

BOB-LO TATLER*

Newsletter of the Bois Blanc Island Association, Founded 1891

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*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)

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

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BBI Association News

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. We collect \$20, a year in dues from members and in return provide various improvements and/or enhancements to Island life. Included is your annual dues statement. Please complete and submit as indicated with your annual dues.

What do your dues pay for? Over the few years, the Association has helped fund, sponsor or support a variety of initiatives -

- Co-sponsor the Thursday evening square dances (7:00 PM)
- Provide financial support for the BBI Fire Department for necessary supplies and training
- Assemble and distribute The Tatler (Thank you Mary Deery and Carol Blundy!)
- Host summer mixers or meet-and-greets over cocktails for all Island residents (This year July 18 and August 7th 6-8)
- Prepare and distribute the Island Directory (the 2017-2018 directory is available for new association members or if you are an association member and did not receive your directory, please contact Carol Blundy at carol.blundy@yahoo.com or 616-897-8812.
- Replaced aging, unsafe sidewalk from the old dock to the gazebo in Pointe aux Pins. This included the sidewalk and a wooden fence.
- Repaired and painted the shelter by the mailboxes on the West end including replacement of the roof (many thanks to Brent Sharpe for this donation!)
- Lead an Annual Association meeting that covers Island updates. Mark you calendar - this year, the Annual meeting is Saturday, August 4 at 10 am, in the Wagner Room.

These are a few of the things your dues cover. We appreciate your willingness to help fund some of these needs!

If you are interested in being involved or have areas that you have suggestions, please contact any of the officers -

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

Representatives:

Pines - Joyce Peccon, Kathy Landschulz, Robin Lees

East End - Suzette Cooley-Sanborn, Bob Stowe, Jim Blamer

West End - Carol Blundy, Tom Wybranowski, JoAnna Duncan

Association Membership:

- Basic annual membership - includes Island Directory and the Tatler newsletter - \$20
- Island Directory without association membership - \$10

Fill out the membership form at the end of this newsletter, make dues check payable to Bois Blanc Island Association, and send to:

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



The Bois Blanc Island Community Foundation

2018 summer brings some new events and the return of the East vs. West softball challenge.

Working with the BBI Aero Condo Association and the Historical Society, the Community Foundation is sponsoring an “**Art – Fly In – Fun Day**” at the airport condos.

Mark **SATURDAY, JULY 21 10:00 am - 4:00 pm** on your calendar so you don't miss this special new event at the airport. There is no charge to attend but be sure to bring some money to participate in:

Airplane rides (Great Lakes Air will offer airplane rides over the island for a fee)
Silent Auction
BBQ lunch – Community Foundation
Annual Ice Cream Social – Historical Society
Society Book Sale – Historical Society
Art Show and Sale

Enjoy Bingo, games, and fun for all ages by attending the “**Art – Fly In – Fun Day**”.

Note: The art show is open to anyone with a creative handmade item they would like to display or sell at the show.

For More Information contact Stephen Doughty, 515-491- 4737 or Lori Doughty, 734-279- 2606

Softball Rematch

On Saturday, July 28, 2:00 pm at Bible Farm the annual East vs. West Softball Challenge will take place. It's time for the West End to get some retribution. The BBI Community Foundation will have a concession stand. Come support the players on your end of the Island.

Township News



Deputy Sean Kelly

The Township has signed a contract with Mackinaw County for a replacement for Deputy Sheriff Ron Umbarger. Meet Deputy Sean Kelly.

The Township office hours are Monday – Thursday 10-3. If you miss us, please leave a message at 231-634-7275 or email at bbiclerk@tds.net

Summer taxes will be mailed July 1st with a due date of September 14th without penalty.

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

Minutes from the latest meetings available at: boisblanctownship.org

TRANSFER STATION HOURS

July and August

**Sunday and Monday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Tuesday thru Saturday 7:30AM to 11:30AM**

May, June, September, October, and November

**Sunday 12:30-2:30
Monday 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Thursday 7:30AM to 11:30AM**

Winter:

Sunday 12:30 to 2:30 PM



Bois Blanc Island Fire Department

The Bois Blanc Island Fire Department earned unprecedented support from partner agencies, the County, the Township and the community during 2017-2018. Their achievements have given Bois Blanc Island reason to celebrate.

The Bois Blanc Island Firefighter I/II Academy training was held between January and June, 2017, on the Island. Four BBIFD volunteers – Robert Hayes, Dan Reynolds, Brandon Schlund, and Sarah Sims – stepped up to complete the rigorous 300-hour training to become Certified Firefighters, Level I and II. This means they are trained to the same standard as firefighters in any city in the state.

Following completion of the BBI Firefighter Academy, Brandon Schlund was named Fire Chief, and Dan Reynolds and Robert Hayes were appointed Assistant Chiefs. Sarah Sims elected to leave the Department in early 2018. Graham Whipple announced his retirement, while Lani White has remained with the Department following her retirement as Chief. Bob Stowe was appointed Captain and continues to help oversee emergency medical response (EMR) and administrative functions.

The BBIFD has dedicated itself to developing policies and procedures that will help to streamline response protocols, clarify roles and responsibilities, and manage liability for the Department and the Township. It also seeks to engage with the BBI community in a meaningful way. To that end, the BBIFD developed its own Facebook page, www.facebook.com/BBIFD, through which it alerts the community and its partner agencies of all Department updates.

It was through its Facebook page that the BBIFD alerted the community of its need for a new rescue vehicle, after its 30-year-old rescue unit broke down multiple times during the summer of 2017. The BBIFD's Facebook post caught the attention of Emergent Health Partners, an organization that operates multiple ambulance services throughout the southern half of Michigan's lower peninsula. Emergent Health Partners contacted the BBIFD and offered to donate a late-model rescue vehicle that was being taken out of service from Huron Valley Ambulance, in the Ann Arbor area. Generous support from private donors and from the Bois Blanc Island Community Foundation enabled the Firefighters' Association to cover the costs of preparing and transporting the newly-donated vehicle.

Those wishing to thank Emergent Health Partners for its generous donation of an updated rescue vehicle to Bois Blanc Island are invited to send cards and letters to Emergent Health Partners, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor, MI 48108.

The BBIFD responded to a number of emergency calls during 2017, including two that required emergency transport via Mackinac Marine Rescue.

This promises to be a busy year for the Bois Blanc Island Fire Department. The first-ever BBIFD Hot Wash car wash fundraiser takes place on **July 5, 2018** at the Township Dock parking lot. Bring your

dirty Island truck or car, and a few dollars to donate, and our sexy Fire Department personnel will scrub it clean for you. The Hot Wash is also an opportunity for the whole family to meet the BBIFD crew and see its equipment in action. The BBIFD will also be offering logo merchandise for sale as part of its efforts to raise funds; stay tuned to www.facebook.com/BBIFD for details.



Reminders:

Bois Blanc Island has 9-1-1 service. PLEASE call 9-1-1 for ANY Island emergency, and emergency personnel will be dispatched immediately. This includes all medical, fire and police emergencies.

Bois Blanc Island is always at high risk of fire. Before you build any open fire, you must obtain verbal permission by calling one of the following Fire Department personnel:

Brandon Schlund	(231) 634-7098
Dan Reynolds	(231) 676-9336
Robert Hayes	(734) 301-8070
Lani White	(231) 634-7440
John Sanborn	(231) 634-7355
Russ Riker	(231) 634-7487

BBI Fire Fighters Association Fund Raiser

On July 3rd, Island Contractors, Inc. will host a fundraiser for the BBI Fire Fighters Association. This will take place at the Island Contractors gravel pit located just east of Sand Bay.

This 11:00 am to 3:00 pm event will be very fun and family oriented. Kids, moms and dads will have a chance to ride in a piece of equipment of their choice.

Hot dogs, chips, a drink, will be available. There will be prizes for the kids. All donations for the BBIFFA will be greatly appreciated.

Submitted by Clover Schlund

Bois Blanc Island GUIDELINES FOR ORV/ATV USAGE

Everyone loves to tour the island and what better way than on a 4 wheeler. However, did you know there are rules governing the use of ORV's and they are NOT necessarily the same from one place to the next? Last year you may have seen some signs posted to help guide you with what is and is not acceptable. Here on Bois Blanc Island we fall under the Mackinac County ORV ordinance and 4 wheelers are allowed on the roads. We've highlighted some of the main points of this below, but if you would like to read the full ordinance it can be found at: <http://www.mackinacounty.net/wp-content/media/orv-ordinance.pdf>

“ORV” means a motor-driven off-road recreation vehicle capable of cross-country travel without benefit of a road or trail, on or immediately over land, snow, ice, marsh, swampland, or other natural terrain. ORV or vehicle includes, but is not limited to, a multitrack or multiwheel drive vehicle, an ATV, a motorcycle or related 2-wheel, 3-wheel, or 4-wheel vehicle, an amphibious machine, a ground effect air cushion vehicle, or other means of transportation deriving motive power from a source other than muscle or wind.

ORV'S MAY BE OPERATED AS FOLLOWS:

- On the far right of the maintained portion of a road within the county.
- At speeds not to exceed 25 miles per hour
- By a person not less than 12 years of age (NOTE: Children under 16 cannot operate an ORV on a road unless they are in direct visual supervision of an adult and the child has in their possession a Michigan issued ORV safety certificate (or equivalent from another state or Canada)
- With the flow of traffic, in a manner not to interfere with traffic
- Traveling single file
- With a lighted headlight & tail light when visibility, weather or daylight (1/2 hr before sunrise and ½ hr before sunset) require.
- Driver and passenger must be wearing a crash helmet and protective eyewear unless a vehicle is equipped with a roof/roll-bars and all passengers are wearing seat belts.
- With a throttle designed to immediately and automatically return to idle when pressure is removed.
- With an approved muffler, in good working condition, pursuant to noise emission standards.

ORVs cannot be operated on the beaches/shoreline. Stay out of the bogs and delicate wetlands.

Be respectful of private property.....IF YOU DON'T KNOW – DON'T GO!

Knowing and abiding by the rules will help provide an enjoyable and safe summer for all.

Island Health Clinic OPEN

We are very fortunate to have MAUREEN MITCHELL, NP serving the islanders and visitors since December 5, 2016. She flies over to the island every other Wednesday during the winter months and meets the health needs of whoever comes to the clinic between 10:30 am and 2:30 pm. The clinic is in the Fire Barn and uses the Wagner room as a reception area.

Maureen also 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 Island Health Clinic.

During June, July, and August the health clinic will be open every week. Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm the clinic will be open on a first come first serve basis. This service is operated as a partnership with the Mackinac Straits Hospital System and BBI Township. The clinic is funded through the Michigan Rural Health Center, because of State of Michigan fixed budget funding, and the Mackinac Straits Hospital System. Insurance will be processed by MSHS and 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. Drawn blood is shipped to the mainland and processed by McLaren Northern Michigan Health, according to the prescription you present. Clover Schlund, trained phlebotomist, opens the clinic on Wednesday mornings and if in emergency by special appointment. You will need a prescription for service.

The Harbor Commission

The dock is our lifeline with the mainland and as such is very important. The Harbor Commission is committed and dedicated to its care and well being.

2017 was a busy year. Stress cracks in the old flag pole made it unsafe. Miriam Hoover and Michael Leppen underwrote a new pole that was taller and stronger. The flag size was reduced to lessen strain on the pole.

New floating piers along north section of the main dock were installed, increasing seasonal boat mooring spots. These were occupied immediately. Bill Akright and Jim Hutchinson maintain all the Harbor Commission docks including overseeing the water bubblers around the main island dock.

The electrical stations for the boaters on the dock are in the process of being replaced. This will complete the dock electrical overhaul project. The dock is currently under the watchful eye of a security system installed by Tom Lower. This system will be enlarged and updated this year. The dock beautification with the flowers is accomplished and maintained by Ann Harrington.

A new boat launching dock along with an attached fishing platform was installed at Thompson Lake. This unit is the same as the very successful one at Lake Mary

The Harbor Commission and the Township wish to thank the voters for their support of the Dock Millage. Any and all suggestions from the public for the main and other docks are welcome and greatly appreciated.

Thank you to retiring members, Larry Phillips and Mic Kimbal, for their service on the commission.

Graham T. Whipple Chairman

Tom Lower Co-Chairman

John Sanborn Secretary

Greg Dickerson

Tom Stevenson

Submitted by Graham Whipple

Bois Blanc Airport News

The Bois Blanc Island Airport is hosting two very exciting events this summer.

The first event, a collaborative effort between the Aero Condo Association, The Community Foundation and Historical Society is the Fly-In on July 21st.

The second event is happening on Saturday, September 22, starting at 10:30am. The island has been chosen as one of the three stops in 2018 that the Michigan Air Tour organization is holding. Twenty to forty planes will fly in for the day. Look for more details posted around the island as the event draws closer.

A new SRE (Snow Removal Equipment) Building will be under construction this summer. This building is part of the grant that was awarded to the island for airport improvements. The building will be large enough to house all airport equipment.

A new pilot's lounge has been established in the terminal building. It has some comforts of home for not only our pilots but also for visitors who fly in to the island.

The parking lot at the airport will have some changes before next winter. Spots will be marked for vehicles in 48-72 hour slots and long term parking. Permits will be necessary to park at the airport, similar to the dock. See Diane Akright at the town hall for a permit. A yearly permit is \$50.00 -- the same cost as the other township parking lot.

A reminder to all, there is NO PARKING on the tarmac at anytime.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the airport, contact Kathy Brown, airport manager, at 231-634-7052 (airport phone) or 231-634-7119 (home phone).

Road Improvements

Here's your Mackinac County Road Commission crew widening Bible Corner to improve visibility and to facilitate better road maintenance. This corner had always been narrow for vehicular traffic. No more! This is one of many improvements the Mackinac County Road Commission made in 2017.



Exercise at the Wagner Room

Based on last year, exercise class will be Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs @ 9 am from June 1 to Sept 1. A variety of classes are available: yoga, Pilates, strength training and cardio.

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

Submitted by Martha Stowe

Library and Museum News

The library and museum are open Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July through Labor Day. Wednesdays in July and August there is **Story Hour** at 10:30 a.m. for children of all ages. This includes a story and may include a craft. JoAnna Duncan coordinates this program. To volunteer, please contact JoAnna by text at 586-583-0619.

Below are photos of the craft activity and participants showing off their art.



Special Events

Saturday, July 21, 2018: **Ice Cream Social and Book Sale** - this year done in conjunction with the BBI Community Foundation's Fun Day at the airport at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, August 10th: 7:00. **Memory Night** at the Wagner Room

Would You Like to Be a Volunteer?

Please sign up to volunteer to spend time in our museum and library. We need help keeping the historical treasures we have available to the public. Without you, the wonder of BBI's past will be lost. There is a sign-up sheet at the museum, or contact Polly Keller, 248-622-0587 or at andsurvboat@netzero.com.

MILLENNIUM TRAIL: Remember to tour the Island marked trails. Maps showing the numbered posts and mileage may be purchased at the historical museum.

Historical Society Membership

\$10.00 Individual Membership
\$15.00 Family Membership
\$25.00 Friend Membership
\$50.00 Patron Membership
\$100.00 Benefactor Membership

Send to Membership:

Betty Hutchinson
HRC Box 189
Bois Blanc Island, Michigan 49775

Red Hat Society and Just Because

Red Hat ladies meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at noon at Hawk's.

Ladies also meet at Hawk's noon Thursdays 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!

The Parks & Recreation Committee

The Parks & Recreation Committee (P & R) is offering a wide variety of events this summer. The BBI Community Calendar is available at Hawk's Landing, Plaunt Transportation and at the town hall. It is also available on bbicf.org under the "calendar" tab. There are many wonderful events this summer. We hope you can attend many of them.

The monthly Parks & Rec meetings May-October are the second and fourth Saturday's at 8am. All meetings are at the town hall. Please join us if you can! We would love to hear your ideas and concerns.

Operation Beach Sweep! The P& R Committee is looking for help cleaning up litter from our

beaches. There is a lot of area to cover, so we need all the help we can get. Stay tuned for the dates and times. However, if you choose to do areas yourself on your walks, please contact Kathy Brown at 231-634-7119. Adopt a Highway garbage bags are available.

Be sure to join us for the following:

Monday Night Nature Talks - Hoover Community Building at 7:00 (donations appreciated)

Community Campfires at the Pines Dock - Bring a chair and join the fun

Thank you to those of you who returned our survey last fall. They were very helpful.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call Kathy Brown, P & R Chairperson, at 231-634-7119.

Below are calendars for July and August. Note the locations for each event as well

Locations:

- Nature Talks -- the Community Building
- Fun Night -- The Coast Guard Chapel
- Story Hour -- The Museum
- Just Because -- Hawk's Thursday's 12:00
- Adult Mixers -- Wagner Room
- Sewing Nights -- The Insel Haus
- Museum Hours are Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 10-2
- Square Dances -- The Wagner Room
- Book Club is every other Thursday at 2pm TBA
- Women's shuffleboard is on Thursday's, 6pm at the bar
- Operation Beach Sweep TBA
- Salvation Army 8 am-2 pm July 7

July 2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Church Services at both the Coast Guard Chapel and COT 10:30	2 Nature Talk 7pm	3 Fire Fighter's Assoc. Day 11-3 Gravel Pit Fun Night 7pm	4 Story Hour 10:30am Sewing 6pm	5 Fire Assoc. Hot Wash TBA Just Because 12:00 Square Dance 7-9pm Shuffleboard 6pm	6 Drum Circle 7pm @ Community Bldg	7 All township department meeting 2pm Wagner Room Community Campfire 8-10pm Pines Dock
8 Churches 10:30 Potluck at the Chapel 12 noon	9 Nature Talk 7pm	10 Red Hat Lunch @ Hawk's 12:00 Fun Night 7pm	11 Story Hour 10:30am Sewing 6 pm	12 Just Because 12:00 Square Dance 7-9pm Shuffleboard 6pm	13 Sundew Fenn Walk 10am @ Sand Bay Area	14 Plaunt Transportation History Night 7pm Hoover Comm. Bldg
15 Churches 10:30	16 Nature Talk 7pm	17 Fun Night 7pm	18 Story Hour 10:30am Sewing 6pm Adult Mixer 6-8 pm Wagner Room	19 Just Because 12:00 Square Dance 7-9pm Shuffleboard 6pm	20 Movie Night Wagner Room 7pm	21 Fly-In/Ice Cream Social 10-4pm Airport
22 Churches 10:30	23 Nature Talk 7pm	24 Fun Night 7pm	25 Story Hour 10:30am Sewing 6pm	26 Just Because 12:00 Square Dance 7-9pm Shuffleboard 6pm	27	28 East-West Softball Game 2pm Bibles Bible History Night 7pm Hoover Bldg
29 Joint church service 10am @ Church of the Transfiguration	30 Nature Talk 7pm	31 Fun Night 7pm	Exercise Classes M-Th at the Wagner Room. 9am all month long	Operation Beach Sweep TBA	Farmers Market every Saturday 9-12 Behind the town hall	Questions? Call Kathy Brown 231-634-7119

AUG 2018 COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Questions? Call Kathy Brown 231-634-7119</p>	<p>Farmers Market every Saturday 9-12 behind town hall</p>	<p>Exercise Group 9am Monday- Thursday @ Wagner Room all month</p>	<p>1 Story Hour 10:30 am Sewing 6pm</p>	<p>2 Museum 10-2 Square Dance 7pm Just Because 12:00 Shuffleboard 6pm</p>	<p>3 Mud Lake Hike 10am Comm. Picnic Snake Island 12pm</p>	<p>4 Assoc. Meeting 10 COT Dinner/Dance 6:30-10:30 Wagner RM Comm. Campfire 8-10 Pines Dock</p>
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BBI GOLF Wants You!!



Bois Blanc Island Golf

Bois Blanc Island golf begins as soon as the weather is reasonable and there are 3 or 4 people interested in playing. "Reasonable" is the operative word. Usually we begin in late May or early June, making our way across the Straits on the 9:30 boat Tuesday mornings. We all love this boat schedule! In July and August, we take the 8:00 boat, UGH! We also are found to be playing well into September, weather permitting and players willing.

Cheboygan Golf and Country Club treats us as members and we pay only \$23 for 18 holes of golf including the golf cart! The course this last season was in excellent condition and, for those who have never played it before, it is challenging in its own way -- lots of hills and close out of bounds areas where it's impossible to find the ball.

Every week we place a \$3 bet. Games may differ from week to week, but winners include closest to the pin on two different par 3 holes, and first/second place teams. Every attempt is made to equalize the teams. We have players with low and with high handicaps -- regardless, we all have a good time. Most of us do not take the game too seriously -- we just have good fun and laughs with Island friends. Following the game, we often meet at Mulligan's for a beer and to rehash our great and not-so-great shots.

If you are interested in joining for one Tuesday or more, please let Sally Sperry know by email or calling (she is in the book). This is a game that has brought the East End, West End, Sand Bay, Pines -- people from all parts of the Island together.

Submitted by Sally Sperry

Bois Blanc Island Wildlife Club

The Bois Blanc Island Wildlife Club is a registered 501(c) 3 non-profit group that promotes care and conservation of Island wildlife.

Last fall, a dinner was held and proceeds from a raffle supported the purchase of hay and corn. This past winter, feed was placed in various spots for the deer, maintained by club members. Some members are now busy building duck boxes, bat and butterfly houses to be placed around the Island.

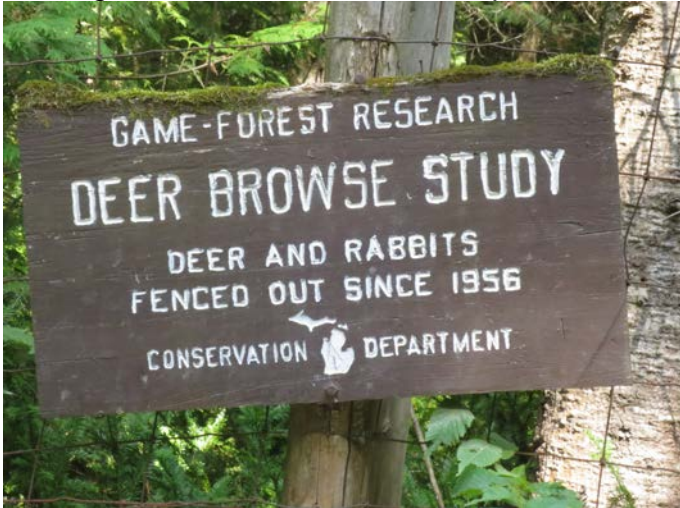
Contact Matt Northrup, Jim Hutchinson, or Gary Dyne for information about club activities and support. Donations are always welcome.

The Deer Browse Study

Many of us have seen this sign for years, so Mike White answered the question: whatever happened with the Deer Browse Study, started in 1956? Here's what he had to say:

Back in the 1950's there was so many deer on the island that everywhere you went, you could see a deer browse line in the trees. A deer browse line is when everything below the line has little or no foliage, including the ground itself. The DNR tried to convince the people of BBI that the deer population needed to be reduced. They were met with resistance to that idea. Hence the deer browse studies commenced to show how the forest would look if the deer population were reduced.

Inside the exclosures (fenced in areas), foliage grows down to, and on the ground. I recall three: one is along the county road between the Pines and Sand Bay curve, another is inland from the BBI hunting club on the North Shore, up in the hardwoods alongside a trail, and a third is up on Firetower



Rd. They showed a striking difference in vegetation inside versus outside the exclosures.

However, these findings made no difference to the islanders who wanted their deer. Eventually doe permits were handed out to any hunter who wanted one. Huge numbers of hunters came for a few years and hundreds of deer were taken. The DNR did what they wanted to do. They reduced the deer population, some say to a point way lower than intended.

What strikes me as funny is that back in the late 1800's Bois Blanc was designated as a deer park by the State and deer hunting was prohibited for 10 years. The Pines Association even brought deer to the island to increase the skimpy amount of deer on the island. Act is below:

Public Acts 89, 1889

An Act to preserve the deer and elk on the island of Bois Blanc, in the State of Michigan.

Section 1. The people of the State of Michigan enact. That no person or persons shall pursue or hunt or kill, by any means whatsoever, any elk or deer on the island of Bois Blanc, in Lake Huron, until the first day of November. A. D. one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine.

Section 2. Any persons or persons violating the provisions of this thereof, shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail not more than ninety days or by a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars, or both such imprisonment and fine in the discretion of the court

Section 3. All Acts and part of acts inconsistent herewith are repealed.

Approved April 25, 1889.

In my personal opinion the population has rebounded from a low in 1973, when 315 gun hunters shot 10 bucks and 100 archers shot 2 deer. 415 hunters shot 12 deer. At the present time some still argue that there are too many, while others argue there are too few. Looking at the old disused and now unstudied exclosures, a difference still can be seen between vegetation inside versus outside. It is not so dramatic though. In some years the coyote population cycles up and helps keep the population down. In other years the DNR issues doe permits that definitely reduces the population. It has never since risen as high as it was in the early 1950's. Where Insul Hous is today, I recall counting over 100 deer grazing behind the house, one evening in the early 50's. the deer population now is not extremely high or low.

Submitted by Mike White

People We Lost in 2017

Name	Date	Obituary Link
Robert (Bob) Branch	Jan. 2017	
Vye Feeley	1/27/2017	http://www.frontiersman.com/obituaries/vye-ward-feeley/article_3a2ac1b8-e83c-11e6-ba21-ab92bae5708d.html or https://bit.ly/2ldX6C8
Dave Lewis	3/25/2017	http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/flint/obituary.aspx?n=david-p-lewis&pid=184724989 or https://bit.ly/2pU8NXn
Bryan Card	3/31/2017	http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thetimesherald/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=185024034 or https://bit.ly/2GH7bKQ
Phyllis Blome	4/7/2017	http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Phyllis-Blome#!/Obituary or https://bit.ly/2lhPXAT
Tom Williams	4/10/2017	https://www.petoskeynews.com/obituaries/thomas-williams/article_6f21a01e-8a02-56b1-9a1c-36c50da7a761.html or https://bit.ly/2J6nAqB
Robert McComb	6/15/2017	https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/freep/obituary.aspx?n=robert-mccomb&pid=185815556&fhid=13218 or https://bit.ly/2pU7Ez0
Scott Simpson	7/14/2017	http://www.cressfuneralservice.com/obituary/190432/Scott-Simpson/ or https://bit.ly/2Ja8Cjw
Paul Landschulz	9/13/2017	https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/coshoctribune/obituary.aspx?pid=186679139 or https://bit.ly/2GJHObe
Audrey Gahn	10/2/2017	http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/cheboygannews/obituary.aspx?pid=186892559 or https://bit.ly/2pODzBO
Maggie Van Horn	10/17/2017	http://www.hsvvoice.com/news/20171023/mavis-nadine-vanhorn https://bit.ly/2GlxOWI
Bernice Renner	Oct. 2017	

A Tribute to Miriam U. Hoover



After a life well lived for 104 years, Miriam U. Hoover passed away at her home in Palm Springs on March 6, 2018. Miriam was born in Humboldt, Michigan on November 1, 1913, the daughter of Justina and Tuomas Ulvinen. She grew up with eight sisters and three brothers on the family farm. She worked as a governess and then married H. Earl Hoover (1890-1985) who was the lover of her life and her best friend.

Miriam's love of the island began when she first arrived with husband Earl. She loved every aspect of being there. Born in Michigan on a farm with woods around here, a trout stream on the property and lakes nearby...her summers as a child were filled with the beauty of MI. It was the same when she arrived on the island. Over the years she made many wonderful friends, was actively involved with the church, BBI Association and just living life fully. She loved to swim and every morning, no matter the temperature outside and water temperature, she would meet her girlfriends at 8 a.m. and they would go for their daily swim. She had many friends and was a good friend to many. She remained active throughout her life....she hosted dinners, cocktail parties and picnics. She loved to go fishing. Boating was added plus in her life and she was always on her boat cruising the Straits of Mackinac. She enjoyed her last summer at her house looking out the window, waving to people passing by and breathing in the fresh air and enjoying the peaceful evenings.

Clover Gahn Schlund spoke for island residents when she posted this on Facebook: I knew Mr. & Mrs. Hoover my entire life. My grandfather, Gene Babcock, started working for them in his early years here, so they were always a common name in our household. They both were generous to my grandfather and his young family. I remember seeing Mrs. Hoover for a brief visit one day 2 summers ago at her home here and as I wished her a good evening with a "Have a good evening Mrs. Hoover," she replied with, "Call me Miriam." I told her I had called her Mrs. Hoover for over 60 years and she would always be Mrs. Hoover, to me! She has been an icon on BBI and it will be hard to get used to the idea that she is gone. She and Mr. Hoover were so generous to the island community. I can't think of one person who doesn't appreciate all that they've done. I for one will never forget! So sad and hard to say goodbye.

Victor Babcock



Victor Babcock had a wonderful month of December! Islanders were asked to send Victor Christmas cards to brighten his holiday season. He was overwhelmed with the 73 cards he received! He said, "I've never got so many cards before." He showed them to any visitor that stopped by. He loved looking at them over and over again. Thanks to all who sent cards to Victor.

Victor will turn 85 on May 12 – and just so you know, his address is:

Victor Babcock
P.O. Box 898
Bois Blanc Island, MI 49775

(Please remember to put your last name on your card.)

Victor no longer can drive. He would love to see people this summer! Stop by to visit, play a game of cribbage or work on the jigsaw puzzle he's doing. He's done so many things for us here on the island, now it's our turn! Visit early, he calls it a day at 7pm!

2018 BBI Book Club

The Chilbury Ladies' Choir by Jenifer Ryan

As England becomes enmeshed in the early days of World War II and the men are away fighting, the women of Chilbury village forge an uncommon bond. They defy the Vicar's stuffy edict to close the choir and instead "carry on singing."

Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance

A former marine and Yale Law School graduate provides a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class.

How Thin the Veil: A Memoir of 45 days in the Traverse City State Hospital by Jack Kerkhoff

This memoir, originally published in 1952, takes a hard-boiled look at mental health treatment before the collapse of the state-sponsored system. Bawdy, inappropriate, deeply romantic and rich in captivating characters, *How Thin the Veil* takes the love story to where it's never been before.

Rosemary, the Hidden Kennedy Daughter by Kate Larson

This is an engrossing portrait of Rose and Joe Kennedy's tragic misunderstanding of their oldest daughter's capabilities, and of how her fate changed the Kennedy family forever. Yet Rosemary shines from the pages of this profoundly revealing family story.

Still Life by Louise Penny

Still Life introduces an engaging series hero in Inspector Gamache of the Surêté du Québec and his team of investigators who are called in to the scene of a suspicious death in a rural village south of Montreal. Jane Neal, a local fixture in the tiny hamlet of Three Pines, just north of the U.S. border, has been found dead in the woods.



The book club in action

For the first time ever, three of the five discussion books are nonfiction. Dates, times, and places will be posted in May. All are welcome. Any questions? Email chrisomcafee@gmail.com.

Copies of these titles, purchased at thrift stores and library sales, may be available for \$3.00 from Chris McAfee. All monies collected will be donated to the BBI Historical Society.

Art Show at the Card's



Pat Card, Host

The biennial Art Show at the Card property was a rousing success in 2017. The doe in the picture visited. She didn't buy anything, but thrilled the kids.

This event is hosted by Pat Card and organized by local artists. Since it is held every other year, you'll just have to wait until 2019 to shop again. Below are the artists selling their beautiful works.

Below are the many artists participating in this fun event!



Kids enjoying the visiting doe!



Above: Mariceli Paz Mars – jewelry and needle felting



Above: Jessi Kidder LaPorte – acrylic paintings



Left: Mary Mortenson -- watercolor, moziacs, tamari balls (embroidered) a lost Japanese ancient art, with bells and a message inside (if desired)



Right: Marianne Miller -- weaver (rag rugs, placemats, and table runners)



Left: Bill Akright -- turned bowls from walnut, beech, butternut, red oak and cherry



Right: Sally Babler Sperry -- driftwood flower arrangements, photography, music



Left: Bill Heath -- chip carving, turned wooden bowls



Right: Carole Castor Heath -- watercolor, jewelry, woodcarving (husband "she does everything")



Left: Susan McCoy -- zippered bags

Church of the Transfiguration

Pointe Aux Pins, MI 49775

You are welcome and invited to attend worship services at 10:30 am beginning July 1, 2018. Everyone, regardless of religious background is welcome to as you are comfortable and join us for coffee hour after the service. Our 112th season of worship on the Island will continue through September 2, Labor Day weekend.

The church is also open during the summer weeks for tours, meditation, visits, or prayer.

This 2018 season our Sunday schedule and worship leaders are:

- July 1, Rev. Joy Rogers, Chicago, IL
- July 8, Rev. Joy Rogers,
- July 15, Rev. Dr. Brooks Graebner, Hillsboro, NC
- July 22, Rev. Dr. Brooks Graebner
- July 29, *Unity Sunday, a joint service with the Coast Guard Chapel members hosted this year at Church of the Transfiguration*
 - Rev. Dr. Brooks Graebner will officiate the service
 - Potluck lunch will follow service in the Hoover Community Bldg.
- August 5, Bishop Rayford Ray, Marquette, MI
- August 12, Rev. Philip Chester, London, England, UK
- August 19, Rev. Philip Chester
- August 26, Rev. Philip Chester
- September 2, Rev. Richard McCandless, BBI and Akron, OH

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

If you would like to reserve the Church for a baptism, wedding or special event please contact Joyce Peccon at 724-366-0005. Joyce is also the contact person to reserve the Hoover Community Building for a family or special event or club meeting.

BBI Coast Guard Chapel

A non-denominational Christian Church

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!

The Coast Guard Chapel cosponsors the Thursday evening square dance in the Pines

Special Dates to Save:

- July 8th and August 12th, 2018, BBICGC Board Meeting and Pot Luck Meal

For more information or to make arrangements for private use of the Coast Guard Chapel, contact Anne Kennedy at 231-634-7121 or email her at annekennedy@tds.net

Recycling on Bois Blanc Island?

Recycling has become a habit for many of us, so we wonder why isn't there recycling on Bois Blanc Island?

The main reason we do not have recycling on BBI is that Mackinac County, where we reside, does not have a county-wide millage, tax, fees or permits dedicated to or supporting a recycling program.

Even if Mackinac County were to have a recycling program put in place, the pure logistics of where we live presents numerous roadblocks. The process would involve the collection, separating of materials, ferrying of containers off the island, and transporting across the Mackinac Bridge to a drop off site in St. Ignace.

As of now, our Transfer Station does have a large container for scrap metals and there is no charge to use this service. The Transfer Station can also take appliances for a fee.

If where you live on the mainland currently has a recycling program, or if there are private recyclers near you, perhaps you could save any recyclable materials generated while you are here on the island and take them back with you to be recycled.

Submitted by Tom Wybranowski

Great Lakes Island Coalition

Bois Blanc Island has been asked to join the Great Lakes Island Coalition. This group was established by Matt Pressier in Lansing, to join the Great Lakes Islands together to share information about island life. Tom Stevenson, Tom Bach, Dan Reynolds and Kathy Brown have started participating in the monthly phone conference calls. The group plans to establish a mission statement that will encompass all the islands. This group established last year, held their first conference on Beaver Island. This year the conference is being held on the Madeline Island in Wisconsin, October 1-2. If you want to learn more about how to become involved, contact one of the islanders mentioned above.

Submitted by Kathy Brown

Thank you Plaunt Transportation and Great Lakes Air

All of you reading this edition of the Tatler have something in common. We are indebted to two wonderful businesses: Plaunt Transportation and Great Lakes Air. They do not simply bring you to and from the island, they also deliver supplies, medication, groceries -- the list goes on and on. The Plaunt family has been servicing the island for 85 years. In the winter Great Lakes Air is the only life line and during the summer have the ability to provide life saving air transport. Both operations bend over backwards to help islanders. Sometimes life gets busy and we forget how much they do for us. Be sure to thank the employees of these wonderful companies -- tell them how much you appreciate what they do.

Submitted by Kathy Brown

Who Owns the Beach?

With inland lakes, owners of lakefront property generally own the land under the lake up to the center of the lake, therefore they can put up their own dock or install a mooring buoy. Conducting activities other than temporarily mooring over this lake bottom property, say for example, to fish, are considered trespassing.

With the Great Lakes, it's a bit different. The courts have ruled that pedestrians can walk on any Great Lakes beach as long as they stay below what is considered the high water level, but, ascertaining that level is very tricky. In fact in most cases, for any given stretch of Great Lakes shoreline, three different limnologists or hydrologists could inspect the property and there would likely be three different options regarding the location of the ordinary high water mark. So a very sticky wicket indeed!

Below is an in depth discussion about this issue from Cliff Bloom, Bois Blanc Township Attorney:

“LAKE BOTTOMLANDS OWNERSHIP”

Bois Blanc Island has two different types of lakes – several inland lakes and Lake Huron. Islanders may wonder who owns the bottomlands under the lakes. That depends on whether a property owner owns a parcel with frontage on one of the inland lakes or on Lake Huron. In either case, the landowner is a riparian.

On almost all natural inland lakes in Michigan, lakefront parcels or lots typically extend by operation of law to the center of the lake. Apart from the ability of the general public to temporarily moor on the bottomlands of another without permission while fishing, an inland lake riparian property owner is usually the only person who can maintain a dock, seasonal boat mooring, boat cradle, swim raft and similar items on their bottomlands.

Bottomlands ownership on the Great Lakes (including Lake Huron) is different. The people of the State of Michigan own the bottomlands under the water. Thus, unlike riparian ownership associated with most inland lakes (where bottomlands ownership is normally "fixed" and runs to the center of the lake), riparians on the Great Lakes generally own what is considered to be a "movable freehold." That is, their property line varies depending upon where the edge of the water is at any given time.

Great Lakes riparians also have to contend with a public easement on or along their shoreline and beach. This easement, which is based on the public trust doctrine, allows members of the public to walk in certain lakefront areas without the permission of the riparian owners. Prior to 2005, it was unclear whether members of the public could lawfully walk on the dry shoreland of the Great Lakes without the permission of the riparian landowners or whether the public had to stay in the water or on the wet sand. In *Glass v Goeckel*, 473 Mich 667 (2005), the Michigan Supreme Court definitively decided the issue. In *Glass*, the Court held that the public has an easement based on the public trust doctrine that extends all the way to the ordinary high water mark of the Great Lakes. Thus, lakeward of the ordinary high water mark for Lake Huron, members of the public can walk anywhere they wish, at any time, without the permission of the adjoining riparian landowner (and in fact, even over the objection of the riparian landowner).

In determining where the public easement begins under the *Glass* decision, it is necessary to locate the "ordinary high water mark" on each specific piece of Lake Huron waterfront property. Unfortunately, this is not always an easy task given the Michigan Supreme Court's confusing and ambiguous definition of "ordinary high water mark." In *Glass*, the Court defined "ordinary high water mark" as follows:

The point on the bank or shore up to which the presence and action of the water is so continuous as to leave a distinct mark either by erosion, destruction or terrestrial vegetation, or other easily recognized characteristic. And where the bank or shore at any particular place is of such a character that is impossible or difficult to ascertain where the point of ordinary high water mark is, recourse may be had to other places on the bank or shore of the same stream or lake to determine whether a given stage of water is above or below ordinary high-water mark. [*Glass* at p. 691.]

In most cases, for any given stretch of Great Lakes shoreline, one could have three different expert limnologists or hydrologists inspect the property and there would likely be three different opinions regarding the location of the ordinary high water mark!

For additional articles and more information regarding lake bottomlands ownership and riparianism, please visit the website for the *Michigan Riparian Magazine* at www.mi-riparian.org.

[Author Cliff Bloom is the attorney for Bois Blanc Township, and his family has a cottage on the Island.]

The Insel Haus

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 8:00PM 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, June through Sept. 2018.

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

Christa and Shelby wish them the very best and all the fortitude needed to build their own home on their own piece of Paradise here on BBI.

Dr. Jen and the Snakes

As we know, Bois Blanc Island is a very special place for many reasons including the fact that it harbors a large number of eastern massasauga rattlesnakes.

Because of this, team of researchers from Grand Valley State University, led by Dr. Jennifer Moore, a professor in the biology department, started studying the rattlesnake population here on BBI. Steve and Tanya Sheridan, island residents, generously hosted this group in 2017. One day the researchers found ten rattlesnakes near the airport.

These snakes, broadly distributed across the island, represent the northernmost population in Michigan. While populations in the southern part of the Lower Peninsula tend to occur in relatively isolated patches of remaining suitable habitat, Bois Blanc appears to have a well-connected landscape that is highly suitable for these snakes. As such, the island may represent what was historically typical for these snakes prior to the intensive landscape modifications that occurred elsewhere.

First, the researchers capture snakes and mark them using small microchips (similar to what dogs and cats now get). This allows them to identify individuals in the future, if they are recaptured, and the data can be used to estimate population sizes and changes over time.

Secondly, they gather genetic samples that will be used to understand how connected the snakes are across the island, and how this compares to populations in the southern part of their range.



*A pile of newborn BBI massasaugas
(Photographer Eric McCluskey, Fall 2017)*

Lastly, they are monitoring for a new fungal disease that is affecting snakes, and has been detected in other eastern massasauga populations. The data from this study will be extremely helpful in setting recovery goals for eastern massasauga.

The eastern massasauga rattlesnake is a shy, secretive species whose geographic range extends across the Great Lakes states and into Ontario, Canada. Eastern massasaugas are quite different from other rattlesnakes in that they are small (average length is about 25-30

inches and like wet habitats (unlike their western counterparts). These snakes tend to spend the winter alone in burrows made by crayfish or small mammals.

In recent years, their populations have dwindled due mostly to loss of habitat, road kills, and human persecution. Further, populations have become more disconnected as the landscapes they inhabit are increasingly fragmented by unsuitable habitat like agriculture and urban development.

The snakes are now listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act. Michigan remains as the stronghold for this imperiled species, with more populations remaining here than in any other state or province.

Dr. Moore and her team will continue research this spring, so keep eyes peeled for the snake crews with their buckets and snake hooks. They are interested in hearing about your snake sightings and your help in collecting any incidentally road killed snakes.

To get in touch, send an email to moorejen@gvsu.edu For more information visit Jen Moore's website <https://moorejen4.wixsite.com/moorelab>

This is how it all got started according to Brendt Sheridan, Steve and Tanya's son: "I first met Jen and her husband Mike, both from Michigan, way over in Wellington, New Zealand about 10 yrs ago years through another mutual friend. Jen and Mike were living there while she worked on her doctoral degree. Since then we have remained close friends. It is neat how people can meet half way around the world and still have a common connection to BBI. It's a small world! Prior to us meeting she had been over to BBI to study snakes as an undergraduate student."

Willow's Wildlife Encounter

"An Island Adventure"

By Willow S. Duncan as a 4th Grader

It was the day we'd been waiting for. The day when my friends Kyla and Alyssa, their parents, my mom, my sisters Lily and Fiona, and I, were going to Lighthouse Pointe, on Bois Blanc Island to explore the beaches of McCrae Bay. We all car-pooled and headed for the lighthouse.

The dirt road got more and more rugged as we got closer to the lighthouse. Soon, a brick building, with a tall tower, and mustard yellow shutters and doors, came into view. A few cars were there, but no one was in sight. Suddenly, a man stepped out of the 100 year-old building. "Hello" the man greeted us. He is good friends with my family and he built our cottage. His name is Rheiny. He led us on a tour through the lighthouse. The lighthouse has a bathroom, at least three bedrooms, a kitchen, living space, and a spiral staircase. Once the tour was over, we went outside. My mom pointed to a path, in the shadow of an old, tangled, apple tree. The adults explained, that this path leads to McCrae Bay. "Let's go swimming, then we can search for the McCrae Grave in the woods!" Kyla and Alyssa's mom said. Everyone agreed, then started down the skinny two-track.

When we reached McCrae Bay, we changed into our swimsuits and ran for the crystal-clear water. After a swim, we headed to the car, to go search for the McCrae Grave. We headed down an unknown trail, but soon stopped, and we all scrambled out of the car. "This is where we will search for the McCrae Grave," my mom said. The McCrae Grave is real, but hidden in the woods. I have found it before. The grave is tall, with a beautiful poem engraved upon it. We scoured the woods for a while, but were unable to find it this time. We walked back to the car to depart, then Kyla and Alyssa's dad cautiously stepped back from a tree. We tiptoed over to where he was standing. Then, we all saw it, and we all stepped back, for there was a massasauga rattlesnake, the only venomous snake in Michigan. Its glossy eyes glared at us. The snake's body coiled into a spiral. Its tail rattled and its tongue flickered. After taking pictures of the snake, we headed home. I will never, ever, forget that day!

Willow won the Kaleidoscope Award for Young Authors for this piece.

The Island Timekeeper

by Mary Struble Deery

The clunky plastic clock was a cast-off when it moved into the family cottage—
passed along from the Maltbys who left the island.

This abandoned timekeeper has a prominent position in the great room
perched atop the orange antiqued bookshelf.

After flipping on the breakers in the spring when the cottage is opened,
we twist the knob protruding from her back until her hands inform the time.

With gold curlicue embellishments decorating her face,
she has hummed away, and pointed accurately for many summers.

But now, after many years, she is entering a new stage.

Her vocals seem bewildered.

In her confusion, she rings nine times when it's actually eight.

The only time the count is right is at noon and midnight.

While her voice innocently trips over truthful time,
her proud face carries on as if nothing is wrong.

She keeps us on our toes.

We take note, tally, and tune into the six o'clock news at seven chimes.

We count each ding and then make the mental correction.

We listen, adjust, and accept.

This will be our own wish someday—
gentle understanding when confusion reigns.

Bois Blanc Island Shoots Nature Video That Goes Viral

A fox and squirrel encounter was captured on video by Island resident, Steve Sheridan. "Wow, I never expected this. The 'Fox and Squirrel' video I took at my cabin on Bois Blanc Island last summer was posted on Michigan Out-of-Doors TV. As of October 2017 it had 902,253 views and 805 comments! The really interesting thing to me is the patience Red showed. He waited and waited until the squirrel turned his back to him so he couldn't see him...then Red made his move. And then, it was all over!" Be sure to check it out:

<http://www.wideopenspaces.com/watch-this-squirrel-push-its-luck-with-lazy-red-fox/> or
<https://bit.ly/2pXbhEu>

Here's what David Smith of *Michigan Out-of-Doors* wrote about Steve's video:

October 15, 2017

A squirrel seemed a bit too complacent about wandering around the yard while a red fox laid on the grass lazily watching him. Nature is tough!

This scene looks like something from a Christmas postcard. A deer, a red fox and a squirrel are all casually gathered around a bird feeder in someone's backyard. You can almost hear the happy music playing in the background.

The deer is munching the grass, the squirrel is curious and slowly bounding from spot to spot as squirrels do and the fox is just lazily soaking in the sun. Or is he?

We should have known something was up just by watching the fox's body language. He perked up ever so slightly as the squirrel approached and, apparently, determined that ol' red was not a threat.

But, foxes don't have a reputation for being sly for nothing. This red fox simply bided his time until the squirrel turned its back, and then...BAM!

That was a pretty wicked attack. That deer seemed to be thinking, "Yup. I knew it. I told you to keep an eye on old red." Nature is indeed a merciless environment.

Hawks Landing 2017

Larry & Missy Phillips, Owners since 2005
720 W. Huron Drive
231-634-7375

May 3rd through June 30th

Sunday 8 am – 6 pm
Monday - Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday 8 am
– 8 pm
Closed Wednesdays

July 1st through September 4th

Sunday 8 am – 8 pm
Monday - Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday 8 am –
9 pm
Closed Wednesdays

September 6th - November 25th

Sunday 8 am – 6 pm
Monday - Tuesday, Thursday – Saturday 8 am
– 8 pm
Closed Wednesdays
Kitchen shuts down 30 minutes prior to closing time

BBI Tavern

The Tavern opens Monday - Saturday at
10:00 a.m. and Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Specials:

Monday - \$.50/ea wings and free pool
Tuesday - Tacos
Wednesday - "Buck Off" Burgers
Thursday - Ladies Shuffleboard
Friday - Alaskan Pollock

Watch for flyers with details about
entertainment throughout the summer.

Bois Blanc Island Ferry

By this printing, the 2018 ferry schedule
wasn't yet posted. For the current
schedule and pricing, check out
<http://www.bbiferry.com/>

2018-2019 Bois Blanc Island Association Application

Please complete the following information– it will appear in the next updated BBIA 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