie screens scattered across the Midwest.

From a monetary standpoint, this is good news for the state's tourism industry. It is also advantageous for the protection of the same. Dollars generated by those interested in immersing themselves in the state's natural beauty is always a plus, but environmentally, protecting dark skies offers a plethora of benefits.

I have always held the opinion that the beauty of Mother Nature does not have to end with the setting Sun. The allure of the unhindered night sky is my personal siren call and is a perfect example of the Creator's artistic ability. No matter how you cut it, we are all made of "star stuff." Light pollution obscures that beauty and prevents us from gazing into our collective past.

Beaver Island, without doubt, offers views of the night sky that are pristine. In fact, quantitative dark sky reading provides empirical evidence of some of the nation's best dark skies. But like all natural resources, protective measures need to be employed. The rarity of Beaver Island's night sky is a valuable commodity that demands proper management.

This gives the island a tremendous opportunity to experience a positive economic benefit. It also gives rise to establishing a necessary stewardship charged with safeguarding the island's ecosystems. But the advancement of capitalism with environmental concerns is a delicate balance. Infrastructure, such as the installation of dark sky

lighting is paramount. Providing education on the perils of light pollution, dark sky etiquette, and planning for increased tourism also demands attention.

Over the next few months, I will attempt to visit these topics with a series of more focused articles. As someone who has travelled the winding road towards obtaining International Dark Sky Association certification, the hope is that my experiences can aid the island's goal of receiving the same. For now, I will end by relating an experience I had while driving at night through the City of Grand Rapids. The radio was playing "Moonlight Drive" by the Doors. A crooning Jim Morrison sang "Let's swim to the moon, Let's climb through the tide, Penetrate the evening that the city seeks to hide." Glancing up through the windshield I thought how appropriate. The beauty of the Cosmos, stolen by the city's bright lights. Until next time, Clear Skies!

Robert Parrish
Dr. Lawless International Dark Sky Park
Delegate, International Dark Sky Association

Alaskan Nets Movie—Mark Your Calendars!

Although the Northern Lights League basketball season is over, there's still some basketball to watch...but this time at the Beaver Island Community Center instead of the BICS gymnasium.

At 4:00 pm on Friday, March 11th, the Community Center is hosting a showing of Alaskan Nets. This new film documents the improbable journey of two cousins that lead their team and town in search of their first state basketball championship in more than thirty years—the only thing that will bring life back to an Island that has been rocked by unimaginable tragedy. This movie is not yet rated, but deals with mature themes and tragedy and so is not recommended for young children. The Beaver Island showing is part of a nation-wide release of the movie during the month of March.

Thank you to the Community Center for hosting this event. The movie runs for two hours and will start at 4:00 pm on Friday, March 11th. Community members and secondary students are welcome to attend. There is no cost, but pizza and snacks will be provided...and free-will donations are accepted.

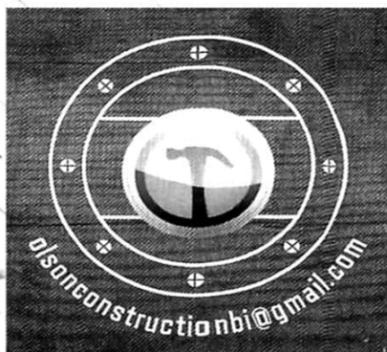
All proceeds will go toward the BICS Athletic program.

For more information, here's the movie website (and trailer):
<https://blog.gci.com/gci-partners-with-alaska-airlines-to-deliver-alaskan-nets-documentary-exclusive-screening/>

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The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on February 9, 2022 at 9:32 a.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as amended.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion approved Resolution #22-021, Approve County Expenditures.

Motion approved Resolution #22-022, Hosted Email Additional Software Licensing.

Motion approved Resolution #22-023, I.T. Professional Services. Motion to support Charlevoix County Leadership Project. Motion to appoint Nelson Fletcher to the Construction Board of Appeals.

Motion approved Resolution #22-024, Commission on Aging InSinkErator Garbage Disposal.

Motion approved Resolution #22-025, Avantco Portable Warmer for Northside Building.

Motion approved Resolution #22-026, Commission on Aging Senior Center Refrigerator. Motion approved Resolution #22-027, Charlevoix County Shirley Roloff Center HVAC. 5.1. Nays: Commissioner Jess.

Motion approved Resolution #22-028, Shirley Roloff Center Fire Suppression – Tabled.

Motion approved Resolution #22-029, Shirley Roloff Center Fire Alarm Installation.

Motion approved Resolution #22-030, Shirley Roloff Center Air Purification Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #22-031, Charlevoix County Transit Entry Sign Purchase.

Motion approved Resolution #22-032, Whiting Park Kayak Area Repair.

Motion approved Resolution #22-033, FY 2023 Contract Clauses Certification.

Commissioner Reinhardt moved to go into closed session to discuss the Collective Bargaining Agreement at 11:44 a.m., seconded by Commissioner Hankins.

Commissioner Jess moved to go into closed session at the request of the County Treasurer at 12:08 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Christensen.

Motion approved Resolution #22-034, Cash Management Policy.

Motion approved Resolution #22-035, Updated Procurement Policy.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 12:45 p.m. Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website,

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Get Ready for the 2022 Golf Tournament! 2021 Trudy Works Memorial Golf Tournament June 29, 2021 recap

On an overcast but pleasant Beaver Island morning, 5 teams for 4 golfers each competed in the 5th annual Trudy Works Memorial Golf Tournament. Despite a few sprinkles of rain, the tournament followed by lunch was a huge success.

Volunteers Emily Ruddell and Joan Callan greeted the golfers with their goodie bags, filled with healthy and no-so-healthy treats to keep energy up on during the competitive play, complicated by some intriguing challenges. On the 9th hole, golfers had to putt with the handle-end tip of their putter (think pool cue stick as they kneeled in the grass to make their move). On the very long 8th hole, after finally reaching the green, golfers were faced with whiffle golf balls and a child-size plastic putter to finish off their putt. On the 3rd hole, the putt had to be done wearing goofy distorting glasses. Lots of laughter ensued, lots of not-so-skilled putting as well! Despite the challenges, the much deserved first place winners -- Doris Larson, Annette Dashiell, Janis Buell, and Jill Welter Sigsbee -- were awarded their green vests



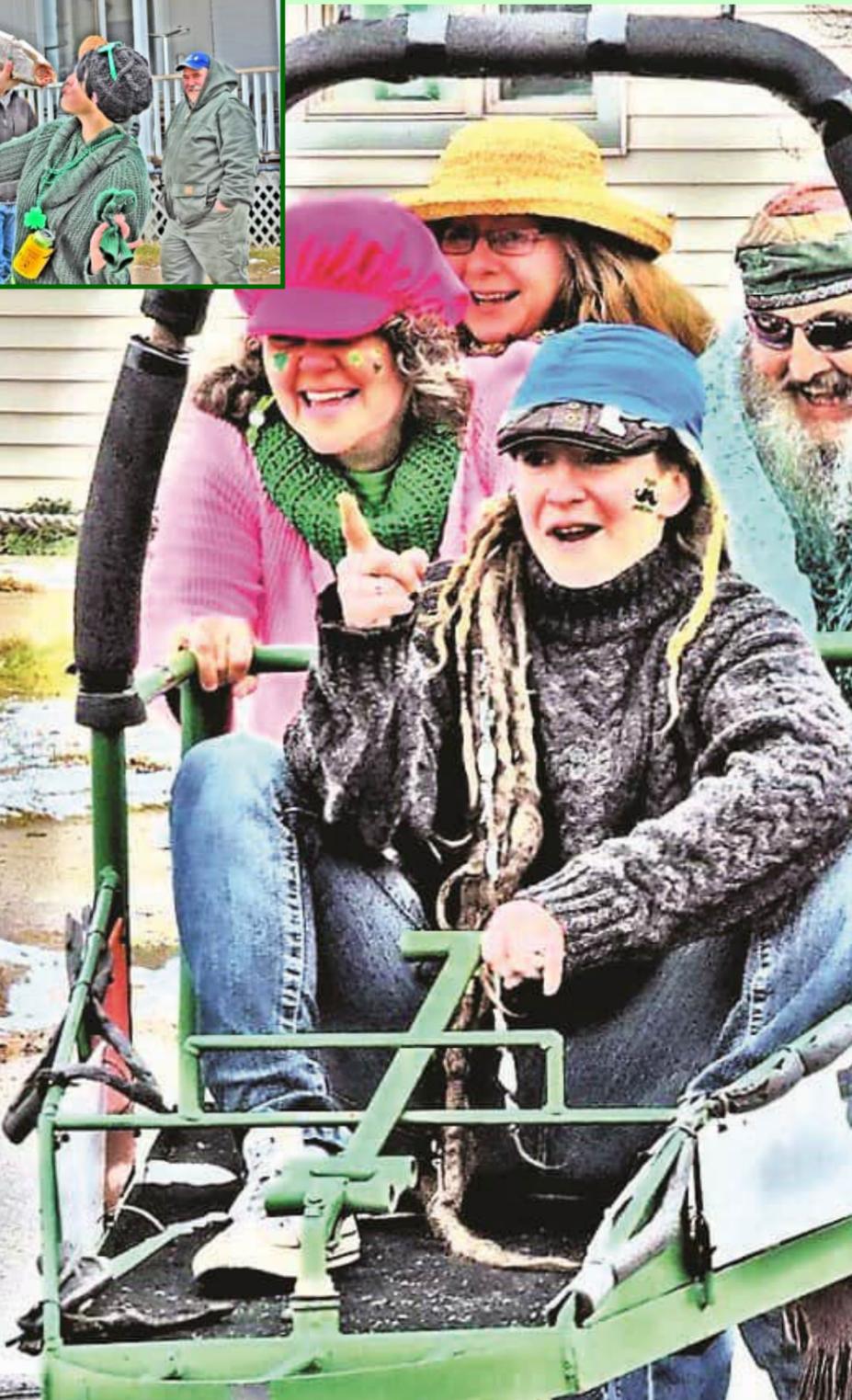
and their names added to the trophy displayed in the 'clubhouse.' Second place winners were Carolyn Works, Terry Meany, Tammy Lafreniere, and Jessica Lafreniere, while the third-place winning team included Vickey Newman, Taffy Raphael, Anne Glendon, Janice Freeman. Individual winners included Jill Sigsbee for Longest Drive and Monica Longlet for Closest to the Pin.

The luncheon, made possible by chickens donated by the Works family and complimented by donations from several of the participating golfers, gave everyone a chance to congratulate one another, reliving some great plays and enjoying one another's company. Photos of the event are thanks to Bill Freeman. And Jennifer, representing the golf course, kept things running smoothly.

This annual event has been coordinated by Janice Freeman. Participants are already looking forward to the 2022 tournament – always the last Tuesday in June – and hoping even more women will join in next summer!

Submitted by: Taffy Raphael and Janice Freeman

The Great Day Shall be Celebrated 2022, March 18 Music, Games and the Wearin' O the Green
Once upon a Time...the Shopping Cart Race was really run in a Shopping cart...And someone kissed the fish!



We are so glad to be able to host the annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Beaver Island this year and hope you all are ready to join in the fun!

Please be in front of the Shamrock at 12:30 to sign up your teams for the following games:

Outside the Shamrock on Main Street

Irish-A-Rod: (Irish version of a dog sled team)
This is a 5 person event. \$25/team
Winner takes the pot o' gold

Hayseeds vs Fishchokers (Tug-O-War)
Choose your team wisely! Winners share a bottle o' liquor

Frozen Fish Toss
Individual Men and Women event

Inside the Shamrock

Plunge your Lad or Lassie, The name says it all...
This is a 2 person event

Fish Stomp: A wee bit of balance is needed to win!
This is a 4 person event

Irish Tits Pong: A kinky version of beer pong!
"Lol...it's like beer pong but the cups are on your body (chest area and well around your waist)"
This is a 2 person event

Limerick Contest
Five lines arranged in one stanza...
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Community Center Events: Special Island Movies
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At Press Time: WVBI Radio Hosts are expected to be on hand at the Shamrock to commentate and record some of the festivities for future broadcast on the air. Jackson Frederick Smith, Songs from the Trail radio host and others want to continue the Beaver Island Home Companion Radio Series that was first broadcast in December for Christmas. Stay tuned for more details on the air at WVBI or www.biccenter.org!

Ghosts of Tossed Fish Past...



Tribute to Lil Gregg

Lillian Isabel Gregg, 97, of Beaver Island, Michigan, passed away at home on February 13, 2022. She was born in Port Huron Michigan, on December 13, 1924, to William Stuart and Margaret Ellen McGuire MacDonald. After graduating from her home town High School, in Memphis Michigan; she worked as a secretary in Lansing Michigan, where Lillian and Philip Robert Gregg met and fell in love on a blind date. Phil proposed to Lil on the lawn of the state capital of Michigan, and they were married in Richmond Michigan on June 21, 1947. They shared 62 amazing years together filled with love and many adventures. Here's a Clip about Phil and Lil from the 1988 Beaver Beacon, the newspaper Phil and Lil published for several years.

Phil Gregg and Walker Hill are RETIRING from the Beaver Island Marina business that was sold January 1988 to Sheldon Anderson and Carl Felix. Carl Felix lived on Beaver Island in the 1950's. He built the Rustic Villa Cabins. He and his family left the island in 1960 to go to Maine where he taught boat designing (lofting) and building of wooden boats at the University of Maine at Eastport, Maine. Phil and Lillian Gregg moved to Beaver Island in 1960 and lived on their boat the 1st summer. Walker Hill stayed in the old brown house that was the lumber mill store that 1st summer. The Greggs and Hills bought the old saw mill. The mill itself had to be torn down, but the blacksmith shop was in good condition and that same building is now the Marina Store. Walker Hill bought the Rustic Villa Cabins and main house from Felix. Carl Felix and his t/wife, Eleanor, returned to Beaver Island November 1986 and bought a home near Font Lake. And now Carl Felix is taking over the marina with Sheldon Anderson from Walker Hill and Phil Gregg. The Sheldon Anderson family are from Northbrook, IL and have the blue house just east of the harbor light house. Phil says he is ready to do some sailing like the resorters do around here.. Lil was the oldest person on the island and her smiling face touring the island will be sorely missed. Lil was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Phil; her daughter, Phyllis Moore; and her sisters Jeanice Raymond, and Margret "Peggy" King.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Beaver Island Food Pantry or Beaver Island EMS.

A heartwarming thank you to Gerald and Tammy Lafreniere, Tammy Radionoff, and Beaver Island EMS. Our love and prayers and thanks to all who loved and cared for our sweet Mom.



Let the Show Begin! We are Ready! St. Patrick's Day Celebration to Feature Michigan Traditional Artists: Ben Traverse and Brother Crowe Band



Ben Traverse is a classically trained guitarist, singer, and multi-instrumentalist with deep roots in Northern Michigan. After attending a music camp taught by the likes of May Erlewine, Joshua Davis, Seth Bernard, and many more, Ben found his passion paying homage to the traditional music of the world. Drawing inspiration from Pete Seeger, the Clancy Brothers, Doc Watson, and the works of Alan Lomax, Traverse creates an eclectic mixture of stories and song.

"Ben is a modern day Pete Seeger. He's a musical archaeologist who writes songs that sound like they're from 100 years ago." -The Accidentals

Of Course! Danny Gillespie and Brother Jim, along with perhaps some other local musicians will strike up some tunes...call the Shamrock or Beachcomber.



Derek Wikarski - Lead Vocals, Harmonica, Bodhran

Paul Wikarski - Guitar, Banjo, Fiddle, vocals
Hailing from Detroit—and damn proud of it—Brother Crowe has hammered through over 100 shows in a year, sometimes playing three gigs in a day. But now is their time to shine. The band consists of two brothers, Derek (vocals/harmonica/bodhran) and Paul (guitars/banjo/vocals). Brother Crowe's purpose, is honing in on a New Country/Indie Folk sound that still possesses a somewhat traditional Celtic style. Paul, who along with his brother was influenced by his father's love of Folk and Celtic music, is dubbed Brother Crowes' main songwriter.

From Long Ago...in Beaver Island History...

"SAINT JAMES — St. Patrick's Day was still a week away, but the 200 Irish-Americans who inhabit Beaver Island in northern Lake Michigan were in a holiday mood March 10 when the first ship of the season arrived from Charlevoix bringing emergency supplies of gasoline, fuel oil and propane gas. The U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Sundew made the grueling 64-mile round trip through scattered fields of blue ice that measured up to four-feet thick in places. When islanders sighted the vessel approaching, all normal island activity came to a halt." School was let out, and many of the kids trooped out over the ice to meet the boat. Several adults went out on snowmobiles.

"Other well-wishers arrived on foot, making sure to give the Sundew a wide berth as she made repeated plunges through the thick harbor ice to reach the Beaver Island dock. Each thrust sent booming shock waves through the ice, causing the faint-of-heart to scurry to safety. Adventuresome youngsters put their ears down to the snow, the better to hear the ice cracking beneath them."

The Sundew was the only area vessel capable of cutting through the ice, which left no commercial carrier able to do the usual delivery job. Beaver Island had reached the point where the last gallons of gasoline were put on reserve for the island's doctor. Two of its three gas stations were completely drained. Fresh meat, vegetables, and mail were able to be delivered daily by air, weather permitting.

"But one commodity essential to the success of the island's annual St. Pat's party—beer—is still in plentiful supply. Islanders laid in ample quantities before the Beaver Islander (the regular ferry boat from Charlevoix) made her last trip on December 26." Some things are forever more important than others.





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WVBI: A New Sunday Night Oldies Show

Over at WVBI we've added a new host to our Sunday Night Oldies show.

Mark Erdman is stepping in to bring Sunday Night Oldies at The Wax Museum to us every Sunday evening. We're sure Phil Becker, our original host of Sunday Night Oldies, will be tuning in from his listening post upstairs. And, on Wednesday evenings after our news at 5:00, listen for Michigan Music this Week. Songs from the Trail hosts Jackson Smith and Steve Girbach are taking turns to bring you a quick download on what's new in Michigan music. They cover new releases, upcoming events and other developments in the fascinating ecosystem of Michigan artists. If you miss a show, you can catch it as a podcast on the WVBI website under the Podcast menu.



BICS Students Sweep Lake G. Fish Tournament Youth Division!

Though Lake Geneserath resembled the Arctic in winter, on Saturday BICS students braved the weather and joined guide Levi Connor for an exciting day on the ice. Lucas took first prize in the panfish division, Jason took first prize in the pike division and second in the panfish division, and Nate took third prize in the panfish division. Between the bluegills, pumpkinseeds, and pike, largemouth bass kept things interesting (all bass were promptly released). Thanks to the Beaver Island Wildlife Club and the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this fun family event! Quinn Turner won the Adult Category...Lots of excitement, family fun and food from the Wildlife Club and the Beaver Island Chamber of Commerce. Free Fishing Weekends on Beaver Island!

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Cover Story: Lake Trout Spawners Status Check

By Sean Gallagher



Left to Right R/V Sturgeon Captain Joe Bergan and USGS Senior Fish Biologist Chuck Madenjian set gill nets in the Northern Refuge



Sea Lamprey- An invasive, echo-parasitic fish (attaches to the outside), from the Atlantic Ocean sometimes called the "vampire fish". With a primitive, raspy mouth to attach to Lake Trout and other fish, they average 14" to 24" in length. It's scaleless and appears eel-like, but is not an eel.

What will Chuck Madenjian find this year? Investigating the Gill Nets!

Back in late October, for about a week, Senior Fish Biologist with the USGS, Chuck Madenjian, sent me updates like this: "We are still watching the weather; must have a couple of consecutive fair-weather days." After all, when you are setting fishing nets for a research project, you are in fact a fisherman. You must capture the fish in order to study them and learn. And, without good weather the mission could be scrubbed because we all know this time of year "the skies of November turn gloomy."

Once the weather gave a nod to the researchers, the 101-foot long research Vessel, *Sturgeon* arrived in Paradise Bay on November 3rd after a good day of setting research nets in the Northern Refuge. (see page 13 map) The next day, the crew of the *Sturgeon* would "lift" the nets for a "status check" of Lake Trout Spawners.

I got the chance to sit down with Charles "Chuck" Madenjian to talk about their mission. (*Chuck Madenjian pictured below with Lake Trout.*)



The Northern Refuge is a safe place set aside to protect Lake Trout from fishing. The Northern Refuge is close to Beaver Island and is known for its reefs and shoals where Lake Trout spawn. Established in 1985, the refuge is a roped, 865-square mile area, where commercial fishing and sports fishing is prohibited because Lake Trout don't yet self-sustain in Lake Michigan. Lake Trout are in the process of a major restoration effort in Lake Michigan. Efforts in other nearby

Great Lakes have seen the success of natural reproduction of Lake Trout and now it's Lake Michigan's turn. The location of the Northern Refuge is on the West and South sides of Beaver Island and reaches to the outer islands and beyond.

The back story is that the Lake Trout population was decimated in the last century and must be restored. The Northern Refuge protects fish that are naturally reproducing while the government continues to stock hatchery-born fish throughout Lake Michigan.

The US Geological Survey's research vessel *Sturgeon* set nets in late October, but soon had to return to Charlevoix while bad weather moved through the area. They had already been successful at getting the first series of research nets placed and then lifted. This visit was R/V *Sturgeon*'s final trip of the year for the purpose of checking the status of the Lake Trout spawners.

Lake Trout Spawners are adult, sexually mature lake trout that are reproducing. The females broadcast eggs over rocky, cobbled shoals and reefs while males broadcast sperm. Fertilized eggs lodge between gravels and boulders on the bottom until the Lake Trout are born in the spring.

Chuck Madenjian said they are looking at the six items listed below:

1. How many Spawners are caught (in a section of net 1000 feet long: also known as catch per unit effort). This tells researchers about the density of adult Lake Trout.
2. Length and Weight measurements.
3. Male or female is noted. The sex determination is easier at this time of year as the females may be "ripe and running" with eggs and the males could express "milk" when gently pressed on the sides.
4. Coded Wire Tags retrieval. Most Lake Trout are stocked in Lake Michigan and not naturally born wild. The hatcheries implant a tag in the Lake Trout's snout which has coded information

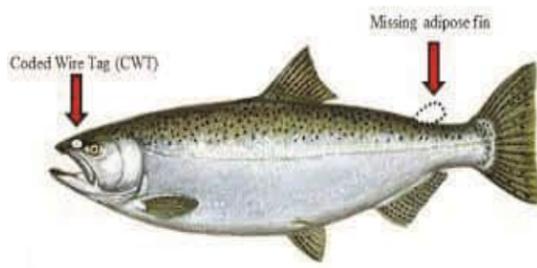
about the age of the fish, what fishery it was born at, which of the three Lake Trout strains it is, and where it was stocked into the lake. The snouts are cut off, bagged and sent to the lab in Ann Arbor to have all the information entered in the database.

5. Sea Lamprey wounds are classified and recorded as fresh, healed, or virtually undetectable.
6. Count the "unclipped" Lake Trout.

"Clipped" means that the fishery where the Lake Trout are born removes the Adipose Fin which is found along the back of the Lake Trout between the main Dorsal and tail fin. When the adipose fin is missing it indicates this is a fishery-born Lake Trout. When researchers find a Lake Trout with its adipose fin intact, they obtain its age through jawbone testing since the Coded-Wire tag won't be found in the snout.

The hopes are to find more naturally born Lake Trout. Together an intact Adipose fin plus the absence of a Code-Wire tag ensures that this fish is likely naturally born from natural reproduction (not a fishery stocked fish).

Tagging the Lake Trout with Coded-wire tags is accomplished with machines on mobile tagging rigs. The automatically injected, 1.1 mm long piece of stainless-steel wire has an etched six-digit number with a coded meaning sort of like the VIN on your automobile. The machines do most of the work with little human handling. These coded wires help researchers understand post-release survival of the fish, movements within the lakes, and the age and growth rates. Coded Wire tagging only works in what is known as "mark and recapture". The initial mark occurs when the fish is injected with the coded-wire at the hatchery (think of as the fish gets its nose pierced) and the recapture happens when the **(Continued Next Page...)**



Alewife – Invasive prey fish from the Atlantic. Alewife is shad herring classed as a planktivore. It is anadromous meaning it migrates up rivers to spawn.



Pictured right, Alewives.

Sturgeon: Lake Trout Status continued...

crew of the R/V Sturgeon catches the fish in gill nets for study purposes.

On this day, these researchers are fishermen. The gill nets used to capture the lake trout are like underwater volleyball nets. (photo at right) The nets are held in position with weights on the bottom and floats on the top that pull the net open like a fence. The gill net is sized so that mainly Lake Trout are trapped, with little bi-catch of other species of fish. The crew sets the net over the same shoals and reefs from one year to the next. Exceptions occur when they have time and good weather and can set additional nets on a rotating basis. Rotations include Boulder Reef and Gull Island Reef regularly and sometimes, High and Trout Island Shoals. Shoals and reefs are perfect places to spawn because the Lake Trout prefer rocky shallow areas for the fertilized eggs to rest. The crew sets the net on one day then "lifts" the nets the next day. Good weather is important.

The percentage of unclipped (naturally reproduced) Lake Trout could be rising as high as 5% this time. The last time the percentage was about 3% because 12 unclipped fish out of a total of about 360 Lake Trout were collected in the researcher's nets. This same survey in Ohio for Lake Erie would reveal about 50% unclipped, naturally "recruited" Lake Trout, as would the study of Lake Huron also at about 50% unclipped and natural. Lake Superior has been considered restored since the mid 1990's, but Superior was never hit as hard by Sea Lamprey as Lake Michigan. Lake Trout in Lake Superior were depleted but not extirpated. (locally extinct) However, by the 1960's the Lake Trout were simply gone from Lake Michigan. Lake Huron Lake Trout were extirpated except for two small local areas, one at Georgian Bay and the other at Manitoulin Island.

Where did all the Lake Trout go? Overfishing up into the mid 1900's was the main cause of Lake Trout's decreased numbers coupled with the invasion of the Sea Lamprey that attaches to large fish and kills them. The man-made Welland Canal allowed entry of both the Sea Lamprey and the Alewives.

The Sea Lamprey has a "mouth" like something from a science fiction story. It attaches to the Lake Trout by rasping then puncturing its skin then drains the body fluids. Oftentimes the Sea Lamprey kills the host Lake Trout or drops off. Sea Lamprey controls are in place in the Great Lakes using Lampricide poisons in their spawning rivers and through barricades which prevent their movement into spawning grounds. In some parts of Europe Sea Lamprey is highly prized as a food, but seldom in North America. Lake Trout don't eat them either, but Walleye from Lake Erie connected rivers, have been found with sea lamprey in their stomachs.

Besides controlling the Sea Lamprey with chemicals and barriers, the Federal government has stocked Lake Michigan with millions of hatchery-born Lake Trout every year. I asked Chuck why Lake Michigan hasn't recovered like the other lakes, and he suggested that the culprit preventing recovery in Lake Michigan is a fish both Lake Trout and Salmon love to eat; the Alewife.

In 2003 there was an Alewife collapse in Lake Huron which saw the Lake Trout population rebound the very next year. The Alewife is a prey fish or forage fish invasive to the Great Lakes. The Lake Trout and Salmon eat the Alewives but a study in Lake Ontario found Lake Trout Fry (young, small Lake Trout) in the stomachs of Alewives. The Lake Trout's attempts at natural reproduction may be working but the very young Lake Trout may be eaten by the Alewives

before they can grow up. After the Alewives collapse of 2003 the Walleye numbers also improved in Lake Huron.

Chuck Madejian's bet on why the Alewife population collapsed in 2003 is on the success of top-tier predator fish like the Lake Trout and Salmon. (Side note: In 1966 Salmon, the Pacific Ocean natives, were introduced into Lake Michigan in an effort to control the invasive Alewives.)

I asked Madejian if they get much "bi-catch" in their nets and he said that minimal numbers of Burbot and Long-nose Suckers sometimes get lifted in these nets.

We are going to follow up with Chuck Madenjian about the results of last fall's status check of Lake Trout Spawners in hopes that the naturally reproduced Lake Trout numbers are improving.

These Annual gill-net surveys began in 1991 and will continue each fall since Lake Trout spawn from late October to mid-November once the water temperature is right.

Chuck Madenjian is a research fisheries biologist based out of Ann Arbor. Mostly he studies fish in Lake Michigan. Chuck was born on the East coast and started his college studies at Rutgers in New Jersey. Next, he attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, studying and writing about the impact of the J.H. Campbell power plant at Port Sheldon between Grand Haven and Holland, Michigan. In the early 80's he was accepted to work for his PhD in Hawaii for the next 5 years to answer oxygen levels questions in the shrimp farming industry. Then he completed three years of post-doctoral work at the University of Wisconsin at Madison before getting his position with the USGS in Sandusky, Ohio. Finally, Chuck returned to Ann Arbor where he continues to work with the United States Geological Survey. Typically, Chuck spends 40-50 days each year on a Research Vessel. Often, he spends 2-4 nights on Beaver Island aboard the research vessel.

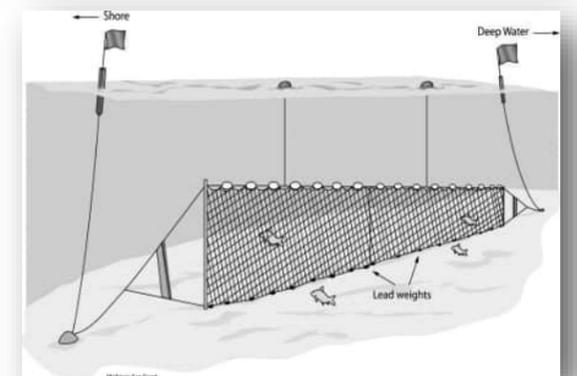
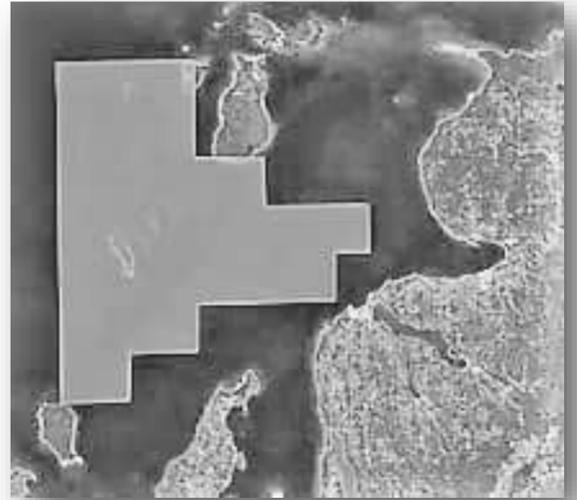
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Contributed by Sean Gallagher, a resident of Beaver Island who has deep ancestral roots in the island. In the recent past his great grandfather was a fisherman on the island and Sean's grandfather was the assistant Lighthouse Keeper of the Beaver Head Light.

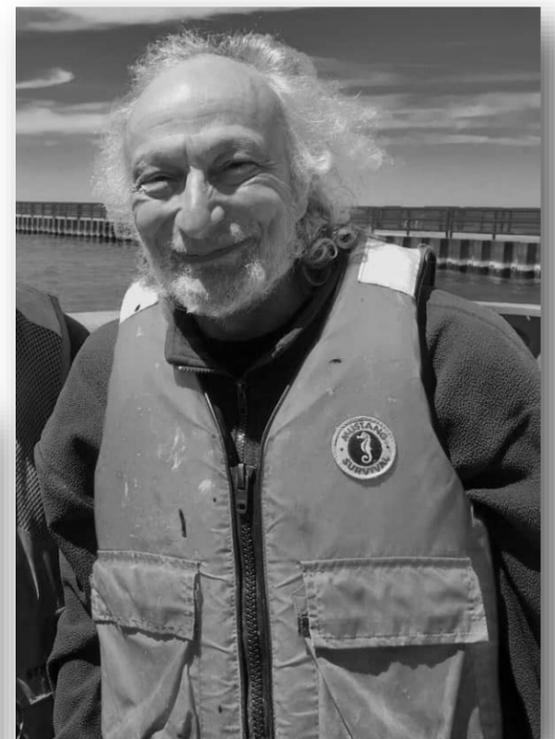
(Below, Sean Gallagher at Beaver Island)



The "Northern Refuge" an 865 sq mile safe place to protect Lake Trout from fishing. If the Lake Trout can naturally reproduce over the shallow reefs and shoals in this refuge the Lake Trout population can be rehabilitated.



Gill Net- Gillnetting is a fishing method that uses gillnets: vertical panels of netting that hang from a line with regularly spaced corks that hold the line on the surface of the water and lead weights that hold the bottom of the net down.



Chuck Madenjian, USGS Research Scientist

The Joint Telecommunications Advisory Committee held a special meeting yesterday to discuss the island’s broadband plans with staffers from Congressman Debbie Dingell’s office. The Committee expressed the view that the past approach taken by congress, which focuses broadband development fund on incumbent carriers isn’t working for remote, rural communities like Beaver Island. They urged that funds be directed to community driven projects. Although Dingell’s district is downstate, she has special concerns about broadband and wanted to learn about the island’s issues.

Meantime, the committee had an update on its project to bring 200 megabit per second service to key locations on the island including the library, school and community center. All of the equipment is in and is being configured and tested. Next task is scheduling the installation with a goal of having the system running by spring. The project is being funded by the organizations that will receive service. They’ve formed an unincorporated association to manage the project called the Beaver Island Broadband Consortium.

“It is good to see this project ready to come online,” said Kevin Boyle, who chairs the JTAC and serves as the PABI representative to the Beaver Island Broadband Consortium. “We’ve been working on this for several years and have overcome hurdle after hurdle. This completely island designed and funded project shows what the community can do for itself and will help show folks what can be done with internet speeds that are similar to what’s available elsewhere.”

In its meetings, the JTAC has stressed that the current project is what they term a “band aid” on the island’s broadband problem. “The JTAC is eagerly awaiting word on the NTIA grant application filed to support a fiber to the home system on the island, and we have backup plans in case we don’t

get that grant,” says BIA President Dick Mulvihill, who was worked closely with the JTAC since its founding and with Boyle on the BIA’s broadband efforts. “True high-speed broadband is critical to the island’s economic sustainability,” Mulvihill added. “Right now, we are the poster-child for the connectivity problems faced by poorly served rural communities.” A prior version of this report appeared on wvbi.net.

Charlevoix County Community Foundation Seeks Input

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation (C3F) is collecting input from those who live, work, and play in communities across Charlevoix County. “The survey asks friends and neighbors to share their priorities for a thriving community,” explains Chip Hansen, President of the Community Foundation. The survey is available online at www.c3f.org and will be open through March 31st. This input, along with other data, will help C3F board and staff set priorities for discretionary grantmaking, impact investing, and community leadership.

The survey was designed to encourage participants to respond in their own words plus offers a chance to rank top areas respondents feel are necessary for their community to thrive. Since early June, housing, education, and employment have consistently ranked highest. Respondents felt environment and health were nearly as important.

There was broad agreement on the strengths the community has to build on: natural beauty and recreational access to places like lakes, trails, forests, and parks came up again and again in responses. Survey results so far also recognize the people as both a strength and a point of pride. ” were commonly echoed.

The final question asked respondents to share what they felt could be improved in their communities. Housing was a clear concern to survey-takers, specifically the availability of workforce housing, affordability of all types of housing, the need for year-round rentals, and the benefits and disadvantages of short-term rentals were all mentioned. Infrastructure and services, such as roads, high-speed internet, and recycling, were frequently offered.

The survey covers a great deal more and Mr. Hansen noted, “We are pleased with the number of responses so far,” notes Mr. Hansen, “but encourage folks to spend 10 minutes taking the survey. The voices we hear from really matter. We also hope that the effort will introduce the Community Foundation to people who haven’t learned about how we help people make a difference close to home.”

The Charlevoix County Community Foundation is a grassroots charitable organization made up of various funds – all of them established by local donors. Some funds are earmarked for specific causes, and others are open-ended to meet changing needs. The funds are held in permanent endowment, so they can continue to grow and generate income to enhance the quality of life in Charlevoix County, now and for generations to come.

For more information about the grant-making process, establishing a fund, or making a gift, please contact the Charlevoix County Community Foundation at (231) 536-2440, or online at www.c3f.org.

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July 8-11th: Introduction Observational Astronomy(1 credit or non-credit workshop) Aaron LaCluyze: an introduction to astronomical topics that may be of interest to amateur astronomers. Topics may include: coordinate systems, telescope designs, stellar characteristics, lunar phases, seasonal sky variations, and solar activity. Nighttime observing will be done as part of this class.
August 1-5th: Assessment of Great Lake Habitats(2 credits or non-credit workshop) Hunter Carrick: Measurement and application environmental metrics towards assessing the health of key Great Lakes habitats(tributary, coastal, open water). Use cutting edge methods, data collection, and analysis towards the determination of habitat health.

Contact John Gordon @ gordo2jj@cmich.edu or 989-774-4400



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Rich Gillespie announced he would NOT be running for Congressional Representative for Beaver Island district. Citing business and family concerns and time constraints, he has withdrawn from the race.
In other news, Peaine township voted to establish two new roads on the island, Gillespie Lane and O'Donnell Lane, located off the end of King's Hwy.

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Joint Townships Request for Proposal for Master Plan

St. James and Peaine Township have jointly issued a formal Request for Proposal for the 2022 Master Plan Revision process ahead for Beaver Island. The project includes review of the current Township Master Plan found on the stjamestownship.org and the peainetownship.org websites. The Project Objectives are to Maintain integrity and intent of 2017 Beaver Island Master Plan.

Identify items which have been completed or are in process. Work with township planning commissions to review current township Identify and incorporate current issues impacting Beaver Island. Develop future vision of Beaver island. Work with community members, business owners, municipal officials and other island stakeholders for updated action plans. The Scope of Work/Schedule is to:

Complete a thorough evaluation of the Township's existing Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance and other Township ordinances and documents applicable to the Plan Effective coordination and regular meetings with Masterplan Sub-Committee and townships(including Staff and Township officials), with an estimated minimum of four working group meetings. A thorough update of the Plan, including realistic and feasible goals and objectives, and timelines to achieve them. Hold approximately four public meetings in May, June, July and August, to present information, and a final public hearing on master plan to be held in September, 2022. >>>

Comprehensive interpretation of data such as: land use statistics, census and demographic information, permit information and other information from Township records. The Township will provide data requested by consultant. The Township will accept proposals until 4 pm on Tuesday, March 15, 2022. A signature of contract for work and when work will commence is to be determined. Please submit questions about this RFP by march 11, 2022 via email to: Lori Taylor Blitz, Chairperson loritaylorblitz@gmail.com

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BIO597 Beaver Island Bird Diversity during Migration (2 credits or non-credit workshop) Nancy Seefelt
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Prerequisites: 12 credit hours of Biology or permission of instructor

CHARLEVOIX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SYNOPSIS JANUARY 26, 2022

The Charlevoix County Board of Commissioners met in the Charlevoix County Commissioners room on January 26, 2022 at 6:10 p.m. Six Commissioners were present.

Motion approved the agenda as presented.

Motion approved the consent agenda as presented.

Motion to temporarily suspend the Board Rules and Procedures. Nays: Commissioner Draves.

Motion to approve committee appointments as presented. Nays: Commissioner Jess and Commissioner Reinhardt.

Motion to appoint Edward May to the Veterans Board. Motion approved Resolution #22-014, Project Authorization FY 2022 Section 5311 Operating Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act.

Motion approved Resolution #22-015, Beaver Island Meal Program.

Motion approved Resolution #22-016, MGT Consulting Contract Extension.

Motion approved Resolution #22-017, FY 2023 Resolution of Intent.

Motion approved Resolution #22-018, Probate Recovery Support Highschool Program Grant Renewal.

Motion approved Resolution #22-019, Safe Harbor Adolescent Recovery Program Sinclair Broadcast Group.

Motion approved Resolution #22-020, Scrap Tire Cleanup Grant Application Renewal.

The meeting was adjourned to the call of the Chair at 7:21 p.m. Complete copies of Board minutes can be found on the County website, www.charlevoixcounty.org.

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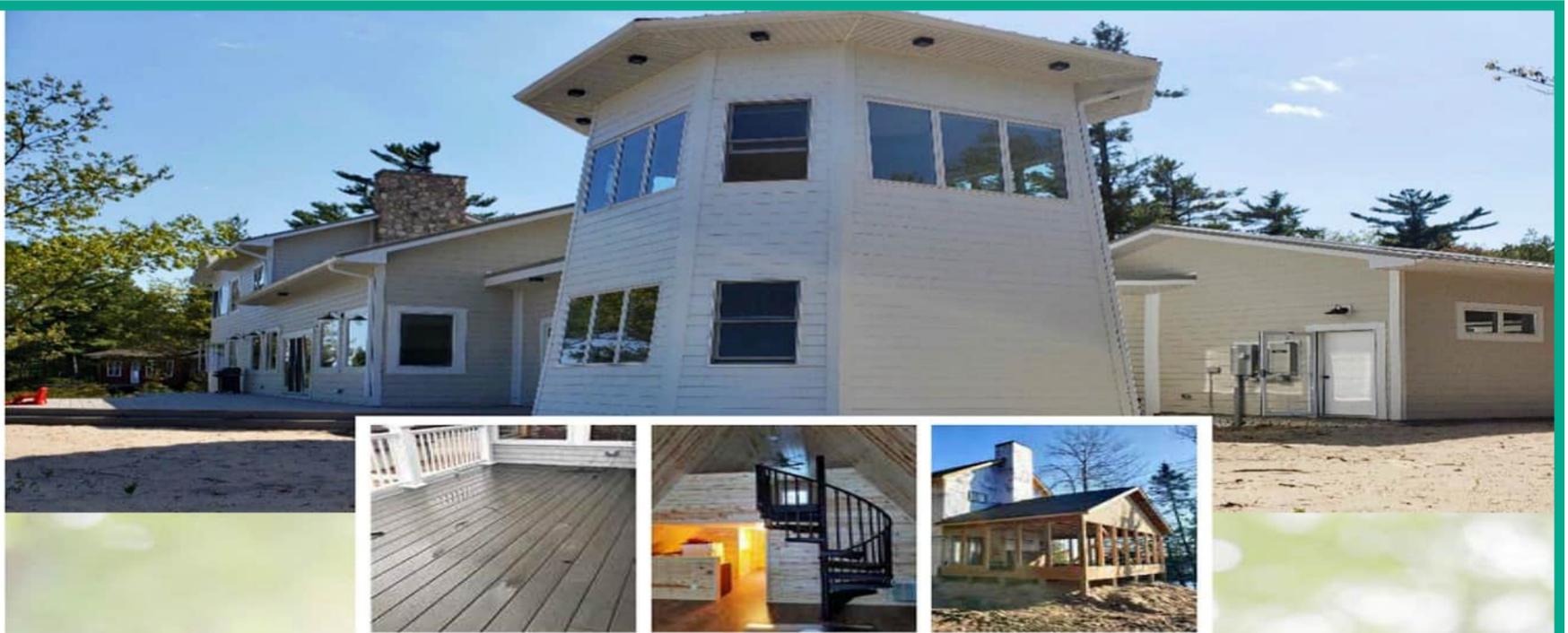
Gala Fundraisers Open Stellar Season of Baroque
Baroque on Beaver is a nine-day affair, but its first two days open each season with a bang. This year's Gala Weekend won't be any different, according to Festival Director Matthew Thomas. "We have planned a superlative and complementary pair of concerts for our audience. Opening Night (Friday July 29) brings a return engagement of the fabulous Lincoln Trio (Desirée Ruhstrat, violin; David Cunliffe, cello; Marta Aznavoorian, piano). They will be joined by Beaver Island's own star soprano Martha Guth to offer a world premiere of composer Clarice Assad. On Saturday July 30, acclaimed pianist Nathan Lee performs a solo recital." According to Thomas, there are multiple initiatives behind the programming. The first is an ongoing commission program of new classical music. Ms. Assad is a prolific and sought-after composer. Along with Baroque on Beaver, her 2022-23 season includes commissions by the Oregon Symphony, Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra, Los Angeles Philharmonic, Chamber Music America, the Fry Street Quartet, San Jose Chamber Orchestra, and the Philadelphia Orchestra. The second initiative is a patron sponsorship program. The Lincoln Trio and Martha Guth appear courtesy of generous sponsorships by Bob Sramek and Ed Max and The Welter Foundation respectively. Clarice Assad's appearance is thanks to a gift from Tim Turner along with a grant from the Charlevoix County Community Foundation. Grant proposals of this kind are another initiative which has gathered signifi-



Classical music on island time.



cant momentum and breadth since 2019 for Baroque's parent organization, the Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance. Lastly, participation in the Young Concert Artists' Orchestral Partners Program brings Nathan Lee – who has already appeared as soloist with the Cleveland Orchestra, Minnesota Orchestra, Seattle Symphony, and the Orchestra of St. Luke's - to the stage after YCA flutist Anthony Trionfo last year. The opening Gala performances are important annual fundraising events for the Beaver Island Performing Arts Alliance (BIPAA). "Our costs to bring this festival to Beaver Island each year are significant," says Treasurer Sally Rehkopf. "We simply could not present this world-class slate of concerts without our Gala ticket sales." Tickets are \$100 for Friday and \$75 for Saturday, or \$150 for both performances. "However," notes Rehkopf, "We will offer a tax deduction with each ticket purchase – the total purchase price less our cost to stage the events." The tax-deductible portion of the ticket price will be noted in the receipt given to each buyer. Tickets go on sale April 1 via the BIC Center's ticket portal. For ongoing up-to-date festival information, please visit www.baroqueonbeaver.org.



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Islanders at Northern Lights League Tournament!

With the boys’ win on Tuesday against the Grand Marais Polar Bears, both Islander Teams made it to the Northern Lights League (NLL) Tournament slated for this weekend in Rudyard. The first round of games is tonight, with the boys playing Maplewood and the girls playing Mackinac Island. It was a close game in the 4th quarter for the lady islanders against Mackinac island...foul after foul against Mackinac led to free throw opportunities for the fast moving islanders that tromped Mackinac in the weeks prior at home games. Beaver Island teams struggled but ended in a 32-27 win for the Mackinac Island ladies.



Coach Diana Behl with Lady Island

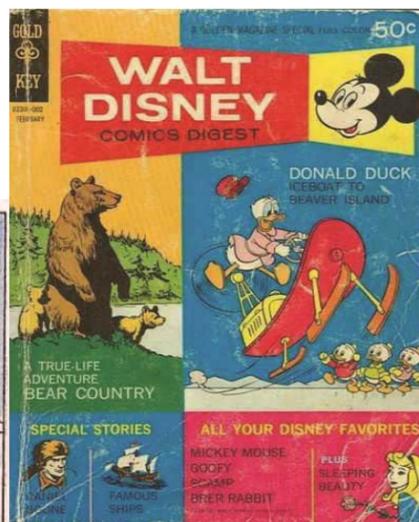


Above: The Enthusiastic Cheer Squad!

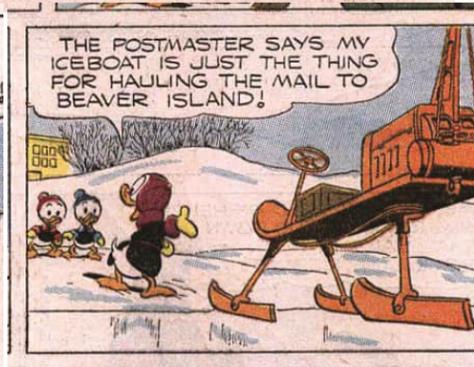
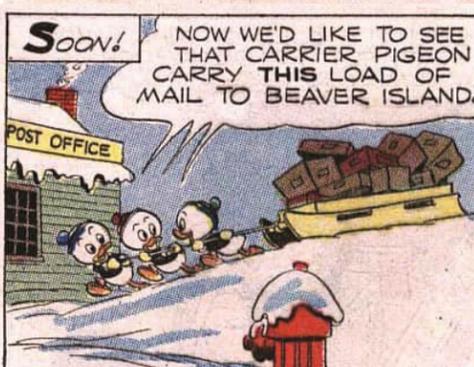


Beaver Island Boys Basketball Team

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