

1885 with its beautiful parquet ceiling, and raised altar platform. There have been a few changes such as adding a basement, kitchen, and Sunday School rooms.

For some reason the church was closed for a time. It was reopened in 1938 when the O'Brien family from Sault, Ontario, started a Sunday School and held evangelistic meetings in the building. The church was 100 years old in 1987 and celebrated by having a centennial service. Previous ministers were invited, and each was asked to give a 15 minute message.

If you have any photos, stories, or items of interest about the Rosedale Church that you would like to share, please contact Janice Kessler @ 906 632-4549.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Pastor Mohr and church board members.

Senior Citizens Dinner

The 29th annual Senior Citizens dinner was a successful gathering of Bruce Township residents. The Rosedale Homemakers again produced a wonderful dinner complete with pies and other deserts. Over 190 dinners were served including dinners delivered by the volunteer firemen to people not able to come to the Township Hall.

The yearly dinner honoring the seniors was first introduced in the early 1980s and was held at the Bruce Township School. Dinner was cooked in the kitchen and served in the gym/lunchroom.

Over the years it has become a tradition of the early fall season.

Entertainment this year included a local group of musicians (who just get together and have fun), a sing-a-long and a tribute to the over ninety-year-olds in the Township. The highlight of the evening was a tribute to Clifford Allen who has reached the 100 year mark. Dusty Walsh King presented "THIS IS YOUR LIFE" complete with photos of Clifford over the years. Certificates were presented to Ina Gregg, Elizabeth Garlinghouse Jones, Mary Lechner, Lodema Lemke, Martha Matthews, Oral Long O'Brien, Alma Sheppard, Eleanor Sheppard, William Thompson and Martin Walsh.

Many thanks to all those who contributed the food, the time and the energy for this event. It is efforts like the Senior Dinner that make Bruce Township a community. Friends and neighbors working together for the benefit of all.

For those of you who couldn't identify the fisherman in the last newsletter ... it was Clifford Allen!



Bruce Township Historical Society

**Dusty Walsh King,
Shirley Patrick,
Carolyn Person**

Interest in the history of Bruce Township resurfaced in the early 1980s when several people asked about the early schools. Records indicated that a few hardy people were clearing land and establishing farms as early as 1872 to 1878. Keep in mind there were no roads from the Sault, as we know travel today. People were coming inland from the St. Marys River making wagon trails or just walking paths.

The first Gregg school was established 1881 and Rosedale School was created in 1884. There were 13 one-room schools in the township with an undocumented log school in the Corktown area. Stories and pictures of these schools are slowly being gathered and recorded.

As children are bussed in the big yellow busses or driven to school by parents today it is difficult to imagine the good ole days when students walked sometimes two miles or more to school AND back in all kinds of weather. Sometimes a passing neighbor would offer a ride in the buggy or wagon and was gladly accepted by all. Often students were bare foot having to save their shoes for "good". Ah-h the good ole days.

With the advent of automobiles schools had busses - what we call vans or station wagons that would pick children in the area of each school and transport them to class and back.

If students were able to continue their schooling above the 8th grade they would board in the Sault with a family from Sunday evening until Friday after school. Room and Board was exchanged for help with the household. By the late 50s or early 60s a school bus would come from town as far as Twelve Mile and pick up High school students who were responsible for getting to the bus stop. The Bruce Township Historical Society welcomes stories, pictures and memorabilia about the early days of the Township. Many people have shared their knowledge and memories and it is all greatly appreciated.

PLEASE JOIN US AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL THE SECOND MONDAY IN JANUARY 2-4 P.M.

Nature In Bruce Township
by Karen Allard

The winter birds are arriving now and joining those that remain all year long, like turkeys! So far there have been pine grosbeaks and redpolls at the feeders along with the usual chickadees, nuthatches, blue jays, gold finch, and woodpeckers. The deer are also still visiting to see what the turkeys might have left at the feeders. Just the other day I watched as a doe tried to approach the feeders when the turkeys were there. A couple of the turkeys flew up to perch on top of the feeders and flapped their wings to discourage the poor deer. She finally knew when she was beaten and walked away to search for food elsewhere.



One evening I forgot to take the feeders down at dark and about 8:30 there was a loud thump by the bay window. Kasey ran over and started spinning around by the window. When I turned on the backyard light there was the bear looking up at the window feeder that she had been trying to get down when we heard her. Kasey barked and growled and the bear left. I went out and took the feeders all down and have been trying very hard to remember to do that every night since.

Barbeau Business Association
by Al Schwartz

The Barbeau Business Association is some of the area businesses together forming the BBA. We get together on as-needed basis for meetings.

The BBA focus is to generate business for the area businesses while not changing the way things are in Barbeau. Our mission statement is "To promote business in the area while keeping Barbeau a nice place to live".

Some of the things we have done in the past is the **Barbeau Festival** at Dunbar Park, **The Venetian Boat Parade**, **The Barbeau Area Snowmobile Fun Run** at the Cozy Bar & Grill and now at the St. Mary's River Sportsman Club, the

weekend after the I-500 snowmobile race.

The **Snowmobile Fun Run** will start and end at the St. Mary's Sportsman Club with food and live music and fun for all. Watch for the ads in the Evening News for upcoming events. The BBA network will communicate and give referrals to each other to help accommodate all the people vacationing in the area.

The BBA advertises together to help fill all of the resorts and help promote other businesses in the area. The BBA supports the annual fish planting in the Barbeau area.

Anyone interested in being involved please call Riverview Resort and Marina at 906-647-3033 we will be happy to have all area people involved in the BBA. With the economy being what it is and the cost of fuel being high we all need to promote business for the area. The web site for the area is www.barbeauwaterfront.com.

Question of the month:

Does anyone have any memories of how they "got to school?"

How did you get there when you were young? Did you have to walk miles to school and uphill all the way?

Let's hear it!

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CCSA Update by Joe Haller

Starting in December some of our pistol shooters will be entered in an **On-Line Pistol League**. There are two teams from Soo Ontario and one from WaWa in the league with us. Each team shoots on its own range, and we e-mail the scores to a person in Soo, Ontario. He keeps the score standing for the league. Years ago we had as many as 150 pistol shooters on several teams, from both sides of the river shooting in shoulder to shoulder matches. That is all gone now,

because of the strict Canadian gun laws.

The only other CCSA activity on our schedule for December is our **High School Rifle Team**. We have been sponsoring the High School Junior Rifle Team for the past 40 years. They practice on the indoor range in the basement of the High School. Then in March and April, they travel to lower Michigan and Wisconsin to shoot in State and Regional Championships.

If you would like more information on our Junior rifle team, call Mike Sibbald at 635-1101

Our next big event is our **Spaghetti Dinner** at the Bruce Township Hall during the I-500 Weekend.

Then our BIGGEST event of the year: **The Gun Show**, on April 5 & 6 at the Quality Inn, on the I-75 Spur.

We start our outdoor shooting match schedule in April. **Archery, Trap, Skeet, Cowboy Action, Police Pistol, Tactical 3 Gun, and Rimfire Benchrest Matches.**

We will also have a training course in April for persons who want to apply for a **concealed carry pistol permit**. We have Certified NRA instructors who teach that course.

We run two of these courses each year: Spring and Fall.

