

By the Numbers

12 – hours of time volunteered to the BIRHC by Sarah McCafferty’s Health Occupations Students of America class at the high school

26 – number of youth sports physicals given in one June afternoon

35 – meetings held in the Community Room in 2011 to date

60 – total number of patients seen in one day when Dr. Cotter and Dr. Carden were also seeing patients

73 – patients seen after-hours (nights and weekends) during June, July, and August

A Wish List Thank You

Our wish list includes items for both patient care and building equipment – from an infant measure mat to a water cooler for the patient lobby. You can see the entire list on our website: www.birhc.org where “Wish List” appears on the “About Us” drop-down menu.

We would like to thank Ken and Judy Taylor of Beaver Island for their recent gift of over \$3,400 to purchase and ship one former wish list item: a Welch Allyn EKG machine!

Pete Wins!

BIRHC board member Pete LoDico holds the winning ping-pong ball with his lucky number.



2011 Raffle Winner

Our long-time board member Pete LoDico is always one of the top ticket sellers for our annual car raffle. And he also arranges for the selection, purchase, and transportation of the raffle vehicle to the Island. So perhaps it’s fitting that his personal ticket was the winner for this year’s Chevy Cruze!

In April Pete was chosen this year’s Beaver Island Citizen of the Year, recognizing his dedication and efforts for many Island organizations. He worked for over ten years to bring Forest View Community into being. Pictured on page one, this six-unit apartment building offers affordable housing to seniors or the disabled.

Congratulations, Pete!

Stop and Smell the Flowers

If you’ve spent time on Beaver Island this summer, you may have caught a glimpse of the beautiful landscaping in front of our building. All this work is the result of many generous donations and countless hours of volunteer labor.

Our original garden benefactor is Island resident BJ Wyckoff who stepped in after construction was completed in 2003 and donated bulbs, plants, trees, and shrubs. Gary Marvin of Marvin’s Gardens in Charlevoix provided a landscape plan plus donated many trees and plants. Jim Wojan donated and placed the large boulders.

This spring, Leonor Jacobson stepped in to plan landscaping for the area between the Health Center and Forest View Community. Marianne Weaver designed and donated the wonderful butterfly garden and three Island garden businesses were hired designs. Board member Jeff Powers provided a generous credit allowance at his hardware business. Judy Boyle and her family created the enchanted fairy garden, complete with a tiny picnic table. Jim Stambaugh carved several wooden mushrooms.

Until this summer, the only BIRHC money spent on landscaping was for electricity for the water pump. The board recently okayed the installation of underground water lines to hose taps around the garden perimeters so our chief waterer, past board president Connie Wojan, would not have to drag heavy hoses around the various gardens. Thanks to Bud Martin for donating pipe and the use of a trencher.

BIRHC and BIEMS Receive Grants

American Heart Association: The American Heart Association’s Midwest Affiliate recently awarded a \$2,205 grant to the BIRHC and BIEMS to help cover costs for basic health screening tests for uninsured and under-insured Island residents. Screening will include weight and blood pressure check, blood glucose and cholesterol check, plus a baseline EKG (electrocardiogram). The grant will pay for materials such as blood cholesterol cassettes. The BIEMS received part of this grant to offer community CPR classes. Watch for more information about these programs or call Donna Kubic at 231-448-2275.

Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians: This \$31,795 grant will pay for a 55kW propane emergency generator for the health center. Recent assessments by area emergency management agencies determined the BIRHC was vulnerable to localized power outages. Having the generator will also allow the BIRHC to be used as a command center in the event of a community or regional emergency.

Char-Em United Way and Charlevoix County Community Foundation: The Char-Em UW has provided an additional \$2,400 in funding for our Senior Help Mate Program. The Community Foundation also awarded \$2,667 to this program that helps seniors live safely in their own homes.