

## **Black River Audubon Society 2018 Hog Island Scholarship Winners**

**Diana Steele**, an experienced science writer from Oberlin, will be attending Family Camp at Hog Island with her husband and two daughters. The BRAS individual scholarship will help defray some of the costs of a family of four attending the camp. Diana will undoubtedly use her writing skill and camp experience to benefit birds.

**Rob Swindell**, currently a Lorain City employee, also has experience as a newspaper columnist, auditor, and college instructor. His communications background together with his Hog Island experience should serve the cause of the environment and wildlife very well in the future. He will attend the Field Ornithology camp.

**Laurie Chachko** lives in Macedonia but teaches science to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the Elyria Schools. Several years ago she attended Hog Island but unfortunately had a family emergency and needed to return home after one day. BRAS thought highly enough of her background and interests to award her a scholarship again this year to attend the Educator's Week camp.

With three such highly qualified applicants, all with great communication skills, the BRAS board decided to provide three scholarships in 2018 rather than the usual two.

**Jim Jablonski**, BRAS President  
and Education Co-Chairperson