

BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER



THE NEW YEAR BRINGS LIVE FACEBOOK PROGRAMS

BHS Executive board would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Safe, Happy and Healthy New Year!

Due to Covid 19, BHS has had to forego its quarterly programs for the past couple of years. But thanks to social media, we will now start holding our program meetings live on Facebook. Please go to Facebook and search for Beals Historical Society and click join if you are not a member.

The first program will be held on Monday, February 7th at 7PM and

will be a DVD of the "History of Sealand on Head Harbor" by Daniel F. Davis. It has been 12 years since the presentation of this most interesting and informative program. It will definitely be worth watching again!

In the past, our program meetings offered opportunity to make a donation. If you are so inclined, you may make a donation to BHS, PO Box 280, Beals ME 04611. Thank you for your kindness in advance!

THE FIRST COAST'S JONESPORT AND BEALS EXHIBIT

Please join The First Coast, Jonesport Historical Society, and the Peabody Memorial Library for the virtual opening of The First Coast's Jonesport and Beals Exhibit:

When: January 27th, 2022 at 6:30 pm

Where: Join us on Zoom! You can access the Zoom link at www.thefirstcoast.org/jbexhibit

On January 27th, 2022 at 6:30 pm Galen Koch and students from College of the Atlantic will present The First Coast's Jonesport and Beals Exhibit and Soundwalks. This Zoom presentation features a selection of audio stories from the exhibit and photographs by photographer Greta Rybus. Galen and COA students Camden Hunt and Ellie White will also present excerpts and information about the Jonesport and Beals Soundwalks. The exhibit spotlights stories from local residents including Charlie Alley, Ernest and Marilyn Kelley, Sonny Beal, Gay Crowley, Ray Beal, Sid Look, and others. The audio stories

explore Jonesport and Beals' fishing history, connections to work, family and place, and hopes for the future.

Galen will also present an exciting new database of Maine oral history interviews, Maine Sound + Story, and will demonstrate how to explore historic and contemporary interviews using the website.

The exhibit of photographs and audio stories can be explored in-person at Jonesport's Peabody Memorial Library from January 27th until mid-April, 2022.

About The First Coast

The First Coast is a traveling multimedia storytelling project created by sound artist and journalist Galen Koch. The project began in January 2017, when Koch spent the year renovating a 1976 Airstream to travel the Maine coast as a mobile studio and exhibition space. In October 2018, the Airstream landed in Jonesport, Maine. Galen and photojournalist Greta Rybus,

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Believe it or not another year has passed and its once again time to renew your membership or become a new member by joining BHS. Since BHS functions on membership dues and donations, we greatly appreciate your support. For your convenience, please find attached the membership application. Our membership is now at an all-time low of 165 members. We hope you are willing and able to continue your support. Thank you!

BHS 2021 Membership consisted of 65 Life members, 7 new members and 93 renewals for a grand total of 165 members. We are very sorry to report that 2021 holds the largest number of deceased members, in one year, that our history records. In loving memory of each of our loyal members, who left this earthly realm, let us reflect upon each of them and what they meant to us all. Pamela Davis – 4/1/21, Carole Donovan – 4/30/21, Lovina Smith – 6/20/21, Leon "Bud" Smith – 6/22/21, Norma Beal – 6/28/2021, Osmond Beal, 7/13/21, Wendall Alley, 8/1/2021, Peter Chatman – 8/6/21, Bettina Merchant – 10/15/2021, and George Woodward – 11/19/2021. We wish to send heartfelt love and deepest sympathy to their family and friends and are most thankful for the memories we hold so dear for all of them. May they all RIP.

AMAZON SMILE

Support BHS through Amazon Smile: go to AmazonSmile.com and choose Beals Historical Society for your charity. Each time you place an order Amazon will make a donation to BHS.

The following article and photo are from the 1950-1951 Ocean Breeze Yearbook.

BOY'S BASKETBALL

by Osmond Beal

Early in November the team was first called for practice by our coach Vernon Pettigrew. The members of the team were: Harold Alley, Osmond Beal, Stanley Beal, Willard Kelley, Elmer Wilcox, Ralph Alley, Arthur Woodward, Richard Carver, Jesse Merchant, Douglas Peabody, and Hartley Alley.

Osmond Beal was elected Captain and Richard Carver was elected Manager. The first game was on Dec. 2nd. At Jonesboro and the team was off to a good start with a winning score of 120 to 46. The other games were as follows:

Dec. 6	Columbia Falls at Beals	76	46
Dec. 9	Beals at Harrington	50	22
Dec. 13	Cherryfield at Beals	85	25
Dec. 16	Addison at Beals	104	12
Jan. 4	Beals at Eastport	37	20
Jan. 6	Beals at Winter Harbor	68	40
Jan. 10	Millbridge at Beals	86	51
Jan. 13	Jonesboro at Beal	85	43
Jan. 14	Beals at Vanceboro	12	22
Jan. 16	Beals at Normal School	62	51
Jan. 17	Beals at Columbia Falls	67	38
Jan. 21	Vanceboro at Beals	47	43
Jan. 24	Beals at Cherryfield	88	35
Jan. 27	Beals at Addison	74	24
Jan. 31	Winter Harbor at Beals	59	54
Feb. 2	Beals at Millbridge	78	48

Tournament Games

Feb. 11	Harrington vs Beals	78	31
Feb. 18	Danforth vs. Beals	59	44

Bangor Tournament

Feb. 22	Schenck vs. Beals	44	55
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Until the team went to Vanceboro for the first of a two-game series, we were undefeated, and this was our first loss of the season. When we came home, we were not discouraged however and went back on our old winning streak again.

Jan. 21 Vanceboro came up here for a return game and the place was packed to see a hard-fought game. The fans were



*Bottom row left to right: Osmond Beal, Captain, Harold Alley, Jesse Merchant, Harvey Crowley, and Herbert Faulkingham.
Middle row standing left to right: Mr. Pettigrew, Arthur Woodward, Willard Kelley, Douglas Peabody, Stanley Beal, Elmer Wilcox, Hartley Alley.
Top row standing left to right: Ralph Alley and Richard Carver, Manager.*

not disappointed this time for when the game ended we had another victory for our list but only after 52 minutes of fast and well-played basketball against our best opponent to date.

Feb. 11 the first weekend of the tournament at Machias we won our right to compete in the finals the following weekend by defeating Harrington. 78-31.

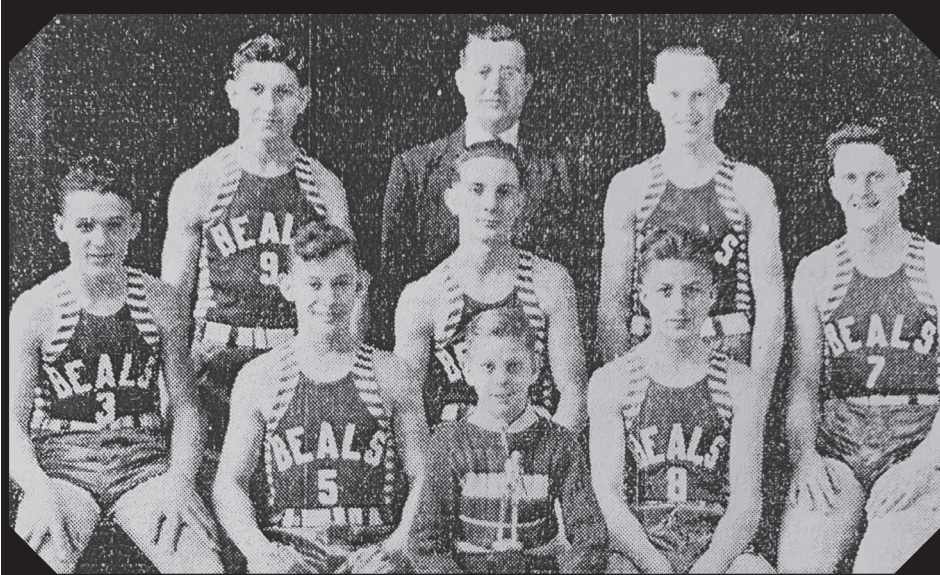
Feb. 15 we were notified to go to the Ellsworth City Hall to play off with Blue Hill to decide which team should go to the Bangor Tournament and we defeated them 45-40.

Feb. 18 we again went to the Machias Tournament to play off with Danforth and defeated them 68-32. Then on Feb. 19 came the big game to decide the county championship. Although our friendly rivals of Vanceboro are always worthy opponents we were working

smoothly on the large floor and an early lead was steadily pushed toward the final score of 59-44 and the Washington County Basketball Championship for Beals High School.

Feb. 22 we went to the Bangor Tournament and lost to Schenck High's fine team which went on to win the State Championship for the second consecutive year. Although in this game our scoring average dropped from 58% to 16% and we undoubtedly experienced our poorest luck in scoring for the entire season the teams cooperation, spirit and floor play were fine so we were able to look back upon this loss—our second for the season—without too much disappointment. There is always a new season to look forward to and new worlds to conquer because after all—two losses are just two too many. Osmond Beal

REMEMBERING THE GREEN HORNETS 1940 BEALS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM.



The Beals High basketball team which won the West Washington County tourney held at Jonesport is front row left to right: Manager Oscar Alley, Jr. Leamont Faulkingham, and Bernard Backman?. Second Row: Chester Lenfestey, Captain Nathan Burke, and Thomas Kent. Third row: Clinton Beal, Coach Charles Hicks and Oscar Wallace, Jr.

LITTLE BEALS HIGH HAS 11 STRAIGHT TRIUMPHS

"The smallest high school in Washington county, perhaps in the entire state, is the proud possessor of the most spectacular basketball record "Downeast." Little, Beals High with an enrollment of less than 20 students, has swept through eleven consecutive victories; and is ranked among the favorites in the "Western" league's annual tournament scheduled later on this month. Coached by Charlie Hicks, a former, Colby athletic ace, the lads from Beals Island seem headed towards one of the greatest years in its sports history;

and this school's past is studded with brilliant achievements, especially in the grand ol' hoop game.

Averaging approximately 43 points per contest against their opponents' 25, the Green Hornets boast the two highest individual scorers in the county in Oscar Wallace, Jr., and Nathan Burke. These sharpshooters have denied the draperies for the amazing total of 231 and 162 counters respectively. Wallace led this section last year and bids fair to repeat with his pal right on his heels."

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of Portland, spent the month conducting oral history interviews with year-round residents and creating portraits and photographs of some of the area's people and places.

Stories featured in this exhibit and in the soundwalks are edited and curated from interviews conducted by Galen Koch in 2018 and by Charlie Alley and Bill Plaskon on behalf of the Jonesport

Historical Society. The soundwalks also feature audio from the Beals Heritage Museum's archive.

For more information on The First Coast and this exhibit please visit www.thefirstcoast.org/jbexhibit

The First Coast is supported by the Fund for Maine Islands in partnership with College of the Atlantic, Maine Sea Grant, Island Institute, and Maine Sound + Story.

SPORTS ODDITY

"A great basketball record was made at a high school where only 11 boys were enrolled. That was the situation at Beals High at Beals Island, Me. Of the 11 boys in school, 9 were on the team, a 10th was manager, and the 11th the official roter. They won five games by scores of over 100 -one of them 141-80, won the state sectional title, and then were stymied by an influenza epidemic which laid low most of the team. The state finals were delayed six days, and then little Beals, with just 11 boys in the school, won the 1950-51 state title of Maine... IT'S ODD BUT TRUE!"

"Sports Oddity" is brought to you by Hercules Phenol which was a petroleum company from the mid-west who used to write "Sports Oddities" and chose little Beals to post on their souvenir card. The card was donated to BHS by its former president, Velton Peabody and can be seen in the Sports and School exhibit at Beals Heritage Center.

SEVEN PLAYERS

"Seven varsity basketball players are used by Coach Hicks in each fray. Two junior jack-of-all trades, Clinton Beal and Oscar Alley, Jr. can play equally well in all three positions. The former, handicapped as he is with a bad left arm is in many respects an outstanding star. Alley is a dangerous goal-getter in the clutch, and also powerful on defense.

Tom Kent, a husky senior guard, often saves the day with his spirited back-court strategy; and has held his direct rivals to less than two baskets a game. Herman Backman, Jr., a member of the junior class, is another clever back, whose sturdy play is improving steadily and Chester Lenfestey, a sophomore speedster, can fill in both as a forward and guard. A pair of future regulars, Alton Bean and Horace Peabody, only freshman, but already competent reserves make up the squad.

A Colby graduate, Coach Charlie Hicks has done wonders with his limited list of aspirants. During three years at Beals nearly eighty per cent of the games have wound up in the victory column."

Beals Heritage Center



Beals Historical Society Membership Application

Please check one: ☐ Renewal ☐ New

Name(s) as you wish it to appear on membership card and member roll on website:

(Please type or print clearly)

Your mailing address: Street or Post Office Box: _____
City: _____ State _____ ZIP: _____

E-mail address: _____

Type of membership (Please review all types and check the one that applies)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual Annual | \$10 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Individual/Life | \$200 one-time payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple Annual | \$15 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Couple/Life | \$300 one-time payment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior/65 Annual | \$5 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior couple/65 Annual | \$7.50 annually |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student | \$5 annually |

Over and above dues, I wish to donate _____ for __operating expenses, __building fund, or __ endowment fund. Receipt and membership card will be sent to you.

Instructions: Please print, complete and mail this application, together with tax-deductible check or money order payable to Beals Historical Society to:
Membership Chairperson, Beals Historical Society, P.O. Box 280, Beals, ME 04611

Annual memberships are for the calendar year and expire Dec. 31.

BEALS HERITAGE CENTER FUNDRAISING DRIVE

BUY A PERSONALIZED BRICK PROGRAM

The Beals Historical Society offers the chance to be creative in personalizing a brick for your favorite person, pet, place, event, occasion, or simply something that is near and dear to your heart. Purchasing a personalized brick will enable the continuation of the brick patio, and/or adding your favorite Veteran to the Veterans Monument Park Area. The Veteran's 4 x 8 brick consists of the Veteran's rank, name, branch of service, war served in and years served.

Your purchase of a personalized 4x8 cinnamon colored brick with black filled lettering for \$85 is a tax-deductible donation or you may wish to purchase an 8x8 brick for \$125. Purchasing the 8 x 8 brick gives you an additional line or instead of the line you may purchase a logo for an additional \$10. Price includes shipping.

YES! We'd like to reserve a personalized permanent brick.
Please check one of the following:

☐ Patio ☐ Veterans Monument

- ☐ Check here for 4x8 brick for \$85.00 (standard block lettering included).
☐ Check here for 8x8 brick for \$125.00 (add an additional \$10 for a logo)

Please engrave your brick as follows:

For a 4 x 8 brick use three lines with 21 letters including spaces and for an
 8 x 8 brick add use four lines.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:
BEALS HISTORICAL SOCIETY, ATTN: Treasurer, PO Box 280, Beals, ME 04611
Thank you for your contribution!

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____ Amount Paid: _____

*For further information or suggestions with a design for your personalized brick,
 please contact Carol Davis at (207) 497-2675 or email cfDavis44@yahoo.com.*