

# Quincy Branch Library

*A service of the Branch District Library*

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**Library Hours:**

Sunday / Monday - Closed

Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday - 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thursday - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00

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## Branch Manager's Message

Our village has been a busy place over the last few months, as has the public library. Many children spent some hot summer afternoons using the library to color, play with Legos, enjoy our sidewalk chalk and of course look through a few books. Adults are regularly using our library public computers/free Internet or are using our 24/7 wireless to get work done. Remember that you can access our wireless from outside our building at any time.

Approximately 160 children Preschool - 12th grade signed up for the Summer Reading program and received incentive prizes during June and July and earned goodie bags after reaching their individual reading goal. The Friends of the Library provided a free book and lots of goodies to each child, and Branch County Fair coupons were enjoyed by children and parents also.

Further in this newsletter, don't miss Quincy's claim to fame of the U.S.

Presidency under the "Did You Know?!"

### Quincy is 157 years old !!

*The Quincy Herald, February 17, 1938*

### At One Time 94 Men Protected Village and Membership Was an Honor in the Community

"On Thursday, October 14, 1858, the Board of Supervisors met at the Court House in the Village of Coldwater and incorporated a town and gave it a name and title of the Village of Quincy. It had 400 inhabitants.

The first corporation election was held at the house of Emory W. Fillmore on November 15, 1858, one hundred and twelve being present. The election stood as follows: President, Ebenezer Mudge; Clerk, Moses Hewitt; Treasurer, Alden Gregory.

Even before the village was incorporated it possessed some hooks, a ladder and a few pails, in case of fire.

On January 21, 1868, E. Mudge, President was authorized by the council to buy 8 ladders, two to be 40 feet long, two 30 feet, two 24 feet and two 16 feet long, also one large and three hand fire hooks, four ladder forks and for ironing the feet of the ladders."

(Fire Protection Co., of Quincy history by Mrs. Cora Newberry)

What a great village we live in and enjoy! From our winter Tip-Up Festival to the Memorial Day and 4th of July parades and festivities, to our Quincy Daze in August, school Homecoming events to December's Quincy Lights, we should be proud to care for this place we call home.

- Lisa L. Wood, Branch Manager



## Upcoming Events

**Essential Oils** will be presented Thursday, October 22 at 6 pm. Join us to learn how amazing oils can help with health and wellness in our everyday lives. There is no charge for this class. Refreshments will be served.

Presenter: Lauren Swallow

**Paper Star Ornament Workshop!** - Saturday, November 21@10:30 a.m. All ages are invited at no cost (8 and under need to be accompanied by an adult please). Refreshments will be served.

**Quincy Lights** - Friday evening, December 4

Visit the Friends of the Quincy Library inside the Swallow's Nest Bookstore for delicious, homemade cookies! Friends will also assist children with letters to Santa in the lower level of the library. Enter using the south door or the north ramp for a barrier free entrance.

**Genealogy Bug??** -- Saturday, January 16 11 am

Come chat and gain Genealogy information and assistance in research, even if you are just beginning the process of finding your family history. There is no charge for this class. Refreshments will be served.

Presenter: Bonnie Sherman of the Coldwater Holbrook Heritage Room, (which serves to protect, preserve and promote the history of Coldwater and Branch County through the acquisition of local materials in almost any format they have)

## DID YOU KNOW???

From the *Quincy Herald* October 12, 1939 edition:

40 Years Ago - "Quite a commotion was created yesterday noon when a shotgun was accidentally discharged in Walter Haight's barber shop." (1899)

From the *Quincy Herald* August 24, 1939:

"Master Baker at Quincy Pastry Shop Once Baked Cake for the President

Patrons of the Quincy Pastry shop may not know it but when they break one of the fluffy rolls bought from Margaret Fickle or dunk one of her doughnuts, they are eating the products of a graduate baker.

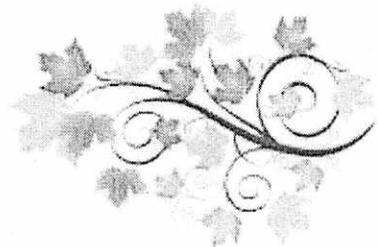
Hugh Clayton, baker in charge, is a graduate of the Government baking school at Washington, D.C., and also of the Sibel Institute of baking at Chicago.

Among many interesting orders handled by Mr. Clayton in his colorful career was the baking of a huge birthday cake for the late President Woodrow Wilson when he was in Miami, Florida. Before coming to Quincy Mr. Clayton was manager of the Sidel bakery at Fremont and had previously worked for the Southern Baking Corporation."



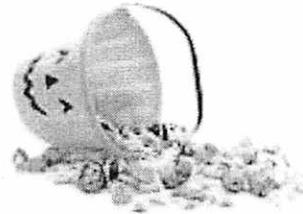
A crowd of 100 enjoyed Ric Mixter present The Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations. Mixter is one of only a handful that have actually dove the shipwreck.

Thank you to the Quincy United Methodist Church for offering your location for our event.





Quincy Firemen share important safety information with children and provided wonderful goodie bags!



Many children and adults enjoyed the Duct Tape Workshop this summer!



Michigan State Trooper Jereme Miller brought his dog Dakota to the library

# In Appreciation...

## In Memory of...

### Bonnie Adams

Mike & Ann Nowicki  
Dan & Carol Ludlow

### Sherry Bruder

Rick & Ann Lown

### Betty Burritt

Quincy American Legion Auxiliary Unit  
157

### Lisa Campbell

Unknown

### Eleanor Coan

Ann Lown

### Kenny Fisher

Ron & Kathy Will

### Allene Foster

Dan & Judy Dobson  
Dolores Rawson  
Jackie DeLine  
Don & Teddy Sinclair

### Albert Hardy

Ron & Kathy Will

### Ella May Hickok

Mikki Bowerman  
Mike & Ann Nowicki

### Shirley Ingoglia

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### Ruth McConnell

Roy & Shirley Tappenden

### LeMoyné Rice

Don & Teddy Sinclair  
Kirk Sinclair

### Bettie Rootes

Mikki Bowerman  
Don & Teddy Sinclair  
Rick & Ann Lown

### Michael Smith

Don & Teddy Sinclair

### Steve Smith

Don & Teddy Sinclair

### Louise Wadsworth

Dolores Rawson

### Jerry Watson

Dawn Harmon and family

### Stephen Worth

Dan & Carol Ludlow  
Don & Barb Rice  
Mike & Ann Nowicki  
Steve & Mary Ann Dobson

## Donations:

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Normandin's 60<sup>th</sup>

Wedding Anniversary

Don & Barb Rice & family

## THANK YOU to...

Our **Friends** who baked delicious cookies for our summer children's events!

**Tim Baldwin** for providing such a fun afternoon with his magic for the library children!

Our **Quincy Firemen** for spending time with the summer reading children and for the great goodie bags!

**All the Friends** who baked 60 incredible pies for our 4th of July sale.

**All the Friends** who helped at the Quincy Daze booth on August 22.

**Candace Newkirk, Donna Ford, Carol Gates, Rita Carpenter, Shirley Haver, Shirley Tappenden, Sue Webb** for the canopies that shaded the Quincy Daze workers!

**All the Friends** who helped with our Edmund Fitzgerald Investigations event

**Jayne Bethel** for the two old Quincy photos

**Mary Dawn Dobson** for the office supplies and donation of research time

**Barb Swallow** for the Branch County Directories

## Adult August contest winner...

Our contest winner came from a random drawing since no one correctly guessed the title of Sue Grafton's new book. Rachel Everline's name was drawn to receive the goodie basket. Guesses entered for "X is for..." were: Xerox, Xanadu, X-Man, Xenon, Xtreme, Xenophobia, and X would not be in the title. Sue Grafton chose to deviate from her alphabet series titles including "is for..." to just use the letter "X".

## Remember...

The library has a Cricut machine open to the public for use. Parents, Homeschool parents, teachers, anyone decorating for a party or school locker? Cuts can be made for 25¢ each



## Quincy Historical Society Looking for Quincy Treasures

Are you currently cleaning closets or drawers getting ready for fall cleaning? Well, if you come across information or memorabilia on Quincy that you are not sure what to do with it, consider donating it to the Quincy Historical museum.

Our goal as a historical society is to preserve information for future generations. We have many artifacts and historical items already on display at the museum, but want to be sure no one tosses out items that may fill in some of the gaps that occur in our collection or can help fill in family histories. So if you have any items related to Quincy or the surrounding area, give Karen a call at 517-639-4595 or attend our monthly meeting held on the third Thursday of the month at the Quincy Village Hall at 6:30.

Remember -- We can always use volunteers at the museum for cleaning, logging items, doing displays. Let us know.

**Were YOU one of these patients or babies?? Call or email the library to let us know!!**

### Quincy Pioneer Recall Experiences Operating Maternity Home Long Ago

Local newspaper, approximately 1957

By Mrs. Don Stafford

QUINCY – Mrs. Daisy Bowerman of southeast Quincy is a living example of the legendary Pioneer women. She was born in Iowa and married Henry Bowerman at the age of 15 and then moved to the present Bowerman homestead which is located at 1046 Wildwood Road.

Mrs. Bowerman had her first baby at the age of 16 and spent her younger years caring for four growing children along with the aging parents of her husband. It seems that "Auntie B" was always caring for someone and after her four children were grown she decided to take a correspondence course in practical nursing.

On Dec. 6, 1921 she received her nursing diploma and almost immediately her business began booming. She was often called upon to care for new mothers and babies in their respective homes but in 1922 one of her patients asked if she might come to the Bowerman home to have her baby. Thus started the Bowerman maternity home which boasted a record of more than 100 babies.

All of the patients thoroughly enjoyed their stay at "Auntie B's" but they especially enjoyed the excellent food which always included cream on everything possible.

Some of the patients had to bring along their younger children who always stayed for a period of 10 days to three weeks. Mrs. Bowerman cared for one and all and for this she charged four dollars per day. Needless to say, the patients always stayed as long as possible.

Mrs. Bowerman recalls that she delivered two babies before the doctors' arrival. In the first instance, she delivered a three pound boy who was two months premature. She asked her husband to bring her some warm water and cool water in which to immerse the baby. Mr. Bowerman reacted to this request by bringing in a glass of warm water and a glass of cool water. Auntie B says today "the baby was small but not quite that small." She worked with the baby and fed him with a medicine dropper, kept hot water bottles in his crib and after three weeks he returned home with his mother Mrs. Adrian Yoder. The tiny "reemie" is today a young man 33 years of age.

Auntie B. laughs when she recalls the time she asked the assistance of a young father-to-be who was to hold a kerosene lamp for her. After a few minutes, the young man calmly put the lamp on the table and passed out ever so quietly. The competent Mrs. Bowerman delivered the baby girl who is a young mother today. The patients came from Allen, Quincy, Reading and Coldwater.

When Mr. Bowerman passed away in 1934, Mrs. Bowerman decided to close her maternity home and concentrate on her 100 acre farm. She and her very capable hired man, Merlin Young, have been most successful in this venture. Today the farm boasts a \$10,000 pig hatchery which is called "pig heaven". It consists of a heated 80 foot long pig farrowing house complete with thermopane windows and shelters from 300 to 500 young pigs most of the time.

On Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Auntie B. was the honored guest at a surprise birthday party observing her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Normandin (a former patient.) The guest list included 10 former patients, Mrs. Harold Conrad, Mrs. Leo Wilmarth, Mrs. Leo Loveberry, Mrs. Galen Wilcox, Mrs. Adrian Yoder, Mrs. Arthur McConnell, Mrs. Howard Bowerman, Mrs. Harry Johnson, Mrs. Roy McConnell and Mrs. Normandin. Also present were two of Auntie B's granddaughters, Mrs. Robert Hampton and Mrs. Robert Bowerman.

Your correspondent, (also one of Mrs. Bowerman's babies) was also present and when I asked Auntie B. about age and it's restrictions, she replied, "Age – I don't consider it a handicap because I never think about it." And she doesn't either because she doesn't have time. Indeed she is almost as busy today as she was 30 years ago. She cooks for several hired men and cares for her large farm home. She is a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary, member of Chapter 12, OES, Quincy Farm Bureau and Fourtowns Grange.

Mrs. Bowerman thoroughly enjoyed seeing many of her old patients and reminiscing of days gone by. The women presented Mrs. Bowerman with a beautiful bouquet of carnations as a remembrance of the day. A beautifully decorated birthday cake and coffee were served to all the guests.

Your correspondent noticed that one of the most important assets retained by Auntie B. ever today is her amazing sense of humor. In spite of various illnesses and fading eyesight she is able to "see the humorous side of every situation." Might I also add, "Auntie B. It's been a pleasure to know you!"

## Annual Friends of the Library Membership Drive

The Friends of the Library invites you to renew or begin your membership. The membership begins January 2015. Please complete the below information, enclose a check payable to the Friends of the Library and either send it to the library or to Teddy Sinclair at 490 Clarendon Rd., Quincy, MI 49082. The Friends of the Library are responsible for the continuance of the newsletter and assisting with many of the library's programs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: \$5.00

I am interested in contributing an additional \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the continuance of this newsletter.

## 2015 Quincy Library Board

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