

BOB-LO TATLER*

Newsletter of the Bois Blanc Island Association, Founded 1891

Spring/Summer 2017

- The Tatler name (yes, only one “t”) was borrowed from a British journal published by Richard Steele in the 1700’s. Bunker Clark, the first editor of the BOB-LO TATLER, was an intellect who loved oddities of history, especially literature



(This work of art is one of the craft projects from Story Hour—see note about Story Hour below)

Read the news, note handy reference materials, mark your calendar and enjoy some of your fellow islanders’ reflections.

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Bois Blanc Island Association

The Bois Blanc Island Association's purpose is to **CONTINUALLY WORK TO MAKE BOIS BLANC ISLAND A BETTER, SAFER, AND MORE ENJOYABLE PLACE TO LIVE AND VACATION.** It is a non-profit corporation. Projects include this newsletter, an Island Directory, the square dances, cocktail get-togethers, nature walks, funding of small area projects and people-power for community activities such as building small docks, road clean-up and assistance to the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The 2017 Calendar of Events for BBI Association events are as followings:

- **Every Thursday** evening July and August at 7 pm in the Wagner Room - Square Dancing in tandem with the Coast Guard Chapel.
- **August 9th** - Salvation Army pick-up from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the P.I.E. parking lot at dock
- **July 19th and August 9th** - Adult Mixers in the Hoover Community Building from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please bring your drink of choice and an appetizer to share.
- **August 5th** – BBI Association Annual Meeting at 10 a.m. in the Wagner Room. A great way to find out what is new on the island. 2017-2019 directories are scheduled to be available to members who have paid their dues.

Other Non-BBI Association Sponsored Events

- **May 28th** Memorial Day Service TBA. Followed by a small lunch at Hoover Community Building
- **August 5th** following the Annual Meeting, lunch will be available in the Hoover Community Building from 11:30 to 2 pm. This is sponsored by the BBI Foundation
- **August 5th** Art Fair at Card's log cottage following the Annual Meeting.

Each BBI Association event and most other Island events will have an opportunity for you to pay your annual Association dues for the various benefits. A mail in form is provided at the back of this newsletter. Annual dues are \$20. Make dues check payable to Bois Blanc Island Association and send to

Robin Lees, Treasurer, BBIA, 6811 US 23, Cheboygan, MI 49721

Officers:

Joyce Peccon, President
Carol Blundy, Vice President
Kathy Landschulz, Secretary
Robin Lees, Treasurer

Representatives:

Pines – Joyce Peccon, Jim Donaldson, Kathy Landschulz, Robin Lees
East End – Suzette Cooley-Sandborn, Bob Stowe, Jim Blamer
West End – Carol Blundy, Tom Wybranowski, JoAnna Duncan
Along with the General Membership for all dues paying members

See the 2016 BBIA Annual meeting minutes included.



Bois Blanc Island Community Foundation News

Annually, the BBICF awards grants to improve the island. The purpose of the fund is to support and promote charitable, scientific, literary, education and cultural programs and projects.

In 2016 we awarded two grants: one to the school to frame the environmental recycle mosaic the students created and also funds were matched for those provided from the BBI Association of \$4,000 to replace and repair sidewalks in the Pines that lead to the gazebo. The sidewalks were wiped out by the storm in 2015.

We now welcome grant requests for 2017. Interested parties may send letters of application for grants to the BBICF by June 30, 2017 for consideration. The BBICF evaluates each application and grants awards in July. Send grant requests to BBICF, PO Box 907, Point Aux Pins 49775.

We always appreciate all donations and support large and small. See you at the annual fundraiser on August 5.

Please don't be shy. Send your ideas and grant requests!

BBICF Fun Day Hits A Home Run!

The Community Foundation hosted a very successful Annual Fundraiser in July 2016 at the Bible Farm. The main entertainment was the first (of hopefully many) West End vs. East End Softball Game.

Fun Day had an exceptional turnout! It was estimated over 200 people attended. Participants enjoyed a kid's softball game, bingo, silent auction, magic show, disc golf, arts and crafts, the fire and rescue trucks, face painting, and, of course, burgers and brats!

Generous islanders donated and bought the goods in the auction! The magic show had a crowd gathered around the small stage being thoroughly amazed!! The fire trucks were a hit as always, and the disc golf got a thumbs up. Many listened to Tom Pfeiffelmann from the Bible Farm share the memories of the beloved Bibles.

The day started nice and hot. The first competition was a pickup softball game. Audrey and Shirley Gahn got box seats. The announcer—also eagle-eyed referee—did an amazing job. After learning the rules, each participant got a chance to swing the bat. “Watch the ball all the way...watch it...now pretend it's a mosquito, and hit it!” All the wonders of a pickup game bloomed. The smack of the bat would be followed by a grin and a run. Small or tall, old or young, the Fun Day Softball game ended with camaraderie and laughter.

Later the crowd gathered waiting for all the team members and captains for East vs West (Pines, you are the West, in case you wondered ☺). Picking teams was easy—everyone was welcome.

When the game began, it was a whirlwind of hits—some mighty big hits! It felt like the Tigers were visiting! What a grand surprise! A few balls were hit as high as the Maples and into the woods. The score went crazy. For the East-enders it looked like batting practice...10..20 to what?...oh my!

There were many fun moments. Comic heroes mixed in with the big hitters. Our Township Supervisor, Brent Sharpe, finally up to bat, smacked the ball to first. After an over throw at first, he charged to second, and then he took off for third! Brent kept lunging and almost toppled head over heels, well, like only Brent can do,

BBICF Fun Day Hits A Home Run! (cont'd)

finally sliding and reaching his arm out to home plate. The crowd went wild!

Hats off to Captain Brent Sharpe and Captain Chris Schuner for a great game in island fashion--fair and full of fun! Chris says mark the last Saturday in July on your calendar for a rematch.

There are many more stories and memories of Fun Day, and many to thank. Please add to your memories on the Bois Blanc Island Community Foundation Facebook page (come join the group on Facebook!). We are each a great part of a small community. It was a memorable day on the wonderful historic farm of sweet Mildred Bible. She would have been pleased that we all had such a down-home good time!

BBICF will host a BBQ lunch sale at The Hoover Building on August 5th this year, the same day as the Art Fair and after the Association meeting.



Submitted by Rebecca Currier Long



Township News – From the Supervisor, Brent Sharpe

The Township has signed a contract with Mackinaw County for a replacement for Deputy Sheriff Graham Whipple, Deputy Sheriff Ron Umbarger.

The Island Transfer Station hours remain unchanged (noted later in this newsletter). One new policy in place is that only employees are to put paper and cardboard in the burn barrel. Island residents should place burnable items next to the barrel.

The Township is in the final stages of planning/building the Snow Removal Equipment building at the Island Airport. To be removed are three hangers, deemed too close to the runway. Nine hangers, privately owned, will remain in place.

The summer Saturday morning Farmer's Market will continue on Fire Hall property from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. A mainland vendor is providing fresh produce and, as before, islanders will sell bread, desserts, and crafts.

Please reference the Township meetings minutes from the latest meetings available at:

www.boisblanctownship.org



November 8, 2016 BBI Township Election Results

In addition to voting for President of the United States, as well as Senators, Judges, and College Trustees, the voters of Bois Blanc Island had the opportunity to vote for candidates to serve on the BBI Township Board.

Returning as Township Supervisor will be Brent Sharpe and returning as Township Trustee, Tom Wybranowski. Louise Sullivan holds the second Trustee position. Diane Akright will serve as the Township Clerk while Anne Kennedy is the new Township Treasurer. The terms for this newly elected board will be four years.

Please give a hearty thanks to the following folks for their years of service: Mike Harrington three years, Joan Schroka 16 years, and Cheryl Gahn 20 years! Joan Schroka will remain as the BBI Assessor. A big thank you, too, goes out to voters, both off and on the island, who took the time to vote.

Visit the Bois Blanc Township web site to find contact information for the board members as well as all Township relevant materials.

Submitted by Tom Wybranowski



ISLAND ROAD SIGNS

Island road signs were installed last year. The vast majority of feedback was very positive. Some of the comments were: “I did not know that there were that many streets on the island” “I like the way that the signs really stand out at night when the car lights shine on them” “I can finally give better directions on how to find a place”

Safety was a major reason for installing these signs including a necessity to the signage to activate 911 emergency needs. In addition for our Firefighters and EMT’s, and now the new Deputy, having street signs and addresses is critical. Also an added benefit although many believe that the island is not that big and we all know where everyone lives, that is not always true. These signs help first time visitors locate businesses, churches, the township hall, the camp ground and rental units.

A few of the signs that went missing last year were replaced, some only to disappear again. The few North Shore signs that are still missing will be replaced. If you see a missing or damaged street sign, please let the township know.

Submitted by Tom Wybranowski



Bois Blanc Island Fire Department Update

Four members of the BBIFD - Robert Hayes, Dan Reynolds, Brandon Schlund and Sarah Sims - agreed to undergo 300 hours of formal training comprised of classroom study, testing, practical exercises and exams to complete official firefighter level I and II certifications. This is the most extensive firefighter training ever provided for those who will serve Bois Blanc Island. Bryce Tracy of Mackinac County 9-1-1 is leading the Academy training for BBI, scheduled for completion in early June, 2017. Other members of the fire department have been sitting in on most classes for review purposes.

We're grateful for the support and encouragement received from the community. If you feel a properly trained and equipped volunteer Fire Department is essential to BBI, please express your support and appreciation to the BBI Township Board. They make it possible for us to continue the training, keep our equipment up to date and in good working order, and develop policies and procedures that will maximize departmental efficiency while minimizing liability to the Township. In addition, the Firefighter's Association is purchasing an Automated External Defibrillators for the Wagner Room.

Please check out the Bois Blanc Island Fire Department Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BBIFD. There you can "Like" the page, if you wish, and learn about what's happening year 'round at the BBIFD.

Before you build and open fire, please call one of the following FD members:

- **Brandon Schlund** [\(231\) 634-7098](tel:(231)634-7098)
- **Rob Hayes** [\(734\) 301-8070](tel:(734)301-8070)
- **Russ Riker** [\(231\) 634-7487](tel:(231)634-7487)
- **John Sanborn** [\(231\) 634-7355](tel:(231)634-7355)
- **Lani White** [\(231\) 634-7440](tel:(231)634-7440)

Words of Advice and Timely Reminders: The Bois Blanc Island Fire Department would like to ask all residents and guests to take a few minutes to go through their medications and review personal medical needs. Many medications quickly lose their potency after expiration date, and some medications begin to chemically break down if improperly stored, rendering them ineffective. Often people bring medications to the island and forget to check the expiration dates.

For those of you with allergies, make sure you have your allergy medications with you when you visit the island. There have been several life-threatening reactions over the years.

The island is a beautiful place, but has many hidden dangers. Here are a few safety tips:

1. Always make sure recreational fires are contained, supervised, and fully extinguished prior to leaving them unattended. Please call so the Fire Department is aware of your location.
2. For the fire engine to navigate a driveway, there must be 10 feet of clearance vertically to accommodate the pumper and a minimum width of 10 feet. So take that into consideration when you trimming.
3. Please wear your seat belts, and follow all motor vehicle laws.

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4. Always wear a proper fitting, approved helmet when riding ATV's and motorcycles.
5. Always wear a proper fitting bicycle helmet when bicycling.
6. Always wear a proper fitting personal flotation device when on a personal watercraft, kayak, or canoe
7. Never swim alone.



BBI HEALTH CLINIC OPEN

The clinic is located in the Fire Barn, using the Wagner room as a reception area. On staff is MAUREEN MITCHELL, Nurse Practitioner, who has been serving the year 'round islanders since December 5, 2016.

During the summer the health clinic will be open every week. Check the postings for specific days / times for June through September. During the off season, Maureen flies to the island every other Monday and meets Island health needs at the clinic between 10 am and 3pm.

The rest of the time, Maureen works in the ER/Walk-In Clinic/Acute Care at Mackinac Straits Hospital in St. Ignace. She previously worked at Cheboygan Memorial Hospital for 20 years in ICU/ER/Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehab. She has also been a Paramedic and EMS Instructor for more than 20 years. A resident of Rogers City, she is anxious to meet you and serve you in the BBI Health Clinic.

The BBI Clinic is jointly funded by the Michigan Rural Health Center, and the Mackinac Straits Hospital System (MSHS). MSHS processes insurance. The records will be part of their system.

The BBI Health Clinic also continues to provide **Phlebotomy Services** for those who need blood draws while on the island. Trained phlebotomist, Clover Schlund, will be at the clinic from 8:00-10:00 on Wednesday mornings in July and August and from 7:00-9:00 on Wednesday mornings in May, June, September and October. Call Clover Schlund at 231-634-7500 for an emergency appointment. You will need a prescription for service.

Submitted by Connie Riopelle



Transfer Station - **TRANSFER STATION HOURS** Remain Unchanged from 2016:

July and August

Sunday/Monday
7:30 am to 11:30 am

Tuesday thru Saturday
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

May, June, September, October, November

Sunday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday 7:30 am to 11:30 am

All Other Months:

Sunday 12:00 to 2:00 PM

Purchase transfer station tickets at the Township Office or at the Transfer Station. A ticket includes seventeen \$2.00 drop-offs. Don't forget to pick up your ticket for one free Transfer Station drop-off at the Township Offices. Also remember to leave your burn-ables BY the burn barrel.



Bois Blanc Island Township - Zoning

Zoning Ordinances on the Island are to protect the island, residents, and wildlife. They implement State Laws, County Laws, and their ordinances. Some residents live on BBI year around, others stay through the summer and some visit as campers, fishermen, and hunters. Everyone has a different idea how they want to enjoy the island.

The Zoning Ordinances are basically rules to solve future problems, serving to guide the Township. Ordinances start as ideas in the Planning Commission, are open to public comment, revised, and then sent to the Township Board for approval. There they are approved or send back for change. If an individual has a problem with a Zoning Ordinance there is a process to amend the rule. These can be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals, where the board can change or amend the Ordinance for individual situations.

As Zoning Administrator, Mike Johnson checks out the applications for Zoning, and any complaints from residents for Zoning and Blight. All buildings need a Zoning permit, either on-line or by contacting the Township Office.

The Zoning Ordinances, Mike Johnson's contact information, and forms can be found on line on the Township website. Click the tab "Building". If you want to construct a building, install a well, or septic, you will need a

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Zoning Permit. Also, if you want to clear a lot or move soil you might need a DEQ permit. Due to some of the small lot sizes, make sure, by survey, you know your lot lines.

There has been some interest in having Tiny Houses on the Island. The minimum size of a dwelling is 720 sq feet. Check the Ordinances for a description of a “dwelling”. State law also comes into play with dwellings. There are Ordinances for the use of motorhomes and travel trailers. This is our home, and we all want to protect it.

Submitted by Mike Johnson, Zoning Administrator



Library and Museum News

Special Events

Saturday, July 15, 2017: Ice Cream Social and Book Sale 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday, August 3, 2017: Memory Night at 7:00 p.m. Location TBA

Wednesday, August 16, 2017: Volunteer Luncheon at Noon (Volunteer and get a free lunch!)

Activities

1. **Tuesday, July 11** - the Annual BBI Historical Board Meeting. This is open to the public. If you are interested in being part of the Historical Society please come to this meeting. Stay tuned for information on the time and location
2. **Saturday, July 15, 2017** - the BBI Historical Society Ice Cream Social and Book Sale. At the BBI Museum from 2 pm - 4 pm.
3. **Thursday, August 3, 2017** - Bois Blanc Island Memory Night filled with stories old and new. 7 pm, location to be determined.
4. **Wednesdays in July and August** - Story Hour at 10:30 am for children of all ages. This includes a story and a fun craft. JoAnna Duncan coordinates this program. To volunteer, please contact JoAnna text 586-583-0619. (See the full article about Story Hour below.)
5. **Summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day** - Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays the BBI Museum and Library are open to the public from 10 am to 2 pm.

Bois Blanc Island Library - With gratitude we have received a substantial donation from the estate of a BBI friend. This donation was designated for the Island library with a focus on education. Stay tuned on more information on this work and other library improvements.

WANTED: The Bois Blanc Island Library and Museum is seeking volunteers to assist with staffing the summer hours at the library and the museum. It is only with volunteers that the museum and library are made available during these hours. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Suzette Cooley Sanborn. scc2003@charter.net or [231-634-7355](tel:231-634-7355), Carol Church at [231.634.7001](tel:231.634.7001), and/or Betty or Jim Hutchinson at [231.634.7440](tel:231.634.7440) or stop by the library/museum. There is always a sign-up sheet there. Anything you can do to help, would be appreciated by all of those who enjoy these treasures.



STORY HOUR

A warm spring “HELLO” to all Boblo folk, both young and seasoned! We are looking forward to getting back to our favorite place on earth, in the coming months--not only to escape the noise and constant action of life on the mainland, but to soak-up the unique beauty and peace that only life on the Island can offer. Annnnd to catch-up with all of our summertime friends and family, from near and far!

We are also excited to see new and familiar faces of all ages, at the Bois Blanc Island Historical Museum, for Story Hour! In past summers, through the very generous efforts of our volunteer guest readers, island youth have enjoyed listening to poetry, an occasional song, and books and stories covering a wide range of topics. It is our goal to provide a fun, educational, experience to our BBI kids; which often includes a small craft and/or snack, to those who wish to stay the duration of the approximately hour-long program each week.

Story Hour is tentatively held each week on Wednesday mornings, in July and most of August at 10:30am. We gather under the tent behind the BBI Museum, so dress for outdoor weather, as we love to read with the sounds of birds chirping and lake waves in the background!

We are always looking for guest readers who would be willing to read 2-3 books and plan a craft to go with the selections for that day. If you are a teacher-type, artist, lover of books, or simply have an interest in a particular topic, please contact Story Hour coordinator JoAnna (Munro) Duncan, to schedule a time that works for you during your summer stay on BBI. We would LOVE to have you! C’mon summer! To volunteer go to the BBI Facebook page and send JoAnna a message, or contact her by phone (text best) 586-536-0619

Submitted by JoAnna Duncan



Parks and Recreation

This year the Parks and Recreation Committee will be sponsoring two new island events.

Monday Night at the Movies: Every Monday night in July and August, (except August 14,) come to a family movie in the Wagner Room from 7-9pm. The movies will be suitable for all ages. Popcorn and a drink will be available for sale. Donations accepted for admittance.

Wednesday Night Nature Talks: Every Wednesday evening from 7-9 pm in the Hoover Community Building, (except July 19), come to island nature talks. Each week will feature a different topic presented by a knowledgeable islander. Donations accepted for admittance.

All donations will help the Parks and Recreation Committee provide more activities for our summer residents and guests. Questions - Contact Kathy Cox Brown at bbilooneybin@yahoo.com



BBI Elementary School News

The Bois Blanc Pines Elementary 2016-17 school year will conclude with an exciting change of events: one student. Second grader, Blake Schlund, has spent majority of the school year as the lone student. This is not the first solitary enrollment in our historic one-room school. Nearly three decades ago, Blake's dad, Brandon Schlund, was also the only student in second grade.

As this school year reaches its 180th day, planning for the annual end-of-year program is underway. Even though Blake is the only presenter, there is excitement for this year's event.

Over the years, end-of-year programs have included interesting presentations from the students—from “Walking Talking Book Reports” and *Stone Soup* to singing puppets and theatrical *Aesop Fables*. The 2015-16 school year concluded with a yearlong project of Recycling-Reducing-Reusing. The students—with help from many island lovers—collected over ten thousand plastic lids, tops, and caps. The students creatively used these to construct personal mosaics and a large image of the island which was framed and is on display in the Wagner Room.

The 2016-17 “Spring-Thing” (end-of-year program) is set for Thursday June 8, at 1:30pm in the Wagner Room. Everyone is invited to attend this pot-luck. Pizza, beverages, and table settings provided.

Submitted by teacher Wendy Plaunt Spray



Exercise at the Wagner Room

Based on last year, exercise class will be Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs @ 9am from June 1 to Sept 1. A variety of classes are available: yoga, Pilates, strength training and cardio. Due to minimal interest, there will not be any 10am classes.

Please let Martha Stowe know if you would like to volunteer to set up walking cardio classes for Jul & August.

Submitted by Martha Stowe



Red Hat Society and Just Because

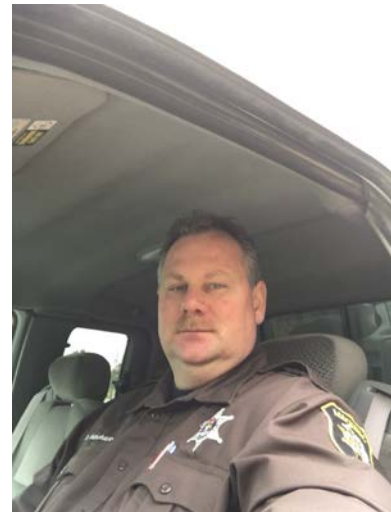
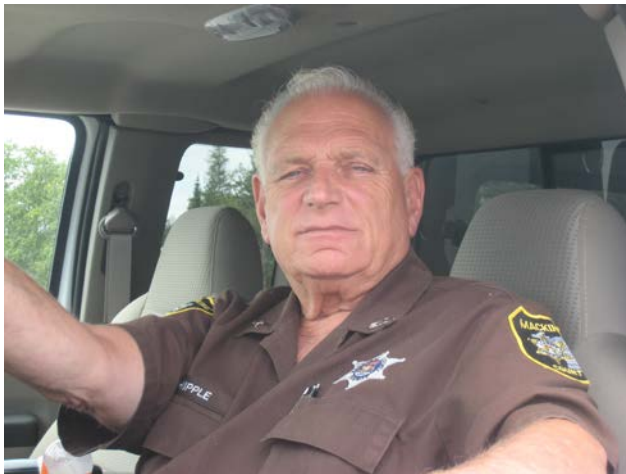
Red Hat ladies meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon at Hawk's. Ladies also meet each Thursday at noon at Hawk's and call it *Just Because*.

Both groups are very casual. Neither has dues, officers, nor rules. Everyone is welcome. Both are just a way for Island women to meet new friends, get together, talk, and have fun. So give them a try!



Thank you!! Deputy Sheriff Graham Whipple is retiring after nearly 25 years of service to Bois Blanc Island residents. Many, many thanks for your service!!

Welcome! Replacing Deputy Whipple is Deputy Sheriff Ron Umbarger. (With a “g” like the one in hamburger.) Deputy Umbarger retired from the Garden City Michigan Police Department as a Detective Sergeant after 20 years, including 15 years in investigations. He is married with two children. Umbarger worked with Whipple in the fall of 2016. He is looking forward to living and working on BBI in 2017. If you need to reach Sheriff Umbarger: for emergencies call 911, for non-emergencies/voicemail call 231-838-9265



Graham Whipple and Ron Umbarger



BBI Book Club

Book Discussions 2017

All the Light You Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick
Middlesex by Jeffrey Eugenides
Peace Like a River by Lief Eger
A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

Dates and locations to be announced in the spring. Copies of these titles, purchased at thrift stores and library sales, will be available for \$3.00 from Chris McAfee. Email Chris McAfee for more information:

chrisomcafee@gmail.com

All monies collected will be donated to the BBI Historical Society.



Church of the Transfiguration

Church services for the season will begin on July 2, 2017 and continue through September 3rd. All worship services begin at 10:30 am. We welcome all denomination or persons not affiliated with a church. You are welcome to join us comfortably dressed. Church of the Transfiguration is a full-service Episcopal church providing a venue for weddings, baptisms, and funerals. The church is also open during the week for meditation, visits and prayer.

This 2017 season our Sunday schedule and worship leaders are:

July 2 and 9 - Rev. Dr. Brooks Graebner

July 16 - Rev. Joy Rogers

July 23 - Unity Sunday, a joint service with the Coast Guard Chapel at the Chapel

July 30 - Rev. Joy Rogers

August 6 - Bishop Rayford Ray and Rev. Philip Chester

August 13, 20, 27 - Rev. Philip Chester

September 3 - Rev. Richard McCandless

Any questions regarding church worship or spiritual needs during the summer please call Connie Riopelle, Sr. Warden at 231 620 2270.

Did you know that you can use, for a small fee, the Hoover Building for personal events - weddings, memorials, baptisms, showers, etc.? The Hoover Building is a beautiful facility with a kitchen. If you are interested in having an event there, contact Joyce Peccon at [724.366.0005](tel:724.366.0005) for available dates. Joyce is also the contact to schedule an event at the Church of the Transfiguration. The church will hold approximately 90 people, and the Hoover Building about 75 seated with tables.



Coast Guard Chapel

BBI Coast Guard Chapel is a non-denominational
Christian Church Worship

June, July, August and September

Sunday Worship Services - 10:30 a.m.

Fun and Fellowship for all!

Fun Night

July and August, Tuesdays from 7:00 p.m

Come for games and snacks. Bring a snack to share and a special game to play or just come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

Coast Guard Chapel (cont'd)

The Coast Guard Chapel co-sponsors the Thursday evening square dance in the Pines

TAI CHI

Learn the calming power of Tai Chi
Taught by Lyn Turner at the Coast Guard Chapel
Dates TBA

Special Dates to Save:

- **July 9 and August 13, 2017**, BBICGC Board Meeting and Pot Luck Meal
- **July 29, 2017**: Pancake Breakfast and Silent Auction
- **July 30, 2017**: Combined ecumenical service held at the Coast Guard Chapel. (This is a shared service with the Church of The Transfiguration. Proceeds will be given to outreach programs.)

Need More Room?

Is your family getting too big for your events? The Coast Guard Chapel is available for events like baby showers, birthdays, reunion dinners, weddings and much more. For more information or to make arrangements for private use of the Coast Guard Chapel, contact Anne Kennedy at [231-634-7121](tel:231-634-7121) or email her at annekennedy@tds.net.



Hawks Landing 2017

720 W. Huron Drive
Larry & Missy Phillips, Owners since 2005

May 1-25, and September 5-November 26

Open Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays ONLY
From 9:00am to 5:00pm
With a limited menu

May 26-September 4, 2017

Open every day of the week from 8:00am to 9:00pm

Hawks will close from the season November 26, at 5:00pm



To Every Season...

People We Lost in 2016

Below are the folks BBI lost in 2016, the month they passed and a URL to their obituary, if available.

They are forever in our memories.

Bob Miller (Jan 2016) <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/limaohio/obituary-print.aspx?n=robert-miller&pid=177247270>

Carol Hoover (Feb 2016) <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/pasadenastarnews/obituary.aspx?pid=177958759>

Ray Plaunt (Feb 2016) <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/raymond-plaunt-obituary?pid=1000000177767271>

Ruth Rowell (Apr 16) <http://www.ransfordcollon.com/obituaries#/obituary/ruth-leone-rowell/>

Pat Neeley (May 2016) <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/patricia-reinholt-neely-obituary?pid=1000000180020763>

Robert Love (June 2016) <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/annarbor/obituary.aspx?n=robert-love&pid=180456213&>

Sandy Wybranowski (June 2016) <http://www.gaylordfuneralhome.com/notices/SandraLeeSandy-Wybranowski>

Florence Lovegrove (June 2016) http://www.stignaceneews.com/news/2016-05-05/Obituaries/Florence_Lovegrove.html

Kathy Kaser McCafrey (June 2016) <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/freep/obituary.aspx?n=kathleen-mccaffrey-malin&pid=180227868&fhid=2511>

Tom Frey (Aug 2016) <http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/muskegon/obituary.aspx?n=thomas-austin-frey&pid=180968285>

Keith Horn (Oct 2016) <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/kanerepublican/obituary.aspx?pid=181051820>

Dave Kaser (Oct 2016) He was instrumental in originally getting the nurse to come to the Island clinic

Mick Caulkins (Oct 2016) <http://www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com/notices/Henry-Caulkins>

Warren VanderBeck (Dec 2016) No additional details made available.



Tribute To My Grandfather, Ray Plaunt

People who touch our lives are incredibly important. My great-grandparents are examples of these people making an unbelievable difference in my life.

Grandma and P-Pa have always been there for me. Whether it was a choir concert, a talent show, or a home football game; they would always come to cheer me on.

Not only did they cheer me on in school, they have supported me in everything I have done in my life. Their positive impact has created lifelong memories.

Christmas cookies out at my grandma's, a valued memory. Growing up, my family and I would go to my grandparents' to decorate cookies. We decorated as many cookies as we wanted. We each picked out a festive tin and took home dozens of edible memories.

I always think back to Pa taking me deer hunting in the woods on Bob-lo. Those days in the woods taught me many lessons...but mostly patience. Many hours of my childhood were spent in that old plywood blind just enjoying his company. We never got our monster buck, we never brought home a deer, but that didn't matter to me. We were making memories. Recently my grandfather passed away; these memories have now become more dear to me than ever.

You have made such a positive impact in my life, and I want you to know that the little things are truly the big things in life no matter what.

By George Spray





The Bois Blanc Island Vineyard News

- Grapevines are fairly adaptable plants, growing in a wide variety of soil types. **Turns out they love rocky soil!**
- The best temperatures for wine production are concentrated in the mid-latitudes – **right about where Bois Blanc Island is situated!**
- You can find grapevines across the globe: in Europe, Asia, South Africa, South Australia, North America, South America, and **on Bois Blanc Island!**

In 2015, Chris and Linda Suchner had a vision – they hand-planted approximately 1,400 vines on three acres of land in their **Bois Blanc Island Vineyard**. When they put out a call for helpers, more than forty islanders showed up. Some helped plant vines all day, others just wanting to be a part, planted a few.

In partnership with Jason and Kristin Brookhouse and Steve and Michelle Burt, the Suchners plan to harvest the current vines in the fall of 2018, producing wine off-island for distribution on the island in 2019.

Bois Blanc Island Wine will be available in three varietals: Marquette, a red similar to a Pino Noir, and two whites, Frontenac Gris and La Crescent.



Insel Haus Bed & Breakfast

As in previous years the Insel Haus B&B will host visitors and residents of the island on every Wednesday of every week between 6PM and 8:30PM for an informal get-together for knitters, quilters, crafters or anyone who enjoys the company of like-minded people. The exchange of knowledge and information of island happenings is part of these events. These gatherings are hosted by owners Christa and Shelby Newhouse from May through October 2017.

This winter the Newhouses had the pleasure of having Matt and Bryan and their pet, Apollo, stay at Insel Haus. They kept an eye on all the things that needed watching during Christa and Shelby's absence and enjoyed their first long winter on BBI. The Newhouses hope to have convinced all three of them to stay on the island for a long time. Matt and Bryan have stoked the fires at Insel Haus and Apollo, their wonderful companion has been wruffing it!

Christa and Shelby wish them the very best and all the fortitude needed to secure their own parcel of land and build their dream place.



Bois Blanc Island Ferry - By this printing, the 2017 ferry schedule wasn't yet posted. For the current schedule and pricing, check out <http://www.bbiferry.com/>



A BIG THANK YOU TO MAINLAND BUSINESSES FROM YEAR AROUND ISLANDERS

It has been a wonderful experience being a year-round resident on Bois Blanc Island! Once the boat stops running and the snow starts falling, it's sort of like living in a "snow globe". It takes additional planning and getting used to the phrase "weather permitting"!

A group of year-rounders would like to acknowledge mainland businesses that went the "extra mile" to help us during the winter). Please patronize the following businesses whenever possible:

- Bernard Lumber**
- Family Fare**
- Modern Pharmacy***
- Sav-a-Lot***
- Tractor Supply ***
- Blaskowski Feed and Seed***
- Car Quest***
- Bishop GMC***
- LaHaie's Auto Center***

* These companies provided goods and services via the airplane with no delivery charge. A *special* thank you to **Great Lakes Air!**

NOTE: Please forgive us if we've forgotten any businesses.

Submitted by Suzette Cooley-Sanborn



Bois Blanc Island Reflection

In 1984, it was my belief that my mother, Carol Mills, was trying to ruin my life. A few weeks after she and my step dad, Hal, returned from a trip up north, they announced to me and my brother that we were moving to an island. I was just about to turn 14 and my world came crashing down.

Bois Blanc Island Reflection (cont'd)

I was born in Detroit. We lived in Southfield at the time. All I knew of life was concrete buildings and sidewalks, freeways and lots of places to go eat and play. I cried and felt like they didn't care about me AT ALL!! (insert occasional temper tantrum).

They told us they were buying a general store and we were going to own it and run it and work very hard. That was not music to a teenager's ears. We went with them on a few trips up to that god forsaken rock in the middle of Lake Huron to finalize paperwork and living arrangements.

One night, while my parents and brother were down at the tavern, I was lying on the couch that was in front of a huge picture window facing the beach. (We were staying at a cabin owned by the real estate agent that was helping them rip me from the life I knew and loved.) All the lights in the cabin were off. I was listening to my walkman contemplating ways I could stay downstate and have no part of this venture. Then something caught my eye outside in the sky. It was something I had never seen before. I got up off the couch, laid down my walkman and walked to the beach. I looked up and there was the most amazing light show going on above me. At first my brain couldn't catch up to what my eyes were seeing.

There were blue, and violet and green and red shimmers flying across the sky. Huge ribbons of silk silently streaming and changing colors. I fell to my knees in complete awe. Nothing in my life had prepared me for such a thing to be happening. It was the Aurora Borealis. I'm not sure how long I was kneeling on that beach but I managed to gather my senses long enough to run into the house, find the number for the tavern on the list next to the phone, and call my parents to tell them to go out the beach immediately to see the show.

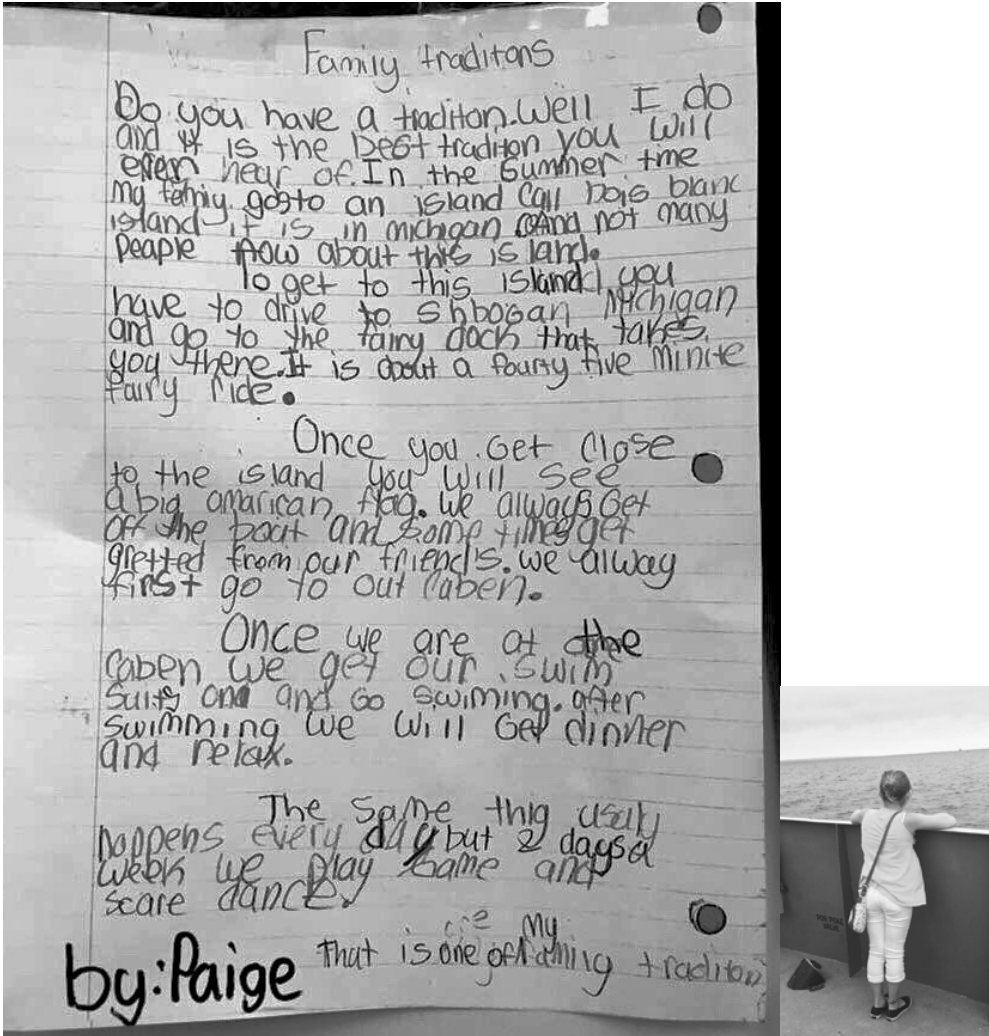
From that moment on, I had no reservations about moving to Bois Blanc Island. I thought to myself, if this is the kind of thing that goes on up here, what other wonders await me? It became the greatest adventure of my life. We bought the store, named it Hawk's Landing (which is another story in itself) and met some of the most generous and beautiful people I have ever known.

My mother has been fighting cancer for most of this past year and it seems her battle is coming to an end. For those who remember her, please hold her in your prayers. For those who don't, just know that there is a beautiful soul who will soon be in the wind that you hear through the trees and on that ice at Bologna Point. I thank her from the bottom of my heart for trying to ruin my life so many years ago. I will always consider Bois Blanc Island my real home.

Submitted by Camille Clark



Reflections of Nine Year Old Paige Metzger



Favorite Things About BBI

The following were replies to the query "What do you love about BBI?" (Collected at Fun Day at The Old Bible Farm)

"Jumping off the dock." Jeremy, age 20

"The people. They are so beautiful Bois Blanc is untouched by the outside world. It's so real." Lillie Cox, age 55

"Winter." The Rikers

"Seeing big ships on the lake." Weston Currier Groh, age 5

Favorite Things About BBI (cont'd)

"It's been my home for almost 62 years!!! It's home. What's not to love?!" Clover, age 61 yrs and 11 months

My favorite things about the island change like the island weather; from season to season, from day to day, even moment to moment. However, if you were to pin me down and say you **MUST** choose **ONE** single thing, it would be the feeling of being a part of a larger family. A family who shares a passion for this very special place. No matter what your political persuasion might be, or socioeconomic status, we are all united by our shared connection to the island. It's like a secret handshake. You meet someone who has connected on a heart level with this island and your family has just expanded by one.

I love the way it just grabs ahold of something inside of you and whispers, "Slow down." "Be still." "Give thanks." It's a great privilege and joy to be a part of the BBI family. Submitted by Brandie Dunn



Saving Francis Ford Coppola

A 95% True Story By Mary Struble Deery

A splendid bottle of wine tumbled ten feet underwater. The Bablers (yes, that's really their name), the big-hearted people who lost their wine when it slipped through the bottom of a faulty box, told us about this when they hauled us from the Michigan island where we spend our summers to the mainland for a round of golf and dinner.

Nestled in the seaweed near the public island dock, the bottle is visible, but out of reach. Pattie says it's one of her favorites, a Coppola, produced by a vineyard owned by the famous director.

"I'll retrieve it," I say, remembering picking up pennies from the pool bottom. The water is cold this time of year, but I have a wetsuit top.

"Yea, yea, sure." No one quite believes me. How's that for a response to firm up resolve?

I plan the hero's deed for the next afternoon. Driving my Odyssey along the dusty island roads, I envision how this feat will become island legend. As I dream of the adulations I'll receive, a fox darts from the woods, black squirrel in mouth. He stops and stares at me as if to say, "Look what I found!" *That will be me, I think, bottle of wine in hand saying, "Look what I found!"* My resolve grows.

I head to the dock. When I wear my wetsuit top, I don't wear a bathing suit, which at this point in my life is definitely a one-piece. The tugging to maneuver a wetsuit over a bathing suit is too tough. So I just wear underpants. I have a leopard print pair that could pass as a suit bottom, from a distance anyway.

The dock area, usually teeming with travelers, is empty. I have mixed feelings - no one will see me in my leopard undies, but there won't be witnesses to pass on the legend of my wine salvage.

When I see the "Positively No Swimming" sign, for one beat I think maybe this isn't such a good idea. Sure, no spectators will witness my infraction. But I just passed Sheriff Whipple (yes, that's really his name) on the road. I have a flash vision of an I-wish-I-were-still-middle-aged woman in underpants, arrested for rescuing a bottle of wine.

What the hell, live dangerously, I think and start wading, then swimming to the small space between the boat and dock, looking down at the lake bottom. When I can't see the lost wine, I'm actually relieved. At least I'd tried.

But then, there it is-the distinct black and gold label gleams. Coppola.

Saving Francis Ford Coppola (cont'd)

Unlike that well-fed fox, I fail the mission. Age does something funny -- you know too much. You become cautious and lose your nerve. All I could think was how my body would wash up on the shore, head bashed from surfacing too fast directly under a boat. But, hey, how about an "A" for effort? And there's always *the thought that counts* thing.

My husband has agreed to rescue the wine tomorrow. The same story will be told, only the hero will be wearing less distinctive swimwear.



Bois Blanc Island Association Application

Please complete the following information– it will appear in the next BBIA directory (must receive by June 30 to be included in the next directory)

BBIA Members receive a free copy of the directory

Please Print:

Name (last name first, first name, and spouse's name)_____

Island Address_____ Island Phone_____

Island Location (circle one): West End, East End, Pines, North Shore, Other _____

Home Address_____

Home Phone_____

Cell Phone numbers (names and numbers)_____

Email address_____

Volunteer Interests_____

Hobbies & Talents_____

Committee you would like to serve on_____

Year you first came to Boblo_____

Ideas/Problems for the Association to consider_____

**Return to: Robin Lees, Treasurer BBIA
6811 US 23
Cheboygan, Michigan 49721**

Include a \$20 check to BBI Association