

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. Thank you, Bunker Clark, (pictured here) who started the BOB-LO TATLER. He was an intellect who loved oddities of history, especially literature.**

The old dock....



Photo by Islander Peter Shannon

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

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Bois Blanc Island Association News

The Bois Blanc Island Association (BBIA) purpose is to continually work to make Bois Blanc Island a better, safer and more enjoyable place. By paying \$20 a year, you receive the benefits of the Association including the Tatler and the Island Directory (in the years that it is published as well as interim updates). These funds also support the various improvements and enhancements to Island life suggested by members for consideration. Approximately \$3,000 a year is spent on the East, West and Pines areas of the island. BBIA is always looking for ideas on creative activities too – one that is being mulled about is how to establish a regular shuttle to Mackinaw Island – maybe once a month in the summer. Please let us know if you have similar ideas.

For the latest activities, please go to the online Island calendar on the BBI Community Foundation Page:
<http://www.bbicf.org/calendar.php>

- The BBIA Annual Meeting updating attendees about all Island activities, both civil and governmental
- Thursday evening square dances
- The Salvation Army island visit
- Summer mixers/meet-and-greets

Dues also go toward things such as:

- Improving sidewalks
- Providing financial support to Island organizations such as the Fire Department
- Upgrading first aid equipment

You get all this, PLUS the publishing and distribution of this newsletter PLUS the Island Directory (every 2-3 years). Quite a value for \$20 a year!

We would like to give special thanks to Joyce Peccon and Robin Lees who are stepping down from President and Treasurer respectively. Both have given much time to the Island and BBIA. Dedication like theirs has kept the Association viable and focused on the needs of the Island.

Leadership changes are noted below. If you, too, are interested in being involved or have suggestions, please contact any of the officers -

- Carol Blundy - President
- Suzette Cooley Sanborn - Vice President
- Kathy Landschulz - Secretary
- Jamie Nye - Treasurer

Area Representatives:

- Pines - Joyce Peccon, Kathy Landschulz, Jamie Nye, Robin Lees
- East End - Bob Stowe, Jim Blamer
- West End – Suzette (Cooley) Sanborn, Carol Blundy, Tom Wybranowski, JoAnna Duncan

At the end of this newsletter is your annual dues statement/membership form for the July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 membership year. Keeping these dues current ensures all the Association benefits including receipt of the Tatler and the Directory. Please complete and submit as indicated with your annual dues. Make dues check payable to Bois Blanc Island Association and send to:

Jamie Nye, Treasurer BBIA,
6901 Clintonville Rd.
Clarkston, Michigan 48348

(To check the status of your dues, contact Jamie Nye at jnye28@gmail.com)

Mark Your Calendar:

- Square Dancing: Every Thursday evening, July through August at 7 p.m. in the Wagner Room
- July 17th at 7 to 9 p.m.: Adult Mixer/Sunset (West End) - hosted by Dan and Carol Blundy
- August 6th: Salvation Army Truck on BBI
- August 7th at 7 to 9 p.m.: Adult Mixer at the Pines Pavilion at the end of the sidewalk - hosted by Joyce Pecon
- August 3rd at 10 a.m.: Annual BBI Association meeting in Wagner Room
- BBI Association Board Meetings.... all are welcome to attend
 - May 25th at 10 a.m. in Hoover Community Building
 - August 30th at 10 a.m. in Hoover Community Building

Submitted by Carol Blundy

BBI Township News

Following this article is a copy of the final press release regarding the Township purchase of the Cheboygan River Property. The Township Board is very excited about the closing and the future development. Having a secure landing on both sides of the water has been a township goal for many years.

Please make note of the new Transfer Station program. This is very important information for all islanders. (Note this information on page 9)

The Fire Fighters Association will be selling address kits this year. These address plates have a reflective background and numbers that fit a 911 standard. They will most likely come with instructions as to where/how they should be placed. It is important that everyone know their physical address for 911 (see your tax bill) and that your address be displayed appropriately so that emergency personnel can find you.

The Township is looking for someone to take on the job of coordinating all Parks & Rec activities. Kathy Cox Brown, who did a splendid job in 2018, has stepped down. Thanks to Kathy for planning so many interesting and fun events last summer. Mark your calendar for a Parks & Rec sponsored 5K run/walk, July 5th at 10 am.

Construction on the new Snow Removal Equipment building at the airport should start in May.

Mackinac County is diligently seeking a replacement for Deputy Kelly who took a full time position in the UP.

Submitted by Diane Akright

Bois Blanc Island Fire Department

The 2018-19 season was one of great success, and of great challenge, for Bob-Lo's first responders. The Fire Department responded to numerous 9-1-1 calls, most of which were for emergency medical services. One incident involved a tragic cabin fire with life-threatening injuries that later led to a fatality. The injured were quickly transported off-island by Great Lakes Air, while the fire was brought under control. The cabin was a total loss, but the fire was contained, despite being in one of the most remote areas of the Island. Every member of the Fire Department, and several members of the Island community, assisted in the response.

Since airplane transportation was unavailable for all other patient evacuations during 2018, the BBIFD was grateful that Mackinac Marine Rescue stepped in. (www.Facebook.com/MackinacMarineRescue) They handled rescues on at least five emergency medical runs. Additionally, there was a winter emergency rescue by the North Flight Aero Med chopper out of Traverse City.

Two major fundraisers raised more than \$3,000 in support of the Bois Blanc Island Fire Department. The "Hot Wash" car wash, which took place at the main ferry dock, raised more than \$1,700. Island Contractors, Inc. hosted a Fun Day. This day was as close to a real "Bob-Lo Amusement Park" as you can get. Kids of all ages and their adults had a fantastic time making friends with our Island Contractors' excavator, bulldozer, backhoe, loader, skid-steer, dump trucks, and various other special machines while raising money for a great cause. BB Islander's generosity raised nearly \$1,500 for the BBIFD, and the number of smiles made every second of this first-ever event worthwhile. Special thanks go to Pepsi (Kenny Gahn) for donating the pop, and to so many good people who volunteered to help cook, serve and clean up.

Because of their success, both events will be held again in 2019! The Island Contractors Pit Fun Day takes place on Wednesday, July 3, 2019, beginning at 11am. The 2019 BBIFD "Hot Wash" Car Wash is scheduled for Saturday, July 6, also beginning at 11am. Both will be an opportunity to support the Fire Department.

In addition, the Fire Department has T-shirts available for purchase. Sizes S/M/L/XL are still available for \$15+shipping, as of this writing. Contact the Fire Department to order yours.

Fundraising for the BBI Fire Department is handled by the Bois Blanc Island Firefighters' Association, a non-profit whose sole purpose is to raise and manage charitable funding for the Fire Department. New officers appointed to the Firefighters' Association in 2018 included Dan Reynolds as President, Brandon Schlund as Vice-President, Kaitlyn Black as Secretary, and Clover Schlund as Treasurer. Funds raised by the Firefighters' Association have already enabled the purchase of new firefighting equipment, currently underway. Donations in support of the BBI Fire Department can be made out to the BBIFA, P.O. Box 815, Pointe Aux Pins, MI 49775.

The Firefighters' Association will offer approved green 9-1-1 reflective address signs for purchase by Island property owners. (Find your property address on your tax bill.) These signs assist emergency responders in locating homes when seconds count. The Firefighters' Association will have the signs available for \$25 beginning in Spring 2019, and will work with the Township to provide landowners formal guidelines for displaying the signs. Every property owner should consider purchasing and displaying a green 9-1-1 reflective address sign.

The BBI Fire Department is also pleased to announce the addition of a new member, Michelle Satchell, who joined its ranks in 2019. Michelle, a year-round Island resident, will support Fire Department operations and will begin training as soon as opportunities become available.

As always, a verbal fire permit is required before any open burning. Visit the Bois Blanc Island Fire Department online at www.Facebook.com/BBIFD or any Island bulletin board for the phone numbers to call for a permit. Emergencies should be reported by calling 9-1-1.

Submitted by Dan Reynolds



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PRESS RELEASE

River Parcel

Bois Blanc Township is pleased to announce that it has closed on its purchase of the Cheboygan River parcel and now owns the land. The river parcel is approximately 5.8 acres in size (with about 1,235 feet of river frontage) and is located on the east side of the Cheboygan River, north of the drawbridge, and between the mooring side of the Mackinac icebreaker and the large fuel tanks.

The Township, through the Bois Blanc Township Harbor Commission, will begin long-term planning for the development and use of the river parcel this coming spring and summer. The Township hopes to apply for and receive

grants for developing the property. One or more public hearings will be held for the planning and grant application process.

The Township looks forward to meeting with and hearing from all of the stakeholders in this process, including, but not limited to, Plaunt Transportation, Inc., the Bois Blanc Township Fire Department, the Bois Blanc Township Parks and Recreation Commission, the City of Cheboygan (including its port authority, zoning officials and other City bodies and personnel) and Island residents, taxpayers and visitors.

The Township would also like to thank Mr. Paul A. Jahn for his patience and generosity in assisting the Township with the purchase of the river property. Paul's dedicated involvement will greatly benefit both current and future residents, property owners and visitors of and to Bois Blanc Island.

Respectfully,

The Bois Blanc Township Board

Bois Blanc Island Township Harbor

A report from your Harbor Commission:

We have had a great and full 2018 year and are looking forward to another full year in our 2019 season. Many projects were completed last year:

- We now have a full picnic area on the new fishing dock at Thompson Lake and another one just west of the cause walk at the main pier.
- Our new slightly smaller American flags arrived mid-summer and flew most of the late season above the harbor. The new flags are 25'X40' and are made of a more durable material and should hold up to the windier weather in May & June and have less stress on our new flag pole. We still have one of the larger flags (30'X50') left and may display it in calmer weather through July & August and then back to the smaller ones in September & October.
- At the end of the summer we completed updating most of our harbor lights to new LED light which should lower our electric bill and provide better lighting. In addition, we completed installation of new slip power stations. The entire dock area has been updated to new State of Michigan dock electrical standards.
- The new self-serve in transient payment program is working like a charm and the new signage is helping boaters know what is required of them. The harbor collected twice the amount of dockage fees from the last season which will greatly help in the maintenance of the pier, terminal building, cause walk, rest rooms, and parking lot.

This season we have a lot on our plate;

- The parking lot has been partly completed with striping to indicate parking spaces and this summer we will have the proper signage to let you know the rules and regulations, where and how to park, and the limits of parking.

- You will see many new signs at the harbor, replacing old faded ones and new instruction signs. One, that we want you to pay special attention to, is the “NO SWIMMING” signs. Most people, especially non-boaters, do not know about “Stray Voltage”, the electrical current which does sometimes leak from a docked boat. Stray voltage can travel hundreds of feet in the water to a ground and if you’re standing in the water you could be that ground. Several people have been killed from stray voltage in Michigan Marinas. So please, please, please do not swim anywhere east of the cause-walk. You CAN SWIM west of the cause-walk in front of the new picnic area.
- As of mid-May, the Lake Mary dock is closed due to winter damage. The same company handling improvements on the harbor docks will work on these repairs. Timing of the project will be forthcoming.

We do hope you have a great summer with us and enjoy the water!

Submitted by Tom Lower



Island Health Clinic

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

When she’s not on BBI, 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 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 Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm (slightly different hours than summer) 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, is available for any blood draw. However, this summer she will not have regular weekly hours. Anyone needing a blood draw can call Clover @ 231-634-7500. She will make arrangements to meet at the clinic. Any day, any time!!

Submitted by Connie Riopelle

BBI TOWNSHIP TRANSFER STATION HOURS - 2019

DECEMBER-APRIL

Sunday.....12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

MAY, JUNE, SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER

Sunday and Monday.....9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Thursday.....7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

JULY AND AUGUST

Sunday and Monday.....9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Saturday.....7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

CLOSED New Years Day, Easter, 4th of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years Eve

Transfer Station will be open on Memorial Day & Labor Day

TRANSFER STATION RATES:

Township Printed Bags: (available at the Township Hall) \$3 each or 17 Bags for \$45

NON-Township 30 Gal Bag \$4 each

NOTE: BAGS OVER 30 GAL SIZE CAN BE REFUSED

Small Household Appliances, Microwave Ovens, TV's, etc. \$4.00

EACH Piece of Household Furniture or Bed Mattress \$8.00

Carpeting or Large Household Appliances \$8.00

ALL Couches \$20.00

Refrigerator \$30.00

Littering Laws Shall Be Strictly Enforced

Post Office and Township Hours

Township Office

- 10 am – 3 pm Monday – Thursday
- In July and August, also Saturdays 10:30 am – 1 pm

Pointe aux Pins Post Office

- May & June 12:30 to 2:30 – Monday thru Saturday
- July & August 9:30 to 11:30 – Monday thru Saturday
- September, October & November 12:30 to 2:30 – Monday thru Saturday
- December thru April 9:30 to 11:30 – Monday thru Friday (no Saturdays)

BBI Community Foundation

“Welcome Back to the Island”, BBICF’s annual fund raising event, will take place Friday, July 12, from 5pm to 8pm at the Wagner Room. Come enjoy the first cookie and chili cook-off -- adult teams competing for the best chili and kids for the best cookie. Come prepared to bid in the silent auction, bask in music performed by local musicians and bring your happiest face to the photo booth.

Chili teams will bring their finest chili in crock pots. BBICF will supply bowls and saltines for sampling. Kids will bring 2 dozen of their very best tasting cookies.

Beverages (and Beano!) will be provided by BBICF.

Cost: Adults \$15, 10 years old and under \$10. Tickets sold at the door.

Have fun, eat, drink, be merry, raise money, and help determine BBI’s finest chili and cookie.

Submitted by John Maynard



The 2018 Art – Fly In – Fun Day

A giant thank you goes to all of those who took the time to come out for the BBICF Fly In. Although the cloud cover hampered flights, islanders enjoyed a BBQ thanks to BBICF, Ice cream and a book sale thanks to the Historical Society, arts and crafts, and a silent auction, as well as volleyball between the hangers.

We received a letter of appreciation from the Michigan Air Tour president, Rebecca Duggan. We were honored to be on the tour in 2018

Special thanks to the volunteers who graciously donated transportation and tours to the guests who flew in. As Rebecca said in her letter, the value of the airport to transport people (especially in emergencies) and goods is essential to our island.

Submitted by Lori and Stephen Doughty, Fly-In Coordinators

BBI Historical Museum & Library

The library and museum are open Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm July through Labor Day

July 20th: ICE CREAM SOCIAL at the BBI Museum

Other Activities TBA

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A VOLUNTEER?

Please sign up to volunteer to spend time in the historical building. We need you to be able to keep the historical treasures we have available to the public. Without you the wonder of the past of BBI will be lost. We cannot open our doors without your help. A sign-up sheet will be in the museum and contact Polly Keller at cell phone number: 248-622-0587 or island phone: 231-634-7277.

MILLENNIUM TRAIL: REMEMBER to tour the island marked trails. Maps showing the numbered posts and mileage may be purchased at the historical building.

Thank you to volunteers for the many hours you have given to the museum, Jim Hutchinson for keeping the museum look sharp, and Mike White for being our all around Answer-Man

Submitted by Betty Hutchinson

Story Hour



The Summer of 2018 was a great one for enjoying so many new and returning faces at our Story Hour on Boblo! We are so glad for all the island kids (and families) who joined us under the Historical Museum tent each Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. A heartfelt THANK YOU goes out to all our volunteer readers & storytellers: Shelby Harrison, Mary Struble Deery, Dr. Jane Lamp, Chris McAfee's sister, Kathryn, Sherry Anders Manges, and Willow Duncan....we couldn't have done it without your kind efforts and creative talents! Our visitors made 4th of July snacks, decorated treasure chests, painted BBI key chains and necklaces, made paper mosaic owls, newspaper trees, and origami bookmarks. It's fun to offer a unique line-up of readers and talents! And BBI has lots of it!

We're always looking for volunteers for Story Hour to read and do an activity or craft for our island youth. If you would like to be a featured reader next summer, let me know. Best to text me at 586-536-0619. Story Hour runs every Wednesday during most of the months of July and August. Keep your eye on the BBI Facebook page during the summer, for weekly reminders and updates!

We look forward to seeing all of your smiling faces this coming summer!

Submitted by JoAnna Munro-Duncan

New Little Libraries

There are three new "Little Libraries" on the island built by Historical Society President, Jim Hutchinson. These take-one-leave-one beauties, sponsored by BBIHS, are located at the chapel, west end mailboxes and museum.

Please consider shelving your favorite books in a BBI Little Library for other islanders to enjoy. As always, please leave large quantities of printed materials in the weather-proof donation box at the library.

These new Little Libraries were made possible by the family of Faith Sullivan Woideck, 1917-2015.

Submitted by Carol Church



Bois Blanc Island Wildlife Association

The 2nd annual Wildlife Association dinner was held the Sunday before Labor Day. Proceeds from ticket sales and a raffle supported the purchase of hay and corn which was distributed among Islanders. Through this especially difficult winter, very large groups of deer were seen at the feeding spots in different areas. Hopefully, the deer herd received the help they needed.

Thank you to everyone who came out to support this fundraiser. The over \$9,000 raised, went far in helping island wildlife. Pig raffle winners were: First prize - Jeff Parent; Second prize - Mary Kay Weber; Third prize - Les Cutler. Congratulations to our winners.

The duck, butterfly, and bat boxes made last year are up and being used.

The Bois Blanc Island Wildlife Association, Inc. is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that promotes conservation of Island wildlife.

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

Submitted by Betty Hutchinson

Annual East vs. West Softball Match

The annual East vs. West Softball game at Bible Farm, coordinated by East captain Chris Suchner, and West captain Dave Sabuda, will take place on the last Saturday of July – the 27th. (Rain date: Saturday, August 3rd). Spectators can buy food and drinks at **The Game** thanks to the BBICF.

Youth Frisbee golf will start at noon, the adult softball game at 2:00. Chris will need some adult volunteers to help with the youth game.

Last year's matchup was decidedly closer than the game in 2017. Go West Enders!!! (OK, full disclosure, the editors of this newsletter are West Enders.)

Submitted by Chris Suchner



Bois Blanc Island Golf

Bois Blanc Island golf will begin as soon as the weather is reasonable and at least 3 or 4 people are interested in playing. Tuesday mornings in late May or early June, and September, the day begins on the 9:30 boat, in July and August, the 8:00 boat.

Cheboygan Golf and Country Club treats us as members. We pay only \$23 for 18 holes of golf including the golf cart! At this point in time, it is believed that the price will remain the same as stated above.

Sally will make arrangements for two or more wishing to play 9 holes, instead of 18. These groups will not be included in the betting unless they wish to set something up on their own. They will tee off after the 18-hole groups because they will finish early and still have plenty of time to go shopping!

Every week each player places 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 by using players' handicap ratings. We always attempt to put high handicap players with low handicap players.

This is meant to be a fun and social event. Following the game, golfers 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 as soon as possible. (sally4157@gmail.com) She will include you in her weekly (Thursday) email, to check whether you're playing on the following Tuesday. *BBI Golf: bringing people from all parts of the Island together!*

Submitted by Sally Sperry

Exercise Classes

Exercise classes will be held Monday -Thursday in the Wagner Room during July & Aug. Classes will start at 9am and will include yoga, strength training and/or cardio dance.

Submitted by Martha Stowe

Mahjong!*

Join Suzette Cooley-Sanborn for some rousing Mahjong on Tuesdays in July and August. Players with some know-how will gather in the Wagner Room on Tuesdays, 1-4:30 (except August 13th). Contact Suzette at 231-735-1977 with questions.

*Mahjong is a tile-based game that was developed in China during the Qing dynasty and has spread throughout the world since the early 20th century. It is commonly played by four players.

Submitted by Suzette Cooley-Sanborn

BBI Book Discussion Titles

***A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles**

A transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life inside a luxury hotel.

***Killers of the Flower Moon*, by David Grann**

In his fascinating nonfiction book, "Killers of the Flower Moon," David Grann spins a page-turning tale of a series of suspicious murders in early 20th century Oklahoma, helping to spawn the creation of the FBI.

***The Marsh King's Daughter* by Karen Dionne**

Set in the UP this is the mesmerizing tale of a woman who must risk everything to hunt down the dangerous man who shaped her past and threatens to steal her future: her father.

***My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry* by Fredrik Backman**

When Elsa's grandmother dies and leaves a series of letters apologizing to people she has wronged, Elsa's greatest adventure begins. Her grandmother's instructions lead her to an apartment building full of drunks, monsters, attack dogs, and old crones but also to the truth about fairy tales and kingdoms and a grandmother like no other.

***Prairie Fires, The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls* by Caroline Fraser**

Spanning nearly a century of epochal change, from the Indian Wars to the Dust Bowl, Wilder's dramatic life provides a unique perspective on American history and our national mythology of self-reliance.

Volunteers are needed for discussion leaders and hostesses!

Dates, times, and places will be posted in May. All are welcome. Email chrisomcafee@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

Submitted by Chris McAfee

**Annual Art Exhibit/Sale
at the Cards**

The bi-annual Art Exhibit (on display and for sale) to be held this coming summer on Saturday, August 3rd. Find a variety of wonderful arts and crafts at the Card's cabin across from the Community Building. The event will open to the public starting at 11:00 a.m.

All Island artists welcome. Set ups can begin any time after 9:00 a.m. Artists must bring their own booth, tables, chairs.

Submitted by Pat Card

Red Hat Society and Just Because

The Red Hat ladies meet the 2nd Tuesday of each summer 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. Give them a try!

Submitted by Chris McAfee

BBI Coast Guard Chapel

The Bois Blanc Island Coast Guard Chapel is a non-denominational Christian Church

Sunday Worship Services

June, July, August, and September – 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 co-sponsors the Thursday evening square dance in the Pines.

Special Dates to Save:

July 6th - Pancake Breakfast/Silent Auction. Pancake breakfast will be served at 9 a.m.

July 28th - The Church of the Transfiguration and the Bois Blanc Coast Guard Chapel will have a combined service at the Coast Guard Chapel this year with a pot luck following.

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

Submitted by Anne Kennedy

Church of the Transfiguration

July 7, 2019 we will celebrate the beginning of our 113th season serving God and bringing people of the Island together to worship. Services are each Sunday at 10:30 am and will continue through Labor Day Sunday. Everyone, regardless of religious affiliation, is welcome to join us and stay for coffee and conversation after the service.

The church is open daily throughout the summer and fall for tours, meditation, visits, and prayer. During the summer, if you have special needs or wish to have contact with the priest of the week, call the Vicarage at 231 634 7364 or Connie Riopelle, Sr. Warden - 231 620 2270.

Our summer Sunday celebrants will be:

July 7 – Rev. Richard McCandless, BBI and Akron, Ohio

July 14 – Rev. Richard McCandless

July 21 – Rev. Lydia Bulkin, Diocese of Northern Michigan

July 28 UNITY SUNDAY, ALL WORSHIP WILL OCCUR AS A JOINT SERVICE AT THE COAST GUARD CHAPEL

August 4 – Bishop Rayford Ray, Marquette, MI

August 11 to September 1 - Rev. Philip Chester, London, England, UK

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/special event or club meeting.

Submitted by Connie Riopelle

BBI Mail and Other Deliveries

There seems to be some confusion about how to address packages and letters. Bois Blanc Island no longer uses the HCR (Highway Contract Route) designation. This is because the contract for mail is between USPS and Plaut Transportation. Make sure to use just the preface “HC-1” followed by the box number:

i.e., Jane Doe HC-1 Box 123 Bois Blanc Island, MI 49775

However, the carrier has assured residents that even if the old preface is used, mail will be delivered.

Yes, it’s confusing, but, just be aware that the Box number following the HC-1 designation is not the same as a Post Office Box.

GENERAL MAIL

Packages/letters with only a P.O. Box designation will be delivered to your box at the Post Office. Any mail sent to an HC-1 Box 123 address will be delivered to your roadside box.

Anyone without a P.O. Box or roadside box can receive mail at the post office if it is addressed to the individual with the following: Name, General Delivery, Pointe aux Pins, Michigan, 49775. In order for the package/letter to be held for that person, the Post Office needs to be given notice: 231-634-7211. Individuals with this situation need to physically go to the P.O. to pick up mail. If the post office doesn’t receive direct verbal instructions, the package/letter will most likely be returned to sender.

DELIVERY OF PACKAGES:

FedEx, UPS and other delivery systems will deliver to the **HC-1 + Box #** address. If you use your HC-1 address, do not have mail sent to you in care of Plaunt Transportation, 412 Water Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721.

On the other hand, if you only have a Post Office Box address, do add a note to send it “In care of Plaunt Transportation, 412 Water Street, Cheboygan, MI 49721. This will assure delivery in the event suppliers will not deliver to a P.O. Box.

Do not use your actual street address – the one on your BBI tax bill. If you want to put the physical address in ADDITION to your HC-1 address, feel free to do so. i.e., Jane Doe, HC-1, Box 123, 1888 Huron Drive Pointe aux Pins, MI 49775

Typically you will get notice of delivery of packages through email from the delivery service, such as Amazon. These packages are delivered on the boat carrying mail, usually late morning. Please note that Plaunt offers many trips a day during July and August, so if you call the office, you can make other arrangements for the delivery of your packages to the island dock.

If you know you have something important being delivered, contact Plaunt to coordinate a delivery on any boat. They will not usually alert recipients of packages being delivered, unless they are clearly marked “Perishable”.

The ferry crew will not leave any prescription drugs at the dock. They must be personally picked up, so be sure you know which boat your prescription will be on. The pharmacy should know which boat your delivery will be on. Or as a backup, contact Plaunt Transportation for that information.

BRINGING ITEM ACROSS ON THE FERRY:

Typically, groceries and luggage will not be charged. However, larger items such as lumber, flats of flowers, 100 pound bags of corn feed, and bicycles (not on a car rack) are considered “freight” and will require extra payment.

If what you’re transporting is deemed large, like a 4-bike rack on a car, or lumber extending well beyond a truck bed, expect an extra charge. If you don’t want a surprise bill, check with Plaunt Transportation before loading any larger items.

In addition to delivery charges by Family Fare or other local services, Plaunt Transportation charges a \$5 per box or bag.

Information Contributed by Sally Sperry and Curt Plaunt

The Bois Blanc Island Vineyard

Have you ever seen Alfred Hitchcock’s masterpiece, *The Birds*? Maybe you didn’t find it so magnificent. In that movie birds did a number on the town of Bodega Bay. And if you saw it, will you ever forget Tippi Hedren being attacked so viciously? So, one wonders how the grapes in Chris and Linda Suchner’s vineyard* felt when thousands of birds swooped in to enjoy the harvest last fall?

The Suchners planned to harvest their grapes in October 2018. They needed to wait until the grapes were at “brix level” (that is when they reach their maximum sugar content).

In the weeks prior to the planned harvest, birds flocked to the island in numbers never before seen. These aviators were smart; they knew the exact time to invade and conquer – as soon as the brix level was reached. They descended on the vineyard and consumed 95 percent of the grapes in a matter of days. What the Suchners hoped would become BBI’s first wine, instead turned into a nightmare.



Two miles of netting sits in the Suchner’s garage waiting to be draped over the field this year well before harvest time. The people in Bodega Bay couldn’t fight off the birds, but Chris and Linda are hoping for better luck this time.

Incidentally, when and if the bottles of Marquette Red, La Crescent, and Frontenac Gris are ready, so will be the Walleye Pike. Stocked in Lake Thompson some time ago, these fish are reaching their catchin’ and keepin’ length of 15 inches.

Let’s all dream about going to Hawk’s Landing or The Tavern and having a Walleye dinner with a glass of delectable. It might happen, unless the heron do a number on the fish once they reach “brix level”.

*Along with partners Steve and Michelle Burt and Jason and Kristin Brookhouse

Information Contributed by Chris Suchner

The Insel Haus

The Insel Haus B&B owners, Christa and Shelby Newhouse, will host visitors and residents of the island every Wednesday in the summer between 6PM and 8PM for informal get-togethers. Knitters, quilters, crafters or anyone who enjoys the company of like-minded people are welcome. Sharing island happenings is part of these events.

Over the 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 enjoying their third long winter on BBI. It seems they’re official islanders!

Christa and Shelby can be reached through the website: <https://www.inselhausbandb.com/> or by calling 248-921-2890

Submitted by Christa Newhouse

People We Lost in 2018

Name	Date	Obituary Link
Roy Martin	Jan 15, 2018	http://obits.mlive.com/obituaries/flint/obituary.aspx?pid=187867847
Marilyn Currier	Oct 16, 2018	https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/marilyn-currier-obituary?pid=190559945&fbclid=IwAR3AlisA0IEP5S-mesd2nzgo5yNBtArnKvFYrwegemoU6CQ7OcCD0IMHyvTM
Peggy Reeve	Feb 23, 2018	https://crawfordfuneralhomes.net/obituary/peggy-a-reeve/
Rich Goodin	Dec 9 th , 2018	https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/richard-goodin-obituary?pid=191155449
Jeanette Whipple	April 19, 2-18	https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/grand-blanc-mi/jeanette-whipple-7827231
Miriam Hoover	Mar 6, 2018	https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/miriam-hoover-obituary?pid=188410764
John Kidder	Feb 14, 2018	https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?pid=188207061
Kevin McCormack	Sept. 24, 2018	https://memorials.simplycremationservice.com/kevin-mccormack/3616330/service-details.php

Pines Windmill Turns 82 by Henry English*



Much like its current owner, the windmill at the east end of the Pines sidewalk is still standing long after its retirement from economic usefulness.

This windmill is a Flint & Walling *Star Zephyr* model of 1937. Built in Kendallville, Indiana, at a factory on the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad line serving Mackinaw City, the machine was a marvel of innovation in its day.

Designed after extensive wind tunnel testing, the *Star Zephyr* was advertised as being 30% more efficient than other windmills of its size. The chief innovation was its use of roller bearings in an era when all other farm windmills were equipped with bronze sleeve bearings. The Pines windmill was able not only to pump water from a shallow well near the lakefront, but also to push the water up into an elevated tank several hundred feet inland, providing the cottage then owned by Rex Lamb, with domestic water long before the island was wired for electricity.

Sooner or later (often sooner), the gear oil in most old windmills would dribble out, causing the wheel to grind to a halt. But not the *Star Zephyr*: its roller bearings allowed the wheel to turn, and turn, and turn for years after the owner had lost interest in regular maintenance. It turns out, however, that the mill's most prominent feature was also the cause of its most prominent shortcoming.

The wheel on all windmills at the time was held onto a keyed shaft with a set screw. While the roller bearings didn't require constant attention, the set screw holding the whole contraption together did; eventually, the wheels on many *Star Zephyrs* would spin themselves right off. The Pines windmill was no exception

After resting in the underbrush for several decades, the mill was restored by a small shop in Middlebury, Indiana, just down the road from the factory where it was built. The mill is back on its tower, and although it is spinning, the wheel is welded firmly in place.

*Note from Carl Miller, the current owner who submitted this article: Mr. English (a brief bio appears on the historical marker at the Township Dock) asked that I send you a redraft of his *Tatler* article. Henry English was the fugitive from Pennsylvania who was tracked to Bois Blanc by Pinkerton agents in 1880. (Wanted for murder, he was found not guilty.)

The Essential by Nic Blundy



Nic Blundy, the author, is graduating in May from West Catholic High School in Grand Rapids. He submitted this essay as part of his college application process to the school he will be attending in the fall, Michigan Technological University. Nic has been a part of the BBI community his whole life stimulating his desire to further study Environmental Science.

I shivered as I slid the pant legs over my jeans and clipped the suspenders over my shoulders. It was a cold morning and, on top of that, they had been sitting in the bed of my truck for the 45 minute drive. In my mind the frigid air didn't even register as I almost forgot my jacket. As I made my way out to the creek, I trudged through waist-high thorns that would've torn at exposed skin had there been any. In that moment, my body was thankful for the cold waders that had been put on moments before. I had to

be ever so careful of how I positioned the long, thin rod clenched in my hand, as my legs carried me through the sharp sea of vegetation that had become so familiar to me over the years. Even though the water's edge was in sight, it still took another five minutes to arrive at the bank of the place that was so sacred to me. When I was younger, that extra five minutes felt like an hour but as time progressed so did my patience; it is a virtue after all.

I stopped and looked around feeling as if something was watching me. The harder my eyes strained, the more focused I became until my eyes were met with a body, then a neck, then a head with two eyes peering back at me waiting for the intruder to make the first move. It did not waiver the slightest bit until I realized that I had been staring at this deer for almost ten minutes. The snap of a stick under my boot set the animal off in a jumping, running flee. The feeling of foliage underfoot quickly changed to a muddy landing leading me to the clear escape.

My sunglasses went on automatically, revealing the bland beauty of the creek bed beneath the glare of the bright morning sun playing catch with the ripples of the stream. My hand itched at the thought of pitching under the cut-bank on the far side of the narrow water. As my fingers turned over the bail and got ready for the swift yet delicate and precise motion I realized that the branches from a low hanging willow tree behind me did not allow for my action to continue. I sighed happily as I thought about the irony of the moment, quickly

dismissing the thought to move farther upstream for another shot at the pristine looking water that always seeming to be on the other side.

Finally I came to a deep eddy that looked promising. It had been an hour and I hadn't made a single cast - but that was fine. This morning's normality became an epiphany to me, realizing the importance of every piece of that fragile ecosystem, how everything has a specific place. The willow tree that I had cursed out moments earlier had a place as well as the deer and even the stick that had spooked him. From the slick rocks on the bottom of the shallow torrent to the dace that used those rocks for cover, everything has a role in this place and they all know the lines to their parts by heart. Completely unaware of what I was doing, my rod flipped the simple piece of metal a couple yards upstream of that beautiful piece of water. Tracing the fluttering spoon's path through the water with my rod tip, I suddenly noticed the line stop moving. I waited a split second and set the hook carefully as I knew the fish on the other end was no bigger than the palm of my hand yet more stunning than one would allow their mind to imagine a creek like that holding. I gingerly unhooked the brookie's snout, releasing her as quickly as she had been caught.

My First Encounter with BBI by Peggy Gilstad



My first visit to BBI was memorable in many ways but this memory still sticks in my mind.

As I exited the house onto the front porch, in a calm voice Tom said, “Peggy, stop where you are. Now slowly turn around and don’t panic. Do you see it? Look at the screen door.”

And that’s when I saw my first leopard slug (aka Limax Maximus).....ever!!!

I don’t think I screamed when I saw this 7 inch spotted grey-brown thing with long tentacles leaving a trail of slime on the screen door, but I’m sure I yelled “yuck!” or “yikes!” and “What is that?”

Tom explained that this “creature of the island” is usually nocturnal *so it was surprising to see one this big in the daylight*. I was told that when it is alarmed, it doesn’t bite or sting unlike other “islanders”

such as snakes, black flies, mosquitoes or hornets. Instead it just withdraws into its own little shield. Whew! That was a relief to hear.

So that big ol’ galoot didn’t scare me away, but instead inspired a new island tradition for Tom and me, our children and grandchildren. Late at night after the sun has set over the Mighty Mac and the sky has filled with a gazillion stars, we like grabbing our flashlights, throwing on a jacket over our pajamas, and setting out on an impromptu “slug hunt”. We shine our lights on the house and the garage looking for the left behind clues of iridescent trails of slime and the guilty culprits that caused them. Once found, brave Tom will pull off the sticky slug and send it sailing through the air with the bon voyage message: “Have a nice trip!”



This poem is a tribute to three lovely West End residents. It was written 16 years ago when the Duncan girls were just young lasses.

Triangle of Sisters by Mary Struble Deery

Fiona, Lily and Willow
Musical nymph-like signatures,
Feel how they come to life.
The names "Lily" and "Willow" are flung from the tongue.
"Fiona" sneaks out from deep in the chest.

Lily, Willow, Fiona
Three misplaced Scottish sisters,
Oblivious to ills of the earth
bring fullness to any heart that happens by
And a smile that cannot be repressed.

Fi--ona, Fi--ona,
Funny and full of it,
An irresistible cunning fox.
Fi--ona, Fi--ona,
We all want to be her friend,
You can see she feels the same way.

Lily floats on the surface of a pond
in showy delight.
Frogs sit on pads nearby, gaze into her eyes
Wishing for a kiss to become a prince.

Willow, sways and bends with the wind.
Her branches hang and arch
Shaking hands with the grass.
Lapping up the lake.

Winters are all work and some play.
Summers the reverse.
Flower picking, frog catching, sunset watching--
their summer jobs.
They work with reckless joy like Scottish Border Collies
chasing and celebrating the deep woods world of wonder.

"Willow-Fiona-Lily"
Sounds like a healing elixir
Sold by stripe-vested traveling salesmen the world over.
As he holds the bottle for all to see and shouts,
"Will reduce fever, restore eyesight, replenish the soul.
Three for a dollar! The best medicine money can buy!"

Like three leaves of a clover.
At first glance, these sisters seem alike.
But step closer, you'll see
They bring a range of good humor and pleasure to us all.
How lucky we are to share in the bounty
of Fiona, Lily and Willow.

Hawks Landing 2019

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231-634-7375

May 3rd through June 30th

Monday - Saturday 8 am – 8 pm
Sunday 8 am – 6 pm

July 1st through September 3rd

Monday - Saturday 8 am – 10 pm
Sunday 8 am – 8 pm

September 4th – December 1st

Monday - Saturday 8 am – 8 pm
Sunday 8 am – 6 pm

Kitchen closes 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.

OH, HOW WE HATE TO SEE ANYONE LEAVE!



2019-2020 Bois Blanc Island Association Application

Please complete the following information– it will appear in the next updated BBIA directory. This is for the year July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

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:

Jamie Nye, Treasurer BBIA

6901 Clintonville Rd.

Clarkston, Michigan 48348

Include a \$20 check to BBI Association

(To check the status of your dues, contact Jamie Nye at jnye28@gmail.com)